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May 19-20

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Friday, May 19, 2017	3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, May 20, 2017	9:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.
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MISSION

As a public research university, Texas Tech advances knowledge through innovative and creative teaching, research, and scholarship. The university is dedicated to student success by preparing learners to be ethical leaders for a diverse and globally competitive workforce. The university is committed to enhancing the cultural and economic development of the state, nation, and world.

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ABOUT TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY

FROM ITS VERY BEGINNING the Texas Tech University community has had a sense of destiny and an awareness of the impact it could and would have on Texas and the wider world. Originally named Texas Technological College, Texas Tech opened in 1925 with six buildings, four schools (Agriculture, Engineering, Home Economics, and Liberal Arts), and an enrollment of 914. Texas Tech grew rapidly after World War II, and in 1969 the Texas legislature approved a name change to Texas Tech University. In the years since, Texas Tech has grown to become the largest comprehensive higher education institution in the western two-thirds of the state. As the only campus in Texas that is home to a major university, law school, and medical school, the university is the major institution of higher education in a region larger than 46 of the nation's 50 states.

Today, Texas Tech continues to thrive, with more than 36,000 students enrolled in its 11 colleges: Agricultural Sciences & Natural Resources, Architecture, Arts & Sciences, Jerry S. Rawls College of Business, Education, Edward E. Whitacre Jr. College of Engineering, Honors College, Human Sciences, Media & Communication, J.T. & Margaret Talkington College of Visual & Performing Arts, and the Graduate School, as well as University Programs via the Provost's Office. The institution's goal is to enroll 40,000 students by 2020.

Because of its educational scope and purpose, as well as the size of the region it serves, Texas Tech University operates in numerous Texas locations beyond the Lubbock campus. In all, the Texas Tech University System—which includes Texas Tech University, Angelo State University, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, and Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center at El Paso—has more than 44,000 students enrolled.







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SINCE TEXAS TECH'S FIRST graduation ceremony in the spring of 1927, more than 200,000 undergraduate and graduate degrees have been awarded by the university. From these proud graduates have emerged captains of industry, world-renowned surgeons, noted authors, famous singers, acclaimed teachers and professors, attorneys, entrepreneurs, agronomists, scientists, professional athletes, and countless others who have claimed positions of service and responsibility in a rapidly changing world.

Texas Tech University graduates have governed states, flown in space, served as Presidential cabinet members, won Olympic gold medals, served as ambassadors to foreign countries, acted on Broadway stages, won Pulitzer Prizes, served in Congress, led Fortune 500 companies, and been watched by millions on network television news.

Not all graduates will achieve fame and fortune in equal measure, but all Texas Tech graduates can point with pride to the solid academic preparation they received and the personal connections they made as Red Raiders. For beneath the spacious skies of West Texas and in the halls of brick and tile through which they strolled during their time on campus, generations of Texas Tech students have been provided a foundation for success that is without parallel. As they take their first steps into careers that will see many of them literally change the world, they can remember with certainty one important fact about Texas Tech University:

From here, it's possible.

COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

Friday, May 19, 2017

3:00 p.m.

Presiding	Dr. Lawrence Schovanec <i>President, Texas Tech University</i>
Processional*	Texas Tech Commencement Band <i>Dr. Sarah McKoin, Conductor</i>
National Anthem	Ms. Marissa Sharon Hernandez <i>Graduating with a Bachelor of Music</i>
Welcoming Remarks	Mr. John Steinmetz <i>Board of Regents; Texas Tech University System</i>
Introduction of Commencement Speaker	Dr. Lawrence Schovanec
Commencement Address	Dr. David L. Schmidly <i>Former President, Texas Tech University</i>
Conferring of Degrees	Dr. Lawrence Schovanec Dr. Michael Galyean <i>Provost and Senior Vice President</i>
Presentation of Bachelor's Degree Candidates	Dr. W. Brent Lindquist <i>Dean, College of Arts & Sciences</i>
Recognition of Outstanding Students Class of 2017	Dr. Michael Galyean
Charge to the Graduates	Dr. Lawrence Schovanec
Alma Mater <i>(Words on Back Cover)</i>	Ms. Katherine June Smith <i>Graduating with a Bachelor of Music</i>
Recessional*	Texas Tech Commencement Band

** Please remain seated during the Processional and Recessional*

COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

Friday, May 19, 2017

7:00 p.m.

Presiding	Dr. Lawrence Schovanec <i>President, Texas Tech University</i>
Processional*	Texas Tech Commencement Band <i>Dr. Sarah McKoin, Conductor</i>
National Anthem	Mr. George Patrick Cole III <i>Graduating with a Bachelor of Music</i>
Welcoming Remarks	Mr. Tim Lancaster <i>Vice Chairman, Board of Regents; Texas Tech University System</i>
Chancellor's Remarks	Mr. Robert Duncan <i>Chancellor, Texas Tech University System</i>
Introduction of Commencement Speaker	Dr. Lawrence Schovanec
Commencement Address	Dr. David L. Schmidly <i>Former President, Texas Tech University</i>
Conferring of Degrees	Dr. Lawrence Schovanec Dr. Michael Galyean <i>Provost and Senior Vice President</i>
Presentation of Doctoral and Master's Degree Candidates	Dr. Mark A. Sheridan <i>Vice Provost for Graduate and Postdoctoral Affairs; Dean, Graduate School</i>
Recognition of Outstanding Students Class of 2017	Dr. Michael L. Galyean
Charge to the Graduates	Dr. Lawrence Schovanec
Alma Mater <i>(Words on Back Cover)</i>	Mr. Ryan Bryce Johnson <i>Graduating with a Bachelor of Music</i>
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COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

Saturday, May 20, 2017

9:00 a.m.

Presiding	Dr. Lawrence Schovanec <i>President, Texas Tech University</i>
Processional*	Texas Tech Commencement Band <i>Dr. Sarah McKoin, Conductor</i>
National Anthem	Mr. Ryan Bryce Johnson <i>Graduating with a Bachelor of Music</i>
Welcoming Remarks	Mr. J. Michael Lewis <i>Board of Regents, Texas Tech University System</i>
Chancellor's Remarks	Mr. Robert Duncan <i>Chancellor, Texas Tech University System</i>
Introduction of Commencement Speaker	Dr. Lawrence Schovanec
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Conferring of Degrees	Dr. Lawrence Schovanec Dr. Michael Galyean <i>Provost and Senior Vice President</i>
Presentation of Bachelor's Degree Candidates	Dr. Al Sacco, Jr. <i>Dean, Edward E. Whitacre Jr. College of Engineering</i> Dr. Scott Ridley <i>Dean, College of Education</i> Dr. Mitzi Lauderdale <i>Associate Dean for Students, College of Human Sciences</i> Dr. Noel Zahler <i>Dean, J.T. & Margaret Talkington College of Visual & Performing Arts</i> Mr. Jim Williamson <i>Dean, College of Architecture</i>
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Recessional*	Texas Tech Commencement Band

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COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

Saturday, May 20, 2017

1:30 p.m.

Presiding	Dr. Lawrence Schovanec <i>President, Texas Tech University</i>
Processional*	Texas Tech Commencement Band <i>Dr. Sarah McKoin, Conductor</i>
National Anthem	Ms. Katherine June Smith <i>Graduating with a Bachelor of Music</i>
Welcoming Remarks	Mr. J. Michael Lewis <i>Board of Regents, Texas Tech University System</i>
Chancellor's Remarks	Mr. Robert Duncan <i>Chancellor, Texas Tech University System</i>
Introduction of Commencement Speaker	Dr. Lawrence Schovanec
Commencement Address	Dr. David L. Schmidly <i>Former President, Texas Tech University</i>
Conferring of Degrees	Dr. Lawrence Schovanec Dr. Michael Galyean <i>Provost and Senior Vice President</i>
Presentation of Bachelor's Degree Candidates	Dr. Jeff Mercer <i>Senior Associate Dean, Jerry S. Rawls College of Business</i> Dr. David Perlmutter <i>Dean, College of Media & Communication</i> Dr. Steve Frazee <i>Interim Dean, College of Agricultural Sciences & Natural Resources</i> Dr. Michael San Francisco <i>Dean, Honors College</i> Dr. Patrick Hughes (presenting University Studies and Wind Energy degrees) <i>Associate Provost, Undergraduate Education and Student Affairs</i>
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COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER



David J. Schmidly was born and raised on a cotton farm near Levelland, Hockley County, in West Texas. As a first-generation college student, Dr. Schmidly was the first member of his family to attend and graduate. He received his B.A. and M.S. degrees from Texas Tech University (1962-1968) and his Ph.D. from the University of Illinois (1971), all in zoology. Dr. Schmidly has been recognized as a distinguished alumnus at both of these institutions.

Dr. Schmidly served as President of the University of New Mexico from 2007 to 2012. Previously he had served as President and CEO of Oklahoma State University from 2003 to 2007; and Vice President of Research, Dean of the Graduate School, and President at Texas Tech from 1996 to 2003. Dr. Schmidly started his academic career at Texas A&M University in 1971, where he eventually served as head of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences from 1986 to 1992, and Chief Executive Officer and Campus Dean at Texas A&M University at Galveston from 1992 to 1996.

Dr. Schmidly has served on many higher education boards, including the Executive Committee of the International Association of University Presidents; the Council of Presidents, Association of University and Colleges; the Board of Directors, Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities; the Board of Directors, American College and University President's Climate Commitment; and as a Director and member of the Executive Committee of the National Collegiate Athletic Association.

Dr. Schmidly is an internationally respected researcher and scientific author. He has been inducted into the Texas Hall of Fame for Science, Mathematics, and Technology, which recognizes Texans who have played a major role in significant scientific accomplishments. As a noted scientific naturalist, he has authored 11 natural history and conservation books and more than 150 scientific articles. In addition, Dr. Schmidly received a very prestigious honor when a new species of mouse was named after him—*Peromyscus schmidlyi*. In 2003, Dr. Schmidly was awarded honorary membership in the American Society of Mammalogists, the most prestigious recognition awarded by that international scientific society.

Dr. Schmidly and his wife of 50 years, Janet Knox Schmidly (a 1966 graduate of Texas Tech University), are retired and live in Placitas, New Mexico. They are the parents of two grown children and four grandchildren.

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MUSIC ENSEMBLE

The commencement music ensemble is comprised of students from the Texas Tech University School of Music under the direction of Dr. Sarah McKoin. Their participation is funded through the auspices of the Office of the President, Texas Tech University.

PROGRAM

This program was produced by the Office of the Provost in cooperation with the Convocation Committee and the Office of Official Publications at Texas Tech University, Garrett McKinnon, Director, and Cheryl Hedlund, Senior Editor.

STUDENT BANNER BEARERS

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Human Sciences – Ms. Katarina Maria Bleier
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3:00 p.m. – Ms. Arsheen Mohammed Rajan
9:00 a.m. –
Mr. Nestor D. Rodriguez Agudelo
1:30 p.m. – Ms. Srinidhi Marka
Media & Communication –
Ms. Nicole Claire Lundberg
University Programs – Mr. Loren Odes Gish
Visual & Performing Arts –
Ms. Allison Elaine Speziale

FACULTY BANNER BEARERS

3:00 p.m. – Angela Lumpkin, Ph.D.
Chairperson and Professor of Kinesiology and Sport Management; College of Arts & Sciences
7:00 p.m. – Christopher C. Weiss, Ph.D.
Associate Professor of Geosciences; College of Arts & Sciences
9:00 a.m. – Raymond Flores, Ph.D.
Associate Professor of Teacher Education; College of Education
1:30 p.m. – Dennis Arnett, Ph.D.
Associate Dean for Undergraduate Studies and External Relations, John B. Malouf Professor of Marketing; Jerry S. Rawls College of Business

LIBRARY BANNER BEARERS

3:00 p.m. – Ms. Jessie Simpson
9:00 a.m. – Dr. David Marshall
1:30 p.m. – Mr. Innocent Awasom

PRESIDENTIAL MACE

CROWNED BY A FLAME symbolizing the Light of Knowledge, the Texas Tech University Presidential Mace is the symbolic staff of the power and authority of the university. It is constructed of lathed and molded bronze that has been rubbed with a layer of 24K gold. The school crest is presented on either side directly under the flame. Hand-rubbed black walnut has been used for the connecting shafts. The mace was designed by Professor Robly A. Glover in the School of Art. Professor Glover's artwork is on display throughout the United States and included in the permanent collections of the Art Institute of Chicago, The Yale Silver Collection, and the Victoria and Albert Museum in London.



Professor Robly A. Glover carries the Presidential Mace he designed for Texas Tech University

MACE BEARERS

Graduate School Ceremony

7:00 P.M., MAY 19 SCOTT L. BAUGH, PH.D.
*Associate Professor of English
 College of Arts & Sciences*

Undergraduate Ceremonies

3:00 P.M., MAY 19 DAVID LAMP, PH.D.
*Associate Professor of Physics
 College of Arts & Sciences*

9:00 A.M., MAY 20 ALI NEJAT, PH.D.
*Associate Professor of Construction Engineering
 Edward E. Whitacre, Jr. College of Engineering*

1:30 P.M., MAY 20 ALIZA WONG, PH.D.
*Associate Dean and Associate Professor of Honors and History
 Honors College*

GRADUATION HONORS

Graduating seniors who have maintained an overall 4.0 GPA include the following:

Austin Adams
 Sagar Adhikary
 Deborah Anne Albus
 Sara Achraf Alhaj
 Erin Beyer
 Rebecca Jean Brewer
 Stephanie Ann Brewer
 Kimberly Renee Brown
 Shea Allison Burkett
 Kinsey C'lle Byrd
 Shavanna Joyce Caruso
 Chirae Elaine Christie
 Hannah Cleveland
 Cade Burnett Cobb
 Harrison David Cutler

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 Laura Mallory Meeks
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 Jady Taylor Newsom
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 Devonte Aklee Oree
 Shaunak Girishkumar Patel
 Victoria Mae Patterson
 Danyelle Dee Pettorini
 Alex Lynn Priest
 Brittany Nicole Purvis

Arsheem Mohammed Rajan
 Mikal Carlos Ramon
 Jennifer Meagan Ringer
 Allie Brooke Rother
 Chandler Bond Seymore
 Rushan Shakya
 Benjamin Taylor Sharp
 Daniel Joseph Stark
 Elizabeth Anne Stoneham-Perez
 Charles Walker
 Hannah Elise Walker
 Holly Kim Warren
 Brittany Danielle Wharton
 Gabrielle Alexandra White
 Nur Wijaya
 Jonathan Louis Wilhelm

CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATE DEGREES

The **doctoral degree** is the most advanced earned degree conferred by American institutions of higher learning. The doctorate usually represents prolonged periods of advanced study culminating in a dissertation intended to contribute substantially to the body of knowledge on the subject. The most widely sought doctorate is the Doctor of Philosophy, which no longer has an implication of philosophy as the major field of study but represents advanced research in any of the major fields of knowledge.

The **master's degree** is an academic honor bestowed upon students who have successfully completed work beyond the baccalaureate. Both a thesis and an oral examination are usually but not always required. When applicable, the graduate's thesis topic is listed.

DOCTOR OF EDUCATION

AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION

Sharon M. Freeman (*In absentia*)

Dissertation: An Investigation of Soft Skill Development of California Agricultural Education Students Participating in an FFA Career Development Event

Major Professors: Steven Frazee and Tim Murphy

EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP

Mehmet Bayar

Dissertation: Investigation of School Leaders' Transformational Leadership Processes and Behaviors in Nurturing a Mobile Technology Instructional Integration Culture in a Charter School System

Major Professor: Joseph Claudet

HIGHER EDUCATION

Liza Lillian Alonzo

Dissertation: The Impact of Community Engagement as a Strategy in the Retention of Minority Students at an Urban, Public Commuter Campus

Major Professor: Dave Louis

David Vincent Arreazola

Dissertation: Community College Faculty Experiences with Outcomes Assessment and Its Perceived Influence on Teaching and Learning

Major Professor: Stephanie J. Jones

Aaron Lynn Austin

Dissertation: An Exploration of Black Male Undergraduate Achievement Utilizing an Anti-Deficit Framework

Major Professor: Dave Louis

David Barrientos

Dissertation: Examining the Impact of Community College Career Services on Student Success for Those Enrolled in Developmental Math

Major Professor: Stephanie J. Jones

Andra Riddle Cantrell

Dissertation: Sustainability of Performance-based Funding in Texas: Perceptions of Community College Chief Financial Officers

Major Professor: Stephanie J. Jones

Marissa Guerrero-Longoria

Dissertation: Experiences of Faculty of Paired Developmental Integrated Reading and Writing and College Composition Courses at a South Texas Community College

Major Professor: Dimitra Jackson

Avis Woolfolk Horde

Dissertation: The Effects of Organizational Structure on Academic and Student Affairs Collaboration at a Texas Community College

Major Professor: Stephanie J. Jones

Jesse Jalomo, Sr.

Dissertation: Perceptions and Experiences of Former Upward Bound Participants of the Effectiveness of the Program in Supporting Low Socioeconomic Hispanic Students

Major Professor: Stephanie J. Jones

Ne'Shaun Lynnette Jones

Dissertation: Exploring the Acquisition of Social Capital Among Ethnically Diverse First-generation Upperclassmen at a Public Four Year Institution

Major Professor: Dave Louis

Troy Anthony Moran, Sr.

Dissertation: Leadership Development in Times of Leadership Shortages: A Collective Case Study of Perceptions and Expectations of Texas Community College Presidents and Board Members

Major Professor: Stephanie J. Jones

Demetrick Devoyd Pennie

Dissertation: Exploring College Leaders' Critical Incident Experiences Pursuant to Improving Campus Safety Policies during the Mass-shooting Era

Major Professor: Fred Hartmeister

Erica Lewis Powell

Dissertation: First Year Student Success Courses in Community Colleges: A Quantitative Analysis of the Relationship Between Faculty Employment Status and Student Success

Major Professor: Stephanie J. Jones

Thomas Brandon Sullivan

Dissertation: Examining the Elements that Affect the Predictability of Alumni Participation at a Four Year Private University

Major Professor: Dimitra Jackson

Bobby Allen Sullivan, Jr.

Dissertation: Community College Student-Veterans: A Phenomenological Study of Their Experiences with Transition to Postsecondary Education

Major Professor: Stephanie J. Jones

Fred Henry Wetendorf III

Dissertation: Community College Baccalaureate Degrees: A Case Study of Internal and External Policy Actor's Perspectives

Major Professor: Valerie Paton

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Michelle Leah Simmons

Dissertation: The Use of Behavior Specific Praise: A Study of Challenging Behaviors Presented by Students with an Intellectual Disability

Major Professor: Robin Lock

DOCTOR OF MUSICAL ARTS

MUSIC

Manuel Alejandro Arambula

Dissertation: John Philip Sousa's *Sisterhood of the States*: A Contemporary Performance Edition for the Modern Concert Band

Major Professor: Sarah McKoin

Vanessa Marie Heuck

Dissertation: A Grainger Triptych: Three Vocal Folk Songs by Percy Grainger Newly Arranged for Wind Ensemble

Major Professor: Sarah McKoin

Ross Thomas Ipsen

Dissertation: *Las raíces de la ira*: Fernando Garcia's Tone Poem and Chilean Politics in Music Culture

Major Professor: David E. Becker

Joshua David Lovell

Dissertation: Musical Style: The Selected Clarinet Works Of Paul Harvey

Major Professor: David Shea

Ryan Stuart Smith

Dissertation: Ellef Symphony: A Wind Band Transcription

Major Professor: Sarah McKoin

GRADUATE CANDIDATES

Gustavo Steiner Neves

Dissertation: Monteverdi's Opera Heroes: The Vocal Writing for Orpheus and Ulysses

Major Professor: Karl Dent

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

AGRICULTURAL AND APPLIED ECONOMICS

Kazuyoshi Ishida

Dissertation: U.S. Grain Sorghum in Japan: Understanding and Measuring a Declining Market Share

Major Professor: Jaime E. Malaga

Raymond J. March

Dissertation: Self-Regulation in the U.S. Pharmaceutical Market

Major Professors: Conrad Lyford and Adam Martin

AGRICULTURAL COMMUNICATIONS AND EDUCATION

Baleshka Renee Brenes Mayorga

Dissertation: Identification of Food Safety Culture Barriers and Measuring Impact of Training for Implementing Effective Charge of FSMA in Honduras and Panama: A Mixed-methods Approach

Major Professor: Todd Brashears

Mark Steven Hainline

Dissertation: Texas Agricultural Science Teachers' Competency of Educational Law

Major Professor: Scott Burriss

ANIMAL SCIENCE

Diana Ivonne Ayala Tejada

Dissertation: *Lactobacillus animalis* NP51: Detection and Quantification of viable cells and its Effects on *Salmonella* Montevideo and *Escherichia coli* O157:H7

Major Professor: Mindy Brashears

William Clay Burson

Dissertation: Confined versus Conventional Cow-calf Management Systems: Implications for Calf Health

Major Professor: Ryan Rathmann

Alexander James Thompson (*In absentia*)

Dissertation: Ionophore and Antimicrobial Strategies Alter Live Performance, Carcass Characteristics, and In Vitro Rumen Fermentation Parameters in Beef Cattle

Major Professor: Bradley J. Johnson

BIOLOGY

Narayan Prasad Kandel

Dissertation: Evolution of New World Mammarynavirus, with an Assessment of Population Expansion and Species Delimitation in Their Rodent Reservoirs

Major Professor: Jorge Salazar-Bravo

Ben Qin (*In absentia*)

Dissertation: The Origins of Multicellularity: Correlation between Morphological and Genomic Complexity in Microorganisms

Major Professor: Sean H. Rice

Elizabeth Frances Waring

Dissertation: Environmental Changes Affect Carbon Assimilation to Different Degrees for Wetland Plants Differing in Nitrogen-use Strategies

Major Professor: Scott Holaday

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

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Dissertation: Quantification of Surgical Team Communication Patterns Related to High Reliability Organization Principles
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Dissertation: Postsecondary Individualized Transition Planning for Students with Low-incidence Disabilities: A Parental Perspective
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Dissertation: Public School, General Education, Elementary and Middle School Teachers' Perceptions of Preparedness to Teach Children with High Functioning Autism and Asperger's Syndrome to Read
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Thesis: Dialogues on Death and Grace in MS Cotton Nero A.x

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Thesis: Community, Identity and AIDS in the Urban Indian Intertribal Community of the San Francisco Bay Area 1945-1996

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Thesis: Stories of the Dead? A Reexamination of Helladic Burials at Asine and Prosymna

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Thesis: Gender Portrayal and Stereotypes in Television Advertisements: An Analysis of Three Channels in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

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Thesis: Communication Apprehension in Tinder

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Thesis: Identités Troublées, Identités Troublantes

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Thesis: "I'm Not One of Those Kids": Military Veterans and Their Troubled Transitions into Higher Education

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MASTER OF SCIENCE**AGRICULTURAL AND APPLIED
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Thesis: The Costs and Benefits of Yield and
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AGRICULTURAL COMMUNICATIONS

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Thesis: Evaluating the College Experience of
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Communications Degree Program
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Thesis: Crisis Management Preparation
of Wisconsin County Fairs
Delanie Aleene Crist
Thesis: An Exploration of Career Decision
Making Abilities of Undergraduate Students
within the College of Agricultural Sciences and
Natural Resources at Texas Tech University
Sondra Mary Lohse
Thesis: Exploration of Personal and Institutional
Factors that Influence Application for Distance
Delivered Programs in Agricultural Communications
Tyler Victoria O'Neal
Thesis: Viewer Quality of Experience of
Student Produced Agriculturist Videos

AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION

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ANIMAL SCIENCE

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Thesis: Effects of Dry Rolled Corn
Reconstitution Using Sorghum Silage,
and Irrigations Level of Corn Silage on
Nutrient Profile and In Vitro Disappearances
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Thesis: Applications of Alternative Technologies,
Intelligent Dual-energy X-ray Absorptiometry
(iDXA) and Infrared Imaging, in Swine Sciences
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Thesis: Development of Pharmaceutical Strategies
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Thesis: Same Column Multiplexing Fourier Ptychographic Microscopy Based on HDC

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Thesis: Alive by Material: A Study of Dielectric Polymer as a Material with Intrinsic Kinetic Properties for Architectural Application

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Thesis: Fashion Design Aid System with Application of Interactive Genetic Algorithms

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RECEPTIONS AND OTHER CEREMONIES

INDIVIDUAL COLLEGE RECEPTIONS

Immediately After Commencement Ceremony

- College of Agricultural Sciences & Natural Resources | Animal and Food Sciences Building, Room 101
College of Architecture | Architecture Gallery
College of Arts & Sciences | Foyer Area of Room 104, Holden Hall
Jerry S. Rawls College of Business | McCoy Atrium, 1st Floor of Rawls College of Business
College of Education | Second Floor Foyer, College of Education
Edward E. Whitacre Jr. College of Engineering | 101 Livermore Center
College of Human Sciences | El Centro, Human Sciences Building
College of Media & Communication | Matador Room, Student Union Building
J.T. & Margaret Talkington College of Visual & Performing Arts | Rotunda, Holden Hall
University Studies | Red Raider Lounge, Student Union Building
Wind Energy | Room 107, National Wind Institute

Please Note: The Graduate School will distribute diplomas in the City Bank Room of the United Supermarkets Arena immediately after the commencement ceremony.

OTHER CEREMONIES

- Army ROTC Military Commissioning | Friday, May 19, 10:00 a.m., International Cultural Center
Air Force ROTC Military Commissioning | Friday, May 19, 7:00 p.m., International Cultural Center

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COLLEGE BANNERS

The banners displayed at Texas Tech University commencement ceremonies are patterned on military, political, and trade guild insignia that date back to the Middle Ages and beyond. Known as gonfalons, they most closely resemble the flags created by Italian city states before and during the Renaissance. The Texas Tech University flags were individually designed to display symbols and colors that represent the areas of interest of each unit.

The **Faculty Banner** displays the university colors, red with black, and features the university seal encircled by the words “Seal of Texas Tech University.” The seal was designed by William Ward Watkin,



the original campus master planner, in 1924. The shield is a black escutcheon quartered by a red cross, on which are arrayed 10 cotton bolls, symbolic of the importance of cotton to West Texas and representing Lubbock County and the nine surrounding cotton-producing counties. These symbols also reflect one of the original missions of Texas Technological College: “To provide students with a thorough education in textiles and technical engineering.” The shield features emblems that evoke the university, community, state and nation. In the upper-right quadrant, a book symbolizes religion and academic traditions. A star in the upper-left corner stands for the Lone Star State of Texas. In the lower left a key represents home, and in the lower right the lamp of knowledge indicates the primary mission of Texas Tech University: “To develop and advance knowledge.” Above the shield, an eagle, the national bird of the United States, spreads its wings. Mindful of the claims of all these constituencies, the faculty of the university create, transmit, and preserve knowledge.

The **College of Agricultural Sciences & Natural Resources** was one of the four founding schools of the university in 1924. The college banner was redesigned



for use in the May 2005 graduation. Dr. Marvin Cepica, former dean of the college, developed the design with approval and input from the College Marketing Committee. The background color, maize, was established by the Intercollegiate Code to represent the agricultural disciplines. The design, with a map of the continent of North America, reflects the global scope of modern agriculture and natural resources management.

The dimensions and proportions of the **College of Architecture** banner are based on the Golden Ratio creating the Golden Rectangle, within which is the logarithmic Golden Spiral. The ancient Greeks recognized these geometries as significant and aesthetically pleasing, and architects from Vitruvius to Corbusier have used these proportions as a means of design. The blue diagonal lines represent the architectural diagram, while the blue-violet fabric, the designated color for Architecture, is woven in a chevron pattern representing the complexity of digital design and fabrication. The banner was designed by David Isern and Simon Alvarez, graduates of the College.



The blue background color of the **College of Education** banner reflects the light blue color designated for education by the Intercollegiate Code and is also seen in the velvet border of education master’s and doctoral hoods and doctoral gowns. The upper area of the banner carries a school building encircled by the words “College of Education” and “Scholarship, Leadership, Service” to



represent the primary roles of the college as a unit dedicated to preparing teachers and furthering educational scholarship, leadership, and service. The Double T logo appears at the bottom of the banner.

The **Jerry S. Rawls College of Business** banner was designed through a collaborative effort of the staff in the college’s Undergraduate Services Center. The background color of the banner is drab. The central image on the banner is a map of the world centered on Lubbock with the Texas Tech University Double T symbol rising from a focal point in the South Plains. Below are the words “Excellence in a Global Market.” The banner symbolizes the impact of globalization in the modern business environment.



The **College of Arts & Sciences** banner was redesigned in 2014 by Randy Lacy, unit coordinator in the college. Crafted with classical typography and bold lines, the banner replaces the previous college seal with the famous Double T logo. The red and black colors appropriately represent the largest and most diverse college in the university.



The **Graduate School** banner is blue. Imposed on this background is a white circle within a light blue one. These circles contain the image of a golden open book and a burning lamp. The open book symbolizes knowledge and the lamp represents a light by which to study. The banner was designed by the late Associate Dean Thomas Langford and Ms. Beth Cain, who was a Graduate School staff member and artist for many years.



The banner of the **Edward E. Whitacre Jr. College of Engineering** features the seal of the college set on a field of orange, the academic color for engineering. The seal of the college, inspired by a 2009 design by chemical engineering student Unwana Essien, is encircled with a border of red, white, and black, symbolizing the spirit of Texas Tech University and the Red Raiders.



The two stars represent the ethical duty of engineers to themselves and society. The four symbols in the center of the seal stand for the foundations of engineering:

- The light bulb, surrounded by a ribbon and questions, represents the inspiration of engineers to answer questions and solve problems.
- The square and globe represent the engineer's work as building blocks for the world.
- The hammer and screwdriver represent the practical application of the engineer's work.
- The atomic figure surrounding the beaker represents the confluence of math, science, and technology in the mind of the engineer.

The **Honors College** banner features a sky blue field onto which is placed a silhouette of one of the Administration Building bell towers in dark blue. Superimposed on the silhouette is the Honors College emblem in gold: an open book that transforms into a bird taking flight. This symbol represents how learning stimulates human creativity. At the

bottom of the banner are the words in gold: "University Honors College."

The **College of Human Sciences** banner was redesigned in 2016 and adapted from an original design by former faculty member Dr. Ben Goh. The design depicts a woman, an adolescent, and a child. The diversity of faces and ages represents the families and communities



served by the college in its mission to improve and enhance human lives through teaching, research, and outreach. The image of the globe represents the goal of not only serving the lives of those in the local community, but also connecting with the global community.

The **College of Media & Communication** banner illustrates waves of information emanating from a single point—one voice heard by many. The banner is white with a crimson background framing waves of information reaching the public. Crimson is the color assigned by the Intercollegiate Code to journalism, the common core subject area of the college. The white



field represents honesty, decency, and purity. Beneath the crimson is the name of the college.

The banner for **University Programs** exhibits the colors of Texas Tech with a red background trimmed in black. The focus of the banner is the silhouette of the Administration Building's bell tower, which is an iconic symbol of Texas Tech. Just as the university is comprised of many parts, University Programs integrates multiple programs from colleges across the university.

The traditional Double T placed in a window of the tower signifies the future that awaits students who complete these programs in preparation for successful careers.

The **J.T. & Margaret Talkington College of Visual & Performing Arts** banner is black with a blue drape surmounted by a silver swathe that evokes the creative energy infused in all the arts. The top



of the banner features the words "College of Visual & Performing Arts" in silver, linked by a dynamic red ampersand representing the merging of three departments into the college. Centered in the banner is the college's original award-winning logo designed by the Price Group in 2002, the same year the college was founded. The logo is a circle divided into three sectors, each representing one of the three units of the college: a blue eye for the School of Art, a red lyre for the School of Music, and a golden spotlight for the School of Theatre and Dance. All three artistic icons are encased by a circular banner which reads: "Texas Tech University." The shape of the banner was selected through a student competition, and the banner was made by personnel in the Costume Shop of the Department of Theatre and Dance.

The symbols on the **Texas Tech University Libraries**' banner reinforce the idea that the Library is the center of knowledge on campus. As such, it is the guardian and giver of knowledge and information. The key in the foreground of the banner symbolizes the Libraries' role as guardian and safe keeper of all ideas. In the not too distant past, knowledge was considered sacred or something that was



best kept locked away, thus the symbolism of the key. The flames symbolize the Libraries' other and equally important role as the giver of knowledge, providing access to wisdom. For centuries, the use of fire was believed to be man's first step on the path to civilization; one characteristic of fire is its ability to spread, which represents the Library's role as purveyor of knowledge. The colors of the flames symbolize the three broad branches of knowledge; scarlet for humanities, gold for sciences, and the purple flame for social sciences.

ACADEMIC DRESS AND PROCESSION



MASTER'S ROBE: Velvet facing around the neck corresponds to color representing the field of study; hood lining represents the colors of the institution that conferred the degree.

DOCTORAL ROBE: Velvet facing on front of robe and three bars on sleeve correspond to color representing the field of study; hood lining represents the colors of the institution that conferred the degree.

Wearing academic dress at commencement ceremonies dates from the early history of the oldest universities created during the twelfth and thirteenth centuries. Because educated people were almost always of the clergy, the black gown is an adaptation of the “cope,” a long mantle or cloak of silk or other cloth worn by church dignitaries in processions and on other occasions. The long gown and cowl (similar to the academic hood of today) were worn by priests and monks for warmth in the cold medieval buildings.

In the early centuries, a great diversity of color and style of cap, gown, and hood appeared in different universities of Europe. The European custom of wearing academic dress was later introduced at American colleges. Not until after 1895 was a uniform academic code of dress adopted by most U.S. colleges and universities. Today, the black robe, hood, and cap are worn at most institutions of higher learning. Some institutions have authorized doctoral gowns in colors other than the customary black.

The gowns used in American academic ceremonies vary according to the highest degree awarded to the wearer. Usually the bachelor's robe has long pointed sleeves and the master's has oblong sleeves, square at the end with a slit at the elbow. The doctoral gown is a more elaborate robe faced down the front with velvet and across the bell-shaped sleeves with three bars of velvet. The velvet facing and bars may be of the color distinctive to the field of study.

The doctoral hood has side panels and is slightly longer than the one worn for the master's degree. The color used in the velvet border of the hood indicates the field of study. The velvet border is widest on the doctor's hood, and the colors of the lining indicate the college or university that conferred the degree.

For example, those who have received advanced degrees from Texas Tech University wear hoods lined with red and black.

The Oxford—the so-called mortarboard—is black and has a long tassel fastened to the center. The tassel is usually worn with the pendant over the left front of the cap. Different colored tassels are often worn on the bachelor's and master's caps to indicate the type of degree. The tassel on the cap of the doctoral candidate, except for professional degrees, is either gold or black. The doctoral degree holders may also wear the velvet tam with a gold tassel.

Candidates for the undergraduate degree will wear the tassel on the right side of the cap at commencement. After the degrees have been conferred, baccalaureate degree recipients will turn the tassel to the left side of the cap, thus showing that they are now graduates. Those graduates who have the official Texas Tech Alumni Association class ring are invited to turn their rings at this time.

Candidates wearing red cords have earned the Latin designations of cum laude, magna cum laude or summa cum laude based on a minimum 3.5 cumulative grade point average. Candidates wearing kite-shaped medallions are Honors College graduates earning a minimum of 24 hours of Honors coursework. Medallions with red ribbons indicate a notation of “With Honors” (non-thesis) and gold ribbons indicating a notation of “With Highest Honors” (thesis).

Phi Beta Kappa students may wear their membership key as well as the society's dark blue honor stole and/or pink and blue honor cords. Members of Phi Kappa Phi, Mortar Board, and other honor societies may likewise display their societies' medallions and honor cords. Texas Tech University has five university-wide honoraries: Golden Key, Mortar Board, Omicron Delta Kappa, Phi Beta Kappa, and Phi Kappa Phi.

COLORS REPRESENTING FIELDS OF STUDY

The following is a list of colors established by the Intercollegiate Code representing departments of learning and fields of study:

Maize | Agriculture
Blue-Violet | Architecture
White | Arts, Letters and Humanities
Drab | Business Administration
Lilac | Dentistry
Copper | Economics
Light Blue | Education
Orange | Engineering
Brown | Fine Arts
Russet | Forestry
Maroon | Human Sciences
Crimson | Journalism
Purple | Law
Lemon | Library Science
Green | Medicine
Pink | Music
Apricot | Nursing
Silver Gray | Oratory (Speech)
Olive Green | Pharmacy
Dark Blue | Philosophy
Sage Green | Physical Education
Peacock Blue | Public Administration
Salmon Pink | Public Health
Gold-Yellow | Science
Citron | Social Work
Scarlet | Theology or Divinity
Gray | Veterinary Science

HONOR CORDS / MEDALLION

The following is a list of honor cords/medallions issued by colleges.

Agricultural Sciences & Natural Resources | Green
Architecture | White and Gold
Arts & Sciences | Royal Blue
Business Administration | Royal Blue and Gold
Education | Jade Green and Violet
Engineering | Orange
Honors | Honors Medallion
Human Sciences | Maroon
Media & Communication | Crimson
University Programs | Red
Visual & Performing Arts | Brown
Wind Energy | Blue and Green



UNDERGRADUATE ROBE: A red stole displaying the Double T and seal of Texas Tech University distinguishes students receiving baccalaureate degrees. Degree candidates wearing red cords will graduate with honors designations based on a minimum 3.5 GPA.

TEXAS TECH COMMENCEMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

GRADUATE PHOTOGRAPHS

A professional photographer will be taking photos of graduates as they receive their diplomas. You may view and order photos online at www.candidcolorphotography.com. Click on "view proofs" and then "graduations." Images will be posted within 48 hours of the ceremony. Photographers also will be available after the ceremony for photos of friends and family with the graduates. Photographers will be located outside the arena near the north parking lot. There is no charge or obligation for having these photos taken.

COMMENCEMENT DVD

The Texas Tech Alumni Association encourages graduates to order a Texas Tech Commencement DVD to commemorate their achievement. The \$45 purchase also will include a one-year Texas Tech Alumni Association gift membership. This membership will help graduates stay connected to Texas Tech. To reserve a copy of today's ceremony, complete and mail an order form located at one of the tables in each corner of the concourse. Do not leave the forms on the tables. Please mail them to the address on the form. To learn more about the Alumni Association, visit www.TexasTechAlumni.org or call 806.742.3641.

TEXAS TECH TRADITIONS

Who's Sitting on a Horse? (And Why Is He Red?)

Will Rogers was one of the most famous entertainers in America in the 1920s and '30s, and his longtime friend, Amon Carter, was Texas Tech's first chairman of the Board of Directors. Rogers donated \$200 for the Texas Tech band to play at the football game against TCU in 1926 because he wanted people "to hear a real band." Then the cowboy humorist donated \$1,500 to buy band uniforms for the trip to Fort Worth. A few years after Rogers perished in a plane crash, Carter presented the statue of Rogers and his horse, Soapsuds, to Texas Tech. Sculpted by 18-year old Electra Waggoner Biggs, the statue is one of four in the nation. Before every home game, the Saddle Tramps wrap "Old Will" with red crepe paper. The statue also has been wrapped in black to mourn national tragedies.



Raider Red or the Masked Rider?

Not every university wants a horse in its stadium, so Texas Tech had to find an alternate mascot prior to the 1971 football season. That was the year the school's athletic conference passed a rule that prevented taking live animals to non-home games. That also was the year Raider Red was born from the imagination of cartoonist Dirk West. Raider Red changes from boots to soft-soled shoes for basketball games, and his student persona is kept a secret as he mingles with the crowds.

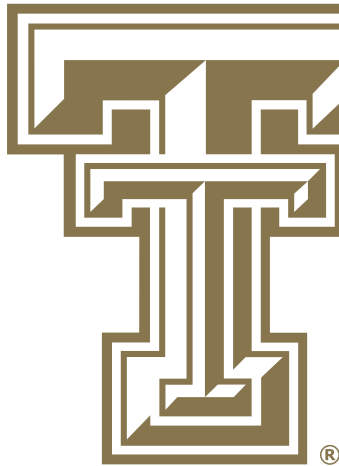


The Texas Tech Class Ring

As a constant reminder of their academic achievements and the traditions of Texas Tech University, students proudly wear the official Texas Tech class ring. This bronze sculpture of the official class ring sits next to the Merket Alumni Center. Traditionally the rings are worn with the university name facing inward when the students' hands are extended. After the degree is granted on graduation day, the ring can be turned around so that the name faces outward, a symbol that the new alumnus has a Texas Tech diploma and is ready to face the world.

(www.TexasTechRing.org)





The first athletic teams of the university were known as the Matadors, a name that reflected the Spanish architectural influence on campus. The change from Matadors to Red Raiders occurred after a *Lubbock Avalanche-Journal* writer commented on the red uniforms and strong season of the 1932 football team, saying “the Red Raiders from Texas Tech” were the terror of the Southwest Conference. The name caught on and by 1936 the team was renamed the Red Raiders. No changes were ever made to the school song, which was penned in 1930. Page from 1936 Student Handbook courtesy of the Southwest Collection.

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TEXAS TECH COLLEGE

MATADORS

Voice

Fight Mat-a-dors for Tech. Songs of love we'll,
sing to thee. Bear our ban-ners far and wide.
Ev-er to be our pri-de. Fear-less cham-pions ev-er be.
Stand on heights of vic-tor-y. Strive for hon-or
ev-er more. Long live the Mat-a-dors _____