

# Milligan College Matriculation Records 1933, 1957 - Present

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## INTRODUCTION

**Title:** Milligan College Matriculation Records; 1933, 1957 - Present

**Collection Number:** 15

**Physical Description:** 3 scrapbooks, 1 box

**Creator:** Milligan College

## ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

**Provenance:** Records from Milligan College's matriculation service are sent to the Archives and Special Collections by the Public Relations Office after the fall and spring semester Matriculation Convocations.

**Access:** The collection is open for research.

**Processing Information:** Crystele Woodlee finished processing the collection up to Fall 2005 on November 1, 2005.

## HISTORICAL NOTE

There is little to be found regarding early observances of Matriculation at Milligan College. It is apparent that Matriculation was once tied in to or synonymous with the semester's registration process. If so, there was most likely no formal ceremony called "Matriculation" and this could explain the practical lack of references to rite in the earliest publications of the College. Issues of *The Milligan College Bulletin* from the 1900s and 1910s occasionally use the word "matriculate" to indicate a student's enrolled status. The 1927-1928 *Milligan College Bulletin* states: "The first day of each semester is matriculation day when all students will make arrangements for entering classes. (p. 44)." However, according to the 1929 *Buffalo* yearbook, Matriculation was held on September 11 1928, the day after registration. This may (or may not) indicate that some sort of formal process had developed making registration and Matriculation related but distinct events.

Milligan's current Matriculation practice involves each new student officially "signing in" to the roll of students in front of returning students, faculty, staff, and administration at a special Convocation service. The earliest signatures we have from this rite are from

the 1957-1958 school year, suggesting that a formal ceremony had not been practiced unto that point. No longer tied into the registration process, this ceremony officially welcomes new students into the life of Milligan College, introduces the incoming class to the President and faculty, and places each student's name on this record to be held for posterity.

## **SCOPE AND CONTENT**

The Milligan College Matriculation Records contain the sheets signed by incoming students at each Matriculation Service from 1957 to the present. The Records also contain service programs and line-up lists for the procession of faculty and administrators from between 1960 and the present. The collection is separated into two series. Series I contains the sheets of paper bearing the signatures of incoming students. Series II contains programs and line-up lists from the matriculation services as well as examples of matriculation cards.

## **SERIES DESCRIPTION**

### **Series I, Student Signatures, 1957 - Present, Scrapbooks 1 – 3.**

Series I is composed of three scrapbooks containing the sheets of paper signed by incoming students at each Matriculation Service from 1957 through the present with the exception of 1958–1960, 1968, and 1975. These sheets have been placed in mylar within three-ring albums. Some sheets have been interlaced with archival paper. All the sheets have been arranged chronologically. When possible, the sheets have also been arranged according to semester and/or program and cohort. *Scrapbook 1* contains the years of 1957 through 1984, *Scrapbook 2* contains the years 1985 through 2004, and *Scrapbook 3* contains the years of 2005 through the present.

### **Series II, Programs and Related Materials; 1933, 1962-2004, Box 1.**

Series II contains five folders containing programs from Milligan's Matriculation services. These programs are divided into folders by decade and then arranged chronologically by year. The programs cover Matriculation services from 1962 through 2003 with the exceptions of 1963, 1964, 1971, and 1975.

Series II also contains one folder of printed line-up lists for the faculty procession at Matriculation services from 1989 through 2004 with the exception of 1996. The seventh folder in Series II contains examples of matriculation cards used by Milligan students, apparently for class registration purposes. One of these cards is marked "Senior 1933" and bears the name Jonhathon [sp] Edwards (last name illegible). This card has been placed in an archival envelope within the folder. The other cards are from unknown years and have not been filled out.