

A DISTINGUISHED TRADITION

Welcome to SMU’s 101st Opening Convocation.

One hundred 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.

OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PLATFORM PARTY

- Thomas E. Barry, Vice President for Executive Affairs
- Gary Keith Brubaker, Director of The Guildhall at SMU
- David J. Chard, Leon Simmons Dean of Annette Caldwell Simmons School of Education and Human Development
- Brad E. Cheves, Vice President for Development and External Affairs
- Marc P. Christensen, Dean and Bobby B. Lyle Professor of Engineering Innovation of Lyle School of Engineering
- Jennifer M. Collins, Judge James Noel Dean and Professor of Law of Dedman School of Law
- Michael A. Condon, University Treasurer
- Thomas DiPiero, Dean of Dedman College of Humanities and Sciences
- Samuel S. Holland, Algur H. Meadows Dean of Meadows School of the Arts
- 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
- Timothy V. Norris, Jr., President of the SMU Staff Association
- James E. Quick, Associate Vice President for Research and Dean of Graduate Studies
- Joanne Vogel, Vice President for Student Affairs *ad interim*
- Paul J. Ward, Vice President for Legal Affairs and Government Relations, General Counsel and Secretary

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*The Twenty-third of August
Two Thousand and Fifteen at Half Past Five O’Clock
McFarlin Memorial Auditorium*

CARILLON CONCERT AND
CALL TO CONVOCATION

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

ROTUNDA PASSAGE

ORDER OF EXERCISE

PROCESSIONAL

Imperial Brass

PRESENTATION OF
RESIDENTIAL COMMONS BY
FACULTY IN RESIDENCE

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

INVOCATION

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

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Harold W. Stanley
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs *ad interim*

REMARKS

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

Douglas A. Reinelt
President of the SMU Faculty Senate

Carlton A. Adams ’16
Student Body President

SPECIAL MUSIC

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

PRESENTATION OF THE SPEAKER

Harold W. Stanley

THE OPENING CONVOCATION ADDRESS

R. Gerald Turner
President

SPECIAL MUSIC

“SMU Forever” by Jimmy Dunne

PRESENTATION OF THE ENTERING STUDENTS

Wes K. Waggoner
Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management *ad interim*

CHARGE TO THE ENTERING STUDENTS

R. Gerald Turner

ALMA MATER

“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!

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

Patty Harrington Delaney, Marshal for the Alumni Marshals
Heather DeShon, Marshal for Entering Students
Edward J. Fox, Marshal for Entering Students
Kevin Paul Hofeditz, Ceremony Marshal
Barbara W. Kincaid, Faculty Marshal
David Sedman, Marshal for Entering Students
Steven D. Sverdlik, Phi Beta Kappa Marshal
Rick Worland, Faculty Marshal
Paul Yovanoff, Marshal for Entering Students