

## **Awards Convocation**

**11:00 a.m. ~ April 20, 2017**

### **[Welcome by Brien Lewis]**

Good morning! It is my pleasure to welcome you to Catawba College's Awards Convocation, a time to recognize and celebrate the many accomplishments of our students and others in the campus community.

We are pleased to welcome Ms. Darlene Ball, Chair of the Board of Trustees, who will present the Trustee Award later in the program. Dr. Michael Bitzer, Catawba's provost, will announce the majority of our awards, and Senior Vice President and Chaplain Dr. Kenneth Clapp will lead us in an invocation, as well as present an award this morning.

Many thanks to Mr. Collin Denton for sharing his musical talents as we entered the Chapel, and thanks to Dr. Phillip Burgess, Assistant Professor of Music and College Organist, for playing the organ for the Alma Mater. And, assisting at the award presentation tables is Mr. David Pulliam, Professor of Theatre Arts and College Marshal. Will all who are able, please rise for our Invocation.

### **[Invocation by Dr. Kenneth Clapp]**

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**[Michael Bitzer]**

Thank you, Dr. Clapp.

Convocations are significant ceremonies in the life of a college community.

Today we gather to honor those in our community who have demonstrated the qualities upon which Catawba College was founded: ***scholarship, character, culture and service.***

By giving these awards, we reaffirm these values and the concept of excellence toward which we strive individually and collectively as a community of learners;

and we honor, too, the faculty, staff, and alumni for whom many of these awards are named and who themselves modeled the College's values of scholarship, character, culture, and service.

Before presenting awards, I would like to recognize several groups of students, faculty and staff.

In less than one month, we will see our Seniors in their academic regalia, processing at baccalaureate and commencement services specifically designed to recognize their having met all requirements for graduation.

These students have worked hard to reach this stage in their educational pursuits at Catawba College. Would the members of Catawba's Class of 2017 please rise, so that we may recognize your accomplishment? [applause]

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The Dean's List at Catawba College includes Day students who earn a 3.5 or higher GPA on at least 15 semester hours in a given semester and Evening students who earn a 3.5 or higher GPA on at least 12 semester hours in a given semester.

If you were a Dean's List student last spring, or in the fall in 2016, please stand and be recognized for this accomplishment.

[applause]

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At this time, we would like to recognize the top men's and women's teams that had the highest academic grade point average in the Fall 2016 semester.

With an overall 3.67 GPA for the fall semester, would the members of the Women's Cross Country team stand and be recognized? [applause]

And, with an overall 3.76 GPA for the fall semester, would the members of the Men's Tennis team stand and be recognized? [applause]

This morning, we wish to recognize employee years of service at Catawba. I would like the following groups to stand so that we can show our appreciation of your dedication and longevity. Would all

employees who have, as of last year's Awards ceremony, served us for five years, please stand. [applause].

Would all employees who have served us for ten years, please stand. [applause].

Would all employees who have served us for fifteen years, please stand. [applause].

Would all employees who have served us for twenty years, please stand. [applause].

Would all employees who have served us for twenty-five years, please stand. [applause].

Would all employees who have served us for thirty years, please stand. [applause].

Thank you, again, for your dedication to Catawba College.

**[Michael Bitzer]**

Now, as I call each award recipient's name,  
please come to the platform to receive your award  
from President Lewis and then return to a seat  
in one of the reserved front pews on either side.

We also ask that all award recipients remain briefly  
after convocation for photographs.

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Each year, Catawba College presents an engraved gavel  
to the President of the Student Government Association.  
For his service in this role for this academic year,  
would Blake Brewer, please come forward to receive the gavel?

We would also like to recognize and thank  
the other outgoing members of the SGA Executive Board:  
for Vice President: Gavin Wooten;  
and for serving as Treasurer: Justin Potter.

At this time, we present  
the new Student Government Association officers  
for the 2017-2018 academic year.

I would ask that the newly elected officers please stand.

We are pleased to present the students  
who will have the honor of serving in these offices:

President: Gavin Wooten

Vice President: Payton Coleman

Treasurer: Molly Sue Harmon

Secretary: Adna Music

Please join me in congratulating these new officers.

Gavin, please come forward. As Gavin's first act as the 2017-18 SGA  
President, he will assist us with the award presentations.

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Each year a committee consisting of  
the Junior and Senior class presidents,  
the SGA president and vice president,  
and faculty advisors  
nominate candidates to represent the College  
as Ms. Catawba and Mr. Catawba for the following academic year.

Mr. and Ms. Catawba are expected to exude the qualities of scholarship, character, culture, and service during their time and shall act as a liaison between the college and the surrounding community, including attending local events, interacting with prospective students, and even volunteer time to the community.

Joining President Lewis are this year's Mr. and Ms. Catawba, Israel Suarez and Anna Fields.

The student body has elected two persons to fill these roles.

Selected as **Ms.** Catawba for 2017-2018 is... Kristen Rocko

Selected as **Mr.** Catawba for 2017-2018 is... Duane Leatherberry

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The David Hoyle Award for Outstanding Service in Student Activities is awarded annually to students who have made exemplary contributions in all areas of student activities.

This award is named in honor of its first recipient, David Hoyle, whose passion for service in student activities throughout his years at Catawba set the standard for all students involved in Catawba's student activities program.

This year's award is presented to Jeremiah Moss.

The Sara Cook Award for Student Involvement is presented to the member of the student body who demonstrates a concern for the well-being of fellow students like Ms. Cook modeled for the college community in regards to making it a better place for students through student life programs outside the classroom.

The Sara Cook Award for Student Involvement is presented to Kristen Rocko.

Next, we present the Pioneer Award in recognition of excellent work on our student news site. The Pioneer Award is awarded to its Editor, Hannah Davis.

The Frances Decker Wentz Award, established by the Corriher-Linn-Black Library staff in honor of the late Mrs. Frances Wentz is presented annually to the upper class student who has demonstrated a real concern and aptitude for the theory and practice of library science and service. The library staff has chosen two recipients this year, and they are: Angelica Crisafulli and Cynthia Snipes.

The Kenneth Clapp Tri-Delta Award was established

by the Class of 2000, in recognition of the work of Senior Vice President and Chaplain Dr. Kenneth Clapp.

The award is presented annually to a member of the faculty or staff who demonstrates the dedication, devotion, and dependability that Dr. Clapp models for the College community.

The recipient of the Kenneth Clapp Tri-Delta Award is Ricky Joines.

The Center for the Environment recognizes both a student and a faculty or staff member who best exhibit outstanding leadership and uncommon commitment to environmental stewardship.

This year's leaders in environmental stewardship are students Hannah Davis and William Spencer.

This year's faculty/staff recipient is Nelson Murphy.

It is a pleasure to recognize the students who have been selected to be in Who's Who Among Students In American Universities and Colleges this year.

Nominated by members of the College community and selected by a committee of faculty and students,

these students are active leaders and scholars,  
and we congratulate them on this achievement.

I ask that the Who's Who inductees come forward  
as their names are called and remain standing upfront  
until all have been presented their certificates.

Please hold your applause until all certificates have been presented.

This year's members of Who's Who are:

Taylor Lauren Adams  
Blake Douglas Brewer  
Justin Michael Burroughs  
Joshua Andrew Edwards  
Anna Sophia Fields  
McKenzie Jean Garrison  
Lauren Elizabeth Gaskill  
Audrey Christina Hoffman  
Michael Wayne Jones  
Kaetlyn Marie McNabb  
Steven Edward Porter  
Kristen Marie Rocko  
Sara Kay Sellers  
Michael Lawrence Sheehan  
Madison Taylor Sides  
Santiago Israel Suarez  
Robert Jackson Thornton, III

The President's Award for Community Service

is given annually to a member of the Catawba community- faculty, staff, or student- who has distinguished him or herself in significant service to the local Rowan-Salisbury community.

The award recipient is selected through nominations from the entire faculty and staff and the final selection of nominations is made by the President of the College.

The honoree receives a plaque and a donation in his or her honor to the local charity or service organization of his or her choice.

I would ask that Dr. Darin Spencer, this year's recipient of the President's Award for Community Service, please come forward.

Darin has a strong presence both on and off campus. He is constantly showing the importance of love and service to students in the class room and to the community by volunteering his time at special events and at local non-profit organizations. At a local Habitat project, he helped put up four walls of the house in a matter of hours. He has served at Rowan Helping Ministries many times and is heavily involved with his church, serving and leading youth in group activities. He instantly puts a smile on anyone's face. Darin is a special, loving, kind, and gentle person who has a heart and passion to serve.

The Annual Paul Fisher Service Award and Scholarship is presented to the member of the Catawba College community who has made the greatest contribution throughout the year in service to others and makes service an integral part of his or her life. Each year a student recipient of the Paul Fisher Service Award is presented a scholarship provided by F&M Bank.

This year's recipient of the Paul Fisher Service award has shown amazing sacrificial qualities for a woman of her age, focusing much of her energy and time serving others, both physically and prayerfully. On campus she has helped set up Operation Christmas Child and the Big Bear Festival. She participates in the SGA and the Honors Program and has accumulated over 20 hours volunteering with Partners in learning. Off campus she has helped with Special Olympics and the Tim Tebow Night to Shine Prom and Walk for Life. For her listening ear to numerous students seeking a friend and all the service she has provided to a wide range of cause, this Paul Fisher Service Award and the accompanying scholarship is awarded to Ms. Emily Hoffler.

We also would like to recognize one more recipient of the Paul Fisher Service Award.

It seems you see her everywhere when she can support students or faculty and staff in their endeavors or when she can advance the cause of Catawba College or serve her adopted community. She is at Rowan Helping Ministries helping prepare breakfast at 4:00 a.m. after going to purchase extra food, she is at athletic events cheering on the Catawba Indians, she is at concerts and lectures supporting the performers and speakers, she shows up to encourage and praise faculty and staff members when they are recognized for accomplishments and special efforts. Her service as Chair of the Catawba College Board of Trustees is the culmination of many years of service to her Alma Mater starting with service as the president of the student body, continuing with service to the Alumni Association and service on countless committees and special projects. Time does not permit enumeration of her service to her church, and our community and her leadership in the business world as woman who pioneered in a world previously largely controlled by men. In recognition of all she has done and continues to do this Paul Fisher Service Award is presented to Ms. Darlene Ball.

At this time, Dr. Clapp will make a presentation.

**[Dr. Kenneth Clapp]**

This year Catawba College was honored again to be invited to compete in the North Carolina Independent Colleges and Universities Ethics Bowl. A competitive process was used to select the 5 students who would represent Catawba and these students spent long hours researching and preparing for the debates. Today we honor them and express appreciation for their hard work and fine representation of Catawba College. Would the following team members please come forward and receive certificates of appreciation: Blake Brewer, Sarah Bushey, Taylor Cielo, Brianna Gordon, Jonathan Rife, and Dr. Norris Feeney. Dr. Feeney coached the Catawba team and also served as the coordinator for the team.

**[Michael Bitzer]**

Next we will present awards for student *academic achievement*.

Catawba has many academic departments,  
and many are represented by offering  
an award for excellence in that area.

For this portion of the ceremony,

I will call the recipient's name first.

When your name is called, please come forward while I read the description of the award being presented to you. Please also remember to have a seat in one of the reserved front pews after receiving the award.

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Elizabeth Smith and Cole Middleton are co-recipients of the Sherrill & Smith Award in Business Administration, given by the partners of Sherrill & Smith, a local accounting firm, to the Senior in the Ralph W. Ketner School of Business who achieved the best scholastic record in accounting during the year.

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Jake LaFrancis

The Millard F. Wilson Award for Excellence in Business is presented annually in recognition of outstanding service to the Ketner School of Business as well as excellence in academic achievement.

The award is presented to the senior who best represents the standards established by Professor Millard F. Wilson in his dedicated service to Catawba College as Chair of the Business Department for 30 years.

Mitchell Croot and Sara Sellers

Mitchell is the recipient of The Rebecca H. Frantz Essay Prize, which is awarded annually to the writer of an essay judged by faculty to be the most original, and Sara is the recipient of The Bethany and Aidan Sinnott Poetry Award, which was established by the English Department in honor of Dr. Bethany Sinnott and in memory of Dr. Aidan Sinnott. The award is given to the student who demonstrates the greatest potential as a poet, based on a portfolio of his or her work.

Heather Duncan

The Martha H. Morehead Award is presented to Heather for the outstanding single work – poem, short story, or graphic contribution to *The Arrowhead* during the year. Selection is made by the English Department.

The award is given annually to honor the late Dr. Martha Morehead, Professor of English, whose tireless nurturing of the arts at Catawba College was vital to *The Arrowhead's* success.

Thomas Goodwin and Michael Smethurst

Thomas and Michael are co-recipients of the Rice, Andrews, Young Award, which is given in honor of the former chairpersons

of the Catawba College Department of Modern Foreign Languages-  
Professors Carlton Rice, Nita Andrews, and Johnny Young.

This Award is given to the foreign language major or minor  
who has made the highest grades in his or her foreign language studies.

Mitchell Croot

Mitchell is the recipient  
of the Elisabeth Scranton History Award,  
given to students who have attained the highest  
academic average during his or her senior year  
and who represent the ideals of liberal scholarship  
in the area of history.

Morgan Elder

Morgan is the recipient of The Braun Award in Physics,  
given by Mrs. Anne Blodgett Bashore,  
a 1934 graduate of Catawba, to the student  
showing the most meritorious work in the field of physics.

Justin Burroughs

Justin is the recipient of The Chemistry Prize.  
The Chemistry Prize is given annually to a chemistry major

selected by the chemistry faculty who, in their opinion, best represents the qualities of character, overall scholarship, and excellence in chemistry coursework.

Elizabeth Nail

Elizabeth is the recipient of The CRC Press Freshman Chemistry Achievement Award, presented to a Chemistry major in recognition of outstanding scholastic achievement in Chemistry during the freshman year.

Dominique Karriker and Alicia Richards

Dominique and Alicia are co-recipients of the Mathematics Award, presented by the faculty of the department of mathematics to a student or students who has demonstrated outstanding ability, scholarship, and interest in the field of mathematics.

Pamela Casdorff

Pamela is the recipient of the Environmental Programs Award.

This award is given to a member of the senior class who has best demonstrated dedication, inspiration, and academic achievement in the field of environmental science.

Lauren Gaskill and Crystal Holcomb

Lauren and Crystal are the recipients of

The Shirley L. Haworth Prospective Teacher Award,

which is presented to education majors or minors

who have demonstrated outstanding potential

as teachers based on classroom observations.

The recipients are chosen by the Department of Teacher Education faculty.

The award is named in honor of Shirley L. Haworth, Professor Emerita of Education and former Chair of the Department of Teacher Education, in appreciation of distinguished advocacy, service and leadership in North Carolina teacher education.

Megan Hampton

Megan is the recipient of The Student Education Association/

Cynthia B. Osterhus Award. This award is presented

to the student who has made an outstanding contribution

to the Student North Carolina Association of Educators

and who has shown the potential to become an excellent teacher.

The award is named in honor of Cynthia Osterhus,

Catawba Class of 1973, and a former

North Carolina Teacher of the Year

and much honored for her teaching excellence.

The recipient is chosen by the Department of Teacher Education faculty.

Anderson Collin Denton

Collin is the recipient of the Chairman's Award in Music.

Given annually in recognition of past chairs of the

Department of Music at Catawba,

the Chairman's Award in Music is presented

by the department faculty to students

who have made a significant contribution

to the programs of the Music Department

and who show promise of future success in the field of music.

Jennifer Beach

The Roberts Senior Psychology Award is named

in honor of long-time Psychology Department Chair,

Dr. A. E. Roberts.

The award is presented to the psychology major

who has been judged by graduating psychology majors

as having made outstanding contributions

to the various activities of the psychology department.

Angel Brown

Angel is the recipient of The Sociology Award, which is presented to the graduating senior who demonstrates outstanding academic achievement in the field of sociology and exemplifies the qualities of the sociological imagination.

McKenzie Garrison

McKenzie is the recipient of The Whitley Award, which is presented annually in recognition of academic excellence, leadership, loyalty and dedication to the student who best demonstrates the values of Catawba College – Scholarship, Character, Culture and Service.

This award is for outstanding service to the Department of Sport and Health Sciences and the community.

This honor is given to the junior or senior female student who best exemplifies the standard of excellence established by Dr. Pat Whitley.

Michael Sheehan

Michael is the recipient of the William L. Russell Award, presented to the student who best demonstrates the values of Catawba College – Scholarship, Character, Culture and Service.

This award is for outstanding service to the

Department of Sport and Health Sciences and the community.

This honor is given to the junior or senior male student who best exemplifies the standard of excellence established by the late Dr. Bill Russell.

Katelyn DeZego

Katelyn is the recipient of the Daniel E. Kirk Biology Award.

This award is given in honor of the late Dr. Daniel E. Kirk, former Professor and Chair of the Department of Biology, and also Dean of Catawba College.

The award is presented to the senior who has exhibited outstanding service and achievement in the Department of Biology.

Sean Patrick McMahon

Sean is the recipient of The Bruce A. Wentz Philosophy Award.

Given in memory of Dr. Bruce A. Wentz,

long-time teacher of Philosophy at Catawba,

the award recognizes a junior or senior

who has shown excellence in the study of philosophy.

Collette Simkins

The Department of Theatre Arts presents Collette

with The Augustin Daly Award for Outstanding

Student of the Year in Theatre Arts.

This award is named in memory of one of

North Carolina's most historically important theatre figures

and voted on by the Theater Arts faculty.

Lilyanne Lee

Lilyanne is the recipient of the Dr. Karl E. Hales Communication Award.

This award was established in honor of Dr. Karl Hales,

who taught Communications and Speech at Catawba

from 1966 until his retirement in 2005.

He also established the Communication Arts Department.

He is the well-known Voice of the Catawba Indians,

announcing our home football games in the stadium for over 30 years!

We turn now to the final segment of our ceremony-  
the presentation of the Awards of Special Merit and Achievement.

The Dean N. Grove Award was established  
by the late Dr. Rodger H. Lofland, Catawba class of 1961,  
in tribute to Dean N. Grove, Catawba class of 1940,  
who was Dr. Lofland's high school coach, biology teacher and mentor.

The award is presented to a student athlete  
majoring in math or science who demonstrates leadership abilities  
in one of these fields as well as in athletics.

The recipient of the Dean N. Grove Award is...  
Audrey Hoffman.

The Algernon Sydney Sullivan Awards are given  
by the New York Southern Society  
for the purpose of establishing a permanent reminder  
of the noblest human qualities as expressed and followed  
in the life of its first president, Algernon Sydney Sullivan.  
A committee consisting of students and faculty of Catawba College

has chosen two persons, one student and one faculty member, to receive these awards in recognition of spiritual qualities practically applied to daily living and with the belief that these persons will uphold the spiritual standards of Catawba College by their noble characteristics.

The recipients of the Algernon Sydney Sullivan awards are:  
Thomas Goodwin and Dr. Darin Spencer

The Staff Member of the Year Award is an annual recognition by the members of the student body of a Catawba College staff member who has been outstanding in their work for the College.

The award is determined by a popular vote of the students.  
The 2016-2017 staff member of the year is Ms. Robin Perry.

The Professor of the Year Award is presented to a faculty member selected by a popular vote of the students. The recipient is chosen for those qualities that the students believe represent the best in classroom rapport,

evidence of concern for students,  
and intellectual stimulation.

The 2016-2017 professor of the year is Dr. Darin Spencer.

The Louise Tucker Staff Council Award was established in 2005,  
in honor of a member of Catawba College Class of 1944  
and former employee, Louise Tucker.

Ms. Tucker worked at Catawba for 42 years following her graduation.

This award is given to a staff member  
who demonstrates outstanding work ethic  
and performance in his or her area.

Nominations are made by members of the faculty and staff  
and the recipient is selected by a vote of the Staff Council.

This year's recipient of the Louise Tucker Staff Council Award  
is Ms. Jane Snider.

Jane is an outstanding administrative assistant in the Department of  
Teacher Education and is an invaluable member of our team. Her work  
ethic is outstanding. She always goes the extra mile to anticipate the  
needs of the Department and to complete her work in an accurate and  
timely manner.

The students and the faculty know they can talk to Jane if they have questions or concerns. She is a great sounding board and has a unique insight into the Teacher Education program. Jane makes the job of each member of the Department easier because of her support, insight, and willingness to do whatever it takes to keep the Department running smoothly.

Congratulations, Jane.

The President's Award for Staff Excellence is given annually to a member of the Catawba College staff who has distinguished him or herself in achieving excellence in job performance and has contributed to strengthening the community spirit on campus. The award recipient is selected through nominations to the Staff Council from the entire faculty and staff. Final selection of the recipient is made by the President.

This year's recipient is Richard Darr.

Richard was hired in 2003 as a programmer/analyst and was promoted in 2011 to Director of Process Improvement. He will be retiring at the end of May.

He is known primarily for his work with the Development and Business Offices, but has also been instrumental with the College's implementation of the Blackboard Transact system which powers the Catawba ONE card. He often works against critical deadlines and has put in many 60 hour weeks to get things done. He spends hours training and supporting the staff in the business areas.

His reports (budget manager reports, student statements, tax statements, endowment statements, tuition discounting) are critical to the function of the College, both operationally and strategically. He built interfaces between the Development Office Banner system and the Blackbaud donor research system enabling the creation of major gift officer reports that provide new insights into the College's prospective donor pool.

He always wants the best for Catawba College and pays attention to the details that so many of us ignore.

Congratulations Richard!

The Swink Prize for Outstanding Classroom Teaching is presented to the member of the Catawba College faculty who has shown consistent excellence in teaching.

The award was created by a gift from the late Hearne Swink, former Rowan County resident,

official with Cannon Mills Company,  
and friend of the College.

The recipient is nominated by members of the faculty  
and chosen by the faculty senate.

This year's recipient will not only be awarded with the prize,  
but will hold the Swink Professorship for Outstanding  
Classroom Teaching for the 2017-2018 academic year.

The Swink Prize is awarded to Dr. Carmony Hartwig, Assistant Professor  
of Biology

“The evidence for excellence in Dr. Hartwig’s teaching is  
overwhelming. From the moment she arrived on campus (as an  
adjunct in 2012) her dedication to and competence in teaching were on  
view for all to see.... Since that first semester she has continued to  
innovate bringing new ideas, activities and techniques to a wide range  
of classes including those for non-majors, Biology majors, First Year  
Seminar and Honors.”

Even more important were comments made by students on her  
evaluations:

“...Dr. Hartwig's classes are absolutely wonderful. She's enthusiastic and  
makes learning so much fun. She genuinely cares about all her students

and is always willing to go above and beyond in order to help us succeed in mastering the material.”

“...Dr. Hartwig is a wonderful instructor who knows the course material very well. She doesn't have to read from the slides; she is confident in her lectures. She's probably the only professor I have ever had who is teaching enthusiastically at 8am! This definitely helps to keep us awake and interested in what she has to say.”

Thank you, Dr. Hartwig, for your dedication to students, and to Catawba.

At this time, Ms. Darlene Ball, on behalf of the Board of Trustees, will present The Trustee Award for Outstanding Contribution to Catawba College.

**[Darlene Ball]**

The Trustee Award for Outstanding Contribution to Catawba College is given annually to the individual deemed to have made an outstanding contribution in service to Catawba College.

The recipient is recommended by the Catawba College Faculty Senate and endorsed by the Board of Trustees' Governance Committee.

The award is presented by the College on behalf of the Board of Trustees.

This year's recipient of the Trustee Award is presented to... Dr. Janice Fuller.

"Janice Fuller's extensive, thirty-plus year contribution to the life of this College and her students in scholarship, character, culture, and service... Her career as a writer, poet, and librettist has benefitted the community of scholars both in and outside the College; she is well-regarded as Catawba's Writer-in-Residence... Above all is Dr. Fuller's devotion to teaching and learning, to hooking students in to poetry and prose that changes their worldview, of introducing them to ideas and thoughts that disquiet them and gladden them. In a classroom Janice brings her knowledge, her background, and her love of learning, feeling, and knowing to each and every student. Dr. Janice Fuller has devoted her professional life—as well as her very heart and soul—to Catawba College. The lives of countless students, colleagues, staff, and people outside the College have been improved due to her service, her love for scholarship, and her deep abiding passion for teaching and learning.

Dr. Fuller certainly has made “an outstanding contribution to the institution.”

Please join me in congratulating Dr. Janice Fuller.

**[Michael Bitzer]**

We will conclude this year's Awards Convocation with the presentation of The Whitener Medals.

The Whitener Medals are given annually in memory of the late Dr. Edgar Whitener of High Point, North Carolina, who served as president of the Catawba Board of Trustees from 1925 to 1944.

The medals are presented to the man and woman in the graduating class who combine in themselves, in the highest degree, the qualities of character, leadership, and scholarship.

Selection is made by the faculty from the three men and three women who have received the highest number of votes in an election in which only the members of the junior and senior classes may vote.

The recipients will be presented with their medals during the Commencement ceremony on May 13, but I would like for the recipients to stand and be recognized at this time.

The 2016-2017 Whitener Medals are presented to:

Justin Burroughs and Anna Fields

Justin and Anna, would you please stand....

Congratulations to you both on being the 2016-2017 Whitener Medal recipients.

A reminder to those who have received an award; please remain in your seat following the the conclusion of this ceremony for a brief round of pictures.

If you do not care to keep your program, there are recycling bins for you as you leave the chapel.

We will conclude our ceremony with the singing of Catawba's Alma Mater. Thank you for coming to celebrate these individuals and their achievements at Catawba College.