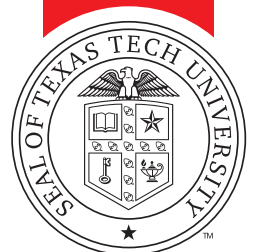




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TEXAS TECH™

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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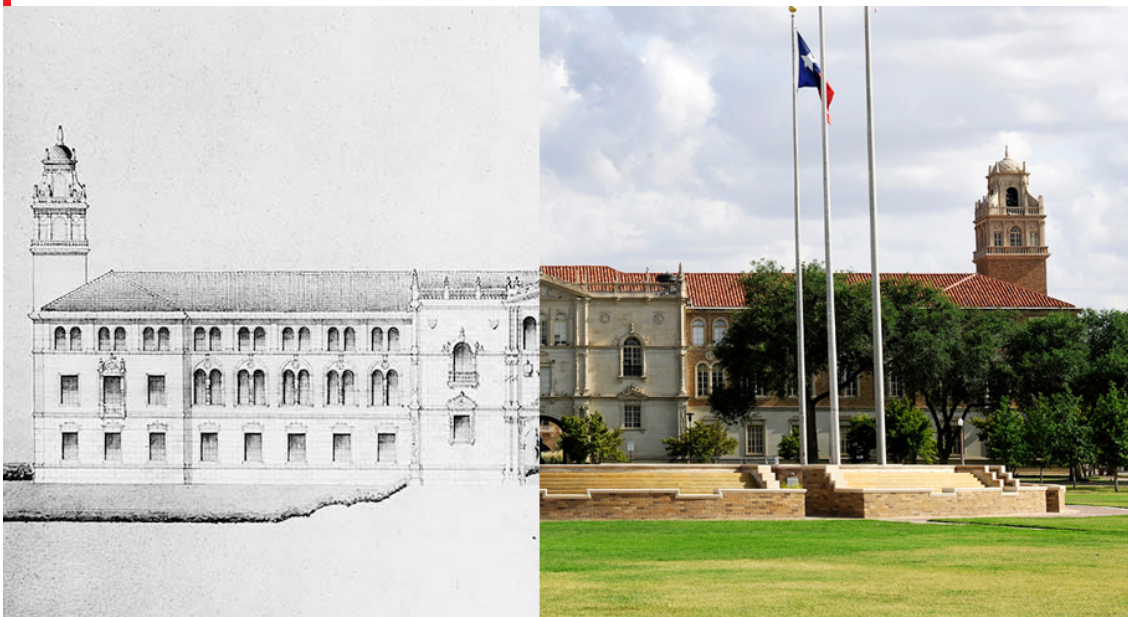
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Dean, Texas Tech University Costa Rica

FROM ITS VERY BEGINNING,

The Texas Tech University community has had a sense of destiny and an awareness of the impact it would have on Texas and the 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.

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, School of Professional Studies, School of Law, and School of Veterinary Medicine.



COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

Friday, August 8, 2025
6:00 p.m.

Presiding	Dr. Lawrence Schovanec <i>President, Texas Tech University</i>
Processional*	Texas Tech Commencement Band <i>Dr. Joel Pagan, Associate Director of Bands</i>
National Anthem	Ms. Alaina Vasquez <i>Master of Music, May 2025</i>
Welcoming Remarks	Mr. Clay Cash <i>Board of Regents, Texas Tech University System</i>
Conferring of Degrees	Dr. Lawrence Schovanec Dr. Mitzi Lauderdale <i>Vice Provost for Academic Innovation and Student Success</i>
Recognition of Outstanding Students	Dr. Mitzi Lauderdale
Charge to the Graduates	Dr. Lawrence Schovanec
Alma Mater	Ms. Alaina Vasquez
Presentation of Degree Candidates	Dr. Mark Sheridan, <i>Vice Provost for Graduate and Postdoctoral Affairs;</i> <i>Dean, Graduate School</i>
Closing of Ceremony	

* Please remain seated during the Processional.

COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

Saturday, August 9, 2025
9:00 a.m.

Presiding	Dr. Lawrence Schovanec <i>President, Texas Tech University</i>
Processional*	Texas Tech Commencement Band <i>Mr. Richard Zec, Doctoral Conducting Associate</i>
National Anthem	Ms. Karina Lago <i>Pursuing a Doctor of Musical Arts</i>
Welcoming Remarks	Mr. Clay Cash <i>Board of Regents, Texas Tech University System</i>
Conferring of Degrees	Dr. Lawrence Schovanec Dr. Mitzi Lauderdale <i>Vice Provost for Academic Innovation and Student Success</i>
Recognition of Outstanding Students	Dr. Mitzi Lauderdale
Charge to the Graduates	Dr. Lawrence Schovanec
Alma Mater	Ms. Karina Lago
Presentation of Degree Candidates	Dr. Martin Camacho, <i>Dean, J.T. & Margaret Talkington College of Visual & Performing Arts</i> Dr. Kamau Oginga Siwatu, <i>Dean, College of Education</i> Dr. Clint Krehbiel, <i>Dean, Gordon W. Davis College of Agricultural Sciences & Natural Resources</i> Dr. Tim Dodd, <i>Dean, College of Health & Human Sciences</i> Dr. Tosha Dupras, <i>Dean, College of Arts & Sciences</i>
Closing of Ceremony	

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COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

Saturday, August 9, 2025
1:30 p.m.

Presiding	Dr. Lawrence Schovanec <i>President, Texas Tech University</i>
Processional*	Texas Tech Commencement Band <i>Mr. Richard Zec, Doctoral Conducting Associate</i>
National Anthem	Ms. Peyton Matthews <i>Bachelor of Music, May 2025</i>
Welcoming Remarks	Mr. Clay Cash <i>Board of Regents, Texas Tech University System</i>
Conferring of Degrees	Dr. Lawrence Schovanec Dr. Mitzi Lauderdale <i>Vice Provost for Academic Innovation and Student Success</i>
Recognition of Outstanding Students	Dr. Mitzi Lauderdale
Charge to the Graduates	Dr. Lawrence Schovanec
Alma Mater	Ms. Peyton Matthews
Presentation of Degree Candidates	Prof. Urs Peter Flueckiger, <i>Dean, Tommie J. Huckabee College of Architecture</i> Dr. Roland Faller, <i>Dean, Edward E. Whitacre Jr. College of Engineering</i> Dr. Patrick C. Hughes, <i>Dean, School of Professional Studies</i> Dr. Amber McCord, <i>Assistant Dean of Student Success, College of Media & Communication</i> Dr. Margaret Williams, <i>Dean, Jerry S. Rawls College of Business</i>
Closing of Ceremony	

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COLLEGE READERS

Davis College of Agricultural Sciences & Natural Resources – Dr. Jhones Sarturi
Huckabee College of Architecture – Mr. Anthony Cricchio
College of Arts & Sciences – Ms. Rebecca Johnson
Rawls College of Business Administration – Ms. Laura Bilbao
College of Education – Dr. Ana Torres
Whitacre College of Engineering – Dr. Derek Johnston
Graduate School – Dr. Zinab Muñoz and Dr. Allison Childress
College of Health & Human Sciences – Dr. Bill Gustafson
College of Media & Communication – Dr. Todd Chambers
School of Professional Studies – Prof. Raynie Gibbs
Talkington College of Visual & Performing Arts – Prof. Rachel Hirshorn-Johnston

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Davis College of Agricultural Sciences & Natural Resources – Ms. Haley Hudson
Huckabee College of Architecture – Ms. Amy Peterman
College of Arts & Sciences – Ms. Kymberli Saldaña
Rawls College of Business Administration – Ms. Geleah Sharp
College of Education – Ms. Breanna Ashmore
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
School of Professional Studies – Ms. Courtney Lynn
Talkington College of Visual & Performing Arts – Mr. Aaron Chavarria

STUDENT BANNER BEARERS

Davis College of Agricultural Sciences & Natural Resources – Ms. Sofia Gill
Huckabee College of Architecture – Mr. Austin Ticknor
College of Arts & Sciences – Mr. John Witt
Rawls College of Business Administration – Mr. Ryan Blevins
College of Education – Ms. Rachel Calzada
Whitacre College of Engineering – Mr. Vijay Venkata Pranay Chelikani
Graduate School – Mr. Christian Rodriguez
Honors College
August 9, 9:00 a.m. – Ms. Lilly Pearce
August 9, 1:30 p.m. – Ms. Sarah Auer
College of Health & Human Sciences – Ms. Rosa Linda Saldaña
College of Media & Communication – Ms. Claire Cook
School of Professional Studies – Ms. Kelly Klosterman
Talkington College of Visual & Performing Arts – Mr. Kaleb Mcalister

FACULTY BANNER BEARERS

August 8, 6:00 p.m. – Devendra Shah, D.V.M.
Professor of Veterinary Microbiology & Infectious Disease, School of Veterinary Medicine
August 9, 9:00 a.m. – Anastasia Stellato, Ph.D.
Assistant Professor of Companion Animal Science, Davis College of Agricultural Sciences & Natural Resources
August 9, 1:30 p.m. – Mahdi Malmali, Ph.D.
Associate Professor of Chemical Engineering, Whitacre College of Engineering

LIBRARY BANNER BEARERS

August 9, 9:00 a.m. – Ms. Natalie Hernandez
August 9, 1:30 p.m. – Mr. Cory Johnson

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.



MACE BEARERS

6:00 P.M., AUGUST 8.....KEVIN WASS, D.M.A.

*Professor of Tuba and Euphonium,
Talkington College of Visual & Performing Arts*

9:00 A.M., AUGUST 9.....GEORGE COMISKEY, Ph.D.

*Associate Professor of Practice of Addictive
Disorders and Recovery Studies,
College of Health & Human Sciences*

1:30 P.M., AUGUST 9.....ERIC WALDEN, Ph.D.

*Director of the Texas Tech Neuroimaging Institute,
Jerry S. Rawls Chair of ISQS
Rawls College of Business*

GRADUATION HONORS

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

Cevastian A. Adame
Nazly A. Alfaro
Empress Anderson
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Ailin Banegas
Ryan Blevins
Akiko Carolyne Brown
Aidan Brubaker
Rachel E. Calzada
Stacey Carpenter
Claire Sophia Cook
Justin Taylor Desiderio

Greg Marvin Dotson
Esthela S. Flores
Jillian Freelen
Tearsha Freeman
Ana Marcela Guzman Galvan
Nathan True Garner
Lucerito Guevara
Dominique Haynes
Caroline Hebert
Natalie Hernandez
Ashlyn G. Hobbs
Justin Ray Hutcheson

Katherine Renee Jones
Bryson King
Kelly Jean Klosterman
Katherine A. Kraatz
Elizabeth Grace Lindamood
Monica M. Martinez
Trinity R. Merring
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Madison Monroe
Jenna Murphy
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Ngoc Hong Pham

Macy Reese Ranzer
Chantal Rodriguez
Julio Rodriguez
Yoshi Danielle Russell
Rylan Snodgrass
Naomi Stone
Jacqueline V. Velasquez
Sarai Villa
Mollie A. Wilson
John Vernon Witt

CANDIDATES FOR MILITARY COMMISSIONS

The following students are being
commissioned as Second Lieutenants
in the United States Air Force:

Emily Kalinec
Lindsey Smith

CANDIDATES FOR TEACHER CERTIFICATION

Stephanie Aguirre
Nazly Aley Alfaro
Carrie Allison
Hailey Anderson
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Lauren Elizabeth Bagby
Samantha Ashley Bautista
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Arianeth Benitez
Megan Darlene Brothers
Rachel Ellen Calzada
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April Wine Dennis
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Monica Marlene Martinez
Flora Jane Martyn
Alecia Nichelle Navon Mcdonald
Anahi Mendoza
Trinity Rose Merring
Madison Monroe
Jeslynn Rose Morales
Karla Moreno Galvan
Jessica Kay Morgan
Moncerrat Mota
Susana Ray Naposki Abdalah
Emelyne Navarro
Dafne Marahi Palacios
Hailey A. Piper

Guadalupe Ramirez Moctezuma
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Rachel Alyssa Sanchez
Alexis Guadalupe Santillana-Cruz
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Jacqueline Virginia Velasquez
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Sarai Villa
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Mollie An Wilson
Cassandra Zamarripa

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

EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP

Kristi Diane Brown-Griffin

Dissertation: *Building Teacher Collective Self-efficacy through Micro-teaching Opportunities in Professional Learning Communities for Instructing Emergent Bilingual Students.*

Major Professor: Vanessa De Leon

Susan Emily Burt

Dissertation: *Strengthening Universal Inclusion: Evaluating a Teacher Training Program for Academically Advanced Students*

Major Professor: Joseph Claudet

Alejandra Garcia

Dissertation: *Empowering Educators and Cultivating Instructional Excellence: A Coaching and Feedback Framework to Elevate Instruction and Advance Equitable Student Achievement*

Major Professor: Joseph Claudet

Tanya Renee Gilliam

Dissertation: *Improving Reading in Middle School: A Design-based Study on using Authentic Data Teaming and Culturally Responsive Teaching via Professional Learning Communities*

Major Professor: Joseph Claudet

Maxine Barrera Gonzales

Dissertation: *The Efficacy of Professional Learning Communities and Coaching on Elementary Mathematics Teacher Practice and Student Achievement*

Major Professor: Joseph Claudet

Francisco Gutierrez

Dissertation: *Utilizing Data-driven Decision Making to Enhance Inclusive Practices and Maximize Academic Success for Students with Disabilities*

Major Professor: Joseph Claudet

Larisa Joyce Henderson

Dissertation: *Adaptive Leadership and Data-driven Coaching: Cultivating Collaborative Culture and Deepening Learning for Reading Achievement*

Major Professor: Joseph Claudet

Julie Hendrickson

Dissertation: *Transforming High School Counseling: Integrating the National American School Counseling Association Model for Enhanced Student Support*

Major Professor: Joseph Claudet

Leticia Ramirez Jones

Dissertation: *Enhancing Mathematical Instruction through Problem-based Learning and Deeper Learning Strategies*

Major Professor: Joseph Claudet

Bridgett Marquez

Dissertation: *Enhancing Teacher Efficacy Through Collegial Mentoring: Effects on Novice Educators in a Fast-Growing School District*

Major Professor: Dusty Palmer

Lunie Nelson

Dissertation: *Teacher Effectiveness in Traditional and Non-traditional Teacher Preparation Programs*

Major Professors: Dusty Palmer and Fernando Valle

Mark Allan Patrick

Dissertation: *Technology-integrated Professional Development to Improve Teacher Self-efficacy*

Major Professor: Dusty Palmer

Sarah Rose Roe

Dissertation: *The Impact of Data Coaching on Collaborative Inquiry and Teacher Perceptions in a Co-teaching PLC Framework*

Major Professor: Joseph Claudet

Miguel Villarreal Salazar

Dissertation: *Exploring the Impact of a Distributed Leadership Model on School Climate and Culture in a Resource-constrained Rural District*

Major Professor: Dusty Palmer

Ramona Denise Vedia

Dissertation: *From Data to Dialogue: Building Elementary Assistant Principals' Skills and Self-efficacy in Analyzing and Interpreting Instructional Data*

Major Professor: Dusty Palmer

INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY

Jamal Sharif Qaiyyim

Dissertation: *Improving Social Presence in Online Learning by Enhancing Affective Expression, Open Communication, and Group Cohesion*

Major Professor: Jongpil Cheon

DOCTOR OF MUSICAL ARTS

MUSIC

Yidong Liu

Dissertation: *Wang Long - The New Period Representative Personage of Chinese Ancient Poetry Art Songs*

Major Professor: Gregory Brookes

Paul Christopher Millette

Dissertation: *An Annotated Bibliography of Prepared, Solo Vibraphone Literature Published in the United States Between 1983-2024*

Major Professor: Lisa Rogers

Rafael Clayton Powell II

Dissertation: *Empowering Young Saxophonists: A Performance and Pedagogical Analysis of Select Intermediate Repertoire for Saxophone and Piano*

Major Professor: David Dees

GRADUATE CANDIDATES

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

ADDICTIVE DISORDERS AND RECOVERY STUDIES

Declan Paul Murphy

Dissertation: *Acquiring Identity Capital in Addiction Recovery through CRP-Supported College Education: A Collaborative Ethnography*
Major Professor: Jon Webb

Lilian Ohene

Dissertation: *Partner Influence on Problem Drinking and Risky Sexual Behavior: A Study Among Heterosexual Emerging Adults and Men who have Sex with Men*
Major Professor: Antover Tulaio

AGRICULTURAL AND APPLIED ECONOMICS

Onyedikachi Emmanuel Chike

Dissertation: *Using Interpretable Machine Learning and Event Studies in Analyzing Health Policy and Outcomes*
Major Professors: Conrad Lyford and Syed Badruddoza

Elisha Kwaku Denkyirah

Dissertation: *Causal Inference Analyses of Public Policy*
Major Professors: Adam Martin and Raymond March

Jordan Daniel Hillman

Dissertation: *Three Essays in Economics of Marriage Law*
Major Professors: Adam Martin and Andrew Young

Vicente Moreno Casas

Dissertation: *Three Essays in Economic and Institutional Dynamics*
Major Professor: Adam Martin

Florence Muhoza

Dissertation: *"Improved by Design?" Essays on the Causal Effects of Agricultural Policy, Women's Representation, and Economic Reform*
Major Professor: Robin Grier

Jedediah Thomas Pida-Reese

Dissertation: *Three Essays on Japanese Political Economy*
Major Professor: Adam Martin

AGRICULTURAL COMMUNICATIONS AND EDUCATION

Alma Estela Perez Centeno

Dissertation: *Assessing the Impact of Voluntary Sustainability Standards on Honduran Coffee Farms and their Effect on Coffee Workers' Migration Intentions: A Mixed-methods Study*
Major Professor: Amy Boren-Alpizar

ANIMAL SCIENCE

Thomas Warren Dobbins

Dissertation: *Evaluation of Ante- and Postmortem Factors Influencing the Occurrence and Quality of Beef Carcasses from Four Color Categories*
Major Professor: Jerrad Legako

BIOLOGY

Diksha Gambhir

Dissertation: *Hybridization and Sex Chromosomes in Salicaceae*
Major Professor: Matt Olson

Chaitanya Santosh Haram

Dissertation: *Aerolysin and Cholesterol Dependent Cytolysins Reveal Distinct Membrane Protection and Repair Strategies in Leishmania major*
Major Professor: Peter Keyel

Austin B. Osmanski

Dissertation: *On Comparative Genomic Approaches: Evolutionary Investigations within Mammalia and Crocodilia*
Major Professor: Lou Desnmore

Rakshya Pokhrel

Dissertation: *Towards Climate-resilient Agriculture: Enhancing Drought and Salt Tolerance in Arabidopsis thaliana through AVP1 and AtCLCa Co-overexpression*
Major Professors: Hong Zhang and Jennifer Smith

Haoran Xu

Dissertation: *Co-overexpression of AtCLC and OsSIZ1 in Arabidopsis leads to High Tolerance to Drought, Heat and Salt Stress*
Major Professor: Hong Zhang

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Wei Hua

Dissertation: *Toward a Relational View of Entrepreneurial Opportunities: A Three Essay Dissertation*
Major Professor: Ronald Mitchell

Bahar Javadi Khasraghi

Dissertation: *Unveiling the Impact of AI-Assisted Recommendation System Discrimination on Performance: The Role of Transparency*
Major Professor: Eric Walden

Daniel Alexander Kuzmich

Dissertation: *Uncovering Viral Origins: Examining the Effects of User-generated Content and Firm-generated Content on Brand Engagement and Sentiment*
Major Professor: Babu John-Mariadoss

CHEMICAL ENGINEERING

Cesar Ivan Gomez-Avila

Dissertation: *Evaluation of Stormwater Control Measures for the Removal and Fate of Legacy and Emerging Contaminants*
Major Professor: Danny Reible

CHEMISTRY

Debojyoti Das

Dissertation: *Machine Learning Implementations for Electron Nuclear Dynamics Simulations*
Major Professor: Jorge Morales

Juan Carlos Dominguez

Dissertation: *Electron Nuclear Dynamics of Ion Cancer Therapy Reactions Prototypes and a Quantum Computing Implementation*
Major Professor: Jorge Morales

Mallika Kumar

Dissertation: *Strategies for Covalent Stabilization of F1-ATPase to Enhance Its Usability as a Nanomotor*
Major Professor: Joachim Weber

CIVIL ENGINEERING

Hewawasam Haggallage Nadeeshani
Dhanushika Haggalla

Dissertation: *Improvement on Design of RC Beams Strengthened in Shear with Externally Bonded FRP Composites*
Major Professor: Sang-Wook Bae

Morris Oyakhire Igene

Dissertation: *Calibration of Microscopic Traffic Simulation Models for Proactive Safety Performance based on LiDAR Trajectory Data*
Major Professor: Hongchao Liu

GRADUATE CANDIDATES

Md. Rashedul Islam

Dissertation: *Assessment and Modeling Tools to Guide Remediation of Contaminated Sediments*
Major Professor: Danny Reible

Niwesh Koirala

Dissertation: *Deflection Based Design Method for CRCP Whitetopping and Unbonded Overlays*
Major Professor: Moon Won

Manish Kumar

Dissertation: *Selective Sorption of Rare Earth Elements and Heavy Metals Using Protein-based Biosorbents*
Major Professor: Yuexiao Shen

Qiyang Luo

Dissertation: *Roadside LiDAR-based Vehicular Trajectory Repair and Lane Marking Identification for Connected and Autonomous Vehicles*
Major Professor: Hongchao Liu

Md Isreq Hossen Real

Dissertation: *Comprehensive Evaluation of Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) Sorption in Soils*
Major Professor: Jennifer Guelfo

CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY

Tucker Romney Short

Dissertation: *Parenting Factors Impacting Child Language Outcomes: Implications for Risk and Protective Factors*
Major Professor: Adam Schmidt

COMPUTER SCIENCE

Denish Omondi Otieno

Dissertation: *Combating Sub-perceptual GPS Spoofing through Fine-grained Trajectory Analytics*
Major Professor: Abdul Serwadda

Mahfuzur Rahman

Dissertation: *A Novel Smart Wearable System with Edge Computing AI for Cardiac Disease Detection and Continuous Monitoring*
Major Professor: Bashir Morshed

COUNSELING PSYCHOLOGY

McCown Zaye Leggett

Dissertation: *Mental Health Symptoms as a Mediator Between Adverse Childhood Experiences and Criminogenic Risk in Justice-involved Youth*
Major Professors: Adam Schmidt and Brandy Pina-Watson

Cole Morris

Dissertation: *Assessing Post-traumatic Stress Symptoms with the Minnesota Multiphasic Personality Assessment Inventory - 3 Amongst Sexual and Gender Minority Adults*
Major Professor: Paul Ingram

COUPLE, MARRIAGE, AND FAMILY THERAPY

Soon Cho

Dissertation: *"It's nice having someone to talk to, even if you are just AI": Exploring Relational Distress Conversations with AI using Reflexive Thematic Analysis*
Major Professor: Stephen Fife

Alex Carter Theobald

Dissertation: *Is Fidelity a Matter of Turning On or Toward One's Partner? A Survival Analysis of Sexual Quality and Strong Relationality as Protective Factors against Infidelity*
Major Professor: Stephen Fife

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

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COLLEGE RECEPTIONS

Immediately After Commencement Ceremony, Unless Otherwise Indicated

Jerry S. Rawls College of Business Administration | McCoy Atrium | Saturday, August 9, 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

College of Education | McKenzie-Merket Alumni Center | Friday, August 8, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Edward E. Whitacre Jr. College of Engineering | Diploma Distribution, Holden Hall 103

Tuesday – Friday, August 12 – 15, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. and 1 – 5 p.m.

COLLEGE BANNERS



FACULTY

The Faculty banner features the university colors and the Texas Tech University seal, designed by William Ward Watkin in 1924. The seal's black shield is quartered by a red cross, adorned with 10 cotton bolls representing Lubbock and the surrounding cottongrowing counties, reflecting the university's founding mission in textiles and technical engineering. The shield's symbols include a book for religion and academic tradition, a star for Texas, a key for home and a lamp for knowledge. Above the shield, an eagle symbolizes the United States. Together, these elements represent the university's role in creating, transmitting and preserving knowledge.



GORDON W. DAVIS COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES & NATURAL RESOURCES

The Davis College banner features a black background with scarlet chevrons and the Double T, representing Texas Tech University. The maize border, symbolizing the agricultural disciplines, highlights the college's founding role as one of the university's original schools. At the center, a globe flanked by wheat stalks reflects the global impact of agriculture and natural resources management. The banner was designed by Maeley Herring and Tristin Campbell.



TOMMIE J. HUCKABEE COLLEGE OF ARCHITECTURE

The Huckabee College of Architecture began as the Department of Architectural Engineering in the College of Engineering in 1927. It became the College of Architecture in 1968 and moved to its current building on campus. In November 2022, the college was renamed Huckabee College of Architecture, and a new banner was created. The banner features the college name, the Double T logo, and a classic black and red color scheme. It was designed by the Marketing & Communications office at Texas Tech.



COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

The blue background of the College of Education banner reflects the light blue color designated for education by the Intercollegiate Code and matches the velvet border of education master's and doctoral hoods and gowns. The upper part of the banner features a school building encircled by the words "College of Education" and "Scholarship, Leadership, Service," symbolizing the college's commitment to preparing teachers and advancing educational scholarship, leadership, and service. The Double T logo is placed at the bottom of the banner.



JERRY S. RAWLS COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

The Jerry S. Rawls College of Business Administration banner was created through a collaboration with the college's Undergraduate Services Center staff. The background features a map of the world centered on Lubbock, with the Double T rising from the South Plains. The design symbolizes the global impact on modern business.



COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES

The College of Arts & Sciences banner was redesigned in 2014 by Randy Lacy, unit coordinator in the college. Featuring classical typography and bold lines, the banner replaced the college seal with the Double T. The red and black colors reflect the university's largest college.



GRADUATE SCHOOL

The Graduate School banner features a blue background with a white circle inside a light blue circle. Within these circles are the images of a golden open book, symbolizing knowledge, and a burning lamp, representing the light of study. The banner was designed by the late Associate Dean Thomas Langford and Ms. Beth Cain, a long-time Graduate School staff member and artist.



EDWARD E. WHITACRE JR. COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

The banner features the college seal on an orange field, the academic color for engineering. Designed by chemical engineering student Unwana Essien in 2009, the seal is encircled by red, white, and black, reflecting the spirit of Texas Tech University and the Red Raiders. The two stars symbolize the ethical duty of engineers to themselves and society. The seal's four central symbols represent the foundations of engineering: The light bulb, surrounded by a ribbon and questions, symbolizes the inspiration to answer problems and innovate. The square and globe represent engineering's role in building a better world. The hammer and screwdriver signify the practical application of engineering work. The atomic figure around the beaker represents the integration of math, science, and technology in engineering.



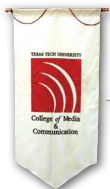
HONORS COLLEGE

The Honors College banner features a sky blue field with a dark blue silhouette of one of the Administration Building bell towers. Superimposed on the silhouette is the Honors College emblem in gold: an open book that transforms into a bird taking flight, symbolizing how learning sparks creativity. At the bottom of the banner are the words "University Honors College" in gold.



COLLEGE OF HEALTH & HUMAN SCIENCES

The College of Health & Human Sciences banner was redesigned in 2024 following the college's name change. The design features echoed human faces, symbolizing the human experience across the lifespan, and reflects the college's mission to improve the human condition through teaching, research and outreach. It was designed by the Marketing & Communications office at Texas Tech.



COLLEGE OF MEDIA & COMMUNICATION

The College of Media & Communication banner features waves of information emanating from a single point—symbolizing one voice reaching many. The banner has a white field with a crimson background framing the waves, with crimson representing journalism, the college's core discipline. The white field symbolizes honesty, decency and purity. Beneath the crimson background is the name of the college.



SCHOOL OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

The School of Professional Studies banner features Texas Tech's colors, with a red background trimmed in black. The central focus is the silhouette of the Administration Building's bell tower, an iconic symbol of the university. Representing the integration of programs from multiple colleges, the banner highlights the traditional Double T placed in a window of the tower, symbolizing the future that awaits students who complete these programs and prepare for successful careers.



J.T. & MARGARET TALKINGTON COLLEGE OF VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS

The J.T. & Margaret Talkington College of Visual & Performing Arts banner represents the three schools within the college. The abstract design symbolizes intellectual skill, artistic ability and creative thinking, reflecting the students emerging from the college. Subtle shapes evoke elements such as music notation, sound waves for theatre and dance, and visual lines and shapes representing the arts. The banner was designed by Chloe Walser, an artist, graphic designer, and graduate of the School of Art, for her commencement in May 2022.



UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES

The Texas Tech University Libraries' banner symbolizes the Library as the center and guardian of knowledge on campus. The key in the foreground represents the Libraries' role as the keeper of ideas, reflecting the historical view of knowledge as something sacred or locked away. The flames symbolize the Library's role in providing access to wisdom, with fire representing the spread of knowledge. The colors of the flames—scarlet for humanities, gold for sciences and purple for social sciences—represent the three broad branches of knowledge.

ACADEMIC DRESS AND PROCESSION



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.



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.

COLORS REPRESENTING 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*

HONORS CORDS / MEDALLION

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*



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.

TEXAS TECH TRADITIONS

WILL ROGERS & SOAPSUDS

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 & 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. After the school's athletic conference passed a rule that prevented taking live animals to non-home games, Saddle Tramp Jim Gaspard created Raider Red -- the embodiment of Ol' Red, a cartoon character created by 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.

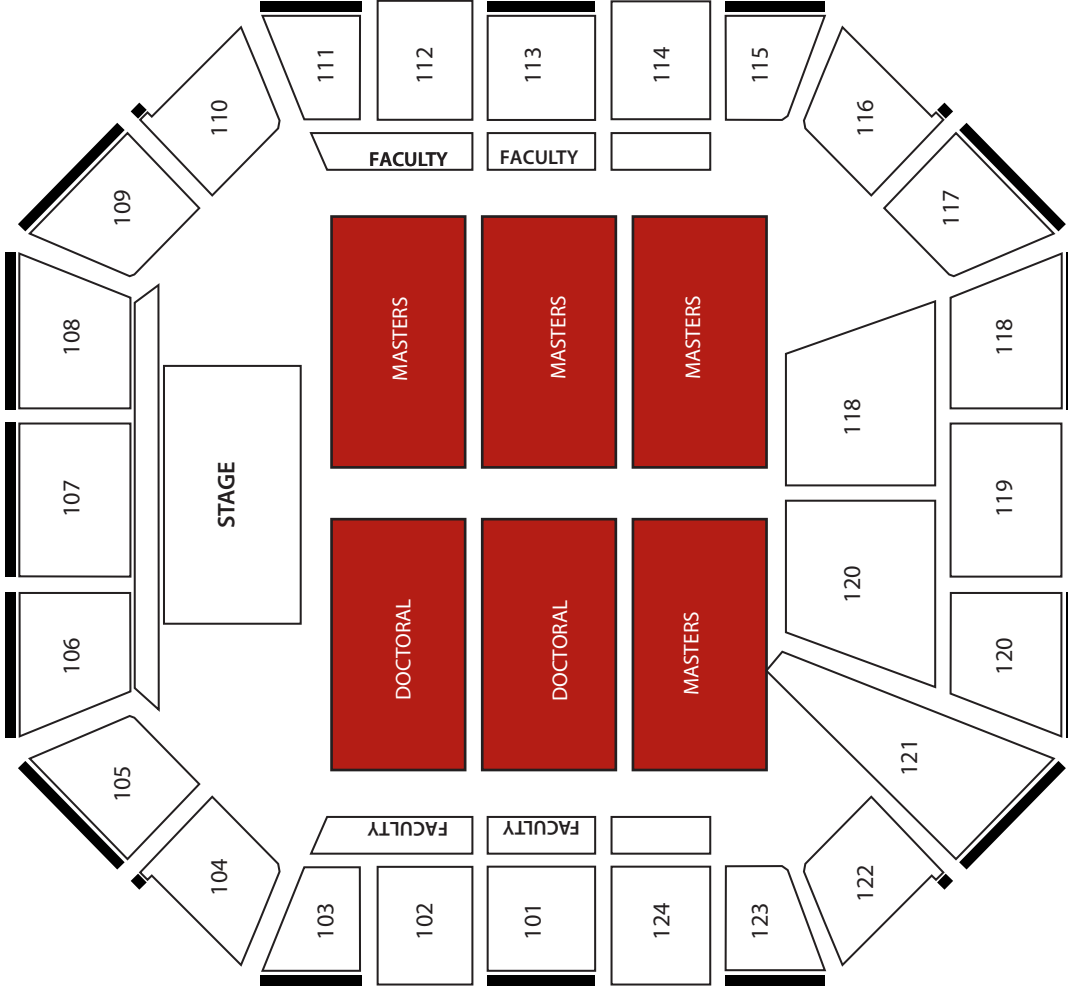


TEXAS TECH CLASS RING

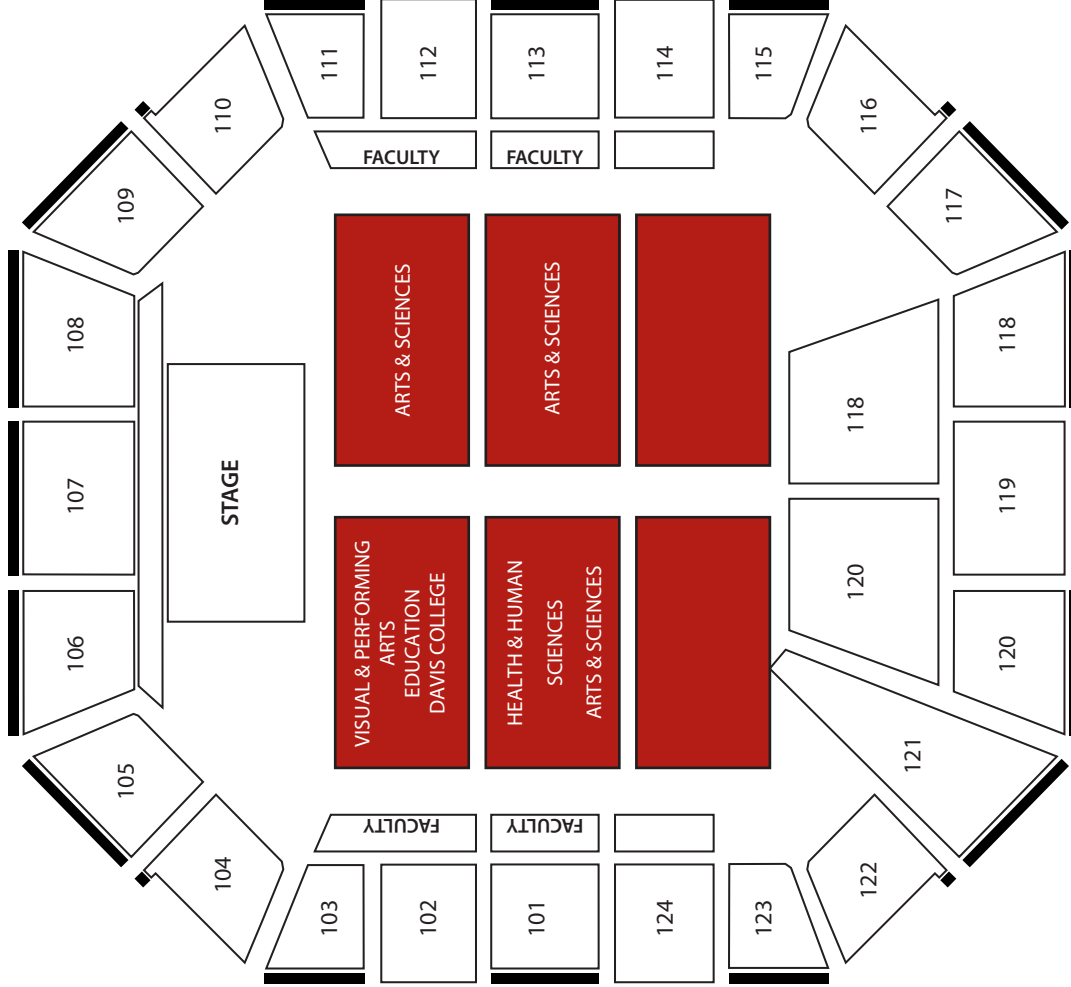
As a constant reminder of their academic achievements and the traditions of Texas Tech University, students proudly wear the official Texas Tech class ring. This bronze sculpture of the official class ring sits next to the McKenzie-Market Alumni Center. Traditionally, the rings are worn with the university 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.



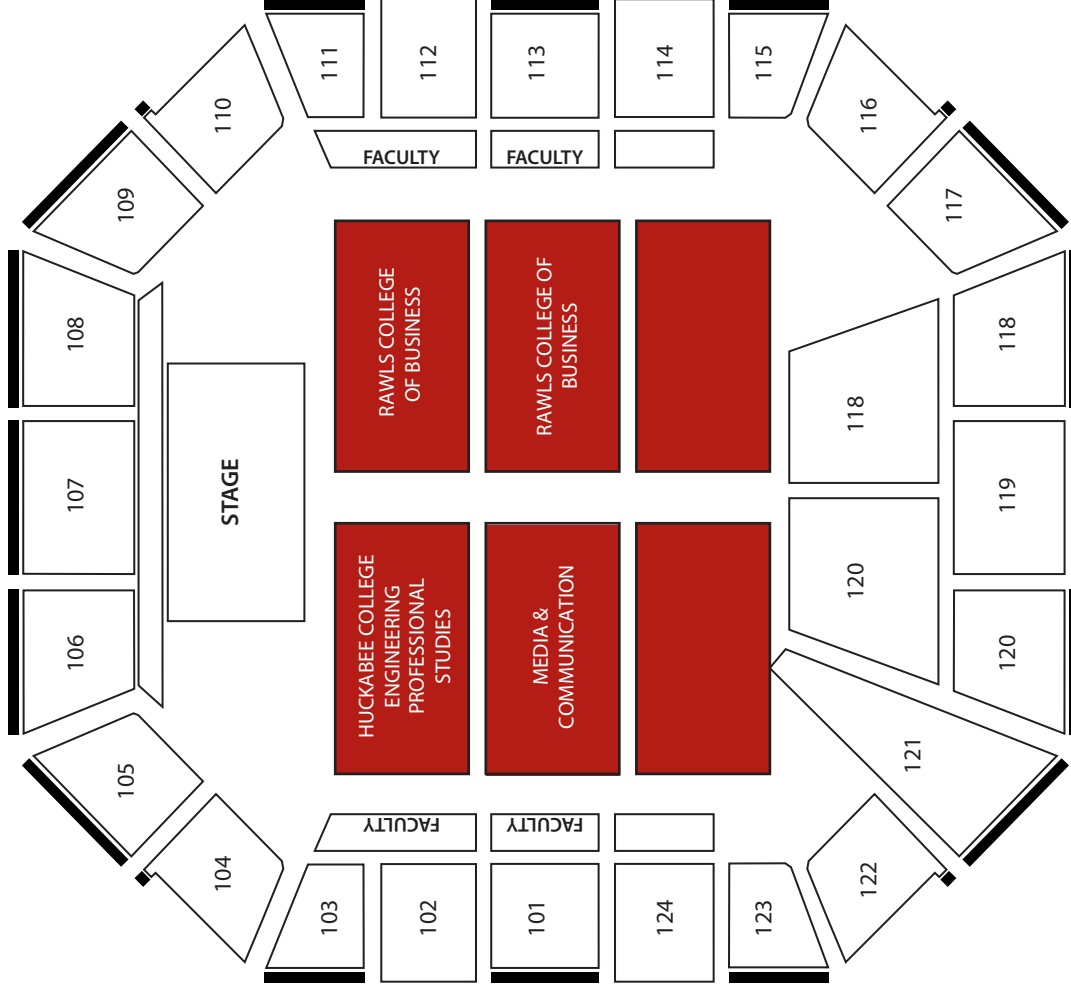
FRIDAY, AUGUST 8, 6:00 p.m.



SATURDAY, AUGUST 9, 9:00 a.m.



SATURDAY, AUGUST 9, 1:30 p.m.



**CONGRATULATIONS
RED RAIDERS!**



THE MATADOR SONG

WORDS BY
R. C. MARSHALL
STUDENT 1930
TEXAS TECH COLLEGE

MATADORS

MUSIC BY
HARRY LEMAIRE
BANDMASTER
TEXAS TECH COLLEGE

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

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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.

