



*Honors
Convocation*
2026

Thursday, April 16 | 4 p.m.
Richardson Performing Arts Center

In Recognition of the STUDENTS OF SOUTHWESTERN COLLEGE

*PROCESSIONAL..... Dr. James Leland

Nun danket alle Gott – Sigfrid Karg-Elert

*INVOCATION..... Ms. Rylee Frager

Class of 2026, President of Student Government Association

WELCOME..... Dr. Liz Frombgen

President

RECOGNITION OF SPECIAL HONORS..... Dr. Tamara J McEwen

Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs; Dean of the Faculty

CONFERRAL OF HONORARY DEGREE..... President Frombgen

MUSICAL INTERLUDE..... SC Singers | Adam Lange, Conductor; Lydia Clark, Organ

Irish Blessing – Traditional Irish Text; Music by Philip Stopford

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER..... President Frombgen

REMARKS..... Dr. J.K. Campbell

Retired Vice President for Academic Affairs; Dean of the Faculty

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATING HONORS SCHOLARS..... Dr. Patrick Ross

Honors Scholar Program Chair

MASTERBUILDERS RECOGNITION..... Dr. Sarah Hallinan

Vice President for Student Affairs; Dean of Students

DAWN PLEAS STUDENT AFFAIRS LEADERSHIP AWARD..... Dr. Hallinan

SGA FACULTY/STAFF CITATIONS..... Ms. Rylee Frager

*ALMA MATER..... Ms. MaKaylin Kuchar,

Class of 2026

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

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

Chorus

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

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

*BENEDICTION..... Pastor Carly Redding

Campus Minister

*RECESSIONAL..... Dr. Leland

Fantasia on the Sixth Tone – Giovanni Gabrieli

****Please Stand (remain standing until the faculty have recessed)
Please silence all electronic devices during the ceremony***



JUNIOR MARSHALS

Claire Norton
Jackson Meadows

BISHOP SCHOLARS

Kimberly Chikukwa
Vasty Kabongo Ntumba
Joseph Kasongo
Florence Fifteen
Capranzine Hunguana
Tertullian Nyamakope
Kimberly Taundi

PHI THETA KAPPA SCHOLARS

Macey Collier
Emma Garrison
Howard Lyrrix

HONORS SCHOLARS

Lyra Codney	Andrew Porter	Macey Collier	Emma Willesden*
Eliana Ortiz	Ethan Harmon	Abbey Denley	Saherena Williams*
Adam Urich	Ben Patkowski	Abigail Eckert	Lauren Broz
Taya Gable	Zacharis Prudhomme	Cameron Surles	Hannah Brown
Adi Pemberton	Matthaus Morales	Joshua Mars	Keigan Good
Ellie Kucera	Hailey Rosan	Connor Stampley	
Lucas Vaughn	Gideon Galdiano	David Koller	*Graduating with Senior
Haleigh Weber	Monroe Swope	Ella Weichman*	Honors

DISTINGUISHED SENIOR STUDENTS OF LEADERSHIP

Minor in Leadership
Avery Riedel
Ella Wiechman

Certificate in Leadership
Tertullian Nyamakope
Mateus Varotti
Kalli Viegro
Christopher Collier-Surly

DISTINGUISHED SENIOR STUDENTS OF CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

Matthew Pryce
Joseph Kasongo
Colton Adams
Lucy Daniel

TOWEL AND BASIN SERVANT LEADERSHIP AWARD

To Be Announced

For descriptions of honors and organizations please see pages 8-9.

DEAN'S HONOR ROLL

Sarah Akin	Louise Forder	Ellie Kucera	Joshua Roberts
Jayden Anderson	Arthur Forte	MaKaylin Kuchar	Justin Robinson
Luke Anderson	Rylee Frager	Grayson Lambert	Francesco Rocchelli
Elizabeth Andreen	Taya Gable	Koda Larsen	Marcus Rostad
Jayden Aumiller	Gideon Galdiano	Luis Le Moignan	Torrey Sanchez
Jasmin Bays	Emma Garrison	Tate Lewis	Lucas Sanders
Natalie Belanger	Adrian Gimenez	Jessica Long	Jeremiah Schaefer
Nicholas Bentley	Mykenzie Goff	Vanessa Lopez	Xavier Scott
Samuel Benz	Aunestee Gonyaw	Drake Lowe	Alexander Shaw
Andre Berryman	Drew Graham	Johann Lynch	Eamon Shaw
Natalie Blaufuss	Brayan Grandez	Jorge Macias	Keziah Smith
Jesse Boone	Corbin Grant	Joshua Mars	Tyron Spears
Marissa Brand	Danielle Gulick	Caleb McNeill-Tyler	Connor Stampley
Cooper Brinkley	Juan Guzman	Jackson Meadows	Shamari Steele
Hannah Brown	Angela Hargett	Jose Mejia	Conner Stelzer
Emily Brundege	Christopher Harm	Vanessa Mendoza Ramos	Noah Stephenson
Carter Brust	Jenson Harness	John Moberly	Cameron Surles
Ryan Buck	Nathaniel Haynes	Matthaus Morales	Monroe Swope
Lleyton Burghardt	Amelia Hazzard	Andrew Moreno-Gonzalez	Ashlyn Tag
Sydney Carela	Tiara Henry	Elijah Moroney	Jessica Talcott
Kaitlyn Celmo	Perla Hernandez Del Orbe	Eva Navrat	Thomas Taylor
Bryce Chambers	Isaac Hicks	Sarah Neale	Karli Trillo
Kimberly Chikukwa	Nethaniel Hidalgo	Madeline Nichols	Marisa Van Scoter
Jessica Clark	Elizabeth Holladay	Justin Nolden	Cole Van Stone
Jaycee Clark	April Holland	Claire Norton	Mateus Varotti
Hayden Clark	Matthew Holthusen	Tertullian Nyamakope	Mark Vaught
Kaila Correa	Jacob Hoogerheyde	James Odom	Jose Velasquez
Lucy Daniel	Lyrix Howard	Jessica O'Donnell	Abigayle Vignery
Jackson Davis	Lacey Isenhower	Ben Patkowski	Kaitlyn Walker
Abegale Denly	Steven Johnson	Chloe Patterson	Sarah Walker
Parker Dodson	Matthew Johnson	Jackson Payne	Haleigh Weber
Emery Eberhard	Trevor Johnson	Andrew Porter	Ella Wiechman
Abigail Eckert	Garrett Johnson	Matthew Pryce	Brooke Wilkinson
Rosennscar Elie	Joseph Kasongo	Isabelle Ramirez	Emma Willesden
Anika Fairbanks	Tylar Kelley	Felipe Ramos	Brittan Wittschen
Florence Fifteen	Jessica Klamm	Sebastian Read	
Thomas Flanagan	Mariano Kremer	Carson Riney	

CAMPUS STUDENT LEADERSHIP

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

EXECUTIVE TEAM

Rylee Frager, President
Corbyn Clement, Vice President
Abigail Eckert, VP of Student Concerns
Hannah Brown, VP of Registered Student Organizations
Karla Lopes, VP of Finance

CLASS PRESIDENTS

Senior - Isabelle (Izzy) Ramirez (*December graduate*)
Junior - Jack Titgemeyer
Sophomore - Abbey Denly
Freshman - Haleigh Weber

STUDENT FOUNDATION

Saherena Williams, President
Eva Navrat, VP of Marketing
Derek Ponce, VP of Sports
Aunestee Gonyaw, VP of Traditions
Collin Schrader, VP of Community

SENATE

At-Large Senators:
Andruw Rodriquez
Harper (Sophia) Evans
Natural Science:
Lyra Codney
Gideon Galdiano

Business:

Zach (Zachariah) Hidalgo
Jamell Sanchez

Communications:

Aden Armstrong

Social Science:

Maddie (Maddison) Levings
Chris (Christopher) Collier-Surly

STUDENT LIFE

RESIDENCE HALL STAFF

Marcus Anderson III
Saherena Williams-Clardy
DreShaun Flowers
Rylee Frager
Keigan Good
Aunestee Gonyaw
Tiara Henry
Ivy Keyes
Joseph Kasongo
Vanessa Mendoza Ramos
Z'Nyia Pouncil
Mackenzie Reinert
Jeremiah Schaefer
Collin Schrader
Jaylen Spencer
Jack Titgemeyer

ACADEMIC ORGANIZATIONS

CAMPUS PLAYERS

Colton Adams
Taliana Corns
Abbey Denly
Austin Fairbanks
Ethan Green
Samantha Joyner
MaKaylin Kuchar
RJ Mader
John Moberly
Jaidyn Soldin
Jack Titgemeyer
Saherena Williams

MEMBERS OF DECA

Kudzaiishe Busu (*MBA*)
Jordan Griggs
Kier Masso - *Top 10 Finalist at DECA Nationals*
Jamell Sanchez
Jaylen Davis - *Top 10 Finalist at DECA Nationals*



ACADEMIC RECOGNITIONS

BETA BETA BETA BIOLOGY SOCIETY

Lauren Broz
Jack Titgemeyer
Abigail Eckert

PI GAMMA MU INTERNATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY SENIORS

Raisean Avila-Dorsey
Samuel Benz
Christopher Collier-Surly
Hannah Culp
Cavin Drescher
Emery Eberhard
Rylee Frager
Kilynn Gaff
Emma Garrison
Lainey Hardman
Christopher Harm
Isaac Hopkins
Joseph Kasongo
Ayden Markovich
Tertullian Nyamakope
Macey Pond
Haylie Poole
Matthew Pryce
Relaina Ramirez
Avery Riedel
Carson Riney
Cooper Smith
Christian Steward
Cole Van Stone
Ella Wiechman
Emma Willesden

PSI CHI PSYCHOLOGY HONOR SOCIETY

Abbey Denly
Austin Fairbanks
Morgan Miller
Shamari Steele
Haleigh Weber
Emma Willesden

SIGMA TAU DELTA INTERNATIONAL ENGLISH HONOR SOCIETY

Hannah Brown
John Moberly
Abigayle Vignery
Elizabeth Holladay

LOUIS MCNEIL GULLERUD ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

David Koller

2026 GREAT PLAINS STUDENT PSYCHOLOGY CONFERENCE:

Attendees:
Emma Willesden
Abegale Denly
Austin Fairbanks
Derek Ponce-Gonzalez
Connor Stampley
Hailey Rosan

Emma Willesden won first place for best Undergraduate Research Proposal Oral Presentation for her presentation, *The Effect of Biopsychological Models on Mock Juror Perceptions of Defendants with Co-Occurring Disorders*.

Derek Ponce-Gonzalez, Abegale Denly, and Austin Fairbanks won first place for best Undergraduate Empirical Poster for their poster, *Screen Time and How It Influences the Mental Health of Undergraduate Students*.

UNITED METHODIST FOUNDATION SCHOLAR

Nathan Kaimathiri
Joseph Kasongo
Vasty Kabongo Ntumba

TEACHERS OF PROMISE

Fall 2025:
Madeline Nichols
Jaycee Clark

Spring 2026:
Jayden Anderson
MaKaylin Kuchar

PILLARS ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP

Eva Navrat
Vanessa Lopez
Avery Riedel
Andruw Rodriguez
Emma Willesden

MOUNDBUILDER SPIRIT SCHOLARSHIP

Rylee Frager
Wyatt Long
Ben Patkowski
MaKaylin Kuchar
Alejandra Pippit
Matthew Pryce

KCAC SCHOLAR ATHLETES

The Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference (KCAC) recognizes excellence in the classroom by student-athletes in the KCAC who have achieved sophomore academic standing at the start of their sport season, and who maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.33 while lettering in their sport.

FOOTBALL

Aiden Hefley
Arnold Portillo
Arthur Amorosi
Arthur Forte
Austin Tener
Britt Wittschen
Bryce Chambers
Cadon Clark
Camdon Julian
Carson Riney
Cole Runnels
Cooper Brinkley
Corbin Grant
Corbin Williams
Darwyn Foster
Elijah Moroney
Eric Erbe
Hunter Reaves
Jackson Meadows
James Ethridge
James Odom
Jaydon Sundgren
Jeffrey Stover
Jeremiah Schaefer
Joshua Mars
Justin Robinson
Marcus Anderson III
Matthew Holthusen
Preston Fansher

VOLLEYBALL

Avery Riedel
Isabelle Ramirez
Ivy Keyes
Lauren Broz

MEN'S SOCCER

Adrian Gimenez
Bernabe Lopez Cano
Brantlee Staab
Carlos Suarez Salazar
Devon Ambrosio
Kier Masso
Luis Hermida
Mateus Varotti

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Ella Wiechman
Emily Brundege
Kaitlyn Walker
Natalie Belanger
Relaina Ramirez
Sarah Akin

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Eli Sawyers
Emery Eberhard
Evan Barber
Gavin Vidal
Jesse Ledbetter
Noah Shed
Otis Alexander
Reid Jessen
Trevor Pierce
Wyatt Bell

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Macey Pond
Perla Hernandez Del Orbe

CHEER & DANCE

Abigayle Vignery
Mykenzie Goff
Saherena Williams-Clardy

**Spring sports are not announced yet,
these are the students who were
submitted for recognition*

BASEBALL*

Albert Wilson
Ayden Markovich
Cole Van Stone
Dominic Perez
Gabriel Rodriguez
Garrison Ray
Griffin Whitehill
Hayden Sims
Jadiel Soto
Jayden Anderson
Jayden Aumiller
Keouaokalani Sibayan

Koda Larsen

Layton Simon

Luis De La Cueva

Mariano Kremer

Mitchell Meinen

Raisean Avila-Dorsey

Samuel Benz

Tate Lewis

Thomas Taylor

FLAG FOOTBALL*

Andrea Moon

Devina Lytle

Kennedi Hayes

MEN'S GOLF*

Cameron Surles

Garrett Woolsoncroft

Isaac Williams

Jordan Clancy

Mitchell Lehman

WOMEN'S GOLF*

Jodi Keener

SOFTBALL*

Emma Willesden

Fayth Howard

Lacey Isenhower

Lainey Hardman

Mackenzie Reinert

Taya Gable

Tiara Henry

MEN'S OUTDOOR

TRACK & FIELD*

Dominique Orosco

Lyrinx Howard

WOMEN'S OUTDOOR

TRACK & FIELD*

Abigail Eckert

Lyra Codney

Vanessa Mendoza

KCAC CHAMPIONS OF CHARACTER

Each KCAC team and sport selects one individual that best exemplifies the core values of the NAAIA Champions of Character program.

FOOTBALL

Preston Fansher

VOLLEYBALL

Kalissa Ortega

MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

Jamell Sanchez

WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

Lauryn Peterson

MEN'S SOCCER

Eduardo Gonzalez

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Ella Weichman

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Emery Eberhard

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Macey Pond

MEN'S INDOOR

TRACK & FIELD

Lyrix Howard

WOMEN'S INDOOR

TRACK & FIELD

Vanessa Mendoza Ramos

KCAC ALL CONFERENCE AWARDS

FOOTBALL

Arnold Portillo - 2nd Team Offense - OL
Austin Tener - 1st Team Offense - OL
Britt Wittschen - 2nd Team Defense - DB
Cadon Clark - 3rd Team Special Teams - P
Corbin Williams - 2nd Team Defense - LB
Corey McCoy - 3rd Team Defense - DB
Dre Flowers - 3rd Team Defense - LB
Elijah Moroney - 3rd Team Defense - DL
Jamarion Citizen - 3rd Team Defense - DL
James Odom - 2nd Team Offense - QB
Joe Smyth - 1st Team Special Teams - AP
Joe Smyth - 1st Team Special Teams - K
Joe Smyth - 2nd Team Offense - WR
Joe Smyth - 3rd Team Offense - RB
Matthew Holthusen - 1st Team Offense - WR
Joe Smyth - Special Teams

MEN'S SOCCER

Adrian Gimenez - Honorable Mention - Defender
Connor Inlow - Honorable Mention - Midfielder
Jack Bagley-Etheridge - 1st Team - Midfielder
Marcos Benavidez - Honorable Mention - Forward
Nicola Antiglio - Honorable Mention - Defender

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Hanna Culp - Honorable Mention - Defender
Hayden Clark - Honorable Mention - Goalkeeper
Kaila Correa - Honorable Mention - Defender
Kaitlyn Walker - Honorable Mention - Forward
Millie Hazzard - 2nd Team - Midfielder
Natalie Belanger - Honorable Mention - Defender

VOLLEYBALL

Autumn Bennett - 3rd Team - Opposite Hitter

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Wyatt Bell - 1st Team
Evan Barber - 3rd Team
Nigel John - Honorable Mention

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Macey Pond - Honorable Mention

**Spring athletics recognitions will not be determined until the season is over*

NAIA ALL AMERICAN RECOGNITION

The best NAIA student-athletes in each sport. Specific guidelines and criteria are set at the NAIA by each sport.

FOOTBALL

Austin Tener, *3rd Team Offense - OL*
Joe Smyth, *1st Team Specialists - AP*
Matthew Holthusen, *3rd Team Offense - WR*

NAIA DAKTRONICS SCHOLAR-ATHLETES

The National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) Daktronics Scholar-Athlete programs recognize excellence in the classroom by NAIA-member student-athletes who are sophomores or above in academic standing with a 3.5 residential cumulative GPA. Students must appear on the eligibility certificate for the sport and have attended one full year as a non-transfer or one full year as a transfer. The awards are given annually to outstanding student-athletes in the various sports in which the program is active and their respective teams are eligible for NAIA postseason competition.

FOOTBALL

Aiden Hefley
Arthur Forte
Britt Wittschen
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Camdon Julian
Cooper Brinkley
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James Odom
Jaydon Sundgren
Jeffrey Stover
Jeremiah Schaefer
Justin Robinson
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Garrett Woolsoncroft
Isaac Williams
Mitchell Lehman

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Jodi Keener

MEN'S TRACK & FIELD*

Lyrix Howard

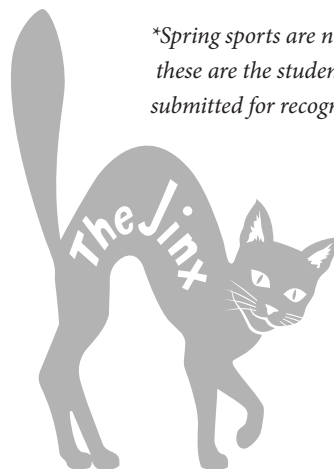
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Lainey Hardman
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Taya Gable

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DESCRIPTIONS

JUNIOR MARSHALS

They are two full-time students who are enrolled in campus-based programs and have earned between 79 and 110 hours (inclusive), of which at least thirty are graded hours earned at Southwestern, having the highest cumulative grade point averages.

MASTERBUILDERS

The Masterbuilder award is given to six graduating seniors who best embody what it means to be a Builder and typify the spirit of Southwestern College.

DAWN PLEAS STUDENT AFFAIRS LEADERSHIP AWARD

The Dawn Pleas Student Affairs Leadership Award recognizes a graduating senior who has dedicated their time at SC to personal growth, responsible citizenship, and leadership through service to the campus community.

BISHOP SCHOLARS

Provided by the Richard and Julia Wilke Institute for Discipleship, the Bishop Scholar award is a four year scholarship for undergraduates exploring church vocations and global church engagement.

PHI THETA KAPPA SCHOLARS

Phi Theta Kappa members earn and hold a minimum 3.2 GPA.

DISTINGUISHED STUDENTS OF LEADERSHIP AND CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

These are students that have completed the 18 hour Servant Leadership and Christian Discipleship minors that includes a final project.

TOWEL AND BASIN SERVANT LEADERSHIP

is awarded to one member of the Discipleship Team who exemplifies the ideals of the organization.

DEAN'S HONOR ROLL

The Dean's Honor Roll recognizes scholastic achievement of full-time undergraduate students during a single semester who earn 12 or more hours with a grade point average of 3.70 or higher.

PI GAMMA MU INTERNATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY SENIORS

Students have earned at least 30 hours of course credits from the Social Sciences division and have a 3.0 cumulative GPA.

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KCAC AND NAIA ALL AMERICAN

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BETA BETA BETA BIOLOGY HONOR SOCIETY

The national undergraduate honor society for students in the biological sciences in which members must demonstrate an enthusiasm for the biological sciences and excellence in their science coursework.

UNITED METHODIST SCHOLAR AND UNITED METHODIST FOUNDATION SCHOLAR

Membership in a United Methodist Church earning a 3.0 GPA or higher with intention to enter some form of vocational ministry (local church, missions, youth ministry, music ministry, etc.) and accepting the Discipleship Southwestern or Worship Outreach activity grant.

TEACHERS OF PROMISE

Students are chosen by the EDUC 440 teachers and the division faculty make recommendations and rate teacher education candidates who have completed professional core classes in good standing without areas of concern from previous instructors.

ACADEMIC ORGANIZATIONS

CAMPUS PLAYERS

Founded in 1919 has been both the honorary theatrical society of Southwestern College and the producing organization of all campus theatrical productions. Members are recognized for their talent, commitment, leadership and vision.

DECA

BUILDER DECA is a business organization open to any student preparing for careers in business and business-related fields or an interest in business.

CAMPUS STUDENT LEADERSHIP

CLASS PRESIDENTS

A full-time undergraduate student with a cumulative GPA of at least 2.5 shall be eligible for the office of class president upon submission and certification of an official petition to the election committee that is signed by 25 different members of the represented class.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE TEAM

A full-time undergraduate student with a cumulative GPA of at least 2.5 shall be eligible for election certification of an official petition to the election committee including one-hundred (100) different signatures, without and repeat or infringement of signatures, of full-time Southwestern College students.

STUDENT FOUNDATION

Enrich the collegiate experience by providing quality, student-centered programs, services, and involvement opportunities which promote unity, diversity, and student development.

STUDENT LIFE RESIDENCE HALL STAFF

Promotes success in and out of the classroom and emphasizes community building, holistic learning, multicultural understanding, campus engagement, and leadership and works to provide an atmosphere that nourishes the learning, growth, and personal development of each resident within a cooperative community.

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 which 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 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.

It is the intention of this program to recognize the diverse ways in which the students of Southwestern College model the institutional mission as a learning community. There undoubtedly are students whose names should have been included. The Office of Academic Affairs apologizes for any omissions or inaccuracies.



Make plans to attend:

2026 Commencement Ceremony

Sunday, May 10, 2026

2:30 p.m.

Richard L. Jantz Stadium



Devices to assist those with hearing problems are available in the box office, and an area is reserved for handicapped patrons and their companions in the rear of the hall.

*The video of the 2026 Honors Convocation will be archived at
sckans.edu/commencement*