

Ninety-First
SPRING COMMENCEMENT



Saturday, May the Thirteenth
Two Thousand

Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium
Greenville, North Carolina

THE ACADEMIC PROCESSION

For the benefit of our visitors the following information, digested from "An Academic Costume Code and Ceremony Guide" prepared by the American Council on Education, may prove helpful in identifying the costumes you will see in the Commencement Procession.

In the procession, first come the speakers, trustees, administrative officers, candidates for honorary degrees and other members of the platform party, then the faculty; and finally the candidates for degrees arranged in the order in which the degrees are to be conferred.

The history of academic dress reaches far back into the earliest days of the oldest universities. A statute of 1321 required that all "Doctors, Licentiates, and Bachelors" of the University of Coimbra wear gowns. In England, in the second half of the 14th century, the statutes of certain colleges prescribed the wearing of a long gown. When American colleges and universities desired to adopt some suitable system of academic apparel, a conference held at Columbia University in 1895, made up of representatives from various institutions drew up a "By-law, Regulation, or Statute" for the establishment of a suitable code of academic dress for colleges and universities in the United States. This code, with modifications made in 1959 by The Committee on Academic Costumes and Ceremonies of The American Council on Education, is still in force; the costumes and colors, trimmings, and patterns you will see are all traditional, and interpret both the degree and field of learning. The bachelor's gown, designed to be worn closed, has pointed sleeves, the master's gown, which may be worn open or closed, has an oblong sleeve open at the wrist which hangs down in the traditional manner. The rear part of its oblong shape is square cut and the front part has the arc cut away. The doctor's gown has bell-shaped sleeves. It may be worn open or closed.

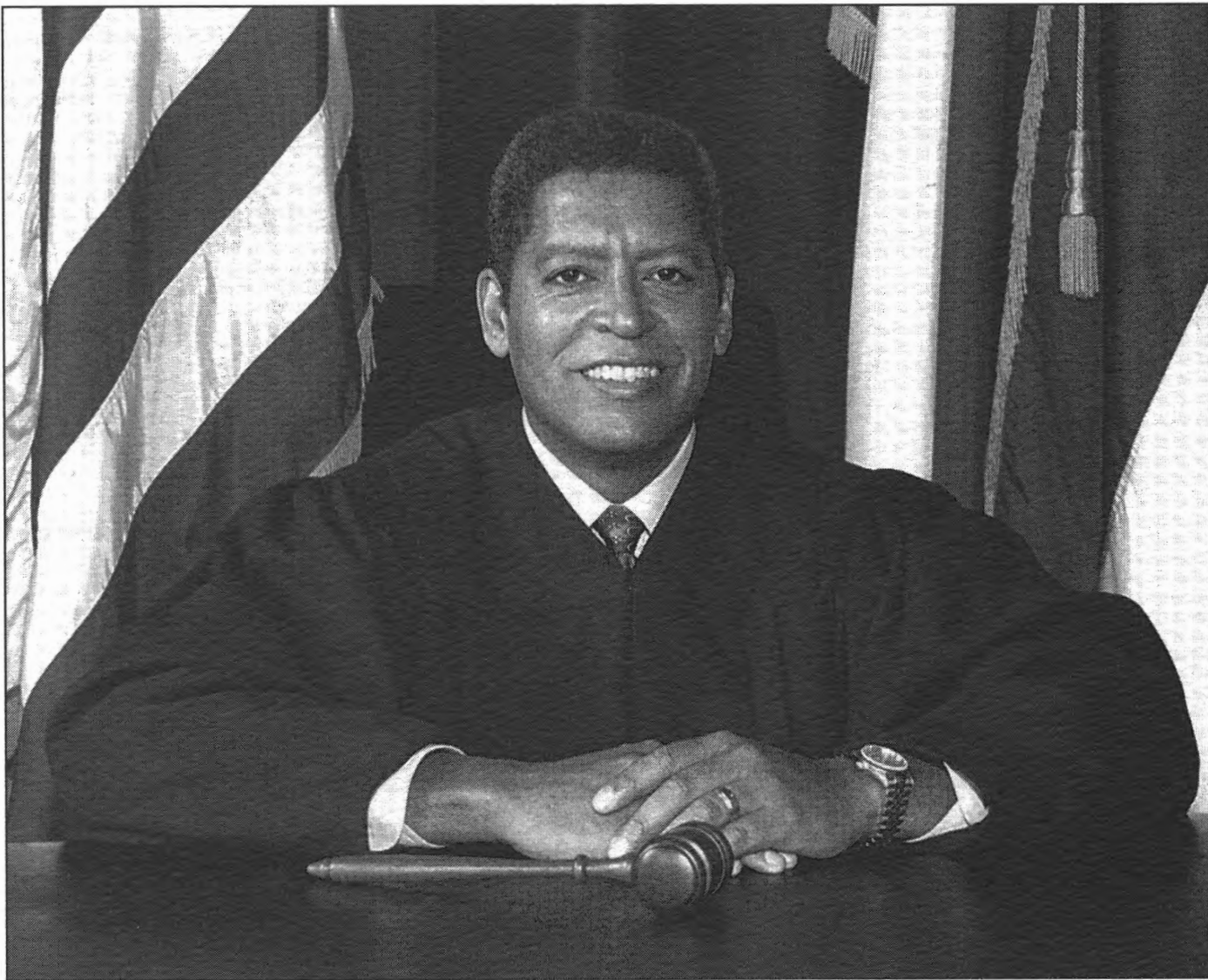
Black is the recommended color for all academic gowns. Bachelor's and master's gowns are untrimmed. Doctor's gowns are faced with black velvet, with three bars across the sleeves; or the color of the velvet may be that which is distinctive to the degree, agreeing with that of the edging of the hood. The colors you will see in the hoods and gowns of our faculty represent the various fields in which the degrees were taken:

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| Apricot | Nursing | Olive-Green | Pharmacy |
| Brown | Fine Arts | Orange | Engineering |
| Citron | Social Work | Pink | Music |
| Crimson | Journalism | Purple | Law |
| Dark Blue | Philosophy | Sage Green ... | Physical Education |
| Golden Yellow | Science | Salmon Pink | Public Health |
| Green | Medicine | Scarlet | Theology |
| Lemon-Yellow | Library Science | Yellow-Brown | Commerce, Business, Accountancy |
| Light Blue | Education | White ... | Arts, Letters, Humanities |
| Lilac | Dentistry | | |
| Maroon | Home Economics | | |

The hoods, differing in length for the three degrees, bachelor's, master's, and doctor's, are lined with the official colors of the university or college conferring the degree, usually with one color forming a chevron pattern over the other. Hoods are edged and bound with velvet of the color appropriate for the degree. You will see in our procession many edged with the dark blue, for doctor of philosophy.

Mortar boards are the approved headgear. The tassel, worn on the left side of the cap, may be of gold if the holder has a doctor's degree.

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER



Judge James Andrew Wynn, Jr.

Judge James Andrew Wynn, Jr. was born and reared in the Gold Point community of Robersonville, North Carolina and attained his early education in the public schools of Martin County, graduating from Robersonville High School in 1972. After earning a bachelor's degree in Journalism at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Judge Wynn spent a year heading a Volunteers In Service to America [VISTA] project in Greenville. He earned a law degree in 1979 from Marquette University in Milwaukee. In 1995, he earned a Master of Laws Degree in Judicial Process from the School of Law at the University of Virginia.

Judge Wynn's legal career began in the Judge Advocate General's Corps of the United States Navy. He served four years on active duty at the Naval Legal Service Office in Norfolk, Virginia. Now in his twenty-first year as a Navy Reserve Officer, he holds the rank of Captain, is Staff Judge Advocate for the Commander for Naval Reserve Readiness Region Six, and has received the Meritorious Service Medal and the Navy Commendation Medal.

Upon returning to North Carolina, Judge Wynn served in the Appellate Defender's Office before entering private practice. He was elected to the North Carolina Court of Appeals in 1991, and, in 1998, Governor Hunt appointed him to serve out the term of a retiring justice on the Supreme Court of North Carolina. Following his narrow defeat to be elected to the Supreme Court, Governor Hunt appointed him back to the Court of Appeals to serve out a term that ends in 2000. President Clinton has nominated him to serve on the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit and that nomination is pending in the United States Senate.

He is married to the former Jacqueline Rollins, an associate director for the North Carolina Area Health Education Center in Chapel Hill, and they have three sons. Javius is a freshman at Princeton University, Conlan is a fifth grader, and Jaeander is a preschooler. Judge Wynn serves on the deacon board of Providence Missionary Baptist Church in Robersonville.

COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

CONCERT

East Carolina University Wind Ensemble
Dr. Robert S. Carter, Conductor

* PROCESSIONAL

Academic Procession Clifton Williams

Mace Bearer — Dr. James H. Bearden, Professor
School of Business

** THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

Led by Dr. Perry D. Smith

* INVOCATION

Mr. Robert J. Smith
Vice President, Senior Class

REMARKS

Dr. Nikita P. Williams
Senior Class, School of Medicine

Mr. Robert H. Smith
President, Senior Class

Mrs. Joni Worthington
Associate Vice President for Communications, The University of North Carolina

Dr. Brenda Killingsworth
Chair of the Faculty

Dr. Richard R. Eakin
Chancellor, East Carolina University

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER

Chancellor Eakin

ADDRESS

Judge James A. Wynn, Jr.

INTRODUCTION OF THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION VICE PRESIDENT

Chancellor Eakin

PRESENTATION OF THE UNIVERSITY AWARD

Ms. Shelby Strother

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

Dr. Thomas L. Feldbush
Vice Chancellor for Research and Graduate Studies

Dr. Richard D. Ringeisen
Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

Dr. James A. Hallock
Vice Chancellor for Health Sciences and Dean, School of Medicine

CONFERRING OF DEGREES

Chancellor Eakin

Doctor of Philosophy
Doctor of Education
Doctor of Medicine

Certificates of Advanced Study
Educational Specialist
Masters
Baccalaureate

* BENEDICATION

Reverend Sidney A. Locks

** ALMA MATER Harold MacDougle '44

Led by Dr. Perry D. Smith

* RECESSIONAL

Sine Nomine Ralph Vaughn Williams

* The audience is requested to stand.

** It is requested that the audience stand and join in the singing. The words appear on the back of the program.