



BAYLOR UNIVERSITY COMMENCEMENT

August Eleventh, Two Thousand Eighteen
Ferrell Center · Waco, Texas

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 Bureson
Baylor University Chaplain

"That Good Old Baylor Line"

Directed by Dean Mortenson

Recessional

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

Degrees Conferred August 11, 2018

The Robbins College of Health and Human Sciences

Presented by Rodney G. Bowden, *Dean*

Bachelor of Science in Family and Consumer Sciences

**Apparel Design and
Product Development**
Claire Elisabeth Allen
Sabrina Michelle Fisher
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

Jaelan Marie Caziere
Corin Douglas Gleditsch
Tia Denise Johnson
Rebecca Davis Lucey***
Kaehlin Olivia Massey**
Brittany McDonald*
Courtney Nicole Reznicek

Interior Design

Melissa Valencia

Nutrition Sciences

Kacey Reneé Filbert
Alexandra Maria Vrettos

Bachelor of Arts

**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 Lashe Jones
Lenoy Jones, Jr.
Juanita Akosua Asantewah
Mainoo
Angie Marie Ocampo
Montana F. Parsons

Shaniya Teion Chrishay Ward
Chance Jordan Waz
Terence Jamal Williams

Health Science Studies

Erin Elizabeth Ahrberg
Jorge Mario Aranda
Diana Beatriz Bonilla
Nicole Elizabeth Smith

Recreation

Benjamin Calhoun Stricklin

Bachelor of Science in Public Health

Alisha Nagaraju Arakotaram
Elysa Matthea Roces Atmosfera
Rowan N. Hall
Claire Ellen Hutson ☉
Jordan Cherease Massey
Daniela Todd

The School of Engineering and Computer Science

Presented by Dennis L. O'Neal, *Dean*

Bachelor of Science in Computer Science

Saul Antonio Flores
Amy Manyu Li
Thomas Marc Willis

Bachelor of Science in Electrical and Computer Engineering

Sean Patrick Kelly

Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering

Connor James Armstrong
Johnathan Luke Bronson
Tyler Michael Catt

Xiaohua (Baron) Huang
Chioma Ovieme Okoko
Anthony Taylor Randazzo
Ricardo Daniel Sanchez
Evan Nils Taliana

The School of Music

Presented by Gary C. Mortenson, *Dean*

Bachelor of Music

Applied Music
John Ross Wardlaw

Church Music

Jennifer Ann Skarke

The Hankamer School of Business

Presented by Terry S. Maness, *Dean*

Bachelor of Business Administration

Accounting
Louis E. Barnes IV
William Andrew Brown
Barrington D'Lloyd Dave
Lauren Ashley Guida ☉
Grant Russell Hinds, Finance
John Kuper Hood, Finance
Zeb Perrin Kaminski
John Kyle Kennedy
Bryan Tobenna Okani
Trevor Thomas Orcutt

Maria Guadalupe Ramirez
Corey Matthew Reinhard
Roman Romero III
Colton Christopher Towns

Baylor Business Fellows
Alexandra Angelique Simitzi,
Finance, Mathematics

Economics

Eric David Anderson,
Management Information
Systems
John Alexander Loya*

Entrepreneurship and Corporate Innovation

Maya Arguez-Canabal
Silas Lee Findley
Jesus Elpidio Mares

Finance

James B. Jarreau III
Jacob Dale Lindsey*

Management

Umar A. Brimah
Shelby Marie Friudenberg,
Marketing
Collin Chance Sharp

Management Information Systems

Logan Garrett Anderson
Sumner Edmond Gravely
Imani LeRue Harris,
Management
Brett Collins Langvardt
Zaayan Tharwani

Marketing

Taylor Mastley Hatchett
Jackson Augustus Helling
Aliyah Taylor Miller
Leila Katariina Rohde***

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

☉ Completed Baylor Interdisciplinary Core requirements

Sierra Nicole Sears
Hannah Kaylee Teschler
Charlotte Marie Weston,
Anthropology ☼**

Public Administration
John H. Restivo
Real Estate
Hunter Erwin Grant
Gunner Dylan Pinkerton ☼

**Sports Sponsorship
and Sales**
M. Jacob Samuel Morgan
Andrea Velasco Huerta

Supply Chain Management
Charlotte Marin Hulme,
International Business
Ross Martin Maticsk

The Louise Herrington School of Nursing

Presented by Shelley Conroy, *Dean*

**Bachelor of Science
in Nursing**
Victoria Lee Alvarado
Courtney Danielle Blow
Mohamad El Katat

Jamie Lee Finck
Shannon Marie Herrera
Monique Powell
Margaret Goldie Rosenthal
Rachel Kathleen Salters

The School of Education

Presented by Terrill F. Saxon, *Interim Dean*

**Bachelor of Science
in Education**
Integrated Studies
David K. Aoto
Matthew Bryan Marc Burke

Mckay Crass
Catherine Xufen Jackson ☼
Bryce R. Jurss
Rachel Anne Southward
Dhruv Prem Suhalka
John David Telford

**Secondary English, Language
Arts, and Reading**
Matthew Alan Koets

The College of Arts and Sciences

Presented by Lee C. Nordt, *Dean*

**Bachelor of Science
in Aviation Sciences**
Ashley Diana Corle
Shawn Taylor

**Bachelor of Science
Applied Mathematics**
James Bradley Thompson**

Biochemistry
In Won Jang
Zinnia YaeEun Lee
Kennedy Danielle Nabors
David Gardner Yarbrough †

Biology
Hailey Cristina Beattie
Collin Champion
Gabriel A. Cantu Hilbig
Beatriz Castillo Rodriguez**
Samantha Maria Elena
Chagolla
Ian Luis Cummings Ruiz
Valerie Hamana
Shane Travis Hollon
Neha Hussain
Jennifer Elizabeth Jackson
Ashley Nicole Joos
Brady Anderson Kindred
David M. Kisivuli
Kylie Ann Kitson
Heather Diane Lanier
Tyler James Matjeka
Zachary David Missimo
Jazmin Nafal
Jonathan Edward Palmer**
Kristin Michelle Stumpf

Brianna Christine Walker
Rachael Nichole Winger*
Katherine Sue Zavacki

Chemistry
Jose Anibal Quintero
Economics
Nicholas Everett Smith
Geology
Rachel Holsteen Bruyere
Reed Truette Rightmer
Mathematics
Zachary Daniel Fojtasek
Margaret Elizabeth Wilson
Neuroscience
Gregory O. Elder
Madison Prichard-Warren
Christian Ramirez
Patrick James Zimmerman, Jr.

Psychology
Rebecca D. Jones, Spanish

Bachelor of Arts

Anthropology
Rea Gezelle Clemons
Art History
Holly Hart Draper
Biochemistry
Evila Sarai Gonzalez
Taylor Nicole Honeycutt*
Danyang Wu

Communication
Andrew Mitchell Billings
Hunter Camm Fleming
Chase Nicole Gibson
Tamara Abdul Itani
Maribel DeJesus Martinez
Bridget Nicole McCahill
Anastasia Diane McElroy
Casey Lane Meyer
Kacie Dawn Panvica
Concetta Pipitone
Madelyn Melissa Smith
Earth Science
Peter Thomas McCoy

Economics
Rachel Morgan Barto
Landon Joseph Belcher ☼
Hunter Abbott Morris**
Gabriela Alexandra Vasquez

Environmental Studies
Lauren Nicole Medlin
Conner Ethan Yowell

Film and Digital Media
Madison Faith Johnson***
Tedarah Ivory Johnson
Timothy Ryan Pieper

**Great Texts of the
Western Tradition**
Annalise Hastings
Emily Christine West

History
Angus Scott Marshall IV
Memona Zaki Niazi

International Studies
Lindsay Riane Blackburn
Scott Hall Shelton

Journalism
Samantha Yvonne Jackson ☼
Ebony Jhanae Jones
Brianna Dale Kennedy
Morgan Elise London
Carrie Virginia Whittlesey

Medical Humanities
Rachel Widya Johnston
Taylor Andrew Nesbit***
Ariana Mari Ramirez

Philosophy
Megan Patrice Williams ☼

Political Science
Michael Oluwasegun Adeniken
Milton Alexander Galan
Cody W. Giffin
Bradley John Kawley
Wei Liu*
Steven Lopez
Alberto Xavier Maldonado
Emerson Alexander Munoz
Fred Bernard Werkenthin III
Steven Glenn Zamora

Professional Writing
Jasmine Nicole Jefferies

Psychology
Rachel Bull, Philosophy
Samantha Nicole Fauth
Madison Alexandra Koester
Emilia Rodriguez
Katherine Elizabeth Spitznagel

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☼ Completed Baylor Interdisciplinary Core requirements

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Religion
Kylie Christine Walker

Sociology
Billy Ray McCoy III

University Scholar
Nathanael Paul Beck
Joseph Anthony Lloyd

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

Presented by Jon E. Singletary, *Dean*

Master of Social Work
Jette Mallett McAdams Jones

The Graduate School

Presented by J. Larry Lyon, *Dean*

**Master of Science in
Biomedical Engineering**
Cody Ryan Barrett

**Master of Science
in Electrical and
Computer Engineering**
George Diamond Toby
Dedong Zhang

**Master of Music
Performance**
Alexander Kostadinov

**Master of Accountancy
and Bachelor of Business
Administration**
Sara Lynn Maxey

Master of Accountancy
Lingxuan Feng
Avery Hope Webster

**Master of Taxation and
Bachelor of Business
Administration**
Cooper William Groves,
Baylor Business Fellows,
Accounting, Finance*

Master of Taxation
Brandon Lee Buckalew

**Master of Business
Administration and
Juris Doctor**
David Robert Eskew

**Master of Business
Administration**

**Online Business
Administration**
Hassan A. Abdelhafez
Jonette Marie Carlson
Ruben Victor Castillo
Oscar Cavanar
Charles Reece Cecil
Pamela Swan Click
Cydney Frances Crook
Paul George Dugas, Jr.
Jeffrey E. Grable

Robert Karl Heininger
Sienna Noel Heller
Justin Robert Henry
Ronald Jeffery Hood
David Michael Hurt
Luigi Joseph Mandarino
Bryan Scott Owens
Kenneth Russell
Ricardo Vieira
Samuel Williams
Stephanie Nicole Williams
Jacob Dwaine Wolf
Kathleen Marie Wortham

**Master of Science
in Economics**
Khanh Thi Vu [∞]

**Master of Science
in Education**
Educational Administration
Kimberly Allison Parker
Curriculum and Instruction
Carly Rae Connally
Sakina Toyah Sackaloo Dixon
Katelyn Kelsy Hamilton
Kelsey Ann Jones
Melissa Rosario Montgomery

Educational Psychology
Afreem Ahmed
Caitlin Elaine Brandenberger
Brent Weston Deeb
Julia Derdas
Ashley Louise Garza
Reagan Danielle Gresham
Kelsey Brianna Morris
Delina Doray Richardson
Sarah Elisabeth Wade
Munube Yilmaz

**Higher Education and
Student Affairs**
Toni Marie Nogalski

Sports Management
Carson Dane Bowers
Jerome Brown, Jr.
Jonathan Quentin Hill
Dakota Johnson
William Cole Kirkpatrick
Paul Langenfeld
Jorge Neri Maldonado

Levi Alexander Norwood
Mathew Alexander Snider
Haley Anne White

**Master of Health
Administration and
Master of Business
Administration**
Krista Jean Arneson
Molly Catherine Byrnes
Matthew Alton Calvert
Hollye B. Cottle
Brandon Hamilton Elms
Eric Scott Graybill
Torry Bruce Hook
Thomas James Horal II
Rhiannon Elizabeth Casey
Jones

Sean Michael Kiley
Edgaras Margevicius
Jessica Ashley Martin
Fernando Najera
James Andrew Neipp
Scott Andrew Nicol
Travis L. Robbins
Gregory Stephen Sickels
Joshua Allen Smart
Quentin Wade Fitzgerald
Stewart
Sheila D. Tyndall
John Wendell
Steven R. Wentz
Robert Joseph Wolfe
Joseph R. Yancey

**Master of Health
Administration**
Harris Ahmad Abbasi
Jessica Lee Gidwani
Brian James Gomes
Kenneth Wayne Hammond
Douglas P. Kuhlman
Adam Wayne Lowe
Laura L. McMullen
Rebecca L. Morrell
Eduardo Travonte Moten
Eric Scott Mutchie
Samuel T. Osei-Somuah
Kathryn Meredith Raabe
Stewart
William Andrew Sutley
Todd Uhlman

**Master of International
Journalism**
Abigail Elizabeth Palich

**Master of Science
Chemistry**
Chengyin Liu
Devon Lee Plewman
Lindsay Mariah Sanderford

**Communication Sciences
and Disorders**
Haley Ashworth
Katherine Snow Clemens
Andrea Michelle De Los Santos
Cassandra Elizabeth Dizon
Isabella Maria Fuentes
Hannah Caroline Huguenard
Chloe Bresnahan Lara
Stephanie Marie Schaefer
Catherine Suzanne Tanner
Emily Caroline Woodby
Matthew Wooldridge
Allison Young

Computer Science
Robert Cepa

Environmental Science
Bridgett Nicole Hill

Exercise Physiology
Timothy Michael Brost
Kyle Blake Lilly

Geology
Kennedy Ogonda Oginga

Mathematics
Erica Kathleen Swindle

Sports Pedagogy
Lindsey Marae Cargill
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Statistics
Xiuhua Wang

**Master of Arts and
Bachelor of Arts**

Communication
Ashley Nicole Benavides,
Communication Specialist

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Master of Arts
Communication
Amrut Mishra Chowdhury
English
Daniel Robert Smith
History
Prisca Yael Bird
Jacob Edward Hiserman
Museum Studies
Allyson Leigh Cliett
Psychology
Rejena Lynae Roberts
Daniel Yi

Sociology
Edwin H. W. Eschler
**Doctor of
Physical Therapy**
Christopher William Boyer
Richard Scott Christiansen
Jennifer M. Donaghe
Michael Ryan Donohue
Lindsey Leanne Duckworth
Mason Amory Frank
Nicholas Andrew Friedlein
Bobbi Lea Hawthorne
Kerri Ann Henderson
Kate Lynn Kautzky

Veronica Rose Lazar
Harmonie Grace E. Lee
Cherilyn Ruby Mai
Patrick S. Moon
Sherif Anwar Mostafa
Jacob Kurtis Papenfuss
Krystyna Sharlene Perez
Julia Haynes Roth
William Matthew Sgrignoli
Grant Edward Smith
Daniel J. A. Stone
Michael Boyd Taylor
Aaron Mark Wilson
Karyn Marie Zaage

**Doctor of
Nursing Practice**
Nurse-Midwifery
Lindsey Elyse Crossman
Taylor Houser ∞
Luisa Anne Moeller
Nurse Practitioner
Sarah E. Mertz
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Paulina Alejandra Saravia

The Graduate School

Presented by J. Larry Lyon, *Dean*

Doctor of Science in Occupational Therapy

Robin Lee Tennekoon
B.A., Elon University, 2001;
M.O.T., Nova Southeastern University, 2009;
Residency, Occupational Therapy
Brooke Army Medical Center
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Doctor of Science in Physical Therapy

Andrew Dodd Fortenberry
B.S., Louisiana Tech University, 2001;
D.P.T., Baylor University, 2009;
Residency, Physical Therapy
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Joshua P. Halfpap
B.S., United States Naval Academy, 2000;
D.P.T., Baylor University, 2011;
Residency, Physical Therapy
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Nathan Parsons
B.S., Gordon College, 2009;
D.P.T., Baylor University, 2012;
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Jon Alan Umlauf
B.S., Old Dominion University, 2004;
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Doctor of Psychology

Kelsi Ann Clayson
B.A., University of California at Los Angeles, 2011;
M.S.C.P., Baylor University, 2015;
Dissertation, Clinical Psychology: *A Multimethod
Examination of the Relevance of Executive Control to Disgust
and Mental Contamination among Female Assault Survivors*
Mentor: Dr. Thomas A. Fergus

Kimberly Ellen Hickman
B.A., University of California at Los Angeles, 2010;
M.S.C.P., Baylor University, 2014;
Dissertation, Clinical Psychology: *The Elkins
Hypnotizability Scale: Validity, Reliability, Factor Structure,
and Acceptability within a Clinical Sample*
Mentor: Dr. Gary R. Elkins

Katherine Rose L'Esperance
B.A., St. John's University, 2013;
M.S.C.P., Baylor University, 2015;
Dissertation, Clinical Psychology: *The Effect of Alcohol
Cue Exposure on Working Memory in Individuals with
Alcohol Use Disorder*
Mentor: Dr. Sara L. Dolan

Stephanie Jernigan Simmons
B.S., University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 2013;
M.S.C.P., Baylor University, 2015;
Dissertation, Clinical Psychology: *Acculturative Stress
and Obesity: The Moderating Role of Emotional Eating in a
Community Sample of Latino/a Adolescents*
Mentor: Dr. Christine C. Limbers

Nancy Elizabeth Wheless
B.S., University of Texas, 2013;
M.S.C.P., Baylor University, 2015;
Dissertation, Clinical Psychology: *The Attention Training
Technique and Worry: Testing Theoretical Underpinnings*
Mentor: Dr. Thomas A. Fergus

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Doctor of Philosophy

Sungshil Kim

B.S., The Master's College, 2011;
Dissertation, Biology: *Genomic Analysis of Stenogamy Mating Behavior in the Culex pipiens Complex*
Mentor: Dr. Cheolho Sim

Caleb Jon Robbins

B.S., Harding University, 2012;
Dissertation, Biology: *From Landscapes to Streams: The Pattern and Function of Labile Dissolved Organic Carbon*
Mentor: Dr. Ryan S. King

Charles Alen Chang

B.S., Baylor University, 2013;
Dissertation, Biomedical Studies: *Inhibition of TLR4 Minimizes Islet Damage due to Sterile Inflammation and Improves Islet Transplant Outcomes*
Mentors: Dr. Robert R. Kane and Dr. Bashoo Naziruddin

Jan Martinek

B.S., University of Paris, 2009;
M.S., University of Paris, 2011;
Dissertation, Biomedical Studies: *Quantitative Cellular and Molecular Imaging of the Intact Tumor Microenvironment*
Mentor: Dr. Karolina Palucka

Sanaz Rasouli

B.S., University of Tehran, 2006;
M.S., Islamic Azad University, 2010;
Dissertation, Biomedical Studies: *Electrostatic Control of Cu, Zn Superoxide Dismutase Aggregation in Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis: from Lysine Modification to Interaction with Lipid Membranes*
Mentor: Dr. Bryan F. Shaw

Paul Anthony Brown

B.A., University of North Carolina at Wilmington, 2009;
B.S., University of North Carolina at Wilmington, 2009;
M.S., University of North Carolina at Wilmington, 2012;
Dissertation, Chemistry: *Application of Ab Initio Theory to the Chemistry of Ultrathin Films*
Mentor: Dr. Kevin L. Shuford

Emvia Indra Calixte

B.S., Cameron University, 2012;
Dissertation, Chemistry: *Under Confinement: Molecular Dynamics Investigations of Ions and Molecules in Nanopores and at Nanoscale Interfaces*
Mentor: Dr. Kevin L. Shuford

Michael Gregory Gutierrez

B.S., Harding University, 2014;
Dissertation, Chemistry: *Characterization of the Single Photon Initiated Dissociative Rearrangement Reaction (SPIDRR) Technique and its Application in the Study of Transition Metal Cation Bound Organic Cluster Reactions*
Mentor: Dr. Darrin J. Bellert

Zhe Shi

B.S., Nanjing University, 2010;
M.A., Kent State University, 2012;
Dissertation, Chemistry: *Small-molecule Inhibitors of Tubulin Polymerization as Vascular Disrupting Agents and Prodrugs Targeting Tumor-Associated Hypoxia*
Mentor: Dr. Kevin G. Pinney

Andrew Gregory Smith

B.S., Grand Valley State University, 2013;
Dissertation, Chemistry: *Investigation of Organic Dyes for Dye-Sensitized and Organic Solar Cell Applications*
Mentor: Dr. Kevin L. Shuford

Zachry Christopher Theis

B.S., St. Edward's University, 2011;
Dissertation, Chemistry: *Chemical Kinetics and Dynamics of M⁺(organic) Molecules Using Single Photon Initiated Dissociative Rearrangement Reaction (SPIDRR) Measurements*
Mentor: Dr. Darrin J. Bellert

Nathan William Myrick

B.A., Providence University College, 2010;
M.A.T., Fuller Theological Seminary, 2013;
Dissertation, Church Music: *The Relational Ethics of Church Music*
Mentor: Dr. Monique M. Ingalls

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B.A., Escola de Musica e Belas Artes do Paraná, 2003;
M.M., Universidade Federal Do Paraná, 2008;
Dissertation, Church Music: *Church Music Through the Lens of Performance: The Embodied Ritual of Sacred Play*
Mentor: Dr. Monique M. Ingalls

Keith Joseph Kerschen

B.S.Ed., Kansas State University, 2010;
M.A.Ed., Baker University, 2013;
Dissertation, Curriculum and Teaching: *Secondary Mathematics Teacher Retention: A Narrative Case Study of Experienced Teachers*
Mentor: Dr. Trena L. Wilkerson

Joanna Caroline Pollard

B.S., Howard Payne University, 2002;
M.Div., Baylor University, 2009;
Dissertation, Curriculum and Teaching: *High School Teachers' Perceptions of Their Teacher Education Programs and Moral Challenges in Teaching*
Mentor: Dr. Gretchen E. Schwarz

Robin D. Wilson

B.S.Ed., Baylor University, 1984;
M.Ed., University of Texas at Tyler, 2004;
Dissertation, Educational Psychology: *A College Readiness Intervention Program's Impact on College-going Self-efficacy and College Knowledge*
Mentor: Dr. Terrill F. Saxon

Seyedeh Paniz Karbasi

B.S., Islamic Azad University, 2011;
M.S., Baylor University, 2014;
Dissertation, Electrical and Computer Engineering: *Robust and Efficient Methods for Proton Computed Tomography*
Mentor: Dr. Keith Evan Schubert

Joshua Thomas Boyd

B.S., Faith Baptist Bible College, 2004;
M.A., University of St. Thomas, 2010;
Dissertation, English: *The Search for True Hospitality in the Travel Writing of Margaret Fuller, Henry David Thoreau, Herman Melville, and Mark Twain*
Mentor: Dr. Joe B. Fulton

- Amy Elizabeth Carpenter
B.A., Whitworth University, 2009;
M.A., Baylor University, 2013;
Dissertation, English: *"What was repeated had weight": Ordinary Rituals in the Poetry of Donald Hall, Derek Walcott, Seamus Heaney, and Louise Gluck*
Mentor: Dr. Richard R. Russell
- Perry Neil Harrison
B.A., Abilene Christian University, 2008;
M.A., Abilene Christian University, 2010;
Dissertation, English: *Divine and Supernatural Power in Old English and Old Saxon Literature*
Mentor: Dr. Jeannette K. Marsh
- Jeremy Paul Larson
B.A., Bob Jones University, 2005;
M.A., Bob Jones University, 2007;
Dissertation, English: *Ordering Desires: Rhetoric and Virtue in Milton's Paradise Lost*
Mentor: Dr. Phillip J. Donnelly
- Michael Sheldon Rawl
B.A., Midwestern State University, 2010;
M.A., Baylor University, 2012;
Dissertation, English: *"Winter Words": The Poetry of Old Age in Thomas Hardy, W.B. Yeats, and Philip Larkin*
Mentor: Dr. Richard R. Russell
- Ryan Lee Womack
B.A., Oklahoma Baptist University, 2010;
Dissertation, English: *A Regenerate Science: Paradigms for Science and Theology in Recent American Fiction*
Mentor: Dr. Luke Ferretter
- Colleen Ann Peters
B.S., Grand Valley State University, 2012;
Dissertation, Environmental Science: *Microplastic Ingestion by Freshwater and Marine Fish from the Brazos River Basin and Texas Nearshore Marine Waters*
Mentor: Susan P. Bratton
- Logan Alan Wiest
B.S.Ed., Mansfield University, 2011;
M.S., Temple University, 2014;
Dissertation, Geology: *Taphonomic and Mass-extinction Research from an Ichnological Perspective*
Mentor: Dr. Steven G. Driese
- Savanah Nisbett Landerholm
B.A., Asbury University, 2011;
M.I.J., Baylor University, 2014;
Dissertation, Higher Education Studies and Leadership: *Structure, Culture, and Nurture in Women's Academic Leadership*
Mentor: Dr. Nathan F. Alleman
- Timothy David Grundmeier
B.A., Martin Luther College, 2007;
M.A., Minnesota State University at Mankato, 2011;
Dissertation, History: *Making Their Own Faith: Lutheranism and American Culture in the Civil War Era*
Mentors: Dr. T. Michael Parrish
- Katherine Elise Hope Leal
B.A., Regent University, 2011;
M.A., Texas State University, 2013;
Dissertation, History: *Reforming Manners, Redeeming Souls: Sunday Schools, Childhood, and the Formation of Early Nineteenth-Century American Religious Culture*
Mentor: Dr. Thomas S. Kidd
- Paul Emory Putz
B.S., Grace University, 2009;
M.A., University of Nebraska at Omaha, 2012;
Dissertation, History: *God, Country, and Big-Time Sports: American Protestants and the Creation of "Sportianity," 1920-1980*
Mentor: Dr. Barry G. Hankins
- Emilie Marie Cunningham
B.B.A., Baylor University, 1996;
M.P.H., Baylor University, 2013;
Dissertation, Kinesiology, Exercise Nutrition, and Health Promotion: *The Relationship of Maternal and Maternity Care Provider Characteristics to the Diagnosis of Labor Dystocia*
Mentors: Dr. Eva I. Doyle and Dr. Kelly R. Ylitalo
- Flor Elisa Morales Marroquín
B.S., Universidad Autónoma De Nuevo León, 2013;
M.S., Baylor University, 2015;
Dissertation, Kinesiology, Exercise Nutrition, and Health Promotion: *Distal Gut Microbiome Association with Sleep Duration and Quality*
Mentors: Dr. Paul M. Gordon and Dr. K. Leigh Greathouse
- Leslie Wade Oglesby
B.S., University of Alabama, 2010;
M.S., Northwestern State University, 2012;
Dissertation, Kinesiology, Exercise Nutrition, and Health Promotion: *The Relationship between Spiritual Well-Being and Burnout in Collegiate Athletic Trainers*
Mentor: Dr. Andrew Gallucci
- Gordon Matthew Robinson
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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.

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. Bursleson 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	Christina Iluzada
Kenneth Carriveau	Blaine McCormick
Audrea Chu	Carolyn Turner
Susie Etheridge	Allison Yanos
Beth Farwell	Paul Zinke
Kathy Hutchison	

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 Bursleson, *Faculty Marshal*

Randy Wood, *Faculty Marshal*

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

Brass Ensemble

J. Eric Wilson, *Conductor*

Trumpet

Luke Hoeft

Nathan Little

Ryan McArthur

Tyler Moore

Dalton Snow

Horn

Jerrick Cendejas

Seth Rodriguez

Corey Simmel

Greta Williams

Trombone

Nick Halbig

Connor Wooley

Bass Trombone

Jonathan Passmore

Tuba

Calvin Goetsch

Dillon Jefferies

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Gabriela Reyna

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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-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 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 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



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That Good Old Baylor Line

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



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