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.
CEREMONY PROGRAM

Musical Prelude
Lamar University Commencement
Brass Ensemble
Andrew McMahan, D.M.A.
Director of Bands

Academic Processional*
Lula Henry, Ed.D.
Associate Professor of Teacher Education

Crown Imperial
Walton
Lamar University Commencement
Brass Ensemble

The National Anthem*
The Star Spangled Banner
Francis Scott Key
Debra Greschner
Instructor of Music

Welcome/Introductions
Robert Spina, Ph.D., FACSM
Dean

Commencement Address
Jay Killgo, Ed.D.
Superintendent, Vidor ISD

Certification of Candidates
Robert Spina, Ph.D., FACSM

Conferring of Degrees
Kenneth R. Evans, Ph.D.
President
Presentation of Graduating Class
Robert Spina, Ph.D., FACSM

Announcement of Graduates
Tilisa Thibodeaux, Ph.D.
Assistant Professor of Educational Leadership

Lisa Wines, Ph.D.
Assistant Professor of Counseling

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

Lamar University Alma Mater*
G. Rhodes Smartt

Academic Recessional*
Lula Henry, Ed.D.

*Audience please stand.
Dr. Jay Killgo has served as the superintendent of Vidor Independent School District since July, 2012. Prior to being named to this position, Dr. Killgo worked as Principal at Vidor High School for five years and Hull-Daisetta High School for two years. During his 22 years working in education, he taught in Jasper ISD, Tomball ISD, and Little Cypress-Mauriceville CISD. His administrative experience began with Little Cypress-Mauriceville CISD.

Killgo earned his Doctorate in Educational Administration with Lamar University in 2010. Prior to this, he received his master’s in Educational Administration in 2003 at Lamar. His undergraduate degree was attained at Sam Houston State University in 1995 with a History major and English minor. Dr. Killgo has been married for 20 years to Jennifer Killgo. He has two children: Taylor Killgo, 19 years old and a sophomore at Texas State University, and Averi Killgo, 13 years old. Their hometown is Jasper, Texas.
Representatives of Faculty
Robert J. Spina, Dean
Rebecca Weinbaum, Associate Dean

Counseling:
Wendy Greenidge, Chair
Robert Carlisle
Brande Flamez
Lauren Cogswell
Mohammad Hamza
Valerie Handley
Patricia Harris
Sonja Hebert
Belinda Lopez
Jessica Martin
Kimberly McGough
Robika Mylroie
Anna Nguyen
Teri Sartor
Joy-Del Snook
Shannon Williams
Lisa Wines

Educational Leadership:
Diane Mason, Chair
Shelly Allen
Donna Azodi
Daryl Ann Borel
Kelly Brown
Tonya Colunga
Katy Corcoran
Jimmy Creel
Cynthia Cummings
Neil Faulk
Donna Fong
Dwayne Harapnuik
Glen Harrison
Thomas Harvey
Krystal Hinerman
Elizabeth Lea
Gary Martin
Clementine Msengi
Robert Nicks
J. Vincent Nix
Johnny O’Connor, Jr.
Christina Puente
Virginia “Kaye” Shelton
Tilisa Thibodeaux
Kathryn Washington
Brett Welch
Porchanee’ White
J. Kenneth Young

Health & Kinesiology:
Daniel Chilek, Chair
Doug Boatwright
Richard “Rick” Carter
Kimberly Gauthreaux
Barbara Hernandez
Sonny Jolly
Shannon Jordan
Praphul Joshi
Alan Moore, Jr.
Julio Morales
Israel Msengi
Jeanne Mullican

Nutrition, Hospitality & Human Services:
Jill Killough, Chair
Jau-Jiin “J.J.” Chen
Molly Dahm
Charles Duit
Tammy Henderson
Janice “Jan” Kimmons
Connie Ruiz
Amy Shows
Eunjin Kwon
Kimberly Wallet

Teacher Education:
Diane Mason, Interim Chair
Gayle Butaud
Lula Henry
Paula Hussey
Shanique Lewis
Andrea Karlin
Shenequa Miller
Cheryl Nelson
Cristina Rios
Mamta Singh
Dorothy Sisk
Katherine Sprott
Margaret Swope
Freddie Titus
Debbie Troxclair
Vanessa Villate
Julia Yoo
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

Educational Leadership, Ed.D.  Family and Consumer Sciences, MS
Clinical Mental Health Counseling, MED  Nutrition, MS
Counseling and Development, MED  Public Health, MPH
Educational Administration, MED  Kinesiology, MS
Digital Learning and Leading, MED  Special Education, MED
Education Technology Leadership, MED  Teacher Leadership, MED
DOCTORAL DEGREES

William G. Anderson, Ed.D.
Common Challenges to Rural School Sustainability: A Phenomenological Study of East Texas Campus Administrators
Chair: Dr. J. Vincent Nix

Bethany A. Becknell, Ed.D.
Mentor Matching for New Teachers Using Emotional Intelligence
Chair: Dr. Brett Welch

Brady Cline, Ed.D.
Self-Efficacy and the Working Relationship of the Principal and Vice Principal
Chair: Dr. Diane Mason

Marny Doepken, Ed.D.
Education Administrators’ Perceived Meaning and Relevance of Twenty-First Century Education
Chair: Dr. Kaye Shelton

Ilker Fidan, Ed.D.
Student College Readiness upon Completion of Online High School Courses from One Charter School: Perceptions of Students, Facilitators, and Administrators
Chair: Dr. Clementine Msengi and Dr. Kaye Shelton

Alexis Mabe, Ed.D.
Using Technology to Enhance Project-Based Learning in High School: A Phenomenological Study
Chair: Dr. Kelly Brown

Robyn Machac, Ed.D.
Teacher Knowledge of Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder: The Role of Teaching Assignment
Chair: Dr. Johnny O’Connor

Travis Maines, Ed.D.
Ninth Grade Transition Programs: A Correlational Study on Attendance and Academics
Chair: Dr. Brett Welch

Bethany K. Medford, Ed.D.
A Phenomenological Narrative Study of Teachers’ Perceptions of Staff Development for Teaching Special Education English Language Learners
Chair: Dr. Kelly Brown

Liz Pendarvis, Ed.D.
A Phenomenological Study on Teacher-Student Relationships and Student Success
Chair: Dr. J. Vincent Nix

Stuart Ralston, Ed.D.
Measuring the Use of Educational Affordances in One-To-One Mobile Device Environments
Chair: Dr. Diane Mason

Patricia Reilly, Ed.D.
The Impact of School Culture on Teacher Attendance
Chair: Dr. Johnny O’Connor

Kaci Sheridan, Ed.D.
Leadership Development: A Comparative Analysis of Training Opportunities in the Business and Public Educational Settings
Chair: Dr. Krystal Hinerman

Rotasha Smith, Ed.D.
Effects of Early College High on the Academic Achievement of African-American Students
Chair: Dr. Kelly Brown

Murrell Stewart, Ed.D.
A Dissertation in Practice: Building Culturally Competent Professional Development Using Research and Teacher Feedback
Chair: Dr. Kaye Shelton

Edward Stith, Ed.D.
Two-Year College Practices to Support Student Success in Attaining Career Employment: A Content Analysis
Chair: Dr. Kaye Shelton

Jennifer Teal, Ed.D.
Online Doctoral Persistence: Students’ Perceptions of Dissertation Success Factors
Chair: Dr. Kaye Shelton

Precious Wells, Ed.D.
The Role of College Knowledge in College Choice for Foster Youth: A Phenomenological Study
Chair: Dr. Clementine Msengi and Dr. Kaye Shelton

Nancy M. Zarazúa, Ed.D.
The Role and Impact of the Academic Coach Model in Higher Education - A Phenomenological Study
Chair: Dr. Kaye Shelton
MASTER OF EDUCATION IN
CLINICAL MENTAL HEALTH
COUNSELING
Brandy Kate Ackland
Chioma Laurel Ahaiwe
Curtis Dwight Bilyeu
Staci Michelle Brunet
Earlie Jackson Burleson
Robyn Lynn Carey
Andrea Castaneda
Melissa Alanis Chamlee
Camille Louise Aurélie Charlery
Jasmine Arielle Chevannes
Amanda Linn Chism
Jeanie Michelle Curphey
Christina Ami Davila
Shauna Freeman Downard
Valeria Valeria Dubourdieu Dubourdieu
Natalie Marlise Ellis
Brooke Elaine Fehr
Janeice Michelle Gilliard
Angela Denise Gray
Aubrey Hahn
Tiffany Nicole Heasley
Ebony Kankam
Kionne Marae Kemp
Misty G. Kent
Tammy LaFaye Lambert
Shedreka Yvette Ledee
Jessica Anne Lemire
Katie Reneé Lucas
Martha Elia Madrigal
Keiyunna Marshaé McDaniel
Sandra Jean McMillan
Shira Malka Meister
Lakeshia Renne Roberson
Ashley Victoria Rossi
Calvary De’Rosa Rumley
Jamie Michelle Schneider
Lauren Elaine Shawver
Georgia Rayne Shultz
Madeleine Elaine Vaughters
Aleesha Jenaë Washington
Shea Michelle Wood
Melissa Jane Goad Worley
Helen Tran Zacniewski

MASTER OF EDUCATION IN
COUNSELING AND DEVELOPMENT
Tenisha Rochelle Abrams
Susana Yvette Arredondo
Justin Curtis Barton
Candra Brooke Blackman
Elizabeth Angela Bowling
Tammy Woods Braxton
Yessenia Carreon Caballero
Riley Tanner Cavanagh
Christina Lynn Chavis
Tiffany Neal Cole
Karla Lizbeth Cupial
Tammy Tims Davis
Blanca Azucena De La Mora de Mata
Amanda Lee Estrada
Ursula Nicole Fantroy
Michele Marie Foster
Rosalinda Garcia
LàShandra DeShawn Gordon
Amie Elizabeth Gray
Ayla Blythe Hamilton
Catherine Lee Hargrove
Elvia Dinora Hernandez
Rhonda D. Honeycutt
Christi Lynn Jacobs
Keiron Marie Jingles
Sabrina Theresa Jurand
Leslie Estelle Kelly
Drew Philip Kock
Dianna Nichole Kondo
Eva Herndon LeBlanc
Melodie Nicole Lewis
Jill Ann Linnell
Jennifer Lynn Mashek
Amanda Marie McIntire
Adrienne Leigh Meador
Susan Ann Messmer
Courtney M. Murfield
Brenda Gail Parisoe
Lacy Nicole Foust
Kristen Nichole Reaves
Sheri Christine Rutledge
Cynthia Lizbeth Saldana
Joy Amanda Simmons
Rebecca Ellen Sims
Christopher Rollin Smith
Beatrice Gay Streitz
Lakeisha Daisy Thomas
Veronica Naomi Trejo
Catherine L. Vavra
Elizabeth Villegas
Chyvonne Ann Vinton
Erica Maxine Webb
Carmon Rene White

MASTER OF EDUCATION IN
EDUCATIONAL ADMINISTRATION
Abraham Samir Abdelkodous
Maryori J. Aceituno
Alfred Acosta
Rebecca Posey Adair
Samuel Edward Alaniz
Elesha Ann Alexander
Terry Catherine Allen
Carl Alombro
Alex Alvarez
Denise Bacak Anderson
Felecia H. Andrews
Kelli Lynn Archuleta
Mark Lynne Artis
Shelby Lee Ashley
Tanya Harris Bailey
Meagen Dawn Baker
Lindsey Claire Batchelor
Ray Jay Batiste
Megan Sullivan Beard
Rebekah Ann Beard
Kristal P. Bell
Heather Nacole Bennett
Rachel Ann Bergeron
Roger Allen Bergeron
Angela Kay Bernier
Kendall Lain Berry
Steven Matthew Biera
Mayra Uresti Birdwell
Amber Rae Bishop
Kaleigh René Black
Robert Alan Black
Celneque Louis Bobbitt
Loren Anita Boles
Casey Brooke Bostick
Larry W. Braziel Jr.
Araina Dwan Brooks
Tiffany Chará Brubaker
Francis Robert Burke
Jennifer Rose Callaway
Travis James Campbell
Kristin Ruschhaupt Caninenberg

Desiree Jane Cano
Lara Lyn Cantrell
Julie Lynn Cantu
Sianda Jasmine Carrington
Jillian Ruth Carrion
Kaylin Marie Carter
Marylou Castaneda
Tony Lee Castaneda
Michael R. Castellon
Jason Lee Cearley
Kalie Blanda Celii
Oscar Eduardo Cerda
Angela Dyan Clausen
Jennifer Nicole Cline
Kristen Paige Cloud
Melissa Ann Coats
Luis Daniel Cobos
Sabra Lynn Collins
Chase David Coulter
Anna Ferguson Coutant
Jill Kovalcik Cox
Stephanie Michelle Cressman
Rae Liza Cruz
Kiana Lashawn Curl
Christine Marie Danzer
Tiffany Alexandra Davila
Jasmine Leanna Davis
Keith LéAndré Davis
Joshua Boyd Deaver
Kaci Lynn Dengler
Meagan Renee Diaz
Jenée Ashley Dice
Jodie Michelle Dickson
Dolores Yanira Diosdado
Karen Dixon
Cynthia Gonzales Dominguez
Paul John Duerre
Fréayda Joyce Eakins
Stacy Marie Edlin
Jordana Joy Edmunds
Erika Nicole Elliott
Jonathan Tate Ellis
David O’Brian Ervin
Yomaira Escobar
Lauren Blair Eubank
Gloria Marie Evans
Chad Stephen Everett
Jamie Ellen Everett
Ingrid Kay Faulk
Anthony De-Wayne Felder
Kelcey Tremayne Stevens
Alyssa Michelle Stevenson
Rebecca Elizabeth Stevenson
Brenton Wade Stidevent
Richard A. Strickland
An Bao Sundara
Jason Allen Taylor
Misty Marie Taylor
Timithia Teresa Taylor
Kelsey Espinosa Thibodeaux
Joshua Jeffrey Thomas
Gabriela Trejo
Prisma Isabel Troncoso
Regina C. Tucker
Roberto Roel Vega
Roque Vera
Eric Christopher Vonbergen
Amber Kathleen Walker
Lonnetta Walker
Shelley Denise Wall
Casey Jean Walpole
Chenae Denise Washington
Saba Sophia Washuleski
Tori Nicole Waskawic
Jessica Ann Waters
Candice Lenae Watkins
Karis Aren Watson
Reggie Wayne Webb
Ashley Dawn Wedeman
Alex Jon Weepie
Michelle Lynn Weepie
Joshua Keith Wells
Ivory L. White
Jaishelle Robertson White
Juanita Ivonne White
Sherilyn Laurice Whittle
Brenda Kaye Williams
Dottie La Satte Williams
Leslie Ann Williams
Shartrece Laurett Williams
Tamala Monique Willis
Taylor Hamill Windham
Terry H. Wingard
Tonya Wisdom Langford
Margaret Wheeler Wrubel
Shantai Latasha Yelverton
Kristy Kay Yoes
Mindy Morris Youngh
Abdela Huerta Yzaguirre
Samuel D. Zumwalt

**MASTER OF EDUCATION IN DIGITAL LEARNING AND LEADING**
Alyssa Kathleen Bird
Ann Marie Crowe
Alex J. Glassford
April Marie Gonzales
Bryan Everett Harris
Amy Lynn Hoffman
Jessica Ford Hudnall
Christina Lynn Huffman
Tiffany Rose Iannello
Cynthia Anais Kohn
Tiffany LaRae Lozoya
Julie Marie Lyon
Brittany Nichole Mancias
Sandra Menchaca
Brent Alan Mischnick
Chad Michael Sanchez
Tyler R. Swary
Amanda Josefa Szymczak
Drew Woodrow Thurman
Kathryn Elizabeth Torres
Hailey Christine Wakefield
Erin Nicole West
Michael Jay Yakubovsky
Jerry Hajime Yamashita

**MASTER OF EDUCATION IN EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY LEADERSHIP**
Kelly Dodd Boultinghouse
Barbara Kathleen Bybee
Adriana De La O
Amanda Dodd Dent
Marisol Garza
Jason Carl Jones
Lawrence P. Matherne
Jamie Vance Polk
Johnnie A. Price
Mary Elizabeth O’Connor Rodriguez
Stefanie Ann Rodriguez
Sara Lee Sanchez
Cynthia Kaye Teagle
Jillian Leigh Trimm
Samuel Rogers Watkins
Kasey Nicole Womack
Daniel Seqhi Young

**MASTER OF SCIENCE IN FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES**
Chelsi Elizabeth Kilcoyne
MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NUTRITION
Sabrina Lynn Jeanise

MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH
Courtney Brianna Brigham
Torre Dawn Jackson
Breana Denise Johnson
Kierra Simone Payne
Lauren Noel Shockley
Adar Faith Thompson
Christel Jeanine Jones Webb

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN KINESIOLOGY
Josie Leeann Jay

MASTER OF EDUCATION IN SPECIAL EDUCATION
Rachael Lee Barker
Lisa Anne Boogren
Veronica Yvette Borrego
Elizabeth Marshall Brannen
Ursalanett Clark Burns
Heidi Elizabeth Carruthers
Sarah Elizabeth Cline
Eris Leigh Davis
Michaela Davis
Sabrina Jean DeLoach
Bolatito Omolola Fatoki
Stephanie Senac Gomez
Candis Michelle Guevara
Kristen Marie Hogan
Elizabeth Renew Jumonville
Pamela Martin Kepley
Sheldon Eugene King
Claudia Ann Martinez-Glass
Justin Morton
Shavonne Deneice Obisike Ironche
Beckie Barreda Paz
Lynette Kaye Philabausproles
Jessica Ann Pruitt
Christopher Kelvin Reid
Dawnjulae Turner
Deborah Christine Turrentine

MASTER OF EDUCATION IN TEACHER LEADERSHIP
Stephanie Nicole Anticona
Kathryn Anne Arnold
Brittany Nicole Bacarisse
Dian Elise Benavides

John Thomas Berry
Ellen Mae Bishop
Lisa Renee Bowman
Jamie Ellen Conkle
Brittany Marie Curtis
Joanna Ruth Daniel
Tiffany Renee Day
Kevin Michael Dulin
Kayla Arlene Duncan
Craig Michael Dwelle
Chelsea Anne Catherine Eason
Amanda Michelle Esquivel
Kristina Michelle Fortenberry
Kathryn Chelsea Green
Chelsea Marie Guerin
Tracy Thierry Haywood
Monica Heredia
Hanna J. Hollohazy
Megan Leigh Howard
Veronica Monique Hunter-Johnson
Lamicha Michelle Jackson
Lisa Marie Keating-Thomas
Zabrina Ganz Lard
Madelyne Canita Lee
Susan Stephanie Lindo
Stephanie Ann Mancias
Shannon Leigh Mauk
Andrea Marie Mayzer
Justin Mazda
Jeanne Melton
Amy Carey Moser
Kelli J. Noel
Rebecca Anna Payne
Ana Karen Perales
Alma Yadira Perez
Hannah Bithiah Petty
Marta Denise Fleming
Valarie Ann Proudfoot
Crystal Priscilla Rahman
Elizabeth Frances Rankin
Thomas Wayne Redfern
Lisa D. Rodrigues
Mackenzie Grace Snowbarger
Dana Renée Thompson
Vicki Lynn Walton
Pamela Joy Watkins-Ekren
Javona Diane Wheeler
Kirsty Ola Williams
Rachel Allene Williams
It is a pleasure to welcome you to the December 2019 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 55 bachelor’s degrees, 592 master’s degrees and 22 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
**Bachelor of Science in Nutrition, Dietetics, and Hospitality**
Ana K. Nunez
Rosa Mariela Ortiz
Lacie Ann Owens
Erin Jachelle Turk

**Bachelor of Science in Nutrition**
Eryn Olivia Sherman

**Bachelor of Science in Exercise Science and Fitness Management**
Faith Madison Crawford
Carrie Le Dang
Aaliyah Marneigh Johnson
Katelyn C. Johnson
Kimberly Laura Martinez
Julio Benjamin Morales
Joseph Anthony Patrick

**Bachelor of Science in Health**
Tirrany LaVett Bronson
Renzo A. Jimenez
Shermain S. Miles
Prince Chinoyerem Nzeadibe
Imani Lynn Porterie
Olivia Mannique Smith
Samone Alexandria Stephens
Keondra Janae Thomas
Chelsea Iman Tyler

**Bachelor of Science in Kinesology**
Joshua Thomas Adair
Zuri Levon Banks
Dustin Cole Bevilacqua
Jasmine Antionette Randolph
Madison Kirby Read
Layken Danae Richard
Caitlin Nicole Washburn
Thai La Chanda Williams

**Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies**
Kayla Anne Anderson
Jordan Ivanna Brown
Alicia Concepcion Castillo
Kametria Patrice Clayton
Mercedez Cymbirlee Hanks
Jordyn Jewel Hopson
Rachel Elizabeth Knowles
Teresa A. Lake
Andrea Alejandra Machial
Juana Areli Mendoza
Raven Arielle Morgan
Rebekah Grace Mosley
Madison Deeann Newcomb
Kelsey Elizabeth Schwartz
Holly Aileen Spell
Sara Rose Sullivan
Ashlyn Elaine Tucker
Ellen Elizabeth Van Etta
Erin Rae Welborn
Heather Elizabeth Williams
Shelby Elyce Williams*
Triffiany Andrea Wilson
Cody Allen Young
Shaylyn Brionna Young
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
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

Kappa Delta Pi
International Honor Society
In Education

Kappa Omicron Nu
Family and consumer Sciences
Honor Society
Burgundy and White 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.
Special appreciation is extended to volunteers for serving as ushers for today’s commencement ceremony.

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.

Your Moment is Here

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