Commencement Ceremony

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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.
Dr. Ann Die Hasselmo is President Emerita of the American Academic Leadership Institute (AALI) in Washington, D.C. and of Hendrix College in Arkansas. Currently, she is a higher education executive search consultant with Academic Search, Inc. of Washington, D.C. working with colleges and universities in the hiring of executive leaders. Her passion to identify, develop, and support emerging leaders began during her faculty days at Lamar University.

Dr. Hasselmo served as a faculty member in the Psychology Department at Lamar University; was a Regents Professor of Psychology; served as Faculty Senate President and Associate Provost; and directed a graduate program in psychology. She also was an American Council on Education (ACE) Fellow at the College of William & Mary. After Lamar University, Dr. Hasselmo served as Dean of Sophie Newcomb College and Associate Provost at Tulane University before becoming President of Hendrix College, a position she held for almost a decade.

She is Past Chair of the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities (NAICU); the Educational and Institutional Insurance Administrators Consortium (EIIA – a consortium consisting of over 130 colleges and universities which organized to provide institutional, faculty, and staff insurance); the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division III President’s Council; the American Council on Education’s (ACE) Council of Fellows; ACE’s Commission on Governmental Relations; and the Associated Colleges of the South.

Her memberships have included the NCAA Executive Committee, as well as the Boards of the National Merit Scholarship Corporation, the Air University Board of Visitors of the United States Air Force (which oversees all the education, other than the Air Force Academy, provided by the USAF from community college to doctoral programs), and the Foundation for Independent Higher Education. She recently rotated off the Board of Acxiom Corporation on which she served for 22 years.

In 2014, Dr. Hasselmo received the Annual Distinguished Leadership and Service in Higher Education Award from the American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU) of which Lamar is a member, recognizing her work in identifying and developing the next generation of leadership talent for the academy. Also in 2014, she received the annual Distinguished Service Award from the Council of Independent Colleges (CIC) for her work in developing leadership for independent higher education.

Dr. Hasselmo graduated summa cum laude from Lamar University, earned a master’s degree from the University of Houston, and received a Ph.D. in psychology from Texas A&M University. She is a licensed psychologist.

Dr. Ann Die Hasselmo, Ph.D.
Brintney graduated Port Neches Groves High School in 2012 with dreams of a career in law. After further studies, an internship, real life experience and with some inspiration from dedicated instructors within the History department, she set her eyes on her passion for History. Though her undergraduate studies were extended due to serious health complications, she is so grateful for the opportunities she has had throughout her academic career at Lamar University and the lifelong mentors and friendships she has acquired. Though she is thankful to be at the end of her undergraduate journey, she is excited for the day she is healthy enough to apply for the master’s program and would like to one day earn her doctorate. Brintney’s ultimate career would be teaching children about history with such enthusiasm and honesty that they learn to love the subject themselves. Above everything, Brintney is looking forward to living her best life and leaving every person she encounters better than how she found them. Brintney is also a member of Phi Alpha Theta, Mu Chi chapter Honor Society for History.

Outside of being a historian, Brintney is married to her supportive husband, Chancellor Van Houten and spends most of her time with her mother and family. As a child of adoption, she is looking forward to a future in foster care and the diverse adoption of children of her own. She is also a member of Bridge City United Pentecostal Church. Without the God-given support system composed of her husband, mother, family and amazing friends, Brintney would not be where she is today. As an invasive melanoma survivor and osteogenesis imperfecta type I and Ehlers Danlos Syndrome type VII warrior, she would also like to thank her team of doctors and specialists who have worked so diligently around her academic journey to help this day become a reality. (A special thanks for Dr. Kelly for believing in me so deeply and driving hundreds of miles to be here tonight!)
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Political Science
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Sara Gubala
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CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATE AND UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES
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: 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

Biology, MS
Chemistry, MS
Computer Science, MS
English, MA
Teaching Spanish as Foreign Language, MA
Mathematics, MS
Nursing, MS
Public Administration, MPA
Applied Psychology, MS
Criminal Justice, MS
Masters Theses

Kartheek Golla
Products Demand Using Deep Learning
Chair: Dr. Kami Makki

Ramya K. Kannan
A comparative study of Statistical Techniques and Ensemble Classifiers for Sentiment Analysis
Chair: Dr. Kami Makki

Kelsey M. Nichols
Self-Compassion and Prosocial Intentions
Chair: Dr. Edythe Kirk

Tyler A. Reynolds
Examining the Relationship Between Self-Perception, Availability and Different Types of Facebook Use
Chair: Dr. Jeremy Shelton

Judah A. Roden
Video Game Industry Analysis: History, Growth, and Architecture
Chair: Dr. Stefan Andrei

Raunak Sarbajna
A Data Mining Framework for Analyzing Geospatial-Temporal Data
Chair: Dr. Sujing Wang

Ashley Smith
Memory, Satisfaction with Life, and Happiness in the Context of Social Media
Chair: Dr. Edythe Kirk

Isha Vyas
Analysis of Botnets and Their Communication Patterns
Chair: Dr. Lawrence Osborne

Ruobing Zhao
A Collaborative UAV (Drone) System for Enhancing Port Operations Security in Unconstrained Environment
Chair: Dr. Jing Zhang

Zanbo Zhu
Image and Weather Feature Based Particulate Matter Analysis Using Deep Convolutional Neural Network
Chair: Dr. Jing Zhang
MASTER OF SCIENCE IN BIOLOGY
Leah Alyse Trahan

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN CHEMISTRY
Laxmi Samhitha Bontha
Mounika Kolla
Raja Maganti
Akhil Pamulapati
Fnu Sumayya Mujahid
Ashley Nicole Torbert

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN COMPUTER SCIENCE
Abdullah Afzal Chaudhry
Kartheek Golla
Ramya Krishna Kannan
Udayanga Arunaku Lansakara
Jayasunda
Jie Liang
Kiranreddy Nalabolu
Judah Andrew Roden
Raunak Sarbajna
Anil Sharma
Isha Vyas
Ruobing Zhao
Zanbo Zhu

MASTER OF ARTS IN ENGLISH
Hannah Alyssa Franklin

MASTER OF ARTS IN TEACHING SPANISH AS FOREIGN LANGUAGE
Maria Magdalena Lopez
Angelica Maria Perez
Erika B. Vazquez Aleman

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN MATHEMATICS
Tri Minh Le

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING
Susan Punnamattathil Andrews
Chibuzo Charles Anyama
Criselda Dela Cruz Bagtas
Fabiola Zavala Demuth
Rebekah Olmstead
Odyssey ShâRon Roberts
Jazzmun Evonne Robinson
Nicole Ann Schroeder
Trevor Glenn Sims
Grant Walker Snyder
Lisa Katherine Vermeersch
MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION
Danielle Denise Williams

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN APPLIED PSYCHOLOGY
Laureen Marie Chapman
Kelsey M. Nichols
Tyler Aaron Reynolds
Ashley Ann Smith

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE
Mirian Youheilee Acobe Román
Robert Nathaniel Alford
Joseph Sabah Charles Bakura
Shekinah Inez Cooper
Louis W. Dahlman
Dalton Brian Davis
Debra Judith DuBois
Jaelyn Nicole Edwards
Sam E. Farris Jr.
Ashley Schrell Ferguson
Jazmine Leigh Garcia
Sheryl Renée Giddens
Troy Allen Gilliam
Brittany Denée Gonzalez
Ramiro Gonzalez Jr.
Jonee Chevette Harvey
Larren Ashleigh Hayward

Milton Garfield Holmes
Kasey O’Reilly Hopper
Emily Katharine Howe
Pamela Louise Jackson Robertson
Petrina Von Jallah
Jennifer L. Kim
David Bright Kong
Oscar Luna
Christopher Alan Miller
Carl Hunter Moore
Taylor Charon Moore
Shawn Howard Palmer
Anthony Enrico Giovanni Pepe
Kenny Phan
Madison Alyse Phillips
Vaneesha Ariel Pruitt
Laura Deanna Reitmeyer
Tonei Yvette Robins
Sharon D. Robinson
Jazmin Garcia Rodriguez
Amanda Lyne Rogers
Kevin Jackson Ryan
David Antonio Saldana
Tozzie Smith
Jennifer Elisa Vizcaya
Lita G. Wells
Kadrienn Moné Woodard
Andrew Michael Zucco
Welcome to the College of Arts and Sciences commencement ceremony. We are so pleased to have this opportunity to celebrate your graduation with you along with your friends and family. As a student, you have enriched the intellectual and cultural ambience of Lamar University and we are grateful for your participation in the Cardinal community. In return for your hard work and dedication, you have now earned your undergraduate or graduate degree, which is yours for life. You have gained the prestige and pride of being a graduate of Lamar University.

The College of Arts and Sciences proudly encompasses a wide range of interconnected disciplines from the natural sciences, behavioral sciences, and humanities to the professional degrees such as nursing. You graduate today knowledgeable in your major area and prepared to live in an interconnected world, understanding the context in which you live, work, and contribute as a global citizen.

We wish you a lifetime of happiness, a successful and rewarding career, and the support of friends, family, and colleagues.

We hope that your time at Lamar has been transformative and that you will always think of Lamar University as your home.

Congratulations!

Lynn M. Maurer, Ph.D.
Dean

**UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES AWARDED IN THE COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES**

- Biology, BA, BS
- Environmental Science, BS
- Chemistry, BA, BS
- Forensic Chemistry, BS
- Biochemistry, BA, BS
- Computer Science, BS
- Computer and Information Science, BS
- Earth Science, BS
- Geology, BS
- English, BA
- Modern Languages, BA

- History, BA
- Applied Arts and Sciences, BAAS
- General Studies, BGS
- Mathematics, BA, BS
- Nursing, BS
- Political Science, BA, BS
- Psychology, BA, BS
- Criminal Justice, BA, BS
- Sociology, BS, BS
- Social Work, BSW
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN BIOLOGY
Angel Joy Bell
Katelin Renee Catching*
Guadalupe Cisneros
Diana Thuy Dang
Quy Tu Dangvo
Kyle James Delk
Keith Michael Dugas
Bret Keegan Hall
Kimberly Evette Haney
Katherine Walles Harmon
Genesis Martinez Castro
Kelly Ann Meeuwsen
Donovan Phuoc Nguyen
Dejanelle Lenyce Routt*
Geth Gary Simmons
Devonte Jalon Taylor
Amanda Anne Warner

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE
Ashley Renee Ashworth

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN CHEMISTRY
T-Yana Elizabeth Irene Pierre

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN FORENSIC CHEMISTRY
Amy Camille Comer
Jesse James Good

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN BIOCHEMISTRY
Sergio Figueroa
Stanley Fam Troung*

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN COMPUTER SCIENCE
Zachary Wayne Butler
Sean Andrew Byron
Chase Cole Cargill
Triston Christopher Chavez
Fernando Gonzalez
Aaron Charles Lanik
Ivy J. McCray
Michelle Nichole Wilson Roche
Markus A. Schultz

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN COMPUTER AND INFORMATION SYSTEMS
Kiarra M. Jackson
Hunter David Jones

Caleb Michael Lipko
Eli B. Taylor

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN EARTH SCIENCE
Callie Marie Nesbitt

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN GEOLOGY
Joseph F. Burns III
Thomas Steven Cobb

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN ENGLISH
Madelyn Suzanne Evans
Faith Rebecca Henderson
Vinessa Ann Rice
Mercedes Gabrielle Roth
Jennifer Elizabeth Rye
Cassandra L. Simon
Mary Ashley Smith
Emily Grace Tassin
Kendra Lynn Williams

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN MODERN LANGUAGES
Jesus Alejandro Hernandez
Leonardo Samuel Ibarra
Jorge Alberto Lopez
Juan Carlos Martinez Jr.
Maxwell John Taylor

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN HISTORY
Lia Victoria Arce
David Wayne Greer
Shelvin Jackson Jr.
Canaan Mitchell Sarver
Brintney Elisabeth Reynolds Van Houten

BACHELOR OF APPLIED ARTS AND SCIENCES
Nana-Afresi Amoah-Forson
Brittany Rene Anderson
Alyssa Raquel Antoine
Harmony Shari Balentine
Crashunda Renee Bell Livingston
Freda Beeks
Eboui Chaunryce Blackshear
Russell Bain Bozman
Michael David Brooks
Michael Christopher Cascio
Yetsenia Castillo
Gloria Alicia Certa
La Kesha Ann Coleman
Kellyn Meg Cormier
April Latoya Cowins
Roshawnda Jones Diggles
Derrick Dionysus Dixon
Christopher Cosby Eppler
Sasha Y. Erskine
Philip Joseph Alexander Fisher
Victoria Franciski
Rafael Gonzalez
Lane Gordon
Trashauna Y. Hardy
Jaime Nicole Hargrave
Lacy L. Henninger
J-Lynne Zee Hill
Lydia Hinojosa
Autumn Leigh Hoke
Tammy Lee Howard
Sarah Elizabeth Hunt
Sobia T. Hussain
Dayna Marie Hyatt
Laquinta Monique Jones
Theresa Maureen Jones
Enissa Jhorna Jordan
Cindy Marie Kennerly
Susan N. Laporte
Isabell Ann Major
Hannah Denae McWhorter
Christopher Thomas Mouton
Lonneika R. Nichols
Alexandre Paige Penn
Vonnie Nicole Perez-Ortiz
Sarah Elizabeth Quisenberry
Kaitlyn Danielle Robbins
Amber Dalena Roberts
Amanda Breann Rogers
Aaron Michael Rone
Alejandra Meza Salazar
Guy Everett Sanford
Hope Ann Serio
Joseph Mark Simmons Sr.
Sarah Michelle Smart
Cedric Lee Stoner
Krystal Dawn Tanner
Lawrence Davis Allen Thomas
Andrea Nicole Thorn
Brandy Frances Trevino
Tonya Lynn Vines
Quantina Shinia Walker
Stacy Joann Walters

Bachelor of General Studies
Mckenna Rae Baker
Sarahi Anahi Barajas
Ashley Nicole Carrington

Christina Anne Chauvin
Judy Gaye Coward
Brandon Charles Dabney
Quea’Hanna Davis
Billie Ranee Delli
Alan A. Diaz
Eric Antonio Doucet
Nancy Espinoza
Zae Q. Giles
Na’im Tariq Gordon
Quincy Granderson
Regina L. Grice
Aberree Ross Hiebert
Kourtney Erin Hinkle
Alexander William Hajduk
Davon Marquis Jernigan
Janet Lynn Jones
Katelyn Kristine Kay
Michael Ayodele Kolawole
Alexis Breanna Lee
Jacqueline Elizabeth Lirette
Brittany Rona Logan
Brandon Michael Meligan
Shelby K. Midkiff
Nathan David Montondon
Trent Burton Morgan
Jessica Nicole Mose
Jennifer Satterwhite Newell
Kevin Dejohn Newton
Amanda Michelle Oxford
Sonila Partlow
Devon Marie Pattarozzi
Jackson J. Pope
Amy Lynn Pullin
James Barron Ramirez
Brandon Thomas Rammrath
Rodney Demone Randle Jr.
Robert Bennie Rector III
Sabarrae D. Redmond
Real Rezwan
Dante Emmanuel Rueda
Mileke C. Russaw
Liliana Salazar
David Ryan Schultz
Craig Lawrence Slaughter
Devante L. Smith
Lee Andre Stanton Jr.
Lane Marshall Taylor
Destiny Chante’ Thomas
Amber Nichole Vidal
Eva Marie Walker
Chase Todd Whetsel
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN MATHEMATICS
Gina Leigh Chaney
Kamal Corey Emeh
Aubrey Kent Flowers Jr.
Jackie Ray Hoskins II
Travarus A. Jacquet-Sam

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING
Abiodun Adesemoye
Pamela Marie Allen
Chieme Erika Anozie
Zeena Hawanatu Bangura
Denavia Dorthea Barabin
Mario Alejandro Barajas Alvarez
Sami Jo Berry
Alanna Di’Ann Blanchard
Angela Monique Brown
Suzanne Marie Bucher
Breanna Nicole Burkes
Jazmin Castro
Holly Janell Clark
Madison Morgan Corkran
Leanne Marie Cowles
Melissa A. Cowles
Cali Brooke Davis
Surrona Green Davis
Taylor Lasha Davis-Jones
Morgan Danielle DeHoven
Victoria My Phuong Dinh
Nalili Irene Doroteo
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Valarie Giroir Ford
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Garrett Trent Gutierrez
Lynchelle Ber’jen Hadley
Christiana Jonea Hadnot
Sreypech Hak
Kristin Michelle Hall
Morgan Symone Hall
Tyler Daniel Hansford
Jaquese Queshiae Hearon
Tiffany Lanette Hebert
Tage Lynn Helm
Brittany Charisse Hinton
Ti’anna Linne’t Hunt
Teniola Yetunde Jackson
Katie Belinda Karl
Kerri Anne Lally
Skyler Wayne Lovelace
Robert Earl Luckey II
Christine Macarthur
Ileana Lizeth Martinez
Meagan Lynn McClelland
Cameron Cordell McGallion
Christine Marie Murphy
Braden Michael Nevala
Favour Chinwe Obikaram
Rachael Rebekah Olson
Chidumebi Opara
Romy R. Pointdexter
Ana Maria Rivera
Shauna Michelle Roth
Catherine Rutiaga
Linda Ryholt
Aji-Haddy Omar Sahor
Amanda Brooke Seal
Danashia R. Shepard
Brooklynn Michelle Smith
Danielle Jean Sneed
Kaleb Brent Sparks
Kaylan Joy Sparrow
Janay Nicole Stanton
Rena Ruth Stewart
Michelle Lea Stone
Brenda Tanner
Destin Joy Thomas
Kylie Breeann Tijerina
Elisa M. Tipton
Angela Maria Trautman
Kindle Rose Troquille
Netoamachukwu Ubajaka
Celeste Noelle Uresti
Heriberto Valencia
Jeliane Amelia Vazquez
Kaylea Kierra Williams
Sheena Lollette Wingate
Brenda Zamudio

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE
Tristen Scott McCade Anding

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN POLITICAL SCIENCE
Jason Andrew Conley
Drew C. Moulton
Jackson Zane Provost
Connor Elizabeth Raborn
Kaitlyn Ashley Smith
DeMarcus Lloyd Walker
Bachelor of Arts in Psychology
Madalyn Rae Jones

Bachelor of Science in Psychology
Isaiah Douglas Banks
Deundra Tyree Bell
Alexis Courtney Davis
Kaylee Jo Foret
Dionna Natosha Griffin
Shawn Allan Hawthorne
Faith Rebecca Henderson
Jesus Alejandro Hernandez
Erin Tia Jacquet
Taylor C. Jacquet
Robert Travis Kersh
Jassiel Alexandra Martinez
Bianca Tianna Moore
Dylan Jeffrey Orrenmaa
Connor Lynn Smith
Brittany Logan Snider
Dennie Zac Wagner
Haley Elizabeth Walters
Darian N. Whitstine

Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice
Destiny Simone Dyson
Holland Kathryn Ensminger

Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice
Evelyn Arredondo
Iliana Roxanne Banda
Cesar Augusto Beattie Jr.
Alisa Renee’ Black
Joseph Tyler Black
Michael Richard Brown
Jacob Daniel Conner
Gerald Walter Duhon
Ricardo Flores
Lilia Kate Hamby
Carolyn A. Henry
Jones Arister Jacobhose
James L. Jeffery
Michelle R. Johnson
Keith Daniel Love
Charles Ray Marsh
Emilio Mascorro
Andrew Lee McClendon Jr.
Joshua Ryan Mixon
Titayna Fánique Montano
Rebecca Sue Nelson
Corina Renee Olua
Charles E. Pelts
Destiny Carolyn Reed
Deborah Jean Rubert
Madison Elizabeth Ruggles
Sharon L. Sharp
Nabil Rasheed Shike
Darryan Marie Simon
Robyn Danielle Smith
William Christopher Stanley
Shyler Lamar Staton
Taylor John Trahan
Erik Lee Villarreal
Brandon Dean Walker
Chad Lamar Wiggins

Bachelor of Science in Sociology
Emerson Onogharigho Akpotaire
Elisha Michelle Ceja
Krishauna Coleman
Samantha Jo Davis
Roy Dixon
Divon A. Edwards
Kristan Louise Emerson
Andy E. Gardner
Demetria Jean Guillory
Kara A. Hesterley
D’Lynne Hill
Sabrina Chantell Lewis
Cristina Ortiz Molina
Nikki Lynn Myles
Morgan Danielle Opiela
Stephanie Nicole Pileggi
Cody Alan Riley
Bobbie Jean Johnson Smith
Destiny LaKayun Terrell
Krystal Lynn Tijerina
Janika Laschell Vergin
Lissa Michelle Williams

Bachelor of Social Work
Euna Enyioma Clement
Shyniesheon Shycole Graham
Adora Sherry Nwokem
Tristine Robert Smith
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
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Holly Janell Clark
Euna Enyioma Clement
Jason Andrew Conley
Samantha Jo Davis
Kyle James Dolk
Gerald Walter Duohon
Lynne Danielle Freeze
Andy E Gardner
Bret Keegan Hall
Jaime Nicole Hargrave
J-Lynne Zee Hill
Tammy Lee Howard
Theresa Maureen Jones
Kelly Ann Meeuwsen
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Devon Marie Pattarozi
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Robert Bennie Rector III
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Geth Gary Simmons
Cassandra L. Simon
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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

Arts and Sciences Majors
with a 4.0 GPA
Gold Medallion on Red Ribbon

Gamma Nu Chapter of Sigma Tau Delta
English Honor Society
Cardinal Red Stole with Black Embroidered Seal,
Brass Medallion on Red Ribbon,
Cardinal Red and Black Double Cord

National Student Nursing Association
Student Nursing Association

Pi Mu Epsilon
Math Honor Society
Purple, Lavender and Gold
Triple Cord

Sigma Delta Pi
Spanish Honor Society
Red and Gold Double Cords
Gold or Red and Gold Stole

Sigma Theta Tau International
International Nursing Honor Society
Purple and White Double Cord

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

Pi Sigma Alpha
National Honor Society in
Political Science
Red, White and Black Cord Medallion on Red Ribbon
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

Elizabeth Aronson  Sara Gubala  Craig Tahaney
Nick Cioci  Matthew Pyne  Robert Worley
Meagan Collins  Martha Rinker
Tom Conley  Jeremy Shelton

COMMENCEMENT COMMITTEE

Kaylee Hatton  Natalie Rhodes  Angela Thomas
Shaqueta Lewis  David Short  Jessica White
Summer Rather  Beth Slaydon

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.
CLASS OF 2019
Congratulations!
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.

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