Today we salute our graduates, who stand ready to take the next steps into the future. And we honor the students, faculty, staff, parents and friends who shaped SMU’s first 100 years and laid the foundation for an extraordinary second century.
ORDER OF EXERCISE

CARILLON CONCERT
Quarter Past Nine in the Morning
David Y. Son, Carillonneur
Fondren Science Tower

WELCOME
Kevin Paul Hofeditz, Ceremony Marshal

PRELUDIAL CONCERT AND FANFARES
Imperial Brass

ACADEMIC PROCESSIONAL
*The audience remains seated during the academic processional and recessional*
Thomas B. Fomby, Presiding Chief Marshal
Joseph F. Kobylka, Platform Marshal
Thomas W. Tunks, Marshal Lector
Candidates for Graduation
Representatives of the Faculties
The Platform Party

CALL TO ORDER
Steven C. Currall, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

INVOCATION
Stephen W. Rankin, Chaplain and Minister to the University

NATIONAL ANTHEM
John Stafford Smith and Francis Scott Key
Imperial Brass
Performed by Clifton Forbis, Professor of Voice
Meadows School of the Arts

REMARKS
Andrew Bassey Udofa ’14, ’18, Student Representative and
ex officio member of the SMU Board of Trustees
Michael M. Boone ’63, ’67, Chair of the SMU Board of Trustees

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS
Steven C. Currall

PRESIDENT’S STATEMENT
R. Gerald Turner, President of the University and ex officio member of the
SMU Board of Trustees

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS
Kenneth A. Hersh, President and Chief Executive Officer of the
George W. Bush Presidential Center

SPECIAL MUSIC
“SMU Forever”
Jimmy Dunne
Imperial Brass
Performed by Clifton Forbis

CONFERRING OF DEGREES IN COURSE
*Please refrain from applause until all candidates have been presented.*
Marc P. Christensen, Dean of Lyle School of Engineering
Jennifer M. Collins, Dean of Dedman School of Law
Thomas DiPiero, Dean of Dedman College of Humanities and Sciences
Craig C. Hill, Dean of Perkins School of Theology
Samuel S. Holland, Dean of Meadows School of the Arts
Stephanie L. Knight, Dean of Annette Caldwell Simmons School of
Education and Human Development
Matthew B. Myers, Dean of Cox School of Business
James E. Quick, Associate Vice President for Research and Dean of
Graduate Studies

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John A. Hall ’71, ’73, ’79, Executive Director of Enrollment Services and
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Dayna Oscherwitz, President-elect of the SMU Faculty Senate and
Associate Professor of French

Douglas C. Smellage ’77, Chair of the SMU Alumni Board and
ex officio member of the SMU Board of Trustees

BENEDICTION
Craig C. Hill

ALMA MATER
“Varsity”
Imperial Brass

Oh we see the Varsity,
Varsity, Varsity,
As she towers o’er the hill
Over there.
And our hearts are filled with joy,
SMU, SMU,
Alma Mater, we’ll be true
Forever!

RECESSIONAL
OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PLATFORM PARTY

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COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

KENNETH A. HERSH

Kenneth A. Hersh is President and Chief Executive Officer of the George W. Bush Presidential Center, a Dallas-based nonpartisan institution, which houses the George W. Bush Library and Museum and the George W. Bush Institute. The Bush Center’s mission is to engage communities in the U.S. and around the world by developing leaders, advancing policy and taking action to solve today’s most pressing challenges. Under Hersh’s leadership, the Bush Center focuses its efforts on domestic excellence and global leadership initiatives.

He also serves as co-founder and advisory partner of NGP Energy Capital Management, where he assists with the strategic direction of the firm. NGP is a premier private equity investment franchise in the natural resources industry, managing over $17 billion of cumulative committed capital since its inception in 1988. Mr. Hersh served as NGP’s chief executive officer until 2015. From 1998–2015, under his leadership NGP invested over $10 billion and achieved a 27-year gross IRR of 30% (net IRR of 19%), making it one of the nation’s leading investment firms during that period.

Mr. Hersh currently serves as a senior advisor and as the deputy chief investment officer for The Carlyle Group’s natural resources division and sits on the board of the Texas Rangers Baseball Club. In addition, he serves on the Board of Overseers of the Hoover Institution, and is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, the National Council of the American Enterprise Institute, the Dallas Citizens Council and the World Economic Forum. He also sits on the Dean’s Council of the Harvard Kennedy School.

Mr. Hersh served on the Advisory Council of Stanford University’s Graduate School of Business from 2009–2015. In 2014, he was recognized as Master Entrepreneur of the Year for the Southwest Region by Ernst & Young during its Entrepreneur of the Year program, and in 2017 he received the Oil & Gas Council’s Lifetime Achievement Award.

Mr. Hersh has also been very involved in the nonprofit arena both nationally and locally on a personal basis and also through the efforts of The Hersh Foundation, his family’s private foundation. He serves on the boards of Communities Foundation of Texas, Baylor Health Care System Foundation and the National Association for Urban Debate Leagues. From 1998–2015, Mr. Hersh served on the board of St. Mark’s School of Texas, where he held numerous positions, including president from 2010–2012. In 2015, he received the St. Mark’s School of Texas Distinguished Alumnus Award.

Prior to co-founding NGP, Mr. Hersh was employed by Morgan Stanley & Co., where he was a member of the firm’s energy group specializing in oil and gas financing and merger and acquisition transactions.

Mr. Hersh was born and raised in Dallas. After graduating from St. Mark’s, he attended Princeton University, where he graduated magna cum laude in 1985 with a degree in political science. In 1989, Mr. Hersh earned his M.B.A. from Stanford University’s Graduate School of Business, where he graduated as an Arjay Miller Scholar. Mr. Hersh and his wife, Julie, reside in Dallas.
December 2017 and January 2018

Candidates for Graduate and Professional Degrees with Honors

The students listed below have anticipated Latin honors based upon estimated academic information. A souvenir version of the confirmed honors will be posted online at smu.edu/registrar in January.

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Patrick J. Luthen  
Sarah Ann Marsalis-Luginbill  

Joshua Michael Materne  
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Candidates for Baccalaureate Degrees with Honors

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Patrick Arraj  
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Riley Ann Barnes  
Cristina M. Barrera  
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Aaron Christopher Bunnell  
Michael Alexander Bush  
Grace Caputo  
James Harry Chapman  
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Kelly Anne O’Halloran  
Cayenne Leah-Hope-Malachi Price  

Robert Joseph Pulatie  
Zahra Syeda Rizvi  
Lisa Anoe Santry  
Aabid Abdulrahman Shivji  
Rory Golden Smith  
Young Hee L. Somemoto  
Jason Waller  
John Baron Wiener  
Brenna Williams  
Abdulrahman Jamal Yassine

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Candidates for Degrees

In Dedman College of Humanities and Sciences

Degree of Doctor of Philosophy

Michael John Aiivalasit  Anthropology  
BA University of Texas  
MA Texas A&M University  
Dissertation: Common Goods in Uncommon Times: Water, Droughts, and the Sustainability of Ancestral Pueblo Communities in the Jemez Mountains, New Mexico  
Adviser: Christopher Allen Roos

Anne Elizabeth Noel Allbright  History  
BA MA University of Central Oklahoma  
Dissertation: “Oscar Brousse Jacobson: A Swedish Immigrant Gone Western, Modernist, Teacher, and Indian Patron”  
Adviser: Sherry L. Smith

Jessica Jean Jutley  Computational and Applied Mathematics  
BS MS University of Texas, Dallas  
Dissertation: “The Existence of Spontaneous Parity-Time Symmetry Breaking, Asymmetric Transport, and Defect Modes in Nonlinearly Coupled Van Der Pol Oscillators”  
Adviser: Alejandro R. Aceves

Vytor Pinheiro Oliveira  Theoretical and Computational Chemistry  
BS MS Universidade de Brasilia, Brazil  
Dissertation: “Quantum Chemical Studies of Noncovalent Interactions and Multicenter Bonds Utilizing Local Vibrational Modes”  
Adviser: Elfriede Kraka

Jean Margaret Sexton  Computational and Applied Mathematics  
BS Southern Methodist University  
Dissertation: “High-order Relaxed Multirate Infinitesimal Step Methods for Multiphysics Applications”  
Adviser: Daniel Reynolds

Meghan Mary Wadie  English  
BA University of Dallas  
Dissertation: “Stray Threads: Factory Women in Fiction from the Freehold Farm to the Rented Room, 1840-1875”  
Adviser: Steven Weisenburger

Biao Wang  Physics  
BS Lanzhou University, China  
MS Texas A&M University  
Dissertation: “Muon Neutrino Electron Elastic Scattering in the NOvA Near Detector and its Applications Beyond SM.”  
Adviser: Thomas E. Coan

In Bobby B. Lyle School of Engineering

Degree of Doctor of Philosophy

Nafiseh Aflakian  Electrical Engineering  
BS Isfahan University of Technology (IUT)  
MS University of North Texas  
Dissertation: “Design, Fabrication, and Demonstration of Square Holey Dielectric THZ Waveguides”  
Adviser: Duncan Leo MacFarlane

Li Ai  Mechanical Engineering  
BSME Nanjing University, China  
MSME East China University of Science &Technology  
Dissertation: “Micro-Architected Metamaterials: Design and Analysis”  
Adviser: Xin-Lin Gao

** Spring 2017
Patrick Charles Fumo  Electrical Engineering
BS Arizona State University
MS Southern Methodist University
Dissertation: “Investigation of the Effects of Harmful Radiation on Type-II Strained Layer Superlattice Photodetectors Operated in the Long Wave Infrared”
Adviser: Gary Alan Evans

David Kebo Houngninou  Computer Engineering
BScpE University of Evansville
MSCPE Washington University
Dissertation: “Implementation of Switching Circuit Models as Vector Space Transformations”
Adviser: Mitchell Aaron Thornton

Gity Karami Mirazizi  Computer Science
BA Shiraz University
BSc Islamic Azad University, Iran
MS Shiraz University
MS Southern Methodist University
Adviser: Jeff Tian

Jianing Li  Civil and Environmental Engineering
BS Changsha University of Science & Technology
MS Purdue University
Dissertation: “Reactive Transport of Heavy Metals in Lake Sediments: Impacts of Multi-Component Diffusion, Diffuse Double Layer, Dissolution of Manganese Oxides, and Water Transport in Nanotubes”
Adviser: Sema Sengin Sengor

Ting Li  Electrical Engineering
B.ENG, Beijing Institute of Technology
MSEE Southern Methodist University
Dissertation: “Blind Super-Resolution From Images with Non-Translational Motion”
Adviser: Panagiotes E. Papamichalis

Matt Eric Saari  Mechanical Engineering
BSME MSME Southern Methodist University
Dissertation: “Design and Control of Fiber Encapsulation Additive Manufacturing”
Adviser: Edmond Richer

Chatchai Wangwattana  Computer Science
BS University of the Thai Chamber of Commerce
MS Southern Methodist University
Dissertation: “RGB Image-Based Pupillary Diameter Tracking with Deep Convolutional Neural Networks”
Adviser: Eric Cooper Larson

Guang Yang  Mechanical Engineering
BS Shenyang Jianzhu University
MS North China Electric Power University
Adviser: Radovan Kovacevic

In Annette Caldwell Simmons School of Education and Human Development

Degree of Doctor of Philosophy

Miriam Bernice Ortiz  Education
Dissertation: “Response to First Grade Tier 3 Intervention: Does Intervention in Kindergarten Play a Role?”
Adviser: Stephanie Al Otaiba

In Perkins School of Theology

Degree of Doctor of Ministry

Brenda Sue Arnold-Scott
Rhonda Green-Harmon
Jeffrey Arthur Hall

Mark William Irons
Shuit Kuin Lee
Ching-Fung Benjamin Si

Mary Kathryn Spradlin

Degree of Master of Divinity

Dylan Lee

Cesar Mauricio Martinez

Degree of Master of Sacred Music

Scott David Scheetz

Degree of Master of Theological Studies

Denise L. DuPont
Tania R. Marks

Conrad William Staton

Degree of Master of Arts in Ministry

Sarah Ann Marsalis-Luginbill
IN DEDMAN SCHOOL OF LAW

Degree of Doctor of the Science of Law

Thamer Abdulrahman I. Alsalem Law

Degree of Master of Laws

Comparative & International Law

Raquel Aguirre
Malak Abdulkwahab A. Alabdulsalam
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Mohammed Ibrahim M. Aljebreen
Mohammed Ghunaim S. Almutairi
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Hamideh Mirahosseini
Muslim Mohammed
Tamer Morgan
Shahriyar Navaei
Chizoba Eugene Ndukw
Winifred Etsebome Nwaokolo
Yu Pei
Ahmad Rateb Salman

Degree of Juris Doctor

Braden Carlton Allman
Meshal Ghazai M. Almutairi
Kristopher A. Bonham
Tasheena L. Byrd
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Eric G. Etheridge
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Katelyn R. Lawler
Patrick J. Luthen
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James Collins Mitchell
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IN DEDMAN COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES AND SCIENCES

Degree of Master of Arts

Aubrey Elizabeth Graham-West Molecular and Cell Biology
Caitlin Elizabeth Rancher Psychology
Kelli Suzanne Sargent Psychology
Rui Tang Psychology
Alexandra Tolar Molecular and Cell Biology

Degree of Master of Science

Rahmi Mert Bolat Geophysics
Thesis: “The Role of Tectonics & Sedimentation in Explaining Creep-like Deformation in the Marmara Sea: Results from Pore Pressure Analysis”

Jacob Daniel Cadena Computational and Applied Mathematics
Kathryn Nicole Flanagan Applied Statistics and Data Analytics
Daniel Francisco Perez Garcia Applied Statistics and Data Analytics

Degree of Master of Science in Applied Economics and Predictive Analytics

David Kamran Akrami
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IN MEADOWS SCHOOL OF THE ARTS

Degree of Master of Arts

Holly Alexandra Archer Advertising
Emily Morgan Wisner Advertising
Rebecca Simone Wood Arts Management
Leah Nikole Johnson Advertising

Degree of Master of Music

Jessica Lee Grant Music Education
Langelihle Mingxati Voice Performance
Matthew Jordan Nakagawa Music Composition

Degree of Master of Management in International Arts Management

Anna Aglietta International Arts Management
Mitsuki Amano International Arts Management
Charles Beavers International Arts Management
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Elache Marjovi International Arts Management
Linda Elma Pitt International Arts Management
Martina Rimoldi International Arts Management
Arianna Treesa Sikorski International Arts Management
Jiyue Yuan International Arts Management

Degree of Performer’s Diploma

Mikhail Alexandrovich Berestnev Piano Performance
IN EDWIN L. COX SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

DEGREE OF MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Michael Scott Baldermann  Finance
John M. Ban  General Business
Jeremy James Berger  Strategy & Entrepreneurship
Christopher Miles Cate  Finance; Real Estate
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Swaroop Chakravarthi  Marketing
Jennifer Shi-Hwa Chen  General Business
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Trent Steven Goldston  Strategy & Entrepreneurship
Robert James Hodges IV  Finance
Karina Imelda Jaime  Business Analytics; Marketing

Joshua Michael Karam  General Business
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Joshua Michael Materne  Finance
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Natalie Jean Pyrz  Management
Clark William Rosener  Finance
Alexander Michael Schwarze  Management
**Mukesht Sehgal  Business Analytics
Robert Leland Shaw III  Finance
Paul Thomas Streett  Finance
William Christopher Vertin  Finance; Real Estate
Rachel Marie Vitemb  General Business
Benjamin Bryan Walker  Business Analytics
Kendyl Lee Wear  Marketing
Taylor Nicole Wencis  Marketing
J. Scott Wetterling  Management; Strategy & Entrepreneurship
Rebecca Simone Wood  Management; Strategy & Entrepreneurship
Tyler Loren Yell  Business Analytics; Finance

DEGREE OF MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ACCOUNTING

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DEGREE OF MASTER OF SCIENCE IN BUSINESS ANALYTICS

Ximena Fernandez Garcia

DEGREE OF MASTER OF SCIENCE IN BUSINESS MANAGEMENT

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DEGREE OF MASTER OF SCIENCE IN MANAGEMENT

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IN BOBBY B. LYLE SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING

DEGREE OF MASTER OF ARTS

Thomas Browne  Design and Innovation
Allison Henry  Sustainability and Development
Courtney Jacqueline Kent  Design and Innovation

DEGREE OF MASTER OF SCIENCE

Zaid Yahya Mezher Al Obaidi  Telecommunications and Network Engineering
Fahd Saud S Aldosari  Datacenter Systems Engineering
Mohanad Saad M. Almodhi  Manufacturing Systems Management
Riyadh Mubarak N. Alrawkan  Operations Research
Mitha Habeeb M. Alshammary  Software Engineering
Reem Alsogahl  Systems Engineering
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Dennis Ellezo Bagayna  Telecommunications and Network Engineering
Alpna Bansal  Software Engineering
Margaret Leanne Bargas  Manufacturing Systems Management
Eliyahu Ben-David  Datacenter Systems Engineering

Nathaniel Yuan Lee Kho  Sustainability and Development
Joseph Minardi  Design and Innovation
Jason Bradley Smith  Sustainability and Development

Tobie Frizzell Smith  Design and Innovation
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Rebecca Lynn Tudor  Sustainability and Development

Stephen K. Karanja  Telecommunications and Network Engineering
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Flor Jazmin Kitchens  Operations Research
Sam Koshy  Manufacturing Systems Management
John Vivek Lam  Telecommunications and Network Engineering
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Hilary Elizabeth Lester  Operations Research
Raul Humberto Lezama  Telecommunications and Network Engineering
Gaole Li  Operations Research
Anan Long  Computer Science
Ariel Ilkim Lunsford  Manufacturing Systems Management
Vignesh Rajan Mahendiran  Telecommunications and Network Engineering

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Degree of Master of Science in Civil Engineering

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Louisa Gertrude McCambridge
Audrey Leigh Moentmann

Degree of Master of Science in Computer Engineering

Michael A. Taylor
Thesis: “Ransomware Detection Using Machine Learning and Physical Sensor Data”

Degree of Master of Science in Electrical Engineering

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Jiachen Wang
Zhuoru Zhang

Degree of Master of Science in Environmental Engineering

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Rosa Cecilia Rodriguez Garcia
Ikram John Sayed

Degree of Master of Science in Information Engineering Management

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George Olayemi Onifade

Oyeladun Funmilayo Oyedepo
Rashmi Suryanarayana
Lloyd Farai Tambaoga

Armando Urrutia

Degree of Master of Science in Mechanical Engineering

Caroline Meredith Batten
Meera Malwade Day
Thesis: “A Novel Approach to Surge Control: High-Frequency Pressure Variance as an Indicator of Impending Surge in Centrifugal Compressors”

Vahid Eghbalifarkoosh
Zhongyu Wang
Gwendolyn Anne Ward

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**IN ANNETTE CALDWELL SIMMONS SCHOOL OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT**

**DEGREE OF MASTER OF ARTS IN DISPUTE RESOLUTION**

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Madison Marie McKay Dance Performance Cum Laude

Nicholas A. Riley Theatre

Degree of Bachelor of Music

Margarette Christine Harper Music Therapy

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DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN CIVIL ENGINEERING

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DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN COMPUTER ENGINEERING

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DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING

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DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

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Sterling Damarco Brown  Johansen Feliciano  Zach Russell Peters
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The doctoral gown in dark blue includes velvet chevrons on each of the bell sleeves. The front velvet panels are embroidered in gold thread with the SMU seal, and gold braid outlines the chevrons and panels. An eight-sided, crimson red velvet tam with a gold silk tassel completes the regalia.

The academic procession and the regalia worn by the faculty and officers of the University symbolically represent the continuity of its educational purposes with the origins of organized learning in the Western world.

In more than 130 areas, Ph.D. degrees in 34 fields and more than 48 certificate programs. Enrollment for the fall 2017 term was 11,757, including 6,410 undergraduate students and 5,347 graduate students. SMU students come from 50 states, American Samoa, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands and 90 countries. About 76 percent of first-year students received some form of financial assistance for fall 2017.

In addition to preparing students for graduate and professional schools, or more directly for their life’s work, the University strives to enhance their social, moral, intellectual and religious development so that they may lead worthy lives as individuals and citizens of the nation and of the world.

SMU Engaged Learning Projects: November 15, 2017

Students listed are candidates for undergraduate degrees in December 2017 or completed degrees in May 2017 and Summer 2017. For more information, visit smu.edu/EngagedLearning.

Tarah Baumgartner, In-situ Iron Remediation System in Rwanda: Water Resources

Evan Caston, Detailed Analysis of Polycomb Response Elements

Brianna Hogg, Women of the Arts in the Struggle for Human Rights in South Africa

Natalie Khraish, Elsewhere, TX: Producing a Feature Film

Rachel Masters, In-situ Remediation in Rwanda: Iron Oxidation

Holly McCuistion, In-situ Iron Remediation in Rwanda: Chlorine Speciation

Biko McMillan, Characterization of the psB1 Phenotype in E. Faecalis

Southern Methodist University

In 1911, a Methodist education commission made a commitment to establish a major Methodist university in Texas. More than 600 acres of open prairie and $300,000 pledged by a group of Dallas citizens secured the university for Dallas, and it was chartered as Southern Methodist University. In appreciation of the city’s support, the first building to be constructed on the campus was named Dallas Hall. It remains the centerpiece and symbol of SMU. When the University opened in 1915, it consisted of two buildings, 706 students, a 35-member faculty and total assets of $636,540. The original schools of SMU were the College of Arts and Sciences, the School of Theology and the School of Music.

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Academic Procession, Regalia Tradition and SMU Regalia

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The caps and gowns worn in the procession vary from place to place. There are variations in design to indicate the degrees held by the wearers, and many universities in America have introduced colorful gowns and other distinguishing details (in place of the customary clerical black from which all originated). The caps, too, vary according to the customs of the university from which the wearer received a degree. While most American universities adopted the “mortarboard” style of Oxford, others have chosen styles based on other European institutions. The color of the tassel worn with the cap may be black for any degree, or the color may be that of the faculty of the major field of learning (e.g., Arts, Engineering, Law). Persons holding doctoral degrees and governing officials of institutions are entitled to wear tassels of gold metallic thread.

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The Howard Lantern

The Howard Lantern is dedicated to Professor Lorn Lambier Howard, chief marshal emeritus of SMU from 1978–1987. Crafted out of steel, aluminum and water glass, the lantern depicts the Rotunda of Dallas Hall. Engraved around the base is the University’s motto, Veritas Liberabit Vos, which means “The truth will make you free.”

The Presidential Collar and Medallion

Chains of office, also known as collars, were used as badges of office in the Middle Ages. Today they are custom-designed metal necklaces worn by the president during academic ceremonies as part of his or her regalia.

The chain of office designed for the 10th president of SMU, R. Gerald Turner, is made of bronze, a strong and durable metal. The medallion of the necklace is dominated by the University seal design, just as the seal is the centerpiece in the floor of the Rotunda in Dallas Hall, SMU’s historic first building.

The mace-bearer, who is the president of the Faculty Senate, leads formal ceremonies carrying this visible reminder of the University’s history and status.

The 22-pound mace currently in use at SMU is linked to the inauguration of President Willis M. Tate (1954–1972 and 1974–75) and is known as the Tate Mace. The 57-inch staff is topped by a 10½-inch orb that represents not only the University’s worldly authority but also echoes its distinctive neoclassical style. The orb is impressed with the seal of the University and is encircled with SMU’s motto, Veritas Liberabit Vos (“The truth will make you free”). Surmounting the orb is a cross painted vividly in SMU red, a reminder of SMU’s religious heritage.

The University Mace

Staffs that call groups to order are as old as civilization itself. Today’s ceremonial maces descend particularly from medieval armor-piercing clubs topped by bludgeoning balls. These fierce weapons swiftly acquired symbolic meaning. By the 14th century, a mace, carried at the front of formal processions, required bystanders to note the authority and integrity of the event. In the 16th century, this formidable weapon lost its battle utility but took a symbolic turn: the spiked head evolved into a decorative orb. The European tradition by which universities presented maces on solemn occasions to signify their independence and protective power was adopted by their successors worldwide.

The 22-pound mace currently in use at SMU is a work of art whose two ends are clasped together, representing the joining of the desire to teach and the eagerness to learn demonstrated by SMU’s faculty and students.

The Bradley Kent Carter Baton

The Bradley Kent Carter Baton is carried by the Chief Marshal during academic ceremonies and represents the authority of the collective faculty in the academic life of the institution and of the role of Chief Marshal as master of ceremonies at formal university convocations.

A tradition dating back 500 years ago to the University of Oxford, the Chief Marshal oversees the faculty members of the Guild of Marshals. Faculty marshals are responsible for the execution of the ceremony, the upholding of decorum and traditions, and the processions of candidates, faculty and the platform party. SMU’s marshals are identified by their bright red gowns with black chevrons.

The Carter Baton is dedicated to Associate Professor emeritus of Political Science and Chief Marshal emeritus Bradley Kent Carter, who served for many years in the Guild of Marshals before serving as Chief Marshal from 1991-2008. Professor Carter is a staunch supporter of the traditions and customs of academic ceremonies, but also added his own mark in fostering a number of the traditions now celebrated.

Made from rosewood, the Carter Baton initially served as the University’s first official academic ceremonial mace until it was replaced in 1954 by the Tate Mace, currently still in use. The orb of the Carter Baton bears the seal of SMU. In the fall of 2017, it was refurbished with bronze bands honoring all known chief marshals in SMU’s history. During the ceremony it is placed on a custom stand. The original designer and manufacturer of the baton are unknown. Refurbishment was completed by Medallic Art Company.