



2013 GRADUATE HOODING CEREMONY

Sunday, May 5 | 5 p.m. | Stewart Field House

GRADUATE HOODING AND COMMENCEMENT

Processional

*Invocation Dr. Jackson Lashier
Assistant Professor of Religion

Welcome Dr. W. Richard Merriman, Jr.
President

Introduction of Speakers Dr. Pamela Monaco
Vice President for Professional Studies

Speakers
Dr. Tom Prunier, *Cyber Intel Analyst Principal, Lockheed Martin, Inc.*
Mr. Gregory Cole, *President, Good Life Company*

Conferring of Degrees President Merriman

Presentation of Graduates Dr. Andrew Sheppard
Vice President for Academic Affairs

Presentation of Diplomas Mrs. Donna Boese
Registrar

Hooding Ceremony
Dr. Pamela Monaco, *Vice President for Professional Studies*
Dr. Jackson Lashier, *Assistant Professor of Religious Studies*
Dr. Timothy Shook, *Division Chair, Performing Arts*
Dr. Kurt Keiser, *Division Chair, Business*
Dr. David Hofmeister, *Division Chair, Teacher Education*

*Alma Mater

Far above the Walnut Valley
On a lofty height,
Stands our noble Alma Mater,
Bathed in golden light.

Chorus
**Lift the chorus, speed it onward,
Over hill and dale,
Hail to thee, beloved Southwestern,
Alma Mater, Hail!**

Far above the stir and bustle
Of the busy town,
Reared against the arch of heaven,
Looks she calmly down.

To the heights she calls us daily,
Alma Mater, dear,
Heights of knowledge, hope, and courage,
Free from doubt and fear.

Benediction Dr. Lashier

*Please stand

PLEASE MAKE SURE ALL PAGERS AND CELL PHONES ARE OFF DURING THE CEREMONY.

Academic Regalia. On formal academic occasions the faculty appears in academic dress that originated in the Middle Ages. This dress includes the gown, the hood, and the mortarboard (cap). The gown distinguishes holders of the three degrees – doctorate, master’s, and bachelor’s. The doctoral gown is faced with velvet and has bell-shaped sleeves, on each of which are three velvet chevrons. The master’s gown has sleeves which reach nearly to the knees and are slit above the elbow. The bachelor’s gown has pointed sleeves and lacks the velvet trimming of the doctoral gown.

The hood indicates by the color of its velvet edging the area of study in which the wearer’s degree was taken, and its silk lining displays the color or colors of the institution that conferred the degree. (For instance, Southwestern College’s colors are purple and white.) On most campuses the most common degrees are in arts, letters, or humanities (white); business administration or accounting (drab); economics (copper); education (light blue); fine arts (brown); journalism (crimson); library science (lemon); music (pink); nursing (apricot); philosophy (dark blue); physical education (sage green); science (golden yellow); social science (citron); speech (silver gray); and theology (scarlet).

The mortarboard tassel of the faculty holding bachelor’s or master’s degrees is usually black. Gold tassels are worn only by holders of doctoral degrees and by heads of institutions.

Academic dress that differs from this description usually indicates a degree from a university abroad or at home which does not follow the typical pattern.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Graduation regalia. Graduates are wearing environmentally responsible gowns made from an acetate fabric that is proven to completely decompose in soil within a year. The gowns also contain an Eco-Zip zipper that is made from 100% recycled PET. The college is a member of the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE).



Official photographs. Commencement photographs are being taken by Grad Images. After graduation, order online at www.gradimages.com or call 800.424.3686.

An area has been provided for family and friends to take individual pictures. Please observe the restriction of areas that should not be used.

Interpreter for the hearing impaired. Provided by Sign Language Interpreting Service.

Closed circuit viewing. Closed circuit viewing of the Commencement convocation is available in the Richardson Performing Arts Center in Christy Administration Building, in the Java Jinx in the upper level of the Roy L. Smith Student Center, and in the campus life office in the lower level of the student center. The ceremony may also be viewed on Winfield cable channel 20.

Restrooms. Restrooms are located in the main level of Stewart Field House, near the lobby and in the lower level of Stewart Field House, off Farney Family Plaza. Restrooms can also be found by the press box of Richard L. Jantz Stadium and on the main level of the Sutton Center.

Assistance. Should you require assistance during the Commencement activities, please contact one of our Commencement staff personnel.

***Please make sure all pagers and cell phones are off during the ceremony.**



A LEARNING COMMUNITY DEDICATED TO:

- Intellectual growth and career preparation;
- Individual development and Christian values;
- Lifetime learning and responsible citizenship; and
- *Leadership through service* in a world without boundaries.