

ACADEMIC HONORS CONVOCATION Friday, April 14, 2023



B aylor University expresses gratitude to Mr. and Mrs. J. Harry Jeanes for their generous support of academic life at the University. The visionary desire of Mr. and Mrs. Jeanes to recognize intellectual achievement underscores one of the University's fundamental purposes: the pursuit of academic excellence.

ACADEMIC HONORS CONVOCATION

Barfield Drawing Room

Prelude Matt Young, B.A. '22

Welcome and Invocation Nancy Brickhouse, Ph.D. Provost

Words of Appreciation Douglas Henry, Ph.D. Dean, Honors College

Introduction of Speaker
Dean Henry

"What does Washington have to do with Waco?"

Samuel Chen, B.A. '09, M.A. '11
Principal Director, The Liddell Group
Television Host and Political Commentator
Assistant Professor of Political Science, Northampton Community College
Honors Program Graduate

Academic Recognitions Wesley Null, Ph.D.

Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education and Academic Affairs

Cornelia Marschall Smith Professor of the Year Award James Bennighof, Ph.D.

Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs

Reception following in Bill Daniel Student Center second-floor foyer

PHI BETA KAPPA

Zeta of Texas Chapter

Phi Beta Kappa is the nation's oldest scholastic honor society, founded at the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Virginia, in 1776. The Baylor University Chapter, Zeta of Texas, was chartered in 1976 at the society's bicentennial and continues its work on campus recognizing and encouraging excellence in the liberal arts and sciences.

We look forward to welcoming this year's initiates on April 29 at 6:30 p.m. in Cashion 506. For a full list of this year's class, visit bit.ly/buphibetakappa.

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Dr. Lee C. Nordt, Dean

Aerospace Studies (Air Force ROTC)

Lt. Col. Ken Sterling, Chair Kaitlyn Vana Benjamin Waldo

Anthropology

Dr. Michael P. Muehlenbein, Chair Kassidy Duncan Rvan Parker

Art and Art History

Dr. Katie Larson **Art History:** Chloe Dionne Studio Art: Donna Ogle

Aviation Science

Dr. Trey Cade, Director Isabella Leona Capuano Garey Thomas Lillard

Biology

Dr. Dana Dean & Dr. Teresa Luna Ritu Channagiri Benjamin Fitch

Chemistry and Biochemistry

Dr. Thomas McGrath Kayla Michelle Evans Pranay Viswanathan

Classics

Dr. Kenneth R. Jones, Chair David L. Jacks II Grace Lynnley Miller

Communication

Dr. Blair Browning

Communication Specialist:

Chloe Noelle Williams

Communication Studies:

Lizzy Rice Jillian Clare Stewart

English

Dr. Kevin J. Gardner, Chair Mackie Ferretter Lizzy Rice

Environmental Science

Dr. George P. Cobb, Chair Dr. Ben Ryand & Prof. Julie King **Environmental Health Science:** Macy Williams **Environmental Science:**

Sean Burke

Environmental Studies:

Madeline McDonald

Film and Digital Media

Prof. Christopher J. Hansen, Chair Samuel Black Sarah Puumala

Geosciences

Dr. Steve Dworkin Angelina N. Rodriguez Vivian Elizabeth Yale

History

Dr. Daniel Watkins Amanda Bernardi Hannah Zimmerman

International Studies

Dr. Ivy O. Hamerly, Director Alexa Rollow Isabelle R. Zgorzelski

Journalism, Public Relations, and New Media

Dr. Frieda Blackwell, Acting Chair **Advertising:** Makayla Smith News-Editorial: Clay Thompson **Public Relations:** Rachel Harsley Photojournalism: Emma Hearn

Linguistics

Dr. Melisa Dracos Madeline French

Broadcast: Drake Toll

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Dr. Lee C. Nordt, Dean

Mathematics

Dr. Ronald Morgan Ahyan Ali Hunter Handley

Medical Humanities

*Dr. William Hoy*Ebun Ojo
Molly Kathryn Shoemaker

Military Science (Army ROTC)

Major Jeff Thompson Cadet Madison Harwell Cadet Micah Warwick

Modern Languages and Cultures

Dr. Michael Long, Chair

Asian

*Dr. Xin Wang, Division Dir.*Jade Franklin
Josiah Zeigler

French

Dr. Cristian Bratu, Division Dir. Caroline Pullella Lauren Young

German

Dr. Jennifer Good, Division Dir. Aaliyah Mai

Russian

Dr. Jennifer Good, Division Dir. Grant S. Fowler

Slavic and East European Studies

Dr. Jennifer Good, Division Dir. Anna Williams

Spanish

*Dr. Leslie Harkema, Division Dir.*Samanta Ceballos

Museum Studies

*Dr. Julia Holcomb*Abigail Keeney
Gabrielle Thomason

Philosophy

Dr. Todd Buras, Chair Aidan Fischer Valentina Pierce

Physics

*Dr. Jeffrey Olafsen*Joyce Angela Gough
Joshua Michael Holden

Political Science

Dr. David Clinton, Chair McKenzie Arata Titus Daughtry

Psychology and Neuroscience

Dr. Brad Keele, Interim Chair **Psychology:** Ana Tello Garcia **Neuroscience:** Esther Yeasong Ko

Religion

*Dr. Derek Dodson*Alyssa Marilyn Kubik
Savanna Grace Dean

Sociology

Dr. Carson Mencken, Chair Andrea Vazquez Madelyn Williamson

Statistical Science

Prof. Jeanne Hill Connor Bryson Hanxi Lin

Theatre Arts

Dr. DeAnna Toten Beard, Chair Madelyn Fritz Jared Guidry

HANKAMER SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

Dr. Sandeep Mazumder, Dean

Accounting and Business Law

Dr. Bradley E. Lail, Chair TSCPA Accounting Excellence: Sara Marie Moore

Baylor Business Fellows

Dr. J. Allen Seward, Director Leah McAleer Lucas Chau

Economics

Dr. James Henderson, Chair
BBA in Economics: Tyler Rossow
BA in Economics: Emily Warwick
BS in Economics: Andrew Thomas

Entrepreneurship and Corporate Innovation

Dr. Peter Klein, Chair Shea Walk

Finance, Insurance and Real Estate

Dr. Shane Underwood, Chair Finance: Aidan Conom

Risk Management and Insurance:

Michael DeShong

International Business

Dr. H. Stephen Gardner, Director Madeline Self

Information Systems

Prof. Johnny Bhojwani Neil Lewis Braeden Cole

Management

Dr. Emily Hunter, Chair
Human Resource Management:
Meagan Svacina
Management:
Anna Bryant
Supply Chain Management:
Cole Derian

Marketing

Dr. Chris Pullig, Marketing Chair Grace Whitaker Christian Hoffman

Professional Selling

Dr. Chris Pullig, Marketing Chair Eli Kerim Tyler Spears

Sports Strategy and Sales

Dr. Chris Pullig, Marketing Chair Ginger Gordon

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

Dr. Shanna Hagan-Burke, Dean

Curriculum and Instruction

Dr. Sandi Cooper
Elementary Education:
Deborah Chou
Elizabeth Perkins

Middle Grades Education:

Emmaline Whitmer Anna Murray

Secondary Education:

Kevin Pakarinen Faith Stuchly

Educational Psychology

Dr. Todd Kettle, Chair Madeline Huffman Aundrea Lancaster

SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING AND COMPUTER SCIENCE

Dr. Erich J. Baker, Interim Dean

Computer Science

Dr. Greg Hamerly, Interim Chair

Computer Science:

Patrick Harris

Austin Huizinga

Informatics:

Harrison Tognela

Emily Hesse

Electrical and Computer Engineering

Dr. Kwang Y. Lee, Chair

Daniel Tucker

Mariah Montgomery

Mechanical Engineering

Dr. Paul Ro, Chair

Mechanical Engineering:

Eli Stengel Kaitlin Gilbert

BS in Engineering:

Guli Nur

Abigail Joseph

ROBBINS COLLEGE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SCIENCES

Dr. Jason R. Carter, Dean

Communication Science and Disorders

Dr. Michaela Ritter, Chair

Hope Caviness

Health, Human Performance,

and Recreation

Dr. Dale Connally, Chair

Exercise Physiology Program

Dr. Yunsuk Koh, Director Nathan Vanderpool

Health Science Studies

Dr. Tricia Blalock, Director Cassandra Davis

Katherine Nelson

Human Science and Design

Dr. Sheri Dragoo, Chair

Apparel Design and Product Development

Dr. Lorynn Divita, Division Leader Abby Spicer

Apparel Merchandising

Dr. Lorynn Divita, Division Leader Haidyn Chudy

Child and Family Studies

Prof. Ruthie Davis, Division Leader Anna Young

Interior Design

Prof. Michelle Brown, Division Leader Madison Banks

Nutrition Sciences

*Prof. Stanley Wilfong, Division Leader*Caroline O'Donnell

Public Health

Prof. Margo Shanks Samuel Barron

HONORS COLLEGE

Dr. Douglas V. Henry, Dean

Great Texts of the Western Tradition University Scholars

Dr. Phillip Donnelly, Director

David Lopez Ella Pursley University Scholars
Dr. Jeff Hunt, Director

Lauren Jarvis Nate Padley

SCHOOL OF MUSIC

Dr. Gary Mortenson, Dean

Outstanding Music Student

*Dr. Margaret Harper*Chase Douthit

Outstanding Music Student

*Dr. Jamie Van Eyck*Natalia Leslie

LOUISE HERRINGTON SCHOOL OF NURSING

Dr. Linda Plank, Dean

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Emily Haskell

FastBacc

Dr. Beth Hultquist, FastBacc Coordinator, Clinical Associate Professor

Julianna Kuntz

DIANA R. GARLAND SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

Dr. Jon Singletary, Dean

Bachelor of Social Work

Prof. Luci Ramos Hoppe, Lecturer and BSW Program Director Josianne Pooler Hayoung Park

The History of ACADEMIC HONORS WEEK

During his first year as director of the Honors Program, Dr. Wallace Daniel conceived of the idea of Academic Honors Week, with an intent to celebrate the scholarly work of students in the Honors Program. He knew students achieving academic accomplishments, and wanted to applaud them, as he hoped to encourage many disciplines and schools to focus time and attention on the best and brightest within their divisions.

Dr. Daniel presented the idea to Mr. Harry Jeanes, who with his wife, Anna, proceeded to establish a full-fledged endowment on behalf of the idea, which has since become the annual J. Harry and Anna Jeanes Academic Honors Week, held toward the end of each academic year.

Honors Week initially provided a venue for special lectures and for Honors Program students to present overviews of their thesis projects, and Convocation allowed the Honors Program to showcase outstanding students. Within a few years, Convocation first expanded to recognize distinguished students throughout the College of Arts & Sciences, and now encompasses all of the colleges and schools at Baylor. For many, Honors Week and the Honors Convocation are highlights of the academic year, when students' outstanding achievements are celebrated.

ACADEMIC HONORS WEEK

April 10-14, 2023

Honors Program Student Presentations

Monday, April 10 Easter Break

Tuesday, April 11Alexander Classroom 115 and Morrison Hall 205

Wednesday, April 12 Alexander Classroom 115 and Morrison Hall 205

Thursday, April 13
Alexander Classroom 115 and Morrison Hall 205

Friday, April 14
Alexander Classroom 115 and Morrison Hall 205

Honors Program and University Scholars Program Banquet

Wednesday, April 12, 2023, 6:30 p.m.
Barfield Drawing Room, Bill Daniel Student Center
Celebrating the Achievements of Seniors and
their Faculty Mentors

Phi Beta Kappa Initiation and Banquet Saturday, April 29, 2023, 6:30 p.m. Cashion 506

