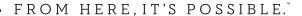
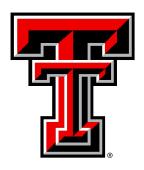


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FALL 2024

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Friday, December 13, 2024

2:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 14, 2024

9:00 a.m., 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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ROM 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, which opened in 1925 with six buildings, four schools (Agriculture, Engineering, Home Economics, and Liberal Arts), and an enrollment of 914, the institution 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. 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 40,000 students enrolled in its colleges and schools: Gordon W. Davis College of Agricultural Sciences & Natural Resources, Tommie J. Huckabee College of Architecture, Arts & Sciences, Jerry S. Rawls College of Business Administration, Education, Edward E. Whitacre, Jr. College of Engineering, Honors College, Health & Human Sciences, Media & Communication, J.T. & Margaret Talkington College of Visual & Performing Arts, the Graduate School, University Studies, School of Law, and School of Veterinary Medicine.

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 and internationally in Costa Rica. In all, the Texas Tech University System includes Texas Tech University, Angelo State University, Midwestern State University, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, and Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center at El Paso.























































graduation ceremony in the spring of 1927, more than 300,000 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 alumni and 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, been watched by millions on network television news, and excelled in their careers and contributed to their professional and broader communities.

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."

Friday, December 13, 2024 2:00 p.m.

Presiding Dr. Lawrence Schovanec

President, Texas Tech University

Processional* Texas Tech Commencement Band

Ms. Kirsten Rivera, Conductor, Pursuing a Doctor of Musical Arts

National Anthem Ms. Charli Martin

Bachelor of Music, December 2024

Welcoming Remarks Mr. Clay Cash

Board of Regents, Texas Tech University System

Conferring of Degrees Dr. Lawrence Schovanec

Dr. Ronald Hendrick

Provost and Senior Vice President

Recognition of Outstanding

Students Class of 2024

Dr. Ronald Hendrick

Charge to the Graduates

Dr. Lawrence Schovanec

Alma Mater

(Words on Back Cover)

Ms. Maria Garza

Bachelor of Music, December 2024

Presentation of

Degree Candidates

 $Prof.\ Urs\ Peter\ Flueckiger,\ Dean,\ Tommie\ J.\ Huckabee\ College\ of\ Architecture$

Dr. Kamau Oginga Siwatu, Interim Dean, College of Education

Dr. Martin Camacho, Dean, J.T. & Margaret Talkington College of Visual &

Performing Arts

Dr. Tosha Dupras, Dean, College of Arts & Sciences

^{*} Please remain seated during the Processional.

Friday, December 13, 2024 6:00 p.m.

Presiding Dr. Lawrence Schovanec

President, Texas Tech University

Processional* Texas Tech Commencement Band

Ms. Kirsten Rivera, Conductor, Pursuing a Doctor of Musical Arts

National Anthem Mr. Jack Cozad

Pursuing a Bachelor of Music

Welcoming Remarks Mr. Mark Griffin

Chairman, Board of Regents, Texas Tech University System

Conferring of Degrees Dr. Lawrence Schovanec

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Mr. Jack Cozad

Presentation of

Degree Candidates

Dr. Mark Sheridan, Vice Provost for Graduate and Postdoctoral Affairs;

Dean, Graduate School

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Saturday, December 14, 2024 9:00 a.m.

Dr. Lawrence Schovanec Presiding

President, Texas Tech University

Processional* Texas Tech Commencement Band

Mr. Richard Zec, Conductor, Pursuing a Master of Music

National Anthem Ms. Claire Steen

Bachelor of Music, December 2024

Welcoming Remarks Mr. Mark Griffin

Chairman, Board of Regents, Texas Tech University System

Presentation of Honorary Degree to Terry Crofoot, Doctor of Humane Letters, Honoris Causa from Texas

Tech University

Dr. Lawrence Schovanec

Dr. Lawrence Schovanec Conferring of Degrees

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Dr. Ronald Hendrick

Charge to the Graduates Dr. Lawrence Schovanec

Alma Mater

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Ms. Claire Steen

Presentation of Dr. Jill Hernandez, Dean, Honors College Degree Candidates Dr. Patrick Hughes, Dean, University Studies

Dr. Clint Krehbiel, Dean, Gordon W. Davis College of Agricultural Sciences &

Natural Resources

Dr. Margaret Williams, Dean, Jerry S. Rawls College of Business Administration

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Saturday, December 14, 2024 1:30 p.m.

Presiding Dr. Lawrence Schovanec

President, Texas Tech University

Processional* Texas Tech Commencement Band

Mr. Richard Zec, Conductor, Pursuing a Master of Music

National Anthem Ms. Destiny McConnell

Bachelor of Music, December 2024

Welcoming Remarks Mr. Clay Cash

Board of Regents, Texas Tech University System

Dr. Lawrence Schovanec Conferring of Degrees

Dr. Ronald Hendrick

Provost and Senior Vice President

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Dr. Ronald Hendrick

Charge to the Graduates

Dr. Lawrence Schovanec

Alma Mater

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Ms. Emily Alongi

Bachelor of Music, December 2024

Presentation of

Degree Candidates

Dr. Rob Stewart, Interim Dean, College of Media & Communication

Dr. Tim Dodd, Dean, College of Health & Human Sciences

Dr. Stephen Ekwaro-Osire, Associate Dean for Undergraduate Studies,

Edward E. Whitacre, Jr. College of Engineering

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COLLEGE READERS

Davis College of Agricultural Sciences & Natural Resources - Dr. Erica Irlbeck

Huckabee College of Architecture -

Mr. Anthony Cricchio

College of Arts & Sciences -

Ms. Rebecca Johnson and

Mr. Michael Logan

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Mr. Derrick Ginter

College of Education - Dr. Delia Carrizales

Whitacre College of Engineering -

Dr. Smith Leggett

Graduate School - Dr. Allison Childress and

Dr. Babu John-Mariadoss

Honors College - Prof. Raynie Gibbs

College of Health & Human Sciences -

Dr. Bill Gustafson

College of Media & Communication -

Dr. Glenn Cummins

University Studies - Prof. Raynie Gibbs

J.T. & Margaret Talkington College of

Visual & Performing Arts - Dr. Bill Gelber

STUDENT BANNER BEARERS

Davis College of Agricultural Sciences & Natural Resources - Ms. Courtney Thurman

Huckabee College of Architecture -

Mr. Evan Farrar

College of Arts & Sciences -

Ms. Promise McClure

Rawls College of Business Administration -

Mr. Jackson Heller

College of Education – Ms. Leslie Pizano

Whitacre College of Engineering -

Mr. Alejandro Gutierrez Fiol

Graduate School - Ms. Micah Lapointe

Honors College

2:00 p.m. - Ms. Lizeth Ramirez

9:00 a.m. - Ms. Molly Zagala

1:30 p.m. - Ms. Parker Klar

College of Health & Human Sciences -

Ms. Susan Gonzalez

College of Media & Communication -

Ms. Shannon Walker

University Studies - Ms. Brenna Williams

J.T. & Margaret Talkington College of

Visual & Performing Arts -

Ms. Brianna Strange

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Davis College of Agricultural Sciences & Natural Resources - Mr. Michael Harper

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Ms. Amy Peterman

College of Arts & Sciences -

Ms. Kymberli Saldaña

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Ms. Geleah Sharp

College of Education - Ms. Karen Noles

Whitacre College of Engineering -

Ms. Patricia Rodriguez

Graduate School - Ms. Vanessa Bara and Ms. Alyssa Reichert

Honors College - Ms. Beth Scheckel College of Health & Human Sciences -

Ms. Shannon Tebo

College of Media & Communication -

Ms. Julia Heard Witt

University Studies - Ms. Courtney Lynn

J.T. & Margaret Talkington College of

Visual & Performing Arts -

Mr. Aaron Chavarria

FACULTY BANNER BEARERS

2:00 p.m. – Jacqueline Henninger, Ph.D. Associate Professor of Music Education,

Associate Director for Academic Studies and Affairs, J.T. & Margaret Talkington College of Visual & Performing Arts

6:00 p.m. - Devendra Shah, Ph.D. Professor of Veterinary Microbiology & Infectious Disease

School of Veterinary Medicine

9:00 a.m. - Sipra Nath Eko, Ph.D. Lecturer in Integrative Studies & Human Resource

Development, Rawls College of Business

1:30 p.m. - Deborah Fowler, Ph.D. Associate Chair, Professor, Retail Management Program Director, Master's Program Director, College of Health & Human Sciences

LIBRARY BANNER BEARERS

2:00 p.m. – Ms. Saraya Peterson

9:00 a.m. - Mr. Tom Rohrig

Associate Librarian

1:30 p.m. - Mr. Sebastian Chavarria

PRESIDENTIAL MACE

ROWNED 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.



MACE BEARERS

2:00 P.M., DEC 13	LEE DUEMER, Ph.D.
	Professor of Educational Psychology, Leadership, & Counseling, College of Education
6:00 P.M., DEC 13	KEVIN WASS, D.M.A.
	Professor of Tuba and Euphonium,
	J.T. & Margaret Talkington College of Visual & Performing Arts
9:00 A.M., DEC 14	
	Professor of Agricultural Education and Communications,
	Davis College of Agricultural Sciences & Natural Resources
1:30 P.M., DEC 14	ALI NEJAT, Ph.D.
	Associate Professor of Construction Engineering, Whitacre Colleae of Engineering

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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

Roya Saab

Dissertation: Knowledge, Attitudes, and Practices of Antibiotic Use in Human Health and Livestock Management: Implications for Public Health, Sustainability, and Antibiotic Resistance Major Professor: Todd Brashears

EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP

Molli Kathleen Crowley

Dissertation: Leveraging Teacher Collective Efficacy in Professional Learning Communities to Increase Student Achievement of Special Education Students

Major Professor: Dusty Palmer

Jennifer Jo Jeter

Dissertation: Investigating the Impact of a Professional Learning Community (PLC) of a High School's Core Academics and Career Technology Education (CTE) Teachers in the Implementation of Project-Based Learning (PBL) Coupled with Cross Curriculum Blended Learning Major Professor: Joseph Claudet

Miranda Elizabeth Martin

Dissertation: Using the PLC Process to Enhance the Knowledge, Skills, and Mindsets of Teachers of Emerging Bilingual Primary Students: A Design Development Action Research Study Major Professor: Irma Almager

Michael Morgan

Dissertation: The Impact of Targeted Professional Development for Trauma-Informed Strategies on Teacher Efficacy in Managing Student Behavior in an Alternative School Setting

Major Professor: Joseph Claudet

Monica Lopez Nicholas

Dissertation: Enhancing Teachers' Sense of Professional Self-efficacy Regarding their Abilities to Structure and Manage Effective School-to-Home Communication

Major Professor: Joseph Claudet

Jason Thomas Wallen

Dissertation: Teaching in Teams for Increased Student Academic Engagement at a Rural High School on a Four-day Instructional Week: A Design Development Study

Major Professor: Joseph Claudet

INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY

Yusuf Murat Ozdemir

Dissertation: The Effects of Reference Frames on Help-Seeking Intentions of College Students Using Learning Analytics Dashboards Major Professor: Fethi Inan

DOCTOR OF MUSICAL ARTS

MUSIC

Jonathon Cove Allgeyer

Dissertation: Five New and Lesser-known Compositions for Trumpet and Piano: A Graded Course Study

Major Professor: Kevin Whalen

Stuart James Anderson

Dissertation: Sonic Effects of Bow Force Vector Differentials on Bowed Stringed Instruments Major Professor: Mark Morton

Noah Mackenzie Bruening

Dissertation: Multiple Means: Applying Core Concepts from the Universal Design for Learning in the Applied Saxophone Studio Space Major Professor: David Dees

Nodier Eliecer Garcia Hernandez

Dissertation: An Urtext Edition and a Practical Performance Edition for Double Bass (Based on the Urtext), of Franz Schubert's "Arpeggione" Sonata, D. 821

Major Professor: Mark Morton

Saikat Karmakar

Dissertation: A Study on the Directivity of Sound Radiation in Violin Playing Major Professors: Mark Morton and Annie Chalex-Boyle

ihan Liu

Dissertation: Exploring Stylistic Elements and Innovations of Xuean Liu's Art Song in Three Periods

Major Professor: Gregory Brookes

Daria Miskiewicz

Dissertation: Musical Analysis and Performance Edition of Paul Hindemith's Sonata for Solo Cello, Opus 25, No. 3

Major Professor: Jeffrey Lastrapes

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

AGRICULTURAL COMMUNICATIONS AND EDUCATION

Gilbert Abura Odilla

Dissertation: Factors Influencing Adoption Intensity and Speed of Climate-smart Agricultural Practices among Smallholder Farmers in Tharaka Nithi County, Eastern Kenya Major Professor: David Lawver

Angela Maria Ospina Franco

Dissertation: Qualitative Study on the Perspective of Rural Inhabitants Facing the Agricultural Land Conflict in Antioquia, Colombia

Major Professor: Amy Boren-Alpizar

ANIMAL SCIENCE

Manuel Sebastian Hernandez

Dissertation: Beyond the Nutrition Label: A Foodomics Approach to Characterize Plant-based Meat Alternatives

Major Professor: Jerrad Legako

Karla Melissa Rodriguez Flores

Dissertation: Enhanced Bio-mapping of Beef/ Dairy Cattle Production from Lairage to Products to Assess Contributing Factors and the Effect of Interventions of Salmonella Contamination and Quality

Major Professors: Markus Miller and Marcos Sanchez-Plata

BIOLOGY

Zijie Zhang

Dissertation: The Rise and Fall of MiRNA-directed PTGS Modules in Polyploidy: Insights from Gossypium hirsutum and its Closely Related Diploids Major Professor: Zhixin Xie

CHEMICAL ENGINEERING

Md Nayeem Hasan Kashem

Dissertation: Development of Photopatternable Colorimetric Polymer Nanofilms for Temperature and Humidity Sensing Major Professor: Wei Li

Fateme Molajafari

Dissertation: Ab initio Understanding of Processes in Methane Dehydroaromatization

Major Professor: Joshua D. Howe

Fouzia Hasan Nowrin

Dissertation: Advancing Ammonia (NH3) Production under Milder Conditions
Major Professor: Mahdi Malmali

Nathan Wheeler Wilson

Dissertation: In-Situ Resource Utilization of Pectin and Bosch Carbon for Energy Storage

Major Professor: Gerardine Botte

CHEMISTRY

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Major Professor: Anne Gorden

Dylan Mackenzie Tharp Eralie

Dissertation: Lanthanide and Actinide Schiff-Base Complexes

Major Professor: Anne Gorden

Olivia Hope Villanueva

Dissertation: Solution Studies of Self-assembling Pnictogen Cages

Major Professor: Anthony Cozzolino

Yihui Yuan

Dissertation: Directed Evolution Identifies
Herbicide-resistant Variants of 4-Hydroxyphenylpyruvate Dioxygenase

Major Professor: Huazhong Shi

CIVIL ENGINEERING

Shubhra Bhattacharjee

Dissertation: Method Optimization for Detection of Arsenolipids in Standard Reference Materials and Seafood Using HPLC-ICP-MS and HPLC-ESI-MS and Bioavailability of AsFA362 through *in vivo* Study

Major Professor: Amrika Deonarine

Ahmed R. Gheraba

Dissertation: Employing Artificial Intelligence and Virtual Reality to Support the Decision-Making Process in the AEC Industry Major Professor: Clifford Fedler

Bahareh Sadeghalvad

Dissertation: Method Development for Single Particle ICP-MS and Tissue Extraction for Metallic and Two-dimensional Nanomaterials

Major Professors: Evan Gray and Danny Reible

Lan Ventura

Dissertation: Autonomous Vehicle Crashes: Insights from a Nonlinear Mixed Logit Model of Occupant Severities and a Latent Effects Logitgamma Model of Vehicle Exposure Selectivity Major Professor: Venky Shankar

CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY

Jeffrey Thomas Cooke

Dissertation: Adverse Childhood Experiences and Alcohol-Related Outcomes: A Machine Learning Study

Major Professor: Andrew Littlefield

Amber Jean Morrow

Dissertation: Parental Adverse Childhood Experiences and Preschooler's Externalizing Behavior Problems: Identifying Risk and Protective Factors Major Professor: Adam Schmidt

COMPUTER SCIENCE

Sulaiman Aftan

Dissertation: Developing a Generative AI Model to Enhance the Sentiment Analysis of the Saudi Dialect

Major Professor: Yu Zhuang

Himel Das Gupta

Dissertation: From Symbolic Reasoning to Object Embeddings: Advanced Approaches of Knowledge Distillation in Compacted Neural Networks Major Professor: Victor S. Sheng

Jake Grant Gonzalez

Dissertation: Visual Analytics for Complex Multivariate Data: Techniques for Soil Science, Temporal Networks, and Interactive 3D Visualization Major Professor: Tommy Dang

I Hua Tsa

Dissertation: AI-Driven Approaches for Real-Time Beat-by-Beat ECG Signal Classification and Cardiac Health Monitoring in Smart Healthcare Systems

Major Professor: Bashir Morshed

COUNSELOR EDUCATION

Matthew Ryan Flinchum

Dissertation: Exploring Trainee Counselors' Implicit Bias Towards Sexual Minority Men: Investigating the Impact of Client Sexual Orientation on Perceptions of Locus of Causality and Symptom Severity

Major Professor: Loretta Bradley

Ronda Hayes

Dissertation: Life After Surviving Bullying as Minors: Female Licensed Professional Counselors Who Recover From Triggering Events in Adulthood Major Professor: Ian Lertora

Tran Nam Le

Dissertation: Acculturation, Self-Efficacy, and Emotion Regulation among Chinese International Students

Major Professor: Loretta Bradley

Xinyue Lei

Dissertation: The Career Adjustment Process of Spouses of Chinese International Graduate Students

Major Professor: Loretta Bradley

Keegan Trussell

Dissertation: Death Anxiety Among College Students: A Qualitative Study Major Professors: Loretta Bradley and Bret Hendricks

Marie Zubiate

Dissertation: Sifting Through the Sand: Utilizing Sandtray as an Intervention for Career Development in Counselor Education

Major Professor: Charles Crews

COUPLE, MARRIAGE, AND FAMILY THERAPY

Hitiura Torri Anihia

Dissertation: Experiences of Foreign-Born Couple and Family Therapists in Building a Strong Alliance: An Interpretative Phenomenological Analysis

Major Professor: Kristy Soloski

Amanda Leticia Guzmán

Dissertation: How Latines Seek Relational Mental Health Services: A Constructivist Grounded Theory

Major Professor: Stephen Fife

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

Corinne Meredith Barger

Dissertation: Teacher Identity under a Micropolitical Lens: Multiple Readings of the Chilean EFL Teacher Education Cartography

Major Professor: Jeasik Cho

Matthew James Crutcher

Dissertation: Elementary Student Perceptions and Observed Behavior Related to Motivation in Blended Learning Science Classroom Major Professor: Heather Greenhalgh-Spencer

Zoraya Davidson

Dissertation: Latina Superintendents Navigate Rural and Mid-size School Districts and Occupy their Liminal Space: An Anzalduan Nepantla Consciousness and Testimonios Study Major Professor: Jeong-Hee Kim

LaSina McLain Jackson

Dissertation: Nurturing Science Identity: Unveiling the Impact of Secondary Science Teachers'
Belief and Attitude on Marginalized Minority
Students

Major Professor: Mihwa Park

Katherine Rene McRae

Dissertation: Qualitative Case Study: Exploring Empathy in Virtual Learning Design Major Professor: Joshua Cruz

Daniel Andrew Spatzierath

Dissertation: Bridging Languages and Literature: Exploring Reader Response and Translanguaging in a Chinese-English Bilingual School Major Professor: Jin Kyeong Jung

ECONOMICS

Mohammad Ismayl Al Masud

Dissertation: Essays on Climate Change Major Professor: Misak Avetisyan

Ersong Li

Dissertation: Three Essays on Monetary and Fiscal Policy

Major Professor: Xiaohan Ma

EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP

Corbin Thad Edginton

Dissertation: District Leadership Programs: Exploring the Relationship between Systems and Individuals through Internal Leadership Development

Major Professor: Alexander Wiseman

Jacob Raymond Fischer

Dissertation: Predicting Appropriate Educational Environments for Special Education

Major Professor: Alexander Wiseman

Teresa Michelle Lansford

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Communication Management

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DANCE

Reana G. Tibbs Silva

MUSIC

Christopher Sanguino Jack O'Brien Tyson

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Tvler Nicholas Atkinson Kathleen Claburn² Tate Kimball Mangum¹

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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.



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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)



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-left quadrant, a book symbolizes religion and academic traditions. A star in the upper-right 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 Gordon W. Davis College of Agricultural Sciences & Natural Resources is proud to be unveiling a new banner

design in honor of the generous gift of Gordon W. Davis and Texas Tech's centennial year. The background of the ban-



ner is black, accented with scarlet chevrons and the Double T, representing Texas Tech University. The banner is bordered by maize, the intercollegiate color for the agricultural disciplines. The placement

of the maize indicates the foundational nature of our college as one of the four founding schools of Texas Tech. In the center of the banner is a globe flanked by stalks of wheat reflecting the global scope of modern agriculture and natural resources management. The new banner was designed by Maeley Herring and Tristin Campbell.

The Tommie J. Huckabee College of **Architecture at Texas Tech University** originated as the Department of Archi-



tectural Engineering within the College of Engineering in 1927. In 1968, this department became the College of Architecture and moved into its current building on campus. In November 2022, the College

of Architecture was renamed Huckabee College of Architecture and a new banner was created. The banner now reflects the new college name, the Double T logo, and a classic black and red theme. The banner was designed by the TTU Office of Communications & Marketing.

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 Administration 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. 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 engi-



neering. 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 Univer-

sity 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 Health & Human Sciences banner was redesigned in 2024



following the college's name change to add "health" to its name. The design was crafted by Veronica Medina in the central office of Marketing & Communications to follow the university's new brand-

ing. The design features echoed human faces to represent the human experience across the lifespan, a modern take on how the college exists to improve and enhance the human condition through teaching, research, and outreach.

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 com-

mon 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 Studies** 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 Studies 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 designed to represent the three schools that make up the college. The abstract design inspires intellectual skill, artistic



ability, and creative thinking, representing the students emerging from the college. Subtle shapes hint at lines in reading music, sound waves for theatre and dance, and line and shape to include the arts. Chloe Walser, an

artist, graphic designer, and graduate from the School of Art, designed the banner for her commencement ceremony in May 2022.

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 Librar-

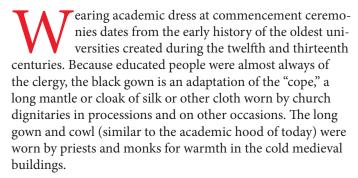
ies' other and equally important role as the giver of knowledge, providing access to wisdom. For centuries, the use of fire was believed to be man's first step on the path to civilization; one characteristic of fire is its ability to spread, which represents the Library's role as purveyor of knowledge. 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.



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.





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.

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

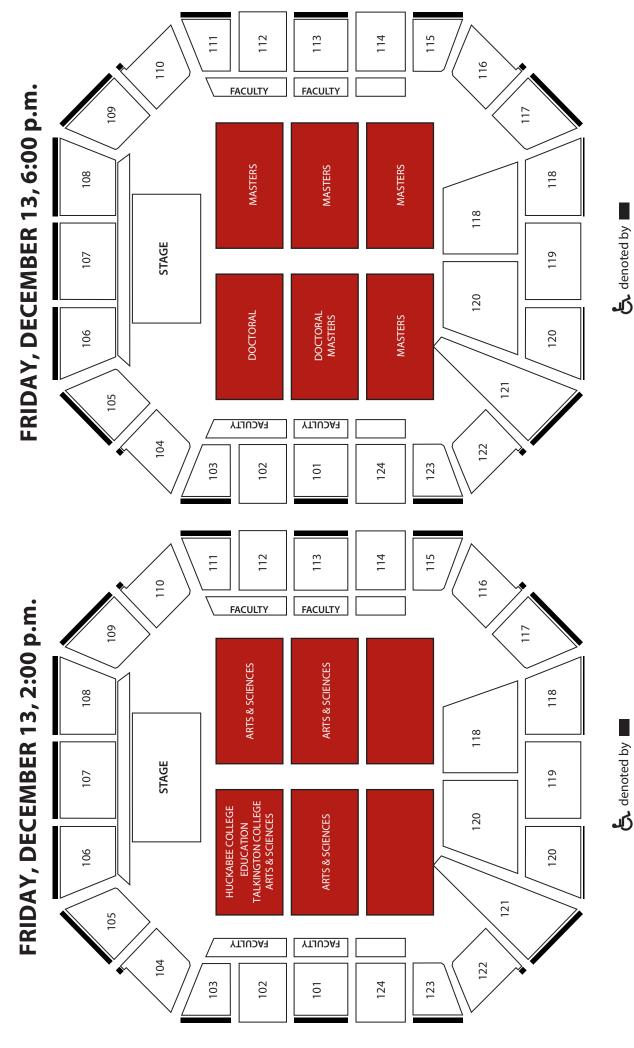
GRADUATE PHOTOGRAPHS

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.

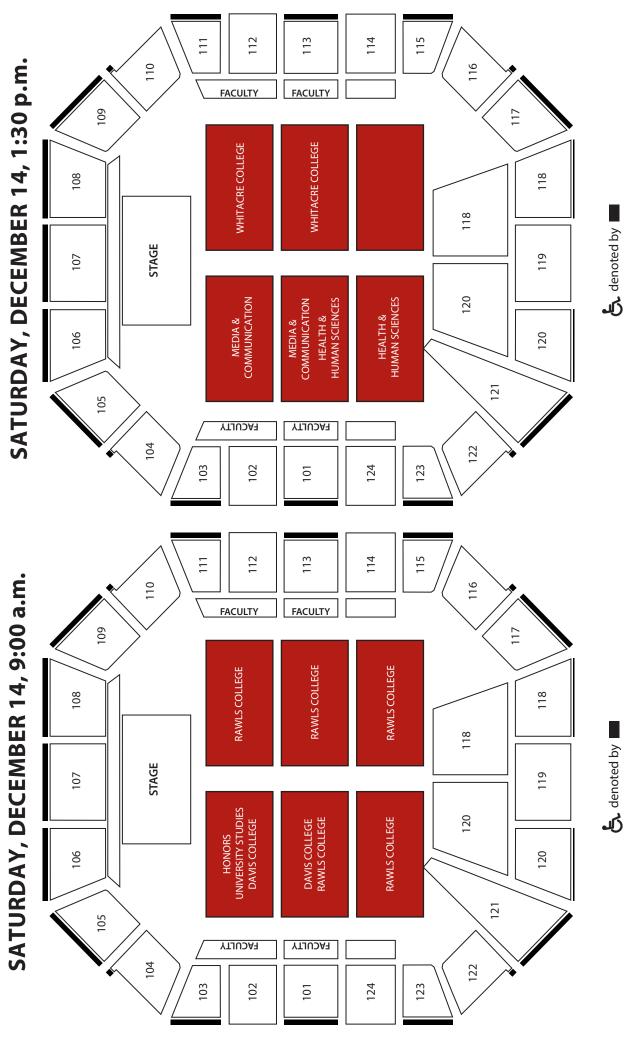
COMMENCEMENT DVD

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.











RECEPTIONS

Immediately After Commencement Ceremony, Unless Otherwise Indicated

Gordon W. Davis College of Agricultural Sciences & Natural Resources | Texas Tech Dairy Barn

Saturday, December 14, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Tommie J. Huckabee College of Architecture | Architecture Gallery, 1st Floor of College of Architecture

Thursday, December 12, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

College of Arts & Sciences | Holden Hall, Room 104

Jerry S. Rawls College of Business Administration | McCoy Atrium | Saturday, December 14, 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

College of Education | College of Education Basement | Friday, December 13, 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Edward E. Whitacre, Jr. College of Engineering | Livermore Center | Saturday, December 14, 2:30 – 4:00 p.m.

College of Health & Human Sciences | El Centro, Human Sciences Building

College of Media & Communication | Ballroom, Student Union Building

J.T. & Margaret Talkington College of Visual & Performing Arts | Theatre & Dance Building Lobby

Friday, December 13, 3:00 - 4:30 p.m.

University Studies | Drane Hall, Room 332 | Friday, December 13, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2024



THE MATADOR SONG



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 lyrics of the school song, which was penned in 1930.

Page from 1936 Student Handbook courtesy of the Southwest Collection.

