



EIGHTY-FIFTH ANNUAL CONVOCATION
THE BACCALAUREATE SERVICE
SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY

FRIDAY EVENING
THE NINETEENTH OF MAY
TWO THOUSAND
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

Fantasia in G Minor, BWV 542

J.S. Bach

THE PROCESSIONAL

Grand Choeur Dialogué

Eugène Gigout

The congregation rises when the procession reaches the doors of the auditorium.

WORDS OF WELCOME

President R. Gerald Turner

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

University Chaplain William M. Finnin, Jr.

HYMN

Praise the Source of Faith and Learning

Hymn to Joy

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

Chaplain Finnin

PRAYERS FOR THE ILLUMINATION OF SCRIPTURE

Claudia Kamhi Beeny

LESSONS FROM THE HOLY SCRIPTURES

Ms. Beeny

John 1:1-5

VOCAL SOLO

Let the Bright Seraphim

G.F. Handel

INTRODUCTION OF THE PREACHER

President Turner

THE BACCALAUREATE SERMON

Dr. William Banowsky

“Religious Unity in a Divided World”

(Moments of Silence)

RESPONSIVE PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING

Chaplain Finnin

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.**

Hindu Prayer

HYMN

*God of All Ages
With trumpet fanfares*

God of the ages, whose almighty hand
leads forth in beauty all the starry band
of shining worlds in splendor through the skies,
our grateful songs before thy throne arise.

Thy love divine hath led us in the past;
in this free land with thee our lot is cast;
be thou our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay,
thy Word our law, thy paths our chosen way.

From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence,
be thy strong arm our ever sure defense;
thy true religion in our hearts increase;
thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.

Refresh thy people on their toil-some way;
lead us from night to never-ending day;
fill all our lives with love and grace divine,
and glory, laud, and praise be ever thine.

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 lives 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

Sarah Straka
President of the Class of 2000

After her remarks, the president of the Senior Class will pass the lantern that signifies continuity to Timothy Heis, representative of the Class of 2001.

Gus Comiskey
President of the Alumni Association

CALL TO THE RECESSIONAL

Bradley Kent Carter
Chief Marshal

VARSIITY

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!

After "Varsity," all candidates will remain standing. As soon as the stage party is organized in a central aisle, ushers will help guests assemble on both sides of the diagonal walk to Dallas Hall. As this is being accomplished, the stage party will lead the Rotunda Recessional. Marshals will organize the candidates' march.

THE RECESSIONAL

Toccata from Symphonie V

Charles-Marie Widor

Reception after Rotunda Recessional

WILLIAM S. BANOWSKY

William S. Banowsky has spent his career in the service of the ministry, higher education, communications, and health care. Dr. Banowsky began his career as a minister in Lubbock, but in 1968, at the age of 32, he was elected president of Pepperdine University in Los Angeles. Under his leadership, Pepperdine moved from its Los Angeles campus in 1971 to a new campus overlooking the Pacific Ocean in Malibu. In 1978 he was elected the 10th president of the University of Oklahoma. His eight years as president were highlighted by historic increases in private support, significant increases in faculty salaries, and an expansion of the physical plant that included doubling the size of the university library and a \$50 million Energy Center. For his achievements at OU, Dr. Banowsky received in 1990 the university's highest honor, the Distinguished Service Citation, and the OU Board of Regents elected him president *emeritus* in 1991. After leaving education, Dr. Banowsky served as president of Gaylord Broadcasting Company from 1985 to 1988. He later served as the volunteer president of the Texas Superconducting Super Collider Authority. From 1988 to 1995 he served as the executive vice president of Tenet Health Care. He has served as a board member of 12 publicly traded corporations. Throughout his career, Dr. Banowsky has received numerous awards. In 1974 *Time* magazine named him one of the country's 200 future leaders. Other honors include the 1977 Distinguished Educator Award from the Jewish National Council and outstanding alumni awards from the Fort Worth Public Schools and the University of New Mexico. He has written four books. Dr. Banowsky earned his B.A. degree in 1958 from David Lipscomb University, the M.A. degree in 1959 from the University of New Mexico, and the Ph.D. in communications in 1963 from the University of Southern California. In addition, he has received honorary doctorates from three universities. A fifth-generation Texan, Dr. Banowsky and his wife of 45 years, Gay, have four sons (three of whom are SMU law graduates) and 12 grandchildren.

MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Presiding:	R. Gerald Turner President of the University
Preaching:	William S. Banowsky Associate Minister, Highland Oaks Church of Christ
Liturgist:	The Reverend William M. Finnin, Jr. Chaplain to the University
Lector:	Claudia Kamhi Beeny Director of New Student Programs
Organist:	Eunhye Song, M.M., Organ Performance, 2001
Precentor:	Jasper Neel Dean of Dedman College
Soloists:	Jennifer Glidden, Soprano, B.M., Voice Performance, 2000 Shaun Abraham, B.M., Trumpet Performance, 2000
Trumpeter:	Jennifer Bixby Chaplain Intern
Trumpet Choir:	David Kehler Director of the Mustang Band