

2025 Honors Convocation

Troy University





Honorable Judge Jack Weaver



Judge Jack Weaver is the Presiding Judge of the 35th Circuit Court of Alabama. He is a 1985 graduate of Troy University. In memory of his parents, Judge Weaver and his wife, Marthe, established the Joseph Barnett Weaver, Jr. and Joyce Booker Weaver Endowed Scholarship in 2020.



Mr. Roy Cain



Mr. Roy Cain graduated with his Bachelor's degree in 1981 and with his Master's degree the next year. Mr. Roy has worked as the PSCM Lead at BP Oil Co. for many years. In 2021, Mr. Cain established the Roy W. Cain, Jr. Endowed Scholarship and joined the Troy Shield Society.



Dr. Leslie Black



Dr. Leslie Black first graduated with her Bachelor's and again with her Master's degree from Troy. Dr. Black currently serves as a Sales Effectiveness Manager for Pfizer, Inc. She endowed the Dr. Leslie S. Black Endowed Scholarship in 2023.



Mr. Darryl Green



Mr. Darryl Green graduated in 1986 with his Bachelor's degree and again in 1999 with his Master's degree. Darryl is the CEO of The Green Technology Group, LLC. He is a retired AF Officer with 25 years of experience as a registered nurse.



Ms. Jane Beasley



Ms. Jane Beasley is a 1974 graduate of Troy University. She established the Marion Horne Beasley Scholarship in 2010 through the Jane Beasley Foundation. In 2018, Ms. Beasley established the Fred B. Davis Pre-Law Scholarship.



Ms. Mary and Mr. Jerry Williams



Mrs. Mary Williams graduated with her Bachelor's degree in 1970 and with Master's degree in 1980. In 2017, Mary and her husband, Jerry, also a Troy graduate, established the Wilson-Williams Student Emergency Fund.



Lt. Col Laura Ward (U.S.M.C. Retired)



Lt. Col Laura Ward graduated from Troy University with a bachelor's degree and later a master's degree. Laura established the Claude K. and Diana K. Ward Endowed scholarship in 2024 in memory of her beloved parents.



Mr. Marcus Hall



Mr. Marcus Hall is a 1998 graduate. He is a financial advisor with Ameriprise Financial Services. In 2021, Marcus and his wife, Christy, established the Hall Stewardship Endowed Scholarship to assist single parents from the Wiregrass region.



Mr. Derek L. Young



Mr. Derek L. Young is a 1986 graduate. He went on to Vanderbilt University to receive his Master's degree. Mr. Young has worked for Fidelity International for five years, now serving as the Global Head of Asset Management Distribution.



Mr. Scott Sport



Mr. Scott Sport is a 1986 graduate. He is a partner in Ernst & Young Parthenon. In 2010, Mr. Sport and his wife, Colleen, established the Joe R. and Barbara Sport Endowed Scholarship. In 2024, they established the Scott and Colleen Sport Endowed Accounting Scholarship.



Dr. Will Byrd



Will Byrd, M.D. is an Orthopedic Surgery Resident at West Virginia University. After graduating from Troy, he earned his M.D. from the University of Alabama at Birmingham, graduating with honors. He resides in West Virginia with his wife and fellow Trojan alumna, Dr. Katie Byrd.



Dr. Katie Byrd



Katie Byrd, PhD, is a Statistical Programmer Analyst for the NRMP. After graduating from Troy, she received her Master's and PhD from the University of Southern California. She and her husband, a Troy alumnus, Will Byrd, now live in West Virginia.



Dr. Lance Tatum



Dr. Lance Tatum graduated from Troy University with a bachelor's degree and later received a master's degree. Dr. Tatum has served in several positions at Troy, including Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs. Since 2023, he has served as president of Northwest Missouri University.