

# COMMENCEMENT

William R. Johnson Coliseum | Summer 2024



**STEPHEN F. AUSTIN STATE UNIVERSITY**

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SYSTEM ★ NACOGDOCHES, TEXAS

# COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

August 10, 2024

Academic Procession .....	“Pomp and Circumstance March No.1” <i>by Sir Edward Elgar</i>
Singing of the National Anthem .....	Nita Hudson <i>Lecturer of Music</i>
Welcome .....	Dr. Lorenzo Smith <i>Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs</i>
Recognition of Faculty .....	Dr. Neal Weaver <i>President of the University</i>
Introduction of the Commencement Speaker .....	Dr. Neal Weaver <i>President of the University</i>
Address to Graduates and Guests .....	Dr. Scott H. Coleman <i>SFA Graduate 1980 and Former SFA Regent</i>
Presentation of Candidates for Doctoral Degrees .....	Dr. Lorenzo Smith <i>Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs</i>
Conferring of Doctoral Degrees .....	Dr. Neal Weaver <i>President of the University</i>
Presentation of Candidates for Master’s Degrees .....	Dr. Lorenzo Smith <i>Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs</i>
Conferring of Master’s Degrees .....	Dr. Neal Weaver <i>President of the University</i>
Presentation of Candidates for Bachelor’s Degrees .....	Dr. Lorenzo Smith <i>Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs</i>
Conferring of Bachelor’s Degrees .....	Dr. Neal Weaver <i>President of the University</i>
Alumni Congratulations .....	Craig A. Turnage <i>Executive Director of Alumni Relations</i>
Singing of the Stephen F. Austin State University School Song .....	Nita Hudson <i>Lecturer of Music</i>
Academic Recession .....	“Triumphal March” from “Aida” <i>by Giuseppe Verdi</i>

# ADMINISTRATION AND GUESTS

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Dr. Gary T. Wurtz, Dean of the Micky Elliott College of Fine Arts

## STAGE PARTY

Dr. Scott H. Coleman, SFA Graduate 1980 and Former SFA Regent  
Dr. Aryendra Chakravartty, Faculty Senate Chair, Associate Professor of History  
Mickey P. Diez, Registrar  
Nita Hudson, Lecturer of Music  
Nathan Lyons, Student Body President  
Craig A. Turnage, Executive Director of Alumni Relations

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## ABOUT THE SPEAKER

### DR. SCOTT H. COLEMAN

Dr. Scott Coleman is a clinical associate professor at The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston School of Dentistry and a Stephen F. Austin State University alumnus and former regent. He received a bachelor's degree in biology from SFA in 1980 and graduated first in his class from UTHealth Houston School of Dentistry with a doctorate in dental surgery.

A member of the American Dental Association and the American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry, Coleman also is an Eagle Scout, a third-degree black belt in hapkido and a first-degree black belt in taekwondo, and an avid college basketball fan. He spends his free time training for Run Disney half-marathons with his three grown children.

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## 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

## UNIVERSITY SCHOLARS

To graduate with the University Scholar distinction, students must:

- have full School of Honors membership status
- complete 24 credit hours through honors-specific course sections, including 12 credit hours in honors-specific upper-level course sections
- maintain a minimum 3.0 GPA in honors-specific course sections
- receive no more than two C grades in honors-specific course sections
- and achieve a minimum cumulative 3.25 GPA.



**COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY  
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**NELSON RUSCHE  
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AND APPLIED ARTS**

**COLLEGE OF SCIENCES  
AND MATHEMATICS**

# GRADUATE STUDIES

*Dr. Forrest Lane, Dean of Research and Graduate Studies*

## CANDIDATES FOR DOCTORAL DEGREES

### DOCTOR OF EDUCATION

NAME	MAJOR	UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES
Lacey Ann Claver Folsom	Educational Leadership	Stephen F. Austin State University

### DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

NAME	MAJOR	UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES
Lauren Elizabeth Evans Biggs	School Psychology	Stephen F. Austin State University
Alison Wilhite Bradford	School Psychology	Stephen F. Austin State University
Madison Layne Kelly	School Psychology	East Texas Baptist University
Hunter D. Marzolf	School Psychology	Keuka College
Reggie Nicole Rios	School Psychology	Texas State University

## CANDIDATES FOR MASTER'S DEGREES

### MASTER OF ARTS

NAME	MAJOR	UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES
Melanie Lynn Caddel	History	University of Houston-Main
Erin Kay Deleon	Art	Lamar University
Eric Diggs Jr.	Mass Communication	Nicholls State University
Hailee Madison Mouch	National Security	Stephen F. Austin State University
Hannah Rose Horton Stewart	English	Stephen F. Austin State University
Ashley Nicole Watson	History	University of Houston-Main
Alaryca Marie Youngblood	Professional Counseling	Stephen F. Austin State University

### MASTER OF ARTS IN TEACHING

NAME	MAJOR	UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES
Cynthia Charlene Webb	Teaching	Texas Woman's University

### MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

NAME	MAJOR	UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES
Robert Lee Arnold III	Business Administration	University of Houston-Main
Abby Marguerite Coker	Business Administration	Stephen F. Austin State University
Ian William Cormier	Business Administration	Stephen F. Austin State University
Michael William King	Business Administration	Stephen F. Austin State University
Morgan Rhiana Williams	Business Administration	Western Governors University

## MASTER OF EDUCATION

NAME	MAJOR	UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES
Maria del Rosario Almendarez	Teaching and Learning	Stephen F. Austin State University
Cody Lee Anthony	Educational Leadership	Stephen F. Austin State University
James Thomas Baker	Educational Leadership	The University of Texas at Austin
Taylor Paige Banda	Teaching and Learning	Stephen F. Austin State University
Nicholas David Benton	Educational Leadership	Louisiana Tech University
Robert David Calhoun	Special Education	Texas A&M University-Commerce
Mary Amanda Coats	Special Education	Stephen F. Austin State University
Jacob Daniel Conner	Educational Leadership	Lamar University
Crystal Roberta Maekish Day	Educational Leadership	Prairie View A&M University
Shelley Erin Dehart	Educational Leadership	University of Mississippi-Main
Eryn Nicole English	Teaching and Learning	Stephen F. Austin State University
Diann Evans	Special Education	Stephen F. Austin State University
Hope Katherine Feaster	Teaching and Learning	Stephen F. Austin State University
Jessica Gante	Educational Leadership	Stephen F. Austin State University
Irwin Garcia	Educational Leadership	Texas Christian University
Courtney Paige Stevens Gill	Educational Leadership	East Texas Baptist University
Temisha Louise Greenwood	Teaching and Learning	Stephen F. Austin State University
Shannon Renee' Hoff	Special Education	Midwestern State University
Luz Daniela Lagunas Figueroa	Educational Leadership	The University of Texas at Austin
Carlos Jason Lopez	Educational Leadership	Stephen F. Austin State University
Jodie Marie Maresh	Special Education	Southeastern Oklahoma State University
Jennifer Ann Martin	Educational Leadership	Baylor University
Sarah Nicole Mau	Teaching and Learning	Sam Houston State University
Valery Kristen Medford	Educational Leadership	The University of Texas at Arlington
Emily Anne Mills	Teaching and Learning	Stephen F. Austin State University
Madison Kate Mills	Special Education	Stephen F. Austin State University
Abbey Elizabeth Prangle	Educational Leadership	Stephen F. Austin State University
Grace Starling Ramsey	Elementary Education	Stephen F. Austin State University
Rachel Ann Rice	Teaching and Learning	Texas A&M University
Keith Thomas Robinson	Educational Leadership	Erskine College
Aaron Ray Ruiz	Educational Leadership	University of North Texas
Melissa Kennedy Shukis	Teaching and Learning	Texas A&M University
Sarah Elizabeth Songco	Educational Leadership	Stephen F. Austin State University
Cody Ryan Thompson	Educational Leadership	Sam Houston State University

## MASTER OF INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

NAME	MAJOR	UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES
Lauren Ellis Burrow	Interdisciplinary Studies	Stephen F. Austin State University
Kendra Leann Simms	Interdisciplinary Studies	Stephen F. Austin State University

## MASTER OF MUSIC

NAME	MAJOR	UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES
Victoria Ann Cole	Music	Stephen F. Austin State University
Hyojeong Ham	Music	National Institute for Lifelong Education
Amanda Elizabeth Peck	Music	Ohio University



## MASTER OF PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTANCY

NAME	MAJOR	UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES
Skye Amber Bird	Accounting	Colorado State University-Global
Cameron Clay Caudle	Professional Accounting	Stephen F. Austin State University
James Whitfield Hendrix Jr.	Professional Accounting	Stephen F. Austin State University
Devin Arnell Lane	Accounting	Stephen F. Austin State University
April Evette Munoz	Accounting	Stephen F. Austin State University
Q Quinones Camargo	Professional Accounting	Stephen F. Austin State University
Angel Robles	Accounting	Stephen F. Austin State University

## MASTER OF SCIENCE

NAME	MAJOR	UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES
Lauren Elizabeth Abowd	Speech-Language Pathology	Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center
Jazmon Knochelle Alexander	Speech-Language Pathology	The University of Texas at Austin
Esly Areli Arevalo	Speech-Language Pathology	Texas Woman's University
Lena Renee Burden	Speech-Language Pathology	The University of Texas at Dallas
Alexis Carol Burke	Speech-Language Pathology	Stephen F. Austin State University
Alexandria Rose Cook	Forestry	Stephen F. Austin State University
Quentin Eloise	Mathematical Sciences	Benedict College
Jennifer Garcia	Speech-Language Pathology	The University of Texas at Austin
Johanna Bell Grove	Mathematical Sciences	Stephen F. Austin State University
Natalie Nicole Guel	Speech-Language Pathology	University of Houston-Main
Vianey Hernandez	Agriculture	Stephen F. Austin State University
Erik Herrera	Cyber Security	Stephen F. Austin State University
Richard Ntiamoah Kyei	Mathematical Sciences	Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology
Nicklaus Robert Langlois	Environmental Science	Stephen F. Austin State University
Matthew Paul Latta	Speech-Language Pathology	Stephen F. Austin State University
Aida N. Maldonado	Speech-Language Pathology	The University of Texas at Dallas
Jessica Marie Melgoza	Speech-Language Pathology	Texas A&M University
Amber Michele Moulton	Speech-Language Pathology	University of Louisiana at Lafayette
Theophilus Oppong Kyeremeh	Mathematical Sciences	Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology
Olivia Whitfield Plaza	Biology	Stephen F. Austin State University
Brooke Elizabeth Pulliam	Human Sciences	Stephen F. Austin State University
Jack Henry Snow	Geology	Stephen F. Austin State University
Cameron Lynn Stephens	Biology	Stephen F. Austin State University
Eamonn Alasdair Thurmond	Forestry	Stephen F. Austin State University
Rodrigo Velasquez	Geology	Tarleton State University

## THE DISSERTATIONS

### DOCTOR OF EDUCATION

#### **Lacey Ann Claver Folsom, Educational Leadership**

“A Qualitative Narrative Study about Mental Well-Being and Coping Strategies in Generation-Z Undergraduate Student Leaders”

Directed by Dr. Summer Pannell, Associate Professor, Human Services and Educational Leadership

## DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

**Lauren Elizabeth Evans Biggs, School Psychology**

“College Students’ Perceptions of the Student-Teacher Relationship”

Directed by Dr. Sarah Savoy, Associate Professor, Psychology

**Alison Wilhite Bradford, School Psychology**

“Effects of Secondary Traumatic Stress and Burnout in Special Education Teachers”

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

**Madison Layne Kelly, School Psychology**

“The Impact of Perceived Administrative Support on Teacher Burnout”

Directed by Dr. Elaine Turner, Assistant Professor, Human Services and Educational Leadership

**Hunter D. Marzolf, School Psychology**

“The Effects of a Visual Schedule on Cochlear Implant Use”

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

**Reggie Nicole Rios, School Psychology**

“The Effects of Covid-19 School Disruptions on Social, Emotional, and Behavioral Skills”

Directed by Dr. Elaine Turner, Assistant Professor, Human Services and Educational Leadership

## THESES

### MASTER OF ARTS

**Melanie Lynn Caddel, History**

“Celebrating the Texas Centennial: The Stone Fort Museum National Register Nomination”

Directed by Dr. Perky Beisel, Professor, History

**Hannah Rose Horton Stewart, English**

“Wise Blood through the Lens of Reader Response Theory”

Directed by Dr. Sue Whatley, Lecturer, English and Creative Writing

**Ashley Nicole Watson, History**

“Kilgore’s East Texas Oil Museum: A Proposed Exhibit on the Contributions of H. L. Hunt to the East Texas Oil Boom”

Directed by Dr. Perky Beisel, Professor, History

### MASTER OF MUSIC

**Amanda Elizabeth Peck, Music**

“Defining Recomposition through the Works of Gregson, Richter, and Peck: Creating a Dialogue with Vivaldi and Bach to Compose New Music”

Directed by Dr. Stephen Lias, Professor, Music

## MASTER OF SCIENCE

**Alexandria Rose Cook, Forestry**

“Early Survival and Growth of Introduced Western Coast and Mexican Pine Species in East Texas”

Directed by Dr. Brian P. Oswald, Joe C. Denman Distinguished Professor, Forestry

**Erik Herrera, Cyber Security**

“Open Forensics Tools are Great Tools for Critical Used Machines”

Directed by Dr. Christopher Ivancic, Associate Professor, Computer Science

**Richard Ntiamoah Kyei, Mathematical Sciences**

“A Uniformly Most Powerful (UMP) Test for the Mean of a Beta Distribution”

Directed by Dr. Jacob Turner, Associate Professor, Mathematics and Statistics

**Theophilus Oppong Kyeremeh, Mathematical Sciences**

“Simulation Study on Confidence Interval Estimation for Population Standard Deviation with Non-normal Distribution”

Directed by Dr. Robert Henderson, Professor, Mathematics and Statistics

**Eamon Alasdair Thurmond, Forestry**

“Monitoring Avian Community Response to Forestry Wildlife Treatments along a Successional Chronosequence in the Lower Mississippi Alluvial Valley”

Directed by Dr. Kathryn Rebecca Kidd, Associate Professor, Forestry

**Rodrigo Velasquez, Geology**

“Structural Characterization of the Puma Diapir, Gulf of Mexico Basin”

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, Dean*

### BACHELOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Taylor Lynn Alvis	James Whitfield Hendrix Jr.*	Q Quinones Camargo*
Trey Andrew***	Brendon Cale Henson***	Preston David Ray
Brandon Alex Aparicio	Caleb Matthew Henson	Sarah Ann Reeve
Colby D'Sean Austin	Zachary Thomas Hill	Mason Brady Reichardt
Jalil Omar Beaubrun	Matthew Austin Howell	Chloe Samantha Reneau
Peyton Alexander Bennett	Brendon Keshun Hunter	Lindsay Paige Roebuck
Lucas McCain Bishop	Jalon McCoy Hunter	Tyler William Rogers
Thomas James Bongiorno	William Benjamin King***	Dylan Scott Savino
Dylan Calvin Bourgeois	Hunter Lambright	Robert Alexander Schumacher
Dalaya Kathur Briggs	Bryce D. Larson	Samuel Zachary Schwarzmeier
Nolan Wesley Brown	Kristi Weeks Lee***	Kollin Wayne Shaver
Cade Cameron Bruce	Tatum Blaire Liles	Camren Bryley Smith
Cameron Clay Caudle	Shelby Marie Lindsey*	Trey Alton Smith
Alvin Chandler II	Colton David Lukenbaugh	Samantha Melisa Solano
Joshua David Clarke II	Christopher Michael McClellan	Bryton William Sumbles
Tyler Ray Clayborn	Tyler Ann McCliment-Call	Austin Scott Tasker
Brendan K. Cooper	Cameron James McFall	Victor Pierce Tignor
Taylor Lane Favro	Ian MacRae McGookey	Allexis Starr Walden
Jack Steven Gense	Brandie Lynette Pair	Robert Blake Weatherly
Ariana Gonzalez-Reyes	Keaton Don Parker	Mallory Paige Webb
Jaxon Eric Griffith	Zulema Abigail Pica	Kutter Dale White
Emilia Carolina Guerra	Tate Stephen Pokrifcsak	Larenz Thomas Wiley
Breiya O'Janai Hadnot	Charles Austin Price	Byars Jaxon Wilson
Jenna Morrow Harter	Mya Christina Price	Talon Kael Wright***
Allison Michele Hawkins		

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*Magna Cum Laude* \*\*

*Cum Laude* \*

*University Scholar* #

# JAMES I. PERKINS COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

*Dr. Judy A. Abbott, Dean*

## BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Victor C. Arreola*	Betty J. Gonzales	Brianna Faith Moritz**
Sasha Nichole Bailey	Halie Madisen Gross***	Madilyn Danielle Morse***
Brandie Tarell Bingham	Amanda Lauren Hersch***	Christiana Grace Mudd
Brooke Brezina**	Haley Elizabeth Horn	Ashely Shainese Nealie
Cullum James Brownlee*	Skyler J. Jaco	Jagger Riley Ochoa
Catarina Adawehi Caine	Benjamin James Jones	Namari Monet Odom
Raigen Marie Carrington	Ashley Kimberly Juarez	Danyelle Michon Richardson
Mackenzie Grace Cartwright**	Audrey Rose Krall**	Shundra LeeJane Richardson
Coltan Tye Chastain	Brooke Elaine Lauw	Victoria Susana Salazar
Carter Dennis Clark	Tyvriion Donnel Love	Emily Renea Shelton***
Laurel Ann Dickerson***	Tyler Daniel Lukenbaugh	David Alan Silguero*
Angel Driver	Julie Michelle Magana**	Cameron Riley Smith
Brianna Eve Farias**	Amber Michelle Marshall***	Janiah Leeann Thomas
Nickolas Noel Ferguson	Alayna Madison Mason*	Amaya Machole Watkins
Dylan Ray Fiock*	Christopher Jeremiah Mayes	Ryan Lynn Wise
Zoe Ann-Marie Germer	Breeann Katelyn McClain	Jamie York***
Casarah Grace Goffney		

## BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

Hazel Anai Cortez	Constance Ann Fyfe	Sina Katherine Middleton
Camryn Taylor Crouch***	Allison Marie Leach***	Sera Marie Martinez

## BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN REHABILITATION

Elissa Ruby Cabral**	Mickaela Faith Cipriano	Miranda Lauren Moon***
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# MICKY ELLIOTT COLLEGE OF FINE ARTS

*Dr. Gary T. Wurtz, Dean*

## BACHELOR OF ARTS

Ariana Rose Cox

#Leiah Grace McCasland Downey\*\*

Richard Edwin Powers

## BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS

Kai Crumley\*\*\*

## BACHELOR OF MUSIC

Frankie Raquel Barraza  
Monica Chavez  
Christian Marcelo Garcia

Kaleb Michael Hook\*  
#Autumn Nichole Mallard  
Analise Kathleen Murphy

Ryan Beasley Reed  
Christopher Samuel Tatem

## BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Ellen Elizabeth Ayers

Alexia Skkye Patrick\*

# ARTHUR TEMPLE COLLEGE OF FORESTRY AND AGRICULTURE

*Dr. Hans M. Williams, Dean*

## BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Colton Blake Gutermuth  
Mariah Ann Rodriguez\*

Hope Lynne Stowe  
Mckynna Le-An Swinson

Quinn Delaney Whidden

## BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN AGRICULTURE

Destini Dawn Briggs  
Carson Beylee Copeland\*\*

Lauran Elisabeth Hetrick  
John Thomas Martin

Harlie Rose Wiley

## BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN FORESTRY

Rachel Renee Miller

Brandon Thomas Nance

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# COLLEGE OF LIBERAL AND APPLIED ARTS

*Dr. M. Dustin Knepp, Dean*

## BACHELOR OF ARTS

Eleno Daniel Adame  
Chloe Elyse Alden  
Jonathan Keith Allen  
Larry Larenz Anderson  
Cesar Emmanuel Arreola  
Makahla Elizabeth Bolin-Davis  
Zachery Tyler Canon  
Launa Gisele Castaneda  
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Brooke Rene Ellis  
Charles Maverick Jackson\*\*\*  
Jennifer Citlali Lopez  
Verania Martinez  
Lewis Jack Mills  
Olivia Grace Perkins\*\*  
Ian Michael Pimentil  
Bre'Auna Eboni Pruitt

Evana Ramos  
Betsy Patricia Rodriguez  
Imelda Ruiz  
Laura Sixtos\*\*\*  
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Madeline Rae Loudon Wheeler  
Keshon O'Neal Williams

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Lauren Elizabeth Juden\*\*\*

## BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS

Casie Lee Spivey

## BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Carmen Danielle Cervantes  
Lauren Elizabeth Couch\*\*  
Haley J. Courmier  
Joan Carol Johnson  
Chloe Ann Levens  
Samantha Elizabeth Lewis  
Megan Marie Mathews

Holly Paige Nash  
Trillanee Charielle Price\*  
Naomi Sweetie Reffell  
Elise Morgan Rodriguez\*  
Issys Annabel Romero\*  
Jonathan E. Sanders  
Grant Monroe Stout

Soloman Brunson Wagner  
Shelbee Elizabeth Walker\*  
Darya Ashanti Washington  
Benjamin Kairos White  
Jeremy Austin White  
Maranda Nichole Willis  
Cameron David Zahn

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# COLLEGE OF SCIENCES AND MATHEMATICS

*Dr. Kimberly M. Childs, Dean*

## BACHELOR OF ARTS

Angelica Raquel De La Cruz\*

Cherinuel Reyes Paredes

Justin Douglas Rodriguez

## BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

William Kane Aldrich

Seth Michael Aaron Buckley\*\*

Jaryd Ryan Gipson

Alexander Marotta

Kris Moyers\*

Courtney Nyah Young\*

## BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

Jasmine Charmaine Baltimore

Julie Rachelle Black

Kristen M. Crow

Kiera La'sha Dellahoussaye

Christian Jesus Elizondo

Natalie Hope Epperson

Hailey Ellen-Rose Hernandez

Jade Renee Hilburn\*\*

Jackson Roger Hiltbold

Elizabeth Jane Holzhuter

Jeongmin Lee\*\*\*

Nacole Denise Lindley\*\*

Elizabeth Luna

Chloe Margaret Milton

Briley Corbin Murray

James Brandyn Nash\*

Adriana Ortega

Lourdes Osorio\*\*

Michelle Hamilton Patrick

Kenli Rumsey\*\*

Nicole Marie Titler

Tatum Ellen Williams

Encius LaChe Yancy

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# 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	Counseling, Early Childhood Education, EdD, Educational Leadership, Elementary Education, School Psychology, Secondary Education, Student Affairs and Higher Education	Light Blue
Agriculture	Maize	Forestry, Resource Interpretation	Russet
Athletic Training, Kinesiology, Special Education, Speech-Language Pathology	Sage Green	Human Sciences, Psychology	Gold
Biology, Biotechnology, Chemistry, Environmental Science, Geology, Mathematical Sciences, Natural Science, Physics, Statistics	Science Gold	Music	Pink
Communication, Mass Communication	Crimson	PhD	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 listing of graduates is based upon information provided prior to printing of the program. The appearance or absence of any name in the program does not constitute recognition or denial of completion of degree requirements. The program is issued as a ceremonial publication and is not an official record of graduates. The university apologizes for any errors or omissions.*

# "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.