DECEMBER COMMENCEMENT CONVOCATION

SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY

DECEMBER 15, 2018
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.
CARILLON CONCERT
Quarter till Nine in the Morning
David Y. Son, 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. Kobylika, Marshal Lector
Candidates for Graduation
Representatives of the Faculties
The Platform Party
Benjamin C. Manthey ’09, ’19, SMU Banner Bearer, Student
Representative and ex officio member of the SMU Board of Trustees

CALL TO ORDER
Steven C. Currall, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

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

NATIONAL ANTHEM
John Stafford Smith and Francis Scott Key
Imperial Brass
Lawrence A. Mitchell-Matthews ’18, Commencement Vocalist

REMARKS
Dayna Oscherwitz, President of the SMU Faculty Senate and ex officio member of the SMU Board of Trustees
Nathaniel A. DeVera ’19, Student Body President

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS
Steven C. Currall

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

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS
“P.L.A.N. for Life”
Robert H. Dedman, Jr. ’80, ’84, Chair of the SMU Board of Trustees

SPECIAL MUSIC
“SMU Forever”
Jimmy Dunne
Imperial Brass
Lawrence A. Mitchell-Matthews ’18

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

Assisting:
John A. Hall ’71, ’73, ’79, Executive Director of Enrollment Services and University Registrar
Jill McGinness ’81, President of the SMU Staff Association
Joe Papari ’81, Director of Enrollment Services for Student Systems and Technology

THE FAREWELL
Douglas C. Smellage ’77, Chair of the SMU Alumni Board and ex officio member of the SMU Board of Trustees

BENEDICTION
Craig C. Hill

ALMA MATER
“Varsity”
Imperial Brass

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!

RECESSIONAL
OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PLATFORM PARTY

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Rajat Deb, School Marshal
Jennifer Lynn Dworak, School Marshal
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Dennis A. Foster, Doctoral Marshal
Ping Gui, School Marshal
Roy L. Heller, School Marshal
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Todd Chiscano, Director of Academic Ceremonies

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COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

Robert H. Dedman, Jr.

Robert H. Dedman, Jr. ’80, ’84 is president and CEO of DFI Management, Ltd., and the general partner of Putterboy, Ltd., the owner of the Pinehurst Resort and Country Club in North Carolina. He is chair of the SMU Board of Trustees.

Dedman received a bachelor’s degree in economics from the University of Texas at Austin before earning two degrees from SMU – an M.B.A. with highest honors and a J.D. cum laude.

After working on Wall Street with Salomon Brothers, Dedman went on to a successful career at ClubCorp, a leading operator of golf courses, private clubs and resorts. Starting as director of corporate planning, he quickly rose through the ranks and was named president in 1989, CEO in 1998 and chairman of ClubCorp in 2002. Four years later, he sold the company.

At SMU, Dedman is continuing the historic leadership and vision of his parents, Nancy Dedman ’50 and the late Robert H. Dedman, Sr. ’53 LL.M., who served on the SMU Board of Trustees from 1976 to 2002 and as its chair from 1992 to 1996. Their major gifts to SMU have had a sweeping impact, including in the areas of humanities and sciences, law and lifetime sports.

Dedman began his term as Board chair in June 2018 after serving as vice-chair and chair-elect. He was elected to the Board in 2004 and since 1990 has served in numerous SMU committee and Board leadership roles. He is currently a member of the Board’s Special Committee on Development, the Pony Power Leadership Committee and the Tate Lecture Series Board. He also serves on the Dedman College Executive Board and the Dedman School of Law Executive Board. He previously chaired the Dedman School of Law Executive Board and the 21st Century Council, an advisory organization to the SMU president.

A philanthropic and civic leader, Dedman also sits on the Southwestern Medical Foundation Board, the UT Southwestern President’s Advisory Board and the UT Austin Development Board. He is past chair of the Texas Business Hall of Fame.

Dedman wrote and published Our Star Service Journey in 1998 and compiled two anthologies of quotes, Thoughts on a Purposeful Life and A Journey of Life.

He and his wife, Rachael Redeker Dedman, and their two children reside in Dallas.
December 2018

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.

Sogand Bahrami-Negad  William Charles McLeod Matthews  Joseph Robert Thelen
Sally Kay Cooper  Lynsey Alexanna Scott  Hunter J. Winsauer

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.

Tyler R. Anderson  Kelly Allison Kolff Van Oosterwyk  Melissa Anne Savoy
Ian Thomas Axberg  MacKenzie Sue Kors  Caroline Anna Sheridan
Beau Alexander Bequeaith  Grace Tian-hui Kuang  Alexus Kiotschay Simpson
Jonathon Tanner Davis  Eric L. Li  Matthew Brandt Speedhoffer
Christina Elise Gilchrist  Marina Mankova  Merrit Elizabeth Stahle
Karla Teresa Gonzalez Estrada  Zachary Logan Miller  Marshall Dane Tiedeman
Gregory Joel Guggenmos  Connor Mayer Milmoc  Alyssa Suzanne Wentzel
Alexander W. Gurasich  Andrew R. Ramsey  Elizabeth Marie Whan
Shan He  Elizabeth Anne Ridgway  Benjamin Charles Woodruff
Joanne Michelle Hershon  Taylor Dean Robinson  Anna Kathleen Wright
Abraham James Hwang  Matthew Storm Rund  Yangdong Zhang
Susie Kim  Jordan David Salim

December 2018 and January 2019

CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

In Dedman College of Humanities and Sciences

Degree of Doctor of Philosophy

Kerri Brown Anthropology
BA University of Texas, Austin
Dissertation: “Pharmaceutical Territories: Contested Pharmacopoeias and Environmental Debates in Brazil”
Adviser: Nia Parson

Matthew Edward Clemens Geology
BA Case Western Reserve University
Dissertation: “An Early Late Cretaceous Nodosaur from the Marine Eagle Ford Group of North Central Texas and an Assessment of the Homeothermic Capabilities of Mosasaurs from the Late Cretaceous of Angola”
Adviser: Louis Jacobs

Ian Joshua Dorfman Anthropology
BA Middlebury College
Dissertation: “300 Million Migrant Workers and the NGO Response”
Adviser: Caroline Brettell

Laura Claire Jarvis Anthropology
BA Tulane University
Adviser: Caroline Brettell

* Jameela Shabbir Lokhandwala Chemistry
BS Anna University, India
Dissertation: “Structural Characterization of Plant and Fungal LOV Domains”
Adviser: Brian David Zoltowski

Mason D. MacPhail Geophysics
BS University of Texas, Arlington
Dissertation: “Detection, Containment and Scaling Relations of Near Source Explosions in Granite Through Moment Tensor Representations”
Adviser: Brian Stump

Benjamin Gregory Robinson Religious Studies
BA Indiana Wesleyan University
MDiv Duke University
Adviser: Joerg Rieger

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In Bobby B. Lyle School of Engineering

Degree of Doctor of Philosophy

Eman Abdulrahman A Alabtain Computer Science
BS King Saud University, Saudi Arabia
MS Southern Methodist University
Dissertation: “ Gestures Based CAPTCHAs: The Use of Sensor Readings to Solve CAPTCHA Challenge on Smartphones”
Adviser: Sukumaran Nair

Ayman Abdulhadi O Althuwayb Electrical Engineering
BS Aljouf University
MS California State University Fullerton
Dissertation: “Standing-Wave Dielectric Array Antennas”
Adviser: Choon S. Lee

Alper Tunga Celebi Mechanical Engineering
BSME MSME Istanbul Technical University, Turkey
Dissertation: “Molecular Dynamics Studies on Nanoscale Confined Liquids”
Adviser: Ali Beskok

Shaibal Chakrabarty Computer Science
BS University of Houston
MS Southern Methodist University
Dissertation: “Black Networks in Smart Cities”
Adviser: Sukumaran Nair

Yasha Hajizeinalibouki Civil and Environmental Engineering
BScIVIE MSCE Amirkabir University of Technology
Dissertation: “Flexural Rigidity Estimation Using Noisy Static Influence Lines”
Adviser: Brett Alan Story

Mamdouh Mubarak Al Tayeb Operations Research
BSME Damascus University
MS Southern Methodist University
Dissertation: “Network Design for In-Motion Wireless Charging of Electric Vehicles: Models and Algorithms”
Adviser: Halit Uster

Guanhua Wang Electrical Engineering
B. ENGR. Tongji University, China
MSEE University of Texas, Dallas
Dissertation: “High-Speed Single-Channel SAR ADC Using Coarse and Fine Comparators With Background Comparator Offset Calibration”
Adviser: Ping Gui

Gongye Zhang Mechanical Engineering
BSME Nanjing University, China
Adviser: Xin-Lin Gao

Degree of Doctor of Engineering

Colin Michael Wasiloff Engineering Management
BS Alma College
MS Eastern Michigan University
Dissertation: “Maximizing Financial Benefit of Lean Six Sigma Projects through Optimized Selection Criteria”
Adviser: Eli V. Olinick

In Annette Caldwell Simmons School of Education and Human Development

Degree of Doctor of Education

Adam Robert Cebulski Higher Education
BS Loyola University
MSEd Northwestern University
Dissertation: “ Here we go! Using Game-Based Strategies to Increase Undergraduate Student Success”
Adviser: Sondra Nicole Barringer

Stephanie Martin Jimenez Educational Leadership, PK-12
BS Texas A&M University
MEd North Texas State University
Dissertation: “Changing Lives and Changing Minds: Implementing District-Wide Social Emotional Learning at the Middle School Level”
Adviser: Milan Sharad Sevak

In Perkins School of Theology

Degree of Doctor of Ministry

Jacqueline Dean-Shaw
Mark Andrew Hardin
Kuppusamy Balasupramaniam

Blair Elizabeth Thompson-White
James E. Woods II

Boon Hwa Lee
Demetrese D. Phillips
Tian Yeow Aaron Tay

Degree of Master of Divinity

Amber Rose Oxley

Degree of Master of Theological Studies

Duk Kun Kim
Darrius Josiah Montgomery

Walter Sithole

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### In Dedman School of Law

**Degree of Doctor of the Science of Law**
Sharif Saeed A Alghamdi

**Degree of Master of Laws**

**Comparative & International Law**
- Abdullah Mohammed A. Almedlej
- Mamei N. Baker
- Asunta Rufina Caceres Weninger de Lindsey

**Degree of Master of Laws**

**Taxation**
- Ryan C. Dean
- Alyssa M. Palatella
- Elizabeth Morgan Talley

**Degree of Juris Doctor**
- Sogand Bahrami-Negad
- William Charles McLeod Matthews
- Lynsey Elexanna Scott

### In Dedman College of Humanities and Sciences

**Degree of Master of Arts**
- Albert Brown *Applied Economics*
- Qi He *Applied Economics*
- Yiyi Hu *Economics*
- Alison Louise Krauss *Psychology*
- Guowang Rao *Economics*
- Thesis: “Measuring HPV Vaccine Worry: Development and Validation of a Scale in Parents with HPV Vaccine Eligible Children”

**Degree of Master of Science**
- Noora Mohammed Al Khariji *Chemistry*
- Kirsten Bustamante *Geology*
- Marlee E. Cloos *Geology*
  - Thesis: “Palynology of the Cenomanian Woodbine Group”
- Calley Ann Ellison *Applied Statistics and Data Analytics*
- Shan Ji *Applied Statistics and Data Analytics*
- Andrew Charles Kozelsky *Applied Statistics and Data Analytics*
- Congyi Li *Applied Statistics and Data Analytics*
- Mingming Li *Applied Statistics and Data Analytics*
- Julia Ariel McIntosh *Geology*
- Christopher Don Milke *Physics*
- Vince Miller *Applied Statistics and Data Analytics*
- Adelaide Nancy Olson *Applied Statistics and Data Analytics*
- Lawrence George Seger *Applied Statistics and Data Analytics*
- Lei Shi *Applied Statistics and Data Analytics*

**Degree of Master of Science in Applied Economics and Predictive Analytics**
- Chongbo Fan
- Peng Qiu
- Jiaming Rao
- Yuxin Wang
- Yikun Wu
- Zhenyu Yue
- Xiaoyi Zhang

### In Meadows School of The Arts

**Degree of Master of Arts**
- Brooke Allyson Awtry *Arts Management*
- Lauren Lynn Cole *Advertising*
- James Hammond Lake III *Advertising*
- Claire Haley Cho *Art History*
- Joel Garza *Advertising*
- Boski Sharma *Arts Management*
- Nina Bhuvan Kesava *Advertising*
DEGREE OF MASTER OF MUSIC

Yihua Cao Piano Performance & Pedagogy
Lawrence Antwon Mitchell-Matthews Voice Performance
Alex Russell Shawver Music Composition; Theory Pedagogy
Thesis: “Destruction du monde”

DEGREE OF MASTER OF MANAGEMENT IN INTERNATIONAL ARTS MANAGEMENT

Costanza Baserga International Arts Management
Emilie Dumas International Arts Management
Anne-Sophie Grenier International Arts Management
Tommaso Lorenzetto International Arts Management
Elise Carmen Sherron International Arts Management
Hongli Xu International Arts Management
Yu Yang International Arts Management

DEGREE OF ARTIST DIPLOMA

Alessandro Giuseppe Mazzamuto Piano Performance

IN EDWIN L. COX SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

DEGREE OF MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Ian Lewis Alsvary Finance
Brooke Allyson Awtry Strategy & Entrepreneurship
David Hutar Birkes Management
Johnny Lance Clinton Finance; Real Estate
Patrick Cain Crawford Accounting; Finance
David James Cuddihoe Information and Operations; Strategy & Entrepreneurship
Ann Marie Daniel Strategy & Entrepreneurship
Chinmay D. Deshpande Business Analytics
† Hristina Dishkova Finance
Bradley Steven Edwards Finance
James Patrick Elsener Real Estate
Jacob Allen Flosi Strategy & Entrepreneurship
Lindsay Carol Franckowiak Strategy & Entrepreneurship
Julian Andres Garcia Finance
Levar Desmond Graham Strategy & Entrepreneurship
Hannah Kendall Humphrey General Business
Hira Kamran Husain Business Analytics
Asim Hanif Jetpuri Finance; Real Estate
Macelllan Edward Johnson Finance
Wali Ahmed Khan Finance; Real Estate
Christopher John Kobelic Business Analytics
† Bora Laci Finance
Kyle Norbert Lee Finance
Soon Gu Lee Finance; Real Estate
Olivia L. Luko Marketing; Strategy & Entrepreneurship
Angel David Martinez Management; Strategy & Entrepreneurship
William Charles McLeod Matthews General Business
Michael Peter May Finance
Abby Warrington Mayer Management
Andrew James Middleton Accounting; Finance
Amber Wilson Minor General Business
Frank Sharad Patel Finance
Mihir Prakash Patil Finance
Ahmed Bin-Jawaid Quadri Finance
† Diana Saleh Management; Marketing
Karan Amar Sawla Strategy & Entrepreneurship
Boski Sharma Marketing
Kesi Kai Shepherd Finance; Real Estate
Jordan Charles Smith Strategy & Entrepreneurship
Peter Gray Smith Strategy & Entrepreneurship
Jon Sparling, Jr. Finance; Real Estate
Katie Amber Stansell Finance
Marlie Josephine Trujillo Strategy & Entrepreneurship
Nicholas Johann Tuszynski Real Estate
Keith Daniel Vogelgesang Real Estate
Natalie Kristin White Finance

DEGREE OF MASTER OF SCIENCE IN BUSINESS ANALYTICS

Brittany Nicole Efantis
Ashok Kaffe
Samia Kakar
Amin Fernando Rosado

DEGREE OF MASTER OF SCIENCE IN FINANCE

James Scott Moody
Jeremy Deyound White

DEGREE OF MASTER OF SCIENCE IN MANAGEMENT

Shehadeh Nicolas Natour, Jr.
John Donald O’Connell
Chad Michael Pursley

IN BOBBY B. LYLE SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING

DEGREE OF MASTER OF ARTS

Keshvar Buhariwalla Sustainability and Development
Marlene Julika Gomez Islinger Design and Innovation
DiMitri Higginbotham Design and Innovation
Lori Delacruz Lewis Sustainability and Development
Christian Elizabeth Mayer Garcia Sustainability and Development
RaeVan Symone Parson Design and Innovation
Nicholas Raven Sustainability and Development
Laura Leone Reed Design and Innovation
Olivia Anne Whittaker Sustainability and Development
Huize Zhang Sustainability and Development

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DEGREE OF MASTER OF SCIENCE
Pratik Rajesh Bhatt Telecommunications and Network Engineering
Umar Bradshaw Software Engineering
Nikhila Byreddy Computer Science
Michael Anthony Cestarte Software Engineering
Eric Christopher Chow Software Engineering
Jay Michael Demmler Systems Engineering
Adam Grover Diedrich Systems Engineering
Dushyant Nathalal Dubaria Telecommunications and Network Engineering
Alex Uzodimma Egbujor Telecommunications and Network Engineering
Adam Michael Faires Systems Engineering
Alicia M. Finn Operations Research
Parin Sanjiv Gandhi Telecommunications and Network Engineering
Mandar Rajendra Ghogale Telecommunications and Network Engineering
Ashalata Ashokkumar Hegde Telecommunications and Network Engineering
Alejandro Henkel Lopez Software Engineering
Xuanming Hu Computer Science
KeQi Huang Computer Science
Samuel Wilkinson Hunter Computer Science
Thesis: “Leveraging Grammars For Open MP Development in Supercomputing Environments”

Stephen K. Karanja Telecommunications and Network Engineering
Adam C. Krygowski Systems Engineering
Brian Mushana Kvesiga Systems Engineering
Mark Le Systems Engineering
Nicolas Alejandro Leal Hinojosa Manufacturing Systems Management
Yunmu Li Operations Research
Zhijie Li Systems Engineering
Jiayin Liu Computer Science
Andre Emil McCurdy Telecommunications and Network Engineering
Caitlin Young McMillin Operations Research
Pavan Mhaske Telecommunications and Network Engineering
Tejas Nair Telecommunications and Network Engineering
My-Linh Elizabeth Nguyen Software Engineering
Robert Norman Olson Systems Engineering
Ashwinkumar Shirish Padale Telecommunications and Network Engineering
Stefan Nikov Popov Computer Science
Mohamed Ahmed Elsaeied Ahmed Ramadan Operations Research

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Ajinjaya Ram Rao Computer Science
Sufian Abdul Rashied Operations Research
Eric Gregory Schmidt Systems Engineering
Jay Ashok Shah Telecommunications and Network Engineering
Nikunj Naresh Shah Telecommunications and Network Engineering
Somya Singh Computer Science
Josh Wallace Smitherton Operations Research
Bryce Thomas Stevenson Computer Science
Jing Su Computer Science
Gregory Suchanek Operations Research
Anuja Rajendra Surawashi Computer Science
Mayuresh Nitin Thakur Telecommunications and Network Engineering
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Yunbo Xie Computer Science
Xiao Xu Computer Science
Zhenuo Yao Computer Science
He Zhou Computer Science
Diyang Zou Computer Science
Anke Zuo Computer Science

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### Degree of Master of Science in Mechanical Engineering

- Ryan Carroll Gupta
- Wildon John Menezes
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- Wildon John Menezes

- Brian Gibby Kuria
- Jaime Ortoniel Junqueira Da Silva
- Brian Gibby Kuria
- Jaime Ortoniel Junqueira Da Silva

- Colin Monroe Loeffler
- Colin Monroe Loeffler

- Sean Thal
- Daniel Jay Wabinga
- Imad Zahid

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

#### Degree of Master of Arts in Dispute Resolution

- Charisse Monique Anguiano
- Takele Desissa
- Mindy Le

- Chereé DeAnn Bontrager
- Kelly Lynn Jensen

#### Degree of Master of Bilingual Education

- Janette Chairez
- Maria Rangel

- Cindy Cruz-Paz
- Karla Patricia Vega Sanchez

#### Degree of Master of Education

- Nina Marie Amedin
- Jessica Lois Jalufka Lance
- Mallory Anne Ritchie

- Caitlin Elyse Bailey
- Johnette Renee Llanes
- Tosca Scholfield-Johnson

- Brittany Blanton
- Damoniece Lowe
- Kelsey Frances Sellers

- Jennifer Bowersock
- Victoria Morgan McKay
- Becka Shaver

- Olivia Yonjae Choi
- Sarah Christine McMichael
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- Elizabeth Engelsmann Flanigan
- Priscilla Ann Ricker

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- Julie Nicole Rinker

#### Degree of Master of Liberal Studies

- Mindy D. Clark
- Wesley Joseph Johnson
- Samuel Moore Nunamacher

- Richard Michael Cusick
- Albanic Taurn Knight
- Mark David Pollack

- Nancy L. George
- Billy B. Lane
- Rosangela Reyes

- Nickalas Gerald Horton
- Dimarya Mixon
- Soraya Ronco-Santoyo

- Tamera Nicole Hurdle
- Athila Alejandra Morales

#### Degree of Master of Science in Counseling

- Nancy C. Alvarez
- Sydney Alexandra Fred
- Sandra Rula Khalil

- Alexandra Lissette Arbour
- Tara Karanam Godiwani
- Darius Damonte Lewis

- Grace Marie Austin
- Kaitlynn Marie Griffin
- Erin Denise McClellan

- Miesha Deonsha Bell
- Amanda Marie Habib
- Alysa Abigail Simons

- Laura Ashley Brinkman
- Anna Liese Hamilton
- Courtney Deanne Strull

- Abigail Bass Bush
- Joseph Findley Harris
- Kaitlin Danielle Sutherland

- Fabiola Andrea Chinae-Alvarado
- Leslie Arianna Hill
- Elise Walls Townsend

- Jessica Renae Cooksy
- Mollie Jeannette Imlach
- Amanda Jo Volk

- Alexandra Rogers Crawford
- Tessa Jane Jones

- Elizabeth Ashley Elliott
- Kasey Colby Key

#### Degree of Master of Science in Sport Management

- Kiara Michelle Perry

#### Certificate of Advanced Graduate Studies

- Amie Kathryn Carlisle Liberal Studies
- Shirley Ann Dolph Liberal Studies
- D’Andrea Joiner Liberal Studies
THE GUILDHALL AT SMU, LINDA AND MITCH HART eCENTER

DEGREE OF MASTER OF INTERACTIVE TECHNOLOGY

Santiago Moreno Rivas  
Digital Game  
Development - Level Design

Thesis: “Teaching Players Puzzle Mastery  
Through Effective Difficulty Ramping”

IN RESEARCH AND GRADUATE STUDIES

DEGREE OF MASTER OF SCIENCE IN DATA SCIENCE

Simeratjeet Ahluwalia  
Cynthia Carolina Alvarado  
Atsu Atakpa  
Adam Gabriel Baca  
Jostein Barry-Straume  
Joshua Herrera  
Adam Gabriel Baca  
Atsu Atakpa

Brandon David Hill  
James Hosker  
Alice Mbarire Karanja  
Sabriti Kc  
Ryan Ardanu Khaleghi  
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Priyanka Abhijit Tilak

Gino John Varghese

Brian Yu

Ghizlane Zerouali

IN DEDMAN COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES AND SCIENCES

DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ARTS

Nikita Agarwal  
Philosophy

Adrienne Nicole Aston  
Psychology

Ian Thomas Axberg  
Biological Sciences

Rafael Salvador Barba  
Economics

Paola Bello  
Psychology

Beau Alexander Bequeath  
Chemistry

Christopher Isaiah Biggurs  
Markets and Culture

Robert Rowland Blount  
Spanish

Julia Bristol  
Political Science

Gerald Bulloch  
Psychology

Kendall Adair Butler  
International Studies;  
Markets and Culture

Mauricio Canavati Santos  
Public Policy

Dylan Taylor Carruthers  
Political Science

Laura Marie Casey  
Psychology

Shi’Neece Toja Champagne  
Biological Sciences

Yarah Chanaa  
International Studies

Madeleine Anne Chaussee  
Political Science

Sarah L. Colley  
English with a Creative Writing Specialization

Mark Robert Cook  
History

Eva Cruz  
Psychology

Jennifer Nicole Dacus  
Anthropology; Biological Sciences

Jonathon Tannler Davis  
Economics

Josh De La Torre  
Economics

Sophia Natalia Deprez  
Sociology

Rachel Leah Ellington  
Anthropology

Justin Andrew Ewing  
Human Rights

Eza Feron  
Economics

Elliot Fink  
Economics; Political Science

Kailley Michelle Goerlitz  
French Studies

Karla Teresa Gonzalez Estrada  
Economics;  
French; International Studies

John Dawson Hancock  
Markets and Culture

Bingyan He  
Economics

Robert Grant Hensley  
Psychology

Hunter Nicholas Herndon  
History

Matthew David Hillburn  
Economics; Public Policy

Alexander Lucas Honey  
Economics

Philip Bullitt Hughes  
Psychology

Nicole Marie Humbert Arosemena  
Psychology

Abraham James Hwang  
Anthropology; Chemistry;  
Psychology

William Cole Johnson  
Economics

Grace Tian-hui Kuang  
Biological Sciences

Jaqueline Patricia Lara  
Biological Sciences;  
History

Eric L. Li  
Economics; Public Policy

Brandon Duane Lock  
Economics; Political Science; Public Policy

Sarah Elizabeth Long  
Economics

Noe Alexander Marroquin  
Political Science

Claudio Tenbroek Martinez  
Markets and Culture

Julia Mary McMellow  
English

Bailey Lynn McWilliam  
Markets and Culture

Robert Scott Meikle  
Mathematics

Asa Reese Myers  
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IN DEDMAN SCHOOL OF LAW

DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF THE SCIENCE OF LAW
Hamza Eid H. Albaheth

DEGREE OF MASTER OF LAWS
COMPARATIVE AND INTERNATIONAL LAW
Ahmed Abdulkareem Alothman

TAXATION
Nadia Javaid

DEGREE OF JURIS DOCTOR
Mary A. Hayley
Olutomi O. Odukoya
Caitlin A. Rodriguez
Curtis Michael Updegraft

IN DEDMAN COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES AND SCIENCES

DEGREE OF MASTER OF ARTS
Ryan Llewellyn Bixby Molecular and Cell Biology
Lahpai Shawng Htoi Religious Studies

Brody Price Friesenhahn Geology
Thesis: “The Transition From the Sevier to Laramide Orogeny Captured in Upper-Plate Syn-magmatic Structures, Eastern Transverse Ranges, CA”

Zhiyun Ge Statistical Science
Jay Riley Senor Applied Geophysics

IN MEADOWS SCHOOL OF THE ARTS

DEGREE OF MASTER OF ARTS
Logan Warren Johnson Film and Media Arts
Maloree Malone Advertising

DEGREE OF MASTER OF MUSIC
Ryan Anthony Delagarza Music Education
Jason Finnels Music Education
Emily Jenette Fry Music Education

Rebeca Ramos Musicology
Thesis: “The Horror Queen’s English: Elisabeth Lutyens and the Paradoxes of Twentieth Century British Music”

IN EDWIN L. COX SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

DEGREE OF MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
Jack D. Armstrong II Management; Strategy & Entrepreneurship
Joshua John Evans Finance

Joseph William Benefiel Strategy & Entrepreneurship
Julia Kim Gaskill Strategy & Entrepreneurship
Kelby Kade Golden Finance; Real Estate

Olivia C. Bruce Marketing
Ryan Thomas Hale Real Estate

Richard Emery Byrd General Business
Asadullah A. Halim Management; Strategy & Entrepreneurship

Christopher John Cacheris Finance
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Melanie Calzada Management; Strategy & Entrepreneurship
Clinton Bomar Hill Finance; Real Estate

Javier Ignacio Contreras Marketing
Stephen Mitchell Hill Business Analytics
Shivani Kamboj Strategy & Entrepreneurship

Shahdad Djavaherian Management; Strategy & Entrepreneurship

Robert Snowden Kelly Finance
Cody Wayne Kingston Business Analytics; Marketing
Matthew Thomas Kramer Business Analytics; Management
Bianca S. Lee Strategy & Entrepreneurship
David Groves Luisi Business Analytics; Marketing
Tarik David Madni General Business
Katelyn Marie McIntyre Finance
Andrew Warner Mitchell Real Estate
Amy N. Money Management; Strategy & Entrepreneurship
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Max A. Rockwell Finance  
Dario D. Saintus Strategy & Entrepreneurship  
Graham Andrew Schillaci General Business  
Nathan Charles Schutz Finance  
Todd Lee Shore Strategy & Entrepreneurship  
Charandeep Singh Sodhi Marketing  
Megan Christine Southam Marketing  
Ashley Anne Tirone General Business  
Guido Tirone General Business  
Ajay Tummala General Business  
Suzan Elizabeth Wagstaff Marketing

### Degree of Master of Science in Accounting

Kaili Chen  
Haiqian Huang  
Qiya Wang

### Degree of Master of Science in Business Analytics

Rui Fang

### Degree of Master of Science in Management

Andrew Diamond Su  
John Baron Wiener

### In Bobby B. Lyle School of Engineering

#### Degree of Master of Arts

Matthew Scot Barkley Design and Innovation

#### Degree of Master of Science

Saif Alabbasi Telecommunications and Network Engineering  
Mohamed Adel Elsabouri Software Engineering  
Christopher Austin Henk Computer Science  
Lin Lu Telecommunications and Network Engineering  
Harshil Mukeshchandra Parikh Telecommunications and Network Engineering  
Abraham Perez Pineda Manufacturing Systems Management  
Shiva Razavimanesh Telecommunications and Network Engineering  
Nahal Sakhavand Operations Research  
Benjamin Andrew Thomas Security Engineering  
Dalton Wooley Security Engineering  
Donglin Xia Systems Engineering

#### Degree of Master of Science in Civil Engineering

Bharatkumar Ambati

#### Degree of Master of Science in Electrical Engineering

Alexander Murad Baughman  
Muralidhar Madabhushi Balaji  
Thesis: “Indirect Imaging using Heterodyne Remote Digital Holography”

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

#### Degree of Master of Arts in Dispute Resolution

Paola Maria Chernosky  
Shelby Bellah Martin  
Michael Paul Rockne  
Ashley Dawn Stanley  
Marcus Paul Valerin  
Kurt Duane Winn

#### Degree of Master of Bilingual Education

Mary Susan Andrews  
Amanda Gonzalez  
Elizabeth MacLaren Lee  
Maricela Leon  
Jaeyoung Louis No  
Barbara Campbell Van der Veer  
Thomas Nathanael White

#### Degree of Master of Education

Sadaf Ahmed Educational Leadership  
Brandon Denning  
Kristy Nicole Dewberry  
Megan Michelle Dick  
Margaret Lee Evans  
Amy Nicole Fabry Educational Leadership  
Mayra Flores Educational Leadership  
Michael Morgan Gilmer  
Everest Goldstein  
Emily Gomez  
Deborah Green  
Florencia Gutierrez, Educational Leadership  
Madison Hamilton Educational Leadership  
Brittany Je’Na Harris  
Elizabeth Hart Educational Leadership  
Patrick James Healy  
Hailey Marie Heikkinen  
Nikki Sara Hezar  
Cassandra Horton Educational Leadership
Jennifer Hyun
Jessica Amarys Johnson  Educational Leadership
Daniel Frederick Knoll  Educational Leadership
Johnathon Kruger
Sophie LaCava
Campbell Brotherton Lunsford
Jacob Cooke Mackey
Lile Lilianne Maminabulewa
Katherine Swanson McGowan

Tiffany Moncrieffe  Educational Leadership
Amanda Iheaku Nwosu
Andrea Elaine Odorizzi
Elizabeth Maria Paramabth
Sura M. Perez  Educational Leadership
Robyn Kristine Pinilla  Educational Leadership
Miriam Jimenez Rodriguez  Educational Leadership
Yvonne Schroeder  Educational Leadership

Meghan Alexandra Scott
Charlotte Showalter
Christina Marie Smith
Margaret Fitzgerald Snell
Kenya Chanelle Thomas
Michael Treford
Aimee Lanette Vasquez
Susan Elaine Waring  Educational Leadership
Addie Elise White

Degree of Master of Liberal Studies

Erica Diane Abbett
Denise Marie Gauthier
Charla Kaye Grayson
Carla M. Scott

Degree of Master of Science in Counseling

Rana Hafiz Amini
Cynthia Ryan
Ann Quynh Truong

Degree of Master of Science in Sport Management

Chase P. Baker
Garrett Evans
Elizabeth Prasse
Tyler Burks
Sarah Rose Garrity
Victor Ribakare
Christopher Patrick Callahan
Tochi Ubaku Nlemchi
Hannah Madison Tinder
Kathryn Elizabeth Castillon
Savannah Phillips
Travis Tyler
Carlie Anne Childres
Brandt T. Phillips
Kaitlin N. West
Alexandra Jade Dickens
Collin Maxey Pitner
Guillermo Jesus Zamarripa

The Guildhall at SMU, Linda and Mitch Hart eCenter

Degree of Master of Interactive Technology

Li Lu  Digital Game Development - Art Creation
Thesis: Developing a Modular Character Set

Degree of Master and Graduate Studies

Degree of Master of Science in Data Science

Jethin Abraham
Ann Decker Crawford
Brian Heiwon Lee
Ivelin Georgiev Angelov
Michael Crowder
Olivia Mary-anne Leeson
Alberto Cortez Asuncion
Lauren Kathryn Darri
Timothy McWilliams
Hassan Azhar
Daniel Mark Freeman
Patrick Cory Nichols
Matthew Westberry Baldree
Gerardo Garza
Ekaterina Pirogova
Kelly Bean
Laurie Love Harris
Marie Frantz Jerome Wallmark
Vivek Bejugama
Daniel Morrison Higdon
Yao Yao
Vivek Bejugama
Adarsh Kannan
Victor H. Yim
Vivek Bejugama
Peter Kouvaris

In Dedman College of Humanities and Sciences

Degree of Bachelor of Arts

Zahrah Ahmed  Psychology
Mazen Sirwan Saber Barzani  Economics; History
Elizabeth Anne Black  Psychology
Elizabeth Holly Bradley  Markets and Culture
Gillian Chandler  Broadway Markets and Culture
Kellie Ann Carlson  Economics
Yuting Chang  Economics
Tess Elizabeth Constable  Environmental Studies
Elizandra Milena Ferreira Da Cruz  French Studies; Psychology
Gustavo Ruy Duran Moreira Rato  Economics
Carter Flynn  Emmons Philosophy
Everett James Fitzpatrick  Political Science
Kendyl L. Fleury  History
Slater James Fuchs  Psychology
Daniel Jerome Gillins  Sociology
Santiago Gutierrez  Economics
Felipe Manuel Gutierrez Duran  Physics
Colten Lee Habecker  Mathematics
Magna Cum Laude
Hayley Nicole Halliburton  Political Science
Maya Aileen Hamaker  Anthropology
Kendall Elliott Hay  Psychology
Benjamin Kyle Hicks  Economics
Sidra Zeba Ibad  Biological Sciences; Human Rights
Cole Kendall Jones  Economics
Thomas Randolph Jones  Economics
Michael James Keane  Economics
Nicholas Alexander Killian  Economics
Magna Cum Laude
Kelvin Amon Mills H. Kiss  Economics
Santiago Gutierrez  Economics
Grayson Thomas Magruder  Economics
Bronson Alexander Massas  Philosophy
Nicholas Kieffer Menefee  Economics; German
Keziah Mitakidis  Sociology
Mary Kathryn Bowen Robertson  Psychology
Johannes David Rote  French
Erika Margarita Salcido-Hernandez  Political Science
Madison Clare Spence  German
Henry Duckett Staunton  Markets and Culture
Andrew Diamond Su  Psychology
Raymond Sweeney  Economics
John Shields Wilson V  Economics
Nathaniel Robert Woodward  Economics
Charles Milford Wyman  Markets and Culture
Degree of Bachelor of Science

William James Arey Biological Sciences Magna Cum Laude
William Christian Biedenharn Economics with Finance Applications
Richard Alexander Castaneda Economics with Finance Applications
Yutong Chang Statistical Science
Jianling Chen Statistical Science
Alexander Mac Demay Economics
Daniel Joseph Driscoll Economics with Finance Applications
Nianchen Feng Statistical Science
Edwin Fort Economics with Finance Applications
Shelby Nicole Fry Psychology Magna Cum Laude
Shiqi Guo Mathematics
Maya Aileen Hamaker Biological Sciences
Edward Joseph Hauptmann Chemistry Honors in Liberal Arts

Grace Madison Hileman Mathematics
Maximilien Carlos Langlois Economics with Finance Applications
Xiaoyingzi Liu Statistical Science
Neil Anthony Martin Statistical Science
Luke William Mauldin Mathematics
Patrick Ryan McManus Economics with Finance Applications
Matalin Anne Miller Psychology
Benjamin Joseph Mohler Economics with Finance Applications
Pauline Phi-Han Nguyen Biochemistry
Shin Ota Economics with Finance Applications
Samuel Sac Hyuk Park Biological Sciences
Clark Davidson Reid Geology
Arthur John Rhatigan Economics with Finance Applications
Carson James Rhodes Economics with Finance Applications

William Robert Salerno Statistical Science
Thomas Jay Schallner Economics with Finance Applications
Zixin Shi Statistical Science
Anne Lindsay Spivack Economics with Finance Applications
Alexis Victoria Stewart Mathematics
Brandon Michael Tran Biochemistry
Sidney Wagner Economics with Finance Applications
Jordan Reid Weiss Economics with Finance Applications
Nathaniel Robert Woodward Mathematics
Juan Pablo Zambranco Trevino Economics with Finance Applications
Huasheng Zhou Economics with Finance Applications

In Meadows School of the Arts

Degree of Bachelor of Arts

Michael C. Dobson Music Cum Laude
Shelby Nicole Fry Music Magna Cum Laude
Margaret Tignor Gaenzle Public Relations and Strategic Communication
Karley Nan Kampf Public Relations and Strategic Communication

Tamara Karram Public Relations and Strategic Communication
Kelly Ann Landen Public Relations and Strategic Communication
Conrad Kwong Yiu Li Advertising
Elaina McKenzie Murphy Fashion Media
Margaret Susan Philpott Journalism
Arianna Nicole Platz Art History; Corporate Communication and Public Affairs

Sasha Princip Fashion Media
Madisen Gall Reid Public Relations and Strategic Communication
Stephen Pride Snow Public Relations and Strategic Communication
Alexandra Marie Twiss Public Relations and Strategic Communication
Malanna Symone Wheat Journalism

Degree of Bachelor of Fine Arts

Cassidy Marie Counts Dance Performance

Julie Spicer England Art Summa Cum Laude

Lisa Marie Scott Film and Media Arts Summa Cum Laude and Honors in Liberal Arts

Degree of Bachelor of Music

Del Robert-Thomas Cook Music Composition

In Edwin L. Cox School of Business

Degree of Bachelor of Business Administration

Chase Nelson Bly Finance
Chad Edward Casas Finance
Jose Carlos Castaneda Accounting
Alan Steven Ciminski Real Estate Finance
Derek Tyler Cohen Finance
Caelan Tramoni Coburn Finance
Connor J. Cole Management
Cassidy Marie Counts Accounting
Eline De La Fuente General Business

Colin Gregory Duzyk Finance
Nianchen Feng Finance
Colin James Green General Business
Nicholas Alexander Killian Finance Cum Laude
Sokyou Ly Finance
Bronson Alexander Massas Management
Elaina McKenzie Murphy Marketing

Claudia Alberson Oertli Marketing
Elisabeth Frances Pancratz Marketing
Jonathan Daniel Porter Finance
Matthew Alexander Ruffcorn Accounting
Austin Michael Ruiz Finance Magna Cum Laude
Stephanie Papatonis Shaffer General Business
William Abraham Syrquin General Business
Degree of Bachelor of Science

Yichen Duan Computer Science
Alexandra N. Dunn Management Science

Christopher Austin Henk Computer Science
Margaret Cuff Schroeder Management Science

Degree of Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering

Grace Madison Hileman
Oscar Loya

Alexis Victoria Stewart
Krislyn Irene Welch

Degree of Bachelor of Science in Computer Engineering

Ashvin Anand Asava

Degree of Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering

Rabin Bastola
Luke William Mauldin

Nicholas Alexander Rinard
Nathaniel Robert Woodward

Degree of Bachelor of Science in Environmental Engineering

Daniel Tello Vargas

Degree of Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering

Timothy Daniel Klitch

Austin Neal
Michael James Saurino

In Annette Caldwell Simmons School of Education and Human Development

Degree of Bachelor of Science

Daniel Irving Berchuck
Kelsey A. Bosen
Stephanie Kathleen Collins

Audy G. Frye
Holly Luann Lansidel
Samuel Sungyul Moon

Daniella Lynn Murchison
Brian Robert Salerno
SMU Engaged Learning Fellowship Projects: November 15, 2018

Students listed are candidates for undergraduate degrees in December 2018. For more information, visit smu.edu/Provost/Engagedlearning.

Beau Bequeaith, Assessing Reversal of BCRP-mediated Chemotherapy Resistance of Breast Cancer Cells in Culture

Ezra Feron, Assessing Private Equity in Ethiopia and East Africa

Grace Kuang, The Effects of Drumming in Music Therapy with Jamaican Populations

Qiao Mi, User Interface for Autonomous RC Tour Guide

Benjamin Woodruff, 3-D Printing a Robotic Prototype

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.

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 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 of SMU, which means “The truth will make you free.”

**The University Mace**

Staffs 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 ago 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 served as the University’s first official academic ceremonial mace until it was replaced in 1954 by the Tate Mace, currently still in use. The orb of the Carter Baton bears the seal of SMU. In the fall of 2017, it was refurbished with bronze bands honoring all known chief marshals in SMU’s history. During the ceremony it is placed on a custom stand. The original designer and manufacturer of the baton are unknown. Refurbishment was completed by Medallic Art Company.

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.