



COLLEGE OF EDUCATION & HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

**LAMAR UNIVERSITY**

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SATURDAY, MAY 13, 2017

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It is a pleasure to welcome you to the May 2017 Commencement Ceremony for the College of Education and Human Development at Lamar University. This is a time for us to recognize and honor our graduates for their hard work and achievements. It also is a time to express appreciation to those who have encouraged and helped support our students who are graduating today.

The College of Education and Human Development graduates today will receive 82 bachelor's degrees, 624 master's degrees and 23 doctoral degrees. Many of our graduates have completed their degrees through Lamar University's nationally acclaimed online programs. Congratulations to all of you.

These are exciting days for the College of Education and Human Development and Lamar University. Thank you for joining us on this commencement day, and please, come back to visit as often as possible. We look forward to seeing you soon.

Robert J. Spina, Ph.D., FACSM  
Dean



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## CEREMONY PROGRAM

Musical Prelude	Lamar University Brass Ensemble Scott Deppe, Ed.D. <i>Director of Bands</i>
Academic Processional*	Lula Henry, Ed.D. <i>Associate Professor of Teacher Education</i>
<i>Crown Imperial</i> Walton	Lamar University Brass Ensemble
The National Anthem* <i>The Star Spangled Banner</i> Francis Scott Key	Jammieca D. Mott, D.M.A. <i>Instructor of Voice</i> <i>Mary Morgan Moore Department of Music</i>
Welcome/Introductions	Robert J. Spina, Ph.D., FACSM <i>Dean</i>
Commencement Address	LaTonya Goffney, Ed.D. <i>Superintendent, Lufkin ISD</i>
Certification of Graduates	Robert J. Spina, Ph.D., FACSM
Conferring of Degrees	Kenneth R. Evans, Ph.D.
Presentation of Graduating Class	Robert J. Spina, Ph.D., FACSM



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Announcement of  
Graduates

R.J. Davis, Ph.D.  
*Assistant Professor of Counseling  
and Special Populations*

Tilisa Thibodeaux, Ed.D.  
*Assistant Professor of Educational  
Leadership*

Lisa Wines, Ph.D.  
*Assistant Professor of Counseling  
and Special Populations*

Concluding Remarks  
and Awards

Robert J. Spina, Ph.D., FACSM

Lamar University  
Alma Mater\*  
G. Rhodes Smartt

Jammieca D. Mott, D.M.A.

*Lamar to thee we're singing  
Voices raised on high.  
We will forever love thee  
Laud thee to the sky.*

*We will ever need thee  
As our guiding star.  
To us you'll always be  
Our glorious Lamar.*

Academic Recessional\*

Lula Henry, Ed.D.

Please join us for an informal reception, located upstairs in the concourse area of the Montagne Center, following the ceremony.

*\*Audience please stand.*

*To maintain the dignity of the program, guests are requested to refrain from unnecessary noises (air horns, etc.) and movement during the ceremony.*



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Dr. LaTonya Goffney was named Lufkin ISD Superintendent in 2013. A native of Coldspring, Texas, Dr. Goffney began her career as a language arts teacher in Coldspring-Oakhurst Consolidated Independent School District. Additionally, she served as assistant principal and principal before serving as superintendent at Coldspring-Oakhurst for five years. Dr. Goffney earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in History and English, a Master of Education degree in Administration, and a Doctorate of Education degree in Educational Leadership, all from Sam Houston State University.

Dr. Goffney was recently presented with the Margret A. Montgomery Leadership Award by the Texas Council of Women School Executives. She is the recipient of the 2013 Distinguished Administrator of the Year Award, selected by the faculty of Sam Houston State University College of Education. She was named as one of only 22 members of the 2012-2013 Class of Phi Delta Kappa International Emerging Leaders. The PDK Emerging Leaders program recognizes top educators from across the world.

Dr. Goffney is married to Joseph Goffney. They have two children, Joseph, Jr., 15, and Joslyn, 11. Dr. Goffney and her husband, Joseph, have co-authored a book titled "All is Well" as a tribute to their special needs son. Their story has been featured in several local magazines.



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An Honor Graduate must have completed 60 hours at Lamar University for a 4-year degree. A student with a GPA of 3.5 or higher on all LU undergraduate work will be awarded honors. Cum laude is 3.5 to 3.64, magna cum laude is 3.65 to 3.79 and summa cum laude is 3.8 to 4.0.

### **ALPHA LAMBDA DELTA**

Freshman Honors  
Red, White and Gold  
Triple Cord

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US Military Veteran  
Red, White and Blue  
Double Cord

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International Student Honors  
Gold Medallion with Red and  
Yellow Ribbon

### **ORDER OF OMEGA**

Greek Honors  
Gold Stole with Logo, Gold and  
Ivory Cord

### **KAPPA DELTA PI**

International Honor Society  
in Education  
Purple and Green Cord

### **PHI BETA DELTA**

International Honor Society  
Gold Medallion with Red and  
Gold Ribbon

### **KAPPA OMICRON NU**

Family and Consumer Sciences  
Honor Society  
Burgundy and White Cord

### **PHI ETA SIGMA**

Freshman Honors  
Black and Gold Double Cord

### **LU AMBASSADORS**

Student Ambassadors  
Red and Gold Double Cord

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Junior/Senior Honor Society  
Yellow Stole with Insignia on  
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### **LU HONORS**

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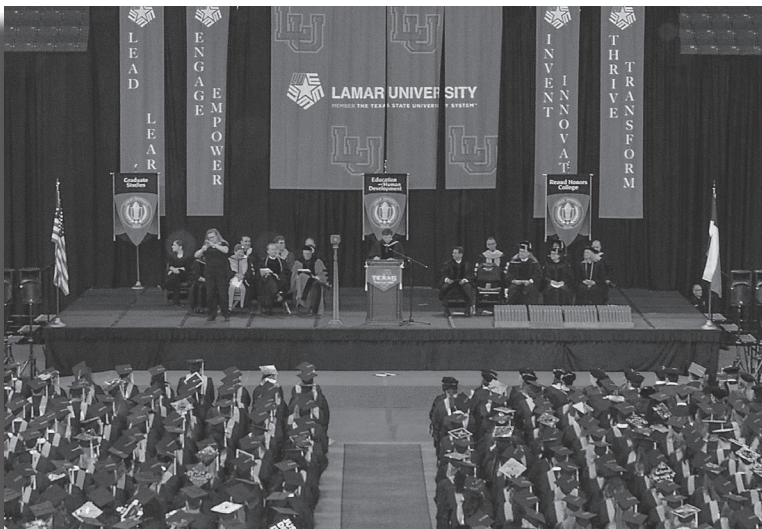
Graduate who has completed 23 hours of honors coursework, including a honors thesis, or 26 hours with eight hours of upper-level credits while maintaining a 3.25 GPA.  
Bronze Medallion with Red and White Ribbon

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NASA Blue Stole with Lettering, Lamp of Knowledge Medallion with Red, White, and Blue Ribbon



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## THE ACADEMIC REGALIA

In its essential features, the academic regalia worn at American college exercises had its beginning in the Middle Ages. The oldest universities in Northern Europe grew out of church schools, and both faculty and students were regarded as part of the clergy. Hence, as their regular costume, they wore clerical garb borrowed largely from the monastic dress of their day.

The academic gown and hood were first regularly adopted by the University of Cambridge in 1284 and by the University of Oxford a little later. The custom transplanted to this country in Colonial times by King's College in New York, now Columbia University. In 1895, American universities and colleges decided to standardize their academic styles and developed the intercollegiate code of academic costume. The style follows in the vein of the Cambridge tradition. The distinctive caps, gowns and hoods worn at present-day college and university functions denote the institution that granted the degree, the field of learning in which the degree was earned and the level of the degree – bachelor, master or doctorate.

The gown is usually of black material (serge or worsted for bachelors, the same or silk for masters and silk for doctors). Bachelor's gowns have pointed sleeves and master's have long pouch-like sleeves, which reputedly were once used to carry books. Doctor's gowns are faced with panels of velvet down the front and three bars of velvet across each sleeve.

The hood, worn around the neck so as to hang down the back, is the principal emblem of the nature and source of the degree held. The colors in the hood lining are the colors of the school conferring the degree. The color of the border indicates the scholarly field of the wearer. Hoods may be worn only after the degree has been granted.

The cap, the square mortarboard in American universities, but a round, short, flat velvet hat in British, Canadian and some European universities, bears a tassel which may be black, or it may be colored



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according to the scholarly field of the wearer. Only the doctors' cap may be of velvet.

The degree colors are used for the edging of all hoods and may be used for the velvet facing and sleeve bars of doctors' gowns and tassels on bachelors' and masters' caps. This includes: Arts and Letters – White, Commerce – Drab, Education – Light Blue, Engineering – Orange, Fine Arts – Brown, Humanities – Crimson, Law – Purple, Library Science – Lemon, Medicine – Green, Music – Pink, Pharmacy – Olive, Philosophy (Ph.D.) – Dark Blue, Physical Education – Sage Green, Science – Golden Yellow and Theology – Scarlet.

## **UNIVERSITY MACE**

Originally a medieval weapon and later carried by Sergeants at Arms guarding kings and high church officials, the mace has gradually assumed a purely ceremonial character symbolizing authority. As used in formal academic processions, the mace derives from the early university history. The Lamar University mace is traditional in design. The mahogany shaft is crowned by a head on which are mounted four representations of the university seal. The president of the Faculty Senate, who leads the academic procession, carries the mace in today's ceremony.

## **ACADEMIC GONFALONS**

Gonfalons, banners that are designed to hang from a crossbar, have historical roots dating back to the 12th century when they served as the official emblems to represent the various districts of Florence, Italy. In more recent times, gonfalons have been adopted by academia to serve as symbols to represent each college within a university. Each college has their own representative banner with the dean from the respective college carrying the gonfalon in the academic processional.



Lamar University engages and empowers students with the skills and knowledge to thrive in their personal lives and chosen fields of endeavor. As a doctoral granting institution, Lamar University is internationally recognized for its high quality academics, innovative curriculum, diverse student population, accessibility and leading edge scholarly activities dedicated to transforming the communities of Southeast Texas and beyond.



Special appreciation is extended to volunteers for serving as ushers for today's commencement ceremony.

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