

# 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. Stemberg, 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 Stemberg Mace was designed by a UT Southwestern alumnus in memory of Vernie A. Stemberg, 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 Stemberg 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 Stemberg 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 Stemberg 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	Shana John
Marcella Eleanor Barrilleaux	Susie Kim
Shraddha Bista	Haley Kristine Laque
Madison Marie Boule	Krista Marie Madrid
Megan Broussard	Maghan Nicole Martz
Madison Michelle Choate	Andreanna Roxanne McLeod
Kristin Lorraine Contreras	Clara Margarita Oliva
Jillian Denée Cornell	Madison Margaret Parks
Casey Crosson	Kirsten Parrish
Alexandra René Detrick	Shivani Patel
Danielle Eule	Joshua Cooper Quinn
Madison Sheley Ferraro	Samuel Benjamin Roth
Christin Marie Garrison	Alexandra Kate Watson
Sahil Devan Gopal	Sarah Elizabeth Weeldreyer
Tatum Gutierrez	William Aaron Weller
Olivia Brianna Haggerty	Dustin Lee West
James Patrick Heckart	Alex Steven Wiebold
Samantha Lauren Elizabeth Hickey	Caroline Workman
Tricia Domingo Interino	

**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  
Jenifer Luna Fang  
Caroline Fox  
Matthew Mark Gerberding  
Dee Anna Lee Guillon  
Victoria Elizabeth Inghram  
Celine Marie Karam  
Aasim Mehmood Khan

Jordan Michelle Martin  
Sarah Meng  
Whitney Fayone Mollenhauer  
Daileen Janneth Rodriguez  
Ana Laura Vielledent  
Yinying Wei  
Zoe Woloszko



**CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF  
MASTER OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT STUDIES**  
TEMPLE S. HOWELL-STAMPLEY, M.D., MBA, FACP, CHAIR

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

Degree Awarded  
December 2021

Jeanette Marie Acker	Bernadette Okpei
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 Carrillo	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	Rebecca 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**  
LESLIE 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  
Ashton Noel Blasingim  
Caitlyn Danielle Conley  
Ann Claire Crain  
Julia Nicole Dann  
Rebekah Lee Forshey  
Ariel Riley Gibilaro Fortenberry  
Isabel Lourdes Gonzalez

Kaelee Shay Knoll  
Tristine Lam  
Davionne Valdez Laney  
Victoria Marie Maselli  
Collin James Patterson  
Caitlin Anne Peters  
Georgia Michelle Strickler  
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  
Shelbee Brooke Gilmore

Aerion Ashleigh Olive  
Ayriana Windfield

**HONORS RECEIVED BY GRADUATES OF  
UT SOUTHWESTERN SCHOOL OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS**

**Elected to Alpha Eta Honor Society**

Jeanette Marie Acker	Samantha Lauren Elizabeth Hickey
Rachel Louise Agostino	Carrigan Jean Horton
Clayton Sue Benson	Damaris Iriondo
Megan Broussard	Celine Marie Karam
Esmeralda Carrillo	Jordan Michelle Martin
Madison Michelle Choate	Jesse Marie Pace
Jillian Denée Cornell	Marissa Quehl
Alexandra René Detrick	Rachel Ann Steed
Rebekah Lee Forshey	Elizabeth Ann Suarez
Ariel Riley Gibilaro Fortenberry	Tiarra Rachell Thomas
Jennifer Marie Gigliotti	Alexandra Kate Watson
Victoria Teresa Gonzalez	Zoe Woloszko
Tatum Gutierrez	

**Elected to Lambda Nu Honor Society**

Danielle Leeanne Bachhofer	Aerion Ashleigh Olive
Shelbee Brooke Gilmore	Ayriana Windfield

**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

**UT SOUTHWESTERN SCHOOL OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS**  
**STUDENT AWARDS**

**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.



