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COMMENCEMENT
2026

Gaston Christian Center
8515 Greenville Avenue
Dallas, Texas
June 6, 2026
3:00 p.m.

Prelude & Processional
Organist, Tom Lander

Slide Presentation
2026 Graduates

Welcome & Acknowledgments
Bryan McCabe

Scripture Reading & Invocation
Jack vanHartesvelt

Ministry in Movement
Deborah Hutson

Commencement Speaker
Marcel Hutson

Presentation of Graduates
Julie McCabe

Medallion and Hooding
Antoine Hawkins and Zachary Hamilton

Conferring of Degrees
Bryan McCabe

Prayers
Julie McCabe
(After the prayer for each graduate,
congregation is asked to respond with:
“Lord, hear our prayer.”)

Charge to the Graduates
Antoine Hawkins

Prayer of Commissioning
Jack vanHartesvelt

Recessional Hymn
Organist, Tom Lander



Biography- Dr. Marcel Hutson

Dr. Marcel Hutson has worked as an educator for over 35 years. He holds a Doctorate in Transformational Leadership (Bakke Graduate University- Dallas, Texas), Master's in Education Planning Management and Supervision (University of Guyana), Post Graduate Diploma in Education Administration (University of Guyana), Bachelors Social Science-Sociology (University of Guyana), Bachelor Arts-Theology (Caribbean School of Theology) and Trained Class 1 Grade 1 Teachers' Certificate (Cyril Potter College of Education).

Dr. Hutson has served in the Ministry of Education, Guyana, as a District Education Officer, Regional Education Officer, Principal Education Officer, Assistant Chief Education Officer, Deputy Chief Education Officer (Development), and Chief Education Officer, during which he managed education delivery nationwide. He is now the Executive Director of the National Accreditation Council, Guyana, and Professor of Servant Leadership and Global Education Leadership at the Bakke Graduate University (BGU), Dallas, Texas. He enjoys public speaking, reading, research, and sports.

Additionally, Dr. Hutson takes a special interest in seeing young people, in particular, fulfil their God-given potential, which has resulted in the publication of several books, including *Born to Succeed*, *Issues and Reflections on Missions, Leadership and Education*, *"Quotes" and Interpretations from the Heart*, *The Diary of a Warlock Man* and *Shades of Business*.

Participants

(In order of their appearance in the service)

Marshalls

L. Paulette Jordan, DTL Director
Kathleen Pierburg, Certificates Director

Presenters

Bryan McCabe, President
Jack vanHartesvelt, BGU Board President
Julie McCabe, Graduation Coordinator

Dance Soloist

Deborah Hutson, Dance Minister

Commencement Speaker

Marcel Hutson, Senior Pastor &
Executive Director of National Accreditation Council, Guyana

Medallion

Antoine Hawkins, Superintendent Evergreen School District

Hooding

Zachary Hamilton, Chief Operations Officer

Candle Lighting

Julia Burk, Executive Assistant to the President
& Office Manager

Charge to Graduates

Antoine Hawkins, Superintendent Evergreen School District

Musician

Tom Lander, Organist



BGU Graduate Certificates



Claire Henry



Marc Shaw

The Executive Coaching Program Certificate Graduates

Certificate of Completion



Dr. Jo-Ann Rowland



Dr. Debbie Yip

BGU Certified Transformational Leadership Coach & Trainer



Dr. Abi Coker



Dr. Yvonne McKenzie



Dr. Scholastica Olagunju



Dr. Michael Reading



Dr. Paula Togni

The Graduates

Executive Master of Business Administration Graduates



Frederick P. Billings, III
USA



Marc Eddy Momplaisir
Haiti



Ivan Sia T.F.
Malaysia

Master of Arts in Transformational Leadership Graduates



Comfort Akorfa Adjahoe-Jennings
Ghana



Sheniah Armstrong-Jones
Guyana/British Virgin Islands



Mark Benn
Guyana



Regina Gayle Glass
USA



Cheryl Ruth Johnson
Canada



Mi Soon Kim
Korea



Mefiboset López González
Guatemala



Brandon Stanley Molina Peñate
El Salvador



Germán Ricca
Argentina



Debora Röhl
Germany



Mónica Treviño Rodríguez
Mexico



Jonathan Sims
USA



Jai Sung Yuh
Korea

Doctor of Ministry Graduates



L. Paulette Jordan
USA



Wailes Rangsa
Bangladesh

Doctor of Transformational Leadership Graduates



Elijah Kofi Agyemang
Ghana



Minho An
Korea



Winston Oswald Assanah
Guyana



Safuratu Bola Bello
Nigeria



Youngsoo Choi
Korea



Melvin C. Cross, Jr.
USA



Kelly Henderson
USA



Marcia Alexis Hodge-Walker
Guyana/USA



Deborah Hutson
Guyana



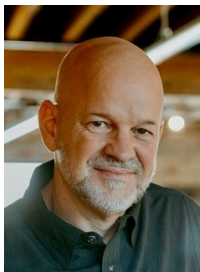
Yongsang Lee
Korea



Samweli Maduma
Tanzania



Keturah Miller-Hardy
USA



Troy A. Murphy
USA



Robinetta Murray
USA



Samuel Mwangi
Kenya/USA



Simon Mwendha
Uganda



Lesado Elias Nathan
Ireland/Nigeria



James Samuel
India



Felicia Sargent-Walker
USA



Richard Skyers
Jamaica



Kendell Augustine Tanner-Ihm
USA



Cameka Taylor
Jamaica

PhD in Innovative Urban Leadership Graduates



Joshua Gbenga Ajayi
Nigeria



Daniel J.T. Armstrong
USA



Samsoor Mandozay
Afghanistan



Kathleen Pierburg
USA



Dzuthotso Tunyi
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Scripture

“...Those who live to please the Spirit will harvest everlasting life from the Spirit. So, let’s not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don’t give up. Therefore, whenever we have the opportunity, we should do good to everyone...”

Galatians 6:8b-10a (NLT)

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Flags

The flags on stage represent the countries (listed below)
of the students who are graduating today.



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