Birmingham-Southern presented four individuals with honorary degrees in May and June in recognition of distinguished careers and service to the college.

**Dr. Peter Douglas Bunting** of Birmingham, founder of Bunting Plastic Surgery Clinic and chief of plastic surgery for Montclair Baptist Medical Center, and **Mike Warren** of Birmingham, chairman, president, and chief executive officer of Energen Corp., received Honorary Doctor of Laws degrees at Commencement ceremonies May 24. U.S. District Judge **U.W. Clemon** of Birmingham, chief judge of the Northern District of Alabama, received an Honorary Doctor of Humanities degree during Commencement, where he also delivered the keynote address.

**Dr. John Ed Mathison**, senior minister of Frazer Memorial United Methodist Church in Montgomery, received an Honorary Doctor of Divinity degree during the United Methodist Church’s Alabama-West Florida Annual Conference June 3 in Montgomery.

Bunting, who holds a bachelor’s degree from Birmingham-Southern and a doctor of medicine degree from the University of Alabama, received his surgical training at Harvard Medical School and also is on the plastic surgery staff at UAB. He is a member of the Executive Committee of Birmingham-Southern’s Board of Trustees and is a co-chair of Phase II of the college’s current 21st Century major gifts campaign.

Clemon, who holds a bachelor’s degree from Miles College and a law degree from Columbia University School of Law, also has served as a lawyer and a member of the state Legislature. He has taught civil rights courses at Birmingham-Southern for many years, and, in 2002, the college established the Judge U.W. Clemon Endowed Honors Pre-Law Scholarship to assist deserving minority students who plan to enter law school upon graduation.

Mathison, who holds bachelor’s degrees from Huntingdon College and Emory University, a master’s from Princeton University, and a doctorate from Emory, has been senior minister at Frazer Memorial for 30 years. Under his leadership, the church has grown from 400 members to more than 7,550 members and has the largest Sunday School attendance for United Methodist churches in the nation. He is a member of the Birmingham-Southern Board of Trustees.

Warren, who holds a bachelor’s degree from Auburn University and a law degree from Duke University, also is chairman and CEO of Energen Corp. subsidiaries Alagasco and Energen Resources. He is a member of Birmingham-Southern’s Board of Trustees and past chairman of the college’s Norton Board of Advisors. In 2001, *The Birmingham News* named Warren the Alabama CEO of the Year.

**BSC alumnus, American Dental Association president to deliver opening of school address**

Dr. T. Howard Jones, a 1965 graduate of Birmingham-Southern and current president of the American Dental Association, will deliver the keynote address at the college’s Opening of School Convocation August 28.

The traditional convocation which kicks off the new academic year for faculty, students, and other members of the college community, begins at 10:45 a.m. in Munger Hall auditorium.

Jones, who practices general dentistry in Carrollton, Ga., was installed as president of the ADA in October 2002 during the group’s annual session in New Orleans. ADA is the oldest and largest national dental association in the world with more than 147,000 members.

A graduate of the University of Alabama School of Dentistry, Jones is a fellow of the American and International Colleges of Dentists, as well as the Pierre Fauchard Academy, an international honorary organization for dentists. He is past president of the Georgia Dental Association, and he received a Georgia Dental Association Presidential Citation in 1995 and the Georgia Dental Association Award of Merit in 1998.