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It is a pleasure to welcome you to the May 2017 Commencement Ceremony for the College of Education and Human Development at Lamar University. This is a time for us to recognize and honor our graduates for their hard work and achievements. It also is a time to express appreciation to those who have encouraged and helped support our students who are graduating today.

The College of Education and Human Development graduates today will receive 82 bachelor’s degrees, 624 master’s degrees and 23 doctoral degrees. Many of our graduates have completed their degrees through Lamar University’s nationally acclaimed online programs. Congratulations to all of you.

These are exciting days for the College of Education and Human Development and Lamar University. Thank you for joining us on this commencement day, and please, come back to visit as often as possible. We look forward to seeing you soon.

Robert J. Spina, Ph.D., FACSM
Dean
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| **Musical Prelude** | Lamar University Brass Ensemble  
| | Scott Deppe, Ed.D.  
| | *Director of Bands*  |
| **Academic Processional*** | Lula Henry, Ed.D.  
| | *Associate Professor of  
| | Teacher Education*  |
| **Crown Imperial** | Lamar University Brass Ensemble  
| **Walton** |  
| **The National Anthem*** | Jammieca D. Mott, D.M.A.  
| **The Star Spangled Banner** | *Instructor of Voice*  
| **Francis Scott Key** | *Mary Morgan Moore Department of  
| | Music*  |
| **Welcome/Introductions** | Robert J. Spina, Ph.D., FACSM  
| | *Dean*  |
| **Commencement Address** | LaTonya Goffney, Ed.D.  
| | *Superintendent, Lufkin ISD*  |
| **Certification of Graduates** | Robert J. Spina, Ph.D., FACSM  
| **Conferring of Degrees** | Kenneth R. Evans, Ph.D.  
| **Presentation of Graduating Class** | Robert J. Spina, Ph.D., FACSM  
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Announcement of Graduates
R.J. Davis, Ph.D.
Assistant Professor of Counseling and Special Populations

Tilisa Thibodeaux, Ed.D.
Assistant Professor of Educational Leadership

Lisa Wines, Ph.D.
Assistant Professor of Counseling and Special Populations

Concluding Remarks and Awards
Robert J. Spina, Ph.D., FACSM

Lamar University
Jammieca D. Mott, D.M.A.
Alma Mater*
G. Rhodes Smartt

Lamar to thee we’re singing
We will ever need thee
Voices raised on high.
As our guiding star.
We will forever love thee
To us you’ll always be
Laud thee to the sky.
Our glorious Lamar.

Academic Recessional*
Lula Henry, Ed.D.

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

*Audience please stand.

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


**College of Education and Human Development Faculty**

Robert J. Spina, Dean  
William Holmes,  
Associate Dean  
Cynthia Cummings,  
Director Online  
Operations  
Diane Mason,  
Director Graduate  
Studies & Research  

**Counseling & Special Populations:**  
Rebecca Weinbaum,  
Interim Chair  
Lauren Bussey Cogswell  
R.J. Davis  
Wendy Greenidge  
Mohammad Hamza  
Patricia Harris  
Sonja Hebert  
Belinda Lopez  
Kimberly McGough  
Cheryl Nelson  
Anna Nguyen  
Joy-Del Snook  
Rachel Whitaker  
Lisa Wines  

**Educational Leadership:**  
William Holmes,  
Interim Chair  
Kay Abernathy  
Nancy Adams  
Shelly Allen  
Elvis Arterbury  

**Health & Kinesiology:**  
William Holmes,  
Interim Chair  
John Boatwright  
Rick Carter  
Daniel Chilek  
Barbara Hernandez  
Shannon Jordan  
Praphul Joshi  
Alan Moore  
Julio Morales  

**Teacher Education:**  
Lula Henry, Interim Chair  
Stacey Bumstead  
Gayle Butaud  
Paula Hussey  
Andrea Karlin  
Cavan Leerkamp  
Cristina Rios  
Mamta Singh  
Dorothy Sisk  
Kathrine Sprott  
Margaret Swope  
Freddie Titus  
Deborah Troxclair  
Vanessa Villate  
Julia Yoo  

**Family & Consumer Sciences:**  
Tammy Henderson,  
Chair  
JJ Chen  
Molly Dahm  
Jill Killough  
Jan Kimmons  
Eunjin Kwon  
Connie Ruiz  
Amy Shows  
Kim Wallet  

**Faculty Marshals**  
Elvis Arterbury  
Donna Azodi  
Jill Killough  
Julio Morales  
Cheryl Nelson  
Anna Nguyen  
Freddie Titus  
Deborah Troxclair  
J. Kenneth “Ken” Young  

**Directors of Graduation Ceremony**  
David Short Jr., Registrar  
Barbara Price, Assistant Registrar  

**Directors of Records & Registration**  
Summer Rather  
Natasha Walker  

**Graduation Coordinator**  
Mildred Piert
Dr. LaTonya Goffney was named Lufkin ISD Superintendent in 2013. A native of Coldspring, Texas, Dr. Goffney began her career as a language arts teacher in Coldspring-Oakhurst Consolidated Independent School District. Additionally, she served as assistant principal and principal before serving as superintendent at Coldspring-Oakhurst for five years. Dr. Goffney earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in History and English, a Master of Education degree in Administration, and a Doctorate of Education degree in Educational Leadership, all from Sam Houston State University.

Dr. Goffney was recently presented with the Margret A. Montgomery Leadership Award by the Texas Council of Women School Executives. She is the recipient of the 2013 Distinguished Administrator of the Year Award, selected by the faculty of Sam Houston State University College of Education. She was named as one of only 22 members of the 2012-2013 Class of Phi Delta Kappa International Emerging Leaders. The PDK Emerging Leaders program recognizes top educators from across the world.

Dr. Goffney is married to Joseph Goffney. They have two children, Joseph, Jr., 15, and Joslyn, 11. Dr. Goffney and her husband, Joseph, have co-authored a book titled “All is Well” as a tribute to their special needs son. Their story has been featured in several local magazines.
Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership

Amanda Amestoy Allen
Gemmy S. Allen
Tiffany Anne Dirks
Gloria E. Dodson
Cuneyt Dokmen
Jack H. Exum III
Shelly Dianne Faulkner
Kathryn Joyce French
Jessica Ann Hale
Christine Anne Haynes
Jon-Ryan Trevor Hill
Dennis Harland King
Bradley Don Lewis
Demetrius Duran McCall
Jeanette Winn Moczygemba
Jodie Griff Reel
Dwayne Dale Roberson
Jordan Ray Robertson
Rosalba Martinez Saavedra
Ellen Zenell Savoy
Maridale Still
Jesse Dwayne Thomas
James Edward Williams Jr.

Master of Education in Clinical Mental Health Counseling

Maddison Victoria Adimora
Rosezaling D. Archangel
Qattaria Lenedra Baker
Cecily Ann Batiste
Brenda Brown
Catherine Michelle Buffington
Callie Christina Cantrelle
Jennifer Rae Comeau
Pamela Kay Comer
Michael Duane Dangerfield
Elizabeth Cruz Delagarza
Djuana Alyce Eaglin
LaKendria Monaye Ellis
Evelyn J. Franco
Amberly Evelyn Fuller
Sandra Milena Goyco
Jialin Guo
Angie L. Herrin
Angela Michelle Johnson
Quonesha Dache Jones
K-Leigh Shaw Villanueva Low
Dana Hope McCray
Stephanie Michelle Potter
Laura Anne Rhea
Lauren Angelina-Simone Robinson
LaDonna Michelle Robinson-Green
Joseph Blake Sapp
Michelle Lisa Schubert
Larry Jennings Smith
Jacqueline Ann Stahlke
Alfonso Tejada
Gabriela Villarreal Tornero
Christavia Zaja Willridge

Master of Education in School Counseling

Carla Edith Aguilar
Jessica Randall Aiduck
Kaima Marie Akarue
Jamie Jene Alaniz
Skye Elizabeth Anderle
Shanaya Kuykendahl Anderson
Hannah Celeste Austin
Ashley Rene Barbeau
Daniel Thomas Bartsch
Suzanne Marie Battles
Briana Leticia Bautista
Maria Magdalena Bautista-Baez
Brittany Shaunell Bean
Alyssa Marie Becerra
Robyn Weinrich Bergeron
Regina Michelle Bolden
Sasha Lee Kotchavar
Edward Paul La Bruyere
Rachel Joy Lawson
Janeth Adrianelle Leal
Krista Michelle Ledman
Paula Ann Lee
Amber Dawn Linam
Alicia Marie Lohberger
William Scott Long
Stacey Jo Lowery
Ann Marie Majors
Richard Matthew Malebranche
Mariell Martinez
Rebecca Consuelo Martinez
Jennifer L. Martinez Serrato
Chrystyna Anyesie Matthews
Shalain LaJoyce McKinney
Sharon T. McDowell-Benstock
Ana Mares Mendoza
Wendy Lauren Miller
Fabiola Susana Mosri
Brittany Lynne Mrozek
Ireland Barrera Mueller
Liliana Munoz
Kari Nicole Navarra
Julie Marie Netz
Hope Marie Otto
Christina Enter Paxton
Beckie Barreda Paz
Melanie Trest Pena
Christy Anne Perez
Jennifer Renee Petty
Eric Porteous
Brian G. Potter
Marcia Powell
Lana Kay Presley
Misti D’Lynn Price
Reggie Romaine Prudhomme
Crystal Yvonne Ramirez
Felipe Ramirez
Delia Anne Ramos
Linda Michelle Reagan
Crystal Lynn Reese
Elizabeth Ann Resler
Amy Rivers
Sharon Marie Robare
Robin Lynn Robinson
Tracey Evonne Robinson
Abisai Rodriguez
Samantha Marlene Rodriguez
Ralph Marklan Ross
Katherine Ilene Roth
Leeanna G. Saffle
Harmony Mayre Salinas
Lorena Dellanira Sanchez
Paul Wayne Sanford II
Allyson Duplechin Schexnyder
Julie Lynn Scott
Bertile Renee Shadell-Johnson
Laura L. Shafer
Jessica Leigh Shawver
Dianne Marie Sheldon
Laurie Anne Sigman
Priscilla Marie Silva-Guajardo
Jennifer LeShae Simotas
Ashley Lacole Smith
Debra Diane Smith
Ieshia Chantel Marie Smith
Kimberly Jill Smith-Mott
Deann Henderson Stark
Cedric Benjamin Stewart
Karla Stewart
Tyson Lynn Stucki
Ashlee Patricia Sumrall
Oscar Javier Tagle Jr.
Bonita J. Todd
Jasmine Nicole Vallejo
Dana Dione Van Horn
Holly Royster Vasquez
Shemon Coleman Vaughn
Courtney Nicole Veltman-Palladino
Patricia Viera
Ieshia Chantel Marie Smith
Jessica Collette Vincent
Sandra Helen Walls
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Brittney Brigee West
Tina Marie Wheeler-White
Kim Marsalis Whichard
Lacecia Wilson Whitehead
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Ashley Yow Winters
Jennifer Phillips Wood
Rachel Marie Wyatt
Hakan Yanar
Nova Sallie Young
Anna Marie Zambrano
Corrie Elizabeth Zepeda
Mayerling K. Zuniaga

MASTER OF EDUCATION IN SPECIAL EDUCATION

Laura Susana Amaya
Melody Diane Anderson
Kathleen Anne Appleby
Billye Jai Ardoin
Jessamyn Madeline Banuelos
Lori Michelle Beck
Melissa Godinez Bunch
Carolyn Campbell
Cassandra Banks Childress
Kristy Annette Delvisco
Amy Tenisha Durham
Nicole Crystal Ener
Meghan Tull Fong
Jennie Lou Glover
Theresa Renee Goertz
Angela Renee Green
Lauren Kay Haney
Kristen Marie Hogan
Katherine Lori Kessler
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Yumaira Medina
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Kioma D. Renaud

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Johnna Kay Scheuerman
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Candice Diane Wyatt
Tanya Lasha Young

MASTER OF EDUCATION IN EDUCATIONAL ADMINISTRATION

Charles Corry Allen
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Tonya Chanelle Anderson
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Deborah Ann Ball
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Matthew Charles Bilyeu
Felicia Kimberly Blair
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Laurie Anne Boydstun
Kevin James Breiby
Yolanda Garza Bright
Morgan Elaine Broussard
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Jennifer Elaine Burke
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Tiffany L. Ford
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Nicole Rochele Denise Fortune
Melanie Jane Fowler
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Michelle Lynn Friedeck
Kevin Spencer Gibbs
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Darin Humes
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Leah Villafranca Klemcke
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Michael Digues LaTouche
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Jaclyn Rae Torres  
Angela Iris Torres Nino  
Jennifer Lynn Toups  
Jonay Lynn Trentmann  
Jose L. Trevino  
Lalana Michelle Troy  
Erin Cathleen Uhlender  
Aisha Yvonne Ussery  
Alfonso Vazquez  
Leonel Vela  
Ida Obregon Villavicencio  
Wiley Edward Vonner Jr.  
Robert Glen Wallace  
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Melissa Tracy Yost  

Alejandra Magali Zamora  
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Hillary Diane Zandt  
Juaquin Enrique Zavala

**MASTER OF EDUCATION**  
**IN DIGITAL LEARNING AND LEADING**

Juan Miguel Armijo  
Jessica Ilene Bentz  
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Madeline Brandi Collins  
Katherine Shirley Degar  
Jonathan Farmer  
Barbara Lorene Fuller  
Rhoda S. Hahn  
Brandi LeAnn Livingston  
Nichole Ann Spriggs  
Shelby Lynn Willis

**MASTER OF EDUCATION**  
**IN EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY LEADERSHIP**

Charla Lynette Bracy  
Jameson Chin  
Caitlin Denise Cloyd  
Meghan Elizabeth Day  
Amanda Lorease Denn  
Dawn Marie Drisdale  
Marivel B. Garcia  
Veronica Vazquez Gonzalez  
Isa Gundogdu  
John Damien Hext  
Lauren Ann Hickman  
Melinda Ann Howard  
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Sharon Jeansonne  
Alfredo Cesar Juarez-Gamez  
Marianne Pitts Keller  
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Marco A. Mendez
Eleonore Evelyn O’Donnell
Gabrielle Orentas
Nora Abigail Ortega
Nona Marie Pierce
Shelia Denise Posada
Jacquetta Kathleen Prater
Amanda Ashley Rachuig
Phillip Jayson Rachuig
Alexander Jabari Reeder
Amanda Elaine Rogers
Kayleigh Danielle Romero
Emily Ann Rose Ruffer
Morganne Allece Schlegel
Hilton Maximilian Seibert
Danielle Quinn Smith
Jennifer Lynn Stanfield
Christi Wood Strange
Kevin Elliott Thompson
Aaron Lee Torres
Crystal Ann Wade
Jordan Nicole Willett

**Master of Science in Family and Consumer Sciences**

Jannika Maria John

**Master of Science in Kinesiology**

Niharika Bachani
Tommie Hurtis Barrett
DeVante Lorenzo Frazier
Juuso Vilho Laitinen
Jabari Ngozi Alexander Lewis
Sowmya Raval Mylavarapu
Paige Nichole Ortiz
Lee Anthony Pace
Jasmine Chardonnya Peggese
Emily Rivera
Helen Louise Schneider
Jesse Aaron Sparks
Tyler Wilfredo Thomas

**Master of Education in Teacher Leadership**

Caitlin Holley Andrews
Bonny Jean Barger
Melissa Dione Barnes
Stephen Brian Bennett
Mendy Rae Betchan
Catherine Anne Burton
Karen Marie Campbell
Helena Ann Cortes
Carla Elaine Craddock
Crystal Lynn Croy
Alyse Nicole Dent
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Ngozi Okeleke Emordi
Lyndsie R. Faglie
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Callie Michelle Masai  
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Arthur Wade Saunders  
Nicholas Scott Schmoyer  
Jessica M. Tullis  
Laura Lynne West  
Tamecqua Dawn Williams  
Stephanie Jemison Yates

Bachelor of Science in Family Studies

Priscilla Ann Arriaga  
Karie Sharlina Buffington  
Ivan Alarcon Garcia  
Melanie Kaye Goudeau  
Audreanna Ra’Shawn Levias  
Jada Alexis Long  
Roxanna Lopez  
Bethany Elizabeth Myers  
Jennifer Jo Regen  
Amy N. Turner

Bachelor of Science in Fashion Retailing/Merchandising

Kaitlin Michelle Diaz  
Hannah Elizabeth Ferguson  
Abreanna Michelle Fontenot  
Alisha Monique Powell  
Holley M. Turner

Bachelor of Science in Nutrition, Dietetics, and Hospitality

Mikala Barlow Devillier  
Jarred Evan Gassiott  
Kashan U. Khan

Bachelor of Science in Exercise Science and Fitness Management

Emma Ann Adkins  
Richard Arturo Alfonso  
Brenda Ivett Arredondo  
Bryndan Cruz Arredondo  
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James Mahlon Johnson  
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Dustin L. Longnion  
Kali Deeann Lozano  
William J. McVay III  
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Bailey Taryn Perryman
Teleshia Latrevia Riley
Rodney Maurice Stennis
Matthew Richard Swain
Darreon DeVonte Titus
Alexandra J. Vigil
Ashley Elizabeth Walker

Bachelor of Science in Health

Omobisola Nicole Aboderin
Ashanti Keishon Alexander
Allison Jade Carter
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Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies

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Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology

Sean Michael Chalmers
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Magan D. Duffey
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DOCTORAL DISSERTATIONS

Allen, Amanda A. – Strategic Planning Experiences Within Higher Education as Influenced by Transformational Leadership Behaviors – Sandra Harris, Dissertation Chair

Allen, Gemmy – Work Engagement among Community College Instructors – Kaye Shelton, Dissertation Chair

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King, Dennis H. – Perceptions of College Leaders Regarding the Influence of U.S. News and World Report Online Rankings on Program Changes – Sandra L. Harris, Dissertation Chair; Tilisa Thibodeaux, Dissertation Co-Chair

Lewis, Bradley D. – Experiences of Leaders in One Texas School District Integrating Social Media as a Communication Medium: Bounded Phenomenological Case Study – Sandra L. Harris, Dissertation Chair

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Saavedra, Rosalba – *Effective Practices of Professional Learning Communities in Gold Ribbon Texas Middle Schools* – Sandra L. Harris

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Thomas, Jesse D. – *The Influence of Extrinsic Motivation on 9th Graders at One Title I Texas High School* – Sandra L. Harris

Williams Jr., James E. – *Parental Factors Related to the Successful Employment of Adults with Autism Spectrum Disorder* – J. Kenneth Young, Dissertation Chair

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An Honor Graduate must have completed 60 hours at Lamar University for a 4-year degree. A student with a GPA of 3.5 or higher on all LU undergraduate work will be awarded honors. Cum laude is 3.5 to 3.64, magna cum laude is 3.65 to 3.79 and summa cum laude is 3.8 to 4.0.

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

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International Honor Society in Education
Purple and Green Cord

**KAPPAOMICRON NU**
Family and Consumer Sciences Honor Society
Burgundy and White Cord

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

**LU HONORS**
Latin Honors
Red and White Double Cord

**LU VETERANS**
US Military Veteran
Red, White and Blue Double Cord

**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

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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
**Reaud Honors College**
Graduate who has completed 23 hours of honors coursework, including a honors thesis, or 26 hours with eight hours of upper-level credits while maintaining a 3.25 GPA.
Bronze Medallion with Red and White Ribbon

**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
The Academic Regalia

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

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

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

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

The cap, the square mortarboard in American universities, but a round, short, flat velvet hat in British, Canadian and some European universities, bears a tassel which may be black, or it may be colored...
according to the scholarly field of the wearer. Only the doctors’ cap may be of velvet.

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

**University Mace**

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

**Academic Gonfalons**

Gonfalons, banners that are designed to hang from a crossbar, have historical roots dating back to the 12th century when they served as the official emblems to represent the various districts of Florence, Italy. In more recent times, gonfalons have been adopted by academia to serve as symbols to represent each college within a university. Each college has their own representative banner with the dean from the respective college carrying the gonfalon in the academic processional.
Lamar University engages and empowers students with the skills and knowledge to thrive in their personal lives and chosen fields of endeavor. As a doctoral granting institution, Lamar University is internationally recognized for its high quality academics, innovative curriculum, diverse student population, accessibility and leading edge scholarly activities dedicated to transforming the communities of Southeast Texas and beyond.

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

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