Eighty-Third Annual Convocation
The Baccalaureate Service
Southern Methodist University

Friday Evening
The Fifteenth of May
Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-Eight
At Eight O'clock
McFarlin Memorial Auditorium
CARILLON CONCERT AND CALL TO BACCALAUREATE

Lorn L. Howard, Professor Emeritus of Electrical Engineering
Fondren Science Tower, 7:30 p.m.

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE PRELUDE
Cathedrals (Pièces de Fantaisie, IV)                             Louis Vierne

THE PROCESSIONAL
March Heroïque                                                   A. Herbert Brewer
The congregation rises when the procession reaches the doors of the auditorium.

WORDS OF WELCOME                                                R. Gerald Turner

THE CALL TO WORSHIP                                             William M. Finnin, Jr.

HYMN  Praise the Source of Faith and Learning                  Ebenezer
Praise the Source of faith and learning Who has sparked and stoked the mind
With a passion for discerning how the work has been designed.
Let the sense of wonder flowing from the wonders we survey
Keep our faith forever growing and renew our need to pray.

God of wisdom, we acknowledge that our science and our art
And the breadth of human knowledge only partial truth impart.
Far beyond our calculation lies a depth we cannot sound
Where your purpose for creation and the pulse of life are found.

May our faith redeem the blunder of believing that our thought
Has displaced the grounds for wonder which the ancient prophets taught.
May our learning curb the error which unthinking faith can breed
Lest we justify some terror with an antiquated creed.

As two currents in a river fight each other’s undertow
Till converging they deliver one coherent steady flow.
Blend, O God, our faith and learning till they carve a single course,
Till they join as one returning, praise and thanks to You, their Source.

THE INVOCATION                                                  Kay Painter
The Majesty and Glory of Your Name
(based on Psalm 8)

When I gaze into the night skies and see the work of Your fingers;
The moon and stars suspended in space.
Oh, what is man, that You are mindful of him?

You have given man a crown of glory and honor,
And have made him a little lower than the angels.
You have put him in charge of all creation:
The beasts of the field, the birds of the air, the fish of the sea.

But what is man that You are mindful of him?
Lord, our God, the majesty and glory of Your name
Transcends the earth and fills the heavens.

Lord, our God, little children praise You perfectly,
And so would we. Alleluia, alleluia!
The majesty and glory of Your name. Alleluia!

PRAYERS FOR THE ILLUMINATION OF SCRIPTURE

LESSONS FROM THE HOLY SCRIPTURES
Exodus 31:1–18

INTRODUCTION OF THE PREACHER

THE BACCALAUREATE SERMON

Moments of Silence

RESPONSIVE PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING

Hindu Prayer

Holy God, You have called us to be diligent teachers and eager learners
in all that we do, both in this community and in Your larger world. Now send
us forth into that world as Your willing servants.

Give us the strength lightly to bear our joys and sorrows.
Give us the strength to make our love fruitful in service.
Give us the strength never to disown the poor or bend our
knees before insolent might.
Give us the strength to raise our minds high above earthly trifles.
And give us the strength to surrender our strength to Your
will with love. Amen.
HYMN
Siyahamba
African Folk Melody
(We Are Marching In The Light of God) Led by Michael Hawn

We are marching in the light of God. ...
We are singing in the light of God. ...
We are walking in the light of God. ...

THE BLESSING AND RESPONSE
Chaplain Finnin

The end of our time in this community draws near.
Senior Class: We give thanks for all we have learned.

These are bittersweet moments.
Senior Class: We rejoice in our growth and in bonds of friendship,
even as we bid farewell.

These are moments of anticipation.
Senior Class: We look forward with excitement, eager to embrace the future’s
promise.

Now may God’s peace be with you, may God’s hope nurture you on your way, and may
the blessing of God accompany you always. Amen.

Please stay in place for the Rotunda Recessional, which will follow immediately.
THE ROTUNDA RECESSIONAL

Many of tonight’s candidates for graduation began their life at SMU by marching through the Rotunda of Dallas Hall to Opening Convocation in this auditorium. Tonight, all candidates will return through that Rotunda as a symbolic anticipation of tomorrow’s graduation ceremonies that will end one stage of membership in this community and begin another, that of being a part of the SMU alumni.

REMARKS

Courtney Bankler
President of the Class of 1998

Following her remarks, the president of the Senior Class will pass the lantern that signifies continuity to Josh Denney, president of the Class of 1999.

Darrell Lafitte
President of the Alumni Association Board of Directors

CALL TO THE RECESSIONAL

Bradley Kent Carter
Chief Marshal

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!

Following “Varsity,” all candidates for undergraduate degrees will be seated. Graduate and professional candidates will remain standing. As soon as the stage party and graduate and professional candidates are organized in a central aisle, marshals and ushers will help guests leave the auditorium. Once outside, guests are asked to assemble on both sides of the diagonal walk to Dallas Hall. When this is accomplished, undergraduate candidates will stand, and marshals will lead the stage party and candidates to Dallas Hall.

THE RECESSIONAL

Praeludium in G minor

Dieterich Buxtehude

Reception following Rotunda Recessional on Fondren Science lawn.
NANCY KASTEN

Rabbi Nancy Kasten, associate chaplain and adjunct professor of Hebrew at SMU, has served as a leader of interfaith exploration within the University community and has helped guide SMU’s affirmation of religious as well as ethnic and cultural diversity among the student body, faculty, and staff. Kasten, the first woman and rabbi to hold the associate chaplain’s position at SMU, helps coordinate the religious life and groups on campus, organized through the Campus Ministry Council. As founding director of the Campus Jewish Network, which established a more prominent identity for the Jewish community at SMU, she has developed and advised three related groups – the Jewish Students Association, the Jewish Law Students Association, and the Jewish Faculty and Staff Association. Kasten also has been instrumental in the Chaplain’s Office participation in SMU’s Wellness Program, developing and coordinating workshops on spiritual wellness. In addition to serving in numerous pastoral and educational settings, Kasten chairs the Subcommittee on Childcare for the President’s Commission on the Status of Women at SMU. Before joining SMU in 1990, Kasten was the assistant regional director of the union of American Hebrew Congregations Southwest Council. Kasten, who received ordination from the New York campus of Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in 1990, has served congregations in Santa Rosa, California; New Iberia, Louisiana; and Carrollton, Texas. She received a B.A. degree from Johns Hopkins University and a Master’s degree in Hebrew Letters and a Master’s degree in Jewish education from Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in Los Angeles. She is married to Rabbi David Stern of Temple Emanu-El, and they have two children.

MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Presiding:
R. Gerald Turner
President of the University

Preaching:
Rabbi Nancy Kasten
Associate Chaplain to the University

Liturgists:
The Reverend Dr. William M. Finnin, Jr.
Chaplain to the University
The Reverend Kay Painter
Assistant Chaplain to the University ad interim

Lector:
Ross C Murfin
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

Organist:
Larry Palmer
Professor of Harpsichord and Organ

Choir Director:
Tinsley E. Silcox
Director of Hamon Arts Library/G. Williams Jones Film and Video Collection

Pianist:
Brian D. Bentley
M.M., Piano Performance, 1995

Trumpet Choir:
David Kehler
Director of the Mustang Band

The University Choir comprises faculty and staff members of the University. We are pleased to have them with us tonight.