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The Twenty-Third of August

Two Thousand and Twenty

Half Past Five O'Clock

McFarlin Memorial Auditorium

Welcome to SMU's 106th Opening Convocation. One hundred and five entering classes before you participated in this ceremony, which marks the beginning of the academic year.

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

ORDER OF EXERCISE

Meadows Symphony Orchestra
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