



BAYLOR UNIVERSITY COMMENCEMENT

December Twenty First, Two Thousand Nineteen
Ferrell Center · Waco, Texas

Baylor University Commencement

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Commencement Program, December 21, 2019

Half after Nine in the Morning – Ferrell Center · Waco, Texas

Prelude

"A Christmas Festival of Carols" arranged by David M. Uber
Brass Ensemble

Processional

"Pomp and Circumstance March No. 1" by Sir Edward Elgar
Brass Ensemble

Bearer of the Mace

Thomas Hanks
*Master Teacher, Professor of English
College of Arts and Sciences (1976-2017)
Baylor University*

Procession Order

Candidates for Doctoral Degrees
Candidates for Master's Degrees
Candidates for Baccalaureate Degrees
Faculties of the University
Bearer of the Mace
President of the University
Regents of the University
Administrators and Deans of the University

Presiding

Linda A. Livingstone, Ph.D.
*President
Baylor University*

The National Anthem

Directed by Gary C. Mortenson
*Dean, School of Music
Baylor University*

The Invocation

Dr. Thomas S. Hibbs
*President, University of Dallas
University of Dallas
Dallas, Texas*

Special Music

"No One is Alone" by Stephen Sondheim
Austin John Ingalls
Jonathan Pinto, *accompanist*

Message to the Degree Candidates

President Livingstone

Presentation of Degree Candidates

President Livingstone
Assisted by Dr. Nancy Brickhouse
Vice President and Provost

Dennis L. O'Neal
Dean of the School of Engineering and Computer Science

Gary C. Mortenson
Dean of the School of Music

Terrill F. Saxon
Interim Dean, School of Education

Lee C. Nordt
Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences

J. Larry Lyon
Dean of the Graduate School

Louis Mazé, *Reader*

Welcome to New Alumni

The Benediction

Dr. Steve Wells
*Pastor, South Main Baptist Church
Houston, Texas*

"That Good Old Baylor Line"

Directed by Gary C. Mortenson

Recessional

"Fanfare" from *La Peri* by Paul Dukas
"Triumphal March" from *Aida* by Giuseppe Verdi, arranged
by Bill Holcombe

Candidates Presented December 21, 2019

The School of Engineering and Computer Science

Presented by Dennis O'Neal, *Dean*

Bachelor of Science in Computer Science

Benjamin Agueros
Jens Bollesen
Andrew Bury
Joseph P. Collins
Nolan O'Shea
Lorena Ramirez
Calvin Y. Tse
Neil S. Wilcoxson

Bachelor of Science in Informatics

Bioinformatics
Arantxa Rodriguez Pina

Bachelor of Science in Electrical and Computer Engineering

Ezekiel B. Brown
John Stanley Lawson***
Bradly Christopher Lemon ♦
Justin ManJunn Lui**
Sameer Vishal Malhotra ★
Spencer Duncan Paschal
Joseph Michael Previti**
Guanyu Tao

Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering

Joseph Edward Bondeson
Alexis Diaz

Madison Jane Dillenberger
Stephanie Caroline Fangué
Cody Joe George
Brian Christopher Gray*
Bryce Augusto Gutierrez
Lee Autry Hampton III
Christopher John Helms***
Yu-Yang Huang
Griffin Ray King
Austin Joseph Lacy
Larissa Moreno-Trejo
Alexander Vaughn Schaub
Peterson
Scott Andrew Ramunni
John Michael Savage

Bachelor of Science in Engineering

Thomas Christopher
Kalatschan
Anna O'Bryan Renfro*

The School of Music

Presented by Gary C. Mortenson, *Dean*

Bachelor of Music

Applied Music
Austin John Ingalls
Emily Jean Wolfe

Pedagogy

Israel Ulises Lozano

Bachelor of Music Education

Choral Music
Austin Scott Rabon
Andrea Leonor Briones Soto

Instrumental Music

Ellen Carmody Backer
Parker Ryan Diederich
Brady Joshua Diffie
Guillermo Gonzalez
Patrick Antonio Guzman
Kasey McMurray***

Shelby Lee Mitchell
Emily Danielle Monk***

The School of Education

Presented by Terrill Saxon, *Interim Dean*

Bachelor of Science in Education

Integrated Studies

Sofia Elizabeth Bernus
Steven Robert Chuba
Ryan Anthony Conte
Kyleigh Jordan Davis
Adrienne Grace Gay[∞]
Emma Taylor McClellan

Allison Nicole McMurtry
Joseph Harris Melton IV
Sheril Russell

Kelsey Nicole Sellers*
Cody Paul Zimmerman

Elementary Education

Margaret V. Baule
Natalie Bess Brown
Cara A. Hannegan**

Madison Nicole Lane
Kathryn Elizabeth Stockton

Middle Grades Science

Stephanie Marie Garcia
Kaitlin Elizabeth Whitten

Middle Grades Mathematics

Camila Isabel Montelongo**
Skye D'nae Thomas

Secondary Physical Sciences

Joseph Anthony Gomez

*cum laude **magna cum laude ***summa cum laude

★ Receiving Commissions as Second Lieutenants, United States Army

[∞] Degree conferred August 17, 2019

♦ Receiving Commissions as Second Lieutenants, United States Air Force

The College of Arts and Sciences

Presented by Lee C. Nordt, *Dean*

Bachelor of Fine Arts

Studio Art

Amber Gayle Bailey
Tianjing Chen
Qinyi Liu
Claire Wong

Theatre Design and Technology

Allison Lei Smith

Theatre Performance

Paige Easton Bradbury**
AnnaMae Ruth Durham***
Jayla Denise Lane
Kiersten Nicole Mathis**
Sawyer Patterson
Christina Ann Seberino***

Theatre Studies

Katherine Nicole Trexler***

Bachelor of Science in Aviation Sciences

Glen David Burnham
Steven Kane Merrell

Bachelor of Science

Anthropology

Derek Arteaga, Jr.
Sophie Marie Brown
Catherine Ann Chapman
Shawn Gregory Cleaver
Alexis Joanna Gage
Samantha Elaine Lugo
Lauren Nicole Noriega
Stephanie Efemena Opene
Robert Jordan Santoscoy
Zilin Yang

Applied Mathematics

Jeewoo Choi
Kai Makoto Hollstein-Hara*
Enbo Tian

Biochemistry

Angelina Gabrielle Avila
Rachel Elizabeth Brumett
Emily Elizabeth Cox**
John Richard Crichton
Kacee JaiQuinten Daniels
Yuling Deng*
Allen Ha
Skyler Daisy Metcalf
Natalie Moreno Morris
Chukwuemeka Daniel Nzeakor
Adedoyin Wuraola Olayinka
Daniela Desireé Salado Díaz***
Morgan Elizabeth Schock
Samantha Nicole Turrubiarres
Heather Christie Yen

Biology

Caroline Marie Addison*
Marco Antonio Arredondo
Anthony Sobhi Badra

Alexis Ja'Na Baker
Siena Marguerite Bertoluzzi
Mattie Marie Bishop
Savannah F. Brakefield
Jala Michelle Broadnax
Maci Lynn Coleman
Monica Vijay Daswani,
Sociology
Danielle Alexis DeLeon
Kyle An Dinh
Madeline Elaine Doucet*
Lorenz Michael Estrella***
Eric Chance Findlay
Derek Chadwin Friesen*
Carrie Rebecca Garrett
Rikki Lynn Gilmore**
Bradlee David Hall
Julia Elizabeth Hawes**
Brooke Elizabeth Heckel**
Rickelle Re'Jean Henry
Megan Grace Herring
Bryce Patrick Johnson***
Dominique Breal Johnson***
Emily Angela Johnson**
Christopher Todd Khawaja
Murissa Jadeyn King**
Waverly Brooke Kundysek
Megan Kate Laughlin**
Juliann Lin
Angelica Lopez
Nathan Michael Lundquist***
Wyatt C. Mayer
Kayla Jeneé Miller*
Rebecca JoAnn Modisette*
Matthew Lawler Montgomery
Haley N. Odell
David Perez Alvarado
Joel A. Perez
Jennifer Trinh Pham
Bayley Jean Richardson**
Giana Rodriguez
Jessica Lynn Root
Kendall Ann Schultz
Harrison G. Severns
Meghna Shankar
Halee Nicole Sowinski*
Ricardo David Stuart
Morenike Mariam Tajudeen
Nicole Michele Thomas
Jordan Fletcher Tippet
Xingzi Wang
Wang Chin (Theresa) Wong
Christopher A. Yates
Alyssa Denise Zubeldia

Chemistry

Breanna Rae Ainsworth
Jesse J. Martinez

Clinical Laboratory Science

Allison Darcy Miller

Economics

Idowu Deborah Disu
Christian Lee Gutierrez**

Environmental Health Science

Kyle Bradley Wolfe*

Environmental Science

Tara Gilbert

Geology

Sarah Flores Al-Marwany
Joshua Michael Cuellar
Amber T. Garcia
Carson Lori Manka
Charles Edward Tompkins II
Ashley Kathleen Trappe

Geophysics

Joshua Cole Morrison

Mathematics

Hortencia Josefina Hernandez
Adriana Katherine Jackman,
Economics**
Emily Michelle Layden***
Guowei Liang
Cole Dorsey Nash
Jiahao Xu*
Yifan Xu
Sipeng Yuan
Yiming Zhang

Neuroscience

Adaline Emily Bebo**
Rodolfo Davila, Jr.
Joseph Park

Psychology

Leonardo Alejandro Gutierrez
Jay Jackson**
Kelton Paul Scott Mahon
Meghana Rawat**
Javier Vargas Sena
Mia Snow♦
Savannah Rose Vazquez-
Hernandez
Jingyi Zhu

Statistics

Zijia Yang

Bachelor of Arts

Anthropology

Jack Michael Kayhart**
Richard Andrew-Jack
Thompson
Hailey Elizabeth Wolf

Architecture

Joshua B. Ben-Rajab

Asian Studies

Joshua W. Ho**

Biochemistry

Iboro Michelle Edelduok
Benjamin James Hynes**
Christopher Thomas Levario
Daniel Morales
Abigail Abena Eno Bruwaa
Owusu-Teng**
Sisanoritsewarami Tennyson

Kyla Brooke Ward

Biology

Emma Marie Haworth
Kayla Ann Lewis*

Classics

Suzanne M. Elnaggar**

Communication

John Anthony Aquino
Madeline Rachel Brooks
Brittany Brown
Stanley Chang
William David Copeland
James Parker Dowell
Timothy Rollins Giles
Mia Hailey Gunter
Katherine Mary Heenan
Stephanie Elizabeth Jatnieks
Mackenzie Reann Kechter**
Brent Allen Martin
Walton C. McCoy IV
Jordan F. Orozco
Alijah T. Pecina
Grace Caroline Quinn
John Daniel Rick
Gabriela Salazar
Robert Henry Seale IV
Nathan David Slonaker
Kacie Lauren Smith
Marissa Taylor Sorensen
Darby Sorrels***
Garrett Sorrels*
Chandler Benjamin Steinke
James Taw
Aidan T. Teodoro
Dariella Maria Villarreal
Benjamin A. Wells
Jordan Wheless
Grace Diane Yrastorza

Communication Specialist

Alexander Gene Angelesdes
Abbey Laine Collins
Bailey Houck**
Trenton C. Patterson
Meredith Brooke Royer
Tyler Ray Smith

Economics

Chelsea Megan Barcenas
Xinyi Chen
Cheng Liu

English

Kendall Joy Elliott***
Matthew Christopher Fowler
Julia Marie Pantleo***
Aaron James Rauschhuber
Ryann Alyssa Ostuno Wong

Environmental Studies

Codie Alan Belt
Terrany Lizè Binford Swanson
Jackson Malone Bollinger*
Alexandria Bridwell
Donato Vincenzo Catrina*

*cum laude **magna cum laude ***summa cum laude

** Completed Baylor Interdisciplinary Core requirements

** Completed Honors Program requirements

* Receiving Commissions as Second Lieutenants, United States Army

* Receiving Commissions as Second Lieutenants, United States Air Force

Clinton Dollahon
Emily Nicole Guerrero
Jonathan William Ross

Film and Digital Media

Joshua Gabriel Barbur
Brian Patrick Camp
Rodney Allen Chamness III
Michael Joseph Colletti
Alexus Marie Davis*
Gunnar Furlough-Rea
Collin Michael Heier
Rachel Elizabeth Jobin***
Christian John G. Kearton
Adam Garrett Kobs
Alexander Michael Lee*
Bradley Jason Macchioni
Benjamin David Orr
Kristin Nicole Pool***
Garrett Conrad Rodrick
Conner Logan White
Katie Michelle Williams
Esrael Girma Yohannes

History

Abigail Diane Hill ☉*
Catherine Britain Keith**
Katherine Elizabeth Kiesling ☉
David Fabrizio Marchese 🏠**
Taylor S. Oney
Kaleigh Celeste Reid ☉
Payton Ann Reid ☉
Isabel Mabree Sanchez ☉*
Connor Andrew Tindall ☉

International Studies

Jacqueline Bauer
Mary Elizabeth Burns ☉
Christopher Alan Gonzalez*
Sara Catherine Hibbs**
Fabian Vinicio Reyes
Jacob John Sloan
Bethany Christine Wang
Jamie Rae Willmann

Journalism

Kaitlyn O'Keefe Anderson**
Cooper Ray Anderton
Austria Carroll Arnold**
William Rudolph Bizub
Samuel David Cooper
Kennedy Alexis Dendy
Alexandra Claire Donnel
Kennedy Elizabeth Franklin
Bonnie Christine Fuelling
Dylan Lee Garrison
Caroline Beth Golden***
Jessica Ruth Jilovec**
Jairi Amber Key
Andrea Renee Risk
Britain Leigh Seago**
Kristina Michelle Valdez
Connor Jay Weaverling
Autumn Maria Webb
Taylor Wolf**

Medical Humanities

Erin Nicole Carroll
Diana Diosdado
Karina Elena Farias
Jocelyn Olivia Garcia
Antoinette H. Grantham**
Ashton Gavin Huth
Kristen Ann Koehler**
Cristina Marie Martinez**
Raymond E. Payette
Kayla Liana Perez
Halleigh Kay Thompson

Philosophy

Lauryl Briann Cobb
Connor Jacob Martin
James-Riley McElroy Moore
Michael Chiemeke Osamor
Jenny Recor*

Political Science

Christian Hamilton Beard
Daniel C. Bucknam ★
Ana Raquel Buenrostro
Lawrence Wayne Cooper III
Shelby Danielle Dill
Rachel Daniela Fernández
Eric Matthew Gerlach
Asher Gillaspie
JuLeisa Ana Hinojos
Brooks Jeffrey Hollister
Jamal Kahala
Madeline Paige Kaleva
Garrett Kelly
Kelsi Leinn Kirby ★
Kristina Elyse Loza-Garcia
Jason Pedreros
Alan Fernando Romero
Magallanes
Timothy Hunnicutt Streller
Alyssa Lee Wilt**
Bradley Nathan Winfrey
Halley Blake Yzquierdo*
Professional Writing and Rhetoric
Caroline Sueann Cumby
Cole Niles ☉
Psychology
Christina Joy Bradee
Brandon Tyler Castillo
Aerial Clemons
Kelsey Danielle Davis
Cidiedrah Antonia Escalante
Alyssa Lynn Hill
Bryan Lee
Precious Mathis
Kyra Loren Miller
Roheena R. Moosa
Tenley Joelle Patterson ∞
Travis Sullivent
Samantha Victoria Taylor

Taitem Noel Thrift
Quinn Avery Tidwell

Religion

Rachel Ann Geddes
Charles H. Howard III
Isaac Travis Lambert ☉
Jordan Breanne Peterson
Frances Rebecca Samudio*
Benjamin Jacob Teague*
Caleb Michael Whitten

Sociology

Angie Ahyleen Anchondo
Daniel Caudle
Hannah Elizabeth Davis
Jeannette L. Eibe
Patricia Fabian
Joseph Steve Garay
Joseph Luis Lerma
Hannah Elizabeth Parrott ☉
Karin Cristina Simpson*
Julia Ashley Smith
Harrison Andrew Taylor

Spanish

Yael Garcia
Helen Caroline Gutierrez
Abigail Grace Martin

University Scholar

Sarah Ashleigh Person 🏠*
Kylie Noel Smith 🏠**

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∞ Degree conferred August 17, 2019

🏠 Completed Honors Program requirements

The Graduate School

Presented by J. Larry Lyon, *Dean*

Master of Science in Mechanical Engineering and Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering

Jackson Sawyer Ramsey,
Mathematics***

Master of Science in Mechanical Engineering

Cameron Watkins

Master of Science in Electrical and Computer Engineering

Jackson Alan Henry

Master of Music and Master of Divinity

Church Music
Candace Alexandria Allen
Michael Eugene Huerter
Samuel Debs Johnson

Master of Music

Church Music
Eric Amouzou

Master of Science in Education

Curriculum and Instruction
Nathan Graham Scholten

Sports Management
Shelly Faye Stafford

Master of International Journalism

Abigail M. Little

Master of Science in Clinical Psychology

Lindsay Lemoine Lange
Katherine Ivy Magnuson
Catherine Elizabeth Shea
Sindhuja Shivaji
Lauren Simicich

Master of Science

Biology

Peter Joel Sheesley

Chemistry

Kristen Renee Bluer

Computer Science

Zackary Justin Jordan

Geology

Katarena Renee Shiner
Marilyn Marie Wisler

Statistics

William Best
Joshua Luke Durell
Prescott James Duszynski
Hunter Bosworth Hale
Adam Scott Heath
Yuhan Ma
Aaron Sproul

Master of Arts and Bachelor of Arts

Communication

Megan Makena Galvin ☉

Colin Matthew Novak
Lauren Elizabeth Waters ☉

Master of Arts

American Studies

Jordon Pollard

Communication

Victor Henry Larson
Savanna Taylor

Educational Psychology

Vida M. Canestaro

Journalism

Jonathon Platt

Museum Studies

Madeline Louise Walicek

Physics

Chao Zhang

Political Science

Catherine Craig

Psychology

Brittany Nicole Nesbitt
Alexandra Terasa Tyra

Doctor of Psychology

Jules C. Martowski

Dissertation, Psychology: Feasibility and Acceptability of a Brief Acceptance and Commitment Therapy (ACT) Intervention for Juvenile Offenders

Mentor: Dr. Sara L. Dolan

Christopher Faulkner

Dissertation, Electrical and Computer Engineering: An Electromagnetic Sensor and Method for Extraction of Transient Vapor Fraction in Dynamic Systems

Mentor: Dr. B. Randall Jean

Doctor of Philosophy

Meron Fessehaie Ghidye

Dissertation, Biomedical Studies: Innovating Recombinant Production of Short Peptide Targeted Antimicrobial Peptides Utilizing Clean Purification in Plants and E. coli Bioreactors

Mentor: Dr. Christopher Michel Kearney

Robin Jeremy Land

Dissertation, English: A Mirror for the Republic: Mimesis, Racial Justice, and American Literary Realism

Mentor: Dr. Joe B. Fulton

Md Mahmudul Hasan

Dissertation, Biomedical Studies: Characterization of Human IL-10-Producing Regulatory B Cells

Mentors: Dr. SangKon Oh and Dr. HyeMee Joo

Andrew Rasmussen

Dissertation, English: Raphael's Rhetoric: The Progymnasmata in Paradise Lost

Mentor: Dr. Phillip J. Donnelly

Ian Glenn Maxwell Anthony

Dissertation, Chemistry: Improving Vacuum Ultraviolet Spectroscopy Using Instrumental Modifications and Chemometric Applications

Mentor: Dr. Touradj Solouki

Donald Anton Esker

Dissertation, Geology: Thermoregulation and Dental Isotopes Reveal the Behavior and Environment of Pleistocene Megafauna at Waco Mammoth National Monument

Mentor: Dr. Steven L. Forman

Michael Thomas Spiegel

Dissertation, Chemistry: New Insight into the Coordination and Reactivity of Hetero-Substituted Maltol and Method Development for Complex Mixture Analysis of Asphaltene

Mentor: Dr. Patrick J. Farmer

Alden Netto

Dissertation, Geology: Modeling the Crust and Upper Mantle Structure of the Southern U.S. Continental Margin Using Seismic and Gravity Data

Mentor: Dr. Jay Pulliam

*cum laude **magna cum laude ***summa cum laude

☉ Completed Baylor Interdisciplinary Core requirements

Blake Parker Heller

Dissertation, Mechanical Engineering: Non-Isothermal Non-Newtonian Flow and Interlayer Adhesion in Large Area Additive Manufacturing Polymer Composite Deposition
Mentor: Dr. Douglas E. Smith

Zhaogui Wang

Dissertation, Mechanical Engineering: Computational Modeling of Fiber Reinforced Composites Melt Flow in Nozzle Extrudate for Polymer Deposition Additive Manufacturing
Mentor: Dr. Douglas E. Smith

Chuchu Xiang

Dissertation, Physics: Modeling Dust Coagulation and Chondrule Dust Rim Growth in a Protoplanetary Disk
Mentor: Dr. Lorin S. Matthews

Rachel Katherine Alexander

Dissertation, Political Science: Philosophical Foundations for Political Change: Aristotle's Inquiry into Beginnings in the Nicomachean Ethics
Mentor: Dr. Mary P. Nichols

Cody Howard Strecker

Dissertation, Religion: Providence in Praise: Encountering Ephrem the Syrian's Lyric Vision and Voice
Mentor: Dr. Natalie Carnes

Brita Jean Andercheck

Dissertation, Sociology: Individualized Religious Styles: A Latent Class Analysis of Religion and its Implications for Political Attitudes and Family Formation Outcomes
Mentor: Dr. Paul Froese

Chris Elrod

Dissertation, Statistics: Computational Bayesian Methods Applied to Complex Problems in Bio and Astro Statistics
Mentors: Dr. James Stamey and Dr. Matthew Hejduk

Divya R. Lakshminarayanan

Dissertation, Statistics: Bayesian Adjustment for Misclassification Bias and Prior Elicitation for Dependent Parameters
Mentor: Dr. John W. Seaman Jr. and Dr. James D. Stamey

Andrew Joseph Lawler

Dissertation, Statistics: Detecting Episodes of Star Formation Using Bayesian Model Selection
Mentors: Dr. Jack D. Tubbs and Dr. Viviana Acquaviva

Yuelin Lu

Dissertation, Statistics: Bayesian Inference for Vaccine Efficacy and Prediction of Survival Probability in Prime-Boost Vaccination Regimes
Mentor: Dr. John W. Seaman Jr.

Whitney Velvet Worley

Dissertation, Statistics: On Testing for a Difference in Two High-Dimensional Mean Vectors
Mentor: Dr. Dean M. Young

Commencement Program, December 21, 2019

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Brass Ensemble

Bearer of the Mace

Catherine Rosser
*Senior Lecturer and Undergraduate Program Director
Louise Herrington School of Nursing (2003-2013)
Baylor University*

Procession Order

Candidates for Doctoral Degrees
Candidates for Master's Degrees
Candidates for Baccalaureate Degrees
Faculties of the University
Bearer of the Mace
President of the University
Regents of the University
Administrators and Deans of the University

Presiding

Linda A. Livingstone, Ph.D.
*President
Baylor University*

The National Anthem

Directed by Gary C. Mortenson
*Dean, School of Music
Baylor University*

The Invocation

Alden Smith
*Associate Dean of the Honors College and Professor in Classics
Baylor University*

Special Music

"Laurie's Song" from *The Tender Land*
Emily Jean Wolfe
Jonathan Pinto, *accompanist*

Message to the Degree Candidates

President Livingstone

Presentation of Degree Candidates

President Livingstone
Assisted by Dr. Nancy Brickhouse
Vice President and Provost

Rodney G. Bowden
*Dean of the Robbins College of Health and
Human Sciences*

Terry S. Maness
Dean of the Hankamer School of Business

Shelley F. Conroy
Dean of the Louise Herrington School of Nursing

J. Larry Lyon
Dean of the Graduate School

Louis Mazé, *Reader*

Welcome to New Alumni

The Benediction

Jerry K. Clements
*Chair, Board of Regents
Baylor University*

"That Good Old Baylor Line"

Directed by Gary C. Mortenson

Recessional

"Fanfare" from *La Peri* by Paul Dukas
"Triumphal March" from *Aida* by Giuseppe Verdi, arranged
by Bill Holcombe

The Robbins College of Health and Human Sciences

Presented by Rodney G. Bowden, *Dean*

Bachelor of Science in Family and Consumer Sciences

Apparel Design and Product Development

Alexandra Jane Davis
Mary Elizabeth Winston

Apparel Merchandising

Hannah Mackenzie Chavez
Erin Lawdermilk**
Summer Maya Maccubbin
Melanie Jenay Moon
Kimberly Anne Morris
Tara Lynn Rogers
Kylee Marissa Willmoth
Julia Ann Wooldridge
Yaqi Yang

Child and Family Studies

Natalie Cloney*
Hannah L. Hodo
Peyton Marie Jones
Madelyn Virginia Martin
Natalie Martinez
Hailey H. Shipley*
Briana Ariel Wells
Anne Elizabeth Wooliscroft**
Emily Loy Young***

Interior Design

Sophia Lauren Umberger

Nutrition Sciences

Margaret Barry Bilder

Bachelor of Arts

Communication Sciences and Disorders

Anna Lauren Adams
Madeline Rachel Bergen*
Elizabeth Libby Berry

Madison Elizabeth Brown***
Madison Louise Busby
Morgan Brooke Cain*
Kate Lauren Castle*
Natalie Grace Davis***
Kathryn Brooke Delgado
Bailey N. Dohman
Abby Elizabeth Dugger**
Madelyn Jewel Ferguson***
Casey Brooke Gaiser
Taylor Ann Gilleylen
Hannah Hinch*
Katherine A. Kallinikos***
Caroline Beeman Langdon**
MaryGrace Lesikar
Katelyn Alicia Lucas*
Joshua Riley Mack
Claire Margaret Manning*
Sarah A. McCain*
Ivy Crescentia Mills**
Madelyn J. Moorhead
Victoria Angel Pena
Kylyn Jaide Rosenfeld**
Olivia Shea Russell
Gracie Ann Walters
Morgan Paige Young

Bachelor of Science in Education

Exercise Physiology

Sara Dorothea Clark
Jeremy Alexander Frazier
Kaitlyn Elizabeth Hovermale
Eric Felipe Mora
Eliza Louise Newman
Isabella Juani Sanchez
Megan Nicole
SaxvanderWeyden *

Health, Kinesiology, and Leisure Studies

Matthew H. Boston*
Barclay Leggett Brunson
Jackson Sartwelle Buckley
Muhammed J. Cole
Reyna Mia Diaz
Taylor Nicole Ellis
Julie Renea Gilbert
Jazmine Hall
Dalton J. Justice
Amy Michaila Law
Mackenzie Nicole Martin
Claudia Lila Montalvo
Alyssa Sue Murphy
Kimery Michelle Oliver
Steven Thien-Chi Phan
Marissa L. Randle
Martha Rascon
Michelle L. Schiwart
Lache Trevelle Seastrunk
Sileshi Smith
Sydnee Ann Smith
Kau'inohea Solomon Taylor
Riley Charles Weido
Amber Etta Williams
Angela Kay Williams***

Health Science Studies

Cameryn Barfield
Mary E. Berdis
Anna Marie Bergquist**
Brittany Rose Boehm
Rachel Louise Bohnemann *
Jennah Kay Borelli
John Nelson Copeland
Maria Elena Garcia
Simon Peter Hernandez
Zachary Arin Michael Holland
Erin Pamala Horne
Amanda Reneé Jimenez

Nicole Renea Jolly
Olivia M. Jones**
Hana G. Marsheck †
Rachel Ann Meach
Molli Ann Mitchell
Henry Hamilton Nagengast
Taylor J. Olson
Jonathan Ong
Alejandra Ortega
Cheryl Pai
Noah Michael Price***
Salwa I. Rahaman
Andrea Reyes
Lisa Ann Ruffcorn
Courtney Elizabeth Sterry
Shedrick Charles Taylor
Jaden Gabriel Treasure
Isabelle Raylin Tzeng
Cynthia Jo Williams

Recreation

Kenzie Jewel Thomas
Victoria Lee Willigar †

Bachelor of Science in Public Health

Daria Symone Johnson
Taylor M. Kowalski
Nneka Kelechi Okoro
Love Opku Afrifa

The Hankamer School of Business

Presented by Terry S. Maness, *Dean*

Bachelor of Business Administration

Accounting

Jacob Johnathan Addicks
Allison Riley Aycock
Madeleine Marie Bocanegra
Austin Cole Bowyer
Katelynn Ann Edwards
Danté Josiah Greaves
Jacob Reece Green*
Andrew Michael Hardman**
Kara Renee Hollingsworth***
Ross Isaac Kimmel
Luke Frizzell Kinder, Finance,
Entrepreneurship and
Corporate Innovation
Alston Marshall Lawrence

Jiaxing Lin, Finance,
Economics*
William Timothy McDougal
Carly Reyna McVicker, Finance
Lacy Schneider O'Connor †
Shane Thomas Odom,
Management Information
Systems
Tara Nicole Otto, Management
Information Systems †
Lauren Elisabeth Pharr*
Nicholas David Piscitelli
Zachary Kurt Rahn
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Allen J. Rand, Marketing ∞
Tyler James Edward Teske
Xin Tong

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Mindy Kay Bright
Wenxuan Cheng, Supply Chain
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‡ Degree conferred December 20, 1980

‡ Completed Honors Program requirements

∞ Degree conferred August 17, 2019

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 Milton Peña, Management Information Systems
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 Andrew Christopher Spross
 Sephode PraiseGod Tennyson, Marketing**
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 Zachary James Fires
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 Austin Charles Gift, Entrepreneurship and Corporate Innovation ☉
 Matthew Christian Henriques
 Roberto Flavio Hernandez Venegas
 Joshua Chandler Hoover
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 Adam Kwon, Communication ☉
 Bingou Li
 Tianhui Li
 Luke William Macadam, Entrepreneurship and Corporate Innovation
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 Yingyi Wang
 Kate Wong
 Shaoyu Zhang, Economics
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 Alyssa Claire Hardin
 Claire Elizabeth Hemmer
 Yuze Li, Management
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 Taylor Aston Potts
 Jennifer S. Rivas, Communication Studies
 Alissa Mara Sanchez ☉
 Charles Wade Sivess*
 Matthew Patrick Smith
 Haley Lynne Terry**
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 Anderson Rochelle Harris
 Abraham Gregory Lipets
 Haley Renee Otts
 Clark C. Parr
 Kaitlyn Marie Ragsdale*
 Aimee Frances Ann Walters

Real Estate

Stewart Morris III
 Joseph Daniel Raymond
 Joshua Kyle Smith
 Bailey Anne Van Horn

Risk Management and Insurance

Catherine Renee Szuhay
Sports Sponsorship and Sales
 Derek William Chou, Management Information Systems
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Sports Strategy and Sales

Emily Katherine Cullers, Management**
 Kameron Lyshon Evans**
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 Gabrielle Marie LaMantia

Supply Chain Management

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 Cindy Bai
 Jack Wesley Barron**
 Philip Clinton Day
 Caleb Pierce Dickson, Management Information Systems
 Madison Elizabeth Meyer
 Preston Hartung Sperry
 Kati Lynn Tumlinson, Marketing
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The Louise Herrington School of Nursing

Presented by Shelley F. Conroy, *Dean*

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

John Maron Abiassi
 Breanna Nicole Acevedo
 Youngbi Ahn
 Yesenia Alaniz
 Christen Joy Sia Amaba
 Amber Rose Anderson
 Anne Marie Baldwin
 Kathryn Mackenzie Battreall
 Janae Regime Bedford
 Mary Madeline Beecherl
 Maylan Jeannae Bell
 Erica Leigh Blair
 Amanda Madonna Boe
 Madison Lane Boyd
 Sarah Lyn Bruff**
 Lauren Elaine Burgett
 Kailey Elizabeth Callaway
 Aleya-Rae Esther Campos
 Carolyn Marie Cargill
 Sierra Danielle Clem
 Maggie Christine Compton

Shelley Ann Conner
 Leah Marie Cruz
 Tamar Hyppolite Dasse
 Christian Alexis Delgadillo
 Kayla Gabrielle Feaster
 Paige Bianca Flanagan
 Amy Metzger Frank
 Taylor Kaitlin Frederick
 Elizabeth Elin Fretheim
 Lauren Ashley Garrison
 Erin Elizabeth Gleason
 Sydney Nicole Gonzalez-Theroff
 Nicole Marie Graber
 Adam Lee Guinn
 Amber Michelle Hale
 Haydie Vicenta Hernandez
 Tiffany Nicole Hunt
 Jessica Jaimes-Serrano
 Babatunde David Jemilohun
 Stefani Ann-Gabriela Jimenez
 Ragan Elizabeth Parker Johnson

Alexandria Lee King
 Madison Bailey Kuykendall
 Paige Nicole Kuykendall
 Elizabeth Caroline Lalouch
 Faith Rebekah Larimer**
 Hea Jeen Lee
 Valerie Ann Lindemann
 Alexandra Grace Lochabay
 Anays Gabriela Lopez
 Yueyang Ma
 Lindsay Ruth Macaulay
 Michelle Maillet
 Kyle Andrew Maiz
 Nikhil Roshan Malhotra
 Adeline Lea McDonnell
 Abigail Marie Eusebio Mendoza*
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 Morgan Taylor Miller
 Paula Elisa Morales
 Briana Leigh Muirhead**
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 Schamir D. Nelson

Lukas Boe Patterson
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 Sarah Ferguson Rasbury
 Wendy Lynn Bigelow Reynolds**
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 Stephanie Daysi Ruiz
 Taylor Jacqueline Ryan
 Rachel Ann Schultz
 Kirstyn Arianna Shields
 Kris Florence Andaya Sibal
 Lauren Esonga Simo
 Kelly Elizabeth Staller
 Sydney Siara Nicole Thomas
 Jaclyn Elizabeth Walker
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Yaelis Avila*
Daniel Hart Barnett**
Brittany Grace Boynton
Joshua Bolen Britt
Shelby Junell Cannon ☉**
Caroline Elizabeth Chance
Maggie Denae Coleman
Matthew David Cooper*
Rachel Marie Cox
Cory Edward Davis
Alexis Paige Eliff
Jacob Lloyd Howell
Travis Andrew Johnson ☉
Sarah Ann Kaczinski
Kathleen Elizabeth Kilpatrick,
Management Information
Systems***
Allison Rebecca Lillard*
Hannah Marie Manley, Finance
Cassandra Lynn May*
Hannah Louise Meek***
Greyson Chase Mendeke
Marian Delores Michalek
Clayton Graham Neider,
Finance
Jared Parker Pace
Anand R. Patel
Alexandra Geneva Pratt*
Bethany Elizabeth Rowe
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Master of Accountancy

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Master of Taxation and Bachelor of Business Administration

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Master of Business Administration

Business Administration
Maria Belen Arauz Pizzurno
Truitt Arnhart
Fairuz Chowdhury
Kathryn Zollars Huff

Victor Lawrence Lee
Lisa Louise Long
Abbey Mackey
Caleb Andrew Petrie
Mason Pinegar Priest
Abigail Helen Tisdale
Angus McCrory Walker

Executive Business Administration

Leslie Renee Graves
Karunakran Jayaraman
Luis Malave
Benjamin Orons
Elda J. Putegnat

Online Business Administration

Richard John Aquilina
James Edward Atwood
Amber Marie Birkeland
Erin Elizabeth Corona
David Allen Chenault
Denny A. Conde
Stella Maria Delyv
Tyrell W. Denton
William Alan Fehmer
Brendan Fleming
Jonathan Gaspar
Joshua Goff
Janeé D. Green
Scott Evans Gressett
Sahar Hashan
Brent Holbrook
Timothy B. Jones
Ashleigh Michelle Kamencik-
Wright
Joel Lehr
Kenneth William Littlefield
Betsy Ann Marger
Christopher Michael Marrs
Joe Meuth
Blair Elizabeth Murphy
Jay Nwamadi
Donna Vo Oh
Sergio Palacios
Jessica Marie Pantages
Julie Anne Richards
Kolby Leland Robertson
Lisina E. Russo
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Brett Lee Scrabeck
Thomas Bartlett Sehon
Ramnik Singh
Emily Alys Steele
Raymond Neal Tuley
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Master of Science in Information Systems and Master of Business Administration

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Master of Science in Information Systems

Bonnie Lynn Forbes

Ross Martin Maticcik

Master of Science in Nursing

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Ana Barefield
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Hayden Lea Dutton
Nicole Ferris
Chelsea Reynolds
Tammy Renee Thorpe

Master of Health Administration

Jeremy James Borowski

Master of Science

Communication Sciences and Disorders

Natalie Reese Bell
Meghan Patricia Buchanan
Rebecca Christine Burris
Sarah Catherine Conry
Stephanie Lynn Cooper
Farrah Warina Dawood
Nicole Fliegelman
Olivia Flora
Ashley Ann Fritcher
Teresa Marie Garcia
Danielle Rebeca Gregory
Kelsie Marie Guinn
Lauren Hampel
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Kelly Ann Harris
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Danielle Renee Martinez
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Ashley Nicole Robertson
Brittany Gayle Speights
Kelsey Anne Sweet
Allison Anne Thatcher
Paige Alexis Thomas
Hanna Walker
Caitlyn Hannah White
Julianne Rosalie White
Caroline Grace Wislar
Andrea Yepes

Exercise Physiology

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Joe Whelan

Nutrition

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Paul Holthaus
Renee Leigh Jeffrey

Rebecca Charity Prince
Joshua Roe
Sarah Rupert
David Spain
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Amanda Beth Munoz
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Doctor of Physical Therapy

Army-Baylor Physical Therapy

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Tajii Black
Melissa Boliek
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Christine Ashley Brown
Jennifer Cadwell
Roman David Carothers
Jordan Michael Carrillo
Christa A. Christianson
Rachel Ashton Clark
Erin Elizabeth Crowley
Ariel Loraine Davila
Justise Dayries
Eric James De Los Santos
William Hunter Dinkines
Christopher Fawzy
Ashlea Taylor Findley
Brian Fischer
Rachel Lynn Ford
Sarah Deanne Friesen
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Naman Patel
Andrew Machenry Peercy
An Quach
Kaitlin Janay Randle
Tyler Alexander Salinas

Emma Jocelyn Skelton
Brenna Sokol
Jeremiah Stout
Mary-Margaret Elizabeth Tabor
Camille Florence Tomelden
Harmoni Ecatarina Weber
Joseph Cole Weber
Stephanie Manuela Weller

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Emergency Medicine Residency
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Doctor of Philosophy

Kristina Amrani White
Dissertation, Kinesiology, Exercise Nutrition, and
Health Promotion: The Influence of Athletic Participation
and Grit on Stress, Coping, and Health Behaviors among
College Students
Mentor: Dr. Andrew Gallucci

Commencement Traditions

A History of Baylor Commencement

Baylor University was chartered by the Republic of Texas in 1845 and Baylor trustees voted to grant certificates and diplomas in 1854, following a similar policy of Brown University, a Baptist school in Providence, Rhode Island. That same year Baylor celebrated its first official commencement at Independence, Texas, with the granting of an A.B. degree to Stephen Decatur Rowe. The following year the University granted a degree to the first woman graduate, Mary Kavanaugh Gentry. By 1856, the number of graduates increased to six men and two women.

The University moved from Independence to Waco in 1885 and commencement ceremonies were likely held each spring in the chapel of Old Main. Starting in 1903, commencement ceremonies were held in the chapel of Carroll Library. After the 1922 Carroll Library fire, the third floor chapel was not rebuilt and a new chapel-gymnasium structure served as the venue.

In 1930, commencement ceremonies were moved to Waco Hall, the newly constructed Baylor facility funded by the City of Waco. In 1943, the spring ceremony reflected the effects of World War II, when 43 of the 282 degrees conferred were given "in absentia" due to students serving in the armed forces.

By the early 1950s, commencement was held at either Municipal Stadium or Baylor Stadium (later known as Floyd Casey Stadium). Spring commencements moved to the Heart of Texas Coliseum from 1956 to 1988. With the completion of Ferrell Center in fall 1988, Baylor commencement ceremonies returned to campus. In 2009, spring graduation was expanded to three ceremonies over two days and more than 1,800 students participated.

From 400 to more than 800 students graduate in summer and fall ceremonies.

In 1889, the University began holding summer ceremonies, which were held at a local Baptist church, then Waco Hall and now Ferrell Center.

In 1984, the tradition of December ceremonies was begun. The December 2011 commencement marked the first time that two winter ceremonies were held.

Separate ceremonies are held for George W. Truett Theological Seminary and Baylor Law School.

Participating in Commencement

Conferral of an academic degree is a separate event from the public commencement ceremony that symbolically commemorates that academic achievement. Baylor students who participate in commencement ceremonies are considered candidates for a degree. The final awarding of degrees and honors is contingent upon the satisfactory completion of the appropriate requirements by each candidate. Degree conferral is not official until grades are posted and candidates are certified as having completed all requirements. Only then do graduates receive their diplomas.

The Mace

The mace, used in formal processions at Baylor, was adopted as the official Baylor mace by the Board of Trustees in March 1974 as a symbol of the authority of the University.

The gold-hilted sword that comprises the principal element of the mace was presented to Cyrus Alexander Baylor, brother of University namesake Judge R.E.B. Baylor, by President Andrew Jackson as an award for bravery in battle.

A second element of the mace is a gold-headed walking cane that was presented to Baylor President Rufus C. Burseson by his students in 1860.

The third element of the mace is a gold-headed walking cane, bearing the date of 1836, that belonged to General Sam Houston.

Immediately beneath the three elements, a three-dimensional seal of Baylor University is mounted on the staff, which was milled from a timber taken from a roof beam in Old Main, the first building constructed on the Waco campus.

A distinguished emeritus professor, symbolizing Baylor's debt to the immediate past, carries the mace in formal processions.

Academic Regalia

Academic dress traces its beginnings to the Middle Ages. When English universities were forming in the twelfth and thirteenth centuries, scholars were also clerics and they adopted robes similar to those of their monastic orders. Caps were a necessity in drafty buildings and capes with hoods attached were needed for warmth. In 1895, the Intercollegiate Commission specified a code that was adopted by American institutions of higher learning to standardize the regalia worn by faculty and graduates. It has stood virtually unchanged to present time.

The bachelor's gown has pointed sleeves, while the gown for the master's degree has an oblong sleeve, open at the wrist. The doctoral gown, which may be worn open or closed, is trimmed down the front with velvet and has three velvet bars on the bell-shaped sleeves. These facings and crossbars may be black or may be the color distinctive to the discipline to which the degree pertains.

The hood is the most distinctive feature of American regalia. At Baylor, hoods are worn for the master's degree, the education specialist degree, and all doctoral degrees. The doctoral hood is longer and marked by a wider velvet binding. The color of the velvet edging of the hood indicates the degree; the color of the lining represents the university that confers the degree.

Colors for the various disciplines include white for the Master of Arts; gold for Master of Science; Fine Arts, brown; all music degrees, pink; social work, citron; business administration, drab; divinity and theology degrees, red; law, purple; education, light blue; nursing, apricot; engineering and computer science, orange; public health, salmon; Doctor of Psychology, dark blue; Doctor of Science, golden yellow; and Doctor of Philosophy, royal blue. All master's degree candidates wear black tassels with the appropriate hood.

The University introduced unique doctoral regalia in 1995, its sesquicentennial year. The gown is forest green with dark green velvet crossbars on the sleeves, outlined in gold braid. The velvet on the matching doctoral hood reflects the degree. A velvet, eight-sided tam with gold bullion tassel completes the regalia.

The Diploma

The design of the diploma was introduced in 2000 and features an original pen-and-ink drawing of Pat Neff Hall by Baylor art professor Berry Klingman. The diploma is 14 inches x 11 inches horizontal. Signatures of the chair of the Board of Regents, the president, the provost, and the appropriate dean, along with a gold embossed seal, are on the diploma.

Graduating with Latin Honors

Undergraduate students are eligible for graduation with Latin honors by meeting the following GPA requirements:

Cum Laude	3.75
Magna Cum Laude	3.85
Summa Cum Laude	3.95

Only Baylor University residence credit is considered in calculating these averages. Once final GPAs are calculated, students graduating with a 4.0 GPA will receive Alpha Chi medallions.

The Honors Program

The Honors Program offers smaller, distinctive classes and encourages an in-depth approach to learning with close faculty contact. Students choose this program for the opportunity to delve more deeply into courses and a topic of their choosing by engaging in independent research opportunities that culminate in the senior thesis.

Baylor Interdisciplinary Core

The Baylor Interdisciplinary Core (BIC), one of the four programs housed in the Honors College, provides students with an alternative core curriculum for their general studies requirements.

Honor Societies at Baylor

Baylor University is proud to host chapters of national and international honor societies in almost all academic departments and disciplines. These honor societies recognize scholastic excellence among undergraduate and graduate students. Students are accepted as members based on scholastic rank within their academic discipline. It also is common among many societies to include criteria relating to the character of a member, requiring leadership or service credits. Many of these organizations also have an induction ceremony for their graduates. Members of national academic honor societies are recognized in the ceremony by displaying approved insignias, cords or stoles on the standard academic regalia. Honor societies play a valuable role in student life.

The Official Baylor Ring

The Official Baylor University Ring is a longstanding tradition among alumni, visually celebrating the academic achievement of Baylor graduates. Seniors wear the ring with the Baylor seal facing them. Graduates turn the ring on graduation day so the seal is read by those who look at the ring. This change signifies their preparedness to face the world with an education in hand. Official Baylor Rings are presented in spring and winter ceremonies where they hear the Baylor story beautifully portrayed in the details incorporated into the ring's design.

Congratulations on becoming Baylor Alumni!

Baylor Alumni is the University's official alumni engagement program. It celebrates the shared memories, experiences and connections of Baylor alumni that transcend geography and span generations. It is an organization with a diversity of ways to engage and an innovative approach to growth, led by dedicated volunteers and a committed team of professionals. We are united for Baylor. Learn more at baylor.edu/alumni.

Graduates, let's stay in touch! Update your contact information at baylor.edu/contactupdate.

Ushers for Commencement

Jonathan Ashbach	Chukwuemeka Okafor
Kenneth Carriveau	Leslie Palich
Aurea Chu	Yuko Prefume
Nathan Elkins	Carol Price
Susie Etheredge	Steven P. Rich
Beth Farwell	Cindy Riemenschneider
Amy Fleming	Jennings Sheffield
Yoshiko Gaines	Mary Ruth Smith
Mary Goolsby	Kevin Tankersley
Mieke LaHousse	Carolyn H. Turner
Bessie Kebaara	Suzy Weems
Kara Long	Margaret Wooddy
Blaine McCormick	

Marshals for Commencement

Thomas Hanks, *Bearer of the Mace for Saturday morning ceremony*
Catherine Rosser, *Bearer of the Mace for Saturday afternoon ceremony*

C. Alton Hassell, *Chief Marshal*
H. Denyse Rodgers, *Chief Marshal*

Dick Campbell, *Assistant Chief Marshal*
Charles North, *Assistant Chief Marshal*
Jeff Olafsen, *Assistant Chief Marshal*
Linda Olafsen, *Assistant Chief Marshal*
Carol Schuetz, *Assistant Chief Marshal*
Bill Thomas, *Assistant Chief Marshal*

Kathy Hillman, *Stage Party Marshal*
Paul Larson, *Stage Party Marshal*

Helen Harris, *Faculty Marshal*
David Jack, *Faculty Marshal*
Janelle Walter, *Faculty Marshal*
David White, *Faculty Marshal*

Paul Anderson	Lisa Lacy
Mike Beaty	Beth Lanning
Sandy Bennett	Lorin Matthews
Eileen Bentsen	Tim McKinney
Stephanie Boddie	Mandy McMichael
Kathy Boozer	Marlene Neill
Lotte Bostick	Joshua Patrick
Rochelle Brunson	Sara Perry
Christina Chan-Park	Van Pham
Gia Chevis	Lyn Prater
Shannon Farquhar-Caddell	Yuko Prefume
Jose Luis Escorcia	Marlene Reed
Carie Ford	Abdul Saadi
Dennis Horton	Allen Seward
Emily Hunter	Eunjee Song
Monique Ingalls	Scott Spinks
Randall Jean	Benna Vaughan
Renee Jones	Kathy Whipple
Nan Ketcham	Matthew Wright
Jill Klentzman	

Brass Ensemble

Alex Parker, *Director*

Trumpets
Spencer Adams
Cordelia DeDecker
Tyler Moore
Dalton Snow
Sig Stefansson
Joey Tkach

Horns
Craig Adams
Paulina Aguirre
Lizbeth Barrera
Seth Rodriguez

Trombones
Dawson Ward
Connor Wooley

Bass Trombone
Jonathan Passmore

Tubas
Ethan Gordon
Ben Kauffman

Percussion
Gabriella Reyna

Public Exercises Committee

Carol Nowlin, *Chair*

April Clanton	Jack LeFavour
Amy Fleming	Denyse Rogers
Alton Hassell	Brian Simanek
Jonathan Helm	Zachary Speciale
Henry Howard	Kevin Tankersley
Byron Johnson	Andy Trimble
Nan Ketcham	Brad Wigtil
Dawn Khoury	Walter Wilcox

Office of the Registrar

Patricia Agado	Jonathan Helm
Ashleigh Bailey	Dawn Khoury
April Clanton	Braxton Ray
Elizabeth De La Garza	

Athletic Facilities and Operations

Henry Howard, *Associate Athletics Director for Capital Projects and Championships*
Drew Pittman, *Associate Athletics Director for Event Management and Facilities*
Jonathan D. Berry
Davis De Loach
Chris Humphreys
Steve "Hoot" Johnigan
Will Lattimore
Terry Tucker

General Information

Guests are asked to help maintain the dignity of this ceremony. We understand and encourage your show of appreciation for degree candidates, but guests must refrain from loud, disruptive cheering and use of any noise-making devices, or they may be asked to leave.

SEATING: Seating on the concourse level is open to all guests on a first-come, first-serve basis. Seats may be saved, but it may be required that seats be relinquished 15 minutes prior to the start of each ceremony.

ASL INTERPRETATION: Sign interpretation will be provided for guests in the lower rows of section 112 for all commencement ceremonies.

PHOTOGRAPHY: Personal cameras and video recorders are allowed in the Ferrell Center for commencement, but guests are not allowed on the floor where degree candidates are seated. Visit baylor.edu/commencement for information about professional photography and video recording of today's ceremony. The professional photographer will send proofs from today's ceremony to each degree candidate's Baylor email address. Recordings of each ceremony will be posted to the commencement website shortly after commencement weekend.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE: An EMS station is located on the Ferrell Center concourse at section 102 in the event of an emergency. Ushers are available to assist guests to the EMS station.

USHERS: Faculty ushers, assisted by Ferrell Center staff, are available throughout the building. They are present to direct the degree candidates to the areas where they line up and to assist guests during the ceremony.

PHONES: All mobile phones and pagers should be turned off or changed to a silent or vibrate mode for the duration of the ceremony.

PUBLIC WIRELESS ACCESS: Baylor provides public Wi-Fi inside the Ferrell Center. Choose the wireless or Wi-Fi option in your Settings app, select the "Ferrell-Wifi" network and click "Complete Registration" to accept the terms and conditions.

NOTE: This program is not an official University document. The exclusion of the names of students is not to be taken as indicative of their official status as non-graduates nor is the inclusion of the names of students to be taken as certification of their official status as graduates.

The National Anthem

O say, can you see, by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming,
Whose broad stripes and bright stars, thro' the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watched, were so gallantly streaming?

And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air
Gave proof thro' the night that our flag was still there.
O say, does that Star-spangled banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.

Francis Scott Key, 1814



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That Good Old Baylor Line

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We'll march forever down the years
As long as stars shall shine.
We'll fling our Green and Gold afar
To light the ways of time,
And guide us as we onward go:
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