

The Trumpet of Liberty



NBA legend exhorts graduates of 2005

Sharing personal testimony from his days as one of the NBA's most dominant players and his life since his retirement in 2003, former San Antonio Spur and NBA Most Valuable Player David Robinson encouraged PHC's newest graduates to be mindful of the need to grow in grace every day.

"There is no middle ground with God," Robinson told the 50 members of PHC's Class of 2005. "We are either flying forward every day or slipping backward. So be sure to add to your faith every day."

The former NBA great told the assembled graduates that staying strong was sure to become more difficult for them as they grow more successful and prosperous, just as it had for him, and he directed them to 2 Peter 1:5-8 for Scriptural guidance in that struggle.

"You must grow in grace every day," Robinson proclaimed. "Do not slip or fall backwards, but press on. God has ordained a

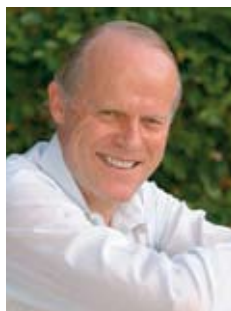


David Robinson speaking at PHC's 2005 commencement.

great future for each of you."

The College's fourth commencement ceremony took place on Saturday, May 14th on the lawn in front of Founders Hall. In addition to Robinson, seniors Naomi Harralson and Kevin Radman also addressed PHC's largest ever graduating class and the nearly 1,000 spectators on hand.

Renowned author and journalist joins faculty



Dr. David Aikman

David Aikman, Ph.D., author of six books, respected Washington journalist, and former senior correspondent to *Time* magazine has joined the faculty of Patrick Henry College as Associate Professor of History and Writer in Residence.

Dr. Aikman brings an extensive list of career accomplishments to PHC. Most recently

he served as Senior Fellow of the Trinity Forum and Senior Fellow at the Ethics and Public Policy Center in Washington, D.C. He was educated at Oxford University and the University of Washington where he earned a Ph.D. in Russian and Chinese History. He speaks several languages including Russian, Chinese, French, and German.

Of his six books, his latest, *A Man of Faith: The Spiritual Journey of George W. Bush*, was a best-seller. His book, *Great Souls: Six Who Changed the Century*, was made into a six part

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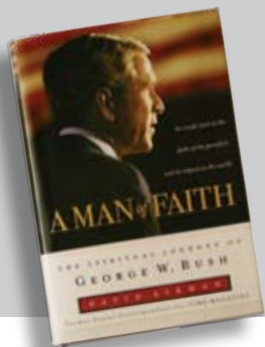
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TV documentary for PBS. Other books by Dr. Aikman include *Jesus in Beijing: How Christianity is Transforming China and Changing the World Balance of Power*; *When the Almond Tree Blossoms*; *Hope: The Heart's Great Quest*; and *Pacific Rim: Area of Change, Area of Opportunity*. Dr. Aikman has also co-authored three additional books.

As a journalist, Dr. Aikman spent 23 years at *Time* magazine. He reported from five continents and more than 55 countries, focusing mainly on Russia, China and the Middle East. He has also interviewed several world figures such as Mother Teresa, Manuel Noriega, Boris Yeltsin and Billy Graham. Dr. Aikman has also been a broadcaster and commentator, appearing on ABC's *Nightline*, *Fox News*, CNN, the BBC and Voice of America. Dr. Aikman's 1999 two-hour documentary on the Middle East peace process, "Vanishing Peace: The Aftermath of Oslo," was shown worldwide on the BBC.

Dr. Aikman's extensive talents and experience will offer Patrick Henry students exceptional opportunities of learning. His presence at PHC will greatly enhance the academic program and further advance the College's mission.



Dr. Aikman's latest book was a best-seller.

Strategic Intelligence program lands new director

Colonel Gordon Middleton, a retired Air Force colonel with more than two decades of intelligence-related experience, has joined the faculty as director of PHC's strategic intelligence program. In addition to his oversight of the strategic intelligence track within the government major, Col. Middleton will teach courses in American intelligence and assist with individual research



New SI director Colonel Gordon Middleton

and analysis projects for strategic intelligence majors. He also plans to increase students' internship opportunities in federal agencies.

Col. Middleton has worked with several government intelligence agencies, and is currently a vice president at Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC), one of the country's premier private sector intelligence contractors.

Prior to this, Col. Middleton served as the Special Counsel

for Implementation of the FBI's Intelligence Program. He has also

served in senior positions in national security and the Department of Defense and even led the development of concepts and architectures for future defense space systems.

In 1970 he graduated in the top ten percent of his class at the United States Air Force Academy with a Bachelor of Science degree in Physics. He received a Master of

Science degree in Physics/Bio-physics from Colorado State University and a Master of Public Administration from Auburn University. He is a graduate of the Air Command and Staff College and the Air War College at Maxwell AFB, AL. He is currently a doctoral candidate at Regent University seeking a doctorate in Strategic Leadership. Col. Middleton retired from the Air Force in 1997 after 28 years of service, receiving numerous service and achievement awards.

Men's basketball team wins championship

This spring marked a first in PHC sports history when the men's basketball team brought home a championship trophy. In an effort to boost the College's performance in the collegiate program, the men's team entered the local basketball league. The PHC Sentinels made the playoffs and then went on to win the championship.

Between the collegiate

program and league sports, the men's basketball team played over 30 games this past season. At a college where academics will always dominate, the team's endurance, as well as its success, is a clear sign that PHC students can study hard and play hard too. Go Sentinels!



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PHC to launch new track in government



Dr. Mark Mitchell will head PHC's new track in Political Theory.

Patrick Henry College is pleased to announce the creation of a political theory track in the Department of Government. Students who choose this new area of specialization will gain a coherent understanding of political theory from a distinctly Christian and conservative vantage.

Starting in the fall of 2005 PHC will offer courses such as Ancient and Medieval Political Theory, Modern and Contemporary Political Theory, American Political Thought,

Christian Political Thought, Conservative Political Thought, and Democracy: Prospects and Challenges.

In addition to the 75 credit core taken by all students at PHC, theory students will take the above six political theory courses along with two additional courses in government. As with other government majors, theory students will complete 24 credits

of Directed Research and Writing. Students can use these credit hours to tailor their degree to fit their interests and career goals.

"We're excited about giving our students an opportunity to engage the intellectual roots of politics," said Dean of Academic Affairs and Associate Professor of Government Paul Bonicelli, "and we're confident that the new track will become an integral part of PHC's mission to shape the culture."

“ He was the best intern we ever had ... You must have the most wonderful university in the United States of America. ”

Quote from a government official in Washington, D.C., on a PHC student and his recent internship.



Trustee Pledges \$80,000 to Scholarship Fund



Bill Templeton

PHC Trustee Bill Templeton has a passion for educating young people about America's spiritual heritage. Earlier this year, he sponsored an essay contest for homeschoolers throughout the country, pledging \$80,000 in scholarship funding to Patrick Henry College for the winners.

Participants were asked to write a 3,000 to 4,000 word essay explaining the influence of the Bible on the development of liberty in America. The following five winners were chosen by PHC's faculty:

- **1st Place; \$30,000 over four years: Jonna Turrill**
- **2nd Place; \$20,000 over four years: Katelyn Graupner**
- **3rd Place; \$7,500 over four years: Patrick McKay, Exodus Almasude, Hannah Mitchell**

Mr. Templeton joined the College's Board of Trustees in September 2004. He resides in Sarasota, Florida and is President and CEO of Ft. Myers Toyota, the 12th largest Toyota dealership in the U.S. After serving in the Navy during World War II and then the Army until 1949, Mr. Templeton began his successful career in business. Bill and his wife, Ann, have been married for 60 years and are the proud parents of three children, the grandparents of nine grandchildren, and they have two great grandchildren.

On Graduation

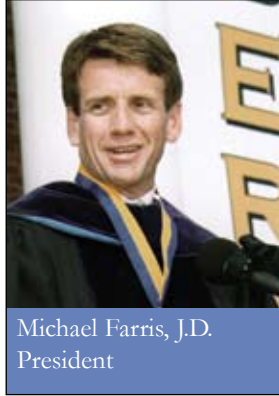
At Patrick Henry's recent graduation ceremony, I spoke to the graduates about success and its true meaning.

I have to tell you that there is no doubt in my mind that this group of graduates, together with those who have gone before them, and those who will come after them, have the potential for greatness that will rival any college or university in the world.

The world judges greatness by outward achievement. And on this score PHC student achievements speak for themselves. Last year there were more PHC interns at the White House than any other college in America. They have won national championships in debate and moot court. They have taught, and written, and researched in ways that have gained them graduate school admissions and scholarships and teaching fellowships in literature, history, and law.

During the same week as graduation, one of our graduates from last year's class returned to campus with some outstanding news. After spending a year at St. Andrews University in Scotland to work on a masters in Classics, she was awarded a doctoral fellowship for the study of constitutional origins—an award that is one of the highest bestowed by this historic university.

These accomplishments and the many others surely show that Patrick Henry College students are talented and have great potential.



Michael Farris, J.D.
President

When I think about PHC's successes, I am reminded of John Wycliffe's portrait that I noticed hanging on the great wall of portraits at Balliol College in Oxford during last November's moot court competition. Wycliffe symbolizes true success. He was a master of languages, a careful and brilliant scholar, and an activist of the first order. But he also had a purpose—a drive to bring the truth of the Word of God to every man, woman, and child in England.

The success of a Patrick Henry College student will not be measured merely by human time and history. PHC students understand that success will be evaluated according to eternal values, and the Word of God will be the measure by which they will be truly judged. I am confident that our graduates realize that character is molded by daily contact with the Word; decisions are guided by the unchanging precepts of Scripture; and philosophy remains constantly grounded in the truth of the imminent presence of God as revealed in His Word and by the inner ministry of the Holy Spirit.

A graduating class that understands this is a class that is truly successful.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael Farris". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

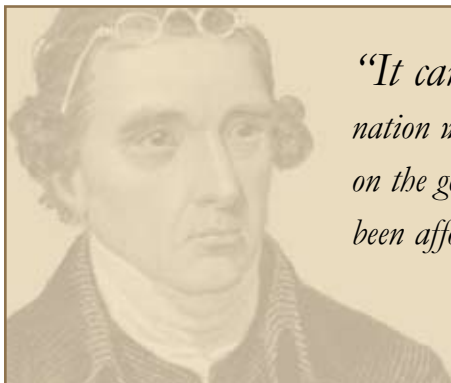
A Gift of Monthly Prayer

Interested in helping the College, but you're not sure how? Join the Patrick Henry College Prayer Partners, a group of nearly 1,000 friends of PHC throughout the country. Every month, an email list of prayer requests

and praises is sent by our chaplain Raymond Bouchoc to anyone who is willing to pray for the College and our mission.

Prayer is the bedrock of our continued success, and we are

committed to expanding our prayer community. If you would like to become a PHC Prayer Partner, please provide your email address on the enclosed reply form, and we will begin corresponding with you right away.



"It cannot be emphasized too strongly or too often that this great nation was founded, not by religionists, but by Christians; not on religions, but on the gospel of Jesus Christ. For this very reason peoples of other faiths have been afforded asylum, prosperity, and freedom of worship."

—Patrick Henry