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.
**Order of Exercise**

**CARILLON CONCERT**
Quarter till Nine in the Morning
Adam S. Neal, Carillonneur
Fondren Science Tower

**WELCOME**
Kevin Paul Hofeditz, Ceremony Marshal

**PRELUDIAL CONCERT AND FANFARES**
Imperial Brass

**ACADEMIC PROCESSIONAL**
The audience remains seated during the academic processional and recessional
Thomas B. Fomby, Presiding Chief Marshal
Darryl Dickson-Carr, Platform Marshal
Joseph F. Kobylka, Marshal Lector
Candidates for Graduation
Representatives of the Faculties
The Platform Party
Corinne E. Gibson ’20, SMU Banner Bearer, Student Representative and *ex officio* member of the SMU Board of Trustees

**CALL TO ORDER**
Peter K. Moore, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs *ad interim*

**INVOCATION**
Stephen W. Rankin, Chaplain and Minister to the University

**NATIONAL ANTHEM**
John Stafford Smith and Francis Scott Key
Imperial Brass
Ryan W. Hanger ’21, Commencement Vocalist

**REMARKS**
David B. Miller ’72, ’73, Vice-Chair of the SMU Board of Trustees
Darian D. Taylor ’20, Student Body President

**SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS**
Peter K. Moore

**PRESIDENT’S STATEMENT**
R. Gerald Turner, President of the University and *ex officio* member of the SMU Board of Trustees

**CONFERRING OF DEGREES IN COURSE**
Please refrain from applause until all candidates have been presented.
Marc P. Christensen, Dean of Lyle School of Engineering
Jennifer M. Collins, Dean of Dedman School of Law
Thomas DiPiero, Dean of Dedman College of Humanities and Sciences
Craig C. Hill, Dean of Perkins School of Theology
Samuel S. Holland, Dean of Meadows School of the Arts
Stephanie L. Knight, Dean of Annette Caldwell Simmons School of Education and Human Development
Matthew B. Myers, Dean of Cox School of Business
James E. Quick, Associate Vice President for Research and Dean of Graduate Studies

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Joe Papari ’81, Director of Enrollment Services for Student Systems and Technology

**THE FAREWELLS**
Timothy Rosendale, President of the SMU Faculty Senate and *ex officio* member of the SMU Board of Trustees
Dori T. Wey ’12, Chair of the SMU Young Alumni Board

**BENEDICTION**
Craig C. Hill

**ALMA MATER**
“Varsity”
Imperial Brass

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Charles Besio, School Marshal  
Scott L. Davis, School Marshal  
David Doyle, Jr., Assisting Procession Marshal  
Jennifer Lynn Dworak, School Marshal  
Daniel W. Engels, School Marshal  
Edward J. Fox, Faculty Marshal  
Randall C. Griffin, School Marshal  
Ping Gui, School Marshal  
Roy L. Heller, School Marshal  
Lynn Romejko Jacobs, School Marshal  
Maribeth Kuenzi, School Marshal  
Brian Molanphy, School Marshal  
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David Rosenfield, School Marshal  
David Sedman, Doctoral Marshal

Todd Chiscano, Director of Academic Ceremonies

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COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

Eric Johnson

Eric Johnson is the 60th mayor of Dallas, Texas, elected in June 2019. Prior to becoming mayor, Johnson served as a member of the Texas House of Representatives, where he represented the city of Dallas from April 2010 to June 2019. During his tenure in the Texas Legislature, Johnson served on 20 prominent legislative committees, including appropriations, ways and means, higher education and natural resources. He also served as chair of the Dallas Area Legislative Delegation. In addition to his service as mayor of Dallas, Johnson is an attorney and partner with the international law firm of Locke Lord LLP.

Johnson was born in Dallas and attended Dallas Independent School District schools through first grade before earning a scholarship to Greenhill School through the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Dallas. He attended Harvard University, where he graduated cum laude with a degree in history. Johnson holds a law degree from the University of Pennsylvania Law School and a master’s degree in public affairs from the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs at Princeton University. He also is an alumnus of Harvard University’s John F. Kennedy School of Government’s Senior Executives in State and Local Government program and is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations.

Mayor Johnson lives in Dallas with his wife, Nikki, their two sons, William and George, and their dog, Penny. He is a member of the Mountain View Church of Christ.
December 2019 and January 2020

Candidates for Graduate and Professional Degrees with Honors

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.

James L. Dees
Juan Jose Garcia
Elizabeth Ann Harper
Leigh-Anne R. Williams

Candidates for Baccalaureate Degrees with Honors

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.

Sunjoli Aggarwal
Bo Drebon Beidleman
Olivia J. Beitelespacher
Isabella Mary Ann Bernardini
Sarah Elizabeth Bivans
Elizabeth Anne Bradshaw
Gianna Lucille Cancellieri
Ben Gill Clements
Katie Nicole Dickerman
Victoria Abrielle Dickson
Roxana Farokhnia
Lee Nova Fedorko
Gaelle Jeanne Gachelin
Rachel Ern-Yi Gan
Ian Thomas Grieve
Maria Paulina Guraieb Abella
Hannah Lynn Hess
Joshua Theodore Jalowiec
Mason Robert King
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Vivienne Birth-Baida Kulicka
Sang Jin Lee
Ashley Quynh Huong Mai
Olivia M. Marx
Price Thomas Morgan
Cassidy Jana Najarian
Michael John O’Keefe
Faith Charlotte Perry
Philip John Ponder
Miranda Reese Rockhold

Candidates for Degrees

In Dedman College of Humanities and Sciences

Degree of Doctor of Philosophy

Stephen Michael Budy  Chemistry
BS Humboldt State University
MS Syracuse University
MS University of Arizona
Adviser: David Y. Son

Michael Craig Byrd  Statistical Science
BS University of North Texas
Dissertation: “High-Dimensional Variable Selection with Measurement Error”
Adviser: Monnie McGee

Toby Matthew Eisenberg  Religious Studies
BA Rice University
JD University of Texas, Austin
MA Fuller Theological Seminary
Dissertation: “Ephesians and Ecumenism”
Adviser: William J. Abraham

Haley Feuerbacher  Religious Studies
BA Baylor University
MTS Brite Divinity School
Dissertation: “The Unmarried (M)Other: A Study of Christianity, Capitalism, and Counternarratives Concerning Motherhood and Marriage in the United States and South Africa”
Adviser: Joerg Michael Rieger

Elnaz Ghotbi Ravandi  Molecular and Cell Biology
BS MS Shahid-Bahonar University of Kerman
Dissertation: “Recruitment of Polycomb-group Proteins at Giant in Drosophila Embryos”
Adviser: Richard Jones

David R. Luckey  Religious Studies
BS Dallas Baptist University
MTS Southern Methodist University
Dissertation: “Spirited” Engagement: Latin American Faith and the Construction of Emancipative Pentecostalism”

*Aditi Malu  Molecular and Cell Biology
BS Government Holkar Science College, India
MS Vellore Institute of Technology, India
Dissertation: “HTLV-1 Latency-Maintenance Factor p30II Modulates Tax-Induced NFkB Signaling Through A p53-Regulated Mechanism”
Adviser: Robert L. Harrod

Ryan Patrick Alexander McShane  Statistical Science
BS Saint Mary’s University
MS University of Texas, San Antonio
Dissertation: “Modeling Stochastically Intransitive Relationships in Paired Comparisons Data”
Adviser: Ian R. Harris

Avichal Vaish  Chemistry
BS MS Indian Institute of Science
Dissertation: “Hypervalent Iodine Compounds With Carboxylate and Tetrazolate Ligands”
Adviser: Nicolay Vasilev Tsarevsky

Bo Ting Wang  Physics
BS National Tsing Hua University, Taiwan
MS National Taiwan University, Taiwan
Dissertation: “Constraints On Parton Distribution Functions Imposed By Hadronic Experiments”
Adviser: Pavel M. Nadolsky

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Feng Wang  Theoretical and Computational Chemistry  BS MS Sichuan Normal University  Dissertation: “Conformational Analysis Through Molecular Dynamic Simulations With Machine Learning Methods”  Adviser: Peng Tao

Kuangli Xie  Economics  BS East China Normal University, China  MS Xiamen University, China  Dissertation: “Three Essays on Incentive Mechanisms”  Adviser: Timothy Craig Salmon

Xiaohan Xu  Biostatistics  BS Southwestern University  MS Georgetown University  Dissertation: “Sample Size Considerations for Clustered and Correlated Outcomes in Clinical Research”  Adviser: Hong Zhu

Anyu Zhang  Computational and Applied Mathematics  BS Beijing University of Technology  MS Southern Methodist University  Dissertation: “Model Selection And Experimental Design Of Biological Networks With Algebraic Geometry”  Adviser: Brandilyn Stigler

Chiyu Zhang  Statistical Science  BS Sun Yat-sen University  MS University of Illinois, Urbana  Dissertation: “A Comparative Study of Statistical Methods for Quantifying and Testing Between-study Heterogeneity in Meta-analysis with Focus on Rare Binary Events & Estimation and Inference of Variances in Cluster Randomized Designs Using Ranked Set Sampling”  Adviser: Sherry Wang

IN BOBBY B. LYLE SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING

Degree of Doctor of Philosophy


Mahdi Heidarizad  Civil Engineering  BS Shahid Beheshti University of Medical Sciences, Iran  MS Tarbiat Modares University, Iran  Dissertation: “Removal of Pollutants from Aqueous Solution via Graphene Oxide/Magnesium Oxide Nanocomposites”  Adviser: Andrew Quicksall

* Sherry Xirui Huang  Electrical Engineering  BS University of California-Los Angeles  MS University of Texas, Dallas  Dissertation: “Parametric Amplification Study and Applications in Millimeter-Wave Transmitters”  Adviser: Ping Gui

Qutaiba Khasawneh  Electrical Engineering  BSc Jordan University of Science & Technology  MSC University of Massachusetts  Dissertation: “Reducing the Production Cost of Semiconductor Chips Using Parent (Parallel and Concurrent) Testing and Real-Time Monitoring”  Adviser: Ping Gui

Xiaoyu Liu  Computer Science  BE Nanjing University, China  BS New York Institute of Technology  MSEEE Southern Methodist University  Dissertation: “Automating Software Changes via Recommendation Systems”  Adviser: LiGuo Huang

Colin Monroe Loeffler  Mechanical Engineering  B.A BS University of North Texas  MSME Southern Methodist University  Dissertation: “Failure of High Strength Concrete Under Dynamic Uniaxial Compression”  Adviser: Xu Nie

Nader eshadat Mansouri  Operations Research  BS University of Tehran, Iran  MS Amirkabir University of Technology, Iran  Dissertation: “Cost - and Time - Effective Regional Evacuation Network Design and Operation Under Travel Congestion and Uncertainty”  Adviser: Halit Uster


Farnaz Nourbakhsh  Operations Research  BS Mazandaran University  MS MS University of Nebraska, Lincoln  Dissertation: “Process Reengineering and Optimization in Healthcare for Treating the Uninsured”  Adviser: Sia Cetinkaya

Yan Shi  Electrical Engineering  BS Wuhan University, China  MSEEE Baylor University  Dissertation: “Beamforming Design for UAVs and Swarms with In-Field Experimentation”  Adviser: Joseph D. Camp

Kaitlin Nicole Smith  Electrical Engineering  BS BSEE MSEEE Southern Methodist University  Dissertation: “Technology Dependent Quantum Logic Synthesis and Compilation”  Adviser: Mitchell Aaron Thornton


Anna Rose Wallace  Civil and Environmental Engineering  BS University of Washington  MS ENVE Southern Methodist University  Dissertation: “Evaluation of the Mechanisms and Effectiveness of Nano-hydroxides, Wood and Dairy Manure-Derived Biochars to Remove Fluoride and Heavy Metals from Water”  Adviser: Wenjie Sun

Amin Ziaeifar  Operations Research  BS Isfahan University of Technology  MS University of Tehran, Iran  Dissertation: “Generalized Relay Network Design and Collaborative Dispatching in Truckload Transportation”  Adviser: Halit Uster

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DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF ENGINEERING

Rabih Neouchi  
Engineering Management  
BS Lebanese American University  
MS University of Windsor, Canada  
Dissertation: “Big-Data Talent Analytics in the Public Sector: A Promotion and Firing Model for Employees at Federal Agencies”  
Adviser: Aurelie Charlotte Thiele

Yang Peng  
Engineering Management  
BS Beijing University of Posts And Telecom  
MBA Cranfield University, United Kingdom  
MS Northern Illinois University  
Dissertation: “Resource Allocation and Task Scheduling Optimization in Cloud-Based Content Delivery Network with Edge Computing”  
Adviser: Richard S. Barr

IN ANNETTE CALDWELL SIMMONS SCHOOL OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Jillian Marie Conry  
Education  
BA Texas A&M University  
MLS Southern Methodist University  
Dissertation: “Examining Three Approaches to Supporting English Learners by Leveraging Technology”  
Adviser: Paige D. Ware

Paul Polanco  
Education  
BBA Pontificia Universidad Católica Madre y Maestra, Dominican Republic  
MBA University of Dallas  
Dissertation: “Bilingualism: Visualizing the Outcomes for Latinx Bilinguals in the U.S.”  
Adviser: Doris Maria Luft Santos Baker

DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF EDUCATION

Cynthia Elaine Beatty McFarland  
Educational Leadership, PK-12  
BA MEd Texas A&M, Commerce  
Dissertation: “Common Leadership Practices for Turning Around High Poverty Schools as Perceived by Principals Utilizing the Accelerating Campus Excellence (ACE) Model”  
Adviser: Frank Hernandez

IN PERKINS SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF MINISTRY

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DEGREE OF MASTER OF THEOLOGICAL STUDIES

James L. Dees  
Raquel Ludim Godinez  
Herlisa Antionette Gumbs

DEGREE OF MASTER OF ARTS IN MINISTRY

Elizabeth Ann Harper  
Myra Lea Jones  
Leigh-Anne R. Williams

DEGREE OF MASTER OF THEOLOGY

Demetrius DeWayne McClendon

IN DEDMAN SCHOOL OF LAW

DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF THE SCIENCE OF LAW

Chatchai Lapprathana  
Norarit Sudsanguan

DEGREE OF MASTER OF LAWS

Comparative & International Law

Siza Elhag Eltahir Ahmed  
Anne Caroline Mello Batista

Aime Mayamba Kahungu  
Marta Milan

DEGREE OF JURIS DOCTOR

Juan Jose Garcia  
John L. Peterson  
Yue Zou

Samuel C. Kessler  
Mason Michael Potter
In Dedman College of Humanities and Sciences

Degree of Master of Arts

Kevin Brickleland History
Christy Noël Carlson Molecular and Cell Biology
Chelsea Noelle Carson Psychology
Thesis: “Mindfulness Within Relationships: Is Partner Discrepancy Related to Relationship Satisfaction”
Julieta Ezeiza Applied Economics
Samuel Parker Fleming Applied Economics
Kathleen Mayes Hines English
Erica Lyn Massey English

Briley Jane Bezné Chemistry
Thesis: “Chemiluminescent Probes for Monitoring and Imaging Hydrogen Sulfide in Living Systems”
Jared C. Ferrell-Penniman Molecular and Cell Biology
Thesis: “Peroxisome 6 and Inflammation in Alzheimer’s Disease”
Estefanía Beatriz Fiallos Barahona Applied Statistics and Data Analytics
Idamawatte Gedara Chamari Geet Idamawatta Statistical Science
Arkadijs Slobodkins Computational and Applied Mathematics
Shimeng Yuan Applied Statistics and Data Analytics

Alec Thomas Chappetta
William Lucas Gentry
Qingyi Li
Mary Claire Miller
Zachary Logan Miller
Annie Rabbane
Qiusu Wang
Rongxuan Wang

In Meadows School of the Arts

Degree of Master of Arts

Allison Jane Farris Advertising
Lauren Michelle Howard Advertising
Kendall R. Krieger Advertising
Rosendo Martinez Arts Management
Palmer Alexandra McGraw Advertising
Noemie Rongo Mwanuzzi Advertising
Jessica Lynn Phillips Advertising
Madelein Terreros Lucumi Advertising

Degree of Master of Music

Brooke Alyn Scholl Cello Performance

Degree of Master of Management in International Arts Management

Ankit Agarwal International Arts Management
Mathilde Claude Christine Cadour International Arts Management
Rui Deng International Arts Management
Courtney Allyson Kenyon International Arts Management
Virgínie Lacombe Gagnon International Arts Management
Marion Maya Lecoq International Arts Management
Biagio Manzotti International Arts Management
Yumi Palleschi International Arts Management
Caroline Piche International Arts Management
Ann Christine Racette International Arts Management
Maria Manuel Teixeira Carneiro International Arts Management
John H. Tenny International Arts Management
Xiaofeng Wang International Arts Management

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Katherine Landis Albritten General Business
Gabriel Andonic Real Estate
Rama Krishna Asuri General Business
Blake Christian Berry Finance; Strategy & Entrepreneurship
Amish Bhatia General Business
Nathan Joel Cobos Finance; Strategy & Entrepreneurship
John Michael Constant Real Estate
Brandy Whitt Dalton Management
Alexandra David Daniel Finance
Clark Brittain Davis Finance
Jennifer Elizabeth Doran Marketing
Maria de la Luz Espinoza Finance
Rebecca Lynne Everitt General Business
Andrew Dennis Gavelek General Business
Jonathan Charles Gibson Finance
Katherine Hodge Hamilton Real Estate; Strategy & Entrepreneurship
Chuan He General Business
Matthew Ross Hilburn Accounting
Bethany Hostetler Finance
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Daniel John Keefe V Management, Strategy & Entrepreneurship
David F. Lee Management; Strategy & Entrepreneurship
Qiuxiong Li Finance
Roseno Martinez Marketing
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Mark Mahaffey Nastri Finance; Real Estate
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Bernadette Orona Finance
Quentin Newman Pell General Business
Grant William Perry Strategy & Entrepreneurship
Mason Michael Potter General Business
John Drake Prater General Business
Brice Christopher Priestley Strategy & Entrepreneurship
John Lewis Ropp Finance
Zachary Thomas Saucier Finance
Stephen A. Scheets Finance
Karl R. Snow General Business
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Clayton Russell Thomas Finance
Lan Xuan Tran General Business
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Vanessa Chung-Yuan Yang Finance
Nathaniel Alexander Zastrow Management; Strategy & Entrepreneurship
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Emaan Zahoor Elahi
DeAngelo J. Garner
Sienna Nicole Harris
Raegan E. Herbert
Cara Phillips
Yana Ramilyevna Stafford
Tasnim Fatima Sultan
Chongnan Yang

Degree of Master of Science in Finance

Richard Conner Cowart

Degree of Master of Science in Management

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Adrian Gutierrez
Don Jordon Williams

In Bobby B. Lyle School of Engineering

Degree of Master of Arts

Clara Rulegura Ford  Sustainability and Development
Katherine Nichole Linares  Sustainability and Development
Leland Robert Quinter  Sustainability and Development

Degree of Master of Science

Muaz Abrar  Security Engineering
Muhannad Aijan M. Aljaljan  Security Engineering
Sydney Lyn Bailey  Systems Engineering
Christina Bick  Security Engineering
Denver Michael Brittain  Computer Science
Blair Hannah Chandler  Operations Research
Meng Cheng  Computer Science
Joshua Alexander Clemons  Manufacturing Systems Management
Gayatri Ganesh Datar  Telecommunications and Network Engineering
Han Deng  Computer Science
Tuan Do  Security Engineering
Ashutosh Ramjanam Dubey  Telecommunications and Network Engineering
Paola Duran Suarez  Operations Research
Ryan M. Fontenot  Software Engineering
Mendirad Rajendra Ghogale  Telecommunications and Network Engineering
Lakisha Denise Glenn  Manufacturing Systems Management
Anthony Grandle  Security Engineering
Kevin Thomas Harrison  Security Engineering
Khuong Van Hoang  Systems Engineering
Hayden Harsy Hodges  Operations Research
Robert James Holland  Systems Engineering
John Thomas Rowdy Howell  Computer Science
Beichen Hu  Datacenter Systems Engineering
Enobong Idio  Systems Engineering
Rehan Ishrat  Security Engineering
Harshita Jagtap  Telecommunications and Network Engineering
Tushar Uttamrao Jagtap  Telecommunications and Network Engineering
Riddhi Jani  Telecommunications and Network Engineering
Chhaya Lalan  Security Engineering
Steven Christopher Lawley  Security Engineering
Keting Li  Computer Science
Chen-Hao Lin  Computer Science
Gokul Madhu  Datacenter Systems Engineering
Everardo Martinez  Systems Engineering
Jacobo Martinez Sanchez  Operations Research
Deepak Wilson Michael  Telecommunications and Network Engineering
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James Allen Mullen  Operations Research
Larry K. Naron III  Software Engineering
Chris Navarro  Systems Engineering
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Lucas Pick  Security Engineering
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Thesis: “Sparse Transducer Imaging”
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Muchen Han
Yu Hong
Yue Li
Tao Shi
Bo Zhang

Degree of Master of Science in Engineering Management

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Mosa Abdulaziz M. Almajed
Faris Ibrahim Altamimi
Rodolfo Canamar Guajardo
Kevin Allen Deal
Benjamin Ross Givens
Daniel Guerrera Cardenas
Kelly Nicole Howey
Jaime Reverte
Rosario Enrique Tomas
Ziyuan Wang
Samantha Nicole Wyatt

Degree of Master of Science in Engineering Entrepreneurship

Tamara Bassam

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Degree of Master of Science in Environmental Engineering
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Degree of Master of Science in Mechanical Engineering
Shiqi Jia

In Annette Caldwell Simmons School of Education and Human Development

Degree of Master of Arts in Dispute Resolution
Benjamin John Buchta                      Ebony Nicole Cuington                      Jennifer Marlene Torres
Kimberly Dawn Calton                      Emily Michael Stout                      BreAnne Walsh Paul

Degree of Master of Bilingual Education
Ana Isabel Castillo                      Imelda Garcia Pacheco

Degree of Master of Education
Melanie Ward Algermissen                  Makena Graves                      Kisa Ann Kanoe Matlin
Kathryn-Amber Alexandra Costa             Harriette Elizabeth Hauske                      Aparna Nisankararao
Philip Cramer                              Meagan Ariatni Hicks                      Rukiya Noles Special Education
Sophia Elena Davila                       Sarah Lauren Johnson
Chantille Diaz                            Olga Leticia Juarez
Robert Trigg Edwards                      Florence Leopold-George
Kendyl L. Fleury                          Binny Elizabeth Loveless
Paul David Foster                          Michael J. Manca

Degree of Master of Liberal Studies
Jourdan Fitzgerald Blake                 Karimah Amatullah Hernandez                      Patrick Nelson
Robert Arthur Bucker                     Justin T. Hill
Jose Carlos Cavazos                      Terra Moncke Johnson
Reilly Christie                          Casey Kroll
Kimberly Diane Cobb                      Tiffani Romaine Mauldin
Kyle Alexander Cooper                    Luz Maria Neaves de Villarreal

Degree of Master of Science in Counseling
Chanel MaChe’ Atkinson                    Mary D. Jackson                      Erika Erica Rezakhani
Josephine Terese Bibby                   Gergana Markov                         Nathan Lee Roberson
Henrisse Mae De La Cruz Caluya           Sarah Katherine Mecke
Donna Bennett Gill                        Oluwafunmido Toluwalase Ogunbanwo

Degree of Master of Science in Sport Management
Anna Killian

The Guildhall at SMU, Linda and Mitch Hart eCenter

Degree of Master of Interactive Technology
Parker Allan Johnstone Digital Game
Development - Level Design
Thesis: “Visual Conveyance in a Physically Constrained Space for Mobile Augmented Reality Adventure Game Levels”

In Research and Graduate Studies

Degree of Master of Science in Data Science
Vishal Ahir                             Eduardo Carlos Cantu Medellin                  Mallory Anne Hightower
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Andrew Joseph Stull, Jr. Mathematics
Cole Michael Thomas Statistical Science
Henry Alexander Thornton Biological Sciences
Katherine Nicole Tinch Anthropology
Alexa Christine Vandenburg Biological Sciences
Brianna Rae Vandenburg Biological Sciences

Xintian Wang Statistical Science
Kurtis Samuel Weber Economics with Finance Applications
Dwight Decharl Williams, Jr. Economics with Finance Applications
Nicholas John Woodard Economics with Finance Applications
Xi Xue Economics
Yizhe Yuan Mathematics
Minaz A. Zad Biological Sciences; Health and Society
Yu Zhang Economics; Mathematics

In Meadows School of The Arts

Degree of Bachelor of Arts
Hannah Hassan Abu-eideh Film and Media Arts
Isabel C. Arcellana Fashion Media; Journalism
Olivia J. Beitselpacher Film and Media Arts
Yanira Lizet Blackburn Journalism
Benton Hale Brooke Film and Media Arts
Julia Christine Cantu Music
Adrian Jose Cervantes Music
John Harrison Fiveash Advertising
Gaelle Jeanne Gachelin Advertising
Kaleigh Morgan Gallant Music
David Vann Garcia Film and Media Arts
Maria Paulina Guraieb Abella Art History
Collin Joseph Higgins Advertising

Hillery LecAnn Lemon Advertising; Fashion Media
Ethan William Leong Music
Maci Bre Mallahan Film and Media Arts
Charles David Mitelhaus II Journalism
Mary Angeles Monroy Art
Cassidy Jana Najarian Advertising; Journalism
Ashni Pably Public Relations and Strategic Communication
Kathleen Mason Ranallo Music
Fatima Reyna Fashion Media; Journalism
Brenda Saray Rivera Franco Advertising
Barbara Hairston Roberson Art

In Edwin L. Cox School of Business

Degree of Bachelor of Business Administration
Joseph Lewis Abell Management
Samuel Olahode Adedayo Management
Nasser Muhsen Luwaihi Al Zafna Alcfari Finance
Mirelle Asad Management
Amber Megan Austin Marketing
Barrett Layton Beauchamp Real Estate
Kyle Joseph Becker Management
Bo Drehon Beidlehman Finance
Isabella Mary Ann Bernardini Marketing
Julia Christine Cantu Finance
Katherine Heron Carlton Real Estate
Jae Young Choi Finance
Valerie Del Carmen Contreras - Gomez Marketing
Ryan Joseph Coyle Finance
Derrick Norman Deraleau Finance
Katie Nicole Dickerman Marketing
Ashley Nichole Eisenkramer Finance
Dominique Nadine Ella Mongo Finance
Jackson Andrew Galyradrt Finance
Priscilla Sandra Garza Finance
Shawn Chandler Graybill Finance

Chloé Eileen Hancock Marketing
Michal Harpe General Business
Tayen He Accounting
Tyler W. Heimert-Train Finance
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Thomas John Kalb, Jr. Financial Consulting
Vivienne Birthe Alida Kulicke Management
Sang Jin Lee Accounting
Luke Lee Letsche Finance
Ziyuan Li Accounting
Dishan Liao Finance
Zaid Hussein Mahrouq Finance
Stefan Martinez Ballen Marketing
Lauren Christine Mezzanotte Finance
Gregory Michael Miller Finance
Sung Chan Na Accounting
Thien Thong Nguyen Finance
Paul Richard Normand General Business
Michael John O’Keefe Finance
Nicolas Ernesto Oliavres Alvarado Finance
Philip John Ponder Management
Miranda Reese Rockhold Finance
Mathew Romero Finance

Nicole Lyn Shah Finance
Jack Thomas Snyder Financial Consulting
William Easley Stebbins Real Estate
Alexander Scott Stoller Accounting
Vanessa Mariana Storaci Accounting
Habteab Dawit Tesfagiorgis Accounting
Cole Michael Thomas Financial Consulting
Trevor Hayden Thompson Marketing
Hiep Duc Tran General Business
Tiffany Thuylinh Tran Marketing
William Anderson Turley Finance
Keara Mary Tuttle General Business
George Robert Van Bortel Finance
Dylan Ross Wallace Finance
Xi Wang Finance
Skylar Wasserman Marketing
Kyle David Weber Finance
Ryan Emerson Weiss Real Estate
Yilin Wen Accounting
Nicholas E. Whiteley General Business
Logan Mitchell Young Finance
Liwen Zhu Accounting
### In Bobby B. Lyle School of Engineering

**Degree of Bachelor of Arts**

- Haya Khalid A Alhumaid *Computer Science*  
  - Jackson Andrew Galyardt *Computer Science*

**Degree of Bachelor of Science**

- Sunjoli Aggarwal *Computer Science*  
  - Olivia Katherine Anderson *Management Science*  
  - Jack Thomas Snyder *Management Science*

- Arely Alcantara *Computer Science*  
  - Zachary Harry Banducci *Computer Science*  
  - Samantha Denice Glasford *Computer Science*  
  - Roberta Maldonado Sistos *Management Science*

- Javier Andrés Aldape Romero *Management Science*  
  - Thelma Aitesem Imouokhome  
  - Omongiade Gerald Okunsebor

**Degree of Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering**

- Peter Giles Barney  
  - Jessica Elaine Benitez  
  - Clayton Alexander Harper  
  - Adrian R. McClure

**Degree of Bachelor of Science in Computer Engineering**

- Ifeanyi George Achu  
  - Ankur Navnitkumar Patel  
  - Matthew Edward Stern  
  - Yizhe Yuan

**Degree of Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering**

- Kim Thien Ho  
  - Madissen P. Robinson  
  - Hannah Aston Rutty

**Degree of Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering**

- Ahmed Abdulghani A. Alijshi  
  - Genesis M. Arroyo  
  - Thomas Barron  
  - Matthew Alexander Cinelli  
  - Alejandro Dominguez Garcia  
  - Nicholas Christopher Hoffmann  
  - Ethan William Leong  
  - Delaney Mattie Mansfield  
  - Spencer T. Meyer  
  - Parker Winchester Smith  
  - Yadi Sun  
  - Haley Miranda Tripp  
  - Woodrow L. Watson  
  - Jonathan Tebbetts Williamson

### In Annette Caldwell Simmons School of Education and Human Development

**Degree of Bachelor of Science**

- Ryan James Becker  
  - Addison Hope Brown  
  - Gianna Lucille Cancellieri  
  - Audrey Nicole Forkner  
  - Myron Domingue Gaillard  
  - Boston Spencer Gilbert  
  - Brooke Franzine Kuempel  
  - Garrett Allen McLaughlin  
  - Brandon Mark Niven  
  - Erick Anthony Pecina  
  - Corey L. Rau  
  - James Charles Sackville  
  - Julian Dockery Clark Taylor  
  - Alexis Taylor Thornton  
  - Karina Lynn Traxler  
  - Taylor Ann Turner  
  - Matthew Cole Zimmerman

**Degree of Doctor of Philosophy**

- Weiwei An *Chemistry*  
  - B.Engr. Beijing Institute of Graphic Communication  
  - Dissertation: “Chemiluminescence Imaging Probes for Quantification of HNO and pH”  
  - Adviser: Alexander Ryan Lippert  
  - Rose Ashraf *Psychology*  
  - B5 University of Texas, Dallas  
  - Adviser: George W. Holden

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.
Scot Christian Bontrager  Religious Studies  
BA University of North Texas  
Dissertation: “Augustine’s Concept of Volition and its Significance for the Doctrine of Original Sin”  
Adviser: William J. Abraham  

Jiahui Chen  Computational and Applied Mathematics  
BS Xi’An Jiaotong University, China  
MS Southern Methodist University  
Dissertation: “Parallel Multipole Expansion Algorithms and their Biology Applications”  
Adviser: Weihua Geng  

Matthew Carl Feickert  Physics  
BS University of Illinois, Urbana  
MA University of Virginia  
Dissertation: “A Search for Boosted Low Mass Resonances Decaying to the bb-bar Final State and Produced in Association with a Jet at sqrt(s) = 13 TeV with the ATLAS Detector”  
Adviser: Stephen Jacob Sekula  

Whitney Annette Goodwin  Anthropology  
BA College of Wooster  
MA University of South Florida  
Dissertation: “Communities of Consumption on the Southeastern Mesoamerican Border: Style, Feasting, and Identity Negotiation in Prehispanic Northeast Honduras”  
Adviser: Brigitte Kovacevich  

Daniel M. Jardin  Physics  
BS Syracuse University  
Adviser: Jodi Ann Cooley-Sekula  

Dateng Li  Statistical Science  
BS Oklahoma State University  
Dissertation: “Sample Size Calculation Methods for Some Longitudinal and Cluster Randomized Studies”  
Adviser: Jing Cao  

Shuang Li  Statistical Science  
BS University of Utah  
Dissertation: “Clinical Trial Design and Analysis”  
Adviser: Daniel Francis Heitjan  

Grace Boyers McKee  Psychology  
BS University of Mary Washington  
MA Appalachian State University  
MA Southern Methodist University  
Dissertation: “Patterns of Change in Relationship Satisfaction During Couple Therapy for Veterans”  
Adviser: Lorelei Simpson Rowe  

Mary E. Millerson  Geology  
BS Southern Methodist University  
Dissertation: “Geochemical Analysis of Soil and Lake Deposits as Indicators of Paleoenvironmental Conditions; Examples from Texas, New Mexico, and D.R. Congo”  
Adviser: Neil J. Tabor  

Cheryl Rae Stimple  Religious Studies  
BA Texas Christian University  
Adviser: Roy L. Heller  

Nicole Le Vu  Psychology  
University of Texas, Dallas  
Dissertation: “Does the Cessation of Intimate Partner Violence Lead to Improvements in Child Adjustment?”  
Adviser: Ernest Jouriles.  

Jiia Wang  Biostatistics  
MS Texas Tech University  
Dissertation: “Robust and Adaptive Design Approaches for Stepped Wedge Cluster Randomized Trials”  
Adviser: Song Zhang  

Keping Xie  Physics  
BS Peking University, China  
Dissertation: “Massive Elementary Particles in the Standard Model and its Supersymmetric Triplet Higgs Extension”  
Adviser: Pavel M. Nadolsky  

In Bobby B. Lyle School of Engineering  
Degree of Doctor of Philosophy  

Khalid Suliman Alluhydan  Mechanical Engineering  
BSME MSME Southern Methodist University  
Adviser: Yildirim Hurmuzlu  

Angelika Leskovskaya  Operations Research  
MA Belorussian State University  
Adviser: Richard S. Barr  

Amin Mansoorifar  Mechanical Engineering  
BSME MSME Shiraz University  
Dissertation: “Impedance-Based Microfluidic Platform for Quantitative Biology”  
Adviser: Ali Beskok  

In Annette Caldwell Simmons School of Education and Human Development  
Degree of Doctor of Liberal Studies  

Khalil Abdur-Rashid  
BSW Georgia State University  
MA MPhil Columbia University  
Adviser: Robert Hunt  

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Degree of Master of Divinity

Chase Hunter Burns
Lee Tyson Riley
Angela Williams

Magna Cum Laude

Degree of Master of Sacred Music

Zachary William Light-Wells

Magna Cum Laude

Degree of Master of Arts in Ministry

Karen Joy Eaker

Cum Laude

Degree of Master of Theology

Glenn J. Johnson

Degree of Juris Doctor

Tiffany R. Crawford
Samantha Leigh Gaiss
Yuan Gao

John Kenneth Harper
Samuel G. Hughey
Trenton K. Patterson
Anna Stevens

Degree of Master of Arts

Adam Christopher Davies History
Aastha Gupta Economics
Emily Diane Johnson Psychology

Nathan Patrick McCabe English
Katelyn Danielle McWilliams English
James Joshua Phillips History
Timothy Ashton Reynolds History

Degree of Master of Science

Nathan Alexander Drolet Molecular and Cell Biology
Thesis: “Peroxiredoxin 6 and Phospholipids in Alzheimer’s Disease”

John D. Fortner Geology
Thesis: “Assessing Diagenetic Conditions in the Late Triassic Chinle Formation through Petrographic and Geochemical Analysis of Phytosaur Teeth”

Degree of Master of Music

Hunter Morgan Bown Music Education
Steven Hugh Moss Music Education

Kathryn Elizabeth Scheetz Musicology
Thesis: “Charles-Marie Widor’s Symphonie Romane: An Examination of the Performance Tradition”
In Edwin L. Cox School of Business

Degree of Master of Business Administration

Elissa Joy Ammon General Business
Chhitiz Basnet Finance
Zachary E. Beason Marketing
Dylan Morris Brooks Marketing
David King Carey Strategy & Entrepreneurship
Veronica Castro Management; Strategy & Entrepreneurship
Jonathan Chico Chang General Business
Zachary Scott Clyde General Business
Jaime Nicole Collins Information and Operations
Audrey Catherine Cox Strategy & Entrepreneurship
Tyler Harris Dowdy General Business
Ashley Lindsey Early Real Estate
Connor J. Eska General Business
Ryan Patrick Felde Business Analytics
Jessica Lynn Groshack Finance
Meghan Elizabeth Hanna General Business
Philip Edward Harms Strategy & Entrepreneurship
John Kenneth Harper Finance
Kamron Baron Hedrick Strategy & Entrepreneurship
Andre J. Horton General Business
Benjamin Joseph Hough Finance
Samuel G. Hughey Business Analytics; Strategy & Entrepreneurship
Timothy Solomon Hunt General Business
Lauren Brooke Johnston Strategy & Entrepreneurship
Tyler M. Jones General Business
William Wallace Lawson Finance
Andrew Segun Lee Strategy & Entrepreneurship
John Taylor Lee Finance
John Bryan Loy General Business
Margaret Mary Luttrell General Business
Kevin Jean-Christophe Mattice Strategy & Entrepreneurship
Abby Warrington Mayer Management
Jonathan Evan McClellan Finance
Nathan Omid Moayyad Management; Strategy & Entrepreneurship
Alexander John Munoz General Business
Grayson Andrew Nastri Finance; Real Estate
Serge Tchio Noumber Finance
Nathan Michael Pace General Business
Nimish Dinesh Pandya Finance
Roberto Robles Nacif General Business
Anthony J. Ruggieri General Business
John Richard Rutherford General Business
Morgan Leigh Schadegg General Business
Thomas John Schadegg General Business
Christina Sepideh Shams Strategy & Entrepreneurship
Jacob Michael Sigler General Business
Ajayjeet Singh General Business
Brittany Rae Smith Management
Ashok Ranganath Subramanian Finance; Real Estate
Shawn Michael Talucci Finance
Jerry Preston Taylor Finance
Daniel Sunren U. Business Analytics
Mattson Holt Uihlein Finance
Adam Scott Visosky Finance
Matthew Wilson Finance; Real Estate
Johnnic Otis Yellock II Strategy & Entrepreneurship

Degree of Master of Science in Accounting

Joel J. Truelson Yun Xie Yida Zhou

Degree of Master of Science in Business Analytics

Reed Christopher Michalek

Degree of Master of Science in Finance

Alexander T. Lamar Zehuan Xu

Degree of Master of Science in Management

Mary Hilliard Larkin

In Bobby B. Lyle School of Engineering

Degree of Master of Arts

Andrea Sofia Bastidas Vivar Sustainability and Development

Degree of Master of Science

Smriti Anil Agarwal Telecommunications and Network Engineering
Meshari Ali A. Alsultan Security Engineering
Richard Bryan Casarez Systems Engineering
Liyuan Du Computer Science
Robert William Ebelherr Software Engineering
Jiaqi Song Operations Research
Pamela Stockland Systems Engineering
Oscar Alexander Vallner Computer Science
Robert Christopher Vera Systems Engineering
Brittni Lauren Watkins Computer Science
Qianyou Zhou Computer Science

Degree of Master of Science in Civil Engineering

Alexis Victoria Stewart

Degree of Master of Science in Electrical Engineering

Tao Fu
Thesis: “High Speed Successive Approximation Register (SAR) ADC Design With Multiple Comparators”
Degree of Master of Science in Engineering Management

Meshari Ali A. Alsultan  Vipula Vijay Deshmukh  Shalini Dinesh

Degree of Master of Science in Environmental Engineering

Hao Ling

Degree of Master of Science in Information Engineering Management

Jake Ryan Zink

Degree of Master of Science in Mechanical Engineering

Austin P. Flanagan  Yuan Ren

In Annette Caldwell Simmons School of Education and Human Development

Degree of Master of Arts in Dispute Resolution

Ranim Algwaider  Karalee Ann Hinz  Donald R. Rawlins
Geneva Gadberry Burnap  Alison Mary Jo Jarzombek  Caitlin Elise Robb
Tammy Moss Cartier  Laura Ann Johnson  Jardin Lee Stanton
Myriah Elizza Ford  Mary Ann Johnson  Margaret Stein
Stan R. Heston  Tequila Chantez Little  Gregg Scott Suttle

Degree of Master of Bilingual Education

Marta Lucía Beltrán Espitia  Patricia Mota  Lauren Alexandra O’Connor
Yesenia Jacquelinne Dominguez Lopez  Kymberly Winegard  Pyungwha Oh

Degree of Master of Education

Alaina Lynch Atwood  Jalen Mont Hemphill Educational Leadership  Andrew Parambath
LuChana Christine Ayers  Lena Rose Hilbert  Jonathon Pegaes Educational Leadership
Alexis Baranoff  Mackenzie Elizabeth Horne  Faviola Pena Soriano Educational Leadership
Kelsey Belden  James Anthony Hutchison Educational Leadership  Alexis Brianne Rocha
Collin Bell  Cecelia Louise Joslin  Roxanne Marie Saenz Educational Leadership
Paige Benyacoub Educational Leadership  Priscillah Ndunde Kapten Educational Leadership  Sreevidya Sethumadhavan Educational Leadership
Kelly Bluth  Olivia Vier Kerans  Chadwick Smith
Michelle Victoria Byrd  Caitlin Knoll Educational Leadership  Hancia Terry
Kristopher Michael Caram Educational Leadership  Ki Bok Lee Educational Leadership  Erika Julissa Vigil Educational Leadership
Grace Sarah Chang  Malaysia Lee  Emily Ann Waneck
Susan Coran  Liliana Mata  Halie Alicia Welsh
Lauren Michelle Crow  Shante Janiece McCoy  Madeline Nash Whitacre
Beatrice Effiong  Barbara Ann McGinley  Margaret Rivers Wilbanks
Anthony Dionte Guerrero Educational Leadership  Caroline Grace Merck  Tyler Morgan Wilkinson Educational Leadership
Angelina Gutierrez Educational Leadership  Maria Montoya  Madeline Rae Wittich
Shelby Taylor Hague  Edith Moreno  Stephen Marc Wood Educational Leadership
Elizabeth Clark Halasz  Anne Marie Murphy  John Phillip Turco
Tatum Hammond  Emily R. Murphy

Degree of Master of Liberal Studies

Sam Skillern Leake  Alexandra Nicole Polanchyck  Melany Vargas Valencia
Kristy Offenburger  Vanessa Elizabeth Valadez

Degree of Master of Science in Counseling

Jason Volden Anderson  Kerri Irma Heintz  Daniel Alejandro Rodriguez
Kara Emily Bradshaw  Cassidy Brook Hudson  Tyler Azalea Turner
Mariaa Annette Christma Castaneda  Sarah F. Luce
Abby Kate Hartman  Julie Marie Pate

Degree of Master of Science in Sport Management

Yara Elias Barghout  Andrew Willis Guarino  Kathryn Jo O’Bryan
Klara Eva Bradshaw  Kaitlyn Kearney  Gabriel Vega
Timothy D. Garcia  Brittany Alexandra Mebust  Daniel Westerfield
In Research and Graduate Studies

Degree of Master of Science in Data Science

Meena Ahluwalia  
Iram Bakhtiar  
Laura Veith Bishop  
Ernesto Ivan Carrera Ruvalcaba  
Travis Robert Deason  
Ramin Farhanian  
Robert Daniel Flamenbaum  
Antonio Peta Garza III  
Dana Pike Geislinger  
Shanqing Gu  
James Scott Herford  
Bruce Philip Kimbark  

Yejur Singh Kunwar  
Jeffrey Jude Lancin  
Jason Guyssan Lin  
Jason Irl Lingle  
Melissa Luzardo  
Korey Macvittie  
Jonathan Marin  
Steven Millett  
Asha Pouranmi Mohan  
Christopher David Morgan  
Rangaswamy Nagarajan  
Manisha Amol Pednekar  

Thomas Pompo  
Nuoya Kang Rezonya  
Caroll Rodriguez  
Frank Sclafani  
Andrew Shen  
Areen Siddiqui  
William McCord Thigpen  
Nathan Wall  
Yisha Wang  
Kim Wong  
Bin Yu  

In Dedman College of Humanities and Sciences

Degree of Bachelor of Arts

Marhoun Mohammed M. Al Marhoun  
Economics  
Aysialali N. Beal  
History  
Karina Becerra  
Anthropology  
Magna Cum Laude  
Adam James Bixby  
History; Political Science  
Adam Frank Campbell  
Markets and Culture  
Rachel Elizabeth Cannon  
Philosophy  
Sarah L. Colley  
English with a Creative Writing Specialization  
Hannah Elizabeth Dart  
English with a Creative Writing Specialization; Departmental Distinction  
Petros Stavros Daskalos  
Philosophy  
Robert Gerard Fortin  
Economics; Markets and Culture  
Armanii Rashawn Glasspie  
Sociology  
Gabriella Grace Gonzalez  
Philosophy  
Hannah Elizabeth Gooch  
Markets and Culture  

Emma Cate Graham  
Psychology  
Fabian Brandon Gregorio  
Economics  
Crystal Anabel Guevara  
Political Science  
Lauren M. Gutierrez  
History  
Brooke Monet Haines  
Economics  
Amelia Catherine Elizabeth Hannes  
Markets and Culture; Sociology  
Harrison Pierce Higgins  
Economics  
Eric Raymond Hudkins  
History; Philosophy  
Asad Hussain Jiwani  
Economics  
Iain Joseph Kearns  
International Studies; Political Science  
Katherine Grace Kuechler  
Economics  
Elizabeth Jane Lowder  
Markets and Culture  
Mallory Brynn Mccinn  
Anthropology  
Matthew Humphreys Mendoza  
Markets and Culture  
Hadleigh Anne-Michelle Nelson  
Psychology  

Toluwalase P. Olawale  
French Studies; International Studies  
Rafael Orurubia  
Economics  
James Anderson Proche  
Sociology  
Robert Richardson  
French  
Clinton Lamar Roberson  
Sociology  
Sabreena Nneka Robinson  
French Studies; International Studies  
Kevin Ismael Robledo  
Sociology  
Kun Sang  
Economics  
Farecha Shabbir  
International Studies  
Yuvraj Surya Singh  
Economics  
Thomas Phillip Tibbetts  
Economics  
Tasha Aliria Tran  
Psychology  
Jorawar Singh Virk  
Biological Sciences  
Zixuan Wei  
Economics  
Braeden Mikal West  
Markets and Culture  
Lidyia Hutchison  
Winnie Markets and Culture  
Kunpeng Yang  
Economics  

In Meadows School of the Arts

Degree of Bachelor of Arts

Yvena Chowdhury  
Fashion Media  
Jake Carl Eichstaedt  
Journalism  
Roshaun C. Higgins  
Journalism  
Erica Ray Lewis  
Corporate Communication and Public Affairs  
John Russell Niederer  
Journalism  
Albert Sheppard Perry  
Film and Media Arts  

Alessandra Victoria Quintero  
Fashion Media; Journalism  
Haylee Jean Segura  
Public Relations and Strategic Communication  
Jeremiah Christopher Stewart  
Corporate Communication and Public Affairs  

Isabelle Caitlin Terry  
Public Relations and Strategic Communication  
Alexandria Aleece Trahan  
Corporate Communication and Public Affairs  
Tasha Aliria Tran  
Film and Media Arts
Degree of Bachelor of Fine Arts
Alizah Marie Wilson  Dance Performance

Degree of Bachelor of Music
Caitlyn Elizabeth Etter  Music Therapy
Grace Tian-hui Kuang  Music Therapy
Magna Cum Laude and Honors in Liberal Arts
Yooboo Park  Music Therapy
Hyun Ah Shin  Music Therapy

In Edwin L. Cox School of Business

Degree of Bachelor of Business Administration
Jack Britton Cahill  Finance
Brigitte Kyla Cakarnis  Marketing
Samuel Avis Dunkelberg  Accounting
Kyle Heller  Finance
Noel Edward Marian  Finance
Mikial Dylan Onu  General Business
Jillian Grace Owens  Accounting
Robert Richardson Accounting
Adam Mcclary Shiffer  Real Estate
Nathan Thomas Van Slyke  Accounting
Blake Preston Wynott  Real Estate
Cum Laude
Natalie Elizabeth Yablon  Marketing

In Bobby B. Lyle School of Engineering

Degree of Bachelor of Arts
Richard Allen Simon  Computer Science

Degree of Bachelor of Science
Jeremy Jacob Brachle  Computer Science
Thomas Connor Kennedy  Computer Science
Daniel David Mattka  Computer Science
Sanath Rao Puskoor  Management Science
Lucas Stevenson Wood  Computer Science

Degree of Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering
Meshal Swilem S. Almasoudi

Degree of Bachelor of Science in Computer Engineering
William Jackson Byrne Lacey

Degree of Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering
Andrew Taylor Apple
Cooper Hei-Yen Mak
Eric R. Schott

Degree of Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering
Collin Dalton Edwards
Austin P. Flanagan
Karina Leigh Hanna
William Heydar Heidarian
Isabela Natalia Lacayo Wallace
Patrick Thien Nguyen
John Blass O’Neill
Brendan Charles Reynolds
Zane Anthony Smith
Lucas Gallagher VanDyke
SMU Engaged Learning Fellowship Projects: November 15, 2019

Students listed are candidates for undergraduate degrees in December 2019. For more information, visit smu.edu/provost/engagedlearning.

Kim Ho, Feasibility Assessment of Biogas Production in Refugee Camps

Tristan Knotts, Intellisec

Susanna Pool, Intellisec

Parker Smith, Formula SAE Rear Sub Frame Design

Katherine Tinch, Ecodisposition, Waste, and Environment: Sustainable Options in Funerals and Disposition

Haley Tripp, Wearable Technology to Monitor Lumbar Range of Motion in Dancers

Southern Methodist University

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.

Today SMU offers more than 118 undergraduate majors, master’s degrees in more than 135 areas, Ph.D. degrees in 34 fields and more than 45 certificate programs. Enrollment for the fall 2019 term was 11,771, including 6,663 undergraduate students and 5,108 graduate students. SMU students come from 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and 84 countries. About 78 percent of first-year students received some form of financial assistance for fall 2019.

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.

Academic Procession, Regalia Tradition and SMU Regalia

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 caps and gowns worn in the procession 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.

Candidates for degrees at SMU are robed in custom regalia, designed to incorporate SMU’s colors and symbols.

The doctoral gown in dark blue includes velvet chevrons on each of the bell sleeves. The front velvet panels are embroidered in gold thread with the SMU seal, and gold braid outlines the chevrons and panels. 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. Gowns have 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. SMU’s hood lining is blue with a red chevron.

The bachelor’s gowns’ distinguishing characteristics are the long pointed sleeves and full front pleats. A red silk Stole of Gratitude embroidered in blue with the SMU seal is worn across the shoulders. It is tradition for graduates to present their stoles to individuals who have made a positive impact in their lives. Bachelor’s gowns are worn with a tassel and mortarboard.

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

The Howard Lantern is dedicated to Professor Lorn Lambier Howard, chief marshal *emeritus* of SMU from 1978–1987. Crafted out of steel, aluminum and water glass, the lantern depicts the Rotunda of Dallas Hall. Engraved around the base is the University’s motto, *Veritas Liberabit Vos*, which means “The truth will make you free.”

The Presidential Collar and Medallion

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 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.

The University Mace

Staves 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 1974–75) 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 Bradley Kent Carter Baton

The Bradley Kent Carter Baton is carried by the Chief Marshal during academic ceremonies and represents the authority of the collective faculty in the academic life of the institution and of the role of Chief Marshal as master of ceremonies at formal university convocations.

A tradition dating back 500 years to the University of Oxford, the Chief Marshal oversees the faculty members of the Guild of Marshals. Faculty marshals are responsible for the execution of the ceremony, the upholding of decorum and traditions, and the processions of candidates, faculty and the platform party. SMU’s marshals are identified by their bright red gowns with black chevrons.

The Carter Baton is dedicated to Associate Professor *emeritus* of Political Science and Chief Marshal *emeritus* Bradley Kent Carter, who served for many years in the Guild of Marshals before serving as Chief Marshal from 1991–2008. Professor Carter is a staunch supporter of the traditions and customs of academic ceremonies, but also added his own mark in fostering a number of the traditions now celebrated.

Made from rosewood, the Carter Baton initially is linked to the inauguration of President Willis M. Tate (1954–1972 and 1974–75) 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.

For more than 100 years, SMU has shaped minds, explored the frontiers of knowledge and fostered an entrepreneurial spirit in its eight degree-granting schools. Taking advantage of unbridled experiences on the University’s beautiful campuses and SMU’s relationship with Dallas – the dynamic center of one of the nation’s fastest-growing regions – alumni, faculty and nearly 12,000 graduate and undergraduate students become ethical leaders in their professions and communities who change the world.