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MESSAGE FROM THE **PRESIDENT**

Congratulations to each of our Summer 2025 graduates!

Today is a celebration of all you've accomplished. Every challenge you've tackled and every connection you've made during your time here has brought you to this day. Your family, friends, professors, and mentors are so proud of you, and I'm right there with them. Lamar University takes great pride in all that you've achieved.

People may tell you that today is the first day of the rest of your life. You might hear talk of "milestones" and "new beginnings." But the truth is, you've been living your life all along. College wasn't just a rehearsal for what's ahead. It has already woven itself into the fabric of who you are and how you've grown. Your time at Lamar University has sharpened your mind, broadened your skills, and left you with stories and memories that will stay with you for years to come.

What's different today is that you now hold the reins to shape your future. You have the power to direct your life toward greater meaning and purpose, not just for yourself but for those around you. You'll face a whirlwind of challenges, but as a new alum of Lamar University, you are well prepared to break new ground instead of simply following the same playbook. I encourage you to keep asking the questions no one has thought to ask and to seek solutions that aren't in any textbook. It's in moments of curiosity and experimentation that true innovation happens.

The world is ready for what you bring: fresh ideas, bold thinking, and a spirit grounded in our shared Cardinal values of service and leadership. We're all rooting for you, and we can't wait to see what you do next.

Congratulations once again! I look forward to celebrating this day with you and seeing the incredible impact you'll have on the world.

Sincerely,
Jaime Taylor, Ph.D.
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** Latin Honor Graduate



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MAKE YOUR CONNECTION COUNT

CONGRATULATIONS!

YOU ARE NOW A GRADUATE OF LAMAR UNIVERSITY!

Life after graduation will be full of changes.

To help you navigate these new waters, here is your new alumni checklist.

- Stay in touch! Update your information at lamar.edu/alumni-update
- Visit lamar.edu/alumni to look for events in your area and opportunities for alumni
- Send a thank you note to everyone who attends your graduation or sent you a gift
- Update your résumé and LinkedIn profile
- Join the official **Lamar University Alumni LinkedIn** group
- Become a **First Flight Annual Donor**
- Like Lamar University Alumni on Facebook and follow us on Twitter and Instagram [@LamarUAlumni](https://www.instagram.com/LamarUAlumni)
- Check the status of your student loans
- Read Cardinal Cadence and LU Alumni Updates e-Newsletter to stay informed

FIRST FLIGHT BENEFITS

Visit lamar.edu/alumni, choose **Give Now** and make your \$10 or greater donation to get your **First Flight** benefits.

- ▶ Alumni Donor Card and window decal
- ▶ Opportunities to stay connected to your alma mater
- ▶ LU Mary and John Gray Library privileges
- ▶ Eligibility to serve on select councils and committees
- ▶ Invitations to special events
- ▶ Discounts provided by local and national merchants
- ▶ Download your LU digital swag at lamar.edu/digitalswag
- ▶ Eligibility to purchase membership to Umphrey Recreational Sports Facility

STAY CONNECTED WITH LU

- Attend an athletic event or performance on campus
- Attend an alumni event in your area
- Mentor a student
- Volunteer to serve on an advisory board
- Volunteer at recruiting events in your area (college fairs, showcases, send-offs, etc.)
- Speak to students in the classroom
- Host a table for A Dinner and Conversation
- Assist a student with career development such as shadowing, offering an internship or serving on an alumni panel to give career advice



LAMAR UNIVERSITY

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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.

VISION

TO ESTABLISH LAMAR UNIVERSITY AS A FIRST CHOICE OF TOMORROW'S
LEADERS AND CAREER PROFESSIONALS IN TEXAS.

MISSION

LAMAR UNIVERSITY STRIVES TO EDUCATE LEADERS, DEMONSTRATE
EXCELLENCE IN STUDENT LEARNING AND CAREER READINESS, AND
PURSUE RESEARCH WITH RELEVANCE.

