COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

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

SUNDAY, DECEMBER SEVENTEENTH
TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-THREE
TWO P.M.
TOM AND LULA GOOCH AUDITORIUM
DALLAS, TEXAS
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 .................................................. Veronica L. Coleman, M.P.A.S.
  Marshal
  Alicia C. Gilmore, M.S.
  Marshal

Presiding ........................................................................... Jon W. Williamson, Ph.D.
  Dean
  UT Southwestern School of Health Professions

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

Commencement Address ............................................... Craig R. Jackson, J.D., MSW
  President
  Association of Schools Advancing Health Professions
  Dean
  Loma Linda University School of Allied Health Professions

Hooding and Conferring of Degrees ............................... Daniel K. Podolsky, M.D.
  President
  The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center

Introduction of Programs ........................... Carolyn D. Bradley-Guidry, Dr.P.H., M.P.A.S.
  Associate Dean for Student Affairs and Engagement
  UT Southwestern School of Health Professions

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

Closing Remarks ............................................................. Jon W. Williamson, Ph.D.

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
APPLIED CLINICAL RESEARCH
SCOTT A. SMITH, PH.D., CHAIR

Magistrate ................................................................. Gilberto Moralez, Jr., Ph.D.

Degree Awarded
May 2023

Ophelie Puissegur
Ph.D. Dissertation: “Functional Spinal Motion and Physical Activity in Females Affected by Adolescent Idiopathic Scoliosis Initiating Thoraco-Lumbar-Sacral-Orthosis Treatment”
Sofia M. Ulman, Ph.D., Mentor

Degree Awarded
December 2023

Patricia Tasha Champagne
Yi-Ting Tzen, Ph.D., Mentor

John Michael Giacona
Wanpen Vongpatanasin, M.D., Mentor
CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF
DOCTOR OF PHYSICAL THERAPY
ROSS G. QUERRY, P.T., PH.D., CHAIR

Magistrates.................................................................Emily F. Middleton, D.P.T., LPT
Jason Zafereo, P.T., Ph.D.

Degree Awarded
December 2023

Branford Thomas Barnes
Cameron Charles Berry
Trung X. Bui
William Davis Child
Kailee Claustro
Travis Fitzgerald Cook, II
Jessica Cooley
Corinne Janae Daniels
Grace Elizabeth Duffy
Sara Gerges
Brandon Hall
Taylor Deann Harris
Hailey Elizabeth Holland
Kayla Brooke Jones
Virginia Kruse
Marco Antonio Lopez
Morgan Lowe
Araceli Yanez Martinez
Alexandria Leigh McCord

Aryana Michelle Monabat
Ebelechukwu Chikodili Nduka
Chanae Maelynn Pitts Richardson
Samantha Leigh Plaster
Kathryn Lynne Rector
Kaylie Alyssa Reynolds
Madison Nicole Schroeder
Jakiron Sheffield-Jones
Emily Speciale
Samantha AnnMarie Taussig
Lindsay Jean Thor
Daniel Michael Tran
Emily Thiên-Nhi Tran
Katharine Elizabeth Tyson
Blake Elizabeth Walker
Emily Elizabeth Wiegert
Antonio Juan Williams
McKay Kellyn Winslow
Ashleigh Arrington Wood

Degree to be Awarded
Spring 2024

Brandon Tze Jie Ong
CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF
MASTER OF CLINICAL NUTRITION
JEFFREY D. BROWNING, M.D., CHAIR

Magistrates................................................................................ L. Anne Gilmore, Ph.D.
Lona Sandon, Ph.D.

Degree Awarded
August 2023

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Bethany Carrasco       Lujain Jameel Madani
Alexandra Denise Durman Andrea Martinez Cueto
Casey Jane Dutton       Kalli Emma Meinhold
Hannah C. Eboagu       Rosa Maria Montes-Casas
Brooke Alexandria Evans Elaheh Nasresfahani
Alyssa Harris          Quinten Patterson
Shakirah Saree Najah Hilaire Anne Carolyn Phillips
Caitlin Nicole Howell   Brooke Taylor
Brandon Scott Kelley    Renee Christine Wanovich
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MASTER OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT STUDIES
TEMPLE S. HOWELL-STAMPELY, M.D., M.B.A., MACP, CHAIR

Magistrates ............................................................... Laura P. Mattingly, M.H.S., PA-C
Michel Statler, D.M.Sc., M.L.A., PA-C

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December 2023

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Rafael Gerald Basa                Ireca Ann Mance
Megan Patricia Bauer             Crystal Monique Miles
Elsabeth Belay                    Donyae Elaine Minor
Lianne Bencomo Tejeiro            Anusha Mithani
Yadaris Rachelle Bonilla         Collin Anthony Nelson
Chase Parker Bosley               Eric Tyler Nguyen
Suave Rondane Brissett           Frances Julline Oluchukwu Njoku
Estela Cias                       Ritu Pandey
Shannon Celeste Conway           Kevin-Loc Van Pham
Clara Louise Culpepper           Jennifer Gail Piazza
Nicole Sofia Delgado             Nadia Carolina Redmon
Melody Thy Duong                  Janet Melissa Saenz
Morgan Victoria Eldridge          Michael Saucedo
Tracy Garcia                     Alexander Shelley Devin Smith
Lisbeth Giron                    Katherine Murry Snyder
Manuel Alexander Gonzalez         Anthony Arjang Solhjoo
Sabrina Abigail Guevara         Vanessa Yvonne Sutter
Stephany Dayan Herchman          Andrea Rae Taylor
Lisa Hoang                      Tayla Marissa Thibodeaux
Margo Bolt Hotchkiss             Alejandra Yvette Ventura
Grace Of God Innocent-Utulu     Andrew Ross Webb
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                                     Fabian Soldevilla, M.S.O.P., CPO, LPO

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Danielle Christine Pittman

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MASTER OF SCIENCE IN CLINICAL SCIENCE
SCOTT A. SMITH, PH.D., CHAIR

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May 2023

Rachel L. Leon
Meredith Conlon McAdams
HONORS RECEIVED BY GRADUATES OF
UT SOUTHWESTERN SCHOOL OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS

Elected to Alpha Eta Honor Society

Laci Alaine Baker                      Brandon Scott Kelley
Yadaris Rachelle Bonilla             Jessica Leigh Lawrence
Patricia Tasha Champagne             Morgan Lowe
Estela Cias                          Donyae Elaine Minor
Jessica Cooley                       Jennifer Gail Piazza
Corinne Janae Daniels                Chanae Maelynn Pitts Richardson
Nicole Sofia Delgado                 Samantha Leigh Plaster
Kira Nicole Donnelly                 Ophelie Puissegur
Hannah C. Eboagu                     Anthony Arjang Solhjoo
John Michael Giacona                 Vanessa Yvonne Sutter
Stephany Dayan Herchman              Daniel Michael Tran
Shakirah Saree Najah Hilaire         Antonio Juan Williams
Kayla Brooke Jones                   Taylor Jean Wills

Elected to Pi Alpha Honor Society

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John Michael Giacona                 Janet Melissa Saenz
Stephany Dayan Herchman              Michael Saucedo
Crystal Monique Miles                 Alejandra Yvette Ventura
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UT SOUTHWESTERN SCHOOL OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS
STUDENT AWARDS

Raul Caetano, M.D., Ph.D., Student Research Award

John Michael Giacona (2022)
Brandon Scott Kelley (2022)

Gordon Green, M.D., Student Clinician Award

Brooke Alexandria Evans (2022)

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

Patricia Tasha Champagne (2023)
Kira Nicole Donnelly (2023)
Aisha Javed Khan (2022)

John Schermerhorn, M.D., Student Service Award

Travis Fitzgerald Cook, II (2023)
John Michael Giacona (2023)
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
- 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.