



Commencement Ceremony 2018

Sunday, May 13 | 2:30 p.m.

Richard L. Jantz Stadium

ORDER OF COMMENCEMENT

ProcessionalString Ensemble
Pomp and Circumstance (Military March No. 1, Op. 39/1)
by Edward Elgar (1857-1934) Arr. Wolfgang Birtel

***Invocation**Dr. Tammy McEwen
United Methodist Exemplary Teacher, Southwestern College

Welcome.....Dr. Bradley J Andrews
President

Student Award PresentationPresident Andrews
Professor Fran Jabara Leadership Award

Student Address..... Mr. Tanner Carlson

Faculty Award PresentationPresident Andrews
Charles H. and Verda R. Kopke Distinguished Teaching Award

Faculty AddressMr. Roger Moon

Musical Interlude.....String Ensemble
La Réjouissance (from “Royal Fireworks”) by Georg Frideric Handel, arr. Cleo Aufderhaar
Rondeau (from “Premiere Suite”) by John-Joseph Mouret, arr. Cleo Aufderhaar

Recognition of Student Academic HonorsDr. Ross Peterson-Veatch
Vice President for Academic Affairs; Dean of the College

Conferring of Degrees.....President Andrews
Presentation of Graduates Dr. Peterson-Veatch
Presentation of Diplomas..... Ms. Amanda McKimson
Registrar

***Alma Mater**.....A Cappella Choir
(Please join the choir for each singing of the chorus.)

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

Benediction.....Rev. Ben Hanne
Campus Minister

Closing RemarksPresident Andrews

**Please stand*

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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 100% post-consumer plastic bottles. An average of 23 recycled bottles are used to make each gown. That means that nearly 6,000 recycled bottles are being worn by graduate and undergraduate students today and the gowns themselves are recyclable. 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 800.261.2576. An institutional gallery of images from commencement weekend ceremonies will be available at www.sckans.edu/commencement. ***An area has been provided for family and friends to take individual pictures. Please observe the restriction of areas that should not be used.***

Alternative viewing locations/Live Stream Commencement may also be viewed by way of live streaming at YouTube.com/SouthwesternBuilders. Campus locations screening the live stream are Richardson Performing Arts Center in Christy Administration Building and Harold and Mary Ellen Deets Library. These locations may offer a more comfortable viewing environment for some guests.

Restrooms Restrooms are located in the main level of the Stewart Field House, near the lobby and in the lower level of Stewart Field House, near the Farney Family Plaza. Restroom facilities are also found on the main level of Sutton Center.

Assistance Should you require assistance during your time on campus, please contact a member of staff, identified by white Southwestern College name badges or call Campus Security at (620) 229-0012

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; 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 was 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, received numerous recognitions, awards, and honors during his lifetime. He died in 2015 at the age of 90. Two students are honored with the Fran Jabara Leadership Award each year at commencement.

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 **Aidan Wells Filbert** and **Raquel Resendiz**.

Summer and late May graduates. Students who plan to complete their degrees in late May or during the summer of 2018 are invited to process in this ceremony. Since their degrees are not yet conferred, their honors are not reflected in this publication.

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**The Southwestern College
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.



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