A DISTINGUISHED TRADITION

Welcome to SMU’s 103rd Opening Convocation. One hundred and two entering classes before you participated in this ceremony, which marks the beginning of the academic year.

This afternoon, you officially become a part of the SMU community, symbolized by the Rotunda Passage. You passed through Dallas Hall, the University’s first and grandest building, guided by alumni who are also parents of fellow entering students. These alumni represent a lifetime connection to SMU, a connection you now share. Upon graduation you will engage in the Rotunda Recessional, symbolizing the completion of your studies at SMU.

Opening Convocation signifies the start of the academic adventures ahead of you. Today you and your classmates are presented to, and charged by, the University’s president to rise to these academic challenges and avail yourself of the many opportunities here at SMU.

CARILLON CONCERT AND CALL TO CONVOCATION

Quarter Past Four O’Clock
Fondren Science Tower
Cchea Nugent, Carillonneur

ROTUNDA PASSAGE

ORDER OF EXERCISE

PROCESSIONAL

Imperial Brass

PRESENTATION OF RESIDENTIAL COMMONS BY FACULTY IN RESIDENCE

Ann Batenburg, Virginia-Snider
Martin L. Camp, Crum
Miroslava Detcheva, McElvaney
Liljana Elverskog, Mary Hay/
Peyton/Shuttles
Alice Kendrick, Loyd
Mark Kerins, Morrison-McGinnis
Rita Kirk, Armstrong
Will Power, Kathy Crow
David Y. Son, Boaz
Thomas W. Tunks, Ware
Elizabeth Wheaton, Cockrell-McIntosh
INVOCATION
Stephen W. Rankin  
Chaplain and Minister to the University

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS
Steven C. Currall  
Provost and  
Vice President for Academic Affairs

REMARKS
Michael M. Boone ’63, ’67  
Chair of the SMU Board of Trustees  
Paul S. Krueger  
President of the SMU Faculty Senate  
David W. Shirzad ’18  
Student Body President

SPECIAL MUSIC
“SMU Forever” by Jimmy Dunne  
Meadows Convocation Chorus  
Led by Pamela Elrod Huffman  
Associate Professor of Music and  
Director of Choral Activities  
Sarah England, Accompanist

PRESENTATION OF THE SPEAKER
Steven C. Currall

THE OPENING CONVOCATION ADDRESS
R. Gerald Turner  
President

PRESENTATION OF  
THE ENTERING  
STUDENTS
Elena D. Hicks  
Executive Director of  
Enrollment Services and  
Dean of Undergraduate Admission

CHARGE TO THE STUDENTS AND  
ACCEPTANCE OF THE  
CONVOCATION REGISTRY
R. Gerald Turner

ALMA MATER
“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!

BENEDICTION
Craig C. Hill  
Dean of Perkins School of Theology

RECESSIONAL
Imperial Brass
OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PLATFORM PARTY

Gary Brubaker, Director of The Guildhall at SMU
Brad E. Cheves, Vice President for Development and External Affairs
Marc P. Christensen, Dean and Bobby B. Lyle Professor of Engineering
Innovation of Lyle School of Engineering
Jennifer M. Collins, Judge James Noel Dean and Professor of Law of Dedman School of Law
Thomas DiPiero, Dean of Dedman College of Humanities and Sciences
Samuel S. Holland, Algur H. Meadows Dean of Meadows School of the Arts
Elizabeth Killingsworth, Dean and Director ad interim of Central University Libraries
Stephanie L. Knight, Leon Simmons Dean of Annette Caldwell Simmons School of Education and Human Development
Kenechukwu (K.C.) Mmeje, Vice President for Student Affairs
Matthew B. Myers, Dean and Tolleson Chair in Business Leadership of Cox School of Business
James E. Quick, Associate Vice President for Research and Dean of Graduate Studies
Marjorie E. Rush, President of the SMU Staff Association
Harold W. Stanley, Vice President for Executive Affairs
Joanne Vogel, Associate Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Student Life
Paul J. Ward, Vice President for Legal Affairs and Government Relations, General Counsel and Secretary

GUILD OF MARSHALS

Thomas B. Fomby, Chief Marshal
Bradley Kent Carter, Chief Marshal Emeritus
Nathan S. Balke, Procession Marshal
Hon Keung (Tony) Ng, Assisting Procession Marshal
Barbara Hill Moore, Platform Party Marshal
Patricia Harrington Delaney, Marshal for the Alumni Marshals
Heather DeShon, Marshal for Entering Students
Edward J. Fox, Marshal for Entering Students
Kevin Paul Hofeditz, Ceremony Marshal
Barbara W. Kincaid, Faculty Marshal
Daniel Reynolds, Phi Beta Kappa Marshal
David Sedman, Marshal for Entering Students
Steven B. Vik, Faculty Marshal
Paul Yovanoff, Marshal for Entering Students
Todd Chiscano, Director of Academic Ceremonies