

One Hundred Eighth Commencement

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THE SNU MISSION

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

PROCESSIONAL

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

MACE BEARER..... Dr. Lee Turner, Professor and Chair, Department of Mathematics

WELCOME Dr. Loren Gresham, University President

INVOCATION..... Rev. C. B. Glidden, Parent of Graduate/Board of Trustees Member/
Pastor, Fort Worth First Church of the Nazarene, Fort Worth, Texas

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jeremiah 29:11-13; 31:3, 16-17 (page 16) Dr. Philip Heap, Parent of Graduate/
Pastor, Rockville Church of the Nazarene, Rockville, Maryland

* HYMN (lyrics on page 13)

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” Prof. Jim Graves
Assistant Professor, School of Music/Director

* NEW TESTAMENT READING

Philippians 1:2-6, 9-11 (page 16) Dr. Heather Clemmer
Associate Professor and Chair, Department of History, Politics and Geography

SPECIAL MUSIC

“How Great Thou Art” by Stuart K. Hine/arr. Dan Forrest..... SNU Chorale/Prof. Jim Graves, Director

GREETINGS AND INTRODUCTIONS Dr. Loren Gresham

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS..... Hon. James Lankford, U.S. House of Representatives

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

HONORS AND RECOGNITIONS Dr. Mary Jones, University Provost

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES Dr. Mary Jones

AWARDING OF DEGREES Dr. Loren Gresham

Dr. Brad Moore, Chair, SNU Board of Trustees
Dr. Gwen Ladd Hackler, Vice Provost for Academic Administration
Dr. W. Davis Berryman, Vice Provost and Dean, College of Professional and Graduate Studies

CLOSING REMARKS..... Dr. Loren Gresham

* **ALMA MATER** (lyrics on page 13) Ms. Reba Baker, Class of 2011

* **BENEDICTION** Dr. Morris H. Stocks, Parent of Graduate/
The University of Mississippi Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

RECESSIONAL

“Rigaudon” by Andre Campra..... SNU Brass/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

PROCESSIONAL

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

MACE BEARER..... Dr. Lee Turner, Professor and Chair, Department of Mathematics

WELCOME Dr. Loren Gresham, University President

INVOCATION..... Dr. Mark Winslow, Professor, Department of Physics/
Chair, Division of Science and Mathematics

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jeremiah 29:11-13; 31:3, 16-17 (page 16) Dr. Elicia Brannon-Little
Adjunct Instructor, School of Professional Studies

* HYMN (lyrics on page 13)

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” Prof. Jim Graves
Assistant Professor, School of Music/Director

* NEW TESTAMENT READING

Philippians 1:2-6, 9-11 (page 16) Prof. Michelle Bowie, Instructional Technology, Online Learning

SPECIAL MUSIC

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GREETINGS AND INTRODUCTIONS Dr. Loren Gresham

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

HONORS AND RECOGNITIONS Dr. Mary Jones, University Provost

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES Dr. Mary Jones

AWARDING OF DEGREES Dr. Loren Gresham
Dr. Brad Moore, Chair, SNU Board of Trustees
Dr. Gwen Ladd Hackler, Vice Provost for Academic Administration
Dr. W. Davis Berryman

CLOSING REMARKS..... Dr. Loren Gresham

* **ALMA MATER** (lyrics on page 13) Prof. Jim Graves

* **BENEDICTION** Dr. Alan Young, Professor and Chair, Department of Sociology

FACULTY RECESSIONAL

“Rigaudon” by Andre Campra..... Dr. Mark Reighard

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

GUEST DISMISSAL Dr. Gwen Ladd Hackler

Commencement Speaker

HON. JAMES LANKFORD, U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



The Honorable James Lankford was first elected to the United States Congress on November 2, 2010. Before being elected, he directed the Falls Creek Youth Camp from 1996 to 2009. Falls Creek is the largest Christian camp in the nation. Under his direction, the camp experienced the greatest growth in its nearly 100-year history, and in this assignment, Rep. Lankford served people with his real world leadership and business experience.

Rep. Lankford has coordinated mission and community service projects in Belize, Malawi, England, Wales, and Germany as well as many areas of Oklahoma. He has spent his life training and challenging the next generation of leaders.

Raised in Dallas, Texas, Rep. Lankford attended high school in Garland, Texas and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in secondary education in speech and history at the University of Texas. He then attended Southwestern Seminary and received a Master of Divinity degree. After graduating with his master's degree, he moved to Edmond, Oklahoma to serve with the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma and became the director of Falls Creek Youth Camp.

Rep. Lankford has been married to his wife Cindy for 19 years. Together, they have two daughters: Hannah, age 14, and Jordan, age 11.

Ivy Ring Ceremony

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 2011 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..... Sarah Stocks, Senior Class President
Prayer Aubrey Thompson, Senior Class Vice President for Spiritual Life
The Ivy Ring..... Dr. Loren Gresham, University President
Severance of the Ring SNU Administrators

Citations of Merit

MR. BOB CHILDRESS

Mr. Bob Childress is recognized for his dedicated service to the Church of the Nazarene, for his support of Southern Nazarene University, and for his many years of leadership on the former San Antonio, now South Texas, District of the South Central Region of the Church of the Nazarene.

Mr. Childress is an active member of Midland First Church of the Nazarene in Midland, Texas and has served in his church in all areas including Sunday School, youth worker and church board. He has served his district as district treasurer for over 25 years, as well as serving on the District Advisory Board. He was recognized for the SNU Distinguished Alumni Award in 1991.

Mr. Childress received the Citation of Merit award at the Nazarene South Texas District Assembly in April 2011.

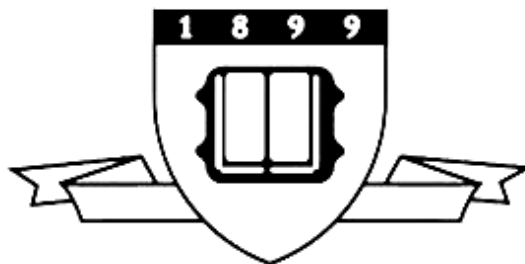
MR. RON EMMERT

Mr. Ron Emmert is recognized for his dedicated service to the Church of the Nazarene, for his supporting role as a member of the Southern Nazarene University Board of Trustees for 18 years, and for his many years of leadership on the former Houston, now South Texas, District of the South Central Region.

Mr. Emmert graduated from Southern Nazarene University in 1958 with a Bachelor of Science degree in business and was named Outstanding Alumnus in 1987.

He has been an active member of Orange First Church of Nazarene in Orange, Texas since 1945. He has been a faithful churchman involved with Sunday School, church board, finance, music, and Work & Witness teams. He has served on the district in many areas including the District Advisory Board for over 35 years.

Mr. Emmert received the Citation of Merit award at the Nazarene South Texas District Assembly in April 2011.



Degree Candidates - Morning

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Foster Ross Biggers

Kyle Thomas Boen **

Nicholas Isaac Bollinger

James D. Brown **

Andrew Micah Cole

Michael Vincent Crouse **

Lori René Emmert *

Kelcie Jo Exline ***

Brittany Michelle Fisher *

Elisa Brianna Garcia

Lauren Elizabeth Glidden **

Jared Chandler Grosse *

Kelly Marie Hall ***

Anderson Harrison III

Herschel Aaron Hepler

Nicholas Alan Holmes

Isaac Juarez

Jessica Diane Martin

Kevin Michael Nye *

Eric Bryce O'Neal *^

Taylor Lynn Ogden

Sarah Elizabeth Privott **^

Leslie Anne Riepl *

Caitlin Elizabeth Ross

Rebecca Lynn Rovenstine

Ruth D. Sanchez

Rachel Marie Smith

Ashley Renee Stewart ***

Sarah Emilyn Stocks **

BACHELOR OF MUSIC EDUCATION

Emily Rose Baldwin **

Robert V. Cooper III

Antonio Cruz Flores

Carmen B. Highland **

Victoria Nicole Oakes ***

Keegan Glenn Trimble **

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Lanre Sunday Abawonse

Kara LeeAnne Adams ***

Fafa Alce

Rachel Danae Anderson *

Donna Kaye Auter

Elizabeth Ann Baker

Reba Kathleen Baker **

Matthew Ryan Barnes

Heather Reneé Bateman

Alfred Marion Beasler III *^

Adam Christopher Bies ***

Keli Amber Billups

Andrew Paul Blakeman *

David Thomas Bond *^

Jessica Dawn Book *

Deidra Jill Bowman *

Chelsea Ruth Boyd *

Isaiah Robert Michael Bray

Kaylee Ann Brooks **^

Brittini Chanel Brown

Shanna Machel Buckles

Alicia Jane Busic

Ricky James Cabello

Devin Phillip Campbell

Stuart K. Campbell

Andrew Wayne Dawson ^

Courtland Conner Diffie

Jeffery Chandler Diffie

Lauren Nicole Edmonds

Rachel Elise Eguren **^

Lori Michelle Ely

Molly Delaine Emrich *

Angela Lynn Evans

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Degree Candidates - Morning

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (CONTINUED)

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Erin Elizabeth Fitzgerald ***

Andrea Nicole Frazier

John David Frees **

Joseph John Gonzales

Tiffany Dawn Gossett *

Katie Leann Greenback

Timothy Lee Hahn

Lindsey Dawn Hamilton *

Danielle Nicole Hampton

Kendra Michelle Hansen *

Casey Jo Katherina Hauk

Erin Elizabeth Heap *

Robert Logan Henry *

Stephen Andrew Hewes*

Daniel Alan Hillian

Christopher Jon Holcomb

Nathan Ray Holliday *

Mariah Dawn Hollingsworth

Janell Marie Jensen Hopkins *

Kristen Marie Hopkins

Shea A. Hutchison

Benjamin Hunt Jackson

Robert McClellon Jackson II **

Abby Leigh Jagers **

Robert Paul James ***^

Bethany Domingue Jean

Samuel Evan Johnson

Sharmeda Jiqué Johnson

Tiffany Marie Johnson

Twinkle Rachel Joseph

Kristen Michelle Keeter

Lana C. Keith

Jordan Michael Key

Brittany Elise Kiser *

Olga Kozhevnikova

Lauren Blake Lamb *

Robert Christopher Lee

Meghan A. Leibold **

Matthew David Ligon

Caitlin Amanda Litsey **

Morgan Kirsten Loewen

Tiffani Megan Lowell *

Beverly Kay Lyles *

Stephanie Lee Mabe **

Loren M. Martin *

Melissa Joy Matlock *

Ryan C. McCully

Aaron Timothy McKinney

Myron Lamont McKinney

Trevor Jonathan Meek **

Braden Matthew Mosshart **

Clement P. N'gom **

Sarah R. Naim

Rachel Dee Neher

Erick Kimutai Ngeny

Whitney Victoria Nissen

Cory Vaughan Nolan

Elizabeth Ashley Oliver

Andrea Estefania Plaza Ortega ***

Anna Marie Overhulser ***

Joshua Matthew Platter

Kerri Lynn Porter

Mark Alan Rains

Meghan Elise Ramsey **

Brittnee Nicole Rankin **

Caylee Joy Retter *

Cie Ann Richards

Charles Tanner Roberson

Joshua Rodriguez

Christopher Allen Rowe *

Loren Michael Rush *

Bradley Allen Sablatura **

Alejandra Sanchez *

Margalite P. Sanon *

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Degree Candidates - Morning

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (CONTINUED)

(Continued from page 9)

Tresa Geneace Maria Santiago
Brittany Nicole Sexton *
Sally Evaughan Shriver *
Jordan E. Simmons
Brenden Tyler Smith
Taylor Lee Smith
Joshua John Snowbarger
Brittany Elizabeth Solís ***
Joseph Roy Streets
Matthew Davis Styers
Mitchell Lee Summerford
Christy Dawn Swank *^
Christopher M. Tabor
Amanda Grace Talafuse
Aubrey Elizabeth Thompson *
Ibiere Sopukro Tienabeso
Michael Andrew Tucker

Sommer Nicole Tyrrell *
Stephen Mark VanZant
Renija Varghese
Adrian Mark Vera
Bethany Suzanne Warnock
Joshua Mark Wessner
Todd Emerson Wetmore
Sarah Elizabeth White
Sarah Elizabeth Whittenberg
Lori Vanessa Wilkerson
Matthew Anthony Wilkowske
John Ross Williamson
Kyle David Wilson ***
Loren D. Wilson
Veronica Rhea Woodcock ***^
Chelsea Latrice Yarbrough
Julia Melody Yarbrough

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Degree Candidates - Afternoon

MASTER OF ARTS

Stephanie J. Aitken
Angela M. Atkins
Kenda Lea Bates
Tonja Lee Bell
Jon Mark Bielich
Brenda Kay Blankenship
Erica Lynn Blystone
Cristine Brenda Bolley
Jane Sullivan Bowden
Jody L. Bowie
Micheal Branch
Douglas Eben Brown
Tonya L. Bruton
Kristy K. Burrough
Toni A. Butler
Irma Maria Chajeci
Amy J. Clardy
Tracey Lynn Deathe
Ann Campbell Durbin
Jasmyne Racheal Easter
Kara L. Falen
Willie Keith Fife
Jay Lance Forshee I
Robbyn Shook Glinsmann
Douglas Allyn Henkel
Belinda M. Highful
James H. Highful
Cristina Michelle Holloway

Nena C. Hudson
Brian K. James
Rendy Nicole Janssen
Rebecca M. Johnson
Jana Michelle Lampton
Katez S. Marshall
Angela Kay Metcalf
Paul Alexander Metcalfe
Donald Wayne Miller, Jr.
Laura Renee Moore
Cathy Lee Murphy
Ami Louise Payne
Melissa A. Pickel
Dorsey P. Ramsey
Kelsey Anne Rogstad
Lisa Anne Slingerland
James Paul Smith
Sharlene S. Starnes
Shelly Beth Thompson
Thomas Chandler Thompson
Sonia Kay Treptow
Gloria D. Tucker
Amy Rose Twitty
Lorinda Jean Vinyard
Kenneth D. Ward
Daniel A. West
Tanna L. Winship

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Olayinka Ken Allen
Kenneth Aaron Bertoson III
Adam Wayne Bigknife
Katy Leigh Bradley
Jeffery Scott Brooks
Adrian A. Brown
Justin D. Brown
Michael W. Burdge

Joshua Keith Byler
Onlia Denise Cherry
Theresa Marceles Connelly
Marty Allen Cox
Jeremy Lee DeGroot
Derek L. Dobbins
Kendal Karis Elzy

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Degree Candidates - Afternoon

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (CONTINUED)

(Continued from page 11)

Adam E. Eppes
Trina M. Evans
Amanda Jojean Fisher
Gladys G. Foster
Charles S. Hardy
Dana Michelle Hardy
Andre L. Hodges
Chad D. Jagers
Kaytie Lenee Joiner
Robert Joel Langford
Jordan L. Lytle
Jessica A. McConnell
Richard Michael Monnier
Cynthia Lea Morris
Kyle Derek Morris
Daniel James Nelson

Gerald Keith Nix
Christina Elizabeth Panicker
Kevin Lamar Peterson
Waymond Wayne Pickett
Jason L. Pound
Kristin L. Reynolds
Don G. Ross
Christa A. Seedorf
Jie Lai Shi
Leslie L. Sims
Jacob Clark Von Tungeln
Larry G. Vuycankiat
Michael Adam Ward
Joshua Alan Williams
William David Yarngo II

MASTER OF SCIENCE

Ravi Ale
Tammy L. Drum
Tasia DaCarol Galbreath
Tarah Nicole Gee
Jessica Jo Hilgenberg
Angelena Marie Johnson

Kristina Shalini Kolandasamy
Jiang Di Liu
Angela Susan Perry
Anita Reeves
Clayton J. Rhodes
Chad J. Seright

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Beth E. Adams **
Danny Dean Austin ***^
Cecelia May Barker
Jeffery Ellis Barnett
Jeffrey W. Barnett
Andrew Lee Beard
Leigha Marie Blackwell
Simona N. Blount
Christina L. Bodden **
Hailey Anissa Bradford ***^
Tara A. Brookman *

Crystal Brandy Brown
Robert Wesley Brown
Bradley Brucker
Luke D. Brummett
Lacey Danielle Buettner
Destiny Nicole Burke
Erik William Bylsma **
Latrice L. Calvert *
Rhonda Lynn Carlos *
Lindsay L. Citty*

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Degree Candidates - Afternoon

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (CONTINUED)

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Shelly Collins
Rebecca Ann Coon *
Truley Nicole Cooper
Jonathan Paul Cramer
John Scott Crouch ^
Steven Ryan Davis
Kanika Nathia Davis-Brown
Elizabeth Ann Day
Francis Michael Derieux, Jr.
Joseph Scott Dilley ***^
Lisa M. Dokmonovich ^
Cheryl Eileen Eaton ^
Kristi Davis Erickson
Casena Renee Fields
Carol E. Floyd
Jamelah K. Fortenberry
Kristen Rochelle Fraley
Latrease M. Frazier
Kerri Lane Garner **
Ethan James George ^
Cassie Marie Goodwin
Marriah A. Gresham
Tara J. Hall
Wynonia LaTina Hammons
Brian Hannebaum
Robert Owen Harmon *
Michael Garrett Harp *
Tyler Lynn Hartman ^
Jamie Beth Hathcoat
Lorrie Headrick
Jeremy David Heinz *^
Nick Lynn Henson ^
Michael T. Holford **
Shannon Rae Holt *
Aaron Alexander Hoskins **
Jessica Elizabeth Hudson
Jill Crowe Hughes ^
Kamber Lynn Hurst
Carol Kathryn Lynn Johnson *^
Martha A. Johnson *^
Lisa K. Kamp **
Tessa Lynn Kauble **
Sarah Kazerani
Sherri L. Kidney **
Jeremy David Kilgore *^
Matthew Lamey *
Julie Ann Linford
Sherwin Jay Lockridge, Jr. ^
Jarrod Justin Lott *^
Raelene C. Lowe
Billie Raye Lukinbill
Tara Lynne Lyon
Summer Parvaneh Manning *
Kenneth D. McDaniel **^
Patricia Louise McDonald **
Michele L. Metcalf
Adrienne Kathryne Alexis Michaelis
Tiajuan Y. Miller *
Lou Ann Mitchell **
Laura Beth Moffat
Mica R. Mumford
Miranda Lindsey Munson
Scott Daniel Neal
Chiante Nealy-McKaufman
Mark Destry Newman *^
Kelsey Northcutt
Mary Tokunbo Ogunsanya
Maria Cecilia Ossio-Janiewicz *
Mary E. Parish
Scott John Pascoe
Shlanta Qa Kinte JaQuen Pettway
Shalonda Phillips-Edwards
Ronnisha L. Pittman
Sarah Marie Plueger *

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Degree Candidates - Afternoon

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (CONTINUED)

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Brandon D. Pointer
William G. Poling, Jr.
Heidi Leigh Powell
Sharonda LAnn Preston
Micah Prosser *
Michael Bradley Rea
Joe Michael Riley
Leslie Roberts
Tammy Lynn Rodgers
Ryan Christ Russo ^
Lori Jan Sanders **
Joni L. Schrock *^
Angela Denise Scott *
Micah Selcer *
Mario Serna
Yolanda Sevier
P. J. Shyers ^
Aaron Michael Simpkins
Sarah M. Smalling
Eugene Robert Snyder, Jr.
Melissa Lynn Stuart
Jennifer Elaine Stutts

TaQuoya L. Tate
Brook Taylor-Ferrell ^
Sandra L. Thomas-Tyler **
Christina Titterington **
Derek R. Vinson *
Teresa Kay Waggnor *
Thalia Dawn Wagoner
Connie Michele Walker
Kara Anne Walker
Wendy Nichole Walker *
Esther Njeri Wambui *
Micqueal Ware
Rochelle Ware
Delores E. Warrior ^
Casey Lenoir White **
Bryan K. Whittle
Shanon Denese Williams-Walker
Jennifer Marie Wingate *
Richard Allen Wise, Jr. **^
Joshua A. Woodson
Lisa Carolyn Young-Jones *^
April Lynn Zeien

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Commencement Information

HONORS AND REGALIA

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 3.50 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

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 qualities that exemplify the SNU motto "Character / Culture / Christ." Today the mace is carried by Dr. Lee Turner, Professor and Chair, Department of Mathematics, who has served as an SNU faculty member since the 1978-1979 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

- ∞ 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

PRESIDENT'S AWARDS

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 72nd year for presenting this award.

DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

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 25th year for the presentation of these awards.

COMMENCEMENT PERSONNEL

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. 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 2011 Commencement:

Rebecca Brown	Elizabeth Fairchild	Kaitlyn Orwig
Chesney Burgweger	Katie Funk	Nitesh Patel
Daniel Chesney	Rachel Hoile	Laura Joy Pearson
Kylie Cooper	Chase Howard	Colin Whitsett

Commencement Planning Committee members, along with the Faculty Marshals listed above, coordinate various aspects of Commencement. The committee members are Mr. Brian Archer, Custodial Supervisor; Dr. W. Davis Berryman, Vice Provost and Dean, College of Professional and Graduate Studies; Dr. Charles Chitwood, Registrar; Miss Rachel Graves, Head Usher; Dr. Gwen Ladd Hackler, Vice Provost for Academic Administration and Chair of the Committee; Mrs. Sherri Hendrix, Executive Assistant for Academic Affairs and Event Coordinator; Mr. Fred Jolliff, Senior Custodial Team Leader; Dr. Mary Jones, Provost; Mr. Johnny Stubbs, Director, Security; Miss Kendra Thompson, Executive Director, Alumni Relations; and Mrs. Erin Toler, Director, Disability Services.

Music Lyrics

IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE, GOD ONLY WISE

Words: Walter Chalmers Smith (1867) • Music: Welsh Hymn Tune; harm. By John Roberts (1839)

Verse 1

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious. Thy great name we praise.

Verse 2

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;
Thy justice, like mountains, high soaring above
Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

Verse 3

To all, life Thou givest to both great and small;
In all life Thou livest, the true Life of all.
Thy wisdom so boundless, Thy mercy so free,
Eternal Thy goodness, for naught changeth Thee.

Verse 4

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
Thine angels adore Thee, All veiling their sight.
All laud we would render, O help us to see
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee.

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.

Scripture

OLD TESTAMENT READING

“For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.

Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. When you search for me, you will find me if you seek me with all your heart.

I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you.

Keep your voice from weeping, and your eyes from tears; for there is a reward for your work.

There is hope for your future,” says the LORD.

Jeremiah 29:11-13; 31:3b, 16a, 17a (NRSV)

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ.

And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that on the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

Philippians 1:2-6, 9-11 (NRSV)