

## **Milligan commencement ceremonies slated for May 7**

MILLIGAN COLLEGE, Tenn. (May 2, 2016) – Milligan College will hold its spring commencement ceremonies on Saturday, May 7, in Milligan’s Mary B. Martin Auditorium located in Seeger Chapel. A total of 224 degrees will be awarded.

Rather than a commencement speaker, this year the college is beginning a new tradition of more student engagement during the commencement program through prayer, scripture readings and remarks given by students to their fellow graduates.

At 10 a.m., during the commencement ceremony of the School of Arts & Humanities, School of Bible & Ministry and the William B. Greene, Jr., School of Business & Technology, there will be two student speakers: Daniela De Los Santos of Brownsville, Texas, receiving a Bachelor of Arts in communications and fine arts, and Tyler Jorgenson of Kasson, Minnesota, earning a Bachelor of Arts in Bible.

At 2 p.m., during the commencement ceremony of the School of Sciences & Allied Health and the School of Social Sciences & Education, the two student speakers will be Nathaniel Aquino of Blountville, Tennessee, earning a Bachelor of Science in biology, and Zoey Brennan of Bellevue, Nebraska, receiving a Bachelor of Science in psychology.

Milligan will award 113 degrees at the 10 a.m. ceremony and 111 degrees at the 2 p.m. ceremony. The May graduates include 40 Bachelor of Arts (B.A.), 96 Bachelor of Science (B.S.), 33 Bachelor of Science in Nursing (B.S.N.), 17 Master of Business Administration (MBA), 13 Master of Education (M.Ed.), one Master of Science in Counseling (M.S.C.), six Master of Arts in Religion (M.A.R.), four Master of Christian Ministries (M.C.Min.), 11 Master of Divinity (M.Div.), and three Doctor of Ministry (D.Min.) students. Of the bachelor’s degree recipients, five are adult degree completion program (ADCP) students.

In addition, the college will award its highest honor, Fide et Amore, to J. Donald Sams, Milligan’s longest serving trustee with over 36 years of service. He has been an ordained minister for 25 years, serving as senior minister in local church ministries including Blountville Christian Church and First Christian in Elizabethton. Currently, Sams is co-minister of LifeBridge Christian Church in Middletown, Ohio. He is a graduate of the Cincinnati Christian University and the William and Mary School of Planned Giving, with additional graduate work at Emmanuel Christian Seminary at Milligan. Sams and his wife, Nancy, have been married for 58 years, and their son Stephen graduated from Milligan in 1992.

Overflow seating will be available in the college’s Gregory Center for the Liberal Arts on May 7.

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MILLIGAN COLLEGE is a Christian liberal arts college in Northeast Tennessee whose vision is to change lives and shape culture through a commitment to servant leadership. The college offers more than 100 majors, minors, pre-professional degrees and concentrations in a

variety of fields, along with graduate and adult degree completion programs. To learn more about Milligan College, visit [www.milligan.edu](http://www.milligan.edu) or call 800-262-8337.