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**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**
William E. Mearse
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. Singleton, Ph.D.
*Dean of the Diana R. Garland School of Social Work*

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*Dean of the School of Engineering and Computer Science*

Sandee 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
*Assistant Professor of Theatre and Film and Digital Media*

**Welcome to New Alumni**
Toby Barnett
Interim Vice President, University Advancement
Baylor University

**The Benediction**
Burt Burleson, D.Min.
University Chaplain and Dean of Spiritual Life

**“That Good Old Baylor Line”**
Directed by Gary C. Mortenson, D.M.A.
*Dean of the School of Music*

**Recessional**
“Fanfare” from *La Peri* by Paul Dukas
“Triumphant March” from *Aïda* by Giuseppe Verdi, arranged by Bill Holcombe
Brass Ensemble
Candidates Presented August 12, 2023

The Robbins College of Health and Human Sciences
Presented by Jason R. Carter, Dean

Bachelor of Science in Family and Consumer Sciences
Apparel Design and Product Development
Georgia Elizabeth Drager
Nicolette Michele Rhoades

Bachelor of Science
Apparel Design and Product Development
Alexis Alipio
Courtney Hayden Britt
Elizabeth Audrey Gibbons*
Abby Marie Spicer***
Hansford Franklin Tew

Child and Family Studies
Zowie Marie Beltran
Makenna Ashlynn Knowlton

Elisa Izel Martinez
Alexandria Gayle Pfeiffer
Katherine Isabel Swanner
Communication Sciences and Disorders
Aaryn Amaya Steggall Smiley

Exercise Physiology
James Artis Revels, Jr.

Health Science Studies
Jaime Gabrielle Atadero
Madeline Reece Bomba
Courtney Ellen Eberlan
Chloe Paige Fuller
Cassidy Jadyn Gain
Kaitlyn Reneé Faith Hanson
Natalie Hejdova
Jillian Shea Jones
Davis Michael Kuppinger
Brenna Renae Moss
Stephanie Nguyen*

Emily Eseogheine
Omakpokpose
Mikayla Che Schultea
Miya LeeAnne Whittington

Bachelor of Science in Education
Exercise Physiology
David Zion Kim

Health, Kinesiology, and Leisure Studies
Kamryn Ellesse Brooks
Jaylen Michael Ellis
Kathryn Elizabeth Hamill**
Rachel Hayne Hertenberger
Grace Michele Hobson
Christopher Daniel Hulsey**
Caleb Michael Jones
Yewon Lee
Brinlee Ellen Poston

Jordan Turner
Brandon Isaiah White
Jonah Jamal White

Recreation
David Benjamin Breazeale
Casey B Davis
Bowen Reece Jackson***
Hailey Lynne Wolsfeld

Bachelor of Science in Public Health
Mathias Avery Brown
Kelsey Ann Gasiorowski
Joanne Margaret Aguila Gotanco
Josefine Marie Green*
Regina Diane Mitchell
Matthew Alexander Moran
Marie Josiane Engome Moukoury

The Honors College
Presented by Douglas Henry, Dean

Bachelor of Arts
University Scholar
Samuel Dean Duttschmann
Noah von Engelhardt,
Philosophy
Uchechukwu C. Oguchi*

The Diana R. Garland School of Social Work
Presented by Jon E. Singletary, Dean

Bachelor of Social Work
Laniyah Jade Meglio Sullivan

The School of Engineering and Computer Science
Presented by Daniel J. Pack, Dean

Bachelor of Science in Electrical and Computer Engineering
Ryan Michael Whelan

Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering
Indra Loghin*
Zachary Scott Smith
Jack Evan Wilhite

Bachelor of Science in Engineering
Grace Nicole Fuller*
Abigail Arpana Joseph*

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The Hankamer School of Business

Presented by Sandeep Mazumder, Dean

Bachelor of Business Administration
Accounting
Andrew Cole Dodgen
Quentin Darnell Goodgain
Samuel Gregory Kavan
Joshua Tyler Whitlock-Brown
Entrepreneurship and Corporate Innovation
Hogan C. June
Alyssa Katherine Salter

Finance
Yucheng Feng
Olivia Anne Mack
Abby Eileen Rohrer
Management Information Systems
Junru Yang

Management
Briar Mason Conner
Trevor Scott Douglass
Jake Ryan Schumaker

Junhao Zhou
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Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Andrea Alonzo
Alex Anderson
Alexsandra Rose Andino
Maria Mendoza Ayyat
Amanda Leanne Baker
Aimee Michele Baldree
Anthony Eric Balesteri
Casi Lynn Blackmon
Lindsay Montgomery Brooks
Casandra Candelaria-Lucio
Keila Isadora Clarke
Nimmi Clement
Candise Renee Coleman
Linda A. De La Fuente
Lena Diab

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Stephanie Eleri
Brooke E. Farrer
Shelby Lynn Ferrell
Amanda Renea Fuller
Stephanie Marie Garcia
Lauren Belia Garza
Adrianna Marie Geegan
Mehreen Amin Ghulamali
Nyah Elizabeth Hall
Jodi Lyn Harrell
Pilar Hernandez Maradiaga
Shweta M. Jasani
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Alesha Monique Lewis
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Virginia Anne Ochoa
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Olivia Summers Pipkin
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Sophia Rose Platt
Elizabeth Jo Ann Prieto
Mehek Nurrudin Punjwani
Brenna L. Quinn
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Bofu Fu
Rebekah Laine Jiou
Logan Wade McCowan
Gabrielle A. Mueller

The Louise Herrington School of Nursing

Presented by Linda Plank, Dean

Bachelor of Science in Nursing
Andrea Alonzo
Alex Anderson
Alexsandra Rose Andino
Maria Mendoza Ayyat
Amanda Leanne Baker
Aimee Michele Baldree
Anthony Eric Balesteri
Casi Lynn Blackmon
Lindsay Montgomery Brooks
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Gabrielle A. Mueller

The School of Education

Presented by Shanna Hagan-Burke, Dean

Bachelor of Science in Education
Integrated Studies
Seung Hoon Jang
Gabriela Rizo

Bachelor of Science in Aviation Sciences
Alexis Jaymalee Gonzales

Bachelor of Science in Theatre Design and Technology
Brian Do

Bachelor of Science in Biology
Anisha Acharya
Jordan Monique Allen
Bronson Noah Balzac
Nicholi F. Brown
Morgan Mayzo Carey

Bachelor of Science in Anthropology
Sulema Jocabet Jaramillo Carrion

Jiayao Li
Biochemistry
Michael Joseph Brevard
Lichao Cao
Matthew Nathan Ho
Cole Forrester Letlow
Vivian Long-Shuen Tsai

Sonya Siew Chiewtrakoon
Hannah Campbell Deal
Edgar Gonzalez
Morgan Katherine Hanson
Mahnnoosh Heshmat
Haider Ali Khan
Bryan J. Kiehn
Gloria Teresa Koch
Isabella Alexandra Mejia
Armando Mendez
Christian D. Neff
Prachi Patel
Katelyn Marie Severance
Ellen Jane Tillery

Katlyn Varela
Nicole A. Varughese
Alyssa Idae Vasquez

Chemistry
Stephen Jonathan Isaac
Golpashin

Clinical Laboratory Science
Katherine Marie Parker

Economics
Kenneth Hunter Hollingsworth

Environmental Science
Kacie Akiko Malia Kaneshiro
Erin Rebecca Lynes

The College of Arts & Sciences

Presented by Lee C. Nordt, Dean

Bachelor of Fine Arts
Theatre Design and Technology
Brian Do

Bachelor of Science in Aviation Sciences
Alexis Jaymalee Gonzales

Bachelor of Science in Anthropology
Sulema Jocabet Jaramillo Carrion

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Master of Social Work
Vidal Argueta
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Jimmy Ray Brewer, Jr.
Lori Michelle Carrel
Hannah Celeste Chase
Sharanpreet Kaur Chauhan
Jessica Ann Christensen
Ashley Nicole Collier
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Chandler Paul Eng
Andrew James Heinrich
John Brady King
William Trevor Leigh
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English
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Environmental Studies
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Film and Digital Media
Victor Alexander Gonzalez
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History
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Carl W. Schubert
Brooklyn Cynthia Thomas

International Studies
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Journalism
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Medical Humanities
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Cacanindin
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Mascará
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Music
Alan Hollinger, Greek

Philosophy
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International Studies

Political Science
Colt Addison Dickens
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The Graduate School

Presented by J. Larry Lyon, Dean

Master of Science in Biomedical Engineering
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Master of Science in Computer Science
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Performance
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Master of Accountancy
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Master of Science in Information Systems
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Master of Science
Communication Sciences and Disorders
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Nutrition Sciences
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Tri Minh Tran

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Doctor of Physical Therapy
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Physical Therapy
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Carter John Woodruff
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Doctor of Nursing Practice

Executive Nursing Leadership
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Ginger Elizabeth Winder
Kelli Jo Yukon

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Brittany Elayne Case
D’Esence Alexis Diaz-Doolin
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Amy Elizabeth Myers
Amber Sneaux Reyes
Ugochi Joy Uhiara

Nurse Practitioner
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Cheyenne Nicole Conway
Claire E. Creecy
Allison Cubbage
Jamie Lynn Davidson
D’Esence Alexis Diaz-Doolin
Nicole Cherie Espanza-Avalos
Maryjel Quizon Espinoza
Courtney Garth
Jessica Nicole Gottschalk
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Joann Pisuena Jugarap
Sukhpreet Kaur
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Doctor of Science in Occupational Therapy
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Fort Sam Houston, Texas

Doctor of Science in Physical Therapy
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Brooke Army Medical Center
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Fort Sam Houston, Texas

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Brooke Army Medical Center
Fort Sam Houston, Texas

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Brooke Army Medical Center
Fort Sam Houston, Texas

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Brooke Army Medical Center
Fort Sam Houston, Texas

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Army-Baylor Orthopaedics Residency
Brooke Army Medical Center
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Doctor of Musical Arts
Breck Alan McGough
Dissertation, Church Music: Let Us Weep: Embracing the Sorrowful Mysteries Composing and Ecumenical Passion
Mentor: Dr. Matthew Laube

Doctor of Education
Anna Lucy Burton
Dissertation, Educational Administration: Early Childhood Education Administrators’ Knowledge and Practice of Leadership Skills and State Core Competencies
Mentor: Dr. Angela Ulrick

Heather Anne Williams
Dissertation, Educational Administration: School Improvement Planning in Arkansas’ K-12 Schools: A Quantitative Survey Study
Mentor: Dr. Angela Ulrick

Gretchen Marie Blow
Dissertation, Learning and Organizational Change: Examining Company Leadership’s Resistance to Change and the Influence that Resistance has on the Overall Success of an Organizational Restructure: A Qualitative Analysis
Mentor: Dr. Amy Shanks

Rachel Ann Bradshaw
Dissertation, Learning and Organizational Change: Gender-Specific Care, Fertility Health, and Family Planning in the Military Health System: A Case Study Exploring the Barriers that Impact Retention of the Female Navy Nurse Corps Officer
Mentor: Dr. Neil Shanks

Alicia V. Briancon
Dissertation, Learning and Organizational Change: Build the Bridge to Better Faculty-Student Relationships: A Qualitative Single Case Study to Explore Informal Faculty-Student Contact in High Retention Courses at a Community College
Mentor: Dr. Corina Kaul

Jason Charles Calhoun
Dissertation, Learning and Organizational Change: From Generation to Generation: A Qualitative Single-Case Study of a Pentecostal Church in Central Arkansas’ Successful Growth and Retention Programs Involving Young Adults
Mentor: Dr. Amy Sloan

Erika Carrera
Dissertation, Learning and Organizational Change: First-Generation College Students: A Single Case Study Exploring the Frustrations and Celebrations of Earning a Bachelor’s Degree
Mentor: Dr. Leanne Howell

Erin Reavis Castle
Dissertation, Learning and Organizational Change: Seeking Familiar Faces in Restricted Academic Spaces: A Single Case Study Exploring How Students of Color Access Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate Programs and Experience a Sense of Community and Belonging
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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 faculty building 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 ceremonies 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

Conferment 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

The Saint John’s Bible is the first hand-scribed 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. Volume seven of the Bible is on display today and opened to Romans 12:2, the scripture inspiration for President Livingstone’s inaugural speech given during her installation ceremony as Baylor’s 15th president.

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

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

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:

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Only Baylor University residence credit is considered in calculating these averages. For ceremony purposes, Latin honors are based upon the prior term GPA. Final Latin honors will be calculated once all grades are in and degrees are awarded. The most accurate information will be reflected on the diploma and the transcript.

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.

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.
Ushers for Commencement

Brandy Brown
Aurea Chu
Tamara Hodges
Elizabeth Pitts
Margaret Wooddy

Marshals for Commencement

Jeffrey Olafsen, Chief Marshal
Denyse Rodgers, Chief Marshal

Becky Althaus
Nick Benson
Bill Booth
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Christina Chan-Park
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John White
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Matthew Wright

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Trumpet
Jacob Lira
Alison Marseglia
Johniel Najera
Camden Smith
Mason Stokes
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General Information

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 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

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
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!