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College of Arts and Sciences

College of Business

College of Education and Human Development

College of Engineering

College of Fine Arts and Communication

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM*

The Star-Spangled Banner (Francis Scott Key)
Peyton Meeks

The Voice of Lamar Scholarship Recipient

PRESIDING/INTRODUCTIONS AND REMARKS

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MESSAGE FROM THE

PRESIDENT

Dear Graduates,

I am incredibly honored to be here with you today to celebrate your remarkable achievements and to confer your degrees from Lamar University. As the day unfolds, I hope you will take a moment to really soak it all in. Consider what you value now, the potential you carry as lifelong learners, and the profound ways in which you've grown and changed over the past few years. When you cross the stage today, you'll be stepping into a new chapter of your life. Your families, friends, professors, and mentors



are all here to share in this significant moment with you. Today is your day, and it will always be an essential part of your story.

You are also an integral part of the Lamar University story. Each of you now joins a long line of alumni who have made tangible impacts in their fields. You've sharpened your critical thinking abilities in an age of information overload and unchecked disinformation. Your experiences here have transformed you into a professional capable of grappling with complex challenges on a global scale. I am confident that you will make an impact wherever you choose to live and work. Our Cardinal spirit knows no boundaries.

You'll always form a special part of our history and legacy. Wishing you good health and happiness, and may the memories of your time at Lamar University stay with you for the rest of your life.

Congratulations once again!

Sincerely, Jaime Taylor, Ph.D. President

COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES

DR. LYNN MAURER, DEAN

We are pleased to celebrate your graduation from the College of Arts and Sciences at Lamar University. As a student, you have enriched the intellectual and cultural ambience of LU and we are grateful for your participation in the Cardinal community. In return of your hard work and dedication, you have now earned your degree, which is yours for life. You have gained the prestige and pride of being a Lamar University graduate.

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!

Dr. Lynn Maurer, Dean



COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

DR. SOUMAVA BANDYOPADHYAY, INTERIM DEAN

It is my immense pleasure and honor to congratulate you on your graduation from the College of Business at Lamar University. In your journey through college, you have overcome many challenges with resiliency and perseverance, and today is the day for celebration. This is a very important milestone and a time of hope and excitement. You represent the future. I believe that all of you have the potential to make a significant impact in the world and make it a better, brighter, and more sustainable place for everyone. Please recognize the opportunities that are waiting for you and take advantage of them by making full use of the outstanding programs and learning opportunities at Lamar University.

As we celebrate your outstanding achievements, I would like to offer my sincerest congratulations and gratitude to the family members and friends who have supported you all during these challenging, but rewarding years in college. I also extend my special thanks to our world-class faculty and dedicated staff for their contributions toward your success. I strongly encourage you to join the



Lamar University Alumni Association and stay active as a proud Cardinal for life. Please support college activities, programs, and scholarships, and keep us updated on the many achievements you will experience in your careers and personal lives. We are all extremely proud of your accomplishments and wish you the best in the next stages of your lives.

Warm regards,

Dr. Soumava Bandyopadhyay, Interim Dean

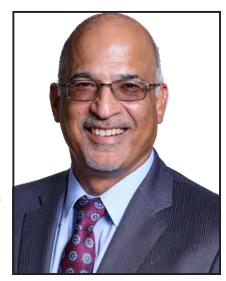


COLLEGE OF EDUCATION & HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

DR. ALBERTO RUIZ, DEAN

To the Graduating Class of 2024,

I am given the special privilege to extend my most sincere and enthusiastic congratulations to you, our graduates. Commencement is the beginning of the next chapter in your lives, and I am honored to cheer you on. You start the day as a college student, and you end the day as a graduate embarking on a new journey. You might ask yourself, "So, what's next for me?" and wonder what is on the horizon. If anyone is equipped and able to answer those questions head-on, it's you. You are stronger and ready to face the world because of what you experienced during your time as a Lamar University student. There are countless opportunities around every corner just waiting to be explored. Enjoy the exploration! Ask the hard questions, take those risks and plant the seeds of your future. It is time for you to embrace your passion and work hard to keep it. You have all completed a rigorous program of studies, which has taught you to think critically and thoughtfully, to express opinions in a respectful manner, to evaluate options, to make informed decisions and to move forward in life.



Reflect on the difficult, taxing and costly journey from where you started to where you are now. This moment proves that you are indeed capable and ready for what is to come. Once a student, now a Cardinal Alum. Be proud of yourselves and take this moment to appreciate and celebrate all you have achieved. You did it!

Dr. Alberto Ruiz, Dean



COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

DR. BRIAN CRAIG, DEAN

On behalf of the Lamar University Administration, the College of Engineering Leadership Team, and faculty and staff of your academic departments, I offer my congratulations on achieving this very significant milestone. You are graduating during a once-in-alifetime celebration of LU's Centennial and we hope each of you play an important role in the success of LU in our next century. Each of you has worked hard to get this point, with the guidance and support of family, friends, and Lamar University (LU) faculty and staff. You have persevered through a challenging journey, demonstrating your own fortitude and demonstrating that we all are stronger together and stronger than ever. We are very proud of each of you. This commencement ceremony has three purposes; the first is to formally celebrate your achievement, the second is to thank those who helped you along the way, and the third is to mark the beginning of next phase of your life.

When you walk out of these doors as LU graduates, you will set new goals, and I know you will pursue them with the same or even higher levels of dedication. My wish for you is that you set the right goals. Set them high enough that you must work both smart and hard to achieve them, and then feel the satisfaction that comes from seeing your work and preparation pay off. The key to success is to focus on goals, not obstacles. For as many have noted, success lies at the intersection of hard work and preparation.



In your years at LU, you have been prepared and encouraged to pursue learning as a life-long endeavor. Always seek new knowledge, because the world is changing faster than ever before, and you will benefit from remaining curious and increasing your skills. Along the lines of life-long learning, I would like to extend an offer to each of our undergraduate engineering graduates to continue your education in one of our master's degree programs and will waive the GRE requirement.

Socrates said, "the unexamined life is not worth living." Continue to question your path, always mindful of your ultimate goals. If you find that your desires change, never be afraid to change course and set new goals so that you can achieve success.

In closing, I ask that you remain engaged with Lamar University. I encourage you to support LU by joining the LU alumni association, participating in programs, sharing your LU experience with others, and I hope that you will keep us updated on your many achievements to come.

With Cardinal Pride...

Dr. Brian Craig, Dean



COLLEGE OF FINE ARTS & COMMUNICATION

DR. GOLDEN WRIGHT, DEAN

One of the highest accomplishments one can achieve is earning a university degree. The challenging circumstances in which you earned this degree makes it even more admirable. Showing this kind of perseverance and resilience will take you far in life.

Success is not achieved alone. Faculty members and staff of this college, your parents, family, and friends should also be recognized for providing moral, financial, and mentoring support which made today possible for our graduates. I hope you will find a moment to celebrate this life changing event with your loved ones. Today, the faculty and staff of the College of Fine Arts and Communication are all celebrating your successes.

As the Dean of the College of Fine Arts and Communication, I am very proud of the diversity in our college, not only in terms of human diversity, but also disciplinary diversity. From art, music, theatre, and dance, to communications, media, deaf studies, deaf education, and speech and hearing sciences, the goal of these programs is to improve our communities and society.



As our students leave us to move forward on their career paths, my hope is that you continue to be lifelong learners. This will be an essential part of your future successes. Remember, Lamar University is always here to offer that opportunity. Please return as alumni and we will welcome you back in your roles as mentors and role models for our students. Lamar University will be your academic home forever.

Enjoy your new-found and hard-earned success. We all wish you a long and successful career in the field you love.

Dr. Golden Wright, Dean



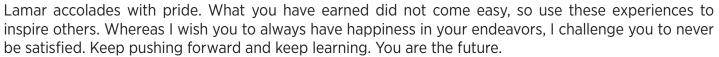
COLLEGE OF GRADUATE STUDIES

DR. BRETT WELCH, DEAN

It is an honor for me to congratulate you on this accomplishment. You are now a member of a select population of those holding an advanced degree. Whereas this milestone should be celebrated, do not rest on these laurels. This is only the beginning.

The graduate degree you have earned not only places you in a unique group of scholars but will open doors to opportunities that previously would not have been attainable. You are now equipped with even more knowledge and skills to encourage growth and inspire others. You are a leading voice and decision maker in your field. Embrace this responsibility and continue to take the same energy and passion used to obtain this degree into your new world.

Finally, know that the Lamar University community is proud of you. As you move forward in your career, please display, and speak of your





Dr. Brett Welch, Dean



REAUD HONORS COLLEGE

DR. TILISA THIBODEAUX, DEAN

It is my absolute honor to congratulate you on behalf of the Reaud Honors College at Lamar University. You have taken a huge step toward fulfilling your lifelong goals and dreams, and there are many amazing opportunities that lie ahead for you.

Simon Sinek (2009) stated, "...achievement comes when you pursue and attain what you want; success comes when you are clear in pursuit of WHY you want it" (Sinek, 2009). It is my hope that as you reflect on your learning journey over the past several years, you have been able to identify your passion and inspiration along the way. If you have, I encourage you to articulate your passion and share your inspiration in everything you do and every decision you make, and most importantly, learn to inspire others the way you have been inspired.

As you navigate the next steps in your journey, learn how to turn your greatest struggle into your largest gain. When success doesn't come easy, dig deep and become a positive deviant, even if that means stepping away from what you would normally do. Embrace the "messiness" of learning and understand that failure is measured by YOUR definition of the word. Life will consistently test your perseverance, but grit and



persistence will help you move the needle on your wildly important goals. Try to lead as you serve others and spend time building relationships with all kinds of people, especially with folks that are different than you. And above all, listen intently and care about others as you grow and learn; you may be surprised at who will become your greatest asset and an integral part of your journey along the way.

The Reaud Honors College encourages Honors Cardinals to embark on a personalized journey where they can align their passions with a purpose to imagine, innovate, impact, and inspire campus life at Lamar University.

Congratulations to all the graduates!

Dr. Tilisa Thibodeaux, Dean



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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.

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.

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.

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 Jaime R. Taylor and the LU administrative officers, we extend our deepest gratitude and congratulations to these distinguished graduates.

ACADEMIC REGALIA

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/COLLEGE RECOGNITION

ALPHA DELTA MU

Social Work Honor Society Black and Silver Cord

ALPHA LAMBDA DELTA

Freshman Honors Red, White and Gold Triple Cords

ALPHA PI MU

Industrial Engineering Honor Society White Cord joined with White Panel

BETA ALPHA PSI

Accounting Honor Society Red or White Stole with Emblem, Red and Black Double Cord

BETA GAMMA SIGMA

International Business Honor Society Blue and Gold Cord and Stole

BETA TAU CHAPTER OF KAPPA PI

International Honorary
Art Fraternity
Purple and Gold Double Cord

BETA XI CHAPTER OF PHI BETA DELTA

International Student Honors Gold Medallion with Red and Yellow Ribbon

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

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

CHI EPSILON

Civil Engineering Honor Society White Stole

DELTA-BETA CHAPTER OF ETA KAPPA NU

Electrical and Computer Engineering Honor Society Yellow Stole with Insignia, Yellow Cord with Red and Blue Tassel

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 Cords

KAPPA DELTI PI

International Honor Society in Education Purple and Green Cord

KAPPA OMICRON NU

Family and Consumer Sciences Honor Society Burgundy and White Cord

LAMBDA PI ETA

National Communication Honor Society Red and White Cord

OMICRON DELTA KAPPA

National Leadership Society White with Gold and Blue Stole Light Blue, Black and White Cords

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

NATIONAL STUDENT NURSING ASSOCIATION

Student Nursing Association Blue and White Cord

OMEGA CHI EPSILON

Chemical Engineering
Honor Society
White Stole

THE ORDER OF THE ENGINEER

Upholding Engineering Integrity
Orange Stole with Red Trim

ORDER OF OMEGA

Greek Honors Gold Stole with Logo, Gold and Ivory Cords

PHI BETA DELTA

International Honor Society Gold Medallion with Red and Gold Ribbon

PHI ETA SIGMA

Freshman Honors Black and Gold Double Cords

PHI KAPPA PHI

Junior/Senior Honor Society Yellow Stole with Insignia on White Background, White Medallion with a Blue Ribbon and Blue Cord

PI MU EPSILON

Math Honor Society Purple, Lavender and Gold Triple Cord

PSI CHI

Psychology Honor Society Platinum and Dark Blue Cord, Platinum Stole, Platinum Medallion on Navy Blue Ribbon

REAUD HONORS COLLEGE

Graduate who has completed at least one high impact educational practice and 23 hours of honors coursework, including an honors thesis, or 26 hours with eight hours of upper-level credits while maintaining a 3.4 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

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 Cords

SMITH-HUTSON SCHOLAR

Smith-Hutson Scholarship Recipient Black Stole with Red Trim

TAU BETA PI

Engineering Honor Society White Stole with Orange Insignia

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 White Stole with Red Trim Red, White and Black Cords, Medallion on Red Ribbon

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

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



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- Speak to students in the classroom
- Host a table for A Dinner and Conversation
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