

*One Hundred Seventh Commencement*

# Southern Nazarene University



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*Sawyer Center*

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## **THE SNU MISSION**

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Our mission is to transform lives through higher education in Christ-centered community. As a Christian community of scholars, we model the hospitality of grace, the pursuit of truth, and the practice of discipleship, all within the Wesleyan-holiness tradition, as we prepare graduates who think with clarity, act with integrity, and serve with purpose.

# Morning Commencement Program

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## PROCESSIONAL BY THE SNU BRASS ENSEMBLE AND ORGAN

“Pomp and Circumstance” by Sir Edward Elgar..... Dr. Phil Moore, Professor of Music / Director  
Dr. Mark Reighard, Professor of Music / Organist

**MACE BEARER** ..... Dr. Robert Lively, Professor of History, Politics and Geography

**WELCOME** ..... Dr. Loren Gresham, University President

**INVOCATION** ..... Dr. Dee Kelley, Pastor, San Diego First Church of the Nazarene / Parent

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jeremiah 29:11-13; 31:3, 16-17 ..... Mr. Al Cummings, SNU Board of Trustees / Grandparent

## \* HYMN (lyrics on page 16)

“Now Thank We All Our God” ..... Dr. Phil Moore

## \* NEW TESTAMENT READING

Philippians 1:2-6, 9-11 ..... Dr. Noel Jacobs, Associate Professor of Psychology / Co-director, Honors Program

## SPECIAL MUSIC

“The Lord Is My Light” by Frances Allitsen ..... Mr. Joel Wiley, Class of 2010

**GREETINGS AND INTRODUCTIONS** ..... Dr. Loren Gresham

**COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS** ..... Miss Melinda Meisner, Class of 2010  
Mr. Philip Cox, Class of 2010

**PRESIDENT’S AWARD** ..... Dr. Scott Strawn, Vice President for Student Development

**HONORARY DEGREES** ..... Dr. Loren Gresham

**HONORS AND RECOGNITIONS** ..... Dr. Gwen Ladd Hackler, Vice Provost for Academic Administration

**PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES** ..... Dr. Mary Jones, University Provost

**AWARDING OF DEGREES** ..... Dr. Loren Gresham  
Dr. Brad Moore, Chair, SNU Board of Trustees  
Dr. Martha Banz, Vice Provost and Dean, Undergraduate College  
Dr. W. Davis Berryman, Vice Provost and Dean, College of Professional and Graduate Studies

**CLOSING REMARKS** ..... Dr. Loren Gresham

\* **ALMA MATER** (lyrics on page 16) ..... Dr. Phil Moore

\* **BENEDICTION** ..... Mr. Vic Diffie, SNU Foundation Board Member / Grandparent

## RECESSIONAL BY THE SNU BRASS ENSEMBLE AND ORGAN

“Rigaudon” by Andre Campra ..... Dr. Phil Moore / Dr. Mark Reighard

Graduates, Board of Trustees, faculty and platform party will recess to the SNU Centennial Plaza for the Ivy Ring Ceremony. Upon dismissal, guests are welcome to follow the line to the ceremony.

**GUEST DISMISSAL** ..... Dr. Gwen Ladd Hackler

# *Afternoon Commencement Program*

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## **PROCESSIONAL BY THE SNU BRASS ENSEMBLE AND ORGAN**

“Pomp and Circumstance” by Sir Edward Elgar..... Dr. Phil Moore, Professor of Music / Director  
Dr. Mark Reighard, Professor of Music / Organist

**MACE BEARER**..... Dr. Robert Lively, Professor of History, Politics and Geography

**WELCOME**..... Dr. Loren Gresham, University President

**INVOCATION**.....Dr. Terry Toler, Vice President for University Advancement and Church Relations / Parent

## **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

Jeremiah 29:11-13; 31:3, 16-17 ..... Rev. Mike Meeks, SNU Board of Trustees / Adjunct Instructor

## **\* HYMN (lyrics on page 16)**

“Now Thank We All Our God” ..... Dr. Phil Moore

## **\* NEW TESTAMENT READING**

Philippians 1:2-6, 9-11 .....Prof. Wilma Galatian, Adjunct Instructor, SNU Tulsa Center

## **SPECIAL MUSIC**

“The Lord Is My Light” by Frances Allitsen ..... Mr. Joel Wiley, Class of 2010

**GREETINGS AND INTRODUCTIONS**.....Dr. Loren Gresham

**COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS** ..... Mr. Robert Sandlin, Class of 2010  
Dr. Tom Jones, President, City Rescue Mission, Oklahoma City

**DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**..... Dr. Davis Berryman, Vice Provost and Dean  
College of Professional and Graduate Studies

**HONORS AND RECOGNITIONS** ..... Dr. Gwen Ladd Hackler, Vice Provost for Academic Administration

**PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES**.....Dr. Mary Jones, University Provost

**AWARDING OF DEGREES**.....Dr. Loren Gresham  
Dr. Brad Moore, Chair, SNU Board of Trustees  
Dr. Martha Banz, Vice Provost and Dean, Undergraduate College  
Dr. W. Davis Berryman, Vice Provost and Dean, College of Professional and Graduate Studies

**CLOSING REMARKS**.....Dr. Loren Gresham

**\* ALMA MATER (lyrics on page 16)** ..... Dr. Phil Moore

**\* BENEDICTION**..... Mr. Vic Diffee, SNU Foundation Board Member / Grandparent

## **RECESSIONAL BY THE SNU BRASS ENSEMBLE AND ORGAN**

“Rigaudon” by Andre Campra .....Dr. Phil Moore / Dr. Mark Reighard

Board of Trustees, faculty and platform party will recess in a line of march.  
Graduates and guests will be dismissed at the conclusion of the recessional.

**GRADUATE AND GUEST DISMISSAL** .....Dr. Gwen Ladd Hackler

# Morning Speakers

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## **MR. PHILIP M. COX, BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN BIOLOGY-CHEMISTRY DEGREE CANDIDATE**

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Mr. Philip Cox, the son of Dr. Daryl and Judy Cox, is from Oklahoma City. During his time at SNU, Philip served as a student representative to the SNU Board of Trustees, Academic Council and Student Life Council. He has also served as a representative to the South Central Region Nazarene Youth Council, the alumni relations chair for SNU's chapter of Mortar Board National Honor Society, the minister of communication for SNU's chapter of Beta Beta Beta National Biological Honor Society, and a mentor for New Student Institute. He has worked as a lab assistant for the Departments of Biology and Chemistry, and served as a University Marshal in December 2008 and May 2009.

Philip participated in summer undergraduate research programs at Harvard Medical School, the Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation, and the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center. Philip was selected for Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges® for 2010.

After graduation, Philip plans to work in the field of biomedical research with the goal of attending graduate school and becoming a college professor.

## **MISS MELINDA MEISNER, BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN MARKETING DEGREE CANDIDATE**

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Ms. Melinda Meisner, daughter of Rev. Wes and Judy Meisner and granddaughter of Don and Millie Schuneman, is from Norman, Oklahoma. During her years at SNU, Melinda has served as the student body president, the Student Government Association office administrator and sophomore class vice president for social life, and a President's Ambassador for SNU. In addition, Melinda served overseas in New Zealand during her 2008 summer break through Nazarene Youth In Mission and served as SNU's 2008-2009 Youth In Mission lead ambassador.

Melinda was recently selected for Who's Who Among Students in American Universities & Colleges® for 2010. She received the Tullis Achievement Award as a freshman and is a member of the honor societies Delta Mu Delta, Alpha Lambda Delta and Mortar Board. After graduation, Melinda plans to marry her fiancé, Tomy Cummins, and work in Christian service.

# Ivy Ring Ceremony

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Following the morning Commencement ceremony, the recessional line will follow University Marshals to Centennial Plaza in front of Webster Commons where the graduating class of 2010 will participate in one of SNU's oldest traditions, initiated in 1933: the Ivy Ring Ceremony. Graduates are joined by holding an unbroken chain of ivy, symbolizing the unity of purpose shared by the class through their years at SNU. When the ivy is severed, graduates will be separated, signifying the parting of ways to serve God and others with the knowledge they received at SNU.

## **PROGRAM**

Formation of the Ring..... Graduates, Board of Trustees, faculty and guests  
Scripture Reading..... Courtland Park, Senior Class President  
Prayer .....Jenny Hann, Senior Class Vice President for Spiritual Life  
The Ivy Ring..... Dr. Loren Gresham, University President  
Severance of the Ring ..... SNU Administrators

# *Afternoon Speakers*

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## **DR. TOM JONES, PRESIDENT, CITY RESCUE MISSION**

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Dr. Tom Jones is the president of City Rescue Mission in Oklahoma City. City Rescue Mission is the State of Oklahoma's largest homeless shelter with 640 beds for men, women and families. City Rescue Mission also operates the state's largest free drug and alcohol recovery program.

Dr. Jones was appointed by Governor Brad Henry to the State of Oklahoma's Interagency Council on Homelessness. This council strives to ensure quality services for the homeless and needy and seeks to promote collaborations among stakeholders. He serves on the board of directors for the Dream Center in Los Angeles, California, an interfaith outreach facility to the inner city. He also created the Bridge to Life Recovery Program that is used in drug and alcohol treatment centers across America.

Dr. Jones earned a Ph.D. in Practical Ministries from Heritage University and Seminary in Kissimmee, Florida. He received his Master of Science in Leadership from Grand Canyon University, his Bachelor of Science in Family Studies from Southern Nazarene University, and an associate's degree in psychology from Oklahoma City Community College. He is currently enrolled in a Doctor of Education in Organizational Leadership program at Grand Canyon University in Phoenix, Arizona.

Dr. Jones and his wife, Connie, reside in Oklahoma City.

## **MR. ROBERT SANDLIN, MASTER OF SCIENCE IN MANAGEMENT DEGREE CANDIDATE**

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Mr. Robert Sandlin is the director of staff for the 72<sup>nd</sup> Air Base Wing and Installation Commander at Tinker Air Force Base and a United States Air Force Veteran of twenty years.

He is a 1995 graduate of Oklahoma City University where he was inducted into the Phi Alpha Theta National Honor Society in History. An avid softball player, he serves as a board member for the Oklahoma City Metro Senior Softball Association. He is a General Electric certified Six Sigma green belt. The product of an Air Force family, he was born in Albuquerque, New Mexico and has lived in six different states including Alaska in addition to living in England and Guam. Although he now resides in Yukon, Oklahoma, he calls Hanceville, Alabama home.

Mr. Sandlin and his spouse, Barbara, are the proud parents of their four sons, Jacob, Dan, Bobby and Jake, and their five grandchildren, Jacob, Kaleb, Taylor, Luke and Haley.



# *Honorary Degrees*

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## **REV. DAVID A. BUSIC, DOCTOR OF DIVINITY**

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Rev. David A. Busic is currently serving as the senior pastor at Bethany First Church of the Nazarene. Rev. Busic serves on the General Board of the Church of the Nazarene and is president of the denomination's USA National Board. He is a member of the Board of General Superintendent's Thought Partners, the Northwest Oklahoma District Advisory Board and the SNU Board of Trustees.

In 2007, Rev. Busic helped initiate the Swaziland Partnership to reduce HIV/AIDS rates and to assist children in Swaziland, Africa. He is coauthor of two books *A Pastor's Guide to Effective Preaching* and *Sharing My Faith*, and was coeditor of *Preacher's Magazine: A Preaching Resource in the Wesleyan Tradition* from 2000 to 2007.

Rev. Busic earned a Master of Divinity from Nazarene Theological Seminary and a Bachelor of Arts from Southern Nazarene University. He is currently pursuing a Doctor of Ministry in Theology and Culture from Fuller Theological Seminary. He and his wife, Christi, have been married 27 years and have three children: Megan, Ben and Madison.

## **MR. JOHN MICHAEL CRABTREE, DOCTOR OF HUMANE LETTERS**

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Mr. J. Michael Crabtree serves as assistant to the president for endowment development and planned giving for SNU, a role that evolved from his term as vice president for university advancement that started in 1989. He also served as SNU's alumni director from 1980 to 1989, and as SNU's first full-time sports information director from 1971 to 1980.

Mr. Crabtree's life has revolved around a philosophy of "friend-raising," a concept impressed upon him during his senior year in college when a benefactor paid his bill to keep him in school. That single event changed his life, and the greater SNU community became his family away from home. In an attempt to repay that investment, Mr. Crabtree has focused his passions on raising money for scholarships and endowments now totaling over 375 funds valued in excess of \$12.5 million.

Mr. Crabtree received his Master of Arts in Language Arts from SNU in 1972 and his Bachelor of Music Education in 1976. He married SNU alumna Cheryl Wallace Crabtree in 1974. They are members of Bethany First Church of the Nazarene and enjoy traveling, especially to Great Britain. They have opened their home to more than a dozen SNU students who have needed support to stay in school.

## **REV. WALLIERE PIERRE, DOCTOR OF DIVINITY**

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Rev. Walliere Pierre is the national coordinator for Nazarene Compassionate Ministries (NCM) in Haiti. In the days after the devastating earthquake in early 2010, he became the voice of the Haitian people to Nazarenes world-wide.

Rev. Pierre is a member of the General Board of the Church of the Nazarene. At the 2009 Nazarene General Assembly, he was honored with a Heroes Among Us Award for facilitating the launch of micro-lending and food programs, youth soccer leagues, water and agricultural projects, medical clinics and AIDS prevention activities. Rev. Pierre has a great heart for the Haitian people due in part to his childhood as a "restavek," Haiti's version of a child slave.

Rev. Pierre graduated from the Séminaire Théologique Nazaréen d'Haiti. He was pastor of what at the time was Haiti's largest Nazarene church and has taught for the last 20 years at the Séminaire. He and his wife, Elda, are the parents of five children.

# Degree Candidates - Morning

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## BACHELOR OF ARTS

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Clayton Bradley Baker  
Juliann Loree Beals  
Jonathan Spencer Berkley  
Lauren Leigh Brand\*\*\*  
Corri Lynn Brosius  
Devon Carlisle Brown\*  
Erica Marie Brown  
Charlotte Denise Burton  
Christopher Obed Chavez  
Megan Estelle Cole\*\*\*^  
Courtney Kay Connally  
Tyson Eliot Couch  
Brian Andrew Davis\*\*  
James Lowery Falkner III\*  
Stephany Ferreira  
Chase Christopher Glaum\*  
Kristina Leigh Groves\*

Destry Sally Howland\*\*  
Sarah Elizabeth Hunnicutt\*\*\*  
Danielle Marie Kellen  
Audrey Nicole Landers  
Erin Rachel Moore  
Barbara Janette Parker  
Alecia R. Peterson  
Jonathan Marc Platter  
Whitney Nicole Proctor  
Ja'Kee Terron Rivers  
Andrea Rojas  
Patrick Glen Ellsworth Russell\*\*  
Allyson Paige Sykes\*\*  
Christopher Paul Troutman\*\*\*  
Benjamin Tyler Wilcox  
Joel Dillon Wiley

## BACHELOR OF MUSIC EDUCATION

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Amanda Joann Baldwin\*  
Clinton Andrew Gilbert\*\*

Jessica Lynae Wheeler\*\*

## BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

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AdeBoye Jensen Ayodele  
Adam Christopher Bahner  
Kevin Edwin Beaver\*  
Jessica Katherine Benda\*\*  
Chelsea Nicole Berkley\*\*\*  
Bryan Nathan Bingham  
Kayla Terri Kroutil Bishop\*  
Shannon Marie Bivens\*\*\*^  
Bryan Timothy Robert Black  
Cesiley Michelle Bouseman\*\*\*^  
Daniel Stan Brantley  
Jenna Blaire Bridges\*\*  
Amy Jo Brooks\*  
DeSonya LaNiese Brooks  
Laura R. Brueggen  
Latasha Marie Bryant

Aaron Tyler Buchanan\*\*\*^  
Vladimir Bulut\*  
Keely Jo Burson\*\*  
Sara Cristina Byrne\*\*\*  
Rebecca Cabrera  
David Alan Cartwright  
Tiffany Chereé Chancellor  
Eric Adelaido Chavez\*  
Janna Marisa Colaizzi\*\*^  
Philip Milton Cox\*\*\*^  
Jenny Renee Crossland\*\*\*^  
George Henry Ivan Davis II  
Ashley Nicole DiFabio  
Meredith Denise Diffie  
Rachel Marie Ekdahl\*

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# Degree Candidates - Morning

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## BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (CONTINUED)

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Micha JeRae Finkbeiner\*

Karen Ruth Flowers

Jean Thierry Gakire

Heather Marie Gatton\*\*

Thomas Paul Goddard\*\*\*^

Michael Scott Green\*\*\*^

Brittany Lauren Gregory

John Paul Hanger\*\*

Jennifer Ruth Hann

Nickolus R. Highland\*

Samuel Mark Holliday\*

Eric Michael Hopkins\*

Clinton Paul Ingersol\*\*\*^

Johannah Isackson\*

Jodi Lynn Johnson\*

Sutton Paige Kelley

Lindsay Kay Kennedy

Colin Matthew Knapp\*\*

Erika Rochelle Knowles

Karen D. Koloff

Tina V. Kunnel

Daniel Bryan Langston

Lauren Ashley Langston\*\*

Lindi Lee Lebsock\*\*\*

Daniel Scott Linville\*\*\*^

Steffi Rae Littlefield

Chelsea Jealene Lowell\*

Paige Elizabeth Loyd

Jessica Lauren Mack\*\*

Jairo Arturo Maldonado

Andrew Joseph Marra

Don Omar Martin\*

Ryan Martin

Amanda Mashell Mayo\*

Matt David McGrath

Philip Wesley McLane\*\*

Aaron W. McNatt

Melinda Leanne Meisner\*\*^

Alanna Mena

Catherine May Metcalf

Jennifer Diane Metcalf\*

Laresa Dawn Miller

Eric Steven Moore

Adam Grant Myers\*

Micheal Steven Oglesby

Jenna Kristen Orth

Patrick Samuel Orth

Peter Irvin Orth\*

Sofia Padron

Jessica Michelle Pape

Harouna Pare

Courtland Michael Park

Dorthea Eutina Patrick

Christina Philip

Cody Lee Rains\*

Stephanie Dawn Rehkopf\*

Estela Irene Reza

Megan Marie Ritter

Robyn Emily Roberson

Stephanie Diane Royse\*

Courtney AnnMarie Ruby

Heather Lea Schauer

Christina Lynn Serracino-Maldonado\*

Daniel Weston Shuff

Kyle D. Sides\*\*

Jacob Mark Smith\*\*\*

Laura Kay Stangeland

Andrew Thomas Steinmeyer

Lisa Anne Stone

Andrew Reed Struck\*

Elliott Tate\*\*

Erin Nicole Tebow\*

Ashley Ann Thomas\*

Ciara Angelique Valdez

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# *Degree Candidates - Morning*

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## **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (CONTINUED)**

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Jill Ann Wadley

Kayla Marie Wallace\*\*

Matthew Aaron Ian Walter

Jane W. Wambugu

Isaac Joseph Ward

Johanna Elizabeth Wessner

Joan Elisabeth West

Charity Rose Williams

Justin Scott Williams\*

Kimberlee Robin Williams\*

Casey James Woods

McKenzie Joy Woods

Sarah Michelle Wright\*\*\*

Shelley Murrow Wright\*

Michael Ray Youtsey

Luis Alfredo Zuvieta

# *Degree Candidates - Afternoon*

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## **MASTER OF ARTS**

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Laney G. Bloebaum  
Maschelle Elaine Brakefield  
Nathan Eugene Brubaker  
Pamela Bickford Burr  
Wyanema S. Bush  
J. T. Carnell  
Sarah Keasler Casper  
Lauren Elizabeth Chaney  
Leslie Brook Clark  
Anita K. Cole  
Matthew D. Cook  
Chris Counce  
Jeffrey Thomas Counce  
Cyndi Lamb Curry  
Adam Michael Davis  
Keisha LaShawn Davis  
Dana L. Easley  
Michael Sean Fagen  
Carlee Hefta Gatlin  
Evangeline M. Goddard  
Jeremy W. Graham  
Brenda Joy Harris  
Lori Harrison  
Jenilee Belohn Hitchcock  
Dennis Allen Holly

Tori DeLane Howard  
Megan Nicole Ibanez  
Dixie Kellogg  
Jennifer L. Key  
Michelle Denise Koehn  
Lidia Michelle Little  
Brady Douglass Marston  
Amy Michelle McCartney  
Danette Reneau McCorkle  
Donna McCully  
Rachel Danielle Obadiah  
Robert Allen Ostman  
Stephanie Ellen Powley  
Robert Andrew Price  
Amy N. Pringle  
Lisa Annette Rollins  
Heather Nicole Ruiz  
Allen Serner  
Amy A. England Smith  
Jon Thomas Shepard  
Wendell Blair Sutton  
Jeremy Teel  
Lori Denise Teel  
Aaron Nelson Toler  
Amy Lynn Underhill

## **MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**

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Samantha A. Bawden  
Kristina Lee Brasher  
Andrea M. Brown-Robinson  
Justine Burns-Robertson  
Michelle Raye Castles  
Anesu Andrew Chishakwe  
Eric Ray Gilliam  
Tamiko Grady  
Michael Thomas Harlow  
Sherri Joy Hendrix  
Melody Leeanne Henry

Scott Ryan Hill  
Christine Michelle Hutchings  
Jerry W. Johnson  
Masimba N. S. Kaseke  
Jaye Casey Klierer  
Jeffrey Paul Kuhns  
Teresa Ann Langston  
Jennifer M. Lee  
Josh Ryan Malloy  
Richard Paul Martinez

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# Degree Candidates - Afternoon

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## MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (CONTINUED)

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Sherree Murray  
Amy Joanne Oxendine  
David A. Patterson  
Brandon L. Penick  
Barbara Kay Poulter  
DeJon R. Provost  
Jeffrey D. Ross  
Andrew J. Self

Roger A. Smith  
Nikki Taylor  
Angela Dawn Thayer-Lindsey  
Cory M. Tindall  
Ngoc (Gemy) Tran Bich Truong  
Adam Lee Walko, Sr.  
Regina L. Wray-Pannell  
Alan Barclay Young  
Joseph Allen Young

## MASTER OF SCIENCE

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Tammie Elaine Blackwell  
Todd Allan Bratcher  
Lindsay E. Dalton  
Monica Del Valle  
Kiva Lapasha Dennis  
Theresa A. Farris  
Diane A. Gaston  
Gretchen R. Geis  
Naila S. Gutierrez

Jon David Kessler  
LaTreece L. Langston  
Gwendolyn Lorain McKay  
Jonathon Edward Niles  
Bridget Lee Peka  
Robert A. Sandlin  
Shaun C. Six  
Colleen Ann Skaggs  
Amy Lynn Wright

## BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

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Cari J. Allen\*\*\*^  
Melvin Demond Allen  
Charles Ervin Alley, Jr.\*\*  
LaVonna Marie Arinwine^  
Stephanie Lauren Bailey\*\*  
Aaron Lee Bedingfield  
Gregory Alvin Borders  
Christopher Michael Boswell  
Alison Renee Boyd  
Guy S. Boye  
Brandi G. Breeden  
Delbert G. Briggs II  
Louise "Lulu" Brooks\*\*\*^  
Terrisa Bruce-Singleton\*^  
Ashley Renae Bryant  
Jarrett Douglas Bunch

Jan L. Bunney\*  
Jennifer Michelle Buxton  
Jill Kathleen Callen  
Brian L. Carmincke  
Kathleen Ann Cassil  
Stephanie Renee Chandler  
Kathryn Cherie Chavis\*\*\*^  
Donna Kaye Chesher  
Shannon Todd Clark\*^  
Marc Anthony Claudé  
Seth Michael Coffey  
Jeffrey R. Copeland  
Cynthia Kay Coszalter\*  
Phillip D. Crews  
Christi Nicole Crotsley

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## **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (CONTINUED)**

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Kathryn Anne Cusack  
Deborah Jean D'Amico  
Angela M. Dean  
Bo DelloIacono  
Deborra Jean DeWitt\*\*  
Kevin Neal Dowell^  
Janna Earnestine Elliott  
Desir e D. Ferguson\*  
Sheri Filippo  
Gretchen Loraine Fitzpatrick\*\*^  
Bobby Keith Fletcher  
Brenda Golden Fountain\*  
Aaron Michael Fravel  
Kelly M. Gray  
Dennis Kenneth Greenwood\*\*  
William Brian Halbert\*\*^  
Daira Doreene Hall  
Dayla Diana Hall  
Steven Gerard Hampton\*\*  
Aaron Joe Hansel  
Brian David Harden  
Joshua Steven Hathcoat  
Jason Hazelwood  
Jan Patrice Hein  
Jose Antonio Henriquez\*  
LaNita R. Holland\*\*\*  
Deborah June Holt  
Stacy Diann Humbert\*  
Robert G. Ingram  
Matt Janway  
Andrea Maycee Jarman  
Jeffry Scott Johnson  
Christina Diane Johnson-Crutchfield  
Cheryl Delphine Jones\*  
John Manuel Jones  
Morgan Elizabeth Kern  
Michael Eugene Kidder

Amanda J. King  
Mary Cathy King  
Keith Wayne Kingsbury^  
Tricia LaVonne Kudrna\*  
Don Everett Landrum^  
Glenda Denise Lane  
Cathy M. Latta  
Glenn Edward Lawson  
Latashua Diane Lee  
Chrissy Rae Lincoln\*  
Sherie Estelle Loman\*  
Stephanie Deyon Long  
Joaquin Lopez-Castaneyra^  
William Christopher Luttrell\*  
Sharrod Lamont Mack  
Tanya M. Madkins  
Robert Lee Maloney  
Tonya Louise Mason  
Lindsey Dawn McCracken  
Christopher Michael McCully\*  
Carla S. McNabb\*\*  
Larry Eldon McNutt  
Josette Alva McWhirt\*  
Tiffany Israel Mendoza  
Rachael Reid Metzler\*  
Adrienne Kathryne Alexis Michaelis  
Matthew Darryl Miller  
Sky James Miller  
Nicole Rae Mills  
Kendra Dawn Mooney  
Shawn Nicole Moore  
Denise A. Morgan\*  
Clarence B. Morrill^  
Michael W. Myers\*\*  
Clinton Alexander Neher  
Angela Sheri Newsom  
Dean Anton Obr\*

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## **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (CONTINUED)**

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Dennis Ernest Ortiz  
Kaylee DiAnn Osborne  
Juanita E. Owze  
David Anthony Padilla<sup>\*\*^</sup>  
Jessica Cameron Perry  
Ashley Peters  
Justin Austin Phillips\*  
Seth Thomas Pittard  
Nicholas Quetel Ponce\*  
Keeley D'Ann Rickles  
William Ryan Russell  
Paul Sacchieri  
Amanda Marie Sanchez  
Alethea R. Satterwhite  
James Edward Schrack  
Collin Matthew Shaw<sup>\*\*</sup>  
Tamara Dawn Slover<sup>\*\*</sup>  
Branden W. Smith  
Natalie Brooke St. Aubin  
Lori Kay Stewart<sup>^</sup>  
Michael Wayne Stockton<sup>\*\*</sup>

Andrea Dee Stroup  
Patrick E. Stroup  
Jaime A. Sydnes\*  
Barton Lee Taylor  
Douglas E. Taylor  
Layla Dorothy Thompson\*  
Tammy D. Thompson  
Stephanie Blayne Troy\*  
Cerys Lynette Tyler<sup>^</sup>  
Chris Alan Utsler  
Signolia Tasha Vaughn  
Michael David Walker  
Amanda Reneé Wardell  
Rochelle Ware  
Barbara Jean Watson\*  
Joy A. Wieland<sup>\*\*\*</sup>  
Tiffany Jacqueline Williams  
Shanon Denese Williams-Walker  
Deborah Carol Wilmore-Foster<sup>^</sup>  
Robert B. Worthy\*  
Anthony Young

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NOTE: This program is not intended to be used as the official indication of graduation or honors. Official SNU transcripts, signed and sealed by the proper officers, are the testimony to the conferring of a degree and/or academic honor. Students completing graduation requirements or submitting required documentation after the posted and/or announced deadline may not be included in this program. Names of graduates are listed alphabetically and not in the order in which they are called.

# Commencement Information

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## HONORS AND REGALIA

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Students graduating with high cumulative grade point averages are indicated in the candidate lists as follows. Grade point averages for the most recent semester may or may not be included.

- \* **Cum laude** - cumulative GPA of 3.40 through 3.74
- \*\* **Magna cum laude** - cumulative GPA of 3.75 through 3.89
- \*\*\* **Summa cum laude** - cumulative GPA of 3.90 through 4.00

**Hoods** are unique to educational institutions and are vestments that identify the degree conferred and the granting institution. Students receiving master's degrees today are vested with a hood with the SNU colors identified in the silk lining. The edging of the hoods shows the colors of degrees conferred today: drab for Master of Business Administration, white for Master of Arts, and golden-yellow for Master of Science.

**Cords and medallions** worn by degree candidates signify membership in honor societies, participation in the Ronald E. McNair Postbaccalaureate Achievement program, or completion of the SNU Honors Program.

**White stoles** indicate completion of advanced General Education coursework in SNU's Enrichment Track.

## ACADEMIC MACE

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The honor of Mace Bearer is awarded by a faculty vote to a senior member of the SNU faculty in recognition of dedicated service and outstanding character that exemplifies the SNU motto "Character/Culture/Christ." Today the mace is carried by Dr. Robert Lively, Professor of History, Politics and Geography, who has served as an SNU faculty member since the 1980-1981 academic year.

The SNU mace made its inaugural journey in the May 2008 Commencement. It is crafted in walnut from a tree that once grew on SNU's campus, and the stand is made from wood salvaged from another historic SNU building called The Tabernacle where early Nazarenes once worshipped. Both of these pieces of wood, though cracked and flawed, were saved by the late Dr. Lyle Tullis, SNU Professor of Sociology Emeritus, whose life and service impacted countless SNU colleagues and students. His son, Dr. K. J. Tullis, used this wood to craft the mace.

The academic mace traces its origins to the medieval battle mace and royal scepter and was adopted in the 14th century as a symbol of the university's ideals and commitment to learning. On ceremonial occasions, the mace is carried by a senior faculty member at the head of the procession. For commencement exercises, the mace is placed in its stand to signal the beginning of the ceremony and removed to mark the ceremony's end.

## IN EVENT OF EMERGENCY

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- ∞ Announcements and/or instructions will be given by SNU platform personnel.
- ∞ Law enforcement officers and SNU security personnel are on site to assist.
- ∞ Be aware and give assistance to elderly, disabled, and children.
- ∞ Elevators should not be used in the event of emergency evacuation.
- ∞ Exits are located at the outer four corners of the Sawyer Center.

# *Commencement Information*

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## **PRESIDENT'S AWARDS**

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The President's Award is the highest award at SNU for traditional undergraduate students. Two students, one male and one female, are selected by a vote of the faculty and administration. Students are nominated based on academic excellence, service, campus leadership, and a demonstration of the qualities reflected in SNU's motto, "Character/Culture/Christ." The finalists are noted in the morning degree candidates list with the ^ symbol. The sculpture presented to recipients is entitled "A Cup . . . in His Name" and was crafted by SNU alumnus Scott Stearman. Their names will be added to a plaque in Webster Commons displaying names of recipients since 1940. This marks the 71<sup>st</sup> year for presenting this award.

## **DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS**

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The Distinguished Achievement Award is an honor granted to students from each cohort in the School of Professional Studies. Selection is based on outstanding scholarship and exceptional leadership within the program and on recommendations by program directors, faculty and classmates. Recipients are identified with the ^ symbol in the afternoon degree candidates list. This marks the 24<sup>th</sup> year for the presentation of these awards.

## **COMMENCEMENT PERSONNEL**

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**Faculty Marshals**, in conjunction with other Commencement personnel listed below and the Office of Academic Affairs, are primarily responsible for the planning and coordination of Commencement ceremonies. The Faculty Marshals serving today are Dr. Steve Betts, Professor and Chair, School of Music; Dr. Sylvia Goodman, Professor and Chair, Department of Kinesiology; Dr. Nancy Halliday, Professor, Department of Biology, and Co-chair, Division of Science and Mathematics; Dr. Cathy Hutchings-Wedel, Professor and Director, Organizational Leadership, School of Professional Studies; and Dr. Tim Taylor, Professor and Director, Teacher Education Program, School of Education.

**University Marshals** are students recognized for their outstanding academic performance among those anticipating graduation in the coming academic year. These students are selected each year based on cumulative credit hours and grade point averages. The following University Marshals are assisting the Faculty Marshals during the May 2010 Commencement: Kara Adams, Erin Fitzgerald, Kelly Marie Hall, Rachel R. Hoile, Heidi Kathleen McLaughlin, Trevor Meek, Victoria Oakes, Anna Overhulser, Estefania Plaza, Sarah Stocks, Kyle Wilson, and Rhea Woodcock.

**Commencement Planning Committee** members, along with the Faculty Marshals listed above, coordinate various aspects of Commencement. The committee members are Dr. Martha Banz, Vice Provost and Dean, Undergraduate College; Dr. W. Davis Berryman, Vice Provost and Dean, College of Professional and Graduate Studies; Dr. Charles Chitwood, Registrar; Dr. Gwen Ladd Hackler, Vice Provost for Academic Administration and Chair of the Commencement Planning Committee; Mrs. Sherri Hendrix, Executive Assistant for Project Coordination, Academic Affairs; Mr. Michael Houston, Associate Dean of Students; Mr. Fred Jolliff, Custodial Supervisor; Dr. Mary Jones, Provost; Mr. Johnny Stubbs, Director, Security; Ms. Brenda Styers, Director, Alumni Relations; Mrs. Erin Toler, Director, Disability Services; and Mrs. Eunice Trent, Administrative Assistant, University Advancement.

# Music Lyrics

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## **NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD**

*Words: Martin Rinkart (1636) • Translated: Catherine Winkworth (1858) • Music: Johann Crueger (1647)*

### **Verse 1**

Now thank we all our God  
With heart and hands and voices,  
Who wondrous things hath done,  
In whom His world rejoices.  
Who, from our mothers' arms,  
Hath blessed us on our way  
With countless gifts of love,  
And still is ours today.

### **Verse 2**

Oh may this bounteous God  
Thro' all our life be near us,  
With ever joyful hearts  
And blessed peace to cheer us;  
And keep us in His grace,  
And guide us when perplexed  
And free us from all ills  
In this world and the next.

### **Verse 3**

All praise and thanks to God  
The Father now be given,  
The Son, and Him who reigns  
With them in highest heaven,  
The one eternal God,  
Whom earth and heav'n adore;  
For thus it was, is now,  
And shall be evermore.

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## **ALMA MATER**

*Words: Delbert R. Gish (1926) • Revised: J. Michael Crabtree (1986) • Music: Janet Durfree (1926)*

### **Verse 1**

Of all the schools in this fair land  
There's one whose name we praise,  
She's founded on ideals of right,  
To her our songs we raise.

### **Verse 2**

We'll work for her, we'll fight for her,  
Be loyal, brave, and true,  
We'll bring her fame and grace her name  
In everything we do.

### **Verse 3**

Though many ways our paths may lead  
When we from school depart,  
Let faith in God now burning bright  
Remain in every heart.

### **Chorus**

Alma Mater, Alma Mater,  
Hail, all hail to you.  
Red and white stand for the light  
Of dear old SNU.