Commencement Program, August 11, 2018
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

Bearer of the Mace
E. Jeter Basden
Professor Emeritus of Religion, Director of Ministry Guidance and holder of the Raymond O. Hubler Chair (1989-2017)
*Baylor University*

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

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

The National Anthem
Directed by Gary C. Mortenson
*Dean of the School of Music and Acting Vice Provost for Administration*
*Baylor University*

The Invocation
Meredith Meyer
*Special Events Coordinator – Baylor Law School*
*Baylor University*

Special Music
“Give Me Jesus” by Moses Hogan
Jenny Skarke, *solo*
Jonathan Pinto, *accompanist*

Message to the Graduates
President Livingstone

Conferral of Degrees
President Livingstone
Assisted by Gary Carini
*Vice Provost for Graduate Professional Education and Strategic Planning*
Rodney G. Bowden
*Dean of the Robbins College of Health and Human Sciences*
Dennis L. O’Neal
*Dean of the School of Engineering and Computer Science*
Gary C. Mortenson
*Dean of the School of Music*
Terry S. Maness
*Dean of the Hankamer School of Business*
Shelley Conroy
*Dean of the Louise Herrington School of Nursing*
Terrill F. Saxon
*Interim Dean of the School of Education*
Lee C. Nordt
*Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences*
J. Larry Lyon
*Dean of the Graduate School*
Louis Mazé, *Reader*

The Benediction
Burt Burleson
*Baylor University Chaplain*

“That Good Old Baylor Line”
Directed by Dean Mortenson

Recessional
“A Fanfare” from *La Peri* by Paul Dukas
“Triumphal March” from *Aïda* by Giuseppe Verdi, arranged by Bill Holcombe
Degrees Conferred August 11, 2018

The Robbins College of Health and Human Sciences
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Bachelor of Science in Family and Consumer Sciences
Apparel Design and Product Development
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Danielle Nicole Huseman
Kaitlyn Beth Marshall
Madison Ashley Mortimer
Amber Six

Apparel Merchandising
Sarah Kristin Enas
Briana Lizette Garcia
Natalie Garcia
Catherine Leigh Grantham
Rachel Ashleigh Lisse
Andrea Samantha Mach
Kennah Natasha Leenai Morgan
John Mark Stella

Child and Family Studies
Jael Marie Caziere
Corin Douglas Gedlitsch
Tia Denise Johnson
Rebecca Davis Lucey
Kaehlin Olivia Massey
Brittany McDonald
Courtney Nicole Reznick

Interior Design
Melissa Valencia

Nutrition Sciences
Kacey Reneé Filbert
Alexandra Maria Vrettos

Bachelor of Arts in Communication Sciences and Disorders
Kendra Nichole Meyer

Bachelor of Science in Education
Exercise Physiology
Amber Nicole Bailey
Georgia Elaine Beatty
Kelsey Erin Gibbons
Nuri Janay Hubbard
Kylie Ann Porter
Trenton Steven Reyes
Anna Grace Runnels

Health, Kinesiology, and Leisure Studies
Brittany Nicole Carter
Meagan Elizabeth Cooper
Jamycal K. Hasty
Deshon Lashé Jones
Lenoy Jones, Jr.
Juanita Akosua Asantewah
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Elysa Matthea Roces Atmosfera
Rowan N. Hall
Claire Ellen Hutson
Jordan Chereeza Massey
Daniela Todd

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Amy Manyu Li
Thomas Marc Willis

Bachelor of Science in Electrical and Computer Engineering
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Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering
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Johnathan Luke Bronson
Tyler Michael Catt

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Chioma Ovieme Okoko
Anthony Taylor Randazzo
Ricardo Daniel Sanchez
Evan Nils Taliana

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Church Music
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Sakina Toyah Sackaloo Dixon

Phi Sigma Tau (honor society of philosophy)

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Sigma Theta Tau (honor society of nursing)

Lindsey Elyse Crossman
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A History of Baylor Commencement

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Mace

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

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

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

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

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

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

Academic Regalia

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

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

The hood is the most distinctive feature of American regalia. At Baylor, hoods are worn for the master’s degree, the education specialist, 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 chairman of the Board of Regents, the president, the provost, and the appropriate dean, along with a gold embossed seal, are on the diploma.

Most students graduating today receive their diploma. Those who graduate with Latin honors – *summa cum laude*, *magna cum laude*, and *cum laude* – may receive their diplomas today or in about six weeks, after new diplomas are ordered reflecting the appropriate honor.

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. Students graduating with a 4.0 GPA receive Alpha Chi medallions when they are presented their diplomas.

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.

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.

Baylor Senior Class Gift

Each year, Baylor seniors join together to raise support for our University. This tradition is a way of showing our thanks to Baylor, demonstrating a sense of community and connection, and leaving a lasting impact that reflects the spirit of our class.

To commemorate our time at Baylor, the senior class has been raising funds to establish a new Student Care and Wellness fund that is designed to support our fellow students during times of emergency financial need. Imagine if a student’s apartment burned down and they lost all their clothes – the Student Care and Wellness fund can provide funds to that student so they can purchase some new clothing. It really is Baylor students helping fellow Baylor students.

To leave your mark at Baylor, go to 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
Ushers for Commencement

Martha Agee
Kenneth Carriiveau
Audrea Chu
Susie Etheridge
Beth Farwell
Kathy Hutchison

Christina Iluzada
Blaine McCormick
Carolyn Turner
Allison Yanos
Paul Zinke

Marshals for Commencement

E. Jeter Basden, Bearer of the Mace
C. Alton Hassell, Chief Marshal
H. Denyse Rodgers, Chief Marshal
Rosalie Beck, Assistant Chief Marshal
Jeff Olafsen, Assistant Chief Marshal
Linda Olafsen, Assistant Chief Marshal
Charles North, Assistant Chief Marshal

Kathy Hillman, Stage Party Marshal
Paul Larson, Stage Party Marshal
Debra Burleson, Faculty Marshal
Randy Wood, Faculty Marshal

Claudia Beal
Mike Beaty
Sandy Bennett
Sandi Cooper
Jose Luis Escorcia
Shannon Farquhar-Caddell
Helen Harris
Eric Holleyman
Michael Jacobson
Nan Ketcham
Bradley Lail
Beth Lanning
Tim McKinney
Mandy McMichael
Marlene Neill
Joshua Patrick
Deborah Rainer
Marlene Reed
Abdul Saadi
Megan Soltwisch
Scott Spinks
Tanya Suda
Benna Vaughan
Robin Wakefield
Kathy Whipple
Trena Wilkerson

Brass Ensemble

J. Eric Wilson, Conductor

Trumpet
Luke Hoeft
Nathan Little
Ryan McArthur
Tyler Moore
Dalton Snow

Trombone
Nick Halbig
Connor Woolley

Bass Trombone
Jonathan Passmore

Tuba
Calvin Goetsch
Dillon Jeffries

Percussion
Gabriela Reyna

Public Exercises Committee

Carol Nowlin, Chairperson

April Clanton
Debbie Davendonis-Todd
C. Alton Hassell
Jonathan C. Helm
Henry Howard
Dawn R. Khoury

H. Denyse Rodgers
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and Operations

Henry Howard, Associate Athletics Director for Capital Projects
and Championships
Jonathan D. Berry
Steve "Hoot" Johnigan
Will Lattimore
Jerome Otter – BaylorVision
Drew Pittman
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-serve basis. Seats may be saved, but it may be
required that seats be relinquished 15 minutes prior to the start
of each ceremony.

SIGN INTERPRETATION FOR HEARING IMPAIRED: Sign interpretation
will be provided for guests in the lower rows of section 112 for all
Commencement Ceremonies.

PHOTOGRAPHY: Personal cameras and video recorders are allowed in
the Ferrell Center for commencement, but guests are not allowed on
the floor where graduates 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 the graduates' Baylor email. Recordings of
each ceremony will be posted to the commencement website shortly
after commencement weekend.

NO SELFFIES 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 station.

USHERS: Faculty ushers, assisted by Ferrell Center staff, are available
throughout the building. They are present to direct traffic of
attendants and graduates and to assist guests during the ceremony.

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

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

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

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

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

Francis Scott Key, 1814
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!