NINTH-SIXTH ANNUAL
OPENING CONVOCATION

SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY

SUNDAY EVENING
THE TWENTY-SECOND OF AUGUST
TWO THOUSAND AND TEN
AT HALF PAST FIVE O'CLOCK
MCFARLIN MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM
CARILLON CONCERT AND CALL TO CONVOCATION

Lorn L. Howard, Chief Marshal Emeritus, Carilloner
Fondren Science Tower, 5:00 p.m.

CONVOCATION PROGRAM

THE PROCESSIONAL
Rigaudon
Trumpet Voluntary

The Imperial Brass
Andre Campra
Henry Purcell

INVOCATION
Rev. Dr. Stephen W. Rankin
Chaplain and Minister to the University

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS
Paul W. Ludden
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

REMARKS
Dr. Fredrick Leach
Representative of the SMU Board of Trustees
Linda Eads
President of the Faculty Senate
Stephen Jake Torres
President of the Students’ Association

SPECIAL MUSIC
Meadows Convocation Chorus
Led by Pamela Elrod,
Associate Professor of Music and
Director of Choral Activities

O Clap Your Hands
John Rutter

GREETINGS AND PRESENTATION OF THE SPEAKER
R. Gerald Turner
President of the University
ADDRESS
Learning in Unexpected Places

PRESENTATION OF THE ENTERING STUDENTS OF 2010

CHARGE TO THE ENTERING STUDENTS OF 2010

UNIVERSITY HYMN
Varsity

BENEDICTION

THE RECESSIONAL

Please join us on the Academic Quad immediately following the ceremony for a spirited concert by the Mustang Band.
THE CONVOCATION PROCESSION

PLATFORM PARTY

John B. Attanasio, Dean of the Dedman School of Law
José Antonio Bowen, Dean of Meadows School of the Arts
David J. Chard, Dean of the Annette Caldwell Simmons School of Education and Human Development
Brad E. Cheves, Vice President for Development and External Affairs
Michael A. Condon, University Treasurer
Stephanie Dupaul, Dean ad interim of Undergraduate Admission
Linda Eads, President of the Faculty Senate and Associate Professor of Law
Pamela Elrod, Associate Professor of Music and Director of Choral Activities
William B. Lawrence, Dean of Perkins School of Theology
Fredrick Leach, Member of the SMU Board of Trustees
Paul W. Ludden, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs
Gillian M. McCombs, Dean and Director of Central University Libraries
Albert W. Niemi, Jr., Dean of Edwin L. Cox School of Business
Geoffrey C. Orsak, Dean of Bobby B. Lyle School of Engineering
James E. Quick, Associate Vice President for Research and Dean of Graduate Studies
Stephen W. Rankin, Chaplain and Minister to the University
Stephen Jake Torres, President of the Students’ Association
William M. Tsutsui, Dean of Dedman College
R. Gerald Turner, President of the University
Gretchen C. Voight, President of the SMU Staff Association
Paul J. Ward, Vice President for Legal Affairs and Government Relations, General Counsel, and Secretary
Lisa Webb, Associate Vice President of Student Affairs and Dean of Students
Lori S. White, Vice President for Student Affairs

GUILD OF MARSHALS

Thomas B. Fomby, Chief Marshal
Bradley Kent Carter, Chief Marshal Emeritus
Wayne Woodward, Procession Marshal
Kenneth Hamilton, Assisting Procession Marshal
Joseph Kobylka, Ceremony Marshal

ASSISTING MARSHALS

Nathan Balke, Marshal for Entering Students
Christine E. Buchanan, Marshal for Transfer Students
Craig Flournoy, Marshal for Entering Students
Edward Fox, Marshal for Entering Students
Barbara Hill Moore, Administrators Marshal
Jeffery L. Kennington, Marshal for Entering Students
Monnie McGee, Faculty Marshal
Dennis M. Simon, Platform Party Marshal
Brian W. Stump, Phi Beta Kappa Marshal
Mary Vernon, Marshal for the Alumni Marshals
J. Matthew Wilson, Faculty Marshal
Welcome to SMU

This afternoon you have become a part of our community. The Rotunda Processional symbolizes this transformation. You were assembled by faculty. Your march was heralded by the SMU Trumpet Ensemble. You were led by Peruna, living symbol of the University. You marched through Dallas Hall, our oldest building. You were guided by alumni who are also parents of fellow entering students. These alumni represent the lifetime connection to SMU, a connection which you now share.

At the conclusion of Convocation we will lower the historic Ovilla Curtain to signify the completion of your initiation. Here is the story of that curtain. During the 1830’s, the parents of Robert McFarlin, for whom this auditorium was named, lived in Ovilla, Texas. There was no Methodist church in the area; instead, the Methodists were served by a circuit rider. The McFarlins gave the circuit rider the land and money to build the Ovilla Methodist Church, pictured on the curtain, which Robert McFarlin attended.

Upon your graduation you will leave McFarlin Auditorium in the Rotunda Recessional, marching back through Dallas Hall, again led by alumni, alumni whose ranks you will join the next day following Commencement.
The Rotunda Passage, which students walk when they first enter SMU, and the Rotunda Recessional, their final walk taken the evening before May graduation, recognize the importance of Dallas Hall to our campus life. Dallas Hall is the oldest building on our campus. In 1915 when classes began, it housed all of the academic and administrative functions of the University. It is pictured on SMU’s seal. And just as Dallas Hall is central to SMU, the rotunda is at the very center of Dallas Hall. Thomas Jefferson’s rotunda at the University of Virginia stands alone. Our rotunda is the centerpiece of a magnificent three-story building that stands on the highest spot, or “hilltop,” of the land given by the citizens of Dallas to attract SMU to this city. It is fitting that Dallas Hall is named in honor of the generosity and vision of those citizens. It is appropriate one becomes part of the SMU community by marching through it to Opening Convocation.

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