

Seventeenth Commencement

Midland College



7:00 p.m. May 12, 1990
Al G. Langford Chaparral Center

Program

Prelude

"Fanfare" by Morton Gould

Processional
"Pomp and Circumstance"
by Edward Elgar

Midland College Community Band
Walter Osadchuk, Conductor

Invocation

Mr. Parker Humes, Trustee

Welcome

Dr. Jess H. Parrish
Midland College President

"Battle Hymn of the Republic"
Julia Ward Howe - words
William Steffe - music
John Rutter - Arranger

Midland College Community Band
Midland College Chamber Singers
Dr. Michael Jordan, Director

Introduction of Speaker

Dr. Parrish

"The Academic Mission"

Dr. Hosni A. Nabi
Dean, Academic and
Occupational Programs

Presentation of Candidates

Dr. Raymond H. Yell
Vice President-Instruction

Conferring of Degrees

Dr. Parrish

Presentation of Diplomas

Mr. Ralph Way
President, Board of Trustees

Closing Remarks

Dr. Parrish

Recessional
"Triumphal March"
by Giuseppe Verdi

Midland College Community Band

You are cordially invited to attend the President's Reception honoring the
1990 graduates at the conclusion of the ceremony.

About The Speaker



Dr. Hosni A. Nabi

A native Egyptian, our speaker received his B.S. degree from Cairo University with a major in agriculture. His M.S. and Ph.D. degrees were earned at Louisiana State University, with a major in Plant Breeding and Genetics. He has had several publications in the fields of microbiology, plant pathology and genetics.

Dr. Nabi served as a research microbiologist with the National Research Center in Cairo, Egypt, and as a cotton geneticist for private and government entities both in Egypt and in the United States. He started his career in education as a part-time instructor in biology for Midland College in January, 1970. In 1971 he joined the Permian Junior College System as a lecturer in biology, becoming a fulltime faculty member at Odessa College the following year. In 1976 he was selected to chair the Scientific Studies Division at Midland College and in August, 1983, he was appointed to the position of Assistant to the President. He became the Dean of Transfer and General Studies in August, 1986, and in June, 1988, he assumed the post of Dean of Academic and Occupational Programs.

Dr. Nabi will become Dean of Academic Affairs and Chief Academic Officer at Cape Cod Community College in West Barnstable, Massachusetts, in July, 1990. His wife, Shea Nabi, has been a biology and anatomy-physiology instructor at Midland College since 1979.

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The wearing of academic dress at commencement dates from the early history of the oldest universities somewhere in the twelfth or thirteenth century. Since educated people were almost always of the clergy, the black gown is somewhat of an adaptation of the cope, a mantle of silk or other cloth, worn by church dignitaries in processions and on other occasions. The long gown and cowl (similar to the academic hood of today) were worn by priests and monks for warmth in the cold medieval buildings.

In the early centuries, a great diversity of color and style of cap, gown, and hood appeared in different universities of Europe. The European custom of wearing academic dress was later introduced at American colleges. Not until after 1895 was a uniform academic code of dress adopted by most colleges and universities in the United States. Today, the black robe, hood and cap are worn at most institutions of higher learning.

The gown is cut differently for the associate's and bachelor's, master's and doctor's degrees. Usually the associate's and bachelor's robe has long pointed sleeves; the master's has closed sleeves, square at the end with a slit at the elbow; the doctor's is faced with velvet and has round open sleeves with three bars of velvet. The color of velvet represents the field of study.

The associate's hood is velvet and square cornered, accentuated by a stripe of school colors. The doctor's hood has side panels and is slightly longer than the one worn for the master's degree. The color used in the velvet border indicates the degree. The velvet border is widest on the doctor's hood. The colors in the lining of the hood indicate the college or university which conferred the degree.

The Oxford cap, the so-called mortar board, is black and has a long tassel fastened to the middle of the top which is usually worn with pendant over the left front of the cap. The tassel on the cap of the doctor's candidate, except for professional degrees, is normally gold.

The associate-degree candidates will wear the tassel on the right side of the cap at Commencement. After the degrees have been conferred, all candidates will turn the tassel to the left side of the cap, showing that they are now graduates.

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