



BAYLOR UNIVERSITY COMMENCEMENT

August Twelfth, Two Thousand Twenty-three
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Baylor University Commencement

August Twelfth, Two Thousand Twenty-three

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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 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 12, 2023, 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

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

Daniel J. Pack, Ph.D.
*Dean of the School of Engineering and
Computer Science*

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
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
“Triumphal 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 Stegall Smiley

Exercise Physiology

James Artis Revels, Jr.

Health Science Studies

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

Emily Eseoghene
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 Layne 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

Matthias Avery Brown
Kelsey Ann Gasiorowski
Joanne Margaret Aguila
Gotanco
Josefine Marie Green ☉
Regina Dianne Mitchell
Matthew Alexander Moran
Marie Josiane Engome
Moukoury

The Honors College

Presented by Douglas Henry, *Dean*

Bachelor of Arts

University Scholar

Samuel Dean Dutschmann ☯
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 Fulfer ☉
Abigail Arpana Joseph ☯

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

☉ Completed Baylor Interdisciplinary Core requirements

☯ Completed Honors Program requirements

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*
Abbey Eileen Rohrer,
Management Information Systems
Junru Yang

Management

Briar Mason Conner
Trevor Scott Douglass
Jake Ryan Schumaker

Junhao Zhou
Zhiwen Zhou

Management Information Systems

Avery Lee Holmes***
Nicholas Alan McCullough

Marketing

Jerram Scotty Adams
Chloe Grace Brown
Monserrat Casas
Victoria Alexis De La Garza

Bofu Fu
Rebekah Laine Jiou*
Logan Wade McCowan
Gabrielle A. Mueller

Professional Selling

Samuel Lincoln Myers

Supply Chain Management

William Sangmoon Lee
Charles Scott Uecker,
Management Information Systems

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*
Casandra Candelaria-Lucio
Keila Isadora Clarke
Nimmi Clement
Candise Renee Coleman
Linda A. De La Fuente
Lena Diab

Sakura Megumi Duncan
James Anders Durrett*
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
Madeline Elaine Justus
Juliana Grace Kuntz**
Nicole Rachelle Lara

Rianna Emily Larios
Aleysha Monique Lewis
Michelle Ann Manley
Hailey R. Marion
Cassandra Lou McBee
Katherine Joy Moore**
Kimberly Nguyen
Ifeoma Aida Nwangwu
Virginia Anne Ochoa
Florence Akech Onyera
Olivia Summers Pipkin
Morgan N. Pittman
Sophia Rose Platt
Elizabeth Jo Ann Prieto
Mehak Nuruddin Punjwani
Breanna L. Quinn**
Mitchell Paul Roessler

Reagan Elizabeth Rolston*
Juan Javier Ruiz
Christina Salahuddin
Lisa Marie Seidenberger
Ashley Nicole Simcoe
Jordyn Hickok Spence
Conner Jade Stout
Bryan M. Sullivan
Nicole Renee Taylor
Raquel Marie Torres
Kristen R. Trueblood
Ali Rae Tucker
Aleira C. Urbina
Brianna Danielle Viele
Rebecca Jane Wang
Chailey LaNay Wilchek
Kathleen Zhang

The School of Education

Presented by Shanna Hagan-Burke, *Dean*

Bachelor of Science in Education

Integrated Studies

Seung Hoon Jang
Gabriela Rizo ★

Roshan Suleman Shamsuddin
Javin Raphael Tsago
Alexa Tiara Willis
Garrett Alan Wolfe

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

Anthropology

Sulema Jacobet Jaramillo
Carrion

Jiayao Li

Biochemistry

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

Biology

Anisha Acharya
Jordan Monique Allen
Bronson Noah Balzac
Nicholi F. Brown ○
Morgan Mayzo Carey

Sonya Sieo Chiewtrakoon
Hannah Campbell Deal
Edgar Gonzalez
Morgan Katherine Hanson
Mahnoosh 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**

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

☉ Completed Baylor Interdisciplinary Core requirements

○ Degree requirements completed May 2023

★ Receiving Commissions as Second Lieutenants, United States Army

Geology

Bradley L. King

Neuroscience

Hannah A. Cotton
 Andrew Wilcox Fanous**
 Wanzer Zack Fisher Fenton V
 Genesis Isabel Huertas
 Nevaeh Chanel Lowe

Psychology

Hailey Baek
 Forrest Frederick Clarke
 Jared Stone Mercado

Bachelor of Arts**Anthropology**

Riss P. Rangel

Asian Studies

Alexis Marie Madden-Tyler

Communication

Oluwafunmilayo Tirenoluwa
 Adubi
 Peyton Anderson
 Aijha Anniece Blackwell
 Erin Elizabeth Callahan
 Kaitlyn N. Caracciolo
 Savanna Grace Dean,
 Religion***
 Joseph Pierce Diggins
 Jonathan Cole Edgmon ★

Dre'Una Edwards
 Chandler Paul Eng
 Andrew James Heinrich
 John Brady King
 William Trevor Leigh
 Zachary William Loveday
 Victor Chidera Obi
 Derek G. Ortquist
 Amanda Caryl Schroeder
 David M. Spangler II
 Lanie Sue Taylor
 Meghan Alexandra Tipps

English

Tiffani Bernice Martinez

Environmental Studies

Daniel Reed Airola
 Cassidy L. Grasela
 Sophia Danielle Piraneo
 Yuhao Yang

Film and Digital Media

Victor Alexander Gonzalez
 Kennedy Caislyn Keith
 Thomas Joseph Short
 Jillian Emma Walker

History

Logan M. Butler ☉
 Makayla Jenkins
 Carl W. Schubert ☉
 Brooklyn Cynthia Thomas

International Studies

David Escoto
 Juan Pablo Ruiz Elizarrarás
 Nelley Sobh ☉

Journalism

Samantha Marie Bradsky***
 Grace Lorene Everett
 Marshal Cole Tompkins

Medical Humanities

Patricia Leona Sitoy
 Cacaindin**
 Anapaula Gonzalez
 Mascareñas

Jennifer Jung

Jessica Sanchez

Sarah Satani

Music

Alan Hollinger, Greek 🇬🇷***

Philosophy

José Manuel Arráiz Rada,
 International Studies ☉ ★

Political Science

Colt Addison Dickens
 Brianna Toby Dunkle
 Brett A. Eastman
 Taylor Erin Grove
 Maxwell Benjamin Lester
 Alexander Campbell
 McDougall

Caitlyn E. Meisner ☉**
 Kayna Lyn Skeen
 Lauren Grace Traywick*
 Milita Prem Vazirani
 Jake David Whitson

Professional Writing and Rhetoric

Eliana Grace Jansick

Psychology

Caleb A. Chavez**
 Natalie F. Iniguez
 Nina Eunhae Kim ☉
 Caye Anne Lant
 Kathryn Elizabeth Moist
 Kathleen E. Morgan**
 Alessandra Julia Pitones
 Jazmine Marie Price
 Hayden S. Putnam
 Jack Mitchell Tegar

Religion

Claire M. Chrestman, Political
 Science
 Madelynn Elizabeth Opal
 Hickey ☉

Sociology

Mariah Renae Ayers

Studio Art

Yingtong Zhou

The Graduate Program in the Diana R. Garland School of Social WorkPresented by Jon E. Singletary, *Dean***Master of Social Work**

Vidal Argueta
 Claudia Marie Ashton Night
 Jimmy Ray Brewer, Jr.
 Lori Michelle Carrel
 Hannah Celeste Chase
 Sharanpreet Kaur Chauhan
 Jessica Ann Christensen
 Ashley Nicole Collier
 Kenneth Brian Colson, Sr.
 Abigail Belen Cruz
 Mary-Kathryn D'Agostino

Mercedes Shana Dericho
 Katherine Eva-Rose Dickerson
 Kristina Leigh Finnegan
 John Wesley Frazier
 Madeleine Erinay Freeland
 Lankford
 Edith Alejandra Gonzalez
 Navarro
 Sylvon Marie Griffin
 Taylor Ashleigh Gronde
 Diego Antonio Hernandez
 Charlotte Marie Hicks
 Darcie Marie Horne

Grace Horton Lyon
 Megan Catherine Hulke
 Lorena Manzo
 Angela Mia McClellan
 Brooke Manning McNurlin
 Fabiola Meza
 Ivy Marzelle Moore
 Milan Cambria Mota
 Geneva Navarrete
 Victoria Arlene Owens
 Jamie Christine Raffety
 Jocelyn Salinas
 Stephanie Michelle Sanders

Miriam G. Satz
 Alicia Alexandra Smith
 Teraka Ivory Smith-Colbert
 Hannah Eileen Strege
 Harriet Nazzareeruth Taylor
 Claire Ann Trombley
 Kara Nicole Van Beek
 Ondraya Nicole Walker
 Morgan Ann Wells
 Mi'Kayla Eunique Williams
 Terry Roy Wilson
 Michelle Catherine Wirsing
 Sloan Lewis Young

The Graduate SchoolPresented by J. Larry Lyon, *Dean***Master of Science in Biomedical Engineering**

Aiden Robert Tanner

Master of Science in Mechanical Engineering

Ryan Samuel Day
 Ziwen He
 Samuel Aaron Hockett
 Victor Mota
 Benjamin Miles Phillips
 Jason Brian Pierce
 Kazi Rifat Bin Rafiq
 Kirtunia Rahul

Master of Science

Computer Science
 Mohammad Ahmad
 Abdelmajid Abu-Shaira
 Pranish Bhagat
 Nishan Dhoj Karki
 Rokin Maharjan
 Yudeep Rajbhandari
 Collin Upjohn Rapp
 Pratik Siwakoti
 Mahee Noor Tayba
 Michael Thomas Volling, Jr.

Master of Fine Arts

Directing
 Cassie Nordgren

Master of Music and Master of Divinity

Church Music
 Leah Ann Boyd, Theology

Master of Music

Music Theory
 Austin Charles Jones
 Ligia Baleki Tossato

Musicology

Maya Cosart Johnson,
 Performance

Performance

Natalia Valerieva Taseva

Master of Accountancy and Bachelor of Business Administration

Courtney Megan Chamness,
 International Business
 Matthew Ryan Hambly
 Abigail Elizabeth Kemper ☉

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Business Fellows, Finance,
Accounting**
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Jeffrey Benjamin Pistor,
Finance***

Tyler Dean Reeves***
Madeline Elise Smyser***
Abigail Liza Tanner
Emmaline Grace Zika,
Baylor Business Fellows,
Accounting, Economics**

Master of Accountancy
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Anthony Isam Redix

**Master of Taxation and
Bachelor of Business
Administration**

Benjamin Harrison Hoffman,
Baylor Business Fellows,
Accounting, Economics***
Jin Cheng Tian, Accounting,
Finance
Megan Dodge Watson,
Accounting

Master of Taxation
Kun Li

**Master of Business
Administration and
Master of Engineering**
T Hingba

**Master of Business
Administration**

Adelyn McKay Allen
Matthew Wayne Asbill
Casey Logan Crow
Kelley Elizabeth Dellafave
Katherine Ann Devine
Aretha Gardner
Jarius Terrell Grant
Maseeh Sayed Hashimi
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Sher Sabine Lomo Isada
Pegah Janpak ○
Chance Kirbie
MacKenzie Ann LeBrun
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Christopher Lee Lucas
Caroline Anna Mabery
Michael A. Madonia
Luz Esther Martinez
Meredith Ann McPhail
Cody Bryan Olson
Nathan Thomas Rutledge
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Alexandra Siojo
Pranav Sreekumar
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Mercedes Renee Taylor
Abel Reji Thomas
Brittany Gail Thomas
Eugene C. Ticzon, Jr.

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Christopher James White
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**Master of Health
Administration and
Master of Business
Administration**

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Lennin I. Castellon
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Kenneth Andrew Chesney
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Babajide Fagbemi
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Joshua Mace Huey
Andrew Joseph Anthony Kay
William Richard Kirby
Troy Alan Lambert
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David-Jeremy D. Orate
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Christopher Lawrence Powell
Trent Joseph Reece
Dillon Owen Robinette
Felicia Kaye Williams

**Master of Health
Administration**

Eunice Buccat Abuan
Patrick S. Anderson
Marie Arceo
Blair Errol Boler
Michael Patrick Lynch
Kristy Kay Martinez
Audrey Jean Mosley
Brandon Zachary Nesrsta
Liezl Ann Nicholas
Adrienn Timea Tavaszi
Brian David Tilly

**Master of Science in
Information Systems**

Blake Tyrus Helton
Qingyang Li
Anderson Needham

**Master of Science
in Education**

Curriculum and Instruction
Abigail Nicole Gardner
Megan Taylor Smith
Dana Jillene White Telep

Educational Psychology

Cassie Leigh Crocker
Katherine Elizabeth Grochan
Summer Ann Knowles
Katherine Grace Mooney
Ashleigh Elizabeth Prothro
Haley Elizabeth Rogers
Caroline Elizabeth Teague

**Higher Education and
Student Affairs**

Dana Lyn Christenson
Sports Management
Dawson Drake
Jeffrey David Lee
Moorea Marie Long
Collin N. Toner

Master of Public Health

Community Health Science

Maya Nicole Adair
Reem AL brahim
Yasmin Al-Rafati
Kayla Alcancia
Isabel C. Alvarado
Shirley Ann Alvarez
Mahalia Georgina Balfour
Alexis Bobu
Maiya S. Cheeks
Ashlynd Lynna Clausell
Chelsea Marie Collins
Kyra Cooke
Karla Angelica De La Cruz
Sabrina A. Durant
Charelle Lynette Fitzgerald-
Marshall
Gabriela Montserrat Galvan
Daniel Ray Garcia
Matthew Aidan Geisler
Jessica Nichole Gillum
Caroline Michelle Gonzales
Brittany A. Hnida
Bryce J. Holmes
Marjan Hossein Dust
Jaret Reid Huddleston
Ritchell Jean-Baptiste
Cameron Elizabeth Kennard
Daja Lawson
Mashunda N. Longmire
Channda Bernadette Mitchell
Jasmin Mitchell
Adiya Moore
Audrey Lynn Morales
Peace Eziamala Ndukaku
Chelsea O'Rourke
Eryn Eloise Macauley Parks
Tameika Elaine Phillips
Victoria Jade Plata
Hannah Marie Susan Post
Iesha Nicole Reid
Deandra Alyse Renaud
Isela Bustillos Rodriguez
Spencer James Rose
Amy Guadalupe Rovira
Alejandra Saldana
Farrell Scappator
Anam Ahmad Sheikh
Taelor Ann Adnan Shweiki
Joel José Silva
Leilani Castro Tedtaotao
Elizabeth Antionette Torrance
Lizbeth Villegas-Gomez
Amarra Tenee Washington
Molly Elizabeth Wright

**Master of Science
Communication Sciences
and Disorders**
Elizabeth Ann Achey
Alanna Rose Damiano Annick
Juliet Sarah Bachelier
Heidy Barrera
Brittney Blau Harris
Mallory Gore Bridges
Jennifer Cabral
Sydney Lynne Camilleri
Michelle H. Chang
Mary Bridget Curry
Madeline DiGiacobbe
Natalie Teresa Michelena
Duque
Mallory Brooke Fuller
Evanna Julia Gabriello
Bridget Helen Gilbrook
Glenn Russell Glass
Natalie Arielle Guillory
Alexandra Nicole Hanner
Hannah Rae Harrell
Carrie J. Harville
London M. Howell
Naomi Jimenez
Osha NiKaya Jones
Andrea Maria Köng
Kenzie Christine Kowalski
Paige Michaela Lafferty
Shelby Denise Langehennig
Melissa Anne Loehle
Ariane Isabel Lopez
Kaitlin Michelle Lord
Ana Martin Lopez
Selene C. Martin
Raygan Leigh McLain
Alyssa Grace Pep Miller
Emily Eileen Miller
Savannah Marie Millham
Daniela Alexandra Morales
Rachel Ann Morell
Bethany Grace Neubert
Daniel Amado Padron
Julianna Michelle Papalas
Autumn N. Patrick
Chelsea Alana Reichel
Laura Katelynn Riva
Jennifer Rivera
Jessica Deann Roetzer
Paige Emily Runkel
Hannah Nicole Sawin
Ellie Nicole Schumacher
Vikki Y. Spann
Anna Jo Spriggs
Carson Stephens
Christiana Corina Stubblefield
Paige N. Tabor
Karina C. Tafazoli
Adriana Marie Tamez
Elizabeth M. Taylor
Malika Tbaini
Tuesdi Nicole Tidwell
Hailey Samara Tovias
Elyse Anne Vaughn
Laura Villasenor
Alexandra Kristine Wertz

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⊕ Completed Baylor Interdisciplinary Core requirements

○ Degree requirements completed May 2023

Cyndle Allred Whitmer
Kayla Elizabeth Williams
Kaitlin Marie Wilson
Madeleine Bianca Wright

Exercise Physiology

Dillon Harris
Rebecca Frances Rodriguez

Geology

Emanuel Giovanini

Mathematics

Matthew Anson Pelto

Nutrition Sciences

Dillon Andrew Cobb

Physics

Beau Ashton Brooks

Sports Pedagogy

Gerry S. L. Bohanon, Jr.
Jacob Allen Jackson

School Psychology

Bradley William Davis
Scarlett Manuela Gardner
Cassandra Jane Jennings
Madeline Elaine Pettit
Kayla Nicole Trites

Statistics

Weijiang Hou

Master of Arts and Bachelor of Arts

Communication

Tri Minh Tran

Master of Arts

Communication

Adib Talib Kapasi

Curriculum and Instruction

Emmeline Rose Rockford
Nicole Brooke Sussman
Leslie M. Wolff

English

Savannah Rose Chorn
Abigail Elizabeth Otis
Rebecca Jane Presnall

Earth Science

Stephanie Jane White

Film and Digital Media

Lucas LeNair Amick
Emanuel Andrei Racoti

History

Jacob Tyler Huneycutt

International Relations

Hayden Lane Murphy

Journalism

Destinee Rae Jefferson
Mary Katherine Montgomery
Mia Kolby Lane Shaw
Devan M. Sutton

Physics

Sudip Shiwakoti

Political Science

Enjie Lin

Professional Doctorates

Doctor of Physical Therapy

Army-Baylor Physical Therapy

Joshua James Beaton
Cornelius Joseph Brady, Jr.
Zachery D. Call
Andrew T. Coy
Miriam Crain
Chad Robert Davis
Nathan Charles Eberhard
Stefanie Karleen Faull
Cody Frey

Savannah C. Grogan
Jacob Logan Hacker
Isaac Joseph Halloran
Julie Elizabeth Harriss
Derek John Hessing
Joshua David Izenbart
Brendan Edward Jones
Benjamin Charles McDaniels
Makayla Shanice Mills
Martin James Moran
Matthew Ryan Norfolk
Patrick Stephen Robertson
Emily Claire Ropiak
Elena M. Rudy
William Sterling Scaggs III
Logan K. Steiert
Devyn L. Stewart
Tracy Michelle Wittmeier
Carter John Woodruff
Tyana Marie Zivec

Doctor of Nursing Practice

Executive Nursing Leadership

Emefa Arnaout
Natalie Lynn Baggio
Lea Ann Duwe
Marianne Kathryn Everett
Melissa Therese Fritz
Michelle Lyn Genova
Julie Gist
Jewell Hemmings
Jennifer Tynnile Jones
Solveig King
LaDonna Yvette Latney-Battle
Lisa Browning Mendez
Gretchen Pacholek
Charlsea M. Prichard
Christin Laura Pritchard
Marisa Ann Quinn
Christopher Coleman Roe
Bridget Marie Slusarek

Catherine Ilene Williams
Ginger Elizabeth Winder
Kelli Jo Yukon

Nurse-Midwifery

Angelica Barajas Gallegos
Brittany Elayne Case
D'Esence Alexis Diaz-Doolin
Elizabeth Ann Lucas
Amy Elizabeth Myers
Amber Sneaux Reyes
Ugochi Joy Uhiara

Nurse Practitioner

Tere-Monique Oresa
Carrington
Cheyenne Nicole Conway
Claire E. Creecy
Allison Cabbage
Jamie Lynn Davidson
Bridgett DeAnn Dean
Wanda Jeanette DeQuardo
Nicole Cherie Esparza-Aviles
Maryjel Quizon Espinoza
Courtney Garth
Jessica Nicole Gottschalk
Erika Lynn Gunzelman
Laura Anise Ivey
Kendyl Kaye Jaiswal
Joann Pisuena Jugarap
Sukhpreet Kaur
Rachel Lee Morgan
Sara Eliza Munoz
Alexis Tellis Nseye
Tiphany Orane Reed
Kerrie Lynn Sander
Trudi Marisa Schultz
Joshua Michael Servin
Camella Stephens
Brandi Michelle Taylor
Elizabeth Lynn Whitt
Michael A. Williams
Elizabeth Stewart Wood

Doctor of Science in Occupational Therapy

Talia Reann Barrow
*Army-Baylor Occupational Therapy Residency
Fort Sam Houston, Texas*

Bryan Kern Yu
*Army-Baylor Occupational Therapy Residency
Fort Sam Houston, Texas*

Doctor of Science in Physical Therapy

Preston C. Casper
*Army-Baylor Orthopaedics Residency
Brooke Army Medical Center
Fort Sam Houston, Texas*

Max Ken Dummar
*Army-Baylor Orthopaedics Residency
Brooke Army Medical Center
Fort Sam Houston, TX*

Matthew Weston Francis
*Army-Baylor Orthopaedics Residency
Brooke Army Medical Center
Fort Sam Houston, TX*

Brian Robert Kreisel
*Army-Baylor Orthopaedics Residency
Brooke Army Medical Center
Fort Sam Houston, TX*

Paul Andrew Kuwik
*Army-Baylor Orthopaedics Residency
Brooke Army Medical Center
Fort Sam Houston, TX*

Kelly M. Scott
*Army-Baylor Orthopaedics Residency
Brooke Army Medical Center
Fort Sam Houston, TX*

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

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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 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

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

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. 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:

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. 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 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

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
Kristina Campos-Davis
Christina Chan-Park
Sandi Cooper
Derek Dodson
Emily Fondren
Amy Giles
Ken Hatakeyama
Jim Henderson
Kathy Hillman
Emily Hunter
David Hurtt
David Jack
Jennifer Jones
James Kee
Nan Ketcham
Bradley Lail
Beth Lanning

Paul Larson
Karon LeCompte
Min Lee
Mandy McMichael
Marlene Neill
Patsy Norman
Charles North
Linda Olafsen
Brittany Perrine
Marlene Reed
Karen Savage
Carol Schuetz
Tim Thomasson
Shane Underwood
Benna Vaughan
Robin Wakefield
John White
Trena Wilkerson
Matthew Wright

Brass Ensemble

J. Eric Wilson, *Conductor*

Trumpet

Jacob Lira
Alison Marseglia
Johniel Najera
Camden Smith
Mason Stokes
Eloy Trevino

Trombone

Mark Bennett
Gannon Allen
Grant Hayes

Tuba

Armando Pena
Nick Tesmer

Horn

Blake Moreland
Javier Hernandez
Arianna Parks

Percussion

Connor Ainsworth

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Sandra Groves
Carol Hanes

Ellen Huffman
Michelle Johnson
Dawn R. Khoury

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

Hunter Anderson
Chris Baima
Jonathan D. Berry
Kyle Brodt

Chris Humphreys
Will Lattimore
Hannah Steed
Terry Tucker

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



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!*