

# Jeanes to give Milligan commencement address

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**MILLIGAN COLLEGE** — Milligan College President Donald R. Jeanes will be the keynote speaker at Milligan's commencement ceremony on Saturday at 2 p.m. in the Mary B. Martin Auditorium of Seeger Memorial Chapel.

Jeanes will retire from the presidency and assume the role of chancellor of Milligan on July 15. During commencement, Milligan will also present President Jeanes and First Lady Clarinda Jeanes with its highest honor, the Fide et Amore award, in recognition of their loving and faithful service to the college.

"The Jeanes' influence has reshaped the college physically, academically, financially and relationally," said David Hamilton, chair of Milligan's Board of Trustees. "Through their tireless efforts, both on campus and off, Milligan has a solid reputation in



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and Milligan is in the best financial condition it has seen in decades. That is an incredible legacy."

Jeanes was inaugurated as the 14th president of Milligan in October 1997. Under his leadership, the college has experienced significant growth and achievement.

Don graduated from Milligan in 1968 and married Clarinda Phillips in 1969. While working on his Master of Divinity at Emmanuel School of Religion, Don served as Milligan's director of financial aid and assistant to the business manager, and he and Clarinda served as resident directors.

Following Clarinda's graduation in 1971, Don joined the faculty at Atlanta Christian College, where he taught Bible and humanities and was financial aid director. In 1978, he was named ACC's administrative vice president. Always the history enthusiast,

the local community and the Restoration Movement churches. Don and Clarinda have revitalized the campus and the student learning experience,

Don completed doctoral coursework in American Studies at Emory University, while Clarinda taught elementary school and owned a sewing store. Their greatest joy came in welcoming daughter Amy in 1977.

In the mid-1980s, Don felt a strong call to use his pastoral and administrative gifts in church ministry. This brought the couple back to Johnson City, where Don served for two years as associate minister and operations manager at First Christian Church, and Clarinda served as church hostess. During these years, Don and Clarinda renewed their passion for Milligan: Don accepted a role on the Board of Trustees, and he and Clarinda began to plant deep roots in East Tennessee.

Following a senior ministry at Spring Branch Christian Church in Houston, Texas, the couple returned to First Christian Church in Johnson City in 1991, Don serving as senior minister and Clarinda as children's ministry director. It was from this position that Don was called in 1997 to the presidency of Milligan, quickly building on the strong foundation left by retiring president Marshall Leggett, expanding programming, enrollment, facilities and the college's reputation.

In addition to their service to the college, the Jeaneses have an extensive list of church and community involvement.