



BAYLOR UNIVERSITY COMMENCEMENT

August Fourteenth, Two Thousand Twenty-one
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Baylor University Commencement

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The Diana R. Garland School of Social Work and The Graduate School

Saturday, August 14, 2021, 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 Saint John's Bible

Jeffry Archer
Dean, Baylor University Libraries

Procession Order

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

Directed by Gary C. Mortenson, D.M.A.
Dean, School of Music
Baylor University

The Invocation

Mark Rountree
Chairman, 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

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

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

Sam Henderson, *Reader*

Welcome to New Alumni

Amy Armstrong
Associate Vice President of Alumni Engagement
Baylor University

The Benediction

Michael McFarland, Ed.D.
Member, Board of Regents
Baylor University

“That Good Old Baylor Line”

Directed by Dr. Mortenson

Recessional

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

Candidates Presented August 14, 2021

The Diana R. Garland School of Social Work

Presented by Jon E. Singletary, *Dean*

Master of Social Work and Bachelor of Social Work
Kayelee Christine Ellis

Master of Social Work
Kara Nicole Bradford
Ashley Elizabeth Broberg
Ashley Helen Burgess

Jessica Marie Freeze
Christian Guadalupe Garcia
Carol Vanessa Hernandez
Jack E. Holt
Nadege Allison Joseph
Stefanie Klintworth
Amber Malooly
Claire Morgan McGowan
Leslie Carolina Melendez-Hill

Ashley Nicole Mendoza
Heather Rose Offutt
Hana Grace Oh
Alyssa Marie Ramirez
Olivia Shareen Ramzi
Ashley Marie Ruiz
Sarah Evin Sooter
Keyandra Rochelle Stewart
Amber Erin Travis

Samantha Elaine Trevino
Iiona Anin Virgin
Aedan Grey Walch Flores
Malaya Yvette Walker
Megan R. Walker
Lillian Faith Zeskind

The Graduate School

Presented by J. Larry Lyon, *Dean*

Master of Science in Mechanical Engineering and Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering
Tyler Reed Watson*

Master of Science in Mechanical Engineering
William Hugh Minnie
Rifat Ara Nargis
Austin Matthew Taylor

Master of Science in Electrical and Computer Engineering
Matthew Justin Carrano
Kyler A. Stephens

Master of Science Computer Science
Vincent Samuel Bushong
Dipta Das
Mehang Rai
Collin Upjohn Rapp
Denton Michael Wood, Jr.

Master of Fine Arts Directing
Jessica Ann Holt
Edward Earl Wise II

Master of Music and Master of Divinity Church Music and Theology
Joshua Edward Turpin

Master of Accountancy and Bachelor of Business Administration
Dennis Cole Gardner III
Zijian Li, International Business
Mark Daniel Paterson*

Master of Business Administration and Bachelor of Science in Education
Jack Connolly Stutz, Health Science Studies**

Master of Business Administration and Bachelor of Business Administration
Kayla Marie Wilson, Baylor Business Fellows**

Master of Business Administration and Bachelor of Science
Bianca Lillian Clyde, Biology
Liam David Ferreira, Biology***

Master of Business Administration
Ikem Arisukwu Adotama
Albert Nathaniel Ahumada^o
Abigail Christina Baza
Adrian John F. Brillantes
Brooke Ashley Bukosky
Amanda Dawn Davis
Anthony Cornell Davis, Sr.^o
Kimberley Elizabeth Dowdell
Adalberto Garcia
Manuel Garcia III
Ryan P. Gloede
Ricardo Alejandro Hernandez Lopez
Ashley Joyce Jackson^o
Clinton Jackson
Roy Lopez
Patrick Alexander Manges
Michael Morales
Christopher Moreno
Marcos Alberto Rodriguez
Rowan Matthew Sankar
Bruce Gregory Schliemann
Therese Anne Screen

Nicholas A. Simmons
Anthony Charles Tade
LaToya Cleo Tolefree
Poornima Venkat TV
Kirby Harrison Vinson
Amy Beth Wallace
Elishia M. Williams
Keena Layon Williams^o
Lauren Workman

Master of Health Administration and Master of Business Administration
Kayla Jean Abruzzese
Boma O. Afiesimama
Jason Dudley Bothwell
Ryan Wesley Buck
Samantha Lynn Cherry
James Michael Deacon
Hung C. Duong
Zachary Dean Eoute
Bianca Danica Satorre Gabriel
Andrew John Galdi
Danny Lee Harris
Jaime Lee Hollingsworth
John Thomas Koehler OD, FAAO, FSLs
Katelyn Ann MacDonald
Andrew William Neubecker
Joseph Carl Pecko
Dylan J. Rich
Jesse E. Sheldon
Jeffrey Jon Svajdlenka
Anthony A. Threet
Lindsey Ann Umlauf
Anthony Ming Van Luven
Rambalina Kay Williams

Master of Health Administration
Jared Hans Brynildsen
Roy R. Camacho
Derrick Andrew Davis, Jr.
Samuel C. Erickson
Trevor Allen Fitzgerald

Jung Suk Lee
Blayne Rankin
Jason Littauer Robinson
Zachary A. Robinson
Dominique Katherine Sorgenfrei
Angela Swint
Samantha Ashlie Watson
Mark Ryan Wesseler
Mark Andrew Workman
Renata Priscila Zacarkim

Master of Science in Education and Bachelor of Science in Education Curriculum and Instruction
Hannah Carol Anderson, Middle Grades Mathematics**
Kirby Whitt Jarzombek, Elementary Education**

Master of Science in Education and Bachelor of Science in Education Educational Psychology
Karley Ann Shafer, Middle Grades Science***

Master of Science in Education and Bachelor of Science Educational Psychology
Alyssa Marie Gonzalez, Neuroscience

Master of Science in Education Curriculum and Instruction Educational Psychology
Jessica Lauren Phipps
Arantza Isabel Barros
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Elida De Loera Garza
Natosha Anne Hendrickson

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^o Degree requirements completed May 2021

Zachary William Martin
Melody Kay Mello
Taylor Diane Simpson
Janice Marie Tang
Hannah Elizabeth Tucker

Higher Education and Student Affairs

Sarah Elizabeth Patterson

Sports Management

Kenneth Lawrence Dwayne Braimer
Caleb Travis Clark
Amber Diana Corcoran
Lache Opal Harper

Master of Athletic Training and Bachelor of Science in Education

Kyndall Leigh Soukup, Health Science Studies**

Master of Athletic Training

Eduardo Alejandro Medina

Master of Public Health and Bachelor of Science

Reiley Layne Jones, Environmental Health Science

Master of Public Health

Yashvi Gupta Aware
Trinity Alyce Edinborough
Blake Edwards
Tylor J. Jilk
Prarthana Joshi
Dan Quoc Luong
Monica L. Makia
Valerie Navarro
Madeline Niederman
Mikala K. Staton
Amanda Friend Thayer
Joelle Leslie White

Master of International Journalism

Catherine Lynn Hirst

Master of Science and Bachelor of Arts

Communication Sciences and Disorders

Hannah Marie Anderson
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Allison Elizabeth McClung*
Katherine Elizabeth Page
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Lauren Renee Rogers
Christin E Sanchez
Jamie Rose Sandoval
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Master of Science and Bachelor of Science in Family and Consumer Sciences

Sports Pedagogy
Jessica Paulina Hinojosa Gomez, Nutrition Sciences

Master of Science and Bachelor of Science in Education

Sports Pedagogy
Ian James Braxton, Exercise Physiology
Andrew Richard Gochis, Health, Kinesiology, and Leisure Studies

Master of Science and Bachelor of Business Administration

Sports Pedagogy
Claire Elizabeth Hoogendoorn, Finance, Real Estate

Master of Science

Chemistry
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Arvin Izad

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Taylor Ann Breedlove
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Lacey Fletcher Davis
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Lydia Michelle Douglas
Colleen Patricia Ford
Katherine Teresa Garza
Sarah Michele George
Clarissa Andrea Gonzalez
Mikaela Marie Hall
Rachel Nicole Hanhart
Abigail Grace Harms
Jackie Lee Havens
Taylor Suzanne Herrera
Kimberly Ann Horn
Millicent Brooke Hullender
Susan Kay Jacinto
Kylyn Jaide Keck
Amber Michelle Koch
Emily Grace Lewallen
Ariana Martin
Jeanette Martinez
Rachel Simone Mizrahi
Michele Argollo Monn

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Amanda C. Robles
Briley Fae Ruthart
Lanna Ruud

Hannah Grace Rye
Latifa Bella Sandvig
Janet Alexandra Sayre
Alexis S. Schneider
Noelle Marie Scolieri
Kendra Frances Shehy
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Anna Kate Sherman
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Jenna Ashley Simmons
Sarah Courtenay Stevens
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Master of Arts

Communication
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Physics

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Jeffrey Selwyn Lee

Sociology

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Rory Christopher Jones
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Master of Arts in Teaching and Bachelor of Arts

Lauren Elizabeth Buntin, Environmental Health Science**
Samantha Rose Lawson, Communication Sciences and Disorders

Master of Arts in Teaching and Bachelor of Science

Callie Diane Gibson, Chemistry

Doctor of Occupational Therapy

Erin Elizabeth Campbell
Jana Lyn Hickman
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Jenny Fox-Manaster Wagner

Doctor of Physical Therapy

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Lauren Elizabeth Chabarek
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Brandan Allen Garcia
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Doctor of Science in Occupational Therapy

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Doctor of Education

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Dissertation, Educational Leadership: *Caregivers' Choice Against: A Case Study of Caregivers' Denial of Language Services in Central Texas*
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Dissertation, Learning and Organizational Change: *Educators' Perceptions: The Use of Student Surveys as a Measure of Performance in Teacher Evaluations*
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Dissertation, Learning and Organizational Change: *Examination of the Reasons for Career Change Among Behavioral Health Technicians: Solving the Turnover Dilemma*
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Dissertation, Learning and Organizational Change: *Navigating the Freshman Transition: A Collective Case Study Understanding the Experience of Students as they Transition from 8th to 9th Grade at a Private, Single-Sex School in Texas*
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Dissertation, Learning and Organizational Change: *Breaking the Cycle of Recidivism: The Impact of Community-Based Resources*
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Dissertation, Learning and Organizational Change: *Leadership in Times of Crisis: A Mixed Methods Case Study on Administrative Responses to Social Crisis Related to Sexual Misconduct and Relationship Violence in Higher Education*
Mentor: Dr. Tony L. Talbert

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Dissertation, Learning and Organizational Change: *The More We Play Together: An Illustrative Case Study Designed to Explore Engagement at PlayGrand Adventures All-Abilities Playground*
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Dissertation, Learning and Organizational Change: *Military-dependent Children's Social and Emotional Well-being and Its Impact on Classroom Behavior*
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Dissertation, Learning and Organizational Change: *The Impact of Jobs for America's Graduates (JAG) on Students' Social and Emotional Well Being: A Multiple Case Study*
Mentor: Dr. Leanne Howell

Kayla Devora-Jones
Dissertation, Learning and Organizational Change: *An Explanatory Sequential Mixed Methods Study: Measuring and Exploring Community College Students' Perceptions of their Academic Advising Experience Based on Chickering and Reisser's Student Identity Development Theory*
Mentor: Dr. Tony L. Talbert

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Dissertation, Learning and Organizational Change: *Feeding Success: A Mixed Methods Study on the Impact of Food Insecurity on College Students' Educational Goals and the Effectiveness of Institutional Interventions*
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Dissertation, Learning and Organizational Change: *Dental Caries, Obesity, and Asthma During Childhood: A Qualitative Multiple Case Study to Determine Where Community-based Prevention Strategies Intersect to Guide a Coordinated Approach for 21st-Century Families*
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Mentor: Dr. Tony L. Talbert

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Dissertation, Learning and Organizational Change: *The Impact of Military Lifestyle on the Careers of Military Spouse Educators: A Phenomenological Case Study*
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- Suraju Olaleye Jolaoso
Dissertation, Learning and Organizational Change:
When They See Us: A Multiple Case Study to Understand Recruitment and Retention of Black Faculty at Predominantly White Institutions
Mentor: Dr. Leanne Howell
- Haley Jones
Dissertation, Learning and Organizational Change:
A Qualitative Case Study Exploring the Relationship between Teachers' Alternative Certification Experience and Their Self-Efficacy in Their First Year of Teaching
Mentor: Dr. Leanne Howell
- Addie Elizabeth Kelley
Dissertation, Learning and Organizational Change: *An Exploration of Teacher Professional Development through Inquiry Cycles: An Instrumental Multiple Case Study in Louisiana*
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- Marsha Lynne Kocurek
Dissertation, Learning and Organizational Change:
The Roles Public School Education Foundations Play in Their Communities to Meet Student Needs
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- Tanya Madrigal
Dissertation, Learning and Organizational Change:
A Collective Multiple Case Study Regarding Mandatory Advising and Degree Mapping for Early College High School Students
Mentor: Dr. Brooke Blevins
- Ruth Elizabeth Marshall McEntire
Dissertation, Learning and Organizational Change:
Examining Perceptions of the Growing Number of Children Dying by Suicide in the United States: An Explanatory Sequential Mixed-Method Study
Mentor: Dr. Leanne Howell
- James A. Mosley
Dissertation, Learning and Organizational Change:
Qualities of Effective Principals in Urban Public Schools
Mentor: Dr. Brooke Blevins
- April Rose Muzquiz
Dissertation, Learning and Organizational Change:
A Comparative Mixed Methods Study Exploring Interpersonal Relationships and Social-Emotional Learning in Dual Language Two-Way Immersion and General Education Classrooms
Mentor: Dr. Leanne Howell
- Corey Lee Owens
Dissertation, Learning and Organizational Change:
A Phenomenological Case Study Exploring Rural Hospital Employee Motivation
Mentor: Dr. Tony L. Talbert
- Christina Nicole Porter
Dissertation, Learning and Organizational Change:
"He Ain't Heavy, He's My Brother:" The Influence of a Culturally Specific Mentoring Program for At-Risk Black and Latino Male Youth
Mentor: Dr. Brooke Blevins
- Trish Ramos
Dissertation, Learning and Organizational Change: *A Qualitative Case Study Assessing Student Transition from McKinney High School to College*
Mentor: Dr. Brooke Blevins
- Margaret Elizabeth Rattan
Dissertation, Learning and Organizational Change:
South Plains College Students' Perspectives and the Relationship Between Academic Self-Perception, Implicit Writing Beliefs, and Their Experiences in a Corequisite Model Writing Course: A Mixed Methods Study
Mentor: Dr. Tony L. Talbert
- Daphne Rhodes
Dissertation, Learning and Organizational Change:
"Iron Sharpens Iron" The Impact of Culturally Responsive Mentoring on At-Risk Minority Female Students
Mentor: Dr. Brooke Blevins
- Cristofer Glenn Slotoroff
Dissertation, Learning and Organizational Change:
Examining Teachers' Observations of a 1:1 Implementation's Impacts to High School Students' Communication and Social Skills: A Qualitative Case Study
Mentor: Dr. Leanne Howell
- Tyron Cornelius Vereen
Dissertation, Learning and Organizational Change:
Leadership Development Programs, Critical Race Theory, and Culturally Relevant Pedagogy: A Phenomenological Case Study of Minoritized Perspective
Mentor: Dr. Tony L. Talbert
- Kristen Vesely
Dissertation, Learning and Organizational Change:
Understanding High School Freshman Students' Attitudes Towards Reading: A Case Study of an Oilfield High School in West Texas
Mentor: Dr. Leanne Howell
- Kyndra Renee Wagner Tyler
Dissertation, Learning and Organizational Change:
A Qualitative Study of Minority Leadership and Its Impact on Referrals of Minority Students to Out-of-School and In-School Discipline Placements
Mentor: Dr. Brooke Blevins
- Sagira Sue Wheeler
Dissertation, Learning and Organizational Change:
Why Bowl? Exploring Competitive Bowlers' Experiences Within Bowling Associations: A Multiple Case Study Perspective
Mentor: Dr. Leanne Howell
- Adele Knight Williams
Dissertation, Learning and Organizational Change:
Career Exploration from Policy to Practice: A Qualitative Study on the Influence of Advisory Committees on Education Outcomes and Future Employment Outlook
Mentor: Dr. Brooke Blevins
- Claudine Williams-Keane
Dissertation, Learning and Organizational Change:
The impact of state promotion policies on teacher practice and decision making: A case study of New York City Middle School Mathematics Teachers
Mentor: Dr. Brooke Blevins
- Sherita L. Wilson-Rodgers
Dissertation, Learning and Organizational Change:
Examining Effective Practices of Teachers in High Performing Title I Schools
Mentor: Dr. Brooke Blevins

Kathleen Peoples Zamulinsky
Dissertation, Learning and Organizational Change:
A Phenomenological Case Study to Explore How First-year Undergraduate Muslim Students Experience a Sense of Belonging on a College Campus in the Northeastern United States
Mentor: Dr. Tony L. Talbert

Doctor of Psychology

Lauren Adelyn Cohen
Dissertation, Clinical Psychology: *Validity, Reliability, and Gender Invariance of the Abbreviated Math Anxiety Scale (AMAS) in Middle School Students*
Mentor: Dr. Christine Limbers

Alexis Michael Humenik
Dissertation, Clinical Psychology: *The Role of Executive Dysfunction and Substance Use in Intimate Partner Violent Offenders*
Mentor: Dr. Sara L. Dolan

Anne Louise Kleinsasser
Dissertation, Clinical Psychology: *Lay Beliefs of Anxiety Etiology as a Cause of Perceived Anxiety Controllability: An Experimental Evaluation*
Mentor: Dr. Thomas A. Ferguson

Kiley Anne Schneider
Dissertation, Clinical Psychology: *Social Cognitive Processing Theory of Romantic Relationship Dissolution*
Mentor: Dr. Keith P. Sanford

Brittany Nicole Sherrill
Dissertation, Clinical Psychology: *Parental Social Support in Children and Adolescents: Validation of the Interpersonal Resilience Inventory—Adolescent Version*
Mentor: Dr. Keith P. Sanford

Samuel Robert Stork
Dissertation, Clinical Psychology: *Examining the Feasibility of a Self-Administered Hypnosis Intervention to Improve Sleep Quality in College Students*
Mentor: Dr. Gary Elkins

Doctor of Philosophy and Master of Science

Taylor Adaline Thompson Poe
Dissertation, Mathematics: *Poncelet Polygons Through the Lenses of Orthogonal Polynomials on the Unit Circle, Finite Blaschke Products, and Numerical Ranges*
Mentor: Dr. Andrei Martinez-Finkelshstein

Doctor of Philosophy

Swasti Raut
Dissertation, Biology: *Microbial community structure, function, and assembly in Texas Prairie soils: Insights from a preindustrial-to-future CO₂ enrichment gradient*
Mentor: Dr. Ryan S. King

Keighley Nicole Reisenauer
Dissertation, Biology: *Effective Targeting of Epithelial Mesenchymal Transition-driven Breast Cancer Stem Cells Using Ophiobolin A, a Natural Product*
Mentor: Dr. Joe Taube

Matthew Joel Wiest
Dissertation, Biomedical Studies: *Plasmacytoid Dendritic Cell TLR7/9 Response Modulation through EGA and a-CD138 Antibody*
Mentor: Dr. SangKon Oh

Tyler Austin Bartholome
Dissertation, Chemistry: *Investigating the Chemistry of the 9-Borataphenanthrene Anion*
Mentor: Dr. Caleb Martin

Katelyn Marie Baumer
Dissertation, Chemistry: *Prion-like aggregation of superoxide dismutase in amyotrophic lateral sclerosis*
Mentor: Dr. Bryan Shaw

Graham John Carlson
Dissertation, Chemistry: *Design, Synthesis, and Biological Evaluation of Benzosuberene and Chalcone-Based Tubulin Binding Agents Inspired by the Natural Product Combretastatin A-4 and Prodrugs Targeting Tumor-Associated Hypoxia*
Mentor: Dr. Kevin G. Pinney

Jacob Winfield Ford
Dissertation, Chemistry: *The Development of Prodrug Strategies for the Targeted Delivery of Dihydronaphthalene and Benzosuberene Inhibitors of Tubulin Polymerization*
Mentor: Dr. Kevin G. Pinney

Kevin Michael Gayler
Dissertation, Chemistry: *Synthetic Studies Towards Penicisulfuranol B; C-H Activation Borylation of Staurosporine; Design, Synthesis, and Evaluation of Rapamycin and Everolimus Analogs; Design, Synthesis, and Evaluation of Gemfibrozil Analogs*
Mentor: Dr. Bob Kane

Olatunde Patrick Olademehin
Dissertation, Chemistry: *Computational Study of Glycopeptide Antibiotics Interactions with Staphylococcus aureus Peptidoglycan*
Mentor: Dr. Kevin L. Shuford

Luke Thomas Richardson
Dissertation, Chemistry: *Development of Chemical Classification and Annotation Tools for Metabolomics and Lipidomics MS Analyses*
Mentor: Dr. Touradj Solouki

Amirrasoul Tavakoli Targhi
Dissertation, Chemistry: *Light-induced modulation of DNA recognition by the Rad4/XPC damage sensor protein*
Mentor: Dr. Jung-Hyun Min

Raegyn Taylor
Dissertation, Chemistry: *Targeted and Non-targeted Analysis of Pesticides, Algal Toxins, and Human Pharmaceuticals in Aquatic Systems*
Mentor: Dr. Kevin Chambliss

Maria Julia Monteiro
Dissertation, Church Music: *Perceiving Parallax: Human Agency in the Changing Nature, History, and Influence of the Brazilian Baptist Hymnal Cantor Cristão*
Mentor: Dr. Monique Ingalls

Jacob Thomas Sensenig
Dissertation, Church Music: *Passin' the Faith Along: A Sonic History of the Gaither Vocal Band*
Mentor: Dr. Monique Ingalls

Brandy N. Crowley
Dissertation, Curriculum and Teaching: *Preservice Teacher's Purposeful Questioning: A Descriptive Case Study of Elementary Mathematics Preservice Teachers*
Mentor: Dr. Sandi Cooper

- Tracy Delynn Harper
Dissertation, Curriculum and Teaching: *Refining Literacy Practices through Inquiry-Oriented Professional Learning: A Multiple Case Study with Early Career Teachers*
Mentor: Dr. Kelly C. Johnston
- Kurt William Salisbury
Dissertation, Curriculum and Teaching: *A Design-Based Research Study of School-Based Makerspaces in the Discipline of Mathematics*
Mentor: Dr. Trena Wilkerson
- Marie Kirkpatrick
Dissertation, Educational Psychology: *Video Activity Schedules to Support Academic Learning for Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder*
Mentor: Dr. Jessica Akers
- David Michael Rehfeld
Dissertation, Educational Psychology: *Phonemic Awareness Instruction with Children At Risk of Reading Failure*
Mentor: Dr. Tracey N. Sulak
- Anand Chaudhary
Dissertation, Ecological, Earth, and Environmental Sciences: *Cross-scale Interaction Effects of Socio-ecological Conditions on Forest Bird Abundance in the Eastern United States*
Mentor: Dr. Kevin J. Gutzwiller
- Zongqi Cai
Dissertation, Electrical and Computer Engineering: *Asynchronous Image Reconstruction*
Mentor: Dr. Kevin Schubert
- Blake Edward Schultze
Dissertation, Electrical and Computer Engineering: *Essential Elements of Proton Computed Tomography for Practical Applications*
Mentor: Dr. Keith Schubert
- Rebecca Elizabeth Cassidy
Dissertation, English: *Facilitating the Transfer of Writing Knowledge among University Writing Center Consultants*
Mentor: Dr. Michael DePalma
- Christine Pyle Cloud
Dissertation, English: *"Take me by the hand": Affliction and Liturgical Participation in George Herbert's The Temple*
Mentor: Dr. Phillip Donnelly
- Jonathan Canary
Dissertation, English: *Authorized Readers: Scriptural Mediation as Spiritual Formation in Walter Hilton and Nicholas Love*
Mentor: Dr. Sebastian J. Langdell
- Joseph Clayton McReynolds
Dissertation, English: *Feeling Real in Fiction: A Study of the Phenomenological Mimesis of Givenness in the Novel*
Mentor: Dr. Kristen Pond
- Luke Timothy Mitchell
Dissertation, English: *Witness to Woundedness in the Poetry of Seamus Heaney, Natasha Trethewey, and Derek Walcott*
Mentor: Dr. Richard Russell
- Benjamin Taylor Rawlins
Dissertation, English: *Vibrant Materiality in Modernist Women's Poetry*
Mentor: Dr. Julia E. Daniel
- Holly Hansen Spofford
Dissertation, English: *Apocalyptic Care: The Renewal of Creation in Elizabeth Barrett Browning, Christina Rossetti, and Gerard Manley Hopkins*
Mentor: Dr. Joshua King
- Roy Raymond Bassoo, Jr.
Dissertation, Geology: *Guiana Shield diamonds, the sub-cratonic lithosphere, and kimberlite emplacement in the upper crust*
Mentor: Dr. Kenneth Befus
- Stephanie Shi-En Wong
Dissertation, Geology: *The Development of Prodrug Strategies for the Targeted Delivery of Dihydroanthracene and Benzosuberone Inhibitors of Tubulin Polymerization*
Mentor: Dr. Joe Yelderman
- Cara Elise Cliburn Allen
Dissertation, Higher Education Studies and Leadership: *Environment and Affluence: How Food Insecurity Shapes Student Identity at a Selective Flagship Institution*
Mentor: Dr. Nathan Alleman
- Theodore Fletcher Cockle
Dissertation, Higher Education Studies and Leadership: *The Importance of What Students Care About: A Grounded Theory Exploration of Student Preferences and Pathways*
Mentor: Dr. Perry Glanzer
- Britney Nicole Graber
Dissertation, Higher Education Studies and Leadership: *Incompatible?: How Christian Faith Informs Title IX Policy and Practice*
Mentor: Dr. Perry Glanzer
- Kyle Nash
Dissertation, Information Systems: *A Dynamic Approach to Examine the Growth Trajectory of e-Participation Factors*
Mentor: Dr. Robin Wakefield
- Kathleen Erin Adair
Dissertation, Kinesiology, Exercise Nutrition, and Health Promotion: *Metabolic Health, Obesity, and Chronic Kidney Disease: Findings from the National Health and Nutrition Examination Surveys*
Mentor: Dr. Rodney Bowden
- Christina Nicole Bridges Hamilton
Dissertation, Kinesiology, Exercise Nutrition, and Health Promotion: *More Than a Place to Play: Evaluation of Youth Physical Literacy at Play Streets*
Mentor: Dr. Renee Umstattd-Meyer
- Emma Anne Fletcher
Dissertation, Kinesiology, Exercise Nutrition, and Health Promotion: *Obesity-induced Alterations to the Immunoproteasome: A Potential Link to Impaired Proteostasis in Skeletal Muscle*
Mentor: Dr. Paul M. Gordon
- Ashlyne Paige Vineyard
Dissertation, Kinesiology, Exercise Nutrition, and Health Promotion: *Exploring Adverse Outcomes and Potential Alleviators of Burnout in Athletic Training Students*
Mentor: Dr. Andrew Gallucci

Tavish James Dunn
Dissertation, Mathematics: *Generalized Inverse Limits and the Intermediate Value Property*
Mentor: Dr. David Ryden

Ian Grigsby
Dissertation, Mathematics: *On Various Notions of the Shadowing Property in Non-Compact Spaces*
Mentor: Dr. Jonathan Meddaugh

Jackson David Rebrovich
Dissertation, Mathematics: *Group Automorphisms of Incidence Algebras*
Mentor: Dr. Daniel Herden

Xiang Zhao
Dissertation, Physics: *Gravitational Waves in Einstein-aether Theory*
Mentor: Dr. Anzhong Wang

Jacob Robert Boros
Dissertation, Political Science: *Aldo Leopold's Political Thought: Particularizing American Environmental Dialogue*
Mentor: Dr. David K. Nichols

Benjamin Joseph Slomski
Dissertation, Political Science: *Judgment on the Sword: The US Supreme Court's Jurisprudence on Presidential War Powers*
Mentor: Dr. David Nichols

Madeline Rae Horan
Dissertation, Psychology: *Mental Health and Aggravation in Mothers of Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder and a Medical Home: The Mechanistic Roles of Coping, Social Support, and Health Insurance*
Mentor: Dr. Shawn J. Latendresse

Meilin Jia-Richards
Dissertation, Psychology: *Neuropsychological Predictors of Functional Disability in Gulf War Illness*
Mentor: Dr. Sara L. Dolan

Rejena Lynae Roberts
Dissertation, Psychology: *Cardiovascular Psychophysiology of Stress-inducing and Relaxing Imagery Following a Hypnotic Induction*
Mentor: Dr. Gary Elkins

Alexander Butler Fogleman
Dissertation, Religion: *The Shape of Faith: Creation and Theological Knowing in Early Christian Catechesis*
Mentor: Dr. D.H. Williams

Nicholas Jon Norman-Krause
Dissertation, Religion: *Political Theology and the Conflicts of Democracy*
Mentor: Dr. Jonathan Tran

Minho Kim
Dissertation, Statistics: *Statistical Methods for Complex Spatial Data*
Mentor: Dr. Joon-Jin Song

**The Robbins College of Health and Human Sciences,
The Honors College, The School of Engineering and Computer Science,
The School of Music, The Hankamer School of Business,
The Louise Herrington School of Nursing, The School of Education,
and The College of Arts & Sciences**

Saturday, August 14, 2021, Half After Two in the Afternoon – 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 Saint John's Bible

Jeffrey Archer
Dean, Baylor University Libraries

Procession Order

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

Directed by Gary C. Mortenson, D.M.A.
*Dean, School of Music
Baylor University*

The Invocation

Mark Rountree
*Member, 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

Sheri L. Dragoo, Ph.D.
*Interim Dean of the Robbins College of
Health and Human Sciences*

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

Dennis L. O'Neal, Ph.D.
Dean of the School of Engineering and Computer Science

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

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

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

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

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

Sam Henderson, *Reader*

Welcome to New Alumni

Amy Armstrong
*Associate Vice President of Alumni Engagement
Baylor University*

The Benediction

Michael McFarland, Ed.D.
*Member, Board of Regents
Baylor University*

"That Good Old Baylor Line"

Directed by Dr. Mortenson

Recessional

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

Candidates Presented August 14, 2021

The Robbins College of Health and Human Sciences

Presented by Sheri L. Dragoo, *Interim Dean*

Bachelor of Science in Family and Consumer Sciences

Apparel Design and Product Development

Erika Cuadrado
Hailey Ann Gray 
Daniela Raquel Martinez*
Nicolette Michele Rhoades
Tariro Zenda*

Apparel Merchandising

Claire Marie Fathers
Serena Kathleen McKinney

Child and Family Studies

Kaylie Taylor Cochran
Mary Margaret Edwards

Bachelor of Science Health Science Studies

Marisa Nicole Covarrubias

Bachelor of Arts

Communication Sciences and Disorders

Autumn Michael Knowles
Tuesdi N. Tidwell[∞]

Bachelor of Science in Education

Exercise Physiology

Michael Rhett Byrd
James Brandon Little

Health, Kinesiology, and Leisure Studies

David J. Briseño
Tristan Ty Clark

Brandon Richardson Fisher
Caleb Michael Jones
Hunter Louis Kalmus
Khalil Keith
Abigail K. Kodamanchilli
Madison Ann Kruse
Mark Richart Lacanilao
Ashton Logan
Christian Everett Morgan
Kallie M. Slayter
Katie Ann Slayter
Haleigh Shane Tepper

Health Science Studies

Jordyn Sierra Bruey
Tinsley Elizabeth Fisher
Rachel Ann Gambrel**
Amelia Jean Land
Elena Maes
Adrian Melendez
Braden Lei Meredith*

Ryan Matthew Schroedter
Divjot Singh Sidhu
Maureen W. Wassef

Recreation

Johnathan K. Cochran

Bachelor of Science in Public Health




Haroon Mohammed Khan
Jin Hyung Kim
Bhumi Patel
Tanaya Reddy Sanikapally





The Honors College

Presented by Douglas Henry, *Dean*

Bachelor of Arts

University Scholar


Hudson Baker 
Spencer B. Carter 
Payson Jeyaraj Clark 

Lauren Nichole Roe 
Diego Antonio Valdes 
Sarah Catherine Weaver 
Alexander Byrn Williamson,
Mathematics 

The School of Engineering and Computer Science

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

Bachelor of Science in Electrical and Computer Engineering

Elisabeth Esther Barbee*
Trevor Joseph Jackson
Jinhaeng Lee 
Francisca Odufa Oganya
Morotioluwa Jeffrey Sonola

Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering

Christopher Nicholas Bowser,
Instrumental Musical
Performance
Dante DellaLibera
Chase Thomas Heidenreiter
Conall Scott Smith
Zetai Zhang

The School of Music

Presented by Gary C. Mortenson, *Dean*

Bachelor of Music

Applied Music

Spencer Michael Adams
Cody Glenn Coen
Christopher Paul Eis,
Composition*
Hannah Elizabeth Scholz


Church Music


Brittney DeCoux*

Bachelor of Music Education

Choral Music

Michael G. Goforth[∞]

*cum laude **magna cum laude ***summa cum laude
 Completed Baylor Interdisciplinary Core requirements

[∞] Degree requirements completed May 2021
 Completed Honors Program requirements

The Hankamer School of Business

Presented by Sandeep Mazumder, *Dean*

Bachelor of Business Administration

Accounting

Matthew Robert Arthur,
Finance
Foster Malone

Baylor Business Fellows

Jimmy Wesley Arnold***
Lydia Nicole Dickens,
Marketing, Entrepreneurship
and Corporate Innovation**
Matthew Chance Kirchner,
Accounting, Management
Information Systems

Entrepreneurship and Corporate Innovation

Paul Jon Dickens*
Teresa H. Nguyen

Finance

Diane Baillieux, International
Business
William McCaffree Baxter
Anthony Michael Colombino
Benjamin Joseph Fierro,
Management Information
Systems
Haley Elizabeth Lasseter
William Carter Reed,
Accounting
Reid Dylan Tomlinson

Management

Joshua Daniel Carson
Joshua Ryan Hlavenka

Management Information Systems

Griffin Michael Bohannon
Andrew Dolan Brumbach
Rachel Christine Flemmer
Zeyu Lin
Assya McCreary
Brianna Danielle Rezler ****

Marketing

Madeline Nicole Garza
Brooks Christian Helmer*
Finna Mae Maixner

Jackson Taylor Moore
Shelby Myra Parks
Alex Powell
Abigail Elizabeth White

Sports Strategy and Sales

Cade J. Bandera

Supply Chain Management

Christopher Scott Springer
Matthias Tsz Pui Wong

The Louise Herrington School of Nursing

Presented by Linda Plank, *Dean*

Bachelor of Science in Nursing and Bachelor of Arts

Lisa Cathren Longoria, Medical
Humanities

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Amin R. Abushaer
Gracey Ann Aguirre

Dorishia Jeané Barnes
Natasha Elizabeth Casey
Mackenzie Ann Coleman
Ebony Regina Crawford
Rachel E. Cruz
Sara Nycole Evans
Rebecka Lynn Gonzales
Laura Daniela Gonzalez Diaz
Ansel O. Graham, Jr.*
Naomi Laneé' Graham

Saraya Leigh Hughes
Nurcan Ince
Taylor R. Jameson
McKinley Cornell Jenkins, Jr.
Peyton McKenzie Johnson
Ginger May Martin Kneale
Katie Jung-Min Lee
Paige Lynn Marquez
Christina Reid Miller
Julie Moser

Jennah Louise Parker
Lindsey Ann Pond
Dana Marie Salas
Mariah Carol Saucedo*
Mary Bridget Scott
Jasmin Jillian Sherman
Heidi R. Sperry
Jennifer Leticia Tzul Gutierrez

The School of Education

Presented by Shanna Hagan-Burke, *Dean*

Bachelor of Science in Education

Integrated Studies

Leia George
Sage Andrew Gonzalez
Catherine Conway McParland
Claudio Federico Ordonez I
Jingyu Wang

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

○ Degree requirements completed May 2020

⊕ Completed Baylor Interdisciplinary Core requirements

The College of Arts & Sciences

Presented by Lee C. Nordt, *Dean*

Bachelor of Fine Arts

Studio Art

Carter J. Bruey
Holly Ellen Higgins
Ruth Mercedes Rea***

Bachelor of Science in Aviation Sciences

Aviation Administration

Clayton Allen Little

Aviation Sciences

Miguel Angel Garza
Zachary Cole Hilliard
Fabrizio M. Munoz
Vanessa Brooke Vargas

Bachelor of Science

Anthropology

Shawn Gregory Cleaver[○]
Cara Grace Donaldson
Jalynn Jessica King
Elena Lucia Mazza
Stephanie Opene

Astrophysics

Evelyn Maria Guay

Biochemistry

Henry Michael Joseph
Burns***

Matthew Alvin Ching
Elizabeth K. Floyd
Matthew David Manner
Jensen Joann Smith †
Mike Hoang Tran
Tommy Tu
Paul Vining †

Biology

Abbigail Danielle Baughman
Alejandro Cano
Aidan Michael Collier
John Lee Gillies
Mallory Faith Hatchel †
Ashley Rose Horton
Catherine Corinne N. Hughes
Alejandra Jiménez
Gauri Manoj Ketkar
David S. Klopfer †
Virginia Dorothy Leidner,
German †*
Sara Rose Miller
Anajulia Vitoria Molina
Sai Sowmya Pendem
Catherine Mary Pivalizza,
Instrumental Musical
Performance
Brandon Patrick Planchard

Tyler Martin Ray
Eden Carole Seggerman
Bethelihem Biniyam Seghid
Allison Kate Sillah

Chemistry

Megan Kathleen Taylor,
Biology, Statistics

Environmental Science

Griffin Joseph Drum

Geology

Victoria Drew Benitez
Taylor Lea Watson

Geophysics

Natasha Barrington

Mathematics

Sean Carson Shipley

Neuroscience

Ima-Obong Emem Akpabio[∞]
Vincent Peter Božinov
Dylan Alexander Gould
Reagan Elizabeth Hosea
Kimberly Ginika Imoh*
Carolina Alexandria Licht
Ankith Pokkuluri †
Courtney Williams

Psychology

Mia Angeliese †*
Noah Coleman Booker
Devaang Thakur

Bachelor of Arts

Anthropology

Spencer Thomas Gage
Joshua Liam Gatti

Asian Studies

Stephen Christian Quimpo
Parcon[○]

Classics

Ethan Charles Bryant †***

Communication

Cole Thomas Andrews
Daniel Arterbury
Nathan Daniel Badders
Julie Gayle Baird
Austin Charles Baity
Blake Austin Bedier
Juan Manuel Benítez
Chavarriaga
Caitlin Bickle
Brock Truman Burnett
Jonathan Cade Davis
Destiny Alyssa Esparza †
Jacob Gerard
Stephen Blake Gregory

Nicholas David Hardan
Cody Quinn Hart
Yixuan Huang

Jackson Chad Kimble
Nicole Katrine Lorange
Allie Kay McPherson
Jason Latroy Moore, Jr.
Eric Joseph Nelson
Alexis My-Lien Ngo
Chelsea Mae Owen
Rachel Oak Parker
Seth Christopher Sammons
Tyquan Jakari Thornton
Jessica Claire Trumpler †
Keerti Uppalapati
Alecín Gisselle Zelaya

Communication Specialist

Caleb David Grieger
Greyson Barry Landrum

Earth Science

Andrew Tyler Tilton

Economics

Fengyao Gu
Yucheng Jiao
Larry Richard Smith III
Meiyu Zhang

English

Carson Delaney Decker
Caroline Jane Loop †***

Environmental Studies

Evan Michael Armstrong
Chloe C. Bennett
Ruize Ji
Casey Howard Phillips*

Film and Digital Media

Nathaniel Charles Devlin
Zachary Read Uthman

History

Ridge Kohl Koemel
Kaleb Luttrell
Caroline Rose Platt
Nathan T. Sexton

International Studies

Celeste Jeannette Allison
Rebecca Ann Blessing,
Spanish**
Erik Emmanuel Davis
Elizabeth Euridel Hart †
Jessica Corinne Salwen

Journalism

Kinsley Savannah Fisher
Claire Lauren Garza
Isabel Leann Hamburger
Trong Mai

Matthew Muir
NiCosha Marie Nelms
Hector Jeremiah Rodriguez

Latin American Studies

Jennifer De La Fuente

Mathematics

Lincoln Charles Pulliam
Chloe Ivana Soliz

Medical Humanities

Raul Maldonado, Political
Science

Political Science

Gilbert Timbrell Adams IV
Ashlynn Almasy
Haley Mechelle Byers**
Criston Étaje Cade
Colton Everett Hixson
Oriana Marie Martinez
Sydney Elizabeth Patterson
Olivia EM Quinn
Ryela Victoria Rodriguez
Samuel In Roh
Niann Robert Siriboon
Kristopher Eugene Terry

Professional Writing and Rhetoric

Caitlin Consolver
Allyssa Lissette Jimenez
Melinda Sherie White*

Psychology

Gabrielle Blanche Bendall
Ashley Rebecca Bowman
Shelby Fisher
Pooja Gadi
Dylan Thomas Martin
Elizabeth Marie Okoye-Ezeoke
Kayla Marie Rabb*
Christopher Elias Sammour
Bailee Nicole Shashack †
Kaytlin Marie Tant
Alina Amin Tharani
Matthew Wayne Wilcox

Religion

Katherine Chase Kruse
Joshua Joseph Martin †

Sociology

Virginia Grace Carlile
Chulmin David Jung

Studio Art

Rachel Elizabeth King

Theatre Arts

Tanaka Isheanesu Tava

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

[○] Degree requirements completed May 2020

[∞] Degree requirements completed May 2021

[⊕] Completed Baylor Interdisciplinary Core requirements

[†] Completed Honors Program requirements

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.

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, hand-bound, 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.

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.

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.

Baylor Senior Class Gift

For over a century, the graduating senior class has bestowed upon the University a gift to mark their time and contributions to Baylor University. Whether it's a concrete bench in the Quad from the class of 1906, the restoration of the Carroll Field football sign, or a new walkway in Traditions Plaza, the Senior Class Gift is one of the most meaningful and lasting contributions of our graduates.

The Class of 2021 has had a challenging year. The pandemic impacted activities, involvement, and the traditions that make the Baylor experience distinctive. Yet, one of the bright spots of this year has been the continued presence and resilience of Baylor's live bears, Joy and Lady. This year's Senior Class Gift will support their home and one of the most visited spots on campus — the Bill and Eva Williams Bear Habitat. The gift will help to fund a new interactive exhibit to engage generations of Baylor Alumni and friends in the care of our beloved bears.

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

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

Kristen Davis
Beth Farwell
Amy Giles
Mary Goolsby
Mieke Lahouse
Matthew Piech

Marshals for Commencement

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

Brooke Blevins	Charles North
Kathleen Boozer	Linda Olafsen
Christina Chan-Park	Kathryn Osteen
Sandi Cooper	Joshua Patrick
Juan Cornejo	Marlene Reed
Derek Dodson	Abdul Saadi
Jose Luis Escorcía	Carol Schuetz
Kathy Hillman	Scott Spinks
Emily Hunter	Michelle Stover
David Jack	Benna Vaughan
Hope Koch	Kirk Wakefield
Bradley Lail	Robin Wakefield
Beth Lanning	Nadine Welch
Paul Larson	Trena Wilkerson
Tim McKinney	Randy Wood
Marlene Neill	

Brass Ensemble

J. Eric Wilson, *Conductor*

Trumpets

Brandon Emerson
Alison Marseglia
Mario Mojica
Johniel Najera
Matthew Otte

Trombones

Jeff Harrigan
Dawson Ward
Nathan Stanfield

Tubas

Isaiah Buzdygon

Horns

Alli Bellows
Jerrick Cendejas
Everett Early
Josiah Stucki

Percussion

Lisandro Atencio

Office of the Registrar

Patricia Agado
April Benson
Sandra Groves

Dawn R. Khoury
Hannah King
Braxton Ray

Athletic Facilities and Operations

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

Jonathan D. Berry
Sarah Deffebach
Davis DeLoach
Chris Humphreys

Will Lattimore
Joe Todaro Jr.
Terry Tucker
Jeremy Vitt

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.

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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!*