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THE SECOND CENTURY
CELEBRATION

The Nineteenth of December
Two Thousand and Fifteen at Ten O’Clock
Moody Coliseum
We celebrate the graduation of thousands of SMU students as we continue to commemorate the centennial years of SMU’s founding in 1911 and opening in 1915.

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.
CARILLON CONCERT
Quarter Past Nine in the Morning
Chea Nugent, Carillonneur
Fondren Science Tower

ORDER OF EXERCISE

WELCOME
Kevin Paul Hofeditz
Ceremony Marshal

PRELUDIAL CONCERT AND FANFARES
Imperial Brass

ACADEMIC PROCESSIONAL*
Candidates for Graduation
Representatives of the Faculties
The Platform Party

CALL TO ORDER
Harold W. Stanley
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs ad interim

INVOCATION
Stephen W. Rankin
Chaplain and Minister to the University and
Dean of Student Life ad interim

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

REMARKS
Douglas A. Reinelt
President of the SMU Faculty Senate
Carlton A. Adams ’16
Student Body President

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS
Harold W. Stanley

PRESIDENT’S STATEMENT AND
INTRODUCTION OF THE SPEAKER
R. Gerald Turner
President of the University
COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS
“What Really Matters”
Michael M. Boone ’63, ’67
Chair of the SMU Board of Trustees

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.

Candidates for Doctoral, Professional, Master’s and Baccalaureate Degrees
Gary Brubaker, Director of The Guildhall at SMU
David J. Chard, Dean of Annette Caldwell Simmons School of Education and Human Development
Jennifer M. Collins, Dean of Dedman School of Law
Thomas DiPiero, Dean of Dedman College of Humanities and Sciences
Samuel S. Holland, Dean of Meadows School of the Arts
William B. Lawrence, Dean of Perkins School of Theology
Albert W. Niemi, Dean of Cox School of Business
M. Volkan Otugen, Senior Associate Dean of Lyle School of Engineering
James E. Quick, Associate Vice President for Research and Dean of Graduate Studies

IN GRATITUDE TO THE FACULTY
Sarah Marie Israel ’15
Engaged Learning Fellow

THE FAREWELL
Peter A. Lodwick ’77, ’80
Chair of the SMU Alumni Board

BENEDICTION
William B. Lawrence
Dean of Perkins School of Theology

ALMA MATER
“Varsity”

RECESSIONAL*

* The audience remains seated during the academic processional and recessional.
THE PLATFORM PARTY

Michael M. Boone ’63, ’67, Chair of the SMU Board of Trustees and Commencement Speaker
R. Gerald Turner, President
Harold W. Stanley, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs ad interim

MEMBERS OF THE SMU BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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Caren H. Prothro
Douglas A. Reinelt, President of the Faculty Senate and ex officio

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Paul J. Ward, Vice President for Legal Affairs and Government Relations, General Counsel and Secretary

DEANS AND OTHER PROGRAM LEADERS

Gary Brubaker, Director of The Guildhall at SMU
David J. Chard, Leon Simmons Dean of Annette Caldwell Simmons School of Education and Human Development
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
William B. Lawrence, Dean of Perkins School of Theology
Gillian M. McCombs, Dean and Director of Central University Libraries
Albert W. Niemi, Jr., Dean and Tolleson Chair in Business Leadership of Cox School of Business
M. Volkan Otugen, Senior Associate Dean of Lyle School of Engineering
James E. Quick, Associate Vice President for Research and Dean of Graduate Studies
Stephen W. Rankin, Chaplain and Minister to the University and Dean of Student Life ad interim

OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PLATFORM PARTY

Carlton A. Adams ’16, Student Body President
John A. Hall ’71, ’73, ’79, Executive Director of Enrollment Services and University Registrar
Sarah Marie Israel ’15, Engaged Learning Fellow
Joseph F. Kobylka, Platform Party Marshal and Associate Professor of Political Science
Timothy V. Norris, Jr., President of the SMU Staff Association
Thomas W. Tunks, Marshal Lector and Professor of Music
Michael M. Boone ’63, ’67 is a distinguished lawyer, community leader and dedicated SMU alumnus. He earned two degrees from SMU – a B.B.A. from Cox School of Business and a J.D. from Dedman School of Law. He is a co-founder and member of the Board of Directors of the national law firm of Haynes and Boone, one of the nation’s largest and most respected law firms. Boone was selected as one of the 25 greatest Texas lawyers of the past quarter-century and named by Texas Lawyer magazine as a “Go-To-Lawyer” in Texas for corporate and business law. Texas Monthly and Law and Politics Magazine named him a Top 10 Super Lawyer. A member of the SMU Board of Trustees since 1996, he became board chair in 2014. He has served as vice chair for SMU’s Second Century Celebration Organizing Committee and as a member of the Leadership Council for The Second Century Campaign, which reached its $1 billion goal ahead of schedule in September 2015. He serves on the executive boards of Dedman College and Dedman School of Law and formerly was an adjunct professor of the law school. He has received Distinguished Alumni Awards from SMU, the Dedman School of Law and the Cox School of Business, and the J. Erik Jonsson Ethics Award from SMU’s Cary M. Maguire Center for Ethics and Public Responsibility. Boone has served his community in numerous roles, including as president of the Highland Park School Board and chair of the Dallas Citizens Council.
December 2015 and January 2016

Candidates for Degrees with Honors

Candidates for Graduate and Professional Degrees

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.

Bill Dean Ball, Jr.  
Leslie Brockhoeft  
Walter W. Cardwell  
Weiyu Chen  
Catherine Allena Curtis  
Uanna Milena Falcão Alves  
Bradley Eugene McLain  
Robert Brian Nichols  
Yong Peng  
Madeline Christine Pinckert  
Callum S. Ross  
Beth Elaine Taylor  
Warren A. Young  
Pei Yu

Candidates for Baccalaureate Degrees

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.

Kristin Avery Acker  
Lauren C. Aguirre  
Kelsey M. Alford  
Tiffanie Christine Austin  
Sarah Ann Campbell  
Christian Taylor Cano  
Anthony M. Cloudy  
Sarah Jane Cocke  
Nina Maxine Davis  
Caroline Delgado  
Nayelly Dominguez  
Christopher Michael Dunn  
Elena Fayner  
Dylan James French  
Calissa Anne Galvin  
Rachel Susanne Gardner  
Audrey E. Gill  
Megan Ann Harrington  
Richard Randolph House III  
Sorsha Lenin Huff  
Sarah Marie Israel  
Sheida Karami  
Elizabeth Anne Kennickell  
Mallory Grace Ketch  
Kenneth Troy Knowles  
Lauren Elizabeth Marsan  
Madeleine Grace Marshall  
Julie Elizabeth Martin  
Elizabeth Brooke Meyer  
Kyle Anthony Nakatsuka  
Quang Dang Ngo  
Victoria Brooks Norwine  
Eduardo Jesus Oteiza Calzada  
Olga Romanova  
Michelle E. Saling  
Anna Loye Stell  
Kathleen Reed Thompson  
Edward Warner Tooley  
Jonathan Ryne Walther  
Brinley Marie Williams  
Kenneth W. Zon
December 2015 and January 2016

Candidates for Degrees

In Dedman College of Humanities and Sciences

Degree of Doctor of Philosophy

Fran Brewer Molecular and Cell Biology
BS University of Texas, Arlington
Dissertation: “Inhibition of Energy Transduction in P-glycoprotein”
Adviser: Pia D. Vogel

Edward William Downes Computational and Applied Mathematics
BS Loughborough University, England
Dissertation: “Numerical Studies of Nonlinear Processes in Light Filaments”
Adviser: Alejandro B. Aceves

John Graf Geology
BS University of Michigan Ann Arbor
Adviser: Louis L. Jacobs

Valerie-Ruth Loehr Psychology
BA Wellesley College
Dissertation: “Unpacking the Expectancy Violation Effect in Physical Activity: Examining the Effect of Retrospective, Peak, and Average Reports of Experiences”
Adviser: Austin Baldwin

Amy Elizabeth Nussbaum Statistical Science
BA, BS Wheaton College
MS Southern Methodist University
Dissertation: “Analysis of Longitudinal Latent-Variable Models with Two Sources of Measurement Error”
Adviser: Cornelis Jacobus Potgieter

Benjamin James Phrampus Geophysics
BS Baylor University
Dissertation: “Gas Hydrate as a Proxy for Contemporary Climate Change and Shallow Heat Flow on the US East Coast and North Slope of Alaska”
Adviser: Matthew John Hornbach

Stephen Patrick Riley Religious Studies
BA Southern Nazarene University
MDV Southern Methodist University
Adviser: Roy L. Heller
Sudharshan Joseph Ranil Samaratunga Statistical Science
BS University of Colombo
MS Sam Houston State University
Adviser: Cornelis Jacobus Potgieter

Jennifer Koshatka Seman History
BA University of North Texas
MA Southern Methodist University
Dissertation: “The Politics of Curanderismo: Santa Teresa Urrea, Don Pedrito Jaramillo, and Faith Healing in the U.S.-Mexico Borderlands at the Turn of the Twentieth Century”
Adviser: Neil Francis Foley

Yixun Xing Statistical Science
BS Sichuan University, China
MS University of Texas, Dallas
Dissertation: “Analysis and Model Identification of Long Memory Time Series”
Adviser: Wayne Anthony Woodward

IN BOBBY B. LYLE SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING

Degree of Doctor of Philosophy

Pengfei Cui Electrical Engineering
B. Engr. MSEE Beijing Institute of Technology, China
Dissertation: “Exploiting Spectrum Agility in Wireless Links and Networks”
Adviser: Joseph D. Camp

Yuanyuan Dong Operations Research
BS MS Nanjing University, China
Dissertation: “The Stochastic Inventory Routing Problem”
Adviser: Andrew Junfang Yu

Jake M. Drew Computer Science
BS University of Texas, Tyler
MS Southern Methodist University
Dissertation: “Multicore Machine Learning for Big Data Applications in Bioinformatics and Cybercrime”
Adviser: Tyler Weston Moore

Shita Guo Electrical Engineering
BS MSE University Science & Technology of China
Dissertation: “High-Performance MMWAVE Circuits and Low-Power Low-Jitter High-Speed Interface Circuits in CMOS”
Adviser: Ping Gui
Wafa Jaffal  Computer Science  
BS Al-Quds University  
MS Southern Methodist University  
Dissertation: “Reliability Evaluation and Improvement for Modern Web Applications Using Multi-Perspective Data Sources and Risk Analysis”  
Adviser: Jeff Tian

Hui Liu  Electrical Engineering  
BS MS Beijing Institute of Technology, China  
Dissertation: “Context-Aware Rate Adaptation”  
Adviser: Joseph D. Camp

Maurizio Manzo  Mechanical Engineering  
BS MS Universita degli Studi di Palermo  
Dissertation: “Untethered Wall Pressure and Temperature Sensor Based on Dye Doped Micro-Scale Resonator”  
Adviser: Tindaro Ioppolo

Hazem Kamal Morsy  Computer Science  
BS American University in Cairo, Egypt  
BSCPE Kuwait University  
MS Texas A&M University  
Dissertation: “Integrated Disaster Recovery Architecture (INDRA)”  
Adviser: Stephen A. Szygenda

Tianzuo Xi  Electrical Engineering  
BSEE MSEE University Science & Technology of China  
Dissertation: “High-Performance MMWAVE Circuits Design in CMOS”  
Adviser: Ping Gui

Degree of Doctor of Engineering

Pavani Akundi  Software Engineering  
BS University of Texas, Arlington  
MS Southern Methodist University  
Dissertation: “CrowdRE: A Semantic Tool to Support Crowdsourcing Requirements Elicitation”  
Adviser: Sukumaran Nair

Omotayo Olabumuyi  Engineering Management  
BSE MS University of Arizona  
Dissertation: “Application of Optimization Methods to Bachelor’s Degree Planning”  
Adviser: Eli V. Olinick

Lewis Sykalski  Software Engineering  
BSE University of Wisconsin-Madison  
MS Southern Methodist University  
Adviser: Tyler Weston Moore
In Perkins School of Theology

Degree of Doctor of Ministry

Drayone Anterrio Bland
Kelly Steven Krone
Barry Allan Preston

Degree of Master of Divinity

Jennifer Lynn Balcirak
Bill Dean Ball, Jr.
Staci Marie Orr

Degree of Master of Theological Studies

Joseph Dale Bradley
Bradley Eugene McLain
Vanessa Ann Sims
Beth Elaine Taylor

In Dedman School of Law

Degree of Master of Laws

Comparative & International Law

Thamer Abdullah Alasmar
Yousef A. M. M. A. Alazem
Faris Mohammed Albati
Waled Abdullah M. Alfihaid
Omar Ibrahim S. Alhudaithi
Mohammed Fahad R. Almazyad
Ibrahim Hisham M. Alsagaf
Muhammad Mohammed S. Alsaif
Nasser Saleh A. Alsedais
Fahad Safar M. Alshalawi
Wael Suhaim Alshehri
Ibrahim Mohmad I. Alsiwelem
Faisal Fahad S. Alsultan
Abdulrahman Ahmed M. Bin Khodeir
Ana Campanini
Elisa Nakuor Kumadey
Xiang Li
Abdulaziz Ibrahim Y. Madkhali
Yingyi Ya

Law

Theresa Lofgren Melia

Degree of Juris Doctor

Leslie Brockhoeft
Walter W. Cardwell
Weiyu Chen
Jonathan Cheung
Chase S. Corder
Catherine Allena Curtis
Nataly Vlada Elberg
Uanna Milena Falcao Alves
Charles Jordan Farrar
Anthony Scott Godfrey
Andrew M. Hatch
James T. Hearon
Douglas J. Luippold
Robert Brian Nichols
Yong Peng
Truman Kenneth Pennell III
Madeline Christine Pinckert
Callum S. Ross
Eric S. Smith
Christine D. Tang
Robert J. Villalobos
Russell N. Weisbard
Warren A. Young
Pei Yu
In Dedman College Of Humanities And Sciences

Degree of Master of Arts

Md Masudul Alam, Molecular and Cell Biology
Alanood Duhaim Alotaibi, Economics
Eleanor Carson Davis, English
Jenna Kathlene Ellison, Psychology
Thesis: “Coping as a Moderator of the Relation Between Physiological Reactivity and Marital Conflict Behaviors”

William Benton Horner, History
Thesis: “Hell to the Chiefs: The Racialization and Persecution of Texas Indians by the Texas Presidency”

Muna Habeeb Husain, Economics
Afshan Ahmad Kamrudin, Anthropology
Heng Liu, Applied Economics

Degree of Master of Science

John Weng, Statistical Science

Certificate in Applied Economics

Gabriel Mario Cortes-Cantu
Cesar Francisco Alejandro Gonzalez Caloca

Silvia Guadalupe Nunez Gomez

In Meadows School Of The Arts

Degree of Master of Fine Arts

Isabella Renee Rodriguez-Bur, Art

Degree of Master of Music

Jordan Ellington Hammons, Voice Performance
Tat-Yu Sophia Si, Music Education

Degree of Master of Management in International Arts Management

Laura Irene Adlers
Maria Cristina Arroyo-Pont
Frances Louisa Craven
Yan Gu
Seul Ki Hong
David Benjamin Israelachvili
Wenhan Ou

Jozef Antoine Spiteri-Hay
Derek Donald Stevenson
Shardai D’Andrea Taylor
Amanda Maria Vojvodin
Jiatian Wang
John Ryan Wells

Degree of Performer’s Diploma

Langelihle Mngxati, Voice Performance
In Edwin L. Cox School of Business

Degree of Master of Business Administration

Andrew Grant Acree  Finance; Strategy & Entrepreneurship
Benjamin Lewis Anderson  Strategy & Entrepreneurship
Lyle Turner Atkins  Finance
Jay Williams Bunte  Management; Strategy & Entrepreneurship
Kayla L. Butler  General Business
Robien D. Christie  Marketing
Steven B. Cobb  Finance
Hiba Darwish  Strategy & Entrepreneurship
Nickolas Allen Davidson  Strategy & Entrepreneurship
Joshua T. Devin  Finance
Vincent Drieling  Finance
Adam Charles Engel  General Business
John H. Farris, Jr.  General Business
Maclovio Javier Fernandez  Marketing
Sean C. Foglia  General Business
Ramesh R. Gomatam  General Business
Jonathan J. Heckmann  Finance
Ridley M. Heller  Finance; Real Estate
Kristina L. Howard  Information and Operations

Luke R. Hullett  General Business
Amy Ruth Kao  Strategy & Entrepreneurship
Christopher Hyongwoo Kim  General Business
Prasad S. Mahajan  Finance
Patrick Joseph McGovern  Finance
Andrew Buckley Michalscheck  Finance
Jacob Darrell Mulder  General Business
Srinivas R. Neela  General Business
Scott Lothrop Nelson  Finance
Beenit S. Patel  Strategy & Entrepreneurship
Charles Frank Seay IV  General Business
Amun Shori  General Business
Allison Kay Azbell Simmons  Marketing; Strategy & Entrepreneurship
James Barrett Smith  General Business
Yutaro Takeda  Strategy & Entrepreneurship
Michael F. Terry, Jr.  Strategy & Entrepreneurship
Tiffany Ann Thomas  Business Analytics
Stephanie P. Thompson  General Business
Chance Michael Turner  Finance
Mark William Van Andel  Finance

Degree of Master of Science in Business Analytics

Carter O. Fritz

Degree of Master of Science in Management

Ryan William Walker

In Bobby B. Lyle School of Engineering

Degree of Master of Arts

Sanaul Afm Huq  Sustainability and Development

John Anthony Leos  Sustainability and Development
Rowaida Mahmoud Ramadan  Sustainability and Development
Degree of Master of Science

Abiola Akintoye Dosumu Telecommunications and Network Engineering
Abdullah Suliman M. Alamr Telecommunications and Network Engineering
Ali Ahmed A. Alghamdi Security Engineering
Saad Mohsen Alghamdi Security Engineering
Shwaa Dahwi S. Alharbi Software Engineering
Riyadh Ali M. Almehmadi Systems Engineering
Wafaa Abdullah F. Alshehri Operations Research
Hamad Sulaiman S. Alsqabe Telecommunications and Network Engineering
Sai Preetham Kumar Bandi Telecommunications and Network Engineering
Omkar Bane Telecommunications and Network Engineering
Ashley Avery Barras Systems Engineering
Madhuri Bhupathi Computer Science
Matthew Carl Brookshire Manufacturing Systems Management
Kyle D. Cantrell Operations Research
Keith Wayne Castleberry Applied Science
Jeffrey Scott Clark Systems Engineering
Seth N. Clark Manufacturing Systems Management
Clifton Von Colbert Manufacturing Systems Management
Keith Don Coughlin Manufacturing Systems Management
Melinda Jean Darrow Systems Engineering
Doug Davenport Manufacturing Systems Management
Ajinkya Dharmapurikar Telecommunications and Network Engineering
Komlan A. Djoke Operations Research
Kevin LaShaun Edwards Manufacturing Systems Management
Varsha Reddy Gampala Telecommunications and Network Engineering
Salvador Garcia Telecommunications and Network Engineering
Douglas Wade Grisham Manufacturing Systems Management
Mayur Hadpe Telecommunications and Network Engineering
Austin James Heerwagen Computer Science
Paul M. Holmes Manufacturing Systems Management
Brandon L. Hubbard Manufacturing Systems Management
Karthik Inuganti Telecommunications and Network Engineering
Brian James Kinson Systems Engineering
Quais Nabil Komosani Systems Engineering
Prema Krishnaswamy Software Engineering
Gregory Leist Software Engineering
Zichuan Li Telecommunications and Network Engineering
Sheila Lincoln Computer Science
Joseph Trent Manning Systems Engineering
Sharath Anurag Maradi Computer Science
Matthew Delicana Maza Manufacturing Systems Management
Richard Marcos Muniz Systems Engineering
Vinay Bharadwaj Narayanan Software Engineering
Neha Nelluri Telecommunications and Network Engineering
Natasha Newbrough Systems Engineering
Alexey O. Nikiforov Systems Engineering
Mara Lyn Pankovich Security Engineering
David Kazimier Pareigis Manufacturing Systems Management
Mehul Kumar Yogesh Patel Telecommunications and Network Engineering
Rutuja Anil Phutane Telecommunications and Network Engineering
Aditya Prabhu Telecommunications and Network Engineering
Arun Raj Rajesh Telecommunications and Network Engineering
Chetan Ratilal Rampariya Telecommunications and Network Engineering
Elizabeth Ann Reeve Systems Engineering
Adam Scott Richards Security Engineering
Chelsea Ray Rickel Computer Science
Hinda Rasheda Robinson Pugh Manufacturing Systems Management
Sai Sudheendra Rudravaram Telecommunications and Network Engineering
Sri Ranganath Seelam Telecommunications and Network Engineering
Joel Henry Segura Manufacturing Systems Management
Spencer Morin Simmons Manufacturing Systems Management
Matthew Simpson Security Engineering
Esha Srivastava Telecommunications and Network Engineering
Chandra Sekhar Talluri Telecommunications and Network Engineering
Jeffrey Andrew Thacker Computer Science
Ronak Nimeshkumar Thaker Telecommunications and Network Engineering
David Thanh Tran Systems Engineering

Jeffrey Alan Trang Systems Engineering
Chandana Datta Uppalapati Computer Science
Saravana Velusamy Telecommunications and Network Engineering
Sandeep Kumar Vietla Telecommunications and Network Engineering
Jesal Ashok Vyas Software Engineering
Michael Todd Wells Manufacturing Systems Management
Cordell Reynard White Manufacturing Systems Management

Degree of Master of Science in Civil Engineering
Jorge Luis Gallosa, Jr.
Mary Ellen Kerr

Degree of Master of Science in Computer Engineering
Adel Radhi S Alharbi
Joshua Eli Rendon

Degree of Master of Science in Electrical Engineering
Baley Allen
Ehab Nasrat Bahjat
Deepesh Neeladhar Bangera
Luyao Fan
Gerald Ronald Johannes
Xiaodong Kang
Thesis: “A Geometry-Based Stochastic Model of Wireless Channels Around Bridges”
Sijie Li
Yunzhi Li
Payam K. Pourjavad
Pedro Alejandro Rodriguez-Garcia

Soham Rajeshbhai Soneji
Yi Sun
Thesis: “Using an FPGA in a 3D Stacked IC to Prevent LSIB Bitstream Snooping”
Xiaoran Wang
Thesis: “Design of Highly Secure Serial Data Link Transceiver”
Xiao Xu
Guang Yang
Likang Yang
Linseng Zhang
Tao Zhang

Degree of Master of Science in Engineering Management
Wilson Naim Al Hasbany
Ala A. Al-Zubi
Gbemisola Aderonke Alabi
Ali Ahmed A. Alghamdi
Haneen Saleh Alharbi
Jose Eugenio Barberii Hernandez
Fernando Gonzalez Fernandez

Michael Ryan Jencik
Lindsay Lee Neese
Deanna Michele Patton
Andrey Postrigan
Alan Sason Sarfati Hirshfeld
Emilio Viola
Degree of Master of Science in Environmental Engineering

Rebecca Ann Christensen
Kaylee Patrice Dusek
Michael Robert Groselle

Chao Wang
Zhongshu Wei
Nahed Mohammed A. Zarad

Degree of Master of Science in Information Engineering Management

Omar Yousef F. Al Afisan
Quinndameon Flagg
Bryan Richard Green

Rashmi Srivastava
Lekshmi Vinu

Degree of Master of Science in Mechanical Engineering

Mohammed Ageel H. Alharbi
Edvin Golestanyan
Phillip Carlos Gomez

Anil Koklu
Brett A. Miller
James Thomas Robison V
Taria Nicole Usher

In Annette Caldwell Simmons School of Education and Human Development

Degree of Master of Arts in Dispute Resolution

Ashley Elaine Beall-Sarris
Shawn S. Billingly
Janea E. Butler
Constance Celles Cropp
Allison Louise Drewry
Michael Burlin Frank

Tracy A. McFarland
Zulema G. Rodriguez
Angelica Ruiz
Carolyn Dawn Shalah
Allison Victoria Witucki Russell

Degree of Master of Bilingual Education

Carolina Castro
Priscilla Abigail Lara

Degree of Master of Education

Muna Abdullah M. Almehmadi
Rene Jacobs Archambault Educational Leadership
Anne Hunter Bures Educational Leadership
Sunny R. Carroum
Adam Zane Cavender
Jennifer Cerny
Candy Renee Crespo Educational Leadership

Yumna Dadabhoy
Luisa Maria del Rosal Educational Leadership
Amanda Christine Fairchild
Seth Adam Folkenroth
Kathy Michelle Hubbard Educational Leadership
Jose A. Martins
Jenny Eloise McCaslin
Manuela Monsalve  
Mary Minette Morgan  
Linda Carol Perez  
Sandra Beatriz Reeve  
Charlotte E. Seelen  
Hayley Alexandra Stenger  
Huizhen Sun  

Maria Claudia Supelano-Searle  
Megan Nicole Templin  
Sarah Elizabeth Tinsman  
Kelly Lynn Turner  
Amy Kathleen Wainscott  
Dylan Shea Wilson  
Samantha Elizabeth Zivin  

**Degree of Master of Liberal Studies**

Katie Melissa Adams  *Humanities*

Christian Elizabeth Beebe  *Human Rights and Social Justice*

Faye Eleanor Birch  *Humanities*

Uylandras Kotinia Campbell  *Organizational Dynamics*

Amanda Woodall Clark  *Communication, Media, and Technology*

Joan L. Clark  *Self-Designed*

Cindy Maricelia Cruz-Paz  *Humanities; The Arts and Cultural Traditions*

Robert H. Drewry  *The Arts and Cultural Traditions*

Joseph C. Knight  *Environmental Sustainability; Global Studies*

Melissa Morales  
Dena Abbas Pritchett  
William David Thomas  *Global Studies*

Danielle Marie Wilson  *Organizational Dynamics*

Rosalie Zentner Wilson  *Organizational Dynamics*

**Degree of Master of Science in Counseling**

Ashley Ann Abraham  
Kisha Anderson  
Tonya Y. Burton  
Tayler Dawn Callan  
Amy Elizabeth Campi  
Sarah Catherine Close  
Charles Raymond DeGuzman Culpepper  
Amanda Danielle Dickerson  
Jill J. Freeze  
Katrina Lyn Gamber  
Bryna Laree Garrison  
Alexander James Giovanetti  
Carolyn Hopkins Grimes  
Wendy Michelle Henderson  
Cristina Alexandra Hornedo  
Ashlyn M. Hudson  
Nancy K. Hueglin  
Kimberlee Ann Kays  
Marci Noelle Lawson  
Valerie Bianca Lerma  
Angela Denise Moore  
David More  
Kimberly Vuong Ngo  
Angela Abla Nordin  
Raul Ornelas, Jr.  
Christine Michelle Pope  
Lakeita Monique Roberts  
Taylor Alan Robinson  
Yahaira Michelle Rodriguez  
Sarah Michelle Satinsky  
Grace M. Secker  
Nancy Ruth Solls  
Brittany Lee Stevens  
Ellen Jane Storm  
Sherri R. Taylor  
Allie Elizabeth Travis  
John Patrick Walsh

**Degree of Master of Science in Sport Management**

Lindsey Elizabeth Doss  
LaJewelia Jamise Lewis  
Zachary Grant Moss
THE GUILDHALL AT SMU, LINDA AND MITCH HART CENTER

Degree of Certificate in Digital Game Development

Laura L. Brothers Specialization in Software Development
Michael Crawford Specialization in Level Design
Amanda Nicole East Specialization in Art Creation
David Charles Gautier Specialization in Art Creation
Evan Jeremy Kohn Specialization in Software Development
Jason A. Leary Specialization in Level Design
Hoang Huy Nguyen Specialization in Software Development
Brian Lee Rust Specialization in Software Development
Taylor Adele Smith Specialization in Art Creation
Trevor A. Youngblood Specialization in Software Development

Degree of Master of Interactive Technology

Dallas Chavis Digital Game Development - Level Design
Thesis: “Using Environmental Narration to Deliver a Complex Narrative.”

Gilbert Jonathan Clark Digital Game Development - Production
Thesis: “Synthetic Model of an Agile Development Team”

Michael Crawford Digital Game Development - Level Design
Thesis: “Level Construction and Balance for Offensive Shooter Classes”

David Charles Gautier Digital Game Development - Art Creation

Evan Jeremy Kohn Digital Game Development - Software Development
Thesis: “Virtual Reality Best Practices Using Leap Motion with Oculus Rift”

Jason A. Leary Digital Game Development - Level Design

Taylor Adele Smith Digital Game Development - Art Creation
Thesis: “Conveying Storytelling in an Atypical Horror Environment”

Mark Williams Digital Game Development - Level Design
Thesis: “Evaluating Techniques to Improve Environmental Storytelling”

James Matthew Worrell Digital Game Development - Production
Thesis: “Success through Emotional Intelligence”

Trevor A. Youngblood Digital Game Development - Software Development
Thesis: “Combining Interactive Music and Musically Reactive Game Elements”

Qi Yuan Digital Game Development - Level Design
Thesis: “Light as a Design Mechanic In 2D Video Game Architecture”
December 2015 and January 2016

Candidates for Degrees

In Dedman College of Humanities and Sciences

Degree of Bachelor of Arts

Lauren C. Aguirre Political Science
Ramsha Ahmed International Studies
Laura Aubrey Anderson Religious Studies
Paul Wendell Armstrong III Markets and Culture
Andrew John Henry Arnold Political Science
Collins Osika Ateku Economics
Tiffanie Christine Austin English with a Creative Writing Specialization
Mary C. Barrios Biological Sciences
Rachel Mae Beitler Markets and Culture
Hannah Enriquez Beltran Markets and Culture; Spanish
Danna Hisham Bismar Psychology
Morgan Blair Bolton Biological Sciences
Erica L. Cain Psychology
Christian Taylor Cano Biological Sciences
Jenna R. Carreras Markets and Culture
Rosangelica Castillo Anthropology; Psychology
Rayann Valerie Chin Sociology
Matthew Aaron Coates History
Guy Irving Colby V History
Alison Marsha Connolly Psychology
Katherine Imperatrice Corley Markets and Culture
Anay Nerida Cruz Spanish
Francisco Javier Diaz Villarreal Economics
Coy Thomas Dobson Economics; Political Science; Public Policy
Nayelly Dominguez Economics; French
Hannah Theresa Dudley Political Science; Psychology
Shahira Onchimare Ehiemua Biological Sciences
Moshe Kahel Espejel-Bilich Environmental Studies
Luis M. Espinosa, Jr. Economics
Veronica Flores Anthropology
Cody Reed Gackle Political Science
Sophia Rajmattie Ganesh Political Science
Celia M. Garza Biological Sciences
Rachel Elizabeth Heisel International Studies
Jacob Chandler Hinch Political Science
Alison Camille Hodges Economics
Sidney Leigh Hollingsworth Markets and Culture
Aaron Taylor Holmblad Psychology
Robert Dixon Hopkins, Jr. International Studies
Sorsha Lenin Huff Anthropology; International Studies
Sarah Elizabeth Hurley English
Sarah Marie Israel Human Rights
Luis Jose Jelenszky Diaz Economics
Dianna Johnson Political Science
Sardar Adam Kamal Economics; Foreign Languages: Chinese
Elizabeth A. Kennickell Human Rights
Duc N. Lam Psychology
Ryan Paul Landis English
Katherine Tina Lomeo Chemistry
Derek Ray Longoria Sociology
Darci Kay Martin Anthropology
Anne Marie Katelyn McComb English
Daniel J. McQuaid Markets and Culture
Frances Ingrid Moody Sociology
Made Ingle June Moran Psychology
Victoria Lily Whitney Morris Political Science
Kyle Anthony Nakatsuka Anthropology;
Individualized Studies in Liberal Arts
Lauren M. Nelson Sociology
Jairo Nevarez Public Policy
Lewis Mokua Omboga Philosophy; Psychology
Carpenter Weston Parham Public Policy
Alessandro A. Pauri Political Science
Erina Claire Pollard English with a Creative Writing Specialization
James Edmond Preston Economics
Joseph E. Reyes  History; Political Science
Brandon William Roselius  History; Political Science
Nicholas Brooks Sabourin  Economics
Mariasol Salazar  Psychology
Michelle E. Saling  Psychology
Courtney Elise Sanders  Psychology; Religious Studies
Kaela Schreck  Psychology
Andrew Bradley Schmidt  English with Creative Writing Specialization
Robert Christian Seals  Sociology
Ronnell Dupree Sims, Jr.  Sociology
Morgan Julia Slottje  Markets and Culture
Ryan Jason Stancu  Psychology
Anna Loye Stell  Psychology
Ellyn Stroud  Markets and Culture
Kaitlyn Jo Sutherland  Markets and Culture
Benjamin Taylor Svehlak  Political Science
George Marcangelo Taylor  Philosophy
Kathleen Reed Thompson  History
Karen Nguyen Tran  Anthropology; Religious Studies
Heather Ashley Trattner  Psychology
Caleb Tuitaalili Tuiasosopo  Markets and Culture
Jennifer Turner  Psychology
Stephen Thomas Vastine II  History
Charles Wilson Wall  Sociology
Melody J. Wang  Political Science; Psychology
Kristian Alan Weeks  Sociology
Ashton Noel West  Biological Sciences
Brinley Marie Williams  Chemistry
Jared Walter Williams  Sociology
Courtney Lynn Wittich  Psychology
Sara Ann Ziennicki  Psychology
Chelsea A. Zortman  Human Rights

Degree of Bachelor of Science

Mohammed Nasser Alshayeb  Economics with Finance Applications
Carla Sherise Armstrong  Mathematics
Luz Stephany Arrieta  Mathematics
Mary C. Barrios  Health and Society
Jessica Bates  Mathematics
Kathleen Alexandra Beck  Economics with Finance Applications
Daniel Everett Brooker  Mathematics
Michael E. Burkus  Biological Sciences
Kirsten Bustamante  Geology
Aristotle Blake Chu  Economics with Finance Applications
Guy Irving Colby V  Anthropology
Maryssa Elaine Crews  Mathematics
Chase Alan Dinsmore  Economics with Finance Applications
Christopher Michael Dunn  Mathematics
Mohamed Amin Elgendy  Economics with Finance Applications
Manuel Familiar Botello  Economics with Finance Applications
Ian A. Ford  Biological Sciences
Rachel Susanne Gardner  Biological Sciences; Health and Society
Audrey E. Gill  Statistical Science
Andrea Kristine Gourley  Mathematics

Roman Grant  Biological Sciences
Andrew Alonzo Griffin  Mathematics
Hunter Reece Hayden  Economics with Finance Applications
Alicia Gwen Hill  Environmental Sciences
Kimberly Hinh  Biological Sciences
Hayden Harty Hodges  Mathematics
Richard Randolph House III  Economics with Finance Applications
Andria Jo Huff  Mathematics
Peter Joseph Montgomery Kasper  Mathematics
Brian David Kelly  Sociology
Yea Jin Kim  Health and Society
Anthony Krow  Economics with Finance Applications
Phuoc Thanh Le  Mathematics
Seok Hee Lee  Mathematics
Daniel Morrison Lowery  Economics with Finance Applications
Alexandra Dee Maddux  Mathematics
Cyrus Eugene Mansoori  Economics with Finance Applications; Mathematics
Grace Marquez  Economics with Finance Applications
Taylor Gene McClendon  Geology
Austin Kuo McClintock  Economics with Finance Applications
Jarrod Lee Milhorn Biological Sciences
Elise Kathryn Mittag Biological Sciences
Faustino Moral Economics with Finance Applications
Kyle Anthony Nakatsuka Biological Sciences
Jairo Nevarez Economics with Finance Applications
Quang Dang Ngo Biological Sciences
Marielle Ngoue Biological Sciences
Olivia Marine Paganini Economics; Mathematics
Carpenter Weston Parham Economics with Finance Applications
Thu Anh Pham Economics with Finance Applications
Spencer James Ramsey Economics with Finance Applications
Luis Arturo Ravelo Economics with Finance Applications
Hernan Rodriguez Economics with Finance Applications
Stephen Nayeed Samei Mathematics
Anna Loez Stell Health and Society
Erinn Renee Stepniak Mathematics
Franco T. Sun Mathematics
Sandra Maria Adele Wagner Economics with Finance Applications
Jonathan Ryne Walther Economics with Finance Applications
Thu Anh Pham Economics with Finance Applications
William Merritt Lawson Webb Economics with Finance Applications
Peter Dorian Wendel Mathematics
Brinley Marie Williams Biological Sciences
Lechen Yuan Economics; Mathematics
Kenneth W. Zon Health and Society

In Meadows School Of The Arts

Degree of Bachelor of Arts

Monica Maria Acosta Advertising
Lauren C. Aguirre Journalism
Sidra Baaji Anees Film and Media Arts
Reina Vanessa Aragon Film and Media Arts
Sarah Ann Campbell Advertising
Lauren Meade Castle Journalism
Laura Mimi Chong Advertising
John Spyro Chrystalopoulos, Jr. Film and Media Arts
Daniel Robert Coonce Music
Cassidy Croft Curtis Journalism
Courtney Rose Curtisinger Advertising; Art
Caroline Delgado Film and Media Arts
Kasmira Alessia Della Schiava Public Relations and Strategic Communication
Gabriela Caroleena Dowling Corrie Advertising
Christopher Travis Fish Advertising
Christopher Bryant Fisher Art History
Madeline Anne Frizell Fashion Media; Journalism; Public Relations and Strategic Communication
Jianbo Gao Advertising
Michael Luis Gonzalez Film and Media Arts
Sean Michael Hadeker Art
Laura Ellington Hammann Art
Megan Ann Harrington Advertising
Claire Yon Harrison Communication Studies
Christian Darnell Holloway Film and Media Arts
Sarah Marie Israel Interdisciplinary Studies in the Arts
Jamie L. Javor Journalism
Sheida Karami Advertising; Film and Media Arts
Laurel Halima Khaleel Creative Computing
Jacqueline Patricia Leylegian Advertising
Christen Suzanne Limbaugh Communication Studies; Journalism; Public Relations and Strategic Communication
Laura Elizabeth Lizarra Communication Studies; Journalism
Caroline Elisabeth Mendes Journalism
Elizabeth B. Meyer Advertising; Film and Media Arts
Peggy Lynn Moore Film and Media Arts
Madelyn June Moran  Art
Meredith Lee Murphy Communication Studies, Public Relations and Strategic Communication
Quang Dang Ngo Advertising
Victoria Brooks Norwine Advertising
Kelly Dawn Quinn Advertising
Ryan Jeffrey Reed Film and Media Arts
Caitlin Emilie Reinhart Creative Computing

Monica Rodriguez Communication Studies
Alexis Victoria Schloeman Advertising
Franco T. Sun Art
Sierra Victoria Sutton Advertising
Edward Warner Tooley Communication Studies
Sarah Lynn Woodruff Music
Kennedy Claire Zaccagnino Advertising

Degree of Bachelor of Fine Arts

Nina Maxine Davis  Art
Ian Eric Hill Theatre
Jesse Alexander Karmazin Theatre
Mallory Grace Ketch Dance Performance
Brittany Lynn Knowles Art

Kaye Ellen Nickell  Art
Caitlin Emilie Reinhart  Art
Ellen E. Smith  Art
Emily A. Vallar Dance Performance

Degree of Bachelor of Music

Myles Julian Blakemore Trombone Performance
Kelli Lynn Kader Music Therapy
Yu Ting Su Music Therapy

Megan Danielle Truitt Music Therapy
Alison Regina Wheaton Music Education

In Edwin L. Cox School of Business

Degree of Bachelor of Business Administration

Ethan Micah Weiller Abels Management
Kristin Avery Acker Accounting
Bailey Nicole Adams Marketing
Kelsey M. Alford Finance
Troy Caesar Alley III Finance
Laura Aubrey Anderson Management
Chen Chen Finance
Jared Nathaniel Clayton Accounting
Sarah Jane Cocke Accounting
Bryan Wayne Dewey Finance
Luis M. Espinosa, Jr. Finance
Elena Fayner Finance
Garrett Robinson Franklin Marketing
Dylan James French Accounting
Calissa Anne Galvin Accounting
Christopher J. Garrido Finance
Juan Pablo Gonzalez Elizondo Management
Yixiao Huang Finance
Yoonjung Jang Management
Peter Joseph Montgomery Kasper Finance

Christopher Kelly Kearns Marketing
Matthew Thomas Lambrecht Finance
Taylor Elizabeth Lawson Accounting
Lifan Li Accounting
Nathalie Marie Lindborg Finance
Jiaming Liu Finance
Natalie Michelle Maddox Marketing
Grace Marquez Finance
Lauren Elizabeth Marsan Marketing
Madeleine Grace Marshall Finance
Julie Elizabeth Martin Accounting
Tatiana Julissa Martinez Marketing
Marissa Kyle Mathews Marketing
Maury Alexis Moreno Accounting
Christina Noel Navarre Accounting
Samantha Patricia Lee Oliva Marketing
Madelyn Tze-Yong Ong Accounting
Eduardo Jesus Oteiza Calzada Accounting
Ante Pandzich Finance
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In Bobby B. Lyle School Of Engineering

Degree of Bachelor of Science

Patrick William Brannen Computer Science
Darius T. Clark Computer Science
Anthony M. Cloudy Computer Science
Nayelly Dominguez Management Science
Taylor G. Ellington Computer Science

Hayden Harsy Hodges Management Science
Darla Sue Parrish Management Science
Michael Frederick Schem Computer Science
Ryan Carl Tanner Computer Science

Degree of Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering

Julia Addobbati Aguiar
Jake Walden Richard

Degree of Bachelor of Science in Computer Engineering

Christopher Michael Dunn

Degree of Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering

Luz Stephany Arrieta
Seok Hee Lee

Degree of Bachelor of Science in Environmental Engineering

Juan J. Garcia

Degree of Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering

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Daniel Everett Brooker
Karen Deniss De La Fuente
Andrew Jefferson Dorsaneo
Andrea Kristine Gourley
Virginia Eileen Hadley
Russell Alan Johnson

Kenneth Troy Knowles
Phuoc Thanh Le
Alexandra Dee Maddux
Cyrus Eugene Mansoori
Benjamin Henry Sellers
Melissa Lynn Wallace
Lauren D. White
IN ANNETTE CALDWELL SIMMONS SCHOOL OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Bozidar Antunovic
Mary Catherine Bumpass
Christian Rene Chamagua
Dominique Rose Conley
Spencer William Conley
Laura Ellington Hammann *Educational Studies*
Zachary Nolan Harward
Sarah Elizabeth Hurley *Educational Studies*
Ajee Cipriano Montes

Rachel Elise Esther Nicol
Jennifer Park
Trevor James Peters
Kelly Dawn Quinn
Melanie Stemper
John Gentry Wilburn
Sarah Lynn Woodruff
Dhanya Yalamanchi
Sara Ann Ziemnicki *Educational Studies*

The December portion of the program contains names of candidates for degrees and honors. Inclusion in the program does not constitute evidence of completion of degrees and honors requirements.
RECIPIENTS OF DEGREES

IN DEDMAN COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES AND SCIENCES

DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Shraman Banerjee Economics
BS Ramakrishna Mission Residential College Narendrapur, India
MS Indian Statistical Institute
Dissertation: “Essays on Applied Microeconomics”
Adviser: Timothy Craig Salmon

Young Ok Choi Computational and Applied Mathematics
BS Sookmyung Women’s University, South Korea
MS Southern Methodist University
Adviser: Johannes Tausch

Zhihong Dong Economics
BS Xidian University, China
MA Southern Methodist University
Ph.D. Tsinghua University, China
Dissertation: “Essays on Signaling, Price Competition, and Market Frictions”
Adviser: Santanu Roy

Albert D. Gonzalez Anthropology
BA, MA University of Texas, Dallas
Dissertation: “Turley’s Mill and the Archaeology of Latinos in the United States”
Adviser: Michael A. Adler

Yanjun Hao Geophysics
BS Guilin University of Electronic Technology, China
MS Institute of Crustal Dynamics, China
Dissertation: “Long-Term Deformation in the Mississippi Embayment (Central USA) Imaged by High-Resolution Seismic Reflection Data”
Adviser: Maria Beatrice Magnani

Justus Hamilton Hunter Religious Studies
BA Asbury College
MDV Asbury Theological Seminary
MA University of Dayton
Dissertation: “The Motive for the Incarnation from Anselm of Canterbury to John Duns Scotus”
Adviser: Bruce D. Marshall

Chang Young Jang Computational and Applied Mathematics
BE Inha University, South Korea
BS University of Texas, Dallas
Dissertation: “Contributions of Theory and Applications of Hermite Methods”
Adviser: Thomas Hagstrom
Victoria Mueller  *Psychology*
BA University of Texas, Austin
Dissertation: “Children’s Appraisals and Involvement in Interparent Conflict: Do They Uniquely Contribute to Child Adjustment?”
Adviser: Ernest Jouriles

Bowen Wang  *Physics*
BS University Science & Technology Of China
Dissertation: “Applications of QCD Factorization in Multiscale Hadronic Scattering”
Adviser: Pavel M. Nadolsky

Zheng Wang  *Computational and Applied Mathematics*
BS University Science & Technology of China
Dissertation: “Filtered Davidson-Type Methods for Large-Scale Eigen-Related Problems”
Adviser: Yunkai Zhou

Shannon Reuben Woodruff  *Chemistry*
BS University of Mary Hardin-Baylor
Dissertation: “Macromolecular Design of Well-Defined Epoxide-Containing Materials and their Post-Polymerization Functionalizations”
Adviser: Nicolay Vasilev Tsarevsky

Yin Xi  *Statistical Science*
BS Donghua University, China
MS Stephen F. Austin State University
Dissertation: “Bayesian Spatial Clustering Method and Its Application in Radiology”
Adviser: Jing Cao

In Bobby B. Lyle School Of Engineering

Degree of Doctor of Philosophy

Seyed Moussa Mirchei  *Mechanical Engineering*
BSME Amirkabir University of Technology
MSME University of Texas, San Antonio
Dissertation: “Simulations and Analyses of Natural Convection inside Heterogeneous Containers Heated by Solar Radiation”
Adviser: Jose L. Lage

Behrokh Mokhtarpour  *Systems Engineering*
BS Mazandaran University of Science and Technology, Iran
MS K.N. Toosi University, Iran
Dissertation: “A Methodology for Selecting the Preferred System of Systems (SOS) during SOS Mission Planning and Acquisition”
Adviser: Jerrell T. Stracener
In Perkins School Of Theology

Degree of Master of Divinity

Marie Rose Fuhrken Cum Laude
Katherine Renee Kennedy
Freedom Antoinette McAdoo

Degree of Master of Theological Studies

Mari K. Harris Summa Cum Laude
Marci Lynn Jackson
Rachel Letitia Roberts

In Dedman School Of Law

Degree of Master of Laws

Ahmed Abdullah Albosayys Comparative and International Law
Abdulmalik Ibrahim Algholiqah Comparative and International Law
Abdullah Mohammed S. Aljarbou Comparative and International Law

Degree of Juris Doctor

Mallikarjun Boda Cum Laude
Chia-Yu Chiang
Emily Suzanne Hayes
James Jeffrey Landrum
Robert Earl Whitbeck Lindsey

Jeffrey L. Nanson
Ajit David Paul
Kevin Lee Thomas

In Dedman College Of Humanities And Sciences

Degree of Master of Arts

Marwah Mesfer Alrasheed Economics
Faisal Ayidh Alzahrani Molecular and Cell Biology
Deanna Catherine Denman Psychology
Katherine Elizabeth Fox Anthropology

Abdulaziz Mohammed H. Hakami Molecular and Cell Biology
Ashvina Mohan Patel Anthropology
Carrie Anne Perkins Anthropology
Shi Tang Economics
Degree of Master of Science

Andrew Mitzel  Statistical Science
Siti Nur Sarah Morris  Molecular and Cell Biology

Degree of Master of Science in Applied Economics and Predictive Analytics

Yang Liu  Hanzhi Yue
Xi Wu

Certificate in Applied Economics

Maricarmen Lujan Hernandez  Alejandro Parra Cardenas
Marcela Anel Macias Garza  Ivan Dario Vazquez Ramirez
Alejandra Martinez Ibarra

In Meadows School of the Arts

Degree of Master of Arts

James Robert Kerr  Film and Media Arts
Asiel Sepulveda  Art History
Katherine M. Watson  Arts Management

Degree of Master of Music

Courtney Anne Stancil  Voice Performance
Antonio Jonique Daniels  Instrumental Conducting

In Edwin L. Cox School of Business

Degree of Master of Business Administration

David W. Abuhl  Finance
Jeffrey Brandon Allred  Strategy & Entrepreneurship
Orin B. Atkins  General Business
Carlos Felipe Avila Tamez  Finance
Shresha Bhat  Business Analytics; Finance
Blair Alyssa Bigelow  General Business
Chelsey Ann Caldwell  Strategy & Entrepreneurship
Travis Dodson Cobbs  Finance
Lida Milena Cortes  Strategy & Entrepreneurship
Matthew J. Craig  Finance
Tyler Curtis Darden  Finance; Real Estate
Conrad B. Debaillon  Marketing
Joshua T. Devin  Finance
Erin Michelle Corcoran Doughty  Marketing
Roderick Maurice Durham  Finance; Real Estate
Joel Andrew Fletcher  Real Estate
Patrick Michael Floeck  Strategy & Entrepreneurship
Patrick G. Flynn  Business Analytics; Strategy & Entrepreneurship
Dariela Fuentes Luna  Business Analytics
Ilona Rachel Galstyan  General Business
Degree of Master of Science in Finance

Norman Douglas Burch
Shuqi Lei

Degree of Master of Science in Management

Alejandro Islas Gonzalez
David Charles White, Jr.
IN BOBBY B. LYLE SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING

DEGREE OF MASTER OF ARTS

Harris Amele Ngwo Anja Sustainability and Development

DEGREE OF MASTER OF SCIENCE

Motab Almousa Operations Research
Ali Mohammed Alwuqayyan Systems Engineering
Vitrag Jagdish Bavishi Software Engineering
Joshua Lee Bergman Systems Engineering
Zizhen Chen Computer Science
Qiaozhen Du Operations Research
William Glen Holloway Systems Engineering
Mohammed Abdulaziz A. Khawj

Navadeep Ravindranath Telecommunications and Network Engineering
Anthony Michael Rogers Datacenter Systems Engineering
Abdulsattar Tariq A. Shrif Operations Research
John Richard Wadleigh Computer Science
Benjamin Ray Winsett Systems Engineering
William B. Yi Systems Engineering

DEGREE OF MASTER OF SCIENCE IN CIVIL ENGINEERING

Amirhesam Ashtari

DEGREE OF MASTER OF SCIENCE IN COMPUTER ENGINEERING

Phillip Andrew Morris
Chintan Navnitkumar Patel

DEGREE OF MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING

Motab Almousa
Mohammed Salih Alroba
Artemii Sergueievich Fedorov

Eric Miles Johnson
Alex Bank Lucaciu

DEGREE OF MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ENGINEERING MANAGEMENT

Mohammed Saleh Alroba
Mohammed Abdulaziz A. Khawj

DEGREE OF MASTER OF SCIENCE IN INFORMATION ENGINEERING AND MANAGEMENT

Wdhhaa Nqaa D. Alotaibi
Venkata Bharat Varma Chekuri
Kevin Sharma

DEGREE OF MASTER OF SCIENCE IN MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

Sulaiman Abdussalam M. Abuhomoud
Abigail Catherine Pingel
In Annette Caldwell Simmons School of Education and Human Development

Degree of Master of Arts in Dispute Resolution

Carolyn James Barden
Laura Ann Bray
Jeremy Marshall Chappell
Jeffrey E. Forbes
Amber Joelle Fulton
Emozogie Guobadia
Alison Robins Hansen

Degree of Master of Education

Lauren Elizabeth Berger Educational Leadership
Becky Elaine Brown
Anne Marie Burdick
Brittany Leann Burns
Nicole Renee Busscher Educational Leadership
Rhett Dean Carter Educational Leadership
Rachele Carver Educational Leadership
Cassandra Chapa Educational Leadership
Megan Davis Forbes Educational Leadership
Abigail Hathaway Golledge Educational Leadership
Megan Elizabeth Hancock
Mikela Frances Stovall Hudson Educational Leadership
Christina Michelle Jacobs Educational Leadership
David Wayne James III Educational Leadership
Cahtlin Rhiannon Megan James
Javelo Armad Jones
Kelsey Rochelle Karcher Educational Leadership

Degree of Master of Liberal Studies

Emily Brooke Blackmore
Alexandra Christine Crai Human Rights and Social Justice
Cindy Maricelia Cruz-Paz Humanities; The Arts and Cultural Traditions
Stephanie DeLay The Arts and Cultural Traditions
Bart Julian Desender Humanities
Carolyn P. Douglas Self-Designed
Syeda Sareen Fatima Human Rights and Social Justice
Randall W. Foster Self-Designed
Anthea Elise Holley Global Studies

Nicole Yvette Jacobsen Communication, Media, and Technology; Human Rights and Social Justice
Thomas L. Johnson III Global Studies; Organizational Dynamics
Alissa Claire Konecny
Laura Lisa Montes Organizational Dynamics
Justin Daniel Norris Environmental Sustainability
Chadrice Rhnae Thomas
Megan Marie Welch Global Studies
Shawn B. Williams
Degree of Master of Science in Counseling
Rebekah Callie Chastain  
Riley Whitfield Crawford  
Sharna Sharee Claudette Daley  
Leslie Ann Ginger  
Peggy Garner Holt  
Carolyn Jean Litteral  
Erica Yvette Myers  
Chelsea Jean-Anne Stroud

Degree of Master of Science in Sport Management
Julian Rees Fletcher  
Tory Allan Johnson  
Caitlin South Keen  
Tyler Christopher Kleinert  
Tyler Kenneth Sanford

In Dedman College Of Humanities And Sciences

Degree of Bachelor of Arts
Eduardo Aranda Sociology  
Luke Y. Bade Economics  
Jody Brittany Barnhardt Psychology  
Julianne Barns Psychology  
Bobby Beau Beauchamp Psychology  
Glen Michael Bellinger Psychology  
Jonathan Michael Bull Religious Studies  
Sinong Chen Psychology  
Jeffrey Michael Closs Markets and Culture  
Malcolm Charles Dey History  
Dana Gail Edwards Biological Sciences  
Ryan Travis Ellsworth Political Science  
Abel Garcia, Jr. Spanish  
Margaret Elisabeth Glover Economics; Psychology  
Brittany Lee Holland Psychology  
Arturs Kazijevs Economics  
Brian R. Lang Economics  
Mingsheng Li Economics  
Kaitlynn Shay McConville Sociology  
Timothy Edward Mead Economics  
Courtaney Marie Miller Sociology  
Matthew Edward Murphy Economics  
Seaver Thomas Myers History; Sociology  
Madeline Sargent O’Malley Political Science  
Kyle Benjamin Patterson History  
James Neil Petersen Political Science  
Randall Allan Rasor Economics  
Erika Michelle Saracho Economics; Public Policy  
David Andrew Viklund, Jr. History  
Meng Wang Economics  
Hayley C. Waring Political Science  
Peter Jones Weldon, Jr. Psychology  
Yanan Wu Economics

Degree of Bachelor of Science
Joanne O. Asenime Sociology  
Brittney Paige Carroll Economics with Finance Applications  
John Gentry Echols Economics with Finance Applications  
Abel Garcia, Jr. Economics with Finance Applications  
Miles Marshall Karro Economics with Finance Applications  
Austen Bennett Klauser Geophysics  
Joshua Anthony Marsh Biological Sciences  
Liem Anthony Nguyen Economics with Finance Applications  
John Donald O’Connell Economics with Finance Applications  
Liliana Osorio Mathematics  
Alex Paul Philipson Geology  
Blake Poston Economics with Finance Applications  
Akshay Vijay Soni Economics with Finance Applications  
Xiaolu Zhang Economics with Finance Applications  
Ziyi Zhao Economics with Finance Applications
In Meadows School Of The Arts

Degree of Bachelor of Arts

Jennifer Jane Anthony Communication Studies; Public Relations and Strategic Communication
Stephanie Margaret DeVries Communication Studies
Hayley Winston Harrison Journalism
Savannah Leslie James Fashion Media
Beatrice Hannah Mack Fashion Media
Ryan J. Pappalardo Advertising
Winston Gregory Ray Advertising

Erica Elizabeth Robbie Journalism
Christopher Edward San Andres Advertising
Alexandra Spitzer Journalism
Audrey E. Spurlock Communication Studies
Christianne Ellen Teague Art History
Magnesium Cum Laude
Alexis Ashleigh Walgreen Advertising
Myca Raquel Williamson Fashion Media; Journalism

Degree of Bachelor of Fine Arts

Madeline Rachael Dockery-Fuhrmann Theatre
McClendon D. Giles Theatre
Dexter Merrit LaMotte Green Dance Performance

Synthia Grace Green Theatre
Jessica Rae Pleasant Dance Performance

In Edwin L. Cox School Of Business

Degree of Bachelor of Business Administration

Ryan Scott Alexander Accounting
Mohammad Alkhiyami Accounting
Joseph Meyer Brigati Finance
Madison Zoe Brittingham Real Estate Finance
John Henry Coates Accounting
Morgan Lindsey Craven General Business
Francisco Javier Diaz Villarreal Management
Andrew Fraser Dubose Accounting
Jacob Anthony Garza Finance
Zachary R. Green Management
Beatriz Victoria Guizado de Saint Malo Marketing
Cum Laude
Lauren Marie Harris Marketing
Ryan Russell Herrscher Accounting Magnesium Cum Laude

Mitchell Lee Kuhn Finance
Magnesium Cum Laude
Mingsheng Li Finance
Sherylyn Tapiwanashe Mugwagwa Marketing
Atif Nisar Ahmed Accounting
Caroline Elizabeth Orozco General Business
Jay Nitin Patel Finance
Bryan Frost Repko Marketing
Nicholas Brooks Sabourin Finance
Muhammad Asad Shamsi Finance
Piper Clayre Smith Accounting
Anderson Yu Sheng To Finance
Michael Luciano Vizza General Business
Summa Cum Laude
Jacob Dale Wall General Business
Peter Jones Weldon, Jr. Finance
William Timmerman Wooten Finance
In Bobby B. Lyle School Of Engineering

Degree of Bachelor of Arts

Tyler Thomas Hargett Computer Science

Degree of Bachelor of Science

Nathaniel Taylor Bishop Computer Science
Michelle Justine Hughey Management Science
Lauren Paige McManamon Computer Science
Brendan Kelly O’Connor Computer Science

Degree of Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering

Ramom Carvalho Melo

Degree of Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering

Liliana Osorio
Rachel Katharine Vaughan

Degree of Bachelor of Science in Environmental Engineering

Riley Walker Moore

Degree of Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering

Megan Jeanne Aselton
Ryan Alexander Martinez
Morgan Christine Massie
Stephen D. Rabroker
Amar Zeynu

In Annette Caldwell Simmons School Of Education and Human Development

Degree of Bachelor of Science

Devin Reid Burnett
Promit Kumar Chatterjee
Spencer Sheridan Davis
Aryana Mahala Johnston
Kendall E. Keane
Abigail Grace Lowman
Ryan Andrew Manuel

Joeseph Edward McAteer
Maxwell Bond Mitchell
Erin Nicole Nelson
Bailee K. Petty
Rachel Alexandria Scruggs
Evan Edward Tormollen
Zachary Cole Wood
December 2014

Recipients of degrees participating in December

In Bobby B. Lyle School of Engineering

Degree of Master of Science
Nagarjun Govindarajkumar

Degree of Master of Science in Computer Engineering
Preethi Rajagopalan

Spring 2015

Recipients of degrees participating in December

In Bobby B. Lyle School of Engineering

Degree of Master of Science
Santhosh Reddy Kyatham Telecommunications and Network Engineering
Vipin Gopalakrishnan Marar Telecommunications and Network Engineering
Praveen Raj Shanmuga Ramasamy Systems Engineering

Degree of Master of Science in Information Engineering and Management
Mithun Raj Laxmipura

In Dedman College of Humanities and Sciences

Degree of Bachelor of Arts
Karmen Langlotz Psychology
CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES PARTICIPATING IN DECEMBER

IN DEDMAN COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES AND SCIENCES

Degree of Master of Science

Ashwaq Nasser Albalawi Physics
Aish M. Somily Physics

IN EDWIN L. COX SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

Degree of Master of Business Administration

Lucas R. Altoe Real Estate
Genevieve Dorothy Collins Strategy & Entrepreneurship
Matthew Bennett Gamble Finance; Real Estate
Ryan David Rech Finance; Real Estate
Andrew M. Wilson Marketing; Strategy & Entrepreneurship

IN DEDMAN COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES AND SCIENCES

Degree of Bachelor of Arts

Cirsten Christina Roberson Biological Sciences

IN ANNETTE CALDWELL SIMMONS SCHOOL OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Degree of Master of Arts in Dispute Resolution

Joshua Alexander Hart
Laurieann Ram-Kern
Daniel Alexander Russell

IN ANNETTE CALDWELL SIMMONS SCHOOL OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Degree of Bachelor of Science

Andrew F. Dunlevy
Students listed are candidates for undergraduate degrees in December 2015 and January 2016. For more information, visit smu.edu/EngagedLearning.

Daniel Brooker, *Laser-Doppler Velocimetry: Materials and Safety*

Nayelly Dominguez, *Perspectives of Innovation and Risk in French Business Culture*

Moshe Espejel-Bilich, *Hazardous Waste in the Health Care Industry*

Audrey Gill, *Promoting Social Change in Trans Rights Activism: A Study in Addressing Prejudice*

Sarah Marie Israel, *South Dallas Strings*

Kenny Knowles, *TASR (Torque Actuating Summersaulting Robot)*

Darci Martin, *Resources, Clinical and Alternative, for Youth with Early Psychosis*

Elise Mittag, *The Role of the MET Receptor on Juvenile Hormone Signaling Reduction*

Quango Ngo, *Serving Pregnant Women out of Wedlock in a Vietnamese Shelter*

Marielle Ngoue, *Analyzing the Effect of Peroxiredoxin on Longevity and Alzheimer’s Disease*

Olga Romanova, *Immigrant*

Sarah Woodruff, *From College Student Athletic Trainer to Professional Intern*
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.

SMU is owned by the South Central Jurisdiction of the United Methodist Church. The first charge of its founders, however, was that it become a great university, not necessarily a great Methodist university. From its founding, SMU has been nonsectarian in its teaching and committed to the values of academic freedom and open inquiry.

Today SMU offers a comprehensive curriculum through Dedman College – the college of humanities and sciences – and six schools: Meadows School of the Arts, Edwin L. Cox School of Business, Bobby B. Lyle School of Engineering, Perkins School of Theology, Dedman School of Law and Annette Caldwell Simmons School of Education and Human Development.

The University offers more than 100 undergraduate majors, master’s degrees in more than 100 areas, Ph.D. degrees in 27 fields and 49 certificate programs. Enrollment for the fall 2015 term was 11,643, including 6,411 undergraduate students and 5,232 graduate and professional school students. SMU students come from all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, American Samoa and 94 countries. About 74 percent of first-year students received some form of financial assistance for 2015–16. About 26 percent of the student body are minorities; 66 percent of undergraduates and 45 percent of graduate students report religious affiliation; 14 percent are Roman Catholic, 9 percent are Methodist and 4 percent are Baptist. Also represented in the student body are other Protestant denominations and other religions including Judaism, Buddhism, Islam and Hinduism.

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.
The academic procession and the regalia worn by the faculty and officers of the University symbolically represent the continuing link between the modern American university and the founding of the great medieval universities in Europe – chief among them Bologna, Paris and Oxford. As those institutions were derived from the Catholic Church, the universities adopted many of the ceremonial trappings of the church in their official public functions.

The mace of the University, a symbol of the authority vested in the president by the Board of Trustees and representing the covenant between the president and the faculty, is borne by the president of the Faculty Senate. Though the order of the procession varies from university to university, at SMU it proceeds from the chief marshal through the ranks of the faculty and the officers of the University to the president, who is preceded by the mace-bearer.

The caps and gowns worn in the procession also 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.

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.

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

Thomas R. Arp
Associate Professor Emeritus of English

Lorn L. Howard
Professor Emeritus of Electrical Engineering
Chief Marshal Emeritus
(1917–2012)
Candidates for degrees at SMU are robed in custom regalia, specially designed to incorporate SMU’s colors and symbols.

The doctoral gown in dark blue includes velvet chevrons on each of the bell sleeves. The gown is marked by velvet panels down the front and around the neck. The front panels are embroidered in gold thread with the SMU seal, and gold braid outlines the chevrons and panels. It is cut much fuller than the other gowns and may be ornamented in color. Replacing the traditional mortarboard, 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. Like traditional master’s robes, gowns are arranged so that the arm emerges from 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. The velvet trimming, in the same order, is 3 inches wide and 5 inches wide. The color of the trim identifies the faculty. A partial list of faculty colors follows: Arts, Letters, Humanities – White; Business – Drab; Education – Light Blue; Engineering – Orange; Fine Arts – Brown; Law – Purple; Music – Pink; Philosophy – Dark Blue; Science – Golden Yellow; Theology – Scarlet. The lining of the hood – that portion most visible from the rear – indicates the institution awarding the degree. SMU’s hood lining is blue with red chevron.

The bachelor’s gown in dark blue has the traditional characteristics of a bachelor’s robe, including full front pleats and balanced fluting. Its distinguishing characteristics are the long pointed sleeves. A red silk stole embroidered in blue with the SMU seal is worn across the shoulders. Bachelor’s gowns are worn with a tassel and mortarboard.

SMU’s regalia visually honor the University’s traditions and spirit, which we celebrate this morning.
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 seal is an appropriate choice for the design of the medallion because it represents the president’s responsibility to the sound education of each and every student at SMU. Each first-year and transfer student passes through Dallas Hall and views the University seal on his or her processional entry into the University at Opening Convocation. Upon graduation, students reverse the process during the Rotunda Recessional ceremony.

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.
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 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 designer and manufacturer of the Tate Mace are unknown. The mace had become heavily worn from 50 years of use and handling, and in 2008 it was totally refurbished under the direction of Project Manager Fred Banes by SMU’s Office of Planning, Design and Construction.

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The Howard Lantern is dedicated to Professor Lorn Lambier Howard, chief marshal *emeritus* of SMU from 1978–1987, in honor of his role in shaping the traditions and protocol of SMU’s modern-day academic ceremonies. Designed in 2008 and crafted out of steel, aluminum and water glass, the lantern symbolizes the Rotunda of Dallas Hall, the University’s oldest building and centerpiece of the campus. Engraved around the base is the University’s motto, *Veritas Liberabit Vos*, which means “The truth will make you free.” Around the top band are the words to “Varsity,” SMU’s alma mater. Each year during the May Baccalaureate Service, this lantern is handed down by the senior class president to a representative of the junior class, a symbolic passing of the light that sustains our University. The Howard Lantern serves as a reminder of the important traditions that make up our corporate University life and the light of learning and intellectual curiosity that shines within the students, faculty and staff here at SMU.

### The Rotunda Recessional

One of the University’s most symbolic traditions is Rotunda Passage, which includes both a processional and a recessional. Many of today’s undergraduate candidates began their lives at SMU by processing through the Rotunda of Dallas Hall to Opening Convocation, symbolizing their entrance to SMU. Yesterday, undergraduate candidates were invited to recess through the Rotunda as a symbolic departure from campus and out into their future as the newest members of the SMU alumni family.
The Star Spangled Banner

Oh, say can you see, by the dawn’s early light,
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight’s last gleaming?
Whose broad stripes and bright stars, through the perilous fight,
O’er the ramparts we watched, were so gallantly streaming?
And the rockets’ red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there.
Oh, say does that star-spangled banner yet wave
O’er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

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!

Share Your Mustang Spirit

If you make a special $100 gift by December 31, 2015, to help build the Crain Family Centennial Promenade, the promenade will include an etched paver honoring you and your loved ones. To donate a paver and purchase additional centennial merchandise, please visit smu.edu/100/gifts.
A private university with seven degree-granting schools, SMU is a distinguished center for teaching and research located near the heart of Dallas. SMU’s 11,000 students benefit from small classes, leadership opportunities and its international reach.