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The Twentieth of August
Two Thousand and Seventeen
Half Past Five O'Clock
McFarlin Memorial Auditorium

A DISTINGUISHED TRADITION

Welcome to SMU's 103rd Opening Convocation. One hundred and two 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 are also parents of fellow entering students. These alumni represent a lifetime connection to SMU, a connection you now share. Upon graduation you will engage in the 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 CONVOCATION

Quarter Past Four O'Clock
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
Liljana Elverskog, Mary Hay/
Peyton/Shuttles
Alice Kendrick, Loyd
Mark Kerins, Morrison-McGinnis
Rita Kirk, Armstrong
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

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS Steven C. Currall
Provost and
Vice President for Academic Affairs

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

Paul S. Krueger
President of the SMU Faculty Senate

David W. Shirzad '18
Student Body President

SPECIAL MUSIC "SMU Forever" by Jimmy Dunne
Meadows Convocation Chorus
Led by Pamela Elrod Huffman
Associate Professor of Music and
Director of Choral Activities
Sarah England, Accompanist

PRESENTATION OF THE SPEAKER Steven C. Currall

THE OPENING CONVOCATION ADDRESS R. Gerald Turner
"World Changers Shaped Here" President

PRESENTATION OF Elena D. Hicks
THE ENTERING Executive Director of
STUDENTS Enrollment Services and
Dean of Undergraduate Admission

CHARGE TO THE STUDENTS AND R. Gerald Turner
ACCEPTANCE OF THE
CONVOCATION REGISTRY

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 Craig C. Hill
Dean of Perkins School of Theology

RECESSIONAL Imperial Brass

OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PLATFORM PARTY

Gary Brubaker, *Director of The Guildhall at SMU*

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*

Thomas DiPiero, *Dean of Dedman College of Humanities and Sciences*

Samuel S. Holland, *Algur H. Meadows Dean of Meadows School of the Arts*

Elizabeth Killingsworth, *Dean and Director ad interim of Central University Libraries*

Stephanie L. Knight, *Leon Simmons Dean of Annette Caldwell Simmons School of Education and Human Development*

Kenechukwu (K.C.) Mmeje, *Vice President for Student Affairs*

Matthew B. Myers, *Dean and Tolleson Chair in Business Leadership of Cox School of Business*

James E. Quick, *Associate Vice President for Research and Dean of Graduate Studies*

Marjorie E. Rush, *President of the SMU Staff Association*

Harold W. Stanley, *Vice President for Executive Affairs*

Joanne Vogel, *Associate Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Student Life*

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

GUILD OF MARSHALS

Thomas B. Fomby, *Chief Marshal*

Bradley Kent Carter, *Chief Marshal Emeritus*

Nathan S. Balke, *Procession Marshal*

Hon Keung (Tony) Ng, *Assisting Procession Marshal*

Barbara Hill Moore, *Platform Party Marshal*

Patricia 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*

Daniel Reynolds, *Phi Beta Kappa Marshal*

David Sedman, *Marshal for Entering Students*

Steven B. Vik, *Faculty Marshal*

Paul Yovanoff, *Marshal for Entering Students*

Todd Chiscano, *Director of Academic Ceremonies*

