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
Cchea Nugent, 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
Stephen Jake Torres '11, '17, SMU Banner Bearer, Student Representative
and *ex officio* member of the SMU Board of Trustees

**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 Nicole Bordelon '16, Candidate for degree of Bachelor of Arts in Music and Bachelor of Business Administration in Marketing

**Remarks**
Jeanne Stevenson-Moessner, President of the SMU Faculty Senate and
*ex officio* member of the SMU Board of Trustees
Blake Alan Rainey '17, Student Body President

**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**
“Public Service in the 21st Century”
David O. Brown, Dallas Police Chief, retired

**Special Music**
“SMU Forever”
Jimmy Dunne
Imperial Brass
Performed by Nicole Bordelon

**Conferring of Degrees in Course**
Please refrain from applause until all candidates have been presented.
Gary Brubaker, Director of The Guildhall at SMU
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
Albert W. Niemi, Dean of Cox School of Business
James E. Quick, Associate Vice President for Research and Dean of
Graduate Studies
Paige Ware, Dean *ad interim* of Annette Caldwell Simmons School of
Education and Human Development

**Assisting:**
John A. Hall ’71, ’73, ’79, Executive Director of Enrollment Services and
University Registrar
Lisa Montes ’13, ’15, President of the SMU Staff Association
Joe Papari ’81, Director of Enrollment Services for Student Systems and
Technology

**In Gratitude to the Faculty**
José Manuel Santoyo ’16, Engaged Learning Fellow, Candidate for degree of
Bachelor of Arts in Human Rights and Spanish

**The Farewells**
Michael M. Boone ’63, ’67, Chair of the SMU Board of Trustees
Peter A. Lodwick ’77, ’80, Chair of the SMU Alumni Board and *ex officio*
member of the SMU Board of Trustees

**Benediction**
Craig C. Hill

**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!”

**Recessional**
OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PLATFORM PARTY

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Darryl Dickson-Carr, Faculty Marshal
Ping Gui, School Marshal
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Roy L. Heller, School Marshal
Lynn Romejko Jacobs, School Marshal
Maribeth Kuenzi, School Marshal
Brian Molanphy, School Marshal
Mark Nausha, School Marshal
Thomas Osang, Procession Marshal
Nancy Roberts, School Marshal
Stephen Robertson, Assisting Procession Marshal
Lynn Romejko Jacobs, School Marshal
David Rosenfield, School Marshal
David Sedman, Doctoral Marshal
Ben Vonk, School Marshal

Todd Chiscano, Director of Academic Ceremonies

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COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

DAVID O. BROWN

David O. Brown is a Dallas native and retired Dallas police chief. A 33-year veteran of the Dallas Police Department, Brown joined the department as a police officer in 1983. Before taking over as chief, he served as first assistant police chief and as interim Dallas assistant city manager. He was sworn in as Dallas’ 28th police chief in May 2010 and retired in October 2016. He is known for building and maintaining strong, transparent relationships with the community. During his tenure, Brown transitioned the department to a community policing-focused organization and implemented policies and training to ensure citizen and officer safety. He also expanded several community outreach programs and youth centered programs. Under Brown’s leadership, the Dallas Police Department reduced the use of deadly force by more than 40 percent and reduced excessive force complaints by more than 80 percent. He gained national attention for his handling of a gunman’s July 2016 ambush of five police officers who died working to protect participants in a downtown Dallas protest march. Brown holds a bachelor’s degree and master’s degree in business administration. He is a graduate of the Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy, FBI National Executive Institute, Senior Management Institute for Police, the National Counter-Terrorism Seminar in Tel Aviv, Israel, and the United States Secret Service Dignitary Protection Seminar in Washington, D.C. Chief Brown also holds Master Peace Officer and Police Instructor certifications from the State of Texas. Brown will join ABC News as a contributor in January 2017. In March 2017 he will receive the J. Erik Jonsson Ethics Award from SMU’s Maguire Center for Ethics.
December 2016 and January 2017

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.

Donna Lynn Baker
Alexander M. Bridge
Andrew Richard Harper
Jon Jason Kendzie
Sungmoon Lee
Kathy Thompson Nations
Rodeen Talebi

Candidates for Baccalaureate Degrees with Honors

The students listed below have anticipated honors based upon estimated academic information. These honors include Honors in Business, Honors in Liberal Arts, Departmental Distinction and Latin honors. A souvenir version of the confirmed honors will be posted online at smu.edu/registrar in January.

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Marjorie Lise Anderson
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Thomas Ira Atkins
Nathan Bradley Baldwin
Nicole Fantine Bordelon
Kaitlinh Kiernan Cai
Nicole C. Carenza
Jace Colten Covington
Michelle Machado Davis
Zainab Fatima
Felix Tobias Foerster
Katherine Quernheim Fuszner
Ronald Adam Garcia
Samantha Grace Hardin
Hannah Jean T. Hess
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Katherine Quernheim Fuszner
Ronald Adam Garcia
Ronald Adam Garcia
Samantha Grace Hardin
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Hannah Jean T. Hess
Hannah Jean T. Hess
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Samantha Jane Higgins
Ashley Jane Hong
Ashley Jane Hong
Anthony Jacob Jeffries
Anthony Jacob Jeffries
Katherine Danielle Kerstetter
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Jenna Leigh Kleiman
Jenna Leigh Kleiman
Aria Sharma Kopp
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Jennifer Rose LeVasseur
Jennifer Rose LeVasseur
Katherine Marie Logsdon
Katherine Marie Logsdon
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Lauren Ashley Pinzas
Lauren Ashley Pinzas
Audrey Glynn Reeves
Audrey Glynn Reeves
Mary Carlyle Reid
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Nicholas Alfred Riley
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Olivia Harvard Varah
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Margaret Madeline Wells
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Michael Eugene Witwer
Michael Eugene Witwer
Justin David Wolfe
Justin David Wolfe
Morgan Celeste Wood
Morgan Celeste Wood
Kaci Leigh Wright
Kaci Leigh Wright
Zhiping Wu
Zhiping Wu
Jacqueline Marie Yokoyama
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Candidates for Degrees

In Dedman College of Humanities and Sciences

Degree of Doctor of Philosophy

Chelsea Denise McCarty Allen Statistical Science
BS Westminster College
MA University of Colorado
Dissertation: “Modeling of Heaped Cigarette Count Data”
Adviser: Daniel Heitjan

Marziyeh Badinloo Molecular and Cell Biology
BS University of Tehran, Iran
MS University of Kerman, Iran
Dissertation: “The Role of Peroxiredoxin-5 in Regulation of Aging and Immunity in Drosophila”
Adviser: Svetlana Radyuk

Daniel Whitman Houck Religious Studies
BA Wheaton College
MDV Princeton Theological Seminary
Dissertation: A Modern Thomist Account of Original Sin
Adviser: Bruce D. Marshall

Christopher Albert Kiachtipes Anthropology
BA Utah State University
MA Washington State University
Dissertation: Late Holocene Paleoenvironments and Anthropogenic Impacts in the Ngotto Forest, Central African Republic
Adviser: Karen Lupo

Bingchen Liu Statistical Science
BA Shandong University, China
Dissertation: “Ranked Set Sampling Estimators of Discrete Distribution Parameters and Estimation of Total from a Population of Unknown Size”
Adviser: Lynne Stokes

Ashutosh Pudasaini Chemistry
BS Texas Christian University
Dissertation: Structural and Functional Characterization of the Plant Photoreceptor Zeitlupe (ZTL)”
Adviser: Brian D. Zoltowski

Thomas Adam Van Wart Religious Studies
BS Texas Christian University
MA ThM Dallas Theological Seminary
MTS Duke University
Dissertation: Neither Nature Nor Grace: Garrigou-Largrange, Barth, and Aquinas on the Epistemic Use of God’s Effects
Adviser: Bruce D. Marshall

Di Yu Economics
BS Zhejiang Gongshong University
MA Southern Methodist University
Adviser: Nathan Balke

*degree awarded posthumously
IN MEADOWS SCHOOL OF THE ARTS

DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Joseph Ressler Hartman  Art History
BA Goshen College
MA University of North Texas
“Modern Dreams: Building Machado’s Cuba, 1925-1933”
Adviser: Adam L. Herring

IN BOBBY B. LYLE SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING

DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Rodman Abbott  Applied Science
BA University of Minnesota Twin Cities
MS Saint Mary’s College of California
Dissertation: “Development of Leading Indicator of University Research Project Performance”
Adviser: Jerrell T. Stracener

Hossein Hashemi  Civil Engineering
BSCIVE MSCE Sharif Univ, Iran
Adviser: Khaled F. Abdelghany

Chung Cheng Ho  Electrical Engineering
BSEE Feng Chia University
MS Texas A&M University, Kingsville
Adviser: Scott C. Douglas

Jin Huang  Electrical Engineering
BS MS Huan University
Adviser: Gary Alan Evans

Charlie Isaksson  Computer Science
MS Mid Sweden University
Dissertation: “New Outlier Detection Techniques For Data Streams”
Adviser: Michael F. Hahsler

Edoardo Rubino  Mechanical Engineering
BS MS University of Palermo
Dissertation: “Magnetic Field and Electric Field Effect on Magnetostrictive and Electrostrictive Photonic Resonators”
Adviser: Tindaro Ioppolo

Indranil Sinharoy  Electrical Engineering
BSEE Visveswaraiah Technological University, Belgaum
MSEE Southern Methodist University
Dissertation: “Scheimpflug with Computational Imaging to Extend the Depth of Field of Iris Recognition Systems”
Adviser: Marc Christensen

Lin Zhu  Mechanical Engineering
BS University of Science & Technology of China
MS Southern Methodist University
Dissertation: “Probing Effects of Defects on Ferroelectricity in Ferroelectric Thin Films”
Adviser: Jeong Ho You

IN ANNETTE CALDWELL SIMMONS SCHOOL OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Brett Joseph Grayson  Education
BA Texas Christian University
Dissertation: Exploring the impact of STAAR on teacher turnover
Adviser: Kenneth Springer

IN PERKINS SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF MINISTRY

D. Steven Abbarow
Mark Ryan Bender

DEGREE OF MASTER OF DIVINITY

Glenn J. Johnson
Jon Jason Kendzie
Thomas Kellner

DEGREE OF MASTER OF THEOLOGICAL STUDIES

Donna Lynn Baker
Andrew Richard Harper

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Charlotte A. Jones
Lydell L. Scott
Grace Seok-Hwa Toh
Sungmoon Lee
Kathy Thompson Nations
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Degree of Master of Laws
Comparative & International Law

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Taxation

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Matthew S. Spradling

Degree of Juris Doctor

Alexander M. Bridge
Julia C. Gasc

Rhonda Diane Holcomb
Diana K. Milbourn

Andrew Isaac Pape
Rodeen Talebi

In Dedman College of Humanities and Sciences

Degree of Master of Arts

Ryan Patrick Breslawski Anthropology
Daniel Howard Crow Economics
Daniel Howard Crow Molecular and Cell Biology

Mary Catherine Groves History
Anna Hinton English
Canran Mao Applied Economics

Margarita Sala Psychology
Chelsey Werchan Psychology
Jordan Gabrielle Wondrack Anthropology

Degree of Master of Science

Ashwaq Nasser Albalawi Physics
Nourah Abdulrahman Alothan Physics
Thomas John Crutcher Applied Statistics and Data Analytics
Matthew Carl Feickert Physics
Norah Abubakar M Hakami Computational and Applied Mathematics
Madeline Claire Jones Geology

Sara Merrikhihaghi Lange Chemistry
Xiaochen Liu Applied Statistics and Data Analytics
Madalyn McKay Physics
John Carl Riedman Geology
Jessica Kelly Robertson Applied Statistics and Data Analytics

Matthew Seth Stein Physics
Peilong Wang Physics
Huanzhe Wang Applied Statistics and Data Analytics
Peter Dorian Wendel Applied Statistics and Data Analytics
Bin Xing Applied Statistics and Data Analytics

Degree of Master of Science in Applied Economics and Predictive Analytics

Alhawra Abdullah Alshayeb
Ashton Suzanne Chmielowski

Zihao He
Yuexin Wang

Daotan Zhang
Xiaolu Zhang

In Meadows School of The Arts

Degree of Master of Fine Arts

Diamond Michelle Gray Art

Degree of Master of Music

Peter Mugga Music Education
Ryan Christopher Reeson Instrumental Conducting

Daniel Travis Salisbury Piano Performance & Pedagogy
Ludivina Srinivasan Music Education

Andrew James Willis Clarinet Performance; Instrumental Conducting

Degree of Master of Management in International Arts Management

Lya Pamela Alonso Cuevas International Arts Management
Mariana Cascante Cárdenas International Arts Management
Anne D’Amours Mc Donald International Arts Management

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Tiffanie Marie Catherine Guffroy International Arts Management
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Brittany Yvonne Johnson International Arts Management
Robert Joseph O’Brien International Arts Management
Kirby Michelle Richards International Arts Management
IN Edwin L. Cox School of Business

Degree of Master of Business Administration
Lucas R. Altoc Real Estate
Michael Thomas Bandy Finance
Iris Maria Briscoe Management; Strategy & Entrepreneurship
Dustin Rence Bruce Finance
Robert Joseph Bruning Finance
Carly Christine Bucklin Marketing
Maria Gabriela Canales Martinez Finance
Elizabeth Marie Cary Marketing
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John Nels Cialdini Strategy & Entrepreneurship
Samuel Gregory Cook Finance
Carlton Stokes Cornelius Finance
Matthew Paul Funk Management; Strategy & Entrepreneurship
Ana Moon Glass Strategy & Entrepreneurship
Daniel James Glassanos Finance
Aneel Kumar Gogula Strategy & Entrepreneurship
William Moran Hickey III General Business
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Ivan De Jesus Martinez Strategy & Entrepreneurship
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Brandon J. Mohler General Business
Jose Michel Nader Strategy & Entrepreneurship
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Chase A. White Finance
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Ningyi Xiang Accounting; Assurance and Advisory
Zhechen Zhu Accounting; Assurance and Advisory

Degree of Master of Science in Finance
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IN Bobby B. Lyle School of Engineering

Degree of Master of Arts
Seaver Thomas Myers Sustainability and Development
KayLynne Renae Phillips Sustainability and Development

Degree of Master of Science
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Ashley Victoria Agapiou Operations Research
Ahmed Ali Alami Security Engineering
Ayed Ibrahim M. Alayed Telecommunications and Network Engineering
Elisa Fernanda Alanis Avila Systems Engineering
Majed Abdullah Albladi Systems Engineering
Waad Raadh F. Almdini Software Engineering
Meshal Ahmed Alturehem Systems Engineering
Abdulham Mohammed Almoamar Systems Engineering
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Liang Pan Computer Science
Aabhishek Nabin Panda Telecommunications and Network Engineering
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Degree of Master of Liberal Studies

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Victoria Tidmore Correll Humanities; Organizational Dynamics; Liberal Studies
Amanda Leigh Day Humanities; Liberal Studies
Kristen Marie Donohoo Humanities; Liberal Studies
Marguerite Florence Evans Humanities; Liberal Studies
Ali Farid García-Voissem Global Studies; Human Rights and Social Justice; Liberal Studies
Andre’ Leah Gorrrell Humanities; The Arts and Cultural Traditions; Liberal Studies
Laura O’Dell Graham Creative Writing; Liberal Studies
Harrison Ross Green Humanities; Liberal Studies
Christina Nicole Green Communication, Media, and Technology; Liberal Studies
Hope Mary Holz Creative Writing; Liberal Studies
Sharron Lynne Hunt The Arts and Cultural Traditions; Liberal Studies
Richard Rejino Creative Writing; Liberal Studies
Rowland King Robinson
John L. Schaffler IV Humanities; Liberal Studies
Chanel Monet Thomas Communication, Media, and Technology; Liberal Studies
Howard Vestal Humanities; Liberal Studies

Degree of Master of Science in Counseling

Danielle Erin Adams
Natalie Paige Barrett
Jennifer Diane Boehm
Kaitlyn Elizabeth Brown
Madeline Dallas Buckthal
Elizabeth Ashley Busby
Margaret English Butler
Amy Cain Cox
Cameron Wesley Davis
Camilla Luisia Dugay
Andreanna Jo Duron
Lauren Marie Flescher
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Sherri Gillum Hathaway
Linda Diane Graham
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Paxton Kent Van Klompenburg
Sarah McKinlay Vaugh
Grace M. Viere
Meagan Anne Wilson
Elizabeth Ellery Woods

Degree of Master of Science in Sport Management

Kacie Michelle Kamp
Nicholas Zitaglio
The Guildhall at SMU, Linda and Mitch Hart eCenter

Certificate of Advanced Graduate Studies

Peter Andrew McCullough Liberal Studies

Degree of Certificate in Digital Game Development

Soraya Caroline Abtahi Specialization in Art Creation
Brian Kenneth Applegate Specialization in Production
Albert Chen Specialization in Software Development
Edward Dearien Specialization in Production
Christian Evan Erali Specialization in Level Design
Tyler Bruce George Specialization in Software Development
Lauryn Ashley Gordon Specialization in Level Design
William Denver Hood Specialization in Art Creation
Kevin M. Kim Specialization in Level Design
Marc S. Mixon Specialization in Production
Lisa Maria Ortiz Specialization in Level Design
Benjamin Richard Parise Specialization in Art Creation
Cesar Rocha Specialization in Software Development
Andrew Socha Specialization in Software Development
Christian Walker Specialization in Software Development
Mai Song Yang Specialization in Level Design
Rukuan Yang Specialization in Software Development

Degree of Master of Interactive Technology

Soraya Caroline Abtahi Digital Game Development - Art Creation
Brian Kenneth Applegate Digital Game Development - Production
Edward Dearien Digital Game Development - Production
Christian Evan Erali Digital Game Development - Level Design
Tyler Bruce George Digital Game Development - Software Development
Lauryn Ashley Gordon Digital Game Development - Level Design
Kevin M. Kim Digital Game Development - Level Design
Lisa Maria Ortiz Digital Game Development - Level Design
Benjamin Richard Parise Digital Game Development - Art Creation
Rukuan Yang Digital Game Development - Software Development
Mai Song Yang Digital Game Development - Level Design

In Research and Graduate Studies

Degree of Master of Science in Data Science

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**Degree of Master of Arts**
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**Degree of Master of Music**
William Vincent Gover *Music Composition*
IN EDWIN L. COX SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

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Within the great varieties of styles and colors in gowns and caps, 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.

Within the great varieties of styles and colors in gowns and caps, there has been one universally accepted code for the hood worn trailing down the wearer’s back. Originally, it was like the hood on the habit worn by monks and very useful for protection against the weather and even for begging for alms. Nowadays, the hood through length and color shows the degree and the specialization of the wearer, and the university that granted the degree. Candidates for degrees at SMU are robed in custom regalia, designed to incorporate SMU’s colors and symbols.

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 master’s gown, also in dark blue, has a front yolk outlined in red braid, and the SMU seal is embroidered in red on the left side. Gowns have a long sleeve through a slit at the wrist. A mortarboard with a colored tassel representing the discipline in which the degree is earned also is worn.

Doctoral and master’s candidates wear hoods that are 3½ feet long and 4 feet long, respectively. SMU’s hood lining is blue with red chevron.

The bachelor’s gowns’ distinguishing characteristics are the long pointed sleeves and full front pleats. A red silk Stole of Gratitude embroidered in blue with the SMU seal is worn across the shoulders. It is tradition for graduates to present their stoles to individuals who have made a positive impact in their lives. Bachelor’s gowns are worn with a tassel and mortarboard.

Through these colorful ceremonies, SMU symbolically displays the continuity of its educational purposes with the origins of organized learning in the Western world.
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.”

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 bail, joining the medallion and the chain, represents the institution’s bond between the faculty and the student body. Equally, the 32-inch chain, a work of art whose two ends are clasped together, represents the joining of the desire to teach and the eagerness to learn demonstrated by SMU’s faculty and students.

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 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.

SMU is the nationally ranked global research university in the dynamic city of Dallas. SMU’s alumni, faculty and 11,000 students in seven degree-granting schools demonstrate an entrepreneurial spirit as they lead change in their professions, communities and the world.