OPENING CONVOCATION

SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY

The Twenty-Fifth of August
Two Thousand and Nineteen
Half Past Five O’Clock
McFarlin Memorial Auditorium
A DISTINGUISHED TRADITION

Welcome to SMU’s 105th Opening Convocation. One hundred and four 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
Quarter until Five 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
Sandra Duhé, Cockrell-McIntosh
Liljana Elverskog, Mary Hay/
Peyton/Shuttles
Andrew R. Graybill, Ware
Jim Hart, McElvaney
Alice Kendrick, Loyd
Mark Kerins, Morrison-McGinnis
Rita Kirk, Armstrong
W. Keith Robinson, Kathy Crow
David Y. Son, Boaz
INVOCATION  Steve W. Rankin
Chaplain and
Minister to the University

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS  Peter K. Moore
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, ad interim

REMARKS  David B. Miller ’72, ’73
Vice-chair of the SMU Board of Trustees
Timothy Rosendale
President of the SMU Faculty Senate
Darian D. Taylor ’20
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
Imperial Brass

PRESENTATION OF THE SPEAKER  R. Gerald Turner
President

CONVOCATION ADDRESS  Dayna Oscherwitz
Assistant Provost for General Education

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

CHARGE TO THE STUDENTS AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE CONVOCATION REGISTRY  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  Craig C. Hill
Dean and Professor of New Testament 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
Heather DeShon ’99, Platform Party Marshal and Associate Professor of Earth Sciences
Thomas DiPiero, Dean of Dedman College of Humanities and Sciences
Samuel S. Holland, Algur H. Meadows Dean of Meadows School of the Arts
Jennifer M. Collins, Judge James Noel Dean and Professor of Law of Dedman School of Law
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Holly E. Jeffcoat, Dean of SMU 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
Joseph F. Monroy ’16, President of the SMU Staff Association
Matthew B. Myers, Dean and Tolleson Chair in Business Leadership of Cox School of Business
Melinda Sutton Noss ’97, Associate Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students
James E. Quick, Associate Vice President for Research and Dean of Graduate Studies
Harold W. Stanley, Vice President for Executive Affairs

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
Jodi Cooley-Sekula, Marshal for Entering Students
Edward J. Fox, Marshal for Entering Students
Kevin Paul Hofeditz, Ceremony Marshal
Barbara W. Kincaid, Faculty Marshal
Maribeth Kuenzi, Marshal for the Alumni Marshals
Sidharth Muralidharan, Marshal for Entering Students
Daniel Reynolds, Phi Beta Kappa and Hyer Society Marshal
David Sedman, Marshal for Entering Students
Steven B. Vik, Faculty Marshal
Rick Worland, Marshal for Entering Students
Paul Yovanoff, Marshal for Entering Students
Todd Chiscano, Director of Academic Ceremonies

World Changers Shaped Here

For more than 100 years, SMU has shaped minds, explored the frontiers of knowledge and fostered an entrepreneurial spirit in its seven 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.