



# BAYLOR UNIVERSITY COMMENCEMENT

August Thirteenth, Two Thousand Twenty-two  
Ferrell Center · Waco, Texas



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**The Robbins College of Health and Human Sciences,  
The Honors College, The Diana R. Garland School of Social Work,  
The School of Engineering and Computer Science,  
The School of Music, The Hankamer School of Business,  
The Louise Herrington School of Nursing, The School of Education,  
The College of Arts & Sciences, and The Graduate School**

Saturday, August 13, 2022, Half After Nine in the Morning – Ferrell Center

**Prelude**

*Ceremonial Piece on CWM Rhondda* by William Mac Davis  
Brass Ensemble

**Processional**

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

**Procession Order**

Candidates for Doctoral Degrees  
Candidates for Master's Degrees  
Candidates for Baccalaureate Degrees  
Faculties of the University  
Bearer of the Saint John's Bible  
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**

Performed by the Brass Ensemble

**The Invocation**

Mark Rountree  
*Chair, Board of Regents*  
*Baylor University*

**Message to the Graduates**

President Livingstone

**Presentation of Degree Candidates**

President Livingstone  
Assisted by Nancy Brickhouse, Ph.D.  
*Vice President and Provost*

Jason R. Carter, Ph.D.  
*Dean of the Robbins College of Health and Human Sciences*

Douglas Henry, Ph.D.  
*Dean of the Honors College*

Jon E. Singletary, Ph.D.  
*Dean of the Diana R. Garland School of Social Work*

Erich J. Baker, Ph.D.  
*Interim Dean of the School of Engineering and  
Computer Science*

Gary C. Mortenson, D.M.A.  
*Dean of the School of Music*

Sandeep Mazumder, Ph.D.  
*Dean of the Hankamer School of Business*

Linda Plank, Ph.D.  
*Dean of the Louise Herrington School of Nursing*

Shanna Hagan-Burke, Ph.D.  
*Dean of the School of Education*

Lee C. Nordt, Ph.D.  
*Dean of the College of Arts & Sciences*

J. Larry Lyon, Ph.D.  
*Dean of the Graduate School*

Sam Henderson, *Reader*

**Welcome to New Alumni**

David Rosselli  
*Vice President, University Advancement*  
*Baylor University*

**The Benediction**

Manny Ruiz  
*Member, Board of Regents*  
*Baylor University*

**“That Good Old Baylor Line”**

Directed by Dr. Mortenson

**Recessional**

“Fanfare” from *La Peri* by Paul Dukas  
“Triumphal March” from *Aida* by Giuseppe Verdi,  
arranged by Bill Holcombe  
Brass Ensemble

# Candidates Presented August 13, 2022

## The Robbins College of Health and Human Sciences

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Presented by Jason R. Carter, *Dean*

### Bachelor of Science in Family and Consumer Sciences

#### Apparel Design and Product Development

Serena Marie Estrada  
Nicolette Michele Rhoades  
Aldrian Franciscus Widjaja <sup>Ⓢ</sup>

#### Apparel Merchandising

Robert Cade Bickerdike

#### Child and Family Studies

Claire Elizabeth Knight  
Taylor Ann Plata

### Bachelor of Science

#### Apparel Design and Product Development

Qingyu Ning  
Sabrina Lauren Schultz <sup>Ⓢ</sup>

#### Apparel Merchandising

Avery Jacqueline Ortiz-Hunt  
Xiaoyi Zhang

#### Communication Sciences and Disorders

Isabella Arteaga

#### Exercise Physiology

Alexandra S. Mancini

#### Health Science Studies

Stella Kay Kuntz\*\*  
Jessica Nicole Martinez  
Michelle W. Ng  
Cristina Nguyen\*  
Tommy Q. Pham  
Lauren Nicole Plugge

### Bachelor of Science in Education

#### Health, Kinesiology, and Leisure Studies

Gloria Iyanuoluwa Awowoyin  
Reagan Victoria Corn  
Kylee Sage David  
Joshua Lamont Fleeks  
Danielle Lopez  
Matthew Edward Mayer  
Danielle Catherine Wade  
Alfahiym Walcott

#### Health Science Studies

Jiaqi Chen  
Courtneylee Paoli Conroy  
Mehak Nuruddin Punjwani  
Raffaella Marie Scotto  
Rebecca Elizabeth Wied

#### Recreation

Connor Grant Bond\*  
Jack Terren Isaacson  
Catherine Louise Marcalus\*  
Claire Griffis Sullivan <sup>Ⓢ</sup><sup>Ⓢ</sup>\*\*

### Bachelor of Science in Public Health

Jesus Raul Arias  
Mikayla Nicole Deshazer  
Makenna Elise Eaton  
Lindsay Christine Harrison

## The Honors College

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Presented by Douglas Henry, *Dean*

### Bachelor of Arts

#### University Scholar

Rachel Donnelly, Classics <sup>Ⓢ</sup>\*  
Dylan Kim Long Huynh <sup>Ⓢ</sup>\*\*\*  
Lauryn Nicole Moline <sup>Ⓢ</sup><sup>Ⓢ</sup>

Cody Bryan Olson <sup>Ⓢ</sup>\*\*\*

Eva Marie Parmenter <sup>Ⓢ</sup>\*

Amanda Kay Sutton, Russian,  
Slavic and Eastern European  
Studies <sup>Ⓢ</sup>\*\*

## The Diana R. Garland School of Social Work

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Presented by Jon E. Singletary, *Dean*

### Bachelor of Social Work

Riley Smith

## The School of Engineering and Computer Science

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Presented by Erich J. Baker, *Interim Dean*

### Bachelor of Science in Electrical and Computer Engineering

Jacob Glynn Meadows

### Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering

Callen Jacob Nahrgang \*

### Bachelor of Science in Engineering

Maya Martin  
Mahathi J.V. Rao  
Hunter David Walden

## The School of Music

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Presented by Gary C. Mortenson, *Dean*

### Bachelor of Music

#### Applied Music

Sophia Antoinette Strobel

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

<sup>Ⓢ</sup> Completed Honors Program requirements

<sup>Ⓢ</sup> Completed Baylor Interdisciplinary Core requirements

★ Receiving Commissions as Second Lieutenants, United States Army

## The Hankamer School of Business

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Presented by Sandeep Mazumder, *Dean*

### Bachelor of Business Administration

#### Accounting

Garrett Alan Carroll, Finance ☉  
Klarissa Kay Renner ☉

#### Baylor Business Fellows

Torrie Ann Brodish\*\*  
Rachel Eileen Pierce ☙\*\*\*  
Mary Elizabeth Quarnstrom,  
Spanish\*\*

#### Economics

Alexa Ann Baumgarten  
Marshall Griffin  
Ella Grace Kimbell\*  
Julia Rose Rizzuti

### Entrepreneurship and Corporate Innovation

Caroline Morgan Gee  
Blake Christopher George  
Eric D. Luera

#### Finance

Carson Wesley Bell  
Salvatore Marcell Camilleri\*\*  
Yongye Lyu, Supply Chain  
Management  
Rohith Ananthkrishnan  
Sundaram  
Joshua Vincent Swinney,  
Management Information  
Systems

### Human Resources Management

Adrian Rene Mora

### Management

Michael Valera Angelo  
Meredith Ann Bretting,  
Entrepreneurship and  
Corporate Innovation  
Kenneth Marlow Hankins III  
Sydney Claire Kerschner  
Lianghongchen Li  
Ruiqing Ling  
Michael Adam Sifuentes

### Management Information Systems

Sara Grace Greenhaw\*\*  
Tie Liu  
Antoine McAbee  
Shijia Wang

### Marketing

Elizabeth Lauren Berry ☉  
Chase Walker Braun

Aiden Cross Elmquist  
Kendal Duval Fairfax  
Rosalind Wilhelmina Jackson  
Roe\*

German Mendez Valdez  
Stephanie Otero  
John Kevin Pineda  
Anaya Atiq Punjwani  
Erin Michelle Wanek,  
Entrepreneurship and  
Corporate Innovation\*\*\*  
Junjie Zhao

### Sports Strategy and Sales

Jake Grant Pittman

### Supply Chain Management

Shelbye Rheid Daniels  
BoWen Zheng

## The Louise Herrington School of Nursing

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Presented by Linda Plank, *Dean*

### Bachelor of Science in Nursing and Bachelor of Science

Emilie Colette Herron,  
Neuroscience △  
Kayla Soobin Park, Biology △

### Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Brooke Taylor Austin  
Danielle Lee Blickwede\*  
Alissa Michelle Bryant  
Sarah Cano-Trujillo  
Rachel Brianna Carlino  
Taylor Marie Caswell

Erin Christine Clifford  
Reese Kristen Daley  
Sarah Dunlap  
Madelaine Isabel Frye  
Sophie Adele Garriga  
John Michael Gomez  
Chinnie Gonda  
John Cletus Hakert  
Sarah Schuyler Park  
Harrington  
Bailey McKenzie Havis  
Casey Rae Herzog  
Naureen Islam  
Mary Elise Klingensmith\*\*  
Olivia Francis Lachenauer  
Margaret Len Lowery\*

Monica Renee Lowery  
Juliann Erica Lozano  
Vanessa Paola Martinez  
Summer J. McKeehan\*  
Sara Marie Montgomery  
Raylee Mae Moore\*\*\*  
Jessenia Thalia Moreno  
Delgado  
Sarah Alice Moss  
Vianka Navedo-Sanchez  
Karen Nguyen  
Sara Belinda Nira-Muñoz  
Desirai Montanique  
Nolan-Williams  
Julia Palmeira  
Noelle Analise Piazzi

Brenda Robinson  
Brenda Mali Saraiva  
Alexandra Cerna Schaefer  
Kallie Michelle Slayter  
Sarah Katherine Smith  
Ziara Latrell Stephens  
Andrea Carolina  
Torres-Remero  
Katie Christine Vincer  
Melissa Eve Walker  
Autumn Taylor White\*  
Keisha C. Wiles  
Jordan Witten\*  
Resha D. Wyatt-Kemp  
Teri Lippe Zatopek  
Joanne Yamasaki Zuniga\*

## The School of Education

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Presented by Shanna Hagan-Burke, *Dean*

### Bachelor of Science in Education

#### Integrated Studies

Frank Nicholas Dente, Jr.  
Lindsay Michelle Hicks

Allison Rose Laidlaw  
Kevin Randall Moore  
Agustin Puente  
Jacob Tyler Rowe  
Isaiah LaDarren Williams

## The College of Arts & Sciences

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Presented by Lee C. Nordt, *Dean*

### Bachelor of Science in Aviation Sciences

Ashley Marie McGill\*

### Bachelor of Science

#### Anthropology

Ryley Nichole Smith  
Bruggeman\*

Angelica Calderon  
Heather Lea Erickson ☉

#### Applied Mathematics

Ziqian Chen  
Kaifan Ouyang  
Jianxiong Shen\*

#### Biochemistry

Nathan P. Dunkerley ☉\*\*\*

Matthew Hilton\*  
Khanh Bao Thien Nguyen

#### Biology

Sifat Ahamed  
Brooke McKenzie Almeida\*  
Albert Douglas Alvarez, Jr.  
Codi Briann Bettis  
Hallie L. Coy

Hannah Campbell Deal  
Ashley DeLise  
Amisha Reddy Dyapa  
Chandler Ellison  
Faith Nicole Gardner\*  
James William Gray  
Thaddeus Weldon James  
Seung Hoon Jang

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

☙ Completed Honors Program requirements

☉ Completed Baylor Interdisciplinary Core requirements

△ Degree requirements completed December 2020

Tyler A. Kingston  
 Eleanore Priscilla LeBlanc  
 Derrick Amin Lewis, Jr.  
 Mikaela Magnuson  
 Alexandra Malaty  
 Austin Robert Milentz  
 Jacob M. Murray  
 Robert Martin Neely  
 Nathan Ngoc Thanh Nguyen  
 Daniel Alexander Orozco  
 Conner Daren Payne  
 Travis Joseph Pierce, German  
 Brooklyn Saucedo  
 Maham Shah  
 Daphne-Margaret Tankeu Simo  
 William Rudolph Stevenson  
 Sequoia Pauline White

#### Environmental Science

Jason George Galeas

#### Geology

Sheridan Seelson

#### Neuroscience

Gazerelle Nean N. Acain  
 Madelyn Marie Agnew  
 Getori Wynette Martin  
 John S. Noh

#### Psychology

Michael Alexander Stevenson

#### Statistics

Hangshun Hu  
 Suizhu Wu

#### Bachelor of Arts

##### Anthropology

Johannah Marie Kettell\*\*  
 Alexis Leola Tucker

##### Biochemistry

Chijioke Clinton Dike

#### Classics

Hannah Kathryn Rudisill

#### Communication

Ryann Paige Abercrombie  
 Breann Elizabeth Bates  
 Shelby Adair Beard  
 John Bradley Bowman  
 Erin Elizabeth Callahan  
 Cacey Cozby  
 Leslie Ann Cross  
 Jonathan Cade Davis  
 Adan N. De La Garza  
 Dylan Reese Farguson  
 Marisa J. Guy  
 Caleb C. Hanna \*  
 Brady Wells Harrison  
 Savannah Gabrielle Hemby\*  
 Rachel Herrington-Naizer  
 Jensen Elise Kinnebrew  
 Maxwell Cooper Kyser  
 Lindell Johnston Lewis  
 Alec Martin  
 Taylor Nicole Martinez-Castaneda

Ethan McCowan  
 Chase Austin Meyer  
 Andrew Scott Moore  
 Jaden Owens  
 Lawton L. Phebus  
 Robert Jeffrey Ruffin, Jr.  
 Paris A. Spalding  
 Patrick D. Stallings  
 Jackson Travis Stocks

#### Communication Specialist

Surisadai Alvarado  
 Katherine Tennessee Cunningham\*\*  
 Alyssa Love Miller ∞

#### English

Nicole Renee DeMott\*  
 Elizabeth Ghormley

#### Environmental Studies

Ben Sims

#### Film and Digital Media

Price Jacob Baer  
 Abby Elaine Brown  
 McKenzie Michele Burke  
 Cole M. Shipley, Great Texts of the Western Tradition  
 Samuel D. Stavely  
 Zachary Zubulake

#### History

Joshua D. Hanscheck  
 Sarah Catherine Jeffries, Anthropology 🏠\*\*\*  
 Julia Grace Kovarovic 🌐  
 Harriet Ann Krawiecki\*  
 Brittany Nicole LaVergne 🌐  
 Mason Gabriel Wyatt

#### International Studies

Georgia Elizabeth Cummins 🌐  
 Diego Antonio Espinosa  
 Bryan Jose Lizano Elster  
 Christine Khaly Phan, Spanish  
 Zhengyi Wang

#### Journalism

Sukhada Borse 🌐  
 Kurin Singh Jaspal  
 Jake T. Roome

#### Medical Humanities

Alyssa Maria Lopez  
 Monika Juliette Nikicicz

#### Political Science

Devin Akin  
 Criston Étaje Cade  
 Madeline Mae Custer  
 Princess Dang\*\*  
 Carlos Antonio Gonzalez, Jr.  
 Ashlyn Shaun Hudson  
 Remus Lucaci  
 Chris Medrano  
 Rachel Kay Olivarez  
 Cathleen Marie Scura, French\*

#### Professional Writing and Rhetoric

Kim Elizabeth Bookout Caronia\*\*\*  
 Hannah E. Jackson\*\*\*  
 Yliana Daniella Sandoval  
 Cassandra Jeehyun Shin

#### Psychology

Avery Ann Barlow  
 Hannah Elise Brashears  
 Larry John Cantu  
 Isabella Frances Crocicchia  
 Gianna Marie DeNuccio  
 Megan Marie Jannise  
 Julia Courtney Kurtz  
 Alessandra Julia Pitones  
 Hannah Elizabeth Switzer  
 Emily Lauren Tidey

#### Religion

Kelly DeAnne Edwards  
 Evan Samuel Reyna

#### Studio Art

Margaret Caroline Connelly  
 Solymar Perez Nieves

## The Graduate Program in the Diana R. Garland School of Social Work

Presented by Jon E. Singletary, *Dean*

#### Master of Social Work

Jalixa Mercedes Agudelo  
 Yesenia Aguilar  
 Michael Ray Blathers, Jr.  
 Jessica Ellyn Bowen  
 Kayce Corrinne Bradley  
 Chase Andrew Cason  
 Andrea Liliana Chavez  
 Angelina Barriga Christian  
 Larissa Reneé Cogan  
 Analicia Coronado  
 Tiffany M. De Souza  
 Sarah Elizabeth Dixon  
 Jessica Leona Dunlap  
 Annette Marie Edwards  
 Nathan L. Edwards

Elizabeth Anne Ellis  
 Sydney Rae Faulkner  
 Bryanna Lee Fox  
 Marlena Catherine Grooms  
 Crystal Megan Harris  
 Christine Ann Hayes  
 Adaka C.M. Higgenbottom  
 Tenesha LaShon Hill  
 Tyler Roxanne Hill  
 Taylor Marie James Hodges  
 Cynthia Elise Hunter  
 Nickolas St. John Ivey  
 Rachel Cynthia Klipstein  
 Ashley Lenae Macci  
 Jessica Marie Maciak  
 Rachel Elisabeth McDowell  
 Sharon D. Michel

Alison Marie Mode  
 Ashley Nicole Moore  
 Carmen Alena Morrissey  
 Rebecca Hughes Mount  
 Heather Camille Naumann  
 Brianna Nicole O'Sullivan  
 Caroline Mae Omar  
 Veronica Ruby Ortiz Rivera  
 Rebecca Osenola Palomar  
 Amber Brianna Parker  
 Shannon Lee Pryor  
 Sarah Michelle Pype  
 Frida Flores Randolph  
 Courtney Laine Reed  
 Jaylynn Lashay Riggins  
 Leanne Carolyn Rohrbach  
 Megan Lee Rose

Olivia Portria Rubin  
 Kailee Rose Rubright  
 Gabrielle Christine Sanchez  
 Jayla Singuineau  
 Joshua Damon Smith  
 Tyteana Stevenson  
 Alexa Marie Stratton  
 Emily Kay Svoboda  
 Anna Elaine Swanson  
 Therese Tierney  
 Stephanie Tran  
 Kailynn Renee Vanhoesen  
 Sarah Denise Vesselee  
 Genesis Nicole Wallace  
 Ashley Nicole Warner  
 Carley Elizabeth Weixelman  
 Aaron Justin Wilson

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

🏠 Completed Baylor Interdisciplinary Core requirements

\* Receiving Commissions as Second Lieutenants, United States Army

🏠 Completed Honors Program requirements

∞ Degree requirements completed May 2022

# The Graduate School

Presented by J. Larry Lyon, *Dean*

## Master of Science in Mechanical Engineering

Nicole Maureen Gerrard  
John Andrew Powell

## Master of Science

### Computer Science

Michael Bolan Coffey  
Nurul Karim Rafi  
Collin Upjohn Rapp  
Jingya Wang

## Master of Music

### Piano Pedagogy and Performance

Jinnan Liu

## Master of Accountancy and Bachelor of Business Administration

Peyton Jane Dietze\*\*  
Serena Mia Marquez  
Sydney Kay Scheckel

## Master of Accountancy

Jake Colton Wade

## Master of Taxation and Bachelor of Business Administration

Mary Margaret Jordan,  
Accounting

## Master of Taxation

David Robert Barhanovich

## Master of Business Administration and Juris Doctor

James Douglas Dickerson, Law

## Master of Business Administration and Master of Divinity

Nathan Scott Gibbs, Theology

## Master of Business Administration and Bachelor of Science in Education

John Cody Andersen, Health  
Science Studies □

## Master of Business Administration

Ricardo R. Alvarez, Jr.  
Jimmy Wesley Arnold  
David J. Autry  
Tanner Lee Bailey  
Jessica Caballero  
Shane Steven Cantrell  
Albert Steven Carmona  
Justin Heath Castro  
Vito Ciraci, Jr.

Eric James Dachman  
James Travis Dudley  
Shaun Travis Dyson, Jr.  
Carlos Felipe Finol Leon  
Timothy Michael Flannery  
Andie Michele Frederick  
Brittany Davis Glenn  
Tanya Marlyn Gonzalez  
Raymond Leroux  
Aaron Bugher Logan  
Kelsey M. Martin  
Zackary Dwright McRaney  
Ehren Stephen Miller  
Nicholas Nagowski  
Ryan D. Nelson  
Daniel Novak  
Kimberly Michelle Novak  
James Wesley Paulsen  
Trevor Mason Payne  
Patricia J. Pope  
Janeen Sanchez  
Michael Nathan Satterelli  
Tessa Miner Shaw  
Darlene M. Sparkman  
Joseph Daniel Spear  
Nicole Parvin Tehrani  
Joshua C. Thompson  
Astrid K. Torres Arellano  
Brenda Valenzuela  
Janis Ann Whitehead  
James Steven Widner  
Allen Craig Williams, Jr.  
Callie Williams  
Mark Dale Willis  
Malcolm George Winspear  
Elizabeth Ann Zamora  
Luis Angel Zavala

## Master of Health Administration and Master of Business Administration

David Ahmadian  
David Timothy Attanasio  
Christopher Jameson Bennett  
Meghan Olinda Bryant  
O. Ben Carroll II  
Danny Chadwick Cooper  
Christopher Louis Hepp  
Elizabeth Lee  
Daniel A. Menz-Erb  
Matthew Gene Nelson  
Jaime Joel Rodriguez  
Steven Ryan  
Tabatha Sheree Trice  
Jeffrey John Winfield  
Nathan H. Wu

## Master of Health Administration

Allan Bishop, Jr.  
Jose Luis Delgado III  
Lazarus Michael Gonzalez  
Jeremy Wade Lewis

Sarah Capri McCue  
Christina Carmela Swinton  
Burke Tervort

## Master of Science in Education

### Curriculum and Instruction

Kelsey Leigh Roach

### Educational Psychology

Elle Lee Dawson Barnes  
Joel Vincent Best  
Abigail Laurel Brack  
Olivia Jade Buchanan  
Janelle L. Carlson  
Aliana Laurel Cheney  
Alyssa Renée Diaz  
Peyton Grace Foster  
Jennifer Lee Garcia  
Tamra Christine Jernigan  
Esther Kim  
Holly Anne Kurisky  
Rebekah Ann Meek  
Kaitlin Elizabeth Mitchell  
Tanya Nair  
Julia Frances Pollard-Grayson  
Amy Saade Daoud

### Higher Education and Student Affairs

Dana Lyn Christenson

### Sports Management

Peter Roy Brill  
Gianna Lee Esparza  
Robert Daniel Gear  
Rachel Nicole Morton

## Master of Arts in Teaching and Bachelor of Arts

Nicholas Austin Stow, Political  
Science □

## Master of Arts in Teaching

Emma Grace McNulty

## Master of Public Health

Nicole Erin Ackerman  
Maya Nicole Adair  
Isabel C. Alvarado  
Araceli Archuleta  
Justin Bradley Atkins  
Elysa Matthea Rocas  
Atmosfera-Franklin  
Roberto Javier Berrios-Garza  
Molly A. Brown  
Annmarie Guadalupe Calderon  
Hilda Colunga  
Arron Renee Constante  
Victoria Monet Cottledge  
Connor Richard Crowe  
Stephanie Ann Czajkowski  
Alethia Jarrett Daniels  
Sheena Sharda Early

Melissa Flores  
Jessica Nichole Gillum  
Jaret Reid Huddleston  
Kelley Amanda Martin  
Kimberly Mcdowell-Henri  
Marissa Meagher  
Marissa Christine Melton  
Jeniffer Esmeralda Mendez  
Menendez  
Martha Michel  
Channda Bernadette Mitchell  
Faustina Mora  
Audrey Morales  
Metzli Miroslava Navarro  
Gonzalez  
Peace Eziamala Ndukaku  
Nkechinyere Chanel Nwankwo  
Nicholas George Ochrans  
Chelsea O'Rourke  
Claudia Victoria Ortiz  
Shannae Janelle Guingona  
Pello  
Julyries K. Perez Montañez  
Madison Roshelle Perna  
Ava Mary Raddatz  
Jennifer L. Rehak  
Isela Bustillos Rodriguez  
Spencer James Rose  
Liliana Sánchez Adames  
Taelor Ann Adnan Shweiki  
Hannah Brianne Sklarov  
Brenda S. Sumner  
Lizbeth Aston Telford  
Lizabeth Villegas-Gomez  
Sharene L. Yonan

## Master of Science and Bachelor of Science in Education

### Sports Pedagogy

Tontyana A. Sanders, Health,  
Kinesiology, and Leisure  
Studies △

## Master of Science and Bachelor of Arts

### Communication Sciences and Disorders

Kinley Ann Stokes\*□

## Master of Science

### Chemistry

Camilla J. Checinski  
Kelly-Shaye Andales Patero

### Communication Sciences and Disorders

Crashell Alexis Allen  
Dahlys Sarah Ang  
Kylie Ard  
Diana K. Au  
Alyssa Dawn Backenstoe  
Annalise Nicole Bates  
Allie Faith Bishop

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

□ Degree requirements completed May 2020

△ Degree requirements completed December 2020



Robyn Milinda Blackstone  
 Kathryn Marie Brown  
 Verda Butt  
 Carly Lynn Cearley  
 Veronica L. Coleman  
 Katlynn Coon  
 Emily Bryce Cornell  
 Natalie Ann Crowder  
 Callie Paige Davis  
 Jenna Davis  
 Danielle Elizabeth Deason  
 Natalee Elizabeth Dixon  
 Heidy Dubon  
 Christie Joan S. Dy  
 Kara Nichole Dyer  
 Maddie Shay Dyer  
 Tess Danielle Eblin  
 Haylee Ann Engstrom  
 Evelyn Claire Estrada  
 Katherine Brooke Fehlman  
 Donella Foster  
 Traci Alona Genaw  
 Kathryn Ann Gerken  
 Hayley McKenzie Gosser  
 Victoria Rachel Graves  
 Madeline Jane Harbin  
 Alicia Harpole  
 Molly Henderson  
 Katherine Elizabeth Howard  
 Nicole K. Huber  
 Claire Moriah Hudson  
 Hannah René Hux  
 Julia Mary Izzo  
 Gabriell Shanèe Johnson  
 Danielle Renée Jubinville  
 Courtney Ann Kempf  
 Aisha Noreen Khan  
 Princess Adjua Kontoh  
 Haley Lois Kuhl  
 Allison Nicole Lambert  
 Hannah Laurel Lemieux  
 Anna Lightfoot Lindsey  
 Ashley Aileen Lopez  
 Elizabeth Maass  
 Gretel Eliana Machado  
 Giselle Mancinas  
 Vanessa Ivonne Mark  
 Christina Olivia Martinez  
 Ashley N. Marvel  
 Tori McAfee  
 Adrian Anice Medrano  
 Leah Ashley Mitchell  
 Diana Pamela Montoya  
 Molly Nicole Moslander  
 Melody Irene Neufeld  
 Victoria Ashley Chew Ng  
 Natasha Olson  
 Monica Guadalupe Perez  
 Alexis Renee Petty  
 Stephanie Peurifoy  
 Amalia Jo Phillips

Brooke Ann Pittman  
 Ragan Nicole Pohlmann  
 Sara Raeli Prescott  
 Leslie Elizabeth Puthoff  
 Syeda Raiya  
 Zoie Rivas Sandoval  
 Cassie Marie Ruesch  
 Brianna Klement Rust  
 Liana Sargsyan  
 Caroline Ann Schell  
 Leah Michele Schwenk  
 Amanda N. Sgambati  
 Swinita Shah  
 Leah Kimberly Simpson  
 Clair A. Sims  
 Brooke Ashley Snyder McGee  
 Aubrey Soave  
 Anisah Spahn  
 Emily Beth Stevens  
 Sara Alicia Stewart  
 Amanda Marie Talbot  
 Sarah Nannette Taylor  
 Michelle Ann Thomas  
 Elizabeth Tinoco  
 Liliana Marie Tyler  
 Ashtan White  
 Caroline Elizabeth Wilson  
**Exercise Physiology**  
 Jacob Thomas Huser  
 Swikriti Pokhrel ○  
**Geology**  
 Rudger Hyrum Dame  
 Christopher David Mitchell  
**Mathematics**  
 Isaac Thomas Echols  
 Matthew David Jaynes  
 Alan Michael Lang  
**Sports Pedagogy**  
 Tyler Cole Harmon  
 Mac Thompson Murchison  
 Rhein Nicole Trochim  
 Carmichael  
**School Psychology**  
 Trevor Anthony Austin  
 Titus Ramath-Earl Moten  
**Master of Arts and Bachelor of Arts**  
**Communication**  
 Samuel Douthat Aker †\*\*\*  
 Brianna Nicole Jamerson\*\*  
**Master of Arts**  
**Communication**  
 G. Jon Abel  
 Rachel Jean Caldwell  
 Emily Pearl Corntassel  
 Orisley De Los Santos  
 Lauren Alene Oliver

**Film and Digital Media**  
 Jordan Wayne Ochel  
**Journalism**  
 Richard Grieser Shull III  
**Museum Studies**  
 Kaleigh Celeste Reid  
**Philosophy**  
 Levi R. Durham  
**Physics**  
 Parker James Adamson  
 Jared Grant Pohlmann  
**Political Science**  
 Mitchell Wade Lock  
**Psychology**  
 Hailey Nicole Rodgers  
**Sociology**  
 Tamunosaki Tariah Ibiesigha  
 Bilaye-Benibo  
 Amanda Caitlin McGowan  
**Theatre Arts**  
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 Samantha Nicole Goodell  
 Georgia Page Hallett  
 Brittini Alexandra Johnson  
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 Katie Anne Youngblood  
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 Celeste Ann Bryand  
 Kari Elizabeth Butts  
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*The Impact of Quality Professional Development in the Areas*  
*of Culturally Relevant Pedagogy and Culturally Responsive*  
*Teaching: A Case Study in an Economically Disadvantaged Rural*  
*Middle School*  
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*Practices of the Mathematics Workshop Approach Instructional*  
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*Done An Instrumental Case Study of Administrative Turnover in*  
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*Competence, Confidence, and School Culture Factors that*  
*Influence Social and Emotional Learning Implementation*  
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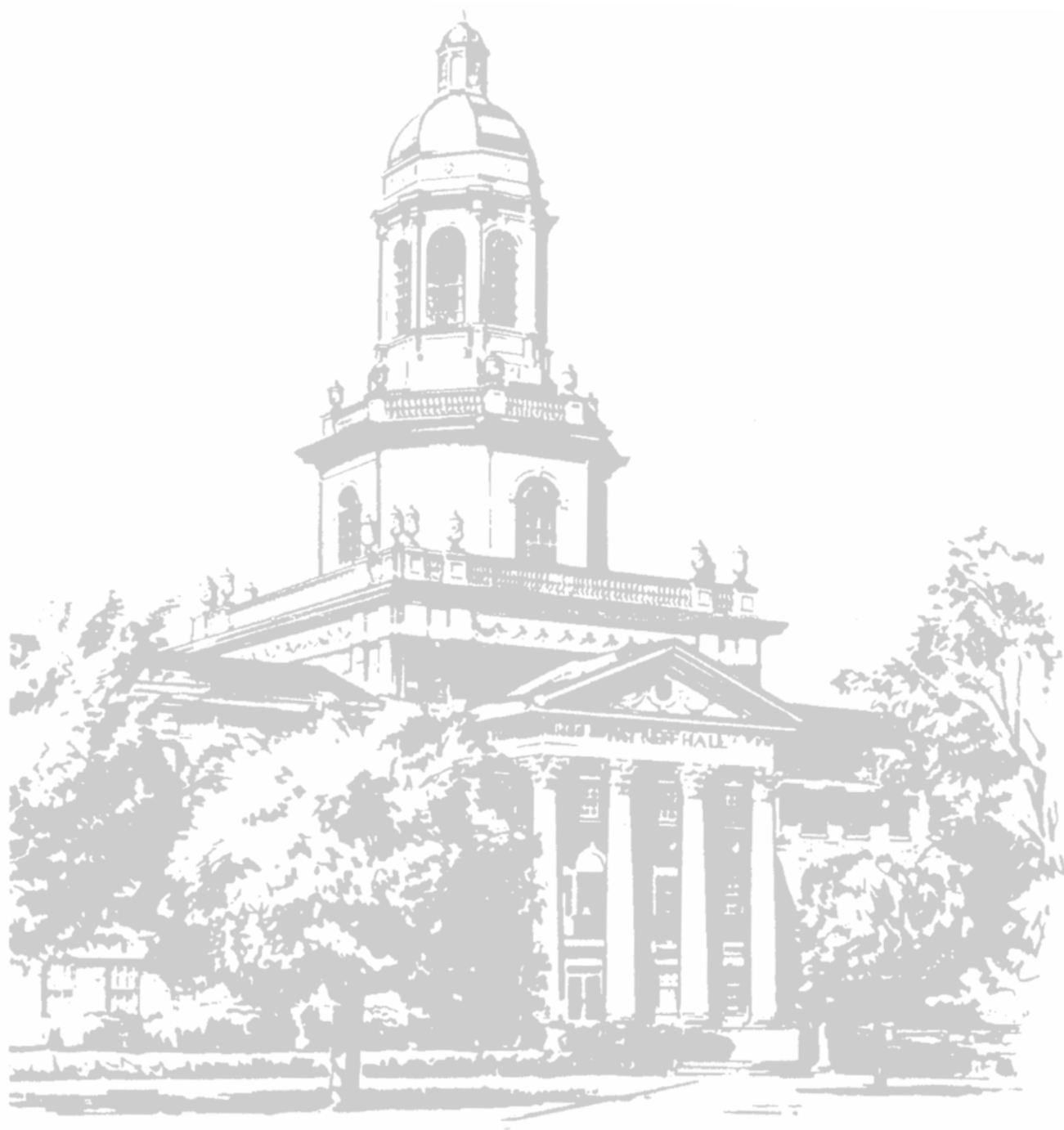
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# Commencement Traditions

## A History of Baylor Commencement

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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.

In spring 2021, Baylor held its first commencement ceremonies at McLane Stadium in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic. Six ceremonies were held over three days after an 18-month hiatus due to the virus. The ceremonies were the first to be held outdoors since 1955 at Floyd Casey Stadium.

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

## Participating in Commencement

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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 Saint John's Bible

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The Saint John's Bible is the first hand-scripted on vellum, fully illuminated version of the Bible commissioned since the creation of the printing press more than 500 years ago. It was commissioned in 1998 by the Benedictine monks of Saint John's Abbey and University in Minnesota to ignite the spiritual imagination of believers throughout the world and to illuminate the word of God for a new millennium. In 2019, Baylor University acquired a limited Heritage Edition of the Saint John's Bible — the 105th of 299 that were created. The Heritage Edition series features the only full-size, handbound, signed and numbered fine art editions that will ever be produced. Each volume measures two feet by three feet, and its 1,115-plus pages include the calligraphy, vibrant imagery and gold and silver foil illuminations handcrafted by artists across the world.

The display stand for the volume of the Heritage Edition of the Saint John's Bible was handcrafted by Saint John's Abbey Woodworking and made of quarter-sawn red oak sustainably harvested from the Abbey's own forests. Generations of monks and local craftsmen have designed and created custom furniture at the shop for 150 years, utilizing traditional woodworking techniques, and today, they seek to give witness to the value of manual labor, stewardship and perpetuation of craft in the 21st century.

## Academic Regalia

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Academic dress traces its beginnings to the Middle Ages. When English universities were forming in the 12th and 13th 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

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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

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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 may request an Alpha Chi medallion from [commencement@baylor.edu](mailto:commencement@baylor.edu). Latin honors are not determined until after all grades are submitted. For ceremonial purposes, the cumulative GPA from the previous term is used. The diploma and transcript will reflect the final cumulative GPA.

## The Honors Program

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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

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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

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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

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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.

## Baylor Senior Class Gift

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For over a century, members of each graduating senior class have joined together to leave their mark at Baylor by contributing a gift to the University. From a concrete bench in the Quad from the class of 1906, to the restoration of the historic sign that marked the entry to Carroll Field, or a new walkway in Traditions Plaza, the Senior Class Gift is one of the most meaningful and lasting contributions of our graduates.

This year's Senior Class Gift will support one of Baylor's most beloved icons – the lights of Pat Neff Hall. Seniors have given in a variety of ways to fund necessary improvements to the lighting system technology that will increase the visibility and impact of the lights. Since 1978, Pat Neff Hall has glowed green after a Baylor athletics victory. In recent years, lights on Pat Neff have helped Baylor commemorate and memorialize significant events in our community. The Senior Class Gift goal is to modernize the lightning by upgrading to an LED system that is brighter, more reliable, and more flexible.

Traditions are critically important to the Baylor student experience because they unify graduates through generations. By preserving this unique tradition, this year's class will embody one of former Baylor president Pat Neff's favorite quotes which is engraved on the side of Pat Neff Hall: *"The keepers of history are as heroic as its makers."*

To leave your mark at Baylor, go to [baylor.edu/seniorclassgift](http://baylor.edu/seniorclassgift) and make a gift today!

*"To you seniors of the past, of the present, of the future, I entrust the care of Baylor University. To you I hand the torch."*

Samuel Palmer Brooks  
Baylor President, 1902-1931

## 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](http://baylor.edu/alumni).

Graduates, let's stay in touch! Update your contact information at [baylor.edu/contactupdate](http://baylor.edu/contactupdate).



## Ushers for Commencement

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Aurea Chu	Coretta Pittman
Samantha Dvorak	Cindy Riemenschneider
Mieke Lahousse	Drew Risinger
Matthew Piech	John White

## Marshals for Commencement

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Jeffrey Olafsen, *Chief Marshal*  
Denyse Rodgers, *Chief Marshal*

Michael Alexander	Patsy Norman
Paul Anderson	Linda Olafsen
Bill Booth	Linda Olafsen
Lotte Bostick	Joshua Patrick
Todd Buras	Brittany Perrine
Christina Chan-Park	Deborah Petty
Carie Ford	Andrea Shepherd
Kathy Hillman	Carolyn Skurla
Dennis Horton	Meagan Soltwisch
Emily Hunter	Eunjee Song
David Jack	Michele Stover
Michael Jacobson	Tim Thomasson
Nan Ketcham	Sha Towers
Hope Koch	Shane Underwood
Bradley Lail	Katy Vogelaar
Paul Mason	Kirk Wakefield
Scott Moore	Robin Wakefield
Mike Mowchan	Trena Wilkerson
	John Wood

## Brass Ensemble

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J. Eric Wilson, *Conductor*

### Trumpet

Matthew Burn  
Alison Marseglia  
Mario Mojica  
Johniel Najera  
Joel Reaves  
Alan Wemhoff

### Trombone

Mark Bennett  
Jacob Roland

### Bass Trombone

Grant Hayes

### Tuba

Isaiah Buzdygon  
Zack Grahn

### Percussion

Lisandro Atencio

## Office of the Registrar

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Jessica Alford	Sandra Groves
April Benson	Dawn R. Khoury
Hannah Dysinger	Michelle Johnson
Michelle Galvan	

## Athletic Facilities and Operations

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Henry Howard, *Associate Athletics Director*  
*for Capital Projects and Championships*  
Drew Pittman, *Associate Athletics Director*  
*for Event Management and Facilities*

Chris Baima	Will Lattimore
Brooke Bednarz	Joe Todaro Jr.
Jonathan D. Berry	Jarrod Trevathan
Sarah Temple Deffebach	Terry Tucker
Chris Humphreys	

## General Information

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

**SEATING:** Seating on the concourse level is open to all guests on a first-come, first-served basis. Seats may be saved, but we ask that you relinquish seats 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 Ferrell Center for commencement, but guests are not allowed on the floor where the degree candidates are seated. Visit [baylor.edu/commencement](http://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.

**NO SELFIES ON STAGE:** As a show of respect to all graduates and in consideration of the length of the ceremonies, no selfies by graduates while on stage will be allowed.

**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 stations.

**USHERS:** Faculty ushers, assisted by Ferrell Center staff, are available throughout the building. They are available 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:** Free wireless internet service is available 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

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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*



Please recycle.





## That Good Old Baylor Line

*That Good Old Baylor Line!  
That Good Old Baylor Line!  
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:  
That Good Old Baylor Line!*