



PROFESSIONAL STUDIES
Commencement
— CEREMONY —

CLASS *of* 2021

SOUTHWESTERN COLLEGE

SUNDAY, MAY 9, 2021 | 11:30 A.M.

Richardson Performing Arts Center

CLASS OF 2021

ORDER OF COMMENCEMENT

Prelude Dr. Amber Dahlén Peterson & Katie Miller '23
Arioso by Johann Sebastian Bach / Arr. by Lynne Latham

***Processional** Dr. Amber Dahlén Peterson & Katie Miller '23
Pomp & Circumstance by Edward Elgar / Arr. by Wolfgang Birtel

***Invocation** Rev. Molly Just
Director of Discipleship / Campus Minister

Welcome Dr. Bradley J Andrews
President

Faculty Address Gregory Cole '10
Affiliate Faculty in Leadership and Management

Recognition of Student Academic Honors Dr. Ross Peterson-Veach
Vice President for Academic Affairs; Dean of the College

Conferring of Degrees President Andrews

Presentation of Graduates Dr. Peterson-Veach

Presentation of Diplomas Ms. Amanda McKimson, Registrar

Benediction Rev. Molly Just
Director of Discipleship / Campus Minister

***Recessional** Dr. Amber Dahlén Peterson & Katie Miller '23
Rondeau by Jean Joseph Mouret / Arr. by Lynne Latham

*Please stand if able

**PLEASE MAINTAIN DISTANCE FROM THOSE NOT IN YOUR GROUP | MASKS ARE ENCOURAGED.
REMEMBER TO SILENCE ELECTRONIC DEVICES 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

Official photographs:

Commencement photographs are being taken by Lifetouch. After graduation, order online at *events.lifetouch.com/sckans* or call 800.505.9496. An institutional gallery of images from commencement weekend ceremonies will be available at *www.sckans.edu/commencement*.

Alternative viewing locations/Live Stream:

Commencement may also be viewed by way of live streaming at *YouTube.com/SouthwesternBuilders*.

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.

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 **Maria Collins** and **Jessica Coleman**.

**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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