COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

UT SOUTHWESTERN SCHOOL OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS
OF
THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SOUTHWESTERN MEDICAL CENTER

SUNDAY, DECEMBER TWELFTH
TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-ONE
TWO P.M.
DALLAS, TEXAS
THE VERNIE A. STEMBRIDGE, M.D. ACADEMIC MACE

UT Southwestern’s Vernie A. Stembridge, M.D., Academic Mace is carried in processions and displayed on ceremonial occasions. This symbol of the authority of the faculty to grant degrees, like much of our current academic pageantry, dates from the Middle Ages. The Stembridge Mace was designed by a UT Southwestern alumnus in memory of Vernie A. Stembridge, M.D., a much admired and respected member of UT Southwestern’s faculty from 1959 to 2000. The execution of the design was by the Wm. B. Schieffer Studio; the work was completed in 2003.

At the top of the Stembridge Mace sits a Grecian amethyst. The amethyst is traditionally associated with healing of mind, body, and spirit; and service and humility. Some of this amethyst’s crystalline facets remain rough and natural while others are smooth and polished to suggest the effect of education upon human attributes.

The Stembridge Mace exhibits a head with seven *bas-relief* cameos: the Aesculapian staff represents the healing arts; the interwoven star indicates the close relationship of the health care professions, the health care team, and the Lone Star State; the dawn offers the promise of a new beginning, or “commencement;” the pyramid symbolizes the creative intellect; the silhouette of Texas (with Dallas indicated) stands for our State and city commitment to education, and the concurrent responsibility of students and faculty to serve our city and State; the double helix (DNA molecule) exemplifies modern biomedical discovery; and the scroll symbolizes the passing of knowledge from teacher to student over the generations.

The overall configuration of the Stembridge Mace suggests the torch of learning. The wooden shaft is made of American Black Walnut, turned and shaped to a classical fluted columnar form.
THE ORDER OF EXERCISES

Academic Procession ............................................... Carolyn Bradley-Guidry, DrPH, M.P.A.S.

Marshal
Scott Smith, Ph.D.
Marshal

Presiding ........................................................................ Jon W. Williamson, Ph.D.

Dean
UT Southwestern School of Health Professions

The audience is requested to stand as the procession enters.  
Remain standing for the National Anthem.

Commencement Address .................................................. Eric Peterson, M.D.

Vice Provost and Senior Associate Dean for Clinical Research
Vice President for Health System Research
The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center

Hooding and Conferring of Degrees ................................. Daniel K. Podolsky, M.D.

President
The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center

Introduction of Programs.............................................. Kimberly Hoggatt Krumwiede, Ph.D.

Associate Dean for Academic Affairs
UT Southwestern School of Health Professions

The audience is requested to delay applause until all candidates from a program have received diplomas.

Recessional

The audience is requested to stand during the Recessional and to remain standing in place until the graduates have exited.
CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF
DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN APPLIED CLINICAL RESEARCH
SCOTT SMITH, PH.D., CHAIR

Magistrates ............................................................................................................................ Shannon B. Juengst, Ph.D.
Karen Brewer-Mixon, Ph.D.

Degree Awarded
August 2021

Brittany Nicole Wright
B.A., 2017, The University of Texas at Arlington
MRC, 2019, The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center
Ph.D. Dissertation: “Predictors of Persistent Neurobehavioral Symptoms in Adolescents with Mild Traumatic Brain Injury using Novel Clinical Tool”
Shannon B. Juengst, Ph.D., Mentor

Degree Awarded
December 2021

Chung Lin Kew
B.A., 2011, State University of New York, Buffalo
MRC, 2017, The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center
Ph.D. Dissertation: “Adapting Behavioral Interventions to Better Support Alzheimer's Disease and Lewy Body Dementia Care Partners Based on Their Unique Needs and Differences”
Shannon B. Juengst, Ph.D., Mentor

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF
MASTER OF SCIENCE IN CLINICAL SCIENCE
SCOTT SMITH, PH.D., CHAIR

Degree Awarded
May 2021

Kershaw Viraf Patel, M.D.
Elizabeth Bernard Peeler, D.O.
CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF
DOCTOR OF PHYSICAL THERAPY
ROSS QUERRY, P.T., PH.D., CHAIR

Magistrates ................................................................................................... Julie DeVahl, D.P.T.
Erin Perez, D.P.T.

Degree Awarded
December 2021

Rachel Louise Agostino
Marcella Eleanor Barrilleaux
Shraddha Bista
Madison Marie Boule
Megan Broussard
Madison Michelle Choate
Kristin Lorraine Contreras
Jillian Denee Cornell
Casey Crosson
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Danielle Eule
Madison Sheley Ferraro
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Sahil Devan Gopal
Tatumn Gutierrez
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James Patrick Heckart
Samantha Lauren Elizabeth Hickey
Tricia Domingo Interino

Shana John
Susie Kim
Haley Kristine Laque
Krista Marie Madrid
Maghan Nicole Martz
Andreanna Roxanne McLeod
Clara Margarita Oliva
Madison Margaret Parks
Kirsten Parrish
Shivani Patel
Joshua Cooper Quinn
Samuel Benjamin Roth
Alexandra Kate Watson
Sarah Elizabeth Weeldreyer
William Aaron Weller
Dustin Lee West
Alex Steven Wiebold
Caroline Workman
CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF
MASTER OF CLINICAL NUTRITION
JEFFREY BROWNING, M.D., CHAIR

Magistrates.................................................................................................................. Tad Campbell, M.C.N.
Lona Sandon, Ph.D.

Degree Awarded
August 2021

Sarah Elizabeth Bartels Jordan Michelle Martin
Jennifer Luna Fang Sarah Meng
Caroline Fox Whitney Fayone Mollenhauer
Matthew Mark Gerberding Daileen Janneth Rodriguez
Dee Anna Lee Guillen Ana Laura Vielledent
Victoria Elizabeth Inghram Yinying Wei
Celine Marie Karam Zoe Woloszko
Aasim Mehmood Khan
CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF
MASTER OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT STUDIES
TEMPLE S. HOWELL-STAMPLEY, M.D., MBA, FACP, CHAIR

Magistrates .................................................................................. Laurette Dekat Kugelmann, M.D., M.P.H.
Bau P. Tran, Pharm.D.

Degree Awarded
December 2021

Jeanette Marie Acker ......................................................... Bernadette Okpeii
Marcus Rene Ayala .......................................................... Cameron Albert Orme
Madeleine Niemann Baughman ....................................... Jesse Marie Pace
Surraya Haley Burkard ....................................................... Shanny Sothida Pao
Chloe Madison Carrier ....................................................... Avanika Manoj Patil
Esmeralda Carrollo ......................................................... Stephanie Kristin Powdar
Tanya Patricia Casagrande ................................................ Riley Catherine Powers
Lindsay Taylor Chang ........................................................ Giovanna Privitera
Stella George ....................................................................... Marissa Quehl
Jennifer Marie Gigliotti ..................................................... Clayton Andrew Rabbe
Victoria Teresa Gonzalez .................................................. Megan Elise Ray
Cameryn Grassanovits ....................................................... Alejandro Rodriguez
Kavia Gupta .......................................................................... Kaitlin Stutts Scott
Alexandra Rashi Harris ...................................................... Rebeccah Renee Sewell
Margaret Tiye Lashay Hazelton ........................................ Olivia Margaret Shealy
Carrigan Jean Horton ........................................................ Andrew David Smith
Damaris Iriondo ............................................................... Rachel Ann Steed
Nicole Narayan Jenkins ..................................................... Elizabeth Ann Suarez
Niveen A. Joulani .............................................................. Nawal Joulani Suleman
Tracy Kwan .......................................................................... Tiarra Rachell Thomas
Tina Diem Le ........................................................................ Lauren Thomson
Christopher Joe Liendo ..................................................... Sierra Lamar Treviño
Alexandria Paige Lovell ...................................................... Abby Kathryn Wolf
Alyssa Michelle Elilai Musheff ........................................... Joseph Wendong Xin
Jonathon Ngo ......................................................................... Monika Hany Youssef
Kathleen Nguyen Tran ....................................................... Qurratulain Tahir Yousuf
Nneka Odera Chisom Jermaine Nweke ................................ Hannah Nicole Zoorob
CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF
MASTER OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT STUDIES

Degree to be Awarded
Spring 2022

Dawn DeSimone           Elexis Andréa Stephens

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF
MASTER OF PROSTHETICS – ORTHOTICS
LESLEY GRAY, M.ED., CPO, LPO, FAAOP, PROGRAM DIRECTOR

Magistrates............................................................. Tiffany Graham, M.S.P.O.
                                              Miguel Mojica, B.S.

Degree Awarded
December 2021

Clayton Sue Benson          Kaelee Shay Knoll
Ashton Noel Blasingim       Tristine Lam
Caitlyn Danielle Conley     Davionne Valdez Laney
Ann Claire Crain            Victoria Marie Maselli
Julia Nicole Dann           Collin James Patterson
Rebekah Lee Forshey         Caitlin Anne Peters
Ariel Riley Gibilaro Fortenberry Georgia Michelle Strickler
Isabel Lourdes Gonzalez    Kevin Q. Zhang

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF
MASTER OF RADIATION THERAPY

Magistrate .............................................................. LaChandra Wilcox, B.S.R.T.

Degree Awarded
May 2021

Danielle Leeanne Bachhofer Aerion Ashleigh Olive
Shelbee Brooke Gilmore       Ayriana Windfield
### HONORS RECEIVED BY GRADUATES OF

**UT SOUTHWESTERN SCHOOL OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS**

**Elected to Alpha Eta Honor Society**

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**Elected to Lambda Nu Honor Society**

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**Elected to Pi Alpha Honor Society**

| Jeanette Marie Acker                  | Cameron Albert Orme              |
| Margaret Tiye Lashay Hazelton         | Olivia Margaret Shealy           |
| Tina Diem Le                          | Tiarra Rachell Thomas            |
| Nneka Odera Chisom Jermaine Nweke     | Abby Kathryn Wolf                |
Raul Caetano, M.D., Ph.D., Student Research Award

Clayton Sue Benson (2021)
Brittany Nicole Wright (2020)

Gordon Green, M.D., Student Clinician Award

Margaret Tiye Lashay Hazelton (2021)

L. Ruth Guy, M.D., Student Leadership Award

Megan Broussard (2021)
Rebekah Lee Forshey (2021)
Nneka Odera Chisom Jermaine Nweke (2021)

John Schermerhorn, M.D., Student Service Award

Samantha Lauren Elizabeth Hickey (2021)
Tristine Lam (2021)
Abby Kathryn Wolf (2021)

Dean’s Rising Star Award

Abby Kathryn Wolf (2020)
ACADEMIC HERALDRY AND REGALIA

Although the people, the places, and the styles have changed, you are about to participate in a reenactment of a ceremony, which has existed for nearly nine centuries: the recognition of academic achievement.

The tradition of recognizing academic accomplishment with ceremony, bright color, and distinctive dress is an exercise, which has existed through the ages. Although the commencement ceremony and academic costume of most colleges and universities in the United States today is guided by a twentieth century standard, their roots are found in the development of the universities during the Middle Ages. The medieval universities of Western Europe, such as Paris, Bologna, Cambridge, and Oxford, have provided us with an institutional format - the university structure; a measure of progress - degrees; and a ceremony of achievement - commencement.

For centuries, students have withstood the preliminary academic trials where they attended classes, heard lectures, and engaged in debate. After passing these preliminary trials, the candidate would don a special gown and assume a seat with the *bachalari*, or bachelors. This ceremony was often followed by a feast, with wine provided by the successful candidate. The candidates presented today now become part of this long-standing tradition.

The academic hood worn by the faculty and platform participants and received by graduates at the Master’s level and above is derived from the cloak worn in medieval times over the gown. Attached to the cloak at the back of the neck was a cowl hood, which hung down or could be pulled over the head for warmth. After time, this hood became a separate article worn over the shoulders and hanging down the wearer's back. With the coming into fashion of caps and hats during the fifteenth century, the hoods soon became more ornamental than functional.

Whereas it is generally understood that in Europe gowns were necessary for warmth and hoods covered the academic clerics’ tonsured heads, today the American tradition has evolved toward individual expression of the institution. Although the style of the hood is not unique to each institution, the combinations of colors and chevrons have been standardized in the United States for more than 100 years. The satin colors of the hood lining represent the institution conferring the degree. The academic colors for component institutions of The University of Texas System are orange and white. The color of the academic hood’s velvet trim is distinctive of the degree earned, as is the tassel on the cap. Historical associations of color continue to signify the various faculties and generally carry the traditions established by their early English counterparts. The green of medicinal herbs immediately identifies a medically related degree. Philosophy is signified by dark blue, the traditional color of truth and wisdom. The wealth of information earned through research in science is represented by golden yellow.

Cords worn with academic regalia:
- Green - Alpha Eta Honor Society
- Blue and white - Pi Alpha Honor Society
- Gold and maroon stole - Lambda Nu Honor Society
- Red, white, and blue - US Armed Forces, Active Duty and Veterans
- Green and gold - Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society
- Light blue stole - Southwestern Academy of Teachers
- Medals - The University of Texas Academy of Health Science Education and UT System Regents’ Outstanding Teacher Award
Degrees will be officially conferred to candidates for graduation identified in this commencement booklet who have met all requirements on the recommendation of the faculty of the Southwestern School of Health Professions and by virtue of the authority vested in the faculty and dean by the Regents of The University of Texas.