Commencement Ceremony

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Saturday, December 14, 2019
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UNIVERSITY ALMA MATER

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.

The Lamar University Alma Mater is sung at the end of each commencement ceremony. Gilbert Rhodes Smartt, Lamar Professor from 1945 to 1951 wrote the words and composed the music to the alma mater in 1951 in celebration of Lamar’s elevation to senior college status.

VETERANS AND MILITARY MEMBERS

Lamar University is proud to recognize graduating Veterans with a red, white and blue triple cord. On behalf of the entire Lamar University community, President Kenneth R. Evans and the LU Administrative Officers, we extend our deepest gratitude and congratulations to these distinguished graduates.

GUIDELINES FOR GUESTS

Commencement is a significant and solemn event, the recognition of years of study. To maintain the dignity of the ceremony, guests and participants are requested to refrain from unnecessary noises (air horns, etc.) and movement during the ceremony. Only the official photographer is allowed on the arena floor.
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*Audience please stand.*
Don Shaver was born in 1954 in Ganado, Texas and with his family moved to Beaumont in the summer of 1964.

Upon graduation from Beaumont High School in 1972, Shaver enrolled at Lamar University. During his college years Shaver was a member of Phi Delta Theta Fraternity, Blue Key Honor Society and a two-year letterman on the golf team. After graduation, Shaver accepted a position with Price Waterhouse and along with his wife, Diane Howell Shaver (’76), lived in Houston for four years. Shaver received his CPA licensure for the State of Texas in 1980 and returned to Beaumont to continue his career in public accounting.

Over the next thirty years Shaver, with business partners, ran several very successful companies supporting the regional industry, as well as an accounting firm that Shaver stepped away from in 2007. Today, he is an investor in several operating companies and also provides consulting services to companies involved in acquisition and disposition transactions.

Shaver has shown dedicated support to Lamar University by serving as an accounting instructor in the College of Business, a member of the Lamar University Alumni Advisory Board, the Lamar Accounting Advisory Board, and an honorary member of the Lamar Chapter of Beta Alpha Psi Accounting Honorary Society. Currently he is a Trustee of the Lamar University Foundation, serving as Chair of the Investment Committee.

Don and Diane Shaver have been active financial donors to Lamar University since their graduations. Their contributions have supported Alumni Affairs, the Cardinal Club, the College of Business, the Dishman Art Museum, Friends of the Arts, the Speech and Hearing, Department the University Theatre, Men’s and Women’s Golf, and Men’s Football. In 2015, the Shavers joined the President’s Circle and made a generous gift establishing the Diane and Don Shaver Master of Science in Accounting Scholarship, and the Diane and Don Shaver Speech and Hearing Sciences Scholarship. The gift also established the Diane and Don Shaver Presidential Innovation Fund to further the mission of the university through support for critical strategic initiatives.

The Shavers have also funded the Diane H. Shaver Professorship in Speech and Hearing Sciences, and six distinguished faculty fellowships to recognize faculty performance and leadership in research, creative activity, and teaching and is awarded to faculty members for a three-year period. Three Faculty Fellows hold named fellowships: The Diane and Don Shaver Distinguished Faculty Fellowship, the Dr. James M. Simmons Distinguished Faculty Fellowship and the James G. Crump Distinguished Faculty Fellowship.

The Shavers recently celebrated 42 years of marriage and have three children, Scott Shaver, Claire Day and Blake Shaver, as well as seven grandchildren.
Deja Roberts grew up in Miami, Florida and came to Beaumont, Texas to attend Lamar University on a Division 1 basketball scholarship. She represented the Lady Cardinals beginning her freshman year in 2015. Deja is graduating from Lamar University with a Bachelor of Science in Civil and Environmental Engineering, with a minor in Mathematics. Along with a rigorous course load and traveling for basketball, Deja found time to be involved with the National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE), volunteer with the Texas Alliance for Minorities in Engineering and help the engineering department with research. She also studied abroad in May 2018 at the Universitat Rovira i Virgili in Tarragona, Spain, studying engineering management. Following graduation, Deja plans on beginning her master’s degree in the Spring. She is pursuing a master’s in Environmental Engineering. After the completion of her masters, she plans on going back home to Florida and entering the work force. She hopes to land a job in air pollution control or wastewater treatment. Deja is very passionate about equal opportunities for women and minorities and wants to be a role model for the younger generation. She hopes to start her own after-school program to help minority children gain exposure to STEM. Outside of academia, Deja enjoys going to concerts and traveling. She is very moved by the impact that is gained from experiencing different cultures. Deja would not be where she is today if it weren’t for the love and support from her parents, Charles and JoAnn Roberts, and older sister Kori.
FINE ARTS & COMMUNICATION
Derina Holtzhausen, Dean

Art & Design
Donna Meeks, Chair
Keith Carter
Stephanie Chadwick
Kurt Dryhaug
Xenia Fedorenchenko
Julia Fischer
Richard Gachot
Joana Hyatt
Sherry Freyermuth
Prince Thomas
Chris Troutman

Communication & Media
Natalie Tindall, Chair
Pratiti Diddi
André Favors
Jeremy Hawa
Paul Hemenway
Greg Kerr
Nicki Michalski
Awais Saleem
O’Brien Stanley
Ruth Stanley
Kenneth Ward
Leslie Warren
Qingjiang Yao

Deaf Studies & Deaf Education
Diane Clark, Chair
Sulaiman Adeoye
Beverly Buchanan
Gloshanda Lawyer
Heidi MacGlaughlin
Joseph Mann III
Millicent Musyoka
Zanthia Smith
Ashley Woods
Jordan Wright

Mary Morgan Moore Music
Brian Shook, Chair
Jack Benson
Sujung Cho
Jacob Clark
Rick Condit
Robert Culbertson
Tim Dueppen
Kim Ellis
Jeannette Fresne
Brielle Frost
Kurt Gilman
Debra Greschner
James Han
Serdar Ilban
Andrew McMahan
Dwight Peirce
Francisco Perez
Bryan Proksch
Nick Rissman
Eric Shannon
Nairam Simoes

Speech & Hearing Sciences
Monica Harn, Chair
Jamie Azios
Michael Azios
Erin Burns
Beth Byers
Ashley Dockens
Abigail Dueppen
Lilian Felipe
Connie Howard
Vinaya Manchaiah
Lekeitha Morris
Nandhu Radhakrishnan
Heather Reading
Alyssa Scales
Karen Saar

Theatre & Dance
Golden Wright, Chair
Cherie Acosta
Lucy Arrington
Liz Freese
Joel Grothe
Brian LeTraunik
Travis Prokop
Graduates, Relatives, and Friends:

It is my privilege to welcome each of you to the Fall 2019 Commencement Ceremony of Lamar University. The quality of the degree programs offered by our five Colleges is a reflection of our executive leadership, our nationally and internationally prominent faculty, and our talented and dedicated staff.

To relatives and friends of the graduates: Whether your journey to today’s ceremony required you to travel across our city, region, state, country or borders, your presence here adds immeasurably to this occasion. At the same time that we celebrate our graduates’ achievements, we recognize how much your support has contributed to their success. We are honored to have you on our campus.

To the graduates: As with all great endeavors you will undertake in your lives, the pursuit of a university degree presents both challenge and opportunity, risk and reward. Success is not guaranteed at the outset, but the potential rewards of a diploma earned are limitless. The rigor of your degree program has asked much of you, but you have met the high standards set by your faculty, and today we celebrate your milestone achievement. It is altogether fitting that the faculty are seated alongside of you on the floor today; professors are individuals who have never stopped being students of their disciplines. Moreover, they have taught, mentored and even inspired you throughout your studies at Lamar. They stand ready to be among the first to congratulate you.

Commencement is an age-old tradition, and it calls to mind a phrase that has come down to us from ancient Rome: Sapereaude. It translates as “Dare to know” or “Dare to be wise,” and for centuries it has served as a clarion call to pursue wisdom. Graduates, you have answered that call, and today you add your name and accomplishments to the nearly century-long history of this institution. We’re proud of you, we congratulate you, and we wish you the very best.

William E. Harn
Dean of Graduate Studies

Graduate Degrees Awarded in the College of Graduate Studies

- Chemical Engineering, Ph.D.
- Engineering, D.Eng.
- Accounting, MS
- Business Administration, MBA
- Management Information Systems, MS
- Chemical Engineering, MES, ME
- Civil Engineering, MES, ME
- Environmental Engineering, MS
- Electrical Engineering, MES, MS
- Industrial Engineering, MES, MS
- Engineering Management, ME
- Port and Terminal Management, MS
- Mechanical Engineering, MES, MS
- Deaf Studies and Deaf Education, Ed.D., MS
- Music, MM
- Speech, Language, and Pathology, MS
DOCTORAL DEGREES

Adarsh Bafana, Ph.D.
Nanomaterials: Synthesis, Sustainability and Application
Chair: Dr. Clayton Jeffryes

Huilong Gai, Ph.D.
Hybrid Modeling and Machine Learning for Operation Improvement of Selected Chemical Processes
Chair: Dr. Helen Lou

Shishir Kumar, Ph.D
Sustainable, Microwave Synthesis of Inorganic Nanoparticles and their Application
Chair: Dr. Clayton Jeffryes

Karishma Piler, Ph.D
A Study on TiO2 and Its Nanocomposites with and without Surfactants in Heterogeneous Catalytic Applications
Chair: Dr. Tracy Benson

Ashiqur Rahman, Ph.D.
Biosynthetic Conversion of Ag+ to Colloidally Stable Ag0 Nanoparticles by Chlamydomonas reinhardtii: A Mechanistic View of the Light-induced Synthesis Process and the Impact of Extracellular Polymeric Substances on the Stability of the Nanoparticles
Chair: Dr. Clayton Jeffryes

Sirui Tang, Ph.D.
The Effect of Lateral and Normal Forces on the Sliding of Droplets
Chair: Dr. Rafael Tadmor

Anan Wang, Ph.D.
Combustion Kinetics Study and Machine Learning for the Simulation and Control of Industry Flares
Chair: Dr. Helen Lou

Nanocomposites Viability Offering Thermal, Electro, and Magnetic Characterization Enhancements with Energy Storage Capabilities
Chair: Dr. Tracey Benson
Masters Theses

Suhaib Al-Abed
Properties of Magnetic Concrete for Wireless Power Charging Applications
Chair: Dr. Nicholas Brake

Md Rashedul Islam
Experimental study of board-level drop test for electronic devices using high-speed camera
Chair: Dr. Jenny Zhou

Nirupom Paul
The Effect of Different Smartphone Using Postures and Tasks on Neck Flexion, Upper Extremity Muscular Fatigue and Users’ Discomfort
Chair: Dr. Yueqing Li

Dabeet Sathyanarayan
Performance of a Bladeless Turbocharger
Chair: Dr. Xianchang Li

Swasti Nepal
Lien Lynn Tuyet Nguyen
Kaley Lynn Nowicki
Jazzmun Evonne Robinson
Cameron Lee Shipp
Helen Sprigg Saenz
Arturo Emry Sylmar
Bryan Blair Treese
Jennifer Wagner
Tammy Canales Wilder
Jeffrey Clint Wilson

Master of Science in Accounting
Shahryar Hussain
Lien Lynn Tuyet Nguyen
Nathaniel Anthony Pigno
Tessa Marie Runte
Kevin Anthony Swiesciak-Maddox
Miranda Dulce Villa
Ryan Robert Whipple

Master of Business Administration
Santosh Adhikari
Jorge A. Agundez
Madison Nicole Apshire
Mary R. Bakus
Hector Carpio
Cale Ryan Carson
Erika Dawn Carter
Rachel Carter
Nicole Marie Castro
Megan Schneiter Coots
Courtney Rose Drake
John A. Green
Jessica Nel Hart
Jeremy Fitzgerald Heath
Reid T. Johnson
Lindsey Erin Krug
Nicole Anntoinette Kyles-Burton
John Marshall Lee
Marie Lund

Master of Science in Management Information Systems
Rajendra Chari
Madison Taylor Cole
Brennan Chase Doty
Poornima Gunasekaran
Shruti Kumari
Keeya Patrice Richardson

Master of Engineering in Chemical Engineering
Ashwin Kumar Jajala
Ashish Digambar Narkhede
Joshua Aaron Schalk

Master of Engineering Science in Civil Engineering
Suhaib Hasan Al-Abed
Master of Engineering in Civil Engineering
Suman Luitel
Sushanta Shrestha

Master of Science in Environmental Engineering
Jeffrey Marlon Catacutan
Saroj Parajuli

Master of Engineering in Electrical Engineering
Roshan Prasad Bhatta
Osanebi Osani
Pushpa Tamang

Master of Engineering Science in Industrial Engineering
Nirupom Paul

Master of Engineering in Industrial Engineering
Ninad Chandubhai Babariya

Master of Engineering Management
Bianca Shawnta Allen
Sudip Manandhar

Master of Science in Port and Terminal Management
Christian Alejandro Bethlen
Elizabeth Jane Gondek
Steven Michael Hale
George Zachoulitis

Master of Engineering Science in Mechanical Engineering
Md Rashedul Islam
Dabeet Sathyanarayan

Master of Engineering in Mechanical Engineering
Mehrdad Mohsenizadeh

Master of Science in Deaf Studies and Deaf Education
Mercy Rebekah Persinger
Cassidi Paige St. Romain

Master of Music
Sunmin Cha

Master of Science in Speech, Language, and Pathology
Ashley Nicole Graeter
Welcome to Lamar University’s December 2019 Commencement Ceremony for the Colleges of Business, Engineering, and Fine Arts and Communication.

Lamar University graduating students, it is an honor for me to be able to take part in the celebration of the culmination of your years of diligent work towards your degree. Your efforts are paying off, and they will continue to reward you throughout your life and career with expanded horizons and greater opportunities.

Forty-seven years ago, I walked across this same stage when I received my BA degree from Lamar University. Our university unlocked a whole new world of knowledge and new openings for me. For these gifts I am and forever will be grateful to be a Lamar Cardinal.

Graduates, today we mark this milestone in your life. Take those lessons that you have learned from our faculty along with those experiences you have had being part of the Lamar spirit and diverse student body and pass that knowledge and spirit on to others.

As you move through your career and life, please consider sharing your knowledge and experiences with future Lamar students. Come back to campus to give a guest talk to a class, participate in a panel session, or recruit some of our graduates for your organization. Attend sporting events, enjoy our art museum, and take part in events sponsored by our Alumni Association!

At Lamar University, we care about success. Please join me, our students, and the community of Lamar faculty and staff as we recognize the December 2019 graduating class of Lamar University.

Dan W. French, Ph.D.
Dean

UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES AWARDED IN THE COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Accounting, BBA
Construction Management, BS
Finance, BBA
Economics, BBA
General Business, BBA
Entrepreneurship, BBA
Management Information Systems BBA
Human Resource Management, BBA
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Marketing, BBA
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ADMINISTRATION IN MANAGEMENT
INFORMATION SYSTEMS
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Sabrina Tham Duong
Jessenia Yumey Gutierrez
Hinesh V. Hira
Raina Milen Lewis
Joshua Obinna Onuogu

BACHELOR OF BUSINESS
ADMINISTRATION IN MANAGEMENT
HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT
Julie Anne Burton
Chryshun Lee Cockrell
Maria Del Socorro Rocha Lopez
Megan Elise Sherley
Eboni La’Cre Silas
Jordyn Cenee Thompson

BACHELOR OF BUSINESS
ADMINISTRATION IN MANAGEMENT
Ryan Dale Barfield
Austen Allen Domino
Carrie Christine Franks
Taryl Lynn Hamilton
Erika Lee McDonald
Brent David Patterson
Sean Thomas Sladaritz
Shayla Da’Shawn Trahan
Mikal Jamal Young

BACHELOR OF BUSINESS
ADMINISTRATION IN MARKETING
Jessie H.D. Champagne
Gustavo Daniel Contreras
Jordan Sherar Frank
Marlee Kate Garrison
Titus Tra’Maine Hunt
Varyus V. Johnson
Zach Kyle Lebouf
Shaylee Shan Lin
Lenora Nicole Malveaux
Daniel Joseph Toohey
Dear Graduates of Fall 2019, Families and Friends:

On behalf of the Lamar University Administration, the College of Engineering Leadership Team, and faculty and staff of your academic department, I offer my congratulations on achieving this very significant milestone. Each of you has worked hard to get this point, with the guidance and support of family, friends, and Lamar University (LU) faculty and staff. This commencement ceremony has three purposes; the first is to formally celebrate your achievement, the second is to thank those who helped you along the way, and the third is to mark the beginning of next phase of your life. When you walk out of these doors as LU graduates, you will set new goals, and I know you will pursue them with the same or even higher levels of dedication.

My wish for you is that you set the right goals. Set them high enough that you must work both smart and hard to achieve them, and then feel the satisfaction that comes from seeing your work and preparation pay off. The key to success is to focus on goals, not obstacles. For as many have noted, success lies at the intersection of hard work and preparation.

In your years at LU, you have been prepared and encouraged to pursue learning as a life-long endeavor. Always seek new knowledge, because the world is changing faster than ever before, and you will benefit from remaining curious and increasing your skills.

Socrates said, “the unexamined life is not worth living.” Continue to question your path, always mindful of your ultimate goals. If you find that your desires change, never be afraid to change course and set new goals so that you can achieve success.

In closing, I ask that you remain engaged with Lamar University. I encourage you to support LU by joining the LU alumni association, participating in programs, sharing your LU experience with others, and I hope that you will keep us updated on your many achievements to come.

With Cardinal Pride…

Brian Craig, Ph.D.
Dean

UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES AWARDED IN THE COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

Chemical Engineering, BS
Civil Engineering, BS
Electrical Engineering, BS

Industrial Technology, BS
Mechanical Engineering, BS
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN CHEMICAL ENGINEERING
Asad Shahzad

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN CIVIL ENGINEERING
Mateo Andres Chevasco Lopez Deja Chevron Roberts

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING
Clint Joseph Jordan

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY
Christopher O’Neal Bennett Daniel Lynn Crosley David G. Crosley John Ephraim Dixon Wesley James Duohon Luis Alonso Gonzalez Kaleb Ryan Harris Ronald James Huebel Larry Dean Jackson Andrew Isadore Lincoln

David Paul Morgan Jr. Elizabeth Renee Muhammad Jason Tyler Myska Tanya Elisa Perez Georgios Vasilios Raesis Didi Paka Sambu Casey Gage Smart Daniel Martin Tegtmeier Kevin Lee Wampler Ty Jeremy Weaver

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN MECHANICAL ENGINEERING
Michael Mireles Barrera Anna Rebecca Clifton Justin James Holsomback Ravin Nguyen Jeremy L. Otahal Kyle Hieu Pham Chasity M. Rash Kyle A. Robinson Russell A. Rowe Darrell Charles Scott Makenzie Alyse Watts
Dr. Derina Holtzhausen, Dean

Earning a university degree is one of the highest accomplishments one can achieve. Thus it is our pleasure to welcome our graduating students and those who supported and nurtured them to the December 2019 Commencement Ceremony of the College of Fine Arts and Communication. Together we are all celebrating your success, perseverance and tenacity in obtaining your degree. Nobody achieves success alone. The people whose moral, financial and mentoring support made today possible for our graduates should also be recognized, among them the faculty members of this college. I thank them in particular, because I know they care about each student individually and will do anything possible to ensure her or his success.

As the Dean of the College of Fine Arts and Communication, I am very proud of the diversity in our college, not only in terms of human diversity, but also disciplinary diversity. From art, music, theatre and dance, to communication, deaf studies and deaf education, and speech and hearing sciences, the ultimate aim of all these programs is to make our lives better and improve our communities and our society. That is the one common bond we all have in the college, faculty and students alike. As our successful students leave us to move forward on their career paths, I hope that is the one goal they will continue to strive for.

I also hope that you will return as alumni or as graduate students. You will soon realize that lifelong learning will be an essential part of your future. Remember, Lamar University is always here to offer an opportunity. We will also welcome you back in your role as mentors and role models for our students. This will be your academic home forever.

Enjoy your new-found and hard-earned success. We all wish you a long and successful career in the field you choose.

Derina Holtzhausen, Ph.D.
Dean

Undergraduate Degrees Awarded in the College of Fine Arts & Communication

Communication, BS
Studio Art, BFA
American Sign Language, BA
Communication, BS
Music, BA, BM
Speech and Hearing Sciences, BS
Theatre and Dance, BA
Bachelor of Fine Arts in Graphic Design
Marina Akhter
Christen Allyn Allison
Loubna Ali Almatari
Payton Gilwood Brown
David Joseph Feather
Carlos D. Fernandez
Alexis Anne Grandeza
Bryleigh Jayce Myers
Cameron Leigh Simon
Maddison Makannah Smithhart
Savanna Bryce Thompson
Nguyen Nhu Thanh Tran

Bachelor of Science in Graphic Design
Brittany Marae Bennett

Bachelor of Fine Arts in Studio Art
Danielle Martina Crouch

Bachelor of Arts in American Sign Language
Hannah Noelle Barger
Stephanie Dunn
Erica Marie Haase
Giselle Anise Hernandez
Camryn Jewell King
Audrey Helene Misner
Kelsey Michelle Monceaux
Joya Joelle Polk*
Brooke Allison White

Bachelor of Science in Communication
Kevon J. Berry
Steven Tam Bui
Xavier Certain
Zion S. Diggles
Morgan Alise Gotte
Cobi Rashad Green
Domanique Shabbar Hartsfield
Jared Edward Hunter
Lynn Isidore
Elisabeth Ann Johnson
Joseph Kevin Jones Jr.
Nathaniel Jones
Shane Atul Joshi
Marianne Elizabeth LaChance
Jayna Alaine Lacy
Jordan Nikole Leblanc
Timothy Ryan Long
April Cheyenne Marble
Tia Joycemarie Moore
Megan Danielle Morgan
Jessica Ann Myers
Jayce A. Samuel
Devin Wayne Spell
Harley Morgan Spence
Amari Vann
Michael Andrew Ventura
Kameron Bryce Williams
Larissa Chelon Youngblood
Abigail Graciela Zuniga

Bachelor of Music
Maesey Lee Arnett
Michelle Diaz
Carly Elizabeth Duplant
Scott Weston Haney
Joshua Steven Harris
Johnathan David Leggington Jr.
Jessica Renee Martinez
Kristin Evon McMullen
Haley Renee Morris
Keith Dewayne Ruggles Jr.
Andrew Bryce Sealy

Bachelor of Science in Speech and Hearing Sciences
Carrie Marie McDonald
Anna Marie Sigur
Maura Nicole Terrell
Jaelynn D’shea Williams

Bachelor of Science in Theatre and Dance
Raven Michelle Cormier
Caitlin Nicole Grammer
Deshonna Harris
Madelynn Hightower
Austin Ladell Jones
Temesha Joelynn Ramsey
Christopher Scott Shroff
Sarah Elizabeth Vickery
Graduates who have completed at least one high impact educational practice and 23 hours of honor coursework, including an honors thesis, or 26 hours with eight hours of upper-level credits while maintaining a 3.4 GPA. Their achievement is proudly represented by a bronze medallion with red and white ribbon.

* Denotes Reaud Honors Graduate
Savannah Marie Agee
Syed Haris Ali
Maesey Lee Arnett
Hannah Noelle Barger
Mateo Andres Chevasco Lopez
Raven Michelle Cormier
Shelby Virginia Dishon
John Ephraim Dixon
Sabrina Tham Duong
Carly Elizabeth Duplant
Brittany Ann Ferrer
Jerri-Ann Gonzalez
Morgan Alise Gotte
Jessenia Yumey Gutierrez
Erica Marie Haase
Scott Weston Haney
Kathleen Jo Hoopengardner
Clint Joseph Jordan
Payton Lea Jordan
Marianne Elizabeth LaChance
Jayna Alaine Lacy
Timothy Ryan Long
Chloe D. Lucas
April Cheyenne Marble
Jessica Renee Martinez

Audrey Helene Misner
Megan Danielle Morgan
Jason Tyler Myska
Brent David Patterson
Joya Joelle Polk
Brandi Rachelle Posey
Georgios Vasilios Raesis
John Charles Reichard
Russell A. Rowe
Keith Dewayne Ruggles Jr.
Andrew Bryce Sealy
Christopher Scott Shroff
Anna Marie Sigur
Cameron Leigh Simon
Maddison Makennah Smithhart
Tamara Dawn Spears
Devin Wayne Spell
Sara Margarita Sticker
Maura Nicole Terrell
Nguyen Nhu Thanh Tran
Rubí Iridian Villegas Aguilar
Brooke Allison White
Larissa Chelon Youngblood
Rebecca Lynnae Wright

Latin Honors as of the 12th Class Day of Fall 2019

Degrees conferred Cum Laude, Magna Cum Laude, and Summa Cum Laude reflect an outstanding grade point average with a minimum of sixty semester hours earned at Lamar University for a four year degree. The distinction and corresponding grade point averages are: Cum Laude 3.5 to 3.64; Magna Cum Laude 3.65 to 3.79; Summa Cum Laude 3.8 to 4.0. To reflect their achievement, graduates who have earned Latin Honors receive a red and white double cord.

Honors are designated only for undergraduate students completing their baccalaureate degrees.

The only honors recognized on-stage at commencement are Latin honors and Reaud Honors College.

The list includes all students who applied through November 2019. Records protected by Confidentiality are not listed.
UNIVERSITY RECOGNITION

**ALPHA LAMBDA DELTA**  
Freshman Honors  
Red, White and Gold Triple Cord

**BETA XI CHAPTER OF PHI BETA DELTA**  
International Student Honors  
Gold Medallion with Red and Yellow Ribbon

**LU AMBASSADORS**  
Student Ambassadors  
Red and Gold Double Cord

**ORDER OF OMEGA**  
Greek Honors  
Gold Stole with Logo, Gold and Ivory Cord

**PHI BETA DELTA**  
International Honor Society  
Gold Medallion with Red and Gold Ribbon

**PHI ETA SIGMA**  
Freshman Honors  
Black and Gold Double Cord

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

**RONALD E. McNAIR SCHOLAR**  
First generation, low income, and underrepresented graduate who has completed graduate-level research internship, including undergraduate thesis and research defense. NASA Blue Stole with Lettering, Lamp of Knowledge Medallion with Red, White, and Blue Ribbon

**SMITH-HUTSON SCHOLAR**  
Smith-Hutson Scholarship Recipient  
Black Stole with Red Trim
COLLEGE RECOGNITION

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS HONORS

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

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING HONORS

ALPHA PI MU
Industrial Engineering Honor Society
White Cord joined with White Panel

CHI EPSILON
Civil Engineering Honor Society
White Stole

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

OMEGA CHI EPSILON
Chemical Engineering Honor Society
White Stole

THE ORDER OF THE ENGINEER
Upholding Engineering Integrity
Orange Stole with Red Trim

TAU BETA PI
Engineering Honor Society
White Stole with Orange Insignia

COLLEGE OF FINE ARTS & COMMUNICATION HONORS

BETA TAU CHAPTER OF KAPPA PI
International Honorary Art Fraternity
Purple and Gold Double Cord

LAMBDΑ PI ETA
Communication Honor Society
Red and White Double Cord
The academic regalia worn at American university exercises, originated in the Middle Ages. The oldest universities grew out of church schools, and both faculty and students were regarded as part of the clergy. Hence, they wore robes as part of their costume, borrowed largely from the monastic dress of their day. Today, there is a Code on Academic Costume, detailing appropriate regalia attire.

The cap, the square mortarboard in American universities for undergraduate and master’s students and a round, short, flat velvet cap for doctoral students. The cap is always black and should match the material of the robe.

The gown is usually black. The bachelor’s gown has pointed sleeves and the master’s gown has long pouch-like sleeves. Doctoral gowns are faced with velvet down the front and three bars of velvet across each sleeve.

The hood, worn around the neck and hanging in 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 study.
UNIVERSITY MACE

The mace has gradually assumed a purely ceremonial character symbolizing the authority of the Board of Regents, The Texas State University System and the Office of the President of Lamar University.

The Lamar University mace is traditional in design. The walnut shaft is crowned by a wooden cube. Each side features a representation of Lamar University’s seal, against a background of red velvet.

The president of the Faculty Senate, who leads the academic processional, 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 or an appointed designee carrying the gonfalon in the academic processional.
COMMENCEMENT MARSHALS

Tracy Benson
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Tom Conley
Ashley Dockens
Jeff Dyson
Alicen Flosi
Paul Hemenway
Koji Hirano
Komal Karani
Brian LeTraunik
Delvin Seawright
Thinesh Selvaratnam
Eric Shannon
Xing Wu

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Shelbe Rodriguez
David Short
Beth Slaydon
Haley Strahan
Angela Thomas
Jessica White

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

OFFICE OF ALUMNI RELATIONS

The day you graduate, you become an alumnus of Lamar University. Alumni are such an important part of the greater Lamar University community. Alumni engagement is one of several measures of quality used to rank major U.S. universities. Your involvement to LU helps increase the university’s prestige, which, in turn, increases the value of the degree you list on your resume. Through you, more people will see LU as an outstanding school that produces exceptional graduates who involve themselves in their communities and remain in contact with their alma mater. Nothing we have ever achieved at Lamar University would have happened without the active support and engagement of our dedicated alumni. Lamar University will always be your home.

For more information about ways to get involved through the Office of Alumni Affairs and how to become an Annual Alumni Donor, visit our website www.lamar.edu/alumni.
Lamar University is dedicated to student success by engaging and empowering 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, student success, and leading-edge scholarly activities contributing to transforming the communities of Southeast Texas and beyond.

YOUR Moment IS HERE

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