“An amateur is one who does what they do for the sheer love of it,” Morgan explained. “Because they can’t be content without it. I challenge each of you today to be amateurs … to know the sheer joy of life and to live life for the love of it. Too many people go around with the attitude of ‘have to’ instead of the attitude of ‘get to’ …

“… Amateurs are free from self concerns. They don’t ask, ‘What do I get out of this?’ They ask instead, ‘What can I give?’ It’s okay to have plans, but don’t allow yourself to be a slave to plans. Leave room for spirit. Leave room for magic. Leave room for mystery.”

Morgan joined the college’s staff as bishop-in-residence in 2000 after having served for the previous year as president of the United Methodist Council of Bishops, the highest elected office in the church.

The college’s traditional Capping Ceremony kicked off Commencement weekend activities Friday night. During the Alumni Association-sponsored ceremony, graduating students were “capped” with their mortar boards by a loved one or friend.

Graduating senior Laura Bannon of Auburn lets her father, James Bannon, practice “capping” her prior to this year’s Capping Ceremony on campus May 23. Bannon, an elementary/collaborative education major, received her bachelor of science degree the next day during the college’s 144th Commencement ceremonies.

Dyson-Wagnon recipients—Bram Fuller (left) of Pelham and Karen Lytle (center) of Mountain Brook received this year’s Dyson-Wagnon Masters Academic Honor Award for having the highest grade-point average in the Master of Arts in Public and Private Management program. The award is named for former BSC staff members David Dyson and Connie Wagnon. Fuller and Lytle are shown here prior to Commencement ceremonies with Dr. Tara Sudderth, dean of Business and Graduate Programs.

Commencement leaders—Serving as faculty marshals for this year’s Baccalaureate and Commencement ceremonies were (from left) Dr. Barbara Domcekova, assistant professor of Spanish; Dr. David Schedler, associate professor of chemistry and the Mace Bearer; and Dr. Jeff Barton, assistant professor of mathematics.