



# 2013 COMMENCEMENT CEREMONIES

Sunday, May 5 | 1 p.m. | Richard L. Jantz Stadium

# ORDER OF COMMENCEMENT

## Processional

\*Invocation ..... Dr. Jackson Lashier  
*2013 United Methodist Exemplary Teacher, Southwestern College*

Welcome ..... Dr. W. Richard Merriman, Jr.  
*President*

Awards..... President Merriman  
Professor Fran Jabara Leadership Award and  
Charles H. and Verda R. Kopke Distinguished Teaching Award

Recognition of Student Academic Honors..... Dr. Pamela Monaco  
*Vice President for Professional Studies*

Conferring of Degrees..... President Merriman

Presentation of Graduates ..... Dr. James A. Sheppard  
*Vice President for Academic Affairs*

Presentation of Diplomas..... Mrs. Donna Boese  
*Registrar*

### \*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 ..... Rev. Ashlee Alley  
*Campus Minister*

\*Please stand

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

## GENERAL INFORMATION

**Graduation with honors.** General honors are awarded to those members of the graduating class who have completed their degrees and have attained a high level of scholastic achievement. Graduates with a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.85 or higher graduate *summa cum laude* (with highest honors); a 3.70 is required for *magna cum laude* (with high honors), and a 3.50 for *cum laude* (with honors). For students who have transferred hours to Southwestern, both the resident and cumulative GPAs must meet the standard.

**Order of the Mound.** Southwestern College honors those members of the graduating class who have completed their degrees and whose academic work has been outstanding by naming them members of the Order of the Mound. After calculation of their final grades, these seniors are the top 10% of the graduating class. Students must have 60+ graded hours completed at Southwestern College to be eligible. A purple and gold cord denotes this honor.

**Valedictorian/Salutatorian.** The graduating senior with the highest grade point average is recognized as valedictorian. The second highest ranking student is named salutatorian. If two or more persons are ranked equally for valedictorian, all are named such and no salutatorian is recognized. A purple and gold neck ribbon with a medallion denotes this honor.

**Sashes and honor cord color designations.** Membership in honor societies is denoted as follows: Beta Beta Beta (biological honor society), red and green sashes; Pi Gamma Mu (social science honor society), royal blue and white cords; Sigma Theta Tau (nursing honor society), purple and white cords; Kappa Mu Epsilon (mathematics honor society) pink and white cords, pins; Phi Beta Delta (international honor society), medallions with red and yellow ribbon; Alpha Sigma Lambda (adult learners honor society) burgundy and antique gold cords; National Student Nurses' Association, blue and white honor cords. Education graduates are wearing light blue and white cords; gold, purple, green, and red cords denote membership in Campus Players.

**Charles H. Kopke '44 and Verda R. Kopke.** Charles and Verda Kopke have endowed the Distinguished Teaching Award at Southwestern College to recognize members of the college's faculty who exemplify Southwestern's commitment to excellence in teaching. Mr. Kopke resides in Kansas City, Missouri. He retired as senior vice president at Commerce Bank of Kansas City.

**Professor Fran Jabara.** Professor Jabara earned his undergraduate degree from Oklahoma State University and completed his graduate studies at Northwestern University. He is an advocate of the American free enterprise system and founded the Center for Entrepreneurship at Wichita State University in 1977. A nationally recognized leader in entrepreneurship, Mr. Jabara has received numerous recognitions, awards, and honors. The award presented today in his honor is to encourage the spirit of entrepreneurship and excellence in its recipients.

**Junior marshals.** Junior marshals lead the procession of graduates and are garbed in ivory robes with purple stoles. They are chosen from those students who meet specified grade point average standards. This year's junior marshals are **Colton McNinch, Dylan Moore and Mallorie Coffman.**

**Summer and late May graduates.** Students who plan to complete their degrees during the summer of 2013 or who are involved in college-approved dual-degree programs are invited to process in this ceremony. Their names are indicated by an asterisk (\*) on the program.

**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](http://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.*

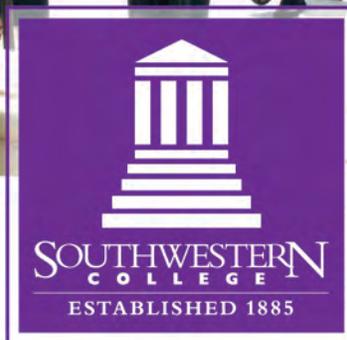
**Interpreter for the hearing impaired.** Provided by Sign Language Interpreting Service.

**Closed circuit viewing.** Closed circuit viewing of the Commencement convocation is available in 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.