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Brian McCall, Ph.D., is chancellor of the Texas State University System, the first university system established in Texas, comprising eight institutions with more than 81,000 students and 15,000 faculty and staff.

McCall previously served in the Texas House of Representatives, first elected in 1991 to represent the areas of North Dallas, Frisco, Allen and Plano. As a representative, he served as chairman of the House Calendars Committee and as a member of the Higher Education Committee. *Texas Monthly* named McCall one of the "10 Best" legislators of the 2009 session.

McCall wrote and passed one of the largest tax-cut bills in the history of Texas and during his last session secured \$5 million in funding for the University of Texas at Dallas' Center for Values and Medicine. Other legislative accomplishments include authoring and passing key bills in the areas of health care, biotechnology, high technology, identity theft, and tax and budget policy.

McCall serves on the board of Legacy Texas Financial Group and as chairman of Texas' Council of Public University Presidents and Chancellors, a position to which he was elected by the state's 38 public university presidents and six chancellors.

Previous to his appointment as chancellor, he was president of Westminster Capital Corporation, an investment firm focused on acquisitions primarily in software and technology. Additionally, he and his brother, David, operate Snow Hill Farm north of Dallas.

McCall holds a bachelor's degree from Baylor University and a master's from Southern Methodist University. He spent a year as a visiting post-graduate student at Oxford University, before earning a doctor of philosophy degree from the University of Texas at Dallas.

As the author of "The Power of the Texas Governor: Connally to Bush", published by University of Texas Press, he examined how various governors have overcome the institutional limitations of the office to achieve significant political power.

A long-time civic and community volunteer, McCall is founder and chairman of the board of the Empowerment Project, a non-profit organization which has sent more than \$10 million worth of math and science books to disadvantaged schools in the Republic of South Africa, and helped construct a library in Vietnam through the Libraries of Love organization. The Empowerment Project also raised more than \$350,000 to provide direct support for the medical needs of children in North Texas.

McCall is the recipient of the 2012 Distinguished Alumni Award from the University of Texas at Dallas, is a member of the Philosophical Society of Texas and serves on the board of directors of ZACH Theater in Austin.



CEREMONY PROGRAM

Musical Prelude	Lamar University Brass Ensemble Scott Deppe, Ed.D. <i>Director of Bands</i>
Academic Processional*	Lula Henry, Ed.D. <i>Associate Professor of Teacher Education</i>
<i>Crown Imperial</i> Walton	Lamar University Brass Ensemble
The National Anthem* <i>The Star Spangled Banner</i> Francis Scott Key	Debra Greschner, M.M. <i>Instructor of Music</i>
Welcome	James Marquart, Ph.D. <i>Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs</i>
Introductions	Kenneth R. Evans, Ph.D. <i>President</i>
Commencement Address	Brian McCall, Ph.D. <i>Chancellor The Texas State University System</i>
Certification of Graduates	James Marquart, Ph.D.
Conferring of Degrees	Kenneth R. Evans, Ph.D.
Presentation of Graduating Class/Investiture of Doctorates	James Marquart, Ph.D.

Announcement of
Graduates

Paul T. M. Hemenway, Ph.D.
Professor of Communication

R. J. Davis, Ph.D.
*Assistant Professor of Counseling
and Special Populations*

Student Recognitions

Kenneth R. Evans, Ph.D.

Alumni Greetings

Kenneth R. Evans, Ph.D.

Lamar University
Alma Mater*
G. Rhodes Smartt

Debra Greschner, M.M.

*Lamar to thee we're singing
Voices raised on high.
We will forever love thee
Laud thee to the sky.*

*We will ever need thee
As our guiding star.
To us you'll always be
Our glorious Lamar.*

Academic Recessional*

Lula Henry, Ed.D.

Please join us for an informal reception, located upstairs in the concourse area of the Montagne Center, following the ceremony.

**Audience please stand.*

To maintain the dignity of the program, guests are requested to refrain from unnecessary noises (air horns, etc.) and movement during the ceremony.



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ALPHA LAMBDA DELTA

Freshman Honors
Red, White and Gold Triple Cords

ALPHA PI MU

Industrial Engineering
Honor Society
White Cord joined with
White Panel

BETA ALPHA PSI

Accounting Honor Society
Red or White Stole with Emblem,
Red and Black Double Cord

BETA GAMMA SIGMA

International Business
Honor Society
Blue and Gold Cord and Stole

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International Honorary
Art Fraternity
Purple and Gold Double Cord

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Gold Medallion with Red and
Yellow Ribbon

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Arts and Sciences Majors
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Gold Medallion on Red Ribbon

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White Stole

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Electrical and Computer
Engineering Honor Society
Yellow Stole with Insignia, Yellow
Cord with Red and Blue Tassel

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Cardinal Red Stole with Black
Embroidered Seal, Brass Medallion
on Red Ribbon, Cardinal Red and
Black Double Cords

KAPPA DELTA PI

International Honor Society
in Education
Purple and Green Cord

LU AMBASSADORS

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Red and Gold Double Cord

LU HONORS

Latin Honors
Red and White Double Cord

LU VETERANS

US Military Veteran
Red, White and Blue Double Cord

NATIONAL STUDENT NURSING ASSOCIATION

Student Nursing Association
Blue and White Cord

OMEGA CHI EPSILON

Chemical Engineering
Honor Society
White Stole

THE ORDER OF THE ENGINEER

Upholding Engineering Integrity
Orange Stole with Red Trim

ORDER OF OMEGA

Greek Honors
Gold Stole with Logo, Gold and
Ivory Cords

PHI BETA DELTA

International Honor Society
Gold Medallion with Red and
Gold Ribbon

PHI ETA SIGMA

Freshman Honors
Black and Gold Double Cords

PHI KAPPA PHI

Junior/Senior Honor Society
Yellow Stole with Insignia on White
Background, White Medallion with a
Blue Ribbon and Blue Cord

PI MU EPSILON

Math Honor Society
Purple, Lavender and Gold
Triple Cord

PSI CHI

Psychology Honor Society
Platinum and Dark Blue Cord,
Platinum Stole, Platinum Medallion
on Navy Blue Ribbon

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Graduate who has completed
23 hours of honors coursework,
including an honors thesis, or 26
hours with eight hours of
upper-level credits while
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Bronze Medallion with Red and
White Ribbon

SIGMA DELTA PI

Spanish Honor Society
Red and Gold Double Cords
Gold or Red and Gold Stole

SIGMA THETA TAU

International Nursing Honor Society
Purple and White Double Cords

SMITH-HUTSON SCHOLAR

Smith-Hutson Scholarship Recipient
Black Stole with Red Trim

TAU BETA PHI

Engineering Honor Society
White Stole with Orange Insignia

UPSILON PI EPSILON

Computer Science Honor Society
Medallion on Maroon Ribbon,
Maroon and White Double Cord

ZETA LAMBDA CHAPTER OF PI SIGMA ALPHA

Political Science Honor Society
Red, White and Black Cord
Medallion on Red Ribbon



THE ACADEMIC REGALIA

In its essential features, the academic regalia worn at American college exercises had its beginning in the Middle Ages. The oldest universities in Northern Europe grew out of church schools, and both faculty and students were regarded as part of the clergy. Hence, as their regular costume, they wore clerical garb borrowed largely from the monastic dress of their day.

The academic gown and hood were first regularly adopted by the University of Cambridge in 1284 and by the University of Oxford a little later. The custom transplanted to this country in Colonial times by King's College in New York, now Columbia University. In 1895, American universities and colleges decided to standardize their academic styles and developed the intercollegiate code of academic costume. The style follows in the vein of the Cambridge tradition. The distinctive caps, gowns and hoods worn at present-day college and university functions denote the institution that granted the degree, the field of learning in which the degree was earned and the level of the degree – bachelor, master or doctorate.

The gown is usually of black material (serge or worsted for bachelors, the same or silk for masters and silk for doctors). Bachelor's gowns have pointed sleeves and master's have long pouch-like sleeves, which reputedly were once used to carry books. Doctor's gowns are faced with panels of velvet down the front and three bars of velvet across each sleeve.

The hood, worn around the neck so as to hang down the back, is the principal emblem of the nature and source of the degree held. The colors in the hood lining are the colors of the school conferring the degree. The color of the border indicates the scholarly field of the wearer. Hoods may be worn only after the degree has been granted.

The cap, the square mortarboard in American universities, but a round, short, flat velvet hat in British, Canadian and some European universities, bears a tassel which may be black, or it may be colored

according to the scholarly field of the wearer. Only the doctors' cap may be of velvet.

The degree colors are used for the edging of all hoods and may be used for the velvet facing and sleeve bars of doctors' gowns and tassels on bachelors' and masters' caps. This includes: Arts and Letters – White, Commerce – Drab, Education – Light Blue, Engineering – Orange, Fine Arts – Brown, Humanities – Crimson, Law – Purple, Library Science – Lemon, Medicine – Green, Music – Pink, Pharmacy – Olive, Philosophy (Ph.D.) – Dark Blue, Physical Education – Sage Green, Science – Golden Yellow and Theology – Scarlet.

UNIVERSITY MACE

Originally a medieval weapon and later carried by Sergeants at Arms guarding kings and high church officials, the mace has gradually assumed a purely ceremonial character symbolizing authority. As used in formal academic processions, the mace derives from the early university history. The Lamar University mace is traditional in design. The mahogany shaft is crowned by a head on which are mounted four representations of the university seal. The president of the Faculty Senate, who leads the academic procession, carries the mace in today's ceremony.

ACADEMIC GONFALONS

Gonfalons, banners that are designed to hang from a crossbar, have historical roots dating back to the 12th century when they served as the official emblems to represent the various districts of Florence, Italy. In more recent times, gonfalons have been adopted by academia to serve as symbols to represent each college within a university. Each college has their own representative banner with the dean from the respective college carrying the gonfalon in the academic processional.



Lamar University engages and empowers students with the skills and knowledge to thrive in their personal lives and chosen fields of endeavor. As a doctoral granting institution, Lamar University is internationally recognized for its high quality academics, innovative curriculum, diverse student population, accessibility and leading edge scholarly activities dedicated to transforming the communities of Southeast Texas and beyond.



Special appreciation is extended to volunteers for serving as ushers for today's commencement ceremony.

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