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## **WELCOME**

Dr. Terry Rowland  
*Chair, Board of Trustees*

## **\*INVOCATION**

Dr. Lena Crouso  
*Vice President for Intercultural Learning and Engagement*

## **\*HYMN**

“Joy to the World”  
Dr. Jim Graves  
*Associate Professor, School of Music / Director*

## **GREETINGS AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Dr. Keith Newman  
*University President*

## **COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS**

Prof. Stephane Shellenberger  
*SNU Class of 1974*  
*Emerita, Assistant Professor of Kinesiology*

## **AWARDING OF HONORARY DOCTORAL DEGREE**

Dr. Keith Newman

## **PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES**

Dr. Tim Eades  
*Provost*

## **AWARDING OF DEGREES**

Dr. Keith Newman

## **ALUMNI INDUCTION**

Dr. Brent LaVigne  
*Vice President for University Relations*

## **SNU ALMA MATER**

Dr. Jim Graves

## **BENEDICTION**

Dr. Mark Winslow  
*VPAA for Professional and Graduate Studies*

### ALMA MATER

*Words: Adopted 1940;  
Revised by J. Michael Crabtree (1986),  
Music: H.S. Thompson (1857)*

#### 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.  
(to Chorus)

#### 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.  
(to Chorus)

#### 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.  
(to Chorus)

#### CHORUS

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

### JOY TO THE WORLD

*Words: Isaac Watts, 1719  
Music: George Frederick Handel, 1741;  
arr. by Lowell Mason, 1848*

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!  
Let earth receive her King!  
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room,  
and heav'n and nature sing,  
and heav'n and nature sing,  
and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the world, the Savior reigns!  
Let men their songs employ,  
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and grace,  
and makes the nations prove  
the glories of His righteousness  
and wonders of His love,  
and wonders of His love,  
and wonders, wonders of His love.

# *Degree Candidates*

## *Bachelor of Arts*

Taylor R. Cowan

Avery E. Ingersol-Carr

Jason Winstead Patalano\*\*

Alexis Danielle Ramos

Terrance Rashid Wilson

## *Bachelor of Music*

Andrew James Smith

## *Bachelor of Music Education*

Christian Levi Morse\*

## *Bachelor of Science*

Rakan Dhaidan Alajmi

Chad A. Amrein

Amanda K. Arbertha^

Emanuel Juan Arroyo\*

Nicholas Ryan Back\*\*

Nicholas M. Bailey

Joel David Bain^

Clariece Baker

Belinda Denice Ball

Treva G. Bare\*^

Cody J. Barham

Bethsaida Barrientes Flatley

Luka Belamaric\*\*

Micah Dean Briscoe

Koesha Brown

Geoffrey A. Brumage\*\*

Jerrick Matthew Burson\*\*

Jessica L. Busby

Julissa Michelle Camacho

Tonya D. Carter

Mayra I. Castaneda

Gabriel Eugene Castillo\*

Gustavo R. Ceballos

Darlene Deanne Childers

Kham S. Cing\*\*

Lindsie Charlene Cline

Jeramie E. Coffelt\*

Steven L. Collinge\*

Douglass M. Conley

Angel Marie Copley

Seresa Craig

Brett Michael Creach^

Steven Anthony Cummings

Kirk Czarnicka\*^

Chance Dhalluin

Michelle Lynn Dial

Isaiah Allen Diggs\*\*\*

Robert William Dotson

Markus Lamar Douglas

Michael Anthony Downs

Abrianna Dechelle Drake

Aubrey A. Dunlap

Robert Abegas Duwel

Trinity James Dvorak

Tyler Blake Edsel

Mikayla Christian Emmert

Nickolas Ewing Ernce

Gabriela Escobar

Ian Hamilton Farris\*

Scott Thomas Fenech\*^

Hunter Blake Flanagan

Hanna M. Fletcher\*\*

Shirley A. Fonte\*^

Lourdes Gil Arechaga\*^

Hannah Joy Glass\*

Nolan Dean Glidewell

Catherine Michelle Gonzalez

Exiquio Gonzalez

Violeta Gonzalez

Caleb Ryan Gray\*\*

Retina Renee Gray

Kimberly A. Gunter\*

Carson H. Harding

Curt Norvalle Harris\*

Amanda Raquel Haslam

Lesia Heilhecker

Troy Allen Henderson^

Marc A. Hernandez

Alex Lee Hilkert

Nikki Shea Hoge\*\*

## *Bachelor of Science* (Continued)

Bradlee Willard Hollis  
Matthew William Holmes  
Shelby Lauren Homer  
Sha'Nell Michon Hurling\*  
Chelsea Morgan Hurt  
LaNita S. Jacobs  
Shenita R. Jefferson\*  
Ashley Yvonne Johnson^  
Nicole J. Johnson  
Clarence Jones III\*  
Dianna L. Joseph  
Daniel Nyarwaya Karasanyi  
Sarah Jane Killblane\*\*\*  
Earnest Rickey King  
Lauren Nicole LaFon  
Norva L. Larney^  
Kayli Marie Lawrence  
Max A. Leach\*^  
Mekala Dawn Litterell\*  
Froy Sicat Lockhoff-Taylor\*  
Brayden Todd Lovelace\*\*\*  
Brianna N. Lucas  
Monique K. Malone  
Crystal Lee Marfil  
Cecilia Denise Marion-Harris  
Teasha Martin  
Shelby Ellen Massey\*\*\*  
Zachary Raymond McAlpin\*  
Matthew D. McClintock\*  
Alisha Michelle McCuan\*\*\*^  
Kari Y. McLaurin  
Daniel Mejia  
Adrienne Kathryne Alexis Michaelis  
Jason B. Miller  
Jason Todd Milligan\*\*\*^  
Blaine C. Minks\*\*  
Synthia K. Moore\*  
Jenna Leigh Mulkey  
Bradley Dan Neff  
Andre Lamont Nelson  
Brent William Nelson\*  
Gerald Amabo Ngwa-Ngu  
Erin J. Nitzel\*\*  
Patrick O'Brien\*  
Krystal Marie Osborn  
Zachary S. Overstreet  
Jessica Anne Parker  
Michael Lee Pearce\*  
Nickolas R. Peebles  
Fatima Perez  
Melvin T. Perry^  
Danny Ray Phillips, Jr.\*^  
Karla D. Ragsdale\*^  
Marquis L. Reynolds  
Cheryl Leslie Rhodes-Haubrich^  
Eliana L. Rivas-Castro  
Tyler Chance Robbins  
Seth A. Roedl\*  
Jillian Rachael Rumsey  
Ramon Isaac Ruvalcaba  
John Ryan Salazar  
Kristy Rose Sanchez-Monllor  
Laura Suzanne Santiago  
Daniel Sawyer  
Reilly Elisabeth Schlarb\*\*  
Jason Paul Seapy  
Rhonda Kay Settles\*\*\*^  
Christian Nicholas Shelmire  
Brandon L. Sims  
Robert Neal Snyder  
Ashley Lauren Sorrill  
Micah A. Spell\*  
Jason Srader\*  
Angel L. Stewart  
Bentley Ann Stoabs\*  
Landon E. Stout  
Treager R. Stout  
Peyton Lynn Swadley\*  
Ellie Shanay Tabari  
Kayla Michelle Thomas\*  
Justin P. Thompson  
Mandy Minette Thompson\*  
Morgan Faith Thurman\*\*\*  
Denise Troutt  
Christopher David Tucz\*  
Colton V. Tuiasosopo  
Letitia L. Turner  
Tatum Nicole Turner  
Tony S. Turner  
CeCelia Leeann Tyree\*  
Donette R. Vandersypen  
Renaе Vargas\*\*  
Julie A. Waite  
Nathaniel Cole Walker III  
Golden Washington  
Candice Deshae White  
Michael L. Whitfield  
Bryan Kelly Willard  
Abigail J. Williams\*\*\*  
Tyler Allen Williams\*  
Jessika Michelle Wilson  
Ondra I. Wilson  
Jackson Winslow\*\*  
Blair Elizabeth Workman  
Stephanie R. Young  
Brandon Laurence Ziegler^  
Courtney Nicole Zwahlen

## *Master of Arts*

Mandy Jo Abel	Caroline Elizabeth Long
Kavina M. Agnew	Rachel Ann Looney
Tamara Lou Allen	Ivan Miguel Maysonet
Camrey Raye Asberry	Michael J. McGee
Amanda Marie Bailey	Morgan Lynn Morrissey
Chance W. Baker	Paige Nation
Joe Biddle	Aaron James Newberry
Katelyn Lauri Bright	Annie Pearson
Jennifer Nicole Bronson	Derek R. Pearson
Nathaniel James Buchholz	Natalie Reib
Mitchell Campbell	Jordan Elizabeth Roane
Terri Lynette Casanover	Tiara Denique Roberson
Martin Alan Caudle	Stephanie K. Robinson
Chad Everett Chadwick	Hanin Shawareb
Colby Lynn Dean	Alyssa Joy Smith
Kyle Brett Earnest	Bethany Maureen Smith
Jacke Lynne Fairchild	Katherine Diane Spencer
Steven Shawn Fowler	Jason Carl Stampley
Courtney Danielle Garrett	Shea Stark
Brooke Alison Gebb	Matthew D. Stephens
Garrett Thomas Gilmore	Jacqueline Alexis Stevens
Amy Elizabeth Haas	Michael G. Swafford
Emillia Danielle Ray Hacker	Ashley Taylor Talburt
Tyler Reanne Harvison	Melodi Lyn Trower
Erica Michelle Horine	Veronica K. Tuttle
Paige Ashley Huntington	Dezmon Carl Walker
Austin Hunter Jones	Robert Earl Whetzel
Kailee Anne Kreger	Ricky Dean Wilkinson
Karli Ryan Kucko	Larissa Gean Wilson
Laura Larue Kuranoff	Lloyd Austin Wilson
Hannah Elizabeth Lambert	Kaitlyn Louise Witt
Caleb Thomas Lamb-Swanigan	Alysse Elizabeth Yates
Kimberly Denise Litterell	

## *Master of Business Administration*

Alan Walter Armstrong	Jesse Roy Johnson, Sr.
Trent Douglas Bridgeman	Jess Thomas McAfee
Kassidy Burchett	Ondrej Melichar
Brandi M. Cathey	Frank Anderson Miller
Brandy Lynn Chaney	Ronald Jason Phillips
Tamara S. Ciggs	Abigail P. Prickett
Freddy Dinang	Dorsey Paul Ramsey
Assienin Emeric Dje	Carrie Reddick
Johanna Gonzalez-Virgen	John Eric Ross
Jacob R. Gross	Brandi J. Sevier
Joseph K. Guertin	Kim Smith
Jason Wayne Haag	Helen Marie Stasyszen-Jones
Whitney Miann Hayes	Robert J. Stevens
Elizabeth Louise Hopkins	Lamar F. Williams, Jr.
Brian Marshall Hunt	

# *Master of Science*

Arquimedes A. Best

Leah R. Cole

Eric Crotsley

Michael Folsom

Alison Marie Foster

Jacqueline Jenell Gray

Charles F. Jones

Helena Latrece King

Earl Marion Mason

Marené Sonia Meyburgh

Kaydee Jean Norton

Daniel P. Pace

Jennifer L. Pope

Elisabeth Ann Robinson

Jacob R. Scraper

Bobby J. Stitt

Jakah Rachelle Stultz

Quenetta Shanell Taylor

Ashley Nicole Walker

Makenzie Lynn Widman

## *Speaker*

### **PROFESSOR STEPHANE SHELLENBERGER**

Stephane graduated from Bethany Nazarene College (SNU) in 1974 with degrees in Biology and Physical Education and The University of Central Oklahoma in 1978 with a M.A. in Physical Education. She met and married her husband, Kent Shellenberger, a SNU alum, while attending SNU. Stephane and Kent were blessed with three sons: Scott (SNU alum), Brett (ENC alum) and Matt (SNU alum).

Stephane felt God's calling on her life to minister to SNU, church and community through her love of sports/teaching; having been inspired by both her mother and father's service to the education and coaching profession. She taught Biology for two years in an OKC metro public school before coming to Southern Nazarene University in 1976 to teach in the Physical Education Department and start the Women's Volleyball program. Her Volleyball teams advanced to five NAIA District championships/winner, three time Regional championships/winner, and a National Championship appearance. She was awarded the NAIA District Coach of the Year five different times during her volleyball coaching stint. Stephane also served as an assistant Track/Cross Country Coach, Assistant Athletic Director for the SNU athletic department, NAIA Champions of Character representative and NCAA Interim Senior Women's Administrator (SWA) for the athletic department.

Stephane served in a variety of roles in the School of Kinesiology that included instructor for the Physical Education and Health degree program and serving a portion of the time as Chair and Co-Chair. She also served as an Intramural Faculty Director and physical education instructor for the SNU Lab School. She had the opportunity to direct The SNU Children's Sports Camps, Co-Direct the SNU EXCEL academic camps and taught community swim lessons to children for over 40 years. She developed authentic lab experiences in partnership with local school districts for SNU physical education teacher candidates; emphasizing physical education with special needs children. She authored and supervised a community outreach grant from the Oklahoma County Health Department, Healthy Choices, for drug prevention, fitness testing, dance/water aerobics and nutrition education. Stephane wrote the program review for the SNU Physical Education accreditation and served as a national NCATE/NASPE/CAEP program reviewer. She served as the first interim SNU Senate Faculty President and was the first female elected to the Bethany First Church of the Nazarene Church Board. Stephane has taught Sunday School for over 44 years.

Other honors include: Outstanding Athlete Among U.S. College Students, SNU President's Award, Who's Who Among College Students, Excellence in Faculty Performance award.

## *Commencement Information*

### **ACADEMIC 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 at SNU, 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.

The SNU academic 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 Emeritus of Sociology, whose life and service impacted countless SNU colleagues and students. His son, Dr. K. J. Tullis, used this wood to craft the mace.

### **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



## HONORS AND REGALIA (Continued)

**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, participation in Student Support Services, participation in the Presidential Leadership Scholar program, participation in the LiveLast service program or completion of the SNU Honors Program. Military students and faculty are wearing red, white and blue cords signifying their service.

### 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 degree candidates list. This marks the 35th year for the presentation of these awards.

### COMMENCEMENT PERSONNEL

Faculty Marshals and the Office of Academic Affairs, in conjunction with other Commencement Planning Committee members, are primarily responsible for the planning and coordination of Commencement ceremonies. The Faculty Marshals serving today are Dr. Sylvia Goodman, Professor and Chair, School of Kinesiology; Dr. Cathy Hutchings-Wedel, Professor and Director, Organizational Leadership, School of Professional Studies; Dr. Tim Taylor, Professor and Chair, School of Education; and Dr. Ron Wright, Professor and Chair, Department of Psychology and Counseling.

**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 being honored during the December 2020 Commencement:

<b>Addie Smith</b>	<b>Liz Cayalo Serrudo</b>	<b>Tyler Cook</b>
<b>Kennedy Scott</b>	<b>Alexis Redwine</b>	<b>Megan Wortmann</b>
<b>Kassandra Gray</b>	<b>Grace Miracle</b>	<b>Olivia Lindsly</b>
<b>Victoria Davis</b>	<b>Kiersten Lewis</b>	<b>Esther Vineyard</b>

### UNIVERSITY HONORS

The University Honors Award is an honor of special recognition chosen by the Board of Trustees. Each honor is an expression of the values of Southern Nazarene University. In bestowing any of them, the board of Trustees not only recognizes an individual but also states publicly that the individual exemplifies SNU's values. **Honorary doctorates** signify high distinction in a career or profession.



Our mission is to make Christlike disciples  
through higher education.