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The Twenty-fourth of August
Two Thousand and Fourteen at Half Past Five O'Clock
Moody Coliseum

A DISTINGUISHED TRADITION

Welcome to SMU's 100th Opening Convocation. Ninety-nine entering classes before you participated in this ceremony, which marks the beginning of the academic year.

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

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

CARILLON CONCERT AND CALL TO CONVOCAATION

Five O’Clock in the Afternoon

Cchea Nugent, Administrative Assistant for the Vice President of Executive Affairs
Fondren Science Tower

ORDER OF EXERCISE

PROCESSIONAL

Imperial Brass

INVOCATION

Stephen W. Rankin
Chaplain and Minister to the University

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Paul W. Ludden
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

REMARKS

Michael M. Boone ’63, ’67
Chair of the SMU Board of Trustees

Joseph (Jody) Magliolo
President of the Faculty Senate

Ramón V. Trespalacios ’14, ’15
Student Body President

SPECIAL MUSIC

Meadows Convocation Chorus
Desta Hailu, Accompanist
Led by Pamela Elrod Huffman, Associate Professor of Music and
Director of Choral Activities
“Let the River Run” by Carly Simon

PRESENTATION OF THE SPEAKER

R. Gerald Turner
President

ADDRESS

“So Late So Soon”

Joseph F. Kobylka
Associate Professor of Political Science

PRESENTATION OF THE ENTERING STUDENTS

Wes K. Waggoner
Dean of Undergraduate Admission and
Executive Director of Enrollment Services



ROTUNDA PASSAGE

The first Rotunda Passage was organized by Chief Marshals Jeff Chalk and Bradley Carter in the fall of 1989. Both Rotunda Passage, which students walk when they first enter SMU, and Rotunda Recessional, the final walk taken the evening before May Commencement, recognize the significance of Dallas Hall to SMU's academic and campus life. With its cornerstone set in 1912, Dallas Hall is the oldest building on campus. In 1915, when classes began, Dallas Hall housed all of the academic and administrative functions of the University. Its image is emblazoned on SMU's official seal. A bronze replica of the seal is found in the center of Dallas Hall's rotunda. Students and alumni do not step on this seal out of respect for what it represents. Dallas Hall is a magnificent building that stands on the highest spot, or "hilltop," of the land given by the citizens of Dallas. It is named in honor of the generosity and vision of those citizens. It is tradition that one becomes part of the SMU community by marching through Dallas Hall to Opening Convocation.

CHARGE TO THE ENTERING STUDENTS

R. Gerald Turner

BENEDICTION

William B. Lawrence
Dean of Perkins School of Theology

RECESSIONAL

Imperial Brass

GUILD OF MARSHALS

Thomas B. Fomby, Chief Marshal
Wayne A. Woodward, Procession Marshal
Hon Keung (Tony) Ng, Assisting Procession Marshal
Steven B. Vik, Assisting Procession Marshal
Barbara Hill-Moore, Platform Party Marshal

ASSISTING MARSHALS

Patty Harrington Delaney, Marshal for the Alumni Marshals
Heather R. DeShon, Marshal for Entering Students
Edward Fox, Marshal for Entering Students
Erin R. Hochman, Phi Beta Kappa Marshal
Barbara W. Kincaid, Faculty Marshal
David Sedman, Marshal for Entering Students
Rick Worland, Faculty Marshal
Paul Yovanoff, Marshal for Entering Students

FACULTY IN RESIDENCE

Ann Batenburg, Virginia-Snider Residential Commons
Martin L. Camp, Crum Residential Commons
Miroslava Detcheva, McElvaney Residential Commons
Mark E. Fontenot, Loyd Residential Commons
Mark Kerins, Morrison-McGinnis Residential Commons
Rita Kirk, Armstrong Residential Commons
Robert Krout, Mary Hay/Peyton/Shuttles Residential Commons
Will Power, Kathy Crow Residential Commons
David Y. Son, Boaz Residential Commons
Thomas W. Tunks, Ware Residential Commons
Elizabeth Wheaton, Cockrell-McIntosh Residential Commons

PLATFORM PARTY

Michael M. Boone '63, '67, Chair of the SMU Board of Trustees
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Enrollment Services

CAMPUS LEADERS

Joseph (Jody) Magliolo, President of the Faculty Senate
Kristi Kaiser Trail, President of the SMU Staff Association
Ramón V. Trespacios '14, '15, Student Body President

CONVOCATION OFFICIALS

Barbara Hill-Moore, Platform Party Marshal
Pamela Elrod Huffman, Associate Professor of Music and Director of Choral Activities
Joseph F. Kobylka, Associate Professor of Political Science and Opening Convocation Speaker
Stephen W. Rankin, Chaplain and Minister to the University

UNIVERSITY HYMN

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!

World Changers Shaped Here



SMU

A private university with seven degree-granting schools, SMU is a distinguished center for teaching and research located in the heart of Dallas. SMU's 11,000 students benefit from small classes, leadership opportunities and its international reach. The University is rising in prominence and impact among national universities, living up to its promise, "World Changers Shaped Here."