

# ACADEMIC HONORS CONVOCATION Friday, April 19, 2024



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## ACADEMIC HONORS CONVOCATION

Paul Powell Chapel, George W. Truett Theological Seminary

Prelude Blake Allan

Welcome and Invocation Linda Livingstone, Ph.D. President

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

Introduction of Speaker Dean Henry

"To Come To Praise" Robin Landrith, B.A. '16 Doctoral Candidate, History of Christianity Boston College

Academic Recognitions
J. Wesley Null, Ph.D.
Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education and Academic Affairs

Cornelia Marschall Smith Professor of the Year Award Presentation DeAnna Toten Beard, Ph.D. Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs

*Reception following in the lobby* 

## 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 welcomed this year's initiates on April 6 at 6:30 p.m. in Foster 250. 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* Alissa Zenero Caleb Ackman

## Anthropology

*Dr. Michael P. Muehlenbein, Chair* Maddie Wells Abby Killian

### **Art and Art History**

Dr. Heidi Hornik-Parsons, Chair Art History: Mary Ellis Ferguson

Art: Maria Mansfield

#### **Aviation Science**

*Dr. Trey Cade, Director* Bobbi Nevaaeh Bruehl Keaton Allan Fischer

## Biology

*Dr. Patrick Farmer, Interim Chair* Briana Roenz Ashley Smelley

## **Chemistry and Biochemistry**

*Dr. John Wood, Chair*Allyson Willey
Grant Shrable

#### Classics

*Dr. Kenneth R. Jones, Chair* Emily Saladino Hannah Payne

#### Communication

Dr. David W. Schlueter, Chair Communication Specialist:

Grace Jacoby

## **Communication Studies:**

Joseph Sword Savannah Wanebo

## English

Dr. Kevin J. Gardner, Chair English Literature: Mollie Kearney

#### **Professional Writing & Rhetoric**

*Dr. Mike DePalma, Chair* Alyssa Villarreal Isabelle Terry

#### **Environmental Science**

Dr. George P. Cobb, Chair
Environmental Health Science:
Macy Williams
Environmental Science:
Ruth Deffenbaugh
Environmental Studies:

Amy Cox

### Film and Digital Media

*Prof. Christopher J. Hansen, Chair* Jedidiah Doyle Lily Nussbaum

#### Geosciences

*Dr. Joe Yelderman, Chair* Isabel Leah Hopkins Evan Cerna

## History

*Dr. Julie DeGraffenried, Chair* Meagan Brumley Carl Friesenhahn

#### International Studies

*Dr. Ivy O. Hamerly, Director* AnnaGrace Hale Junhui Fitch

## Journalism, Public Relations, and New Media

Dr. Mia Moody-Ramirez, Chair Advertising: Kathryn Craighead News-Editorial: Jenna Fitzgerald Public Relations: Lily Nussbaum Photojournalism: Gabrielle Sherwood

**Broadcast:** Danika Young

## Linguistics

*Dr. Melisa Dracos, Interim Chair* Jacqueline Zhang Stephen Priest

## COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

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#### Mathematics

*Dr. Dorina Mitrea, Chair*Danielle Elizabeth Paraiso
Chloe Susan Povey-Rowe

#### **Medical Humanities**

*Dr. Lauren A. Barron, Director*Mikaela Kim
Nathaniel Francis Takle

### Military Science (Army ROTC)

*LTC Kevin Nogle, Chair* Dylan Michael Kent Onnika Icylyn Debusk

## **Modern Languages and Cultures**

Dr. Michael Long, Chair

#### French

*Dr. Cristian Bratu, Division Dir.* Bailey Day

#### German

*Dr. Jennifer Good, Division Dir.*Shelby Barnes
Taylor Frost

#### Russian

*Dr. Jennifer Good, Division Dir.* Julia Ash Jared R. Block

#### **Slavic and East European Studies**

*Dr. Jennifer Good, Division Dir.* Jocelyn Sawyer

#### Spanish

*Dr. Frieda Blackwell, Interim Division Dir.* Jerushalayim Guadarrama Perea

#### **Museum Studies**

*Dr. Kenneth C. Hafertepe, Chair* Leila Newhouse Maggie O'Quinn

### Philosophy

*Dr. Todd Buras, Chair* Namrata Mathew Andriana Báez

#### **Physics**

*Dr. Lorin Matthews, Chair* Peyton Johnson Julia Brouwer

### **Political Science**

*Dr. David Clinton, Chair* Mina King Krish Kothari

## **Psychology and Neuroscience**

*Dr. Wade Rowatt, Interim Chair* **Psychology:** Briana Roenz **Neuroscience:** Grace Summers

## Religion

*Dr. Doug Weaver, Chair* Jacob Duffer Kara Nelson

## Sociology

*Dr. Carson Mencken, Chair*Will Baxter
Emma Hofmann

#### Statistical Science

*Dr. James Stamey, Chair* Leah Jones Caleb Skinner

#### Theatre Arts

*Prof. JoJo Jones, Interim Chair* Daniel Walker Sophia Lang

## HANKAMER SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

Dr. Sandeep Mazumder, Dean

### Accounting and Business Law

Dr. Gia Chevis, Chair TSCPA Accounting Excellence: Jeremy Pham

## **Baylor Business Fellows**

*Dr. J. Allen Seward, Director* Kay Chi Pua Haleigh Brown

#### **Economics**

Dr. James Henderson, Chair
BBA in Economics: Stephanie Mendoza
BA in Economics: Caroline Tichenor
BS in Economics: Connor Hornsby

# Entrepreneurship and Corporate Innovation

Dr. Peter Klein, Chair Shea Walk

## Finance, Insurance and Real Estate

Dr. Shane Underwood, Chair

#### Finance:

Mari Sanchez Heavenlee Vasquez

## Risk Management and Insurance:

Anthony Ross

#### **International Business**

*Dr. Dawn Carlson, Director* Sydney Johnson

#### **Information Systems**

*Dr. Jonathan Trower, Chair*Gabe Jensen
Alexa Mendes

### Management

Dr. Emily Hunter, Chair
Human Resource Management:
Kevin Murray
Management:
Grace Basile
Supply Chain Management:
Alvin Pokel

## Marketing

Dr. Chris Pullig, Chair

### Marketing

*Dr. Chris Pullig, Chair* Olivia Lapes Gary McCart

## **Professional Selling**

*Dr. Andrea Dixon, Director*Diego Chavez
Ashley Dohlman
Benj Nopper

## **Sports Strategy and Sales**

Dr. Lane Wakefield, Director Naomi Thevatheril Khloe Jowers

## SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

Dr. Shanna Hagan-Burke, Dean

#### **Curriculum and Instruction**

Dr. Trena Wilkerson, Interim Chair

## **Elementary Education:**

Makenna Adams Lexie Brissenden

#### Middle Grades Education:

Jessica Best

Hannah Hensarling

## **Secondary Education:**

Carol Moter Kari Pakarinen

## **Educational Psychology**

*Dr. Sara Tomek, Interim Chair* Mckailah Ellisor Morgan Huff

# SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING AND COMPUTER SCIENCE

Dr. Daniel Pack, Dean

### **Computer Science**

Dr. Greg Hamerly, Interim Chair

## **Computer Science:**

Patrick Harris

Austin Huizinga **Informatics:** 

Harrison Tognela

Rachel Koerner

## Mechanical Engineering

Dr. Paul Ro, Chair

**Mechanical Engineering:** 

Clayton Hearn Katie Barcak

BS in Engineering:

Zachary Lozuk Maxwell Salter

## **Electrical and Computer Engineering**

Dr. JB Lee, Chair

DJ Coe

Grant Eversole

# ROBBINS COLLEGE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SCIENCES

Dr. Jason R. Carter, Dean

## Communication Sciences and Disorders

Dr. Michaela Ritter, Chair

Hayden Downs

Kennedy Dunn

## **Exercise Physiology Program**

Dr. Yunsuk Koh, Director Tristan Wells

#### **Health Science Studies**

Dr. Tricia Blalock, Director

Caitlin Buri

Mallory Sadd

## **Human Sciences and Design**

Prof. Elise King, Chair

## Apparel Design and Product Development

Dr. Jay Yoo, Division Leader Gracie Speer

### **Apparel Merchandising**

*Dr. Jay Yoo, Division Leader* Hannah Cunningham

#### **Child and Family Studies**

*Prof. Ruthie Davis, Division Leader* Rachel Gurley

#### **Interior Design**

Prof. Michelle Brown, Division Leader Preslee Scott

#### **Nutrition Sciences**

*Prof. Stanley Wilfong, Division Leader* Kailey Lewis

#### Public Health

*Dr. Eva Doyle, Chair* Jordan Scott Sarah Kate Edwards

## HONORS COLLEGE

Dr. Douglas V. Henry, Dean

Great Texts of the Western Tradition

**Dr.** William Weaver, Director David Lopez Ella Pursley University Scholars
Dr. Jeff Hunt, Director
Mark Mills
Emma Wrona

## SCHOOL OF MUSIC

Dr. Gary Mortenson, Dean

## **Outstanding Music Student**

*Dr. Jamie Van Eyck*Giselle Bautista
Katherine Sanderford

# LOUISE HERRINGTON SCHOOL OF NURSING

Dr. Linda Plank, Dean

#### Distance Accelerated BSN

Dr. Kathryn Osteen, Associate Dean for Pre-Licensure Programs & Clinical Assistant Professor Mccall Freidenberger

#### **Traditional BSN**

Dr. Lisa Jones, Associate Dean for Pre-Licensure Programs & Clinical Assistant Professor Molly Andersen

#### **FastBacc**

Dr. Adrianne R. Duvall-Ingram, FastBacc® Coordinator & Harris and Anne Clark FastBacc® Endowed Professor Angelica Castro

## DIANA R. GARLAND SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

Dr. Jon Singletary, Dean

#### **Bachelor of Social Work**

Prof. Luci Ramos Hoppe, Lecturer and BSW Program Director Marisa Prokarym Sydni Charobonnet

# 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 15-19, 2024

## **Honors Program Student Presentations**

Monday, April 15 Morrison Hall 204 and Morrison Hall 205

Tuesday, April 16 Morrison Hall 204 and Morrison Hall 205

Wednesday, April 17 Morrison Hall 204 and Morrison Hall 205

**Thursday, April 18**Morrison Hall 204 and Morrison Hall 205

Friday, April 19 Morrison Hall 204 and Morrison Hall 205

# Honors Program and University Scholars Program Banquet

Wednesday, April 17, 2024, 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 6, 2024, 6:30 p.m. Foster 250

