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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.



CEREMONY PROGRAM

Musical Prelude	Lamar University Commencement Brass Ensemble Andrew McMahan, D.M.A. <i>Director of Bands</i>
Academic Processional*	Travis Prokop <i>Assistant Professor of Dance</i>
<i>Crown Imperial</i> Walton	Lamar University Commencement Brass Ensemble
The National Anthem* <i>The Star Spangled Banner</i> Francis Scott Key	Abigail Dueppen <i>Director of Vocology Program</i>
Welcome/Introductions	Derina Holtzhausen, Ph.D. <i>Dean, College of Fine Arts & Communication</i>
Commencement Address	Don Shaver <i>Lamar University Alumnus</i>
Certification of Candidates	Derina Holtzhausen, Ph.D.
Introduction of Student Speaker	Derina Holtzhausen, Ph.D.
Student Commencement Address	Deja Roberts <i>Civil Engineering Major</i>
Certification of Candidates	Derina Holtzhausen, Ph.D.



Conferral of Degrees

Kenneth R. Evans, Ph.D.
President

**Presentation of Candidates
for Degrees**

Derina Holtzhausen, Ph.D.

**Announcement of
Graduates**

Debra Greshner
Instructor of Music

Karyn Neauhauser, Ph.D.
Professor of Finance

Elohor Okene
Chemical Engineering Major

**Concluding Remarks
and Awards**

Derina Holtzhausen, Ph.D.

**Lamar University
Alma Mater***

G. Rhodes Smartt

Abigail Dueppen

Academic Recessional*

Travis Prokop

**Audience please stand.*



DON SHAVER

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

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.



BUSINESS

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Soumava Bandyopadhyay, *Associate Dean of Graduate Studies*

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Accounting & Business Law

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Clare Burns, *Director*

Marleen Swerdlow,
Director

Frank Badua

Melissa Baldo

Frank Cavaliere

Tim McCoy

Gisele Moss

Toni Mulvaney

David Rose

Marina Ruseva

Delvin Seawright

Orrin Swift

Reese Construction Management

Seokyun Hwang, *Interim
Director*

Minkyum Kim

Zhe Luo

Economics & Finance

James Slaydon, *Chair*

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Information Systems & Analysis

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Management & Marketing

K.C. Sen, *Chair*

Soumava Bandyopadhyay

Heather Doombos-Bolder

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Lynn Godkin

Paul Howell

Komal Karani

Paul Latiolais

Mandal Purnendu

Brad Mayer

Vivek Natarajan

Enrique Venta

Kelly Weeks

ENGINEERING

Brian Craig, *Dean*

Dan F. Smith Chemical

T.C. Ho, *Chair*

Tracy Benson

Tianxin Cai

Daniel Chen

John Gossage

James Henry

Clayton Jeffries

James Lin

Helen Lou

Srinivas Palanki

Peyton Richmond

Rafael Tadmor

Qiang Xu

Civil & Environmental

Liv Haselbach, *Chair*

Nicholas Brake

Mien Jao

Jerry Lin

Thinesh Selvaratnam

Qin Qian

Xing Wu

Phillip M. Drayer Electrical

Gleb Tcheslavski, *Interim
Chair*

Hussein Almallahi

Cristian Bahrin

Reza Barzegaran

Koji Hirano

G.N. Reddy

Selahattin Sayil

Catagay Tokgoz

Hassan Zargarzadeh

Ruhai Wang

Industrial

Victor Zaloom, *Interim Chair*

Kelley Bradley

James Curry

Maryam Hamidi

Yueqing Li

Xinyu Liu

Alberto Marquez

Berna Tokgoz

Gary Yentzen

Mechanical

Hsing Chu, *Chair*

Kendrick Aung

Xuejun Fan

Ping He

Xianchang Li

Ajit Patki

Chun-wei Yao

Jenny Zhou



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
Andre 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



COLLEGE OF GRADUATE STUDIES

DR. WILLIAM E. HARN, DEAN

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: Sapere aude. 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 Jeffries

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 Jeffries

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 Jeffries

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

Rahul R. Patil, D.Eng.

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

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

Md Rashedul Islam

*Experimental study of board-level drop
test for electronic devices using high-
speed camera*

Chair: Dr. Jenny Zhou

Dabeet Sathyanarayan

*Performance of a Bladeless
Turbocharger*

Chair: Dr. Xianchang Li

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 Schneider 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

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 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



DR. DAN W. FRENCH, DEAN

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
Management, BBA
Marketing, BBA



**BACHELOR OF BUSINESS
ADMINISTRATION IN ACCOUNTING
AND FINANCE**

Brandi Rachelle Posey
Phuong Nga Huynh Tran

**BACHELOR OF BUSINESS
ADMINISTRATION IN ACCOUNTING**

James Thomas Bowen
Shelby Virginia Dishon
Joseph Edgar Gibson
Carley Danielle Lee Jasken
Payton Lea Jordan
Chloe D. Lucas
Taylor Wayne Smith

**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN
CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT**

Christopher Edward Albright
Pedro Escamilla
William Charles Kappelman Jr.
Jean Kim
John Charles Reichard
Erik P. Rodriguez
Lucas Allen Sammons

**BACHELOR OF BUSINESS
ADMINISTRATION IN FINANCE AND
ECONOMICS**

Syed Haris Ali
Changez Fayyaz
Megan Elizabeth Gallier
Monica Rose James
Sahar Noorali Jiwani
Briana Kristine Schmidt

**BACHELOR OF BUSINESS
ADMINISTRATION IN FINANCE**

Austin Duncan Campbell
Morgan Alynne Takach
Rubi Iridian Villegas Aguilar
Say Thi Warren

**BACHELOR OF BUSINESS
ADMINISTRATION IN GENERAL
BUSINESS, MANAGEMENT, AND
ENTREPRENEURSHIP**

Tina L. Gately
Megan Nicole Hargraves

**BACHELOR OF BUSINESS
ADMINISTRATION IN GENERAL
BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP**

Samantha Kathryn Crowder

**BACHELOR OF BUSINESS
ADMINISTRATION IN GENERAL
BUSINESS AND MANAGEMENT**

Amy Margaret Benoit
Michelle Diane Bowen
Brittany Ann Ferrer
Alicia Kay Bradley Higginbotham
Jennifer Lynn Keller
Jonah Blake Lemoine
Bianca Marie Smith
Tamara Dawn Spears
Sara Margarita Sticker

**BACHELOR OF BUSINESS
ADMINISTRATION IN
ENTREPRENEURSHIP**

Ashley Marie Reece

**BACHELOR OF BUSINESS
ADMINISTRATION IN GENERAL
BUSINESS**

Kathleen Jo Hoopengardner
Sandra A. House
Carla Itzel Lewelling
John D. Mchann
LaSonya R. Petitt
Case L. Robinson
Rebecca Lynnae Wright

**BACHELOR OF BUSINESS
ADMINISTRATION IN GENERAL
BUSINESS INDUSTRIAL ENGINEERING**

Hannah Nicole Foreman

**BACHELOR OF BUSINESS
ADMINISTRATION IN MANAGEMENT
AND MANAGEMENT INFORMATION
SYSTEMS**

Robert Ventura Salazar Diaz



**BACHELOR OF BUSINESS
ADMINISTRATION IN MANAGEMENT
INFORMATION SYSTEMS**

Savannah Marie Agee
Sabrina Tham Duong
Jessenia Yumey Gutierrez
Hinesh V. Hira
Raina Milen Lewis
Joshua Obinna Onuogu*

**BACHELOR OF BUSINESS
ADMINISTRATION IN HUMAN
RESOURCE MANAGEMENT**

*Julie Anne Burton
Chryshun Lee Cockrell
Maria Del Socorro Rocha Lopez
Megan Elise Sherley
Eboni La'Cre Silas
Jordyn Cenée 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*





DR. BRIAN CRAIG, DEAN

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 Chevon 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 Duhon

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



COLLEGE OF FINE ARTS & COMMUNICATION

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
Jerri-Ann Gonzalez
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 Elaine 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







COLLEGE OF REAUD HONORS

DR. KEVIN DODSON, DEAN

Congratulations to all Reaud Honors College Graduates! The Reaud Honors College integrates academic excellence, community involvement, and civic leadership, and our graduates exemplify this commitment, both inside and outside of the classroom. A Reaud Honors College Graduate is someone who has earned a 3.4 grade point average, satisfactorily completed at least 26 hours of Honors courses (or 23 with an Honors Thesis), participated in at least one major High Impact Educational Practice, and engaged in extensive service and leadership. These students have represented the University to the broader community, served as leaders of a wide array of campus organizations, and volunteered in a host of activities to improve our community.



Best wishes on a bright future,
Dr. Kevin Dodson
Dean, Reaud Honors College



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



LATIN HONORS

Savannah Marie Agee
Syed Haris Ali
Maeseey 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
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Marianne Elizabeth LaChance
Jayna Elaine Lacy
Timothy Ryan Long
Chloe D. Lucas
April Cheyenne Marble
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Audrey Helene Misner
Megan Danielle Morgan
Jason Tyler Myska
Brent David Patterson
Joya Joelle Polk
Brandi Rachelle Posey
Georgios Vasilios Raesis
John Charles Reichard
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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

LAMBDA PI ETA

Communication Honor Society
Red and White Double Cord



ACADEMIC REGALIA



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

COMMENCEMENT COMMITTEE

Kaylee Hatton	Shelbe Rodriguez	Haley Strahan
Shaqueta Lewis	David Short	Angela Thomas
Summer Rather	Beth Slaydon	Jessica White
JT Robertson		

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.





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CHOSEN FIELDS OF ENDEAVOR. AS A DOCTORAL
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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.

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