STEPHEN F. AUSTIN STATE UNIVERSITY

COMMENCEMENT

William R. Johnson Coliseum | Nacogdoches, Texas



Centennial 1923-2023

COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

Aug. 5, 2023

Academic Procession	"Pomp and Circumstance March No.1" by Sir Edward Elgar
Presentation of the Colors	ROTC Honor Guard
Welcome	Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs
Recognition of Faculty	Interim President of the University
Introduction of the Commencement Speaker	Interim President of the University
Address to Graduates and Guests	John R. "Bob" Garrett Fair Oil Company / Former SFA Regent / SFA 1975 alumnus
Presentation of Candidates for Doctoral Degrees	Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs
Conferring of Doctoral Degrees	Interim President of the University
Presentation of Candidates for Master's Degrees	Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs
Conferring of Master's Degrees	Interim President of the University
Presentation of Candidates for Bachelor's Degrees	Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs
Conferring of Bachelor's Degrees	Interim President of the University
Alumni Congratulations	
Singing of the Stephen F. Austin State University School Song	
Academic Recession	"Triumphal March" from "Aida" by Giuseppe Verdi

ADMINISTRATION AND GUESTS

Ms. Gina Oglesbee, Interim President

PRESIDENT'S CABINET

Dr. Lorenzo Smith, Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs
Ms. Jane Ann Bridges, Chief Audit Executive
Ms. Carrie Charley, Interim Vice President for Student Affairs
Mr. Michael Coffee, Chief Information Officer
Dr. Michara DeLaney-Fields, Chief Diversity Officer
Mr. Damon Derrick, Vice President and General Counsel
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Mr. Ryan Ivey, Director of Athletics
Ms. Judi Kruwell, Interim Vice President for Finance and Administration
Ms. Jill Still, Vice President for University Advancement
Dr. Charlotte Sullivan, Director of Governmental Relations

ACADEMIC LEADERSHIP

Dr. Judy A. Abbott, Dean of the James I. Perkins College of Education
Dr. Timothy O. Bisping, Dean of the Nelson Rusche College of Business
Dr. Kimberly M. Childs, Dean of the College of Sciences and Mathematics
Dr. Marc Guidry, Associate Provost for Academic Affairs
Dr. M. Dustin Knepp, Dean of the College of Liberal and Applied Arts
Dr. Hans M. Williams, Dean of the Arthur Temple College of Forestry and Agriculture
Dr. Gary T. Wurtz, Dean of the Micky Elliott College of Fine Arts

STAGE PARTY

Ms. Jada Cartwright, Student Body President
Mr. Mickey P. Diez, Registrar
John R. "Bob" Garrett, CEO of Fair Oil Company and Former SFA Regent
Ms. Nita Hudson, Lecturer of Music
Mr. Craig A. Turnage, Executive Director of Alumni Relations
CC Conn, Faculty Senate Chair, Professor of Theatre

APPROPRIATE CONDUCT

Please silence cellphones and other electronic devices, and remain seated during the entire ceremony to show respect for our graduates.

Each SFA graduate and guest deserves to enjoy a ceremony without inappropriate or excessive interruptions from others. The possession or use of alcohol or illegal substances, air horns or other noisemakers, balloons, flags or banners is prohibited.

We ask for your assistance in making this event a pleasant experience for everyone in attendance. Any attendee who is disrespectful or disruptive may be escorted from the venue.

SFA officials are stationed around the concourse of the coliseum. If you need special assistance, please contact one of these representatives who will be happy to respond to your needs.

A sign language interpreter will be near the podium during the commencement ceremony. Reserved seating for people who are deaf and hard of hearing is available in Section 118, Rows A and B.

If you would like a graduate's name finger spelled, you may submit your request to representatives at the Disability Services table located east of the main entry doors outside of the marketing office. Please make requests prior to the platform processional.

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The audience will please be seated for the Academic Procession and Recession.

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COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY 1 P.M. • AUG. 5, 2023

NELSON RUSCHE
COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

JAMES I. PERKINS
COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

MICKY ELLIOTT
COLLEGE OF FINE ARTS

ARTHUR TEMPLE
COLLEGE OF FORESTRY
AND AGRICULTURE

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL AND APPLIED ARTS

COLLEGE OF SCIENCES AND MATHEMATICS

GRADUATE STUDIES

Dr. Lorenzo Smith, Ph.D., Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

CANDIDATES FOR DOCTORAL DEGREES

DOCTOR OF EDUCATION

NAME MAJOR UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES
Claire Chesson Murphy Educational Leadership East Carolina University

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

NAME MAJOR UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES
Tiffany S. Allen-Duran School Psychology University of Nevada-Las Vegas
Nicole Rene Baker School Psychology University of North Texas
Jessica Natalia Cuitareo School Psychology Stephen F. Austin State University
Angela LaFaye Lucas School Psychology University of North Texas

CANDIDATES FOR MASTER'S DEGREES

MASTER OF ARTS

UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES NAME MAJOR Miss Raquel Boutte Mass Communication San Francisco State University Dalton Reilly Hice National Security Stephen F. Austin State University Angelica Hilton Mass Communication Texas Tech University Aaliyah Zavonne Johnson Student Affairs and Higher Education Stephen F. Austin State University Ashton Wray Maisel Student Affairs and Higher Education Stephen F. Austin State University Christian Danielle Mancha **Professional Counseling** University of Texas-Permian Basin Cynthia Rodriguez University of Texas-Rio Grande Valley Mass Communication Paige Mackenzie Vadnais Student Affairs and Higher Education Stephen F. Austin State University Marisa Danielle Wood Student Affairs and Higher Education Stephen F. Austin State University

MASTER OF ARTS IN TEACHING

NAMEMAJORUNDERGRADUATE STUDIESJoshua Clay HaasTeachingStephen F. Austin State UniversityShelby Ann WattsTeachingStephen F. Austin State University

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

NAME MAJOR UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES
Alexander Francis Baylor Business Administration Stephen F. Austin State University
Paige Savannah Cooksey Business Administration Stephen F. Austin State University
Vanessa D'Elia Business Administration Texas A&M University
Thomas Edred Dimmitt Business Administration Stephen F. Austin State University

Julie Elizabeth Martin Mackenzie Shea Murphy Bryana Nikole Novegil Aniyah K'Shae Stubblefield Allison K. Thornton Trace Rudolph Elston Washburn Bethany Anne Wells Shelley Renee Young Business Administration Business Administration

MAJOR

Texas A&M University Stephen F. Austin State University

MASTER OF EDUCATION

NAME Amy Louise Acker Amy Lynn Adams Katherine Vanessa Alvarez **Edward Bradley Baca** Alexandra Lee Barlow Earl Bryan Le'Dashia Jenae' Canady Christyn McGregor Carriere Raney Garret Carroll Jessica Jean Chaffee Kenneth Duane Clark, Jr. Gloria Marie Conder April Dawn Dempsey Yvette Louise Garakani Amber Christine Grisham Melissa Brooke Harrison Kenneth Robert Hernandez Kayla Denee Heyward Dewayna Loriece Johnson Bree Morgan Jones Michael David Kenjura Francisco Lara Heather Elizabeth Larsen Janae Kristen Lock Travis Alan Marsh Meagan Nicole Martin Kaleena Ashley Mayo Mary Margaret Riley Joshua Aaron Rollins Rolando Armando Salinas Diana Melissa Sanchez Amanda Joyce Sparks Wendy Jean Stinson Madison Catherine Taylor Krista Rose Trujillo Abraham Vargas Justin Samuel Warner Kelsey Rynn Williams

Katherina Lynn Young

Educational Leadership Educational Leadership Elementary Education Educational Leadership **Educational Leadership Educational Leadership** Early Childhood Education **Educational Leadership** Special Education **Educational Leadership Educational Leadership** Educational Leadership **Educational Leadership Elementary Education Educational Leadership Educational Leadership** Educational Leadership **Educational Leadership Educational Leadership Educational Leadership Educational Leadership Elementary Education Educational Leadership Educational Leadership** Early Childhood Education Early Childhood Education Special Education **Elementary Education** Special Education Educational Leadership **Educational Leadership** Educational Leadership Special Education

UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES Sam Houston State University Texas A&M University Stephen F. Austin State University Sam Houston State University University of Arkansas-Fayetteville Stephen F. Austin State University Stephen F. Austin State University Stephen F. Austin State University Texas A&M University-Commerce University of Scranton Stephen F. Austin State University Texas A&M University-Commerce University of Houston-Downtown Stephen F. Austin State University Stephen F. Austin State University Texas A&M University Sam Houston State University University of Texas-San Antonio Stephen F. Austin State University Texas A&M University-Commerce Texas A&M University Texas State University Lamar University Stephen F. Austin State University **Baylor University** University of Houston-Downtown Stephen F. Austin State University Stephen F. Austin State University University of Central Oklahoma Texas A&M University-Kingsville Stephen F. Austin State University University of Houston-Main Campus University of Texas-Tyler Stephen F. Austin State University Eastern New Mexico University University of Texas-San Antonio Texas State University East Texas Baptist University Stephen F. Austin State University

MASTER OF INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

NAME **MAJOR UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES**

Kelsey Ann McMillan Interdisciplinary Studies Stephen F. Austin State University

MASTER OF MUSIC

NAME **MAJOR UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES** Martha Jhoana De Luna Mateo Music Conservatory of Music of Puerto Rico

Kaundria Denise Gay Music Texas Southern University

MASTER OF PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTANCY

NAME **MAJOR UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES** Yuneis Guadalupe Arce Accounting Stephen F. Austin State University Jacy Danielle Daugherty Accounting Stephen F. Austin State University Grace Elizabeth Edge Stephen F. Austin State University Professional Accountancy Kasandra Silene Fuentes Stephen F. Austin State University Accounting Robert Joe Hollins, Jr. Accounting Stephen F. Austin State University Ryan Joseph Hookstra Stephen F. Austin State University **Professional Accountancy** Chinye Fidelia Nwaobi **Professional Accountancy** Stephen F. Austin State University Jessenia Salinas **Professional Accountancy** Stephen F. Austin State University

Kailyn Nicole Southerland Professional Accountancy Stephen F. Austin State University

MASTER OF SCIENCE

NAME **MAJOR UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES** Cody Lynn Berry Agriculture Stephen F. Austin State University

Donja D' Ann Campbell Speech-Language Pathology Our Lady of the Lake University

Patrick Dewayne Coplan Geology Fort Lewis College Geology Stephen F. Austin State University Theodore Curiel II

Biology Savannah Damiano Oklahoma State University-Main Thomas Elie Free Natural Science Stephen F. Austin State University

John Craig Henson, Jr. **Environmental Science** Texas Tech University

Asani Alanza Hylton Kinesiology Stephen F. Austin State University Stephen F. Austin State University De Jernel Markel Adams **Human Sciences** David Craig Lackey Natural Science Stephen F. Austin State University Iesha Michelle Lane Speech-Language Pathology Stephen F. Austin State University Lauren Renee Lara Forestry Stephen F. Austin State University

Justin Ray Lovett Natural Science Stephen F. Austin State University Drue Oliver Lubanski Natural Science Texas A&M University

Md Atikul Islam Mamun Natural Science University of Dhaka

Brian Martinez Speech-Language Pathology Texas A&M University International-

Human Sciences Louisiana Tech University Susan Swearingin Morris

Angel David Nunez Correa **Biology** Stephen F. Austin State University Kelley Jane Ramaly **Human Sciences** Stephen F. Austin State University Camilo Enrique Rojas VI Stephen F. Austin State University Resource Communication

Haley Nicole Standifird Stephen F. Austin State University **Biology** Tyler Leon West Geology Stephen F. Austin State University Cole Walker Yates Agriculture Abilene Christian University

MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK

NAME Taylor Rose Wisdom MAJOR Social Work UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES Stephen F. Austin State University

THE DISSERTATIONS

Claire Chesson Murphy, Educational Leadership

"Analysis of the Appointment, Experiences, and Job Satisfaction of Leaders in Large Schools of Music" Directed by Dr. Barbara Qualls, Professor, Human Services and Educational Leadership

Tiffany S. Allen-Duran, School Psychology

"The Impact of the Comprehensive Crisis Plan Checklist-2 on a District Crisis Plan"
Directed by Dr. Daniel McCleary, Associate Professor, Human Services and Educational Leadership

Nicole Rene Baker, School Psychology

"The Effects of Transcranial Direct Current Stimulation (tDCS) on Facial Expression Approach/Avoidance in Students and Faculty with Broad Autism Phenotype"

Directed by Dr. Luis Aguerrevere, Professor, Human Services and Educational Leadership

Jessica Natalia Cuitareo, School Psychology

"Development of a Rating Scale for the Measurement of Adult Social Skills"

Directed by Dr. Jaime Flowers, Associate Professor, Human Services and Educational Leadership

Angela LaFaye Lucas, School Psychology

"The Behavior Assessment System for Children Third Edition (BASC-3)'s Classification Accuracy for Attention-Deficit/ Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) in Young Adults"

Directed by Dr. Luis Aguerrevere, Professor, Human Services and Educational Leadership

THESES

INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

Kelsey Ann McMillan, Interdisciplinary Studies

"Developing Nonprofit Theatre: Building a Foundation for the Emerging Theatre Company" Dr. Scott Shattuck, Professor, Theatre

MASTER OF SCIENCE

Savannah Damiano, Biology

"Dolphin Behavioural Responses to Uncrewed Aerial Systems as a Function on Type, Height, and Exposure" Directed by Dr. Jason Bruck, Assistant Professor, Biology

Thomas Elie Free, Natural and Applied Sciences

"Data Driven Approach to Identification of Key Terms in TCPA Dynamics" Directed by Dr. James Adams, Assistant Professor, Physics, Engineering and Astronomy

John Craig Henson, Jr., Environmental Science

"Effectiveness of 2016 Watershed Protection Plan on Bacteria and Nutrient Concentration Loads in the Attoyac Bayou Watershed"

Directed by Dr. Matthew McBroom, Professor, Forestry

Lauren Renee Lara, Forestry

"Quantification of Surface Vegetation Parameters in Fire-Prone Ecosystems of the Netherlands" Directed by Dr. Brian Oswald, Joe C. Denman Distinguished Professor, Forestry

Justin Ray Lovett, Natural and Applied Sciences

"Influence of Kaempferol on Noncanonical DNA Structure and Protein Aggregation" Directed by Dr. Bidisha Sengupta, Associate Professor, Chemistry

Drue Oliver Lubanski, Natural and Applied Sciences

"Modifying the Composition of a High Temperature Superconductor"

Directed by Dr. Walter L. Trikosko, Professor, Physics, Engineering and Astronomy

Md Atikul Islam Mamun, Natural and Applied Sciences

"Bioinformatic Analysis of the Interaction of EVC and EVC2 Proteins" Directed by Odutayo Odunuga, Professor, Chemistry

Haley Nicole Standifird, Biology

"Molecular Detection and Characterization of Rickettsia sp. in Hard Ticks Collected in Nacogdoches County, TX" Directed by Dr. Robert Wiggers, Professor, Biology

Tyler Leon West, Geology

"Reservoir Characterization of the Utica Shale Play Using Well Log Data in Carroll, Ohio" Directed by Dr. Julie Bloxson, Assistant Professor, Earth Sciences and Geologic Resources

CANDIDATES FOR BACHELOR'S DEGREES

NELSON RUSCHE COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Dr. Timothy O. Bisping, Ph.D., Dean

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Christina L. Bagley
Austin Glenn Blackwell
Aidan Leo Britton
Lena Kay Brown**
Chisa Castillo
Daniel Reid Cate
Grace Christine Colley
Jacob Prime Conger
Hunter Kyle Crooks
Christian Devant'e Davison
Sharla Diduch*
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Grace Elizabeth Edge
Samuel David Elwell
Benny Joe Emmons III
Ryan Andrew Esparza
Marti Leanne Glasscock

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Preston James Pennington-Sahs***

Mason Brady Reichardt

Kaitlyn Elizabeth Rieke Jessenia Salinas **Jonathan Scout Sanders** Ivan Ernesto Servin Cameron Dane Shepherd Noel Silva #Kailyn Nicole Southerland*** Tanzi Olive Stafford Nicholas William Stransky Tori Austria Tatum Kyle Daniel Terra **Joel Tovar** Tobias William Vallejo Sarah Madelyn Wakefield Briceson Alexander Walter Harmon Alexander West Madilyn Claire Williams** Cheree N. Young

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Callie Elizabeth Dunkerson***

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Maureen Johanna Self Jalyn Beth Yakesch***

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Kaci Lynn Franklin*
#Hanna Elizabeth Frith
Maria Del Rosario Guzman
Xander Malachite Nobel Haynes
Kendall Elisabeth Lowry
Ariel Hope Mundy

Albert Elias Saldana, Jr.*
Emily Lisbet Sanchez Lopez*
Reeves Thornton Saucier
Jordan Leigh Schmidt
Alexus Sierra Thomas
Alisandra Yvonne Torres

COMMENCEMENT NOTES

The gowns caps, and hoods worn at university functions date back to the early days of the oldest universities in the Middle Ages. Monks and students wore them to keep warm in the damp and drafty 12th-century halls of learning. This traditional academic dress has been gradually revised to the modern form seen today.

All gowns have a semi-stiff yoke, long pleated front and intricate shirring across the shoulders and back. The bachelor's gown is worn closed and has long pointed sleeves. The master's gown may be worn either open or closed and has long square sleeves closed at the end, the forearm coming through a slit near the elbow. The doctor's gown also may be worn either open or closed but is distinguished by broad velvet panels down the front and by three velvet bars on the full bell-shaped sleeves. This velvet trimming may be either black or the color distinctive of the field of learning.

The black cap and tassel are worn by holders of all three degrees; however, the doctor's cap may be of velvet and the tassel of gold. The hood (usually not worn by holders of the bachelor's degree) is a black shell, silk-lined in the color or colors of the institution conferring the degree. Stephen F. Austin State University colors are shown by a purple lining crossed with a white chevron. The velvet border of the hood is of the color signifying the field of study, or subject, not the college that awards the degree. Thus a degree conferred as Master of Science in Agriculture is maize, representing agriculture, rather than golden yellow, representing science.

Colors signifying various fields of learning as represented on our candidates are as follows:

Accounting, Business Administration	Drab
Agriculture	Maize
Athletic Training, Kinesiology, Special Education, Speech-Language Pathology	Sage Green
Biology, Biotechnology, Chemistry, Environmental Science, Geology, Mathematical Sciences, Natural Science, Physics, Statistic	Science Gold
Communication, Mass Communication	Crimson

Counseling, Early Childhood Education, Ed.D., Educational Leadership, Elementary Education, School Psychology, Secondary Education, Student Affairs and Higher Education	Light Blue
Forestry, Resource Interpretation	Russet
Human Sciences, Psychology	Gold
Music	Pink
Ph.D.	Dark Blue
Public Administration	Peacock Blue
Social Work	Citron

The universities represented by colors lining the hoods worn by our faculty are too numerous to be listed here; however, feel free to ask individual faculty members which institution their color represents.

THE UNIVERSITY MACE

The mace is a symbol of authority dating from the early Middle Ages in Europe. The earliest representation of the mace is shown in the Bayeux Tapestry in the late 11th century. It was the only protective weapon which ecclesiasts like the Bishop of Bayeux were permitted to carry. As used in royal processions, the mace came to symbolize the king's authority more than a defensive weapon. By the reign of Elizabeth I, the mace had become purely ceremonial and the objects themselves more decorative. The sergeants at arms and marshals in legislative bodies and universities all carried maces as visible tokens of authority. Maces in use in the United States date from 1756. The chair of the Faculty Senate, who carries the mace in graduation ceremonies, represents the authority of the faculty to protect and certify the degrees being granted by the university. The shaft of the mace is crowned by a head on which are mounted four representations of the university seal.

The mace is being carried by the Faculty Senate chair, or another designated member of the Faculty Senate.

THE CANDIDATES FOR HONORS

A student receiving a baccalaureate degree with academic honors has completed a course of study with at least 42 semester hours of SFA residence coursework excluding pass/fail hours and in the final 30 advanced-GPA hours (3000- and 4000-level courses) has a GPA as follows:

SUMMA CUM LAUDE 3.900 to 4.000 MAGNA CUM LAUDE 3.700 to 3.899 CUM LAUDE 3.500 to 3.699

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"All Hail to SFA"

Oh future bright 'neath the Purple and White All hail to SFA. 'Mid Texas pines we have Found peaceful shrines Where ev'ry month is May. Long live our Alma Mater, Honor to thee for aye. As years unfold, happy Mem'ries we'll hold,

All hail to SFA.