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MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN



It is a pleasure to welcome you to the May 2018 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. I would like to take a moment to honor all the moms with us this evening. Happy Mother's Day.

The College of Education and Human Development graduates today will receive 71 bachelor's degrees, 649 master's degrees and 28 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



CEREMONY PROGRAM

Musical Prelude	Lamar University Commencement Brass Ensemble Andrew McMahan, D.M.A. <i>Director of Bands</i>
Academic Processional*	Lula Henry, Ed.D. <i>Associate Professor of Teacher Education</i>
<i>Crown Imperial</i> Walton	Lamar University Commencement Brass Ensemble
The National Anthem* <i>The Star Spangled Banner</i> Francis Scott Key	Jammieca D. Mott, D.M.A. <i>Instructor of Voice</i> <i>Mary Morgan Moore Department of Music</i>
Welcome/Introductions	Robert J. Spina, Ph.D., FACSM <i>Dean</i>
Commencement Address	John Hayek, Ph.D. <i>Chief Academic Affairs Officer, Texas State University System</i>
Certification of Graduates	Robert J. Spina, Ph.D., FACSM
Conferring of Degrees	Kenneth R. Evans, Ph.D. <i>President</i>
Presentation of Graduating Class/Investiture of Doctorates	Robert J. Spina, Ph.D., FACSM



Announcement of
Graduates

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
Alma Mater*
G. Rhodes Smartt

Jammieca D. Mott, D.M.A.

*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.*

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.



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COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER



As the Texas State University System's chief academic affairs officer, Dr. John Hayek oversees academic program planning and review, curriculum development, and academic standards and policies for the System and its eight component institutions.

Dr. Hayek has higher education leadership experience at the university, system, and state level. Prior to joining TSUS, he served as the associate vice chancellor and chief of staff for academic affairs at the University of Texas System, managing initiatives related to academic and strategic planning, policy development, student success, information technology, and data analytics.

A social scientist by training, Hayek previously held leadership positions with the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education and the Indiana University Center for Postsecondary Research, where he conducted research on student success and helped launch the National Survey of Student Engagement. Early in his career, Hayek also worked outside the academia for IBM and the Northern Trust Company, as well as with several public-private partnerships that organized the Super Bowl and an Olympic Soccer competition in South Florida.

Hayek holds a Ph.D. in Higher Education from Indiana University, as well as a master's degree in Sports Administration from St. Thomas University, and a bachelor's degree in Economics from the University of Chicago. At the University of Chicago, Dr. Hayek lettered in varsity baseball and varsity football and was a member of the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity.

Dr. Hayek and his wife Laura, a registered nurse, live in Austin with their four children.



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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.



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