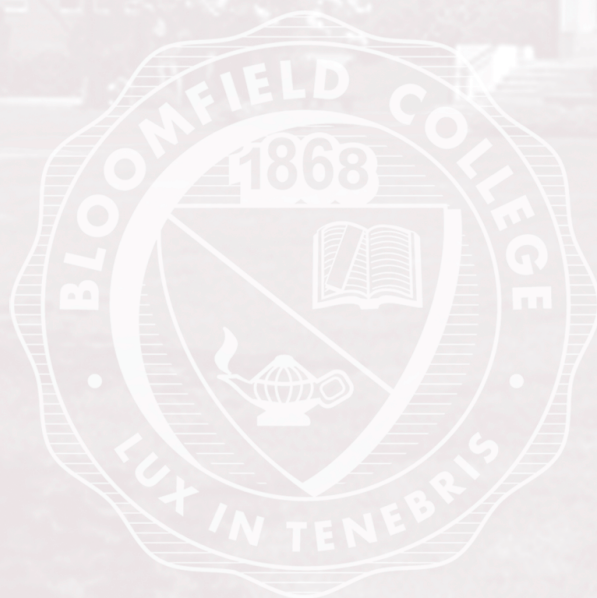


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144th Commencement

May 19, 2017
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Bloomfield College was founded in 1868 as the German Theological Seminary to train pastors for a growing German Presbyterian Community. The school moved from Newark to Seibert Hall in Bloomfield in 1872, and in 1913 changed its name to Bloomfield Theological Seminary. Twenty years later, the institution expanded its course offerings to meet the needs of students in the area and became Bloomfield College and Seminary. Now known as Bloomfield College, the College offers more than 70 fields of undergraduate study and a master's degree programs in accounting, fine arts, and education.

Located in the historic section of Bloomfield Township, the College is home to several historically significant buildings that have been refurbished with state-of-the-art technology and several new buildings with upgraded classrooms and labs. Westminster Arts Center, located in the gothic-style former Westminster Presbyterian Church, houses classrooms and multi-purpose spaces. The Robert V. Van Fossan Theatre, located in Westminster Arts Center, is home to professional theater and arts performances. The institution added to the history of downtown Bloomfield Center in the fall of 2014 with the opening of the Franklin Street Residence Hall, a 234-bed facility featuring a game room, fitness center, rooftop courtyard, and retail spaces open to the public.

In 2016, students were welcomed back to campus with two new buildings. The multi-level, 26,000-square-foot Center for Technology + Creativity was part of an extensive renovation project that transformed the College's previous student center into an impressive new home for the College's award-winning Division of Creative Arts & Technology (CAT). Formerly a nursing home, 23 Park Place, the College's 14th residence hall, is designed to provide apartment-style living to upperclassmen at the College.

The Frances M. McLaughlin Division of Nursing has produced outstanding nurses that consistently pass the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX) in record-breaking numbers. Recently ranked third best nursing program in the state, Bloomfield College maintains collaborative agreements with colleges and universities worldwide, making it a leader in global education.

Bloomfield College enrolls, on average, 2,000 full and part-time students. The College graduates many students who are the first in their families to attend college. In 2017, the College was ranked #1 in New Jersey and #20 nationally in promoting the social and economic mobility of students in the fifth quintile socioeconomically to high economic achievement, including top economic quintiles. The study, conducted by experts from Brown University, Stanford University, and UC-Berkeley and reported in the New York Times, was based on tax data of over 30 million college students.

With grants and funding from the Predominantly Black Institutions Program (PBI) and other private and public funding, the College is able to prepare under-represented students in the science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) subjects to continue their education to the doctoral level. The hallmark of a Bloomfield College education is the small faculty-to-student ratio with dedicated, caring faculty who inspire each student to personal success.

The College offers four graduate programs and one graduate certificate program, twenty-one undergraduate



Seibert Hall c.1921

majors and twenty-one undergraduate minors, four certificate to-degree programs and four certificate (non-degree) programs. Non-credit skill-building certificate programs are also offered through International Training and Professional Studies. With this array of opportunities, students can prepare for entering the workplace, increase skill sets, or change careers with proficiency. Students are encouraged to participate in daily campus life through student government, clubs, Greek life and organizations. The College is designated NCAA Division II, fielding 12 (six men's and six women's) teams and actively supporting students to become scholar-athletes.

From its beginnings nearly 150 years ago as a small, German-speaking seminary to today where it has a diverse student body that typically represents more than 50 nations from around the world, Bloomfield College continues its mission to prepare students to *attain academic, personal and professional excellence in a multicultural and global society.*



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COMMENCEMENT

Friday, May 19, 2017, 9:30 A.M.
College Quadrangle
Richard A. Levao, J.D., *President*, Presiding

Presentation of the Class of 2017 South Park and District Pipes and Drums
Andy Dickson '96, *Drum Sergeant*

*Processional "Pomp and Circumstance" Elgar

Grand Marshal: James Murphy, Ph.D., *Professor of Biology*

Faculty Marshal: Robert D. Collmier, M.B.A., C.P.A. '74, *Professor of Accounting*

Faculty Marshal: Erica G. Polakoff, Ph.D., *Professor of Sociology*

Student Marshal: Patrick J. Lamy, Ed.D., *Vice President for Student Affairs
and Dean of Students*

Student Marshal: Rose Mitchell, M.A. '91, *Associate Dean for Student Affairs/
Student Development and Support Services*

Alumni Marshal: Abdul Braimah '03, *Bloomfield College Alumni Association*

*Invocation The Reverend Terri Ofori, M.Div., Th.M.
Director of Spiritual Life and College Chaplain

Welcome William H. Turner, III
Chair, Board of Trustees

Remarks Richard A. Levao

Senior Address Lidia Wrobel '17
Summa Cum Laude

Freshman Class Salute Na'jah North '20
Freshman Class President

Presentation of Candidates for Honorary Degrees Tresmaine R. Grimes, Ph.D.
*Vice President for Academic Affairs
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DOCTOR OF LAWS

The Honorable Cory A. Booker
United States Senator

DOCTOR OF HUMANE LETTERS

Dr. Melissa Nobles
*Dean of the School of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences, and
Professor of Political Science at Massachusetts Institute of Technology*

DOCTOR OF HUMANE LETTERS

Ms. Lori Stokes
ABC 7 Eyewitness News Anchor

Conferring of Professor Emeriti. Tresmaine R. Grimes

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Information Literacy Librarian*

Joyce Carol Oates Faculty Excellence Award. Tresmaine R. Grimes

Presentation of Candidates for Degrees. Tresmaine R. Grimes

Conferring of Degrees *in Cursu* Richard A. Levao

Bachelor of Arts

Bachelor of Science

Faculty Herald (calling of the names) Maria Vogt, Ph.D.
Professor of Chemistry

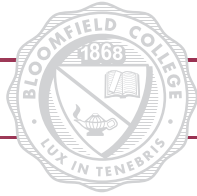
Alumni Welcome John K. Murdock '73
President, Bloomfield College Alumni Association

Graduates' Salute James Murphy

*Benediction The Reverend Terri Ofori

*Recessional "Ode to Joy" Ludwig von Beethoven

**Please rise*



THE HONORABLE CORY A. BOOKER

Doctor of Laws, *honoris causa*

Cory Booker was raised in Harrington Park, living his life as a proud New Jerseyan. After graduating from Northern Valley Regional High School, Booker received his undergraduate degree from Stanford University where he played on the varsity football team. While at Stanford, he also was awarded a Rhodes Scholarship and went on to study at the University of Oxford where he received an honors degree in History. Booker then completed his education at Yale Law School, receiving his J.D. in 1997.

After law school, Booker moved to Newark – where he still lives to this day – and started a nonprofit organization to provide legal services for low-income families and help tenants take on slumlords, improve living conditions, and stay in their homes.

At the age of twenty-nine, Booker was elected to the Newark City Council from the City's Central Ward. In the seventeen years since, Booker has worked tirelessly at the local and national levels to improve the lives of New Jerseyans and Americans.

Starting in 2006, Booker proudly served as Newark's mayor for more than seven years. During his tenure, the city entered its largest period of economic growth since the 1960s. In addition, overall crime declined and the quality of life for residents improved due to initiatives such as more affordable housing, new green spaces and parks, increased educational opportunities, and more efficient city services.

On October 16th, 2013, Booker won a special election to represent New Jersey in the United States Senate. On November 4th, 2014, Senator Booker was re-elected to a full six year term. As New Jersey's junior Senator, Cory Booker has brought an innovative and bipartisan approach to tackling some of the most difficult problems facing New Jersey and our country.

Senator Booker has established himself as an innovative and bipartisan problem-solver committed to developing collaborative solutions that address some of our most complex challenges. Whether it's advocating for more federal resources to modernize New Jersey's transportation system, securing funds to continue the long recovery from Superstorm Sandy, or ensuring that our communities are safe from the effects of pollution and climate change, Booker has proven his steadfast commitment to standing up for what matters most to New Jerseyans. Booker has also emerged as a national leader in the Congressional push for common sense criminal justice reform, advocating for front-end sentencing reforms, pushing for the banning of juvenile solitary confinement in federal facilities, and spearheading legislation to make the hiring process fairer for the formerly incarcerated. Booker has also partnered with colleagues on both sides of the aisle to create a number of economic proposals, from increased small business investment to apprenticeship programs, with the hope of fostering greater economic mobility and opportunity for individual Americans.

Booker serves on the Senate's committees on Commerce, Science, and Transportation; Small Business and Entrepreneurship; Environment and Public Works; and Homeland Security and Government Affairs.

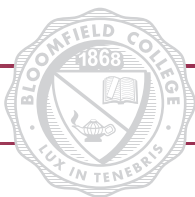


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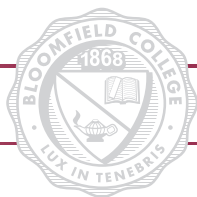
Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*

Dr. Melissa Nobles is Kenan Sahin Dean of the School of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences, and Professor of Political Science at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Dr. Nobles' current research is focused on constructing a database of racial murders in the American South, 1930–1954. Working closely as a faculty collaborator and advisory board member of Northeastern Law School's Civil Rights and Restorative Justice law clinic, Dr. Nobles has conducted extensive archival research, unearthing understudied and more often, unknown racial murders and contributing to several legal investigations.

She is the author of two books, *Shades of Citizenship: Race and the Census in Modern Politics* (Stanford University Press, 2000), *The Politics of Official Apologies*, (Cambridge University Press, 2008), and co-editor with Jun-Hyeok Kwak of *Inherited Responsibility and Historical Reconciliation in East Asia* (Routledge Press, 2013). Her work has also appeared in the *Annual Review of Political Science*, *Daedalus*, *American Journal of Public Health*, and several edited books.

Dr. Nobles is a graduate of Brown University where she majored in History. She received her MA and Ph.D. in Political Science from Yale University. Dr. Nobles has held fellowships at Boston University's Institute for Race and Social Division and Harvard University's Radcliffe Center for Advanced Study. She has served on the editorial boards of *Polity*, *American Political Science Review*, and currently serves on the editorial boards of *Perspectives on Politics*. Dr. Nobles is also involved in faculty governance at MIT and beyond, serving as the Associate Chair of the MIT Faculty from 2007–2009 and Vice-President of the American Political Science Association.



LORI STOKES

Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*

Award winning ABC 7 Eyewitness News anchor Lori Stokes, of *Eyewitness News This Morning* and *Eyewitness News at Noon*, has reported on almost every major story of the last decade and a half. Her work has placed her on the front lines of some of the world's most significant events including breaking the story and reporting live from the tragic shooting in Newtown, Connecticut; the World Trade Center attacks of September 11, 2001, which earned her the George P. Foster Peabody Award for her coverage; and the 2009 and 2013 Presidential Inaugurations of President Barack Obama.

In 2000, Stokes, who was acknowledged in *African American Firsts* as the first African American to broadcast on MSNBC, came to WABC from MSNBC/NBC where she reported for *Nightly News Weekend* and anchored the *NBC Sunrise* and the *Weekend Today Show*.

Prior to MSNBC/NBC, Stokes worked for ABC affiliate WJLA-TV in Washington, DC where she served as evening anchor at 6 and 11 o'clock from 1992 until 1996. She also launched WJLA's *Good Morning Washington*.

Her professional endeavors have yielded numerous accolades, including nine New York Emmy Awards. As a general assignment reporter from 1991-1992 for WBFF-TV in Baltimore, Stokes received an Emmy Award for her in-depth coverage of children caught in the crossfire of local violence. Her undercover journalistic work as a homeless person on the streets of Baltimore earned her an Associated Press Award. She received a 2006 Emmy nomination for a police chase on which she reported live in 2005. In 2015, she became an Emmy Winner for "Protect Our Children: Sexting & Sextortion vs. Safe Dating."

Stokes was also named a "Woman of Influence" by *Commerce* magazine and received the 2003 Congressional Black Caucus Celebration of Leadership Award for her civic service and her status as a role model. McDonald's Corporation recognized her as one of the "*Black Broadcast Legends*" who has impacted the black community. The New York City Mayor's Office to Combat Domestic Violence recently recognized Stokes for her body of work and extensive community outreach.

Equally involved in volunteer service, Stokes has remained active in initiatives close her heart. As one of the millions of people who live with potentially deadly food allergies, she is passionately involved with the Food Allergy Initiative (FAI). Stokes was honored at FAI's Twelfth Annual New York Spring Luncheon and presented with an award for *Media Trailblazer* by the National Coalition 100 Black Women.

Stokes was born in Cleveland, Ohio and grew up in Washington, D.C. She is daughter of former United States Congressman Louis Stokes and the niece of Carl Stokes, who made history as the first African American mayor of a major city and the first African American news anchor in New York City. Stokes was crowned Miss Azalea in 1983, representing the NATO Alliance. She was the first African American to ever hold the title.

Stokes is an alumna of Howard University and Ohio State University.

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*Pending completion of all requirements

Attendance at the College's Commencement is voluntary. This program, therefore, lists the names of all of those eligible to participate in this Commencement, not just those attending the ceremonies. Because the printing of this program was done before the final certification of grades, the graduation honors herein are tentative. The appearance of a name in this program is not necessarily a valid indication of graduation or of honors. The diploma of the College and an official transcript provide authentic testimony to the conferring of a degree.

ACADEMIC CEREMONY AND REGALIA

GRADUATION WITH HONORS

At the Bloomfield College Commencement ceremony, students who are graduating with Latin honors by virtue of having met and maintained high academic requirements, and students who are either members of the Bloomfield College Honors Program, members of one of the national honor societies, or military veterans will be wearing honor cords that signify their academic accomplishments. In addition to the Latin honors designation, the Bloomfield College Honors Program and our military veterans, there are five national honor society chapters. They are:

- Alpha Chi – *for juniors and seniors in all majors*
- Chi Alpha Sigma – *for juniors and seniors lettering in a NCAA Division II sport*
- Delta Mu Delta – *for juniors and seniors in the Business majors*
- Kappa Delta Pi – *for students majoring in Education*
- Psi Chi – *for students majoring or minoring in Psychology*
- Sigma Theta Tau International (WPU Chapter) – *for students majoring in Nursing*

To be considered for Latin honors at graduation, a student must have successfully completed at least sixteen course units on the letter grade system at Bloomfield College. Credits earned in courses below the 100 level will not be included in the cumulative grade point average upon graduation, and will not be used in determining averages for graduation with honors. A student who has earned a cumulative grade point average of 3.50 and a 3.50 average in the major is eligible for *cum laude*; both averages must be 3.65 for *magna cum laude* and 3.80 for *summa cum laude*.

HONOR CORDS

An honor cord is an accessory draped over the academic gown to signify that the wearer has attained a specific honor or distinction. The cord is bestowed at the Baccalaureate ceremony, which occurs on the eve of Commencement. The cord is a set of intertwined strands with a tassel on each end and may be worn in a pair, with the two cords knotted at the midpoint, or singly. The colors of the cords represent the College, the various honor societies and our military veterans, and may be a single color or a combination of colors. The colors that the Bloomfield College honor students and military veterans will be wearing are as follows:

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| Latin honors (cum laude, magna cum laude, summa cum laude) – <i>Gold</i> | Kappa Delta Pi – <i>Purple and Green</i> |
| Alpha Chi – <i>Blue and Green</i> | McNair Program – <i>Burgundy</i> |
| Bloomfield College Honors Program – <i>Burgundy and Gold</i> | Military Veteran – <i>Red, White and Blue</i> |
| Chi Alpha Sigma – <i>Black and Gold</i> | Psi Chi – <i>Navy and Platinum</i> |
| Delta Mu Delta – <i>Purple and Gold</i> | Sigma Theta Tau International – <i>White and Orchid</i> |

ACADEMIC HERALDRY

BACCALAUREATE

Baccalaureate is a ceremony in which the armor of the student (the degree) is blessed in a non-denominational service. Generally, the students, faculty, administration, and academic guests proceed to the chapel in full academic dress.

Baccalaureate has its origins in the tradition of chivalry, in which the squire goes through a special ceremony to become a knight. As part of the ceremony, his armor, sword, and spurs are blessed in a church before knighthood is conferred.

COMMENCEMENT

Commencement, or graduation, is the most important convocation held by a college or university. It is a ceremony in which students are awarded their degrees and honored by the attendance of the faculty. As part of the pageantry,

participants are attired in formal academic robes and engage in ceremonial processions that have their origin in the church and university convocations of the late Middle Ages.

The commencement processional is led by the Grand Marshal, a highly respected senior member of the faculty. The students follow the marshal, with candidates for Master of Science, preceding Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science candidates. Next come faculty, administration, alumni representatives and Board of Trustees. The platform party, including the President, College Chaplain, special guest speakers and Chair of the Board of Trustees, is conducted to its place by the Grand Marshal. At the end of the commencement ceremonies, the order of march is reversed in the recessional.

DEGREE

The degrees granted by colleges and universities are doctorate, master's, bachelor's and associate. These degrees may be granted *in cursu*, for work completed in the course of study, or *in honoris causa*, in honor of a particular life achievement.

The doctorate (e.g., Ph.D., Ed.D., M.D., etc.) is the highest level degree. The word "doctor" comes from the Latin *doctus*, meaning teacher. The master's degree (M.A., M.S., etc.), which is next, stems from the Latin *magisterium*, meaning the accepted teachings.

The bachelor's degree, granted most often, comes from the Latin *baccalarius* or a follower, hence a follower of the teacher. The associate's degree (A.A., A.S., A.A.S., etc.) is a new degree granted by two-year institutions and refers to one who is associated with recipients of the other degrees.

ACADEMIC GOWN

In the Middle Ages, when a student received his first degree (bachelor's), he would dress in a gown which showed his rank and status. The gown was fully gathered with large sleeves to distinguish it from the simpler monk's robes. When a student earned his second degree (master's) and was, therefore, more prosperous, the gown was replaced by one with very long sleeves that were sewn up and cut so the arms protruded at the elbows. The most advanced degree (doctorate) indicates completion of rigorous study and training, for which one wore a very luxurious academic gown with panels of velvet down the front and on the sleeves. Black is the traditional color of academic gowns, stemming from the black commonly worn by the clergy of the Middle Ages. In the United States, a number of universities have begun using gowns of distinctive colors. Among those you will see worn by faculty at Bloomfield College are scarlet and black for Rutgers University, maroon for the University of Pennsylvania, silver grey for Columbia University, and violet for New York University.

The members of the Board of Trustees and the President are wearing distinctive gowns designed for them. The gowns are doctoral gowns in maroon highlighted with gold piping (the colors of Bloomfield College). The lapels are surmounted with maroon and gold patches of the College's Blazon of Honor. The hoods are of the shield form with the same pattern of colors as the Bloomfield student hoods.

THE HOOD

The hood is a reminder of the monk's hood and indicates the type of degree and the school from which the degree was earned. The "velvet" around the collar is colored according to type of degree earned. White stands for arts, gold for science, dark blue for philosophy, light blue for education, apricot for nursing, purple for law, green for medicine, orange for engineering, drab for business, scarlet for theology, and pink for music. The lining of the hood is distinctive for each school. The silk for Bloomfield College is maroon with Spanish yellow chevron. When they receive their diplomas, the students also will be invested with hoods by a member of the faculty.

For all academic purposes, including trimmings of doctors' gowns, edgings of hoods, and tassels of caps, the colors associated with the different subjects are as follows:

Arts and Letters – <i>White</i>	International Affairs – <i>Peacock Blue</i>	Philosophy – <i>Dark Blue</i>
Business – <i>Light Brown</i>	Laws – <i>Purple</i>	Public Health – <i>Salmon Pink</i>
Economics – <i>Copper</i>	Library Science – <i>Lemon</i>	Science – <i>Gold-Yellow</i>
Education – <i>Light Blue</i>	Music – <i>Pink</i>	Social Science – <i>Cream</i>
Fine Arts – <i>Brown</i>	Nursing – <i>Apricot</i>	Theology – <i>Scarlet</i>

THE CHAIN

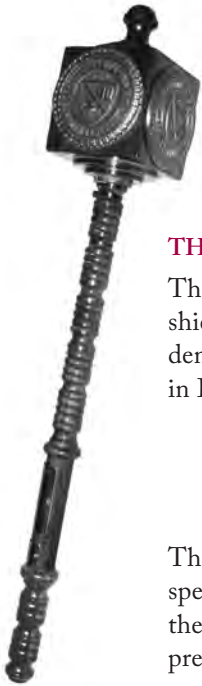
The Chain of Office worn by the President is the emblem of the position. In the Middle Ages, the Master of Guild wore a Chain of Office denoting his right to speak for the Guild and make binding decisions. Chains of Office are commonly used in Europe for the mayors of cities. The chain worn by the President is the traditional form consisting of the Blazon of Honor of the College and medallions inscribed with the names of the previous presidents and their terms of office.

THE MACE

The mace carried by the Grand Marshal symbolizes the authority of the institution. It comes from the mace used in battle in the Middle Ages and is still present during deliberations in a number of parliaments. The mace used at Bloomfield College is surmounted by four medallions engraved with the Blazon of Honor of the College.

THE BLAZON OF HONOR

The Blazon of Honor of Bloomfield College is also reproduced on the cover of this program. The upper part of the shield is an open Bible signifying the roots of the College in the Seminary. The lamp below is the Scholar's Lamp denoting the dedication of the institution to scholarly pursuits. The College motto, LUX IN TENEBRIS, "Light in Darkness," is inscribed below the shield.



THE COMMENCEMENT SETTING

The Quadrangle is flanked by a number of academic, administration, and dormitory buildings. To the left of the spectators is Talbott Hall, which is named after the board member who organized the development of the campus in the late 1950s. It is flanked by Schweitzer Hall and Clee Hall, dormitories named for the eighth and ninth presidents of the College (1945-1956 and 1959-1960).

To the right of the spectators are Richards Hall, Knox Hall and Seibert Hall. Knox Hall and Richards Hall are named after the first and third presidents of the College (1878-1900 and 1916-1923). Seibert Hall (the red brick building) is named for George Seibert, professor from 1868-1902, who helped shape the distinctive nature of the institution.

Seibert Hall was built in 1808. It is the third oldest building in New Jersey built for education still in use for higher education. Seibert Hall was the home of the Bloomfield Academy, until acquired by the Seminary, and housed the entire institution (including student residences) until 1914, when Knox Hall was built.

Behind the stage is the Learning Resource Center, a state-of-the-art building designed to support all student learning and achievement. Behind this building is the Westminster Arts Center whose spire can be seen through the trees. A former church, this multi-functional building houses the Robert V. Van Fossan Theatre.

THE FLAGS

The flags lining the Quadrangle represent the nations where our students were born.





