



NINETY-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

The Imperial Brass

*Rigaudon*

*Andre Campra*

*Trumpet Voluntary*

*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*

Dr. William M. Tsutsui  
*Dean of Dedman College of  
Humanities and Sciences*

PRESENTATION OF THE ENTERING STUDENTS OF 2010

Dr. Stephanie Dupaul  
*Dean ad interim of  
Undergraduate Admission*

CHARGE TO THE ENTERING STUDENTS OF 2010

President R. Gerald Turner

UNIVERSITY HYMN

Meadows Convocation Chorus

*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

Rev. Dr. Stephen W. Rankin

THE RECESSIONAL

The Imperial Brass

*Trumpet Tune*

*Henry Purcell*

*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*

## W E L C O M E T O S M U

**T**his 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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