



EIGHTY-THIRD ANNUAL CONVOCATION  
THE BACCALAUREATE SERVICE  
SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY

FRIDAY EVENING  
THE FIFTEENTH OF MAY  
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-EIGHT  
AT EIGHT O'CLOCK  
MCFARLIN MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM

# CARILLON CONCERT AND CALL TO BACCALAUREATE

Lorn L. Howard, Professor *Emeritus* of Electrical Engineering  
Fondren Science Tower, 7:30 p.m.

## THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

### THE PRELUDE

Cathedrals (Pièces de Fantaisie, IV)

Louis Vierne

### THE PROCESSIONAL

March Heroïque

A. Herbert Brewer

*The congregation rises when the procession reaches the doors of the auditorium.*

### WORDS OF WELCOME

R. Gerald Turner

### THE CALL TO WORSHIP

William M. Finnin, Jr.

### HYMN

*Praise the Source of Faith and Learning*

Ebenezer

Praise the Source of faith and learning Who has sparked and stoked the mind

With a passion for discerning how the work has been designed.

Let the sense of wonder flowing from the wonders we survey

Keep our faith forever growing and renew our need to pray.

God of wisdom, we acknowledge that our science and our art

And the breadth of human knowledge only partial truth impart.

Far beyond our calculation lies a depth we cannot sound

Where your purpose for creation and the pulse of life are found.

May our faith redeem the blunder of believing that our thought

Has displaced the grounds for wonder which the ancient prophets taught.

May our learning curb the error which unthinking faith can breed

Lest we justify some terror with an antiquated creed.

As two currents in a river fight each other's undertow

Till converging they deliver one coherent steady flow.

Blend, O God, our faith and learning till they carve a single course,

Till they join as one returning, praise and thanks to You, their Source.

### THE INVOCATION

Kay Painter

CHORAL MUSIC      *The Majesty and Glory of Your Name*  
(based on Psalm 8)

Tom Fettke  
University Choir

When I gaze into the night skies and see the work of Your fingers;  
The moon and stars suspended in space.

Oh, what is man, that You are mindful of him?

You have given man a crown of glory and honor,  
And have made him a little lower than the angels.

You have put him in charge of all creation:

The beasts of the field, the birds of the air, the fish of the sea.

But what is man that You are mindful of him?

Lord, our God, the majesty and glory of Your name

Transcends the earth and fills the heavens.

Lord, our God, little children praise You perfectly,

And so would we. Alleluia, alleluia!

The majesty and glory of Your name. Alleluia!

PRAYERS FOR THE ILLUMINATION OF SCRIPTURE

Ross C Murfin

LESSONS FROM THE HOLY SCRIPTURES

Provost Murfin

Exodus 31:1–18

INTRODUCTION OF THE PREACHER

President Turner

THE BACCALAUREATE SERMON

Nancy Kasten

*Moments of Silence*

RESPONSIVE PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING

Chaplain Finnin

Holy God, You have called us to be diligent teachers and eager learners  
in all that we do, both in this community and in Your larger world. Now send  
us forth into that world as Your willing servants.

**Give us the strength lightly to bear our joys and sorrows.**

Hindu Prayer

**Give us the strength to make our love fruitful in service.**

**Give us the strength never to disown the poor or bend our  
knees before insolent might.**

**Give us the strength to raise our minds high above earthly trifles.**

**And give us the strength to surrender our strength to Your  
will with love. Amen.**

HYMN

*Siyahamba* African Folk Melody  
(We Are Marching In The Light of God) Led by Michael Hawn

We are marching in the light of God. ...  
We are singing in the light of God. ...  
We are walking in the light of God. ...

THE BLESSING AND RESPONSE

Chaplain Finnin

The end of our time in this community draws near.  
Senior Class: **We give thanks for all we have learned.**

These are bittersweet moments.  
Senior Class: **We rejoice in our growth and in bonds of friendship,  
even as we bid farewell.**

These are moments of anticipation.  
Senior Class: **We look forward with excitement, eager to embrace the future's  
promise.**

Now may God's peace be with you, may God's hope nurture you on your way, and may  
the blessing of God accompany you always. Amen.

*Please stay in place for the Rotunda Recessional, which will follow immediately.*



## THE ROTUNDA RECESSIONAL

*Many of tonight's candidates for graduation began their life at SMU by marching through the Rotunda of Dallas Hall to Opening Convocation in this auditorium. Tonight, all candidates will return through that Rotunda as a symbolic anticipation of tomorrow's graduation ceremonies that will end one stage of membership in this community and begin another, that of being a part of the SMU alumni.*

### REMARKS

Courtney Bankler  
President of the Class of 1998

*Following her remarks, the president of the Senior Class will pass the lantern that signifies continuity to Josh Denney, president of the Class of 1999.*

Darrell Lafitte  
President of the Alumni Association Board of Directors

### CALL TO THE RECESSIONAL

Bradley Kent Carter  
Chief Marshal

### VARSITY

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!

*Following "Varsity," all candidates for undergraduate degrees will be seated. Graduate and professional candidates will remain standing. As soon as the stage party and graduate and professional candidates are organized in a central aisle, marshals and ushers will help guests leave the auditorium. Once outside, guests are asked to assemble on both sides of the diagonal walk to Dallas Hall. When this is accomplished, undergraduate candidates will stand, and marshals will lead the stage party and candidates to Dallas Hall.*

### THE RECESSIONAL

Praeludium in G minor

Dieterich Buxtehude

*Reception following Rotunda Recessional on Fondren Science lawn.*

## NANCY KASTEN

Rabbi Nancy Kasten, associate chaplain and adjunct professor of Hebrew at SMU, has served as a leader of interfaith exploration within the University community and has helped guide SMU's affirmation of religious as well as ethnic and cultural diversity among the student body, faculty, and staff. Kasten, the first woman and rabbi to hold the associate chaplain's position at SMU, helps coordinate the religious life and groups on campus, organized through the Campus Ministry Council. As founding director of the Campus Jewish Network, which established a more prominent identity for the Jewish community at SMU, she has developed and advised three related groups – the Jewish Students Association, the Jewish Law Students Association, and the Jewish Faculty and Staff Association. Kasten also has been instrumental in the Chaplain's Office participation in SMU's Wellness Program, developing and coordinating workshops on spiritual wellness. In addition to serving in numerous pastoral and educational settings, Kasten chairs the Subcommittee on Childcare for the President's Commission on the Status of Women at SMU. Before joining SMU in 1990, Kasten was the assistant regional director of the union of American Hebrew Congregations Southwest Council. Kasten, who received ordination from the New York campus of Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in 1990, has served congregations in Santa Rosa, California; New Iberia, Louisiana; and Carrollton, Texas. She received a B.A. degree from Johns Hopkins University and a Master's degree in Hebrew Letters and a Master's degree in Jewish education from Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in Los Angeles. She is married to Rabbi David Stern of Temple Emanu-El, and they have two children.

## MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Presiding:	R. Gerald Turner President of the University
Preaching:	Rabbi Nancy Kasten Associate Chaplain to the University
Liturgists:	The Reverend Dr. William M. Finnin, Jr. Chaplain to the University The Reverend Kay Painter Assistant Chaplain to the University <i>ad interim</i>
Lector:	Ross C Murfin Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs
Organist:	Larry Palmer Professor of Harpsichord and Organ
Choir Director:	Tinsley E. Silcox Director of Hamon Arts Library/G. Williams Jones Film and Video Collection
Pianist:	Brian D. Bentley M.M., Piano Performance, 1995
Trumpet Choir:	David Kehler Director of the Mustang Band

The University Choir comprises faculty and staff members of the University. We are pleased to have them with us tonight.