The Platform Party enters first; the faculty enter in the following order:

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2015**
- Morning Ceremony • 9:30 am
  - COLLEGE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE
  - COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES
  - Dr. Raymond Teske will be Mace Bearer.
  - Dr. John Payne will introduce the graduates.

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2015**
- Morning Ceremony • 9:30 am
  - COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES
  - COLLEGE OF SCIENCES
  - Dr. Jim Tiller will be Mace Bearer.
  - Dr. Donna Desforges will introduce the graduates.

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2015**
- Afternoon Ceremony • 2:30 pm
  - COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
  - Dr. Roger Abshire will be Mace Bearer.
  - Dr. Michael Pass will introduce the graduates.

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2015**
- Afternoon Ceremony • 2:30 pm
  - COLLEGE OF EDUCATION
  - COLLEGE OF FINE ARTS AND MASS COMMUNICATION
  - Dr. Sam Sullivan will be Mace Bearer.
  - Ms. Penny Hasekoester will introduce the graduates.

Presiding • Jaimie Hebert, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

**PROCESSIONAL**

*Pomp & Circumstance* [Edward Elgar] ................................................................. SHSU Brass and Percussion Ensemble
- Aric Schneller, Conductor • Christopher Michel, Song Leader

The audience will stand for Posting of the Colors and remain standing respectfully until the ROTC Color Guard has exited the coliseum.

- Posting of the Colors ................................................................. SHSU ROTC Color Guard

*The Star Spangled Banner* [Text: Francis Scott Key, Music: John Stafford Smith] .................................................... Christopher Michel, Song Leader

- Introduction of the Speaker ................................................................. Dana G. Hoyt, President, Sam Houston State University

- Commencement Address • Friday, December 11, 2015 ................................................................. Charles W. Jones, III

- Commencement Address • Saturday, December 12, 2015 ................................................................. Rissie Owens

*Alma Mater* [Allen R. Hightower III/Anonymous] ................................................................. Christopher Michel, Song Leader

- Conferring of Degrees ................................................................. Dana G. Hoyt, President, Sam Houston State University

- Remarks to the Graduates ................................................................. Roland Black, President Elect, Alumni Board of Directors

- *Auld Lang Syne* [Robert Burns] ................................................................. Christopher Michel, Song Leader

**RECESSIONAL**

*Rondeau* ................................................................. Aric Schneller, Conductor • Christopher Michel, Song Leader

Audience seated for Processional and Recessional

As a courtesy, please refrain from using noise makers during the graduation ceremony.
AULD LANG SYNE

Should auld acquaintance be forgot,
And never bro’t to mind?
Should auld acquaintance be forgot,
And days of auld lang syne?

Chorus:
For auld lang syne, my dear,
For auld lang syne;
We’ll tak’ a cup o’ kindness yet,
For auld lang syne.
And here’s a hand, my trusty frien’,
And gie’s a hand o’ thine;
We’ll tak’ a cup o’ kindness yet,
For auld lang syne.

Chorus:
For auld lang syne, my dear,
For auld lang syne;
We’ll tak’ a cup o’ kindness yet,
For auld lang syne.

Robert Burns
Dear Graduate,

We at Sam Houston State University are pleased and honored to share such a wonderful milestone with you today. Your degree represents a significant accomplishment in your life, and I congratulate you on the attainment of this goal.

When you first began your college career, I’m sure you had dreams of what you wanted to achieve. Your degree is tangible evidence of your success in making those dreams reality, and we are happy to have been a part of your education. We hope your association with us will continue, and as an alumnus you will feel the same pride for our university that you felt when you were here as a student.

Your graduation is the beginning of a new and exciting journey into a world filled with glorious opportunities. I urge you to keep alive your love for your alma mater and always remember you are a part of Sam Houston State University, a great name in Texas education.

Sincerely,

Dana G. Hoyt

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SAM HOUSTON STATE UNIVERSITY ALMA MATER

Hail to Sam Houston,  
School we love best,  
Mighty in battle,  
True to the test.  
Bearkats so loyal,  
Ever we’ll be.  
Orange and white will lead  
Us to victory!  

Hail, Alma Mater  
Hats off to you,  
Ever you’ll find us  
Loyal and true;  
Firm and undaunted,  
Ever we’ll be,  
Here’s to the school we love  
Here’s a toast to thee.

First verse sung at August 9, 2003 commencement by composer Allen R. Hightower III. Second verse, Anonymous.
CHARLES W. JONES, III

Charles “Chuck” Jones graduated from Sam Houston State University with a BBA in Finance in 1981. In 2011, he was inducted into the College of Business Administration Hall of Honor at Sam Houston State. He and his wife sponsor six scholarships at Sam Houston State yearly, to help first generation students achieve their educational goals.

Jones is SVP, National Head of Indirect Lending for SunTrust Bank, and leads the Dealer Financial Services line of business. This includes responsibility for helping 4,100 dealers in 21 states and the District of Columbia with their retail indirect auto lending needs.

He joined SunTrust in December 2014, and is an experienced auto finance industry executive. During his 33-year career, Jones served as Senior Vice President, Indirect Production Manager for Wells Fargo Dealer Services from 2007-2013. He also served from 2002-2007, as Senior Vice President/Division Manager for Wells Fargo Dealer Services. Most recently, Jones was the founder and President of Strategic Automotive Consultants, LLC.

Charles and his wife, Debbie, reside in Smyrna, Georgia, and have one daughter, Lauren, who is 29. He has served on a number of civic and charitable boards.

RISSIE OWENS

Rissie Owens earned her Bachelor’s degree in Criminal Justice in 1980 from Sam Houston State University. She went on to earn her Master’s degree in Behavioral Science and Psychology from University of Houston. She is a member of the SHSU President’s Circle and serves on the SHSU Alumni Board.

Owens has had a distinguished career in the field of Criminal Justice. In 1997, she was appointed to the parole board by Governor George W. Bush and, in 2003, she was the first woman appointed as Chair. She was reappointed as Chair in 2009 by Governor Perry, where she served until her recent retirement.

In addition to her 16 years on the Board, Owens served five years in education as a school psychologist and drug prevention specialist, and 13 years in criminal justice including Probation Officer in Galveston County; a grievance and field coordinator, with at that time, the Texas Department of Corrections; a Case Manager with Brazos Valley MHMR; and a court coordinator with Brazos County 272nd District Court.

She is married to Ed Owens, Jr., also an alumnus of Sam Houston State University. They have one son, Edward “Trey” Owens III. Owens lives in Huntsville. A licensed social worker, she serves on the Huntsville ISD Board of Trustees.
The academic costume worn at official functions today originated in the Middle Ages, when a warm gown and hood were useful to university scholars and clerics in unheated buildings. Through the years, the growth in the number of universities caused confusion about the proper regalia so a Code on Academic Costume was established. Today, The American Council on Education reviews and updates these traditions.

The four-sided mortarboard is recommended for both men and women. The cap is always black and should match the material of the robe.

Gowns are generally black. The bachelor’s gown is simple, with long pointed sleeves. The master’s gown will have either long sleeves with narrow wrist opening or long sleeves with the hand emerging from the sleeve at elbow length. The doctor’s gown is fullest in cut with velvet panels down the front and around the neck, as well as three velvet bars on the bell-shaped sleeves.

Length of the hood represents degree level: the master’s hood is three and one-half feet long and the doctor’s hood is four feet long. The velvet trim on the edge of the hood is three inches wide for the master’s degree and five inches wide for the doctor’s degree. The color indicates the field of study. A color or pattern between the trim indicates the university awarding the degree.

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### UNIVERSITY MACE

The University Mace is symbolic of the authority of the Board of Regents, The Texas State University System, and the Office of the President of Sam Houston State University. The senior tenured faculty member carries it during academic convocations. It was first used at summer commencement on August 20, 1988.

The mace was designed and hand crafted by the late Charles R. Jedlicka, Associate Professor of Industrial Technology. The crown is a circular casting bearing the name of the University and date of establishment, 1879. The circle features the lone star, the state emblem, in the center. Names of past University presidents with their dates of service are engraved on the brass collar below the crown.

The walnut staff is bound in brass and has a hexagonal head with inlays of pecan for the state tree, recessed brass medallions cast with designs for General Sam Houston, Austin Hall, Old Main, Bearkats, and the completion date of the mace. The holder base or stall is six-sided to match the mace head.

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### HOOD TRIM COLORS INDICATE THE FOLLOWING FIELDS:

- **MAIZE** - AGRICULTURE
- **WHITE** - ARTS, LETTERS, HUMANITIES
- **DRAB** - COMMERCE, ACCOUNTING, BUSINESS
- **LILAC** - DENTISTRY
- ** COPPER** - ECONOMICS
- **LIGHT BLUE** - EDUCATION
- **ORANGE** - ENGINEERING
- **BURGUNDY** - FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES
- **BROWN** - FINE ARTS, INCLUDING ARCHITECTURE
- **RUSET** - FORESTRY
- **SAGE GREEN** - HEALTH AND KINESIOLOGY
- **CRIMSON** - JOURNALISM
- **PURPLE** - LAW
- **LEMON** - LIBRARY SCIENCE
- **GREEN** - MEDICINE
- **PINK** - MUSIC
- **APRICOT** - NURSING
- **SEA FOAM GREEN** - OPTOMETRY
- **SILVER GRAY** - ORATORY (SPEECH)
- **OLIVE GREEN** - PHARMACY
- **BLUES** - PHILOSOPHY
- **PEACOCK BLUE** - PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION & FOREIGN SERVICE
- **SALMON PINK** - PUBLIC HEALTH
- **GOLDEN YELLOW** - SCIENCE
- **CREAM** - SOCIAL SCIENCE
- **CITRON** - SOCIAL WORK
- **SCARLET** - THEOLOGY
- **GRAY** - VETERINARY SCIENCE
To reflect their achievement, graduates who have earned undergraduate academic excellence receive a gold cord at graduation plus an appropriate notation on their academic transcript. The gold cord indicates one of the following academic achievements: Summa Cum Laude, Magna Cum Laude, Cum Laude, With Academic Distinction, Alpha Chi, and Honors Program.

Degrees conferred Cum Laude, Magna Cum Laude, and Summa Cum Laude reflect an outstanding grade point average with a minimum of thirty-two semester hours earned in residence (resident classroom instruction). The distinction and corresponding grade point averages are: Cum Laude 3.50 - 3.66; Magna Cum Laude 3.67 - 3.85; Summa Cum Laude 3.86 - 4.00.

The Department Academic Distinction Program is an individualized learning experience that provides qualified students with a comprehensive introduction to meaningful research under the guidance of a designated faculty advisor.

Alpha Chi, a national honor society organized to recognize and promote scholastic excellence, is open to all University seniors who accepted membership and have achieved a 3.6 or higher grade point average on all college-level course work.

Participation in the Honors College is based on a competitive selection process and provides outstanding academic opportunities and distinct undergraduate college experiences. Upon successful completion of the requirements of the Honors College — twenty-four semester hours of Honors courses and two special seminars — the student’s academic transcript will indicate graduation “With Honors” and the student may wear an Honors medallion with academic regalia. To be designated as having graduated “With Highest Honors,” the student must also successfully complete a special senior project involving original research and/or an effort of creative expression.

NOTE: Semester credit hours earned in correspondence courses are not considered “resident classroom instruction” hours and are not used in determining the minimum semester credit hour requirement for academic honors: Cum Laude, Magna Cum Laude, Summa Cum Laude, Dean’s List, and President’s Honor Roll. However, the semester credit hours and grade points earned for correspondence courses are included in the calculation of the overall grade point average.

Veterans and Military Members

Sam Houston State University is proud to recognize graduating Veterans and military members with a red, white, and blue regalia cord. The cord colors replicate those of our nation’s flag to denote the valor, excellence, and sacrifice these individuals have exemplified in their service to our country. On behalf of the entire Sam Houston State University community, President Dana G. Hoyt and the SHSU Administrative Officers extend their deepest gratitude and congratulations to these distinguished graduates.

Guidelines for Guests

Commencement is a significant and solemn event, the recognition of years of study. To make it more meaningful to all guests, participants are requested to avoid all unnecessary conversation and movement during the exercises.

Only the official photographer is allowed on the floor by the stage. After the graduate has crossed, guests may take pictures in the holding area adjacent to the stage.

Candidates will cross the stage as listed in the program.
HONOR GRADUATES

Numerals Denote Academic Honors as of the 12th Class Day of Fall 2015
1 = Cum Laude 4 = with Honors/Honors College
2 = Magna Cum Laude 5 = with Highest Honors/Honors College
3 = Summa Cum Laude 6 = with Academic Distinction in an Academic Discipline

Emily Ann Acker 1, 4
Charles Lindberg Allen III 2, 4
Jessica Lynn Allen 3
Ian Gareth Anderson 3
Melissa Ann Asbury 3
Haley Marie Asher 1
Jonathan Robert Barbara 2
Cristina Marie Barrera 3, 4
Amber Ann Beggs 2
Evan Darol Beggs 1
Ryan Blake Bennett 2
Jake Tyler Best 2
Dustin Bowen Bitter 1
Hailey Blue Blair 2
Erica Elizabeth-Dawn Blanchfield 1
Logan Paul Boatner 2
Ariel Bond 1
Michael Joseph Bonner 2
Morgan Leigh Bryan 2
Megan Marie Bryzylakiewicz 1
Mary Beth Buerger 3
Michele Burch 1
Brittney Shauna Butler 1
Claudia Marisol Canales 1
Kimberly Renee Cannon 3
Meghan Elizabeth Cline 1
Sandra Ruth Colindres Lopez 1
Daylene Collette 1
Tiffany Gail Cougot 1
Ashley Renee Cox 1
Justin Luke Craig 2
Brandy Lee Creasy 2
Guadalupe V. Cuellar 3
Zhe Cui 1
Jennifer Kristina Cvetoich 2
Shelby Nicole Dennis 3
Carroll Wayne Dicky 3
Bryan Wesley Duncan 3
Emily Dianne Eisterhold 3, 4
Jessica Ruth Eisterhold 3, 4
Jodi Marie Ekster 3, 6
Elizabeth Nenna Ene 6
Savannah Rae Files 1
Natalie Celeste Finley 1
Tevin Devaughn Fitzgerald 1
Karen Elizabeth Fontenot 1
Kyana Asé Freeman 1
Nichole Marie Fritz 1
Melissa L. Gambling 1
Cristi Nicole Gambrell 1
Gabriela Karolina Gamino 1
Brittani Shea Gannon 1
Sophia Maria Garcia 3, 4
Sarah Beth Gautheson 1
Morgan Marie Gentry 1
Samantha Nicole Genzer 1
Stephanie Giesler 1
Marisol Gonzalez 1
Nancy Gonzalez 1
Sarah Marie Gonzalez 1
Karen M. Gordon 1
Corinne Elise Goyette 1
Charissa DeAnn Gray 1
Rebecca Anne Grimm 1
Anna Marie Groce 1, 4
Samuel O. Grubbs 2
Kyle Nicole Hampton 1
Lindsey Cheyanne Hand 2
Kasey Lynn Haralson 1
Lana Jo Hare 2
Brynn Kathleen Hicks 1
Elizabeth Lindsey Hixon 3, 4
Rachel Ann Hollywood 2
Hayley Alyse Hudson 1
Savannah Jean Hudson 3
Lauryn Elizabeth Humbert 2
Linda Marie Jackson 3
Kayla Michelle Jenkins 1
Kelsey Taylor Johnson 2, 4
Riley Carmen Johnson 1
Haley Marie Jones 1
Ashley Victoria Kelley 3, 4
Chelsea Raye King 3, 4
Ashley Lauren Koop 2
Nicole Denise Koop 3
Laura Catherine Krajca 1
Kimberly Trisha Kranz 1
Ratna Maya Lama 1
Megan Paula Lamberth 3, 4
Bradley Michael Land 2
Ashlen Paige Lane 1
Alexander Hayes Layfield 1
Lauren Denise Layfield 2
Erin Nicole Lewis 2
Sarah Michelle Lewis 2
Sarah Rachel Lewis 2
Maria Eva Lopez 1
Melinda L. Lopez 1
Lisa Knappick Lucas 1
Elizabeth Anne Lysy 1, 4
Lauren Elizabeth Mabry 1
Jennifer Noel Malisheski 2
Christopher Neil Marquez 1
Jessica Alejandra Martinez 1, 4
Samantha Angel Mathison 1
Laura V. Matias Segovia 1
Alyssa Mae Mauz 1
Gabriella Roseanne Mayorga 1
Bradley Paul McClosey 1
Katie Jean McCown 2
Stephanie Raelyne McClain 2
Timothy Ray McWhirter 1
Rebecca Rose Mensing 1
Derek Alan Menteer 1
Victoria Lynn Miglio 1
Alexis Nicole Migues 2
Andrew Paul Miller 2
Jessika Emerald Minshew 2
Emily Christene Mitchell 1
Joe O. Montalvo 1
Jordan Alexandra Moore 3
Conner James Morgan 1
Michaela Nicole Morgan 1
Logan Blair Morton 2
A. Athena Moseley 2
Amber Nicole Neal 3
Janée Lynn Nelson 1
Elissa Katherine Noske 3
Tessa Jenine Olive 1
Chiara Nicole Ott 3
Sarah Ann Pineau 2
Alexis Rachelle Placencio 1
Allyson Michelle Barbieri Portillo 1
Marvin Dean Poteet Jr. 1
Laura Michelle Powell 3
Natalie Deanna Price 3
Morgan Elizabeth Purvis 2
Carrie Leigh Kimmy Quinn 2
Arma Iqbal Qureshi 3
Jessie M’Lee Rachal 1
Lauren Alexandra Ramirez 2
Autumn Ann Raulston 2
Kayla Michelle Reeves 1
Sarah Beth-Ann Renfro 1, 5
Ann Marie Reus 4
Claudia Nohemi Robles 1
Yvette Rocha 1
Megan Sara Roodie 3
Laura Joan Rodriguez 2
Laura Lee Rosales 3
Magen Brianne Ross 2, 4
John Vincent Sanchez 1
Ashley Elizabeth Sanders 2
Tabitha Faith Segovia 1
Melissa Kay Short 3
Kervin Demond Simmons 2
Jessica Lee Slater 2
Christen Victoria Smith 3, 4
Nicole Ashley Smith 1
Chelsea Morgan Snider 2
Judith Del Carmen Solis 2
Courtney Theresa Spiegel 2
Barb Jo Stimec 1, 4
Laura Beth Stringer 3
Savannah Lynn Strutz 2
Tina Lee Swan 2
Jeffry Tahtouh 1
Carrie Leigh Till 1
Melissa Dawn Tillery 2
Lee Arwood Tracy II 2
Alicia Trevino-Sanchez 1
Tamara Brooke Tyler 2
Karina Alejandro Vallejo 1
Anne Katherine Vanderwilt 3
Juan Vargas 2
Chase Thomas Vicknair 3
Cody Edward Vannick 2
Jessica Ovidia Villa 1
Frances Rose Villareal 2
Patrick Scott Vollmer 1
Joseph Wayne Vranas 2
Sarah Elizabeth Wagner 2
Travis Lee Walker 1
Bria Marie Warren 2
Skyler Rae Whiddon 2
Andrew Paul Williams 3
Grace Marie Wilson 3
Jesse Denten Wolfe 1
Tiffany Ann Wozniak 1
Katelyn Elizabeth Wynn 1
Rutger Alan Yager 2
Karim L. Yager 1
Haekyung Young 3
Kimberly Anne Young 2
Irene Elizabeth Zepeda Alatorre 1
Amsal Zulfiquar 1, 4
Arsalan Zulfiquar 3, 4

Academic honors are designated only for undergraduate students completing their baccalaureate degrees.
The only honors recognized on-stage at commencement are Latin honors, Honors College, and Academic Distinction in a specific discipline.
The list includes all students who applied through 10/30/2015.
Records protected by Confidentiality are not listed.
Congratulations. The faculty and staff of the College of Business Administration are proud of you and are pleased to welcome you to our family of Bearkat alumni. We are confident that the knowledge and skill sets you have acquired will serve you well in your future endeavors. Just as important, the personal traits that contributed to your success at Sam Houston State University will continue to play a prominent role in your life. Your ability to learn, your work ethic, your willingness to be a productive member of a team, your acceptance of constructive criticism, and your communication and interpersonal skills will serve as a solid foundation for a successful career.

Today’s commencement marks the end of one journey and the beginning of another. As you pursue your professional dreams, please remember to seek a balance in your life and pursue excellence. The pursuit of excellence will provide you with many opportunities to position yourself to help your family, friends, and society as well as gain financial independence.

Sam Houston is a great name in education and we are proud that you have joined the thousands of quality graduates who are fulfilling their dreams. Please stay in contact with us and the many friends you have made during your time at SHSU. The faculty and staff at the College of Business Administration congratulate you on this significant milestone.

Dr. Mitchell J. Muehsam, Dean

DEGREES AWARDED IN THE COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

- Accounting BBA, MS
- Banking and Financial Institutions BBA
- Business Administration MBA
- Economics BBA
- Entrepreneurship BBA
- Executive Master of Business Administration in Banking and Financial Institutions EMBA
- Finance BBA
- General Business Administration BBA
- Human Resource Management BBA
- International Business BBA
- Management BBA
- Management Information Systems BBA
- Marketing BBA
- Project Management MS
MASTER DEGREES

Carly Jeanne May Adams, MBA
Jonathan M. Badgett, MBA
Michael Joseph Barbella, MBA
LaJundra Rena Carr, MBA
Stephen Joseph Conner, MBA
Mark Daniel Ehrhart, MBA
Jared Michael Felton, MS
Robert Cory Festus Gates, MBA
Alyssa Liwaunz Gonyon, MBA
Rebecca Machacek Goodsell, MBA
Paul K. Gorman, MBA
Rachel Rene Hadley, MBA
Miranda Rochelle Hammond, MS
David Marshall Hammonds, MBA
Bryan Donald Herriford, MBA
Sagar R. Jethva, MBA
Amanda Lynn Jeziernski, MBA
Cameron Lee Johnson, MS
Laura Elizabeth Junek, MBA
Yvonne Elizabeth Kershner, MBA
Amber Lynae Marquette, MBA
Travis Hayes McDonald, MBA
Justin Parish McKee, MBA
Marisa Veronica Rios McNevin, MBA
Jennifer Leigh Mitchell, MBA
Amy King Perez, MBA
Lisa Peterson, MBA
Gregg Joseph Pocock, MBA
David Phillip Porter, MBA
Stephanie DaLynn Pustejovsky, MBA
Oris Francisco Sanchez, MS
Roger B. Seemion, MBA
Tia L. Simon, MBA
Achou Felix Takang, MS
Marc A. Townley, MBA
David Paul Vanhorn, MS
Darien Isaac Walton, MBA
Varion Isaac Walton, MBA
Marie-Luise ten Doornkaat Watters, MS
Kayanne Elizabeth Weikel, MBA
Alisa Nicole White, MBA
Joshua Williams, MBA
Valentina Franklin Young, MBA
Robert James Zigmond, MBA

BACHELOR DEGREES

Ethan Alan Adams, BBA
Michelle Oserumen Airen, BBA
Erika Lynn Alexander, BBA
Anthony Demond Allen, BBA
Victoria Cobain Allen, BBA
Abdullah Mansour A. Alsagoor, BBA
Amena Wajid Alwagfi, BBA
Nicole Elizabeth Andrews, BBA
Amber Jean Arredondo, BBA
Melissa Ann Asbury, BBA
Will Edward Augustino, BBA
Krystal Lynn Azwell, BBA
Joseph Robert Babbs, BBA
Christina Marie Baker, BBA
Steven Michael Banek, BBA
Meaghyn Mari Barker, BBA
Dalton Alexander Barnes, BBA
Cheyenne Tate Bauman, BBA
Kaitlyn Alys Bear, BBA
Gary Duncan Bell, BBA
Tyler Benjamin Belovsky, BBA
Ryan Blake Bennett, BBA
Jordan Miranda Berger, BBA
Rodrigo Berriochoa, BBA
Dustin Bowen Bitter, BBA
Kaitlyn Marie Blackwell, BBA
Trenton Chase Blundell, BBA
Dana Thomas Boal, BBA
Logan Paul Boatner, BBA
David Gary Bond, BBA
Blake Hunter Bremer, BBA
Ashley Michelle Marie Broadway, BBA
Aric Randall Brooks, BBA
Ryan Jarod Brown, BBA
Gavin C. Brown-Dorsey, BBA
Phillip Thomas Brumfield, BBA
Ingris Yohana Carranza, BBA
Farrah Briana Carter, BBA
Kyle Marshall Chambers, BBA
Mitchell Aaron Chavez, BBA
Michael Grant Clifton, BBA
Casey Nichole Coats, BBA
Grant Wesley Coleman, BBA
Kelly Renea Coleman, BBA
Sandra Ruth Colindres Lopez, BBA
Daylene Collette, BBA

Brenda Kay Colvin, BBA
Michael Dean Conn, BBA
Demarkus Rajah Cooksey, BBA
Michael Clayton Coon, BBA
Abigail Christine Corson, BBA
Kirby Lynn Couch, BBA
Jordan Daniel Cruz, BBA
Ashley Ann Dahlke, BBA
Caroline Olivia Daugherty, BBA
Cassandra Michelle Davis, BBA
Kenneth Doyle Davis Jr., BBA
Lisa Nicole Deam, BBA
Cole Jacob DeBerry, BBA
Kris Erin Deck, BBA
Adrian Delgado, BBA
Shelby Nicole Dennis, BBA
Daniel Keith Dorn, BBA
Garrett Wayne Drilling, BBA
Emilie Catherine Dunn, BBA
Austin R. Echols, BBA

Keilan Matthew Eggleston, BBA
Tyler Blair Ellis, BBA
Edwardo Esquivel, BBA
Celeste Nicole Falcon, BBA
Ryan P. Farney, BBA
Emely Figueroa, BBA
Tevin Devaughn Fitzgerald, BBA
Matthew Robert Forney, BBA
April Nicole Frank, BBA
Casey Michelle Franklin, BBA
Patrick Mark Frieden, BBA
Erick Antonio Funes, BBA
Lakreshia Janae Gadison, BBA
Laura Leigh Gager, BBA
Breunna Monet’ Gallien, BBA
Yingfa Gao, BBA
Brenda Marie Garcia, BBA
Jessica Garcia, BBA
Santos Garcia, BBA
Jesse Lee Garner, BBA
Erik Garnica, BBA
Britney Ann Garrison, BBA
Gavin Scott Garrow, BBA
Melissa Ann Gaskamp, BBA
Sarah Beth Gauzton, BBA
Stephanie Janae’ Gilbert, BBA
Alexander Christopher Gilreath, BBA
Cristal Godinez, BBA
Jesus Alejandro Hinojo, BBA
Kelsey Ra’Shell Hoffpauir, BBA
Cory Nicole Holifield, BBA
Ross Hunter Howard, BBA
Wilkim Willis Howard IV, BBA
John Randall Hughes, BBA
Edith Juanita Hurtado, BBA
Nathaniel B. Inmon, BBA
Kristen Leigh Isaacks, BBA
Brandi Nicole Jackson, BBA
Jacori Ladarius Jackson, BBA
Blake Da’Shard Jackson-Hall, BBA
Jesalyn Arleth Zeger Jansen, BBA
Grecia Selene Jimenez, BBA
Kimberly Johnson, BBA
Samantha Ann Johnson, BBA
Ethan David Jones, BBA
Michaelyn Raquel Joyce, BBA
Christopher Phillip Kelby, BBA
Jacob Chipley Kellogg, BBA
De’Jonae Kemps, BBA
Amy Celeste Kennedy, BBA
George Calvin Kennedy, BBA
Patrick Ryan Kilday, BBA
Brian P. Kindervater, BBA
Charles Braden King, BBA
Kristen Wyatt Knight, BBA
Nicole Denise Koop, BBA
Cassidy Jade Korn, BBA
Laura Catherine Krajca, BBA
Adam George Kraus, BBA
Kaley Gayle Krus, BBA
Russell Wayne Kuecker, BBA
Caleb Dalton Lackey, BBA
Nivia Sine Laird, BBA
Sabre Rachelle Lanberg, BBA
Bradley Michael Land, BBA
Richard Omar Landeros, BBA
Lyssa Diane Leann Lavender, BBA
Kourtney Leshea Lawhorn, BBA
M’cherya Renyse LeBlanc, BBA
Stephen Louis LeBlanc, BBA
Samantha Ann Lee, BBA
Erin Nicole Lewis, BBA
Leah Kay Lewis, BBA
Kalyn Brianna Littlefield, BBA
Pedro Roberto Guevara, BBA
Cameron Preston Guin, BBA
Katlyn Ann Hackman, BBA
Steven Tanner Elston Hale, BBA
Kylie Nicole Hambleton, BBA
Blanca Miranda Harber, BBA
Chris Thomas Hayes, BBA
Meredith Donasue Henry, BBA
Alma Leyda Hernandez, BBA
Danielle Veronica Hernandez, BBA
Ryan Nicole Hill, BBA
Manuel Alejandro Hinojo, BBA
Kelsey Ra’Shell Hoffpauir, BBA
Cory Nicole Holifield, BBA
Ross Hunter Howard, BBA
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Congratulations on this important milestone. If credit for this accomplishment is shared in some way by your parents, spouse, significant other, or children—as so often is the case—congratulations are extended to them as well. As suggested by the term, “commencement,” you are now about to go forth in the world and begin the next chapter of your life’s journey. Equipped with knowledge from your chosen field in criminal justice and your critical thinking skills, you are prepared to chart your own course as 100,000 Sam Houston State University alumni before you have done.

You are undertaking that journey at a truly remarkable time. Buckminster Fuller determined that, in the early 1900s, human knowledge doubled every 25 years. Now it doubles every 13 months. Many of the textbooks you purchased when you started your program are already out of date. The earth beneath our feet is spinning at 1,000 miles per hour, but gravity allows us to keep up without effort. The same cannot be said of our understanding of the world and the people who inhabit it. You should commit yourself to becoming a life-long learner. To that end, I hope the College of Criminal Justice will remain an important part of your life.

On behalf of the other faculty and staff of the College of Criminal Justice, I wish you happiness and success in what lies ahead. We will always consider you to be one of ours and hope you will always consider us to be yours.

Dr. Phillip M. Lyons Jr., Dean

DEGREES AWARDED IN THE COLLEGE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Criminal Justice BA, BS, MS, PhD
Criminal Justice and Criminology MA
Criminal Justice Leadership and Management MS
Forensic Science MS, PhD

Homeland Security Studies MS
Victim Services Management MS
Victim Studies BA, BS

The scale represents the spirit of the Latin proverb, Jus est ars boni et aequi, Justice the art of the good and fair. The oak bough with 16 leaves symbolizes strength, while the olive branch with 20 leaves represents peace. The number of leaves recalls the year, 1620, when the pilgrims signed the Mayflower Compact, the first American political document, whose purpose was to preserve order by means of the principle of rule of law.
DOCTORAL DEGREE

Yi-Fen Lu, PhD
The Interplay of Genes and Age-Graded Social Control in Predicting Offending Behavior: A Molecular Genetic Approach
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On behalf of the College of Education, it is my pleasure to congratulate you on your graduation. You have achieved a great milestone, and we applaud you for this accomplishment. We recognize the hard work, commitment, and discipline that you have put forward in order to reach this point. We also want to thank the parents, friends, and other special people in your life who contributed to this accomplishment.

As you pursue your career in the field of education, know that you have chosen one of the most important, impactful professions our country has to offer. We commend you on this choice and know that you will have a positive influence on the future of our nation, our communities, and our children. As an educator you will face a variety of challenges. You will also possess limitless opportunities to truly touch the future and to make a difference. Our hope for you as you graduate from the College of Education is that you always dare greatly, that you move forward after your graduation celebrations today and begin a career marked by caring, service, and integrity.

We challenge you to embrace this responsibility and use the tools and skills you have developed at Sam Houston State University to give of yourself in the greatest way possible. Be the type of educator that, when the next generation of students is asked who made a lasting difference in their lives, the person they think of is you. The opportunity is yours, and we know you are ready. Enjoy the journey!

Dr. Stacey L. Edmonson, Dean

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The open book and the lamp of knowledge represent the departments, which embody the value of literacy and education. The yellow represents Library Science. The royal blue at the bottom represents the PhD degree. The light blue at the top signifies the EdD degree, and is the hood color for education in general.

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**DEGREES AWARDED IN THE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION**

- Administration MEd
- Clinical Mental Health Counseling MA
- Comparative and Global Education MEd
- Counselor Education PhD
- Curriculum and Instruction MA, MEd
- Curriculum and Instruction MEd with Teacher Certification
- Developmental Education Administration EdD
- Educational Leadership EdD
- Higher Education Administration MA
- Instructional Leadership MA, MEd
- Instructional Technology MEd, EdD
- Interdisciplinary Studies BA, BS
- International Literacy MEd
- Library Science MLS
- Literacy EdD
- Reading/Language Arts MEd
- School Counseling MEd
- School Psychology SSP
- Special Education MA, MEd
DOCTORAL DEGREES

Candace Lee Ward Cockrell, EdD
A Comparative Analysis of Academic Performance of Students Attending Early Childhood Programs Compared to Students Who Did Not Attend an Early Childhood Program
Chair: Dr. Anthony Onwuegbuzie
Committee Members: Dr. Rebecca Bustamante, Dr. Julie Combs

Karen Taylor Coker, EdD
Perceived Needs of Teachers to Effectively Implement a District-Wide Model of Instruction Within a Balanced Literacy Framework at the Secondary Level
Chair: Dr. Nancy Votteler
Committee Members: Dr. Barbara Greybeck, Dr. Robert Maninger, Dr. Debra Price

Shirley Harrison Dickerson, EdD
Emotional Memories of Selected Veteran Academic Librarians: Their Lived Experiences in the 20th Century Academic Library
Chair: Dr. Rebecca Bustamante
Committee Members: Dr. Judith Nelson, Dr. Holly Weimer

Helen Elizabeth Graham, EdD
Perceptions of Postsecondary Education Among Select African American Men from One Texas Community
Chair: Dr. Anthony Onwuegbuzie
Committee Members: Dr. Rebecca Bustamante, Dr. Julie Combs

Laura Ivey Hodges, PhD
Bullying and the Minority Majority Middle School: A Case Study
Chair: Dr. Mary Nichter
Committee Members: Dr. Melina Holt, Dr. Susan Limber, Dr. Richard E. Watts

Eunjin Hwang, EdD
Cross-Cultural Experiences of Asian International Graduate Students Enrolled in a Tier II University in Rural Texas
Chair: Dr. George Moore
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Brandolyn Evette Jones, EdD
Rural Principals’ Influence on School Cultures that Support African American Student Reading Development
Chair: Dr. Rebecca Bustamante
Committee Members: Dr. Benita Dillard-Brooks, Dr. Pamela Gray

Leah Yvette Mc Alister-Shields, EdD
College Persistence: Sociocultural Factors and Early College Minority Students’ Pursuit of a 4-Year Stem Degree
Chair: Dr. Rebecca Bustamante
Committee Members: Dr. Matthew Fuller, Dr. Anthony Onwuegbuzie

Janice Elaine Merritt, EdD
Using Readers’ Theater to Improve Reading Fluency and Self-Perceptions in Students with Dyslexia
Chair: Dr. Debra Price
Committee Members: Dr. Lory Hass, Dr. Philip Swicegood, Dr. Nancy Votteler, Dr. Joan Williams

Richard A. Prets, EdD
Commercialization of Universities’ Intellectual Property: Evaluating Productivity Based on Structure, Research Funding, and Entrepreneurial Aspirations
Chairs: Dr. Matthew Fuller, Dr. John R. Slate
Committee Member: Dr. Ricardo Montelongo

Rebecca J. Richter, EdD
Beyond the Gateway: Examining Community College Students’ Post-Developmental Reading Success
Chairs: Dr. Rebecca Bustamante, Dr. Susan Skidmore
Committee Member: Dr. D. Patrick Saxon

Yolanda Judith Rios, EdD
Differences in School Climate as a Function of High School Size for Hispanic Students in Texas: A Multiyear, Statewide Investigation
Chair: Dr. John R. Slate
Committee Members: Dr. Cynthia Martinez-Garcia, Dr. George Moore

Christina Alexandra Story, PhD
The Relationship Between Marital Commitment, Spiritual Well-being, and Satisfaction in Marriage
Chairs: Dr. Jeffrey Sullivan, Dr. Richard Watts
Committee Members: Dr. Rick Bruhn, Dr. Haley Stulmaker

Alena D. Wilson, EdD
Perceptions of Adolescents with Reading Disabilities Regarding Personality Traits and Motivational Factors that Contribute to Academic Achievement
Chair: Dr. Debra Price
Committee Members: Dr. Donna Cox, Dr. Lory Haas, Dr. Sharon Lynch, Dr. Philip Swicegood, Dr. Nancy Votteler

Tara Diane Wilson, EdD
Teacher and Parent Perceptions of Head Start and Early Head Start Students and their Early Literacy Development
Chair: Dr. Nancy Votteler
Committee Members: Dr. Wally Barnes, Dr. Melinda Miller, Dr. Debra Price

Lee Alan Wright, EdD
Differences in Reading Skills of Texas High School Students as a Function of Economic Status, Gender, and Ethnicity/Race: A Texas Statewide Study
Chair: Dr. John R. Slate
Committee Members: Dr. Frederick Lunenburg, Dr. George Moore
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On behalf of the College of Fine Arts and Mass Communication, I offer a hearty congratulations on your accomplishments as a new graduate of Sam Houston State University. As graduates you have practiced and sharpened your intellect and expanded your understandings of the arts or media in a global context. You are ready for your future and we challenge you to find and live your passions.

This graduation ceremony, marks a clear transition in your life as you continue your journey towards your life goals—every ending becomes a beginning. We urge you to take time today to pause and send thanks to your supportive family and friends, faculty and staff, those individuals who “went the extra mile” to help you balance your student workload and life responsibilities.

Robert Frost reminds us that life teaches a hard lesson: We have to “learn to let go of the hands” as we move from one stage of life to the next. This graduation marks one of these times of letting go. Fortunately, the poet also reminds us that we are never forced to “let go of the heart” as we journey forward through life. With this sentiment, I urge you to keep in touch. Let us know what life brings as you explore your future and don’t be afraid of new beginnings and challenges.

Remember you will always have a home at Sam Houston State University and within the classrooms and stages, rehearsal rooms, production shops, and media studios of the College of Fine Arts and Mass Communication.

Dr. Ronald E. Shields, Dean

The hands hold and present the flame of human creativity. The blue radiant circle represents the dissemination of creative endeavor to the world at large. In these images the important meaning-making functions of the Fine Arts — Visual Art, Music, Theatre and Dance — are merged with the many modes of communication that are studied and practiced in the field of mass communication.
MASTER DEGREES

Jeremy Leland Durst, MA
Timothy Richard Holecek, MFA
Taryn Lorraine Ruth Wilson, MFA

BACHELOR DEGREES

Emily Ann Acker, BA
Erika Lucille Aguirre, BFA
Alex Russell Anderson, BA
Geia Shatoi Anderson, BA
Brent James Arents, BA
Cristina Marie Barrera, BM
Candida Tristan Barrientos, BFA
Emily Grace Barrow, BFA
Ryan Arthur Bates, BA
Kevin Thomas Beardsley, BA
Evon Darol Beggs, BFA
Victoria Osanna Best, BM
Robert Allen Blanchette, BFA
Bartholomew Booth Jr., BA
Kayleigh Rae Bosley, BA
Alexandra Jerica Broussard, BA
Allyson Justine Brown, BFA
Tiffany Ashley Brown, BA
Megan Marie Brzymialkiewicz, BM
Cameron Lloyd Bunch, BA
Estee Nicole Burks, BFA
Brittney Shauna Butler, BFA
Ashley Michelle Bynum, BFA
Christopher Canales, BM
Michael Allen Chalfan Jr., BA
Lindsay Beth Chaloupka, BFA
Cassius Jamaal Clay, BA
Megan Elizabeth Cline, BA
Hector Armando Corral, BA
Chase Morgan Crampton, BA
Eloisa Cruz, BA
Gabriela Magaly Cruz, BFA
Zhe Cui, BFA
Stephanie Diane Davis, BA
Lizeth De La Garza, BA
Christina Marie Dillon, BA
Lindzay Alexandrea Duplessis, BFA
Emily Dianne Eisterhold, BM
Evon Emory Elder, BA
Shelby Rebecca Escamilla, BA
Tyler Anthony Finzel, BFA
Raveen Simone Fite, BFA
Paul Andrew Fletes, BM
John Stephen Forgy, BFA
Jason Thomas Foucha, BA
Taylor James Fowler, BA
Ana Karen Fraga, BA
Rebeca Lee Gary, BA
Morgan Marie Gentry, BM
Samantha Nicole Genzer, BM
Sarah Marie Gonzalez, BFA
Casey Troy Gordon, BM
Corinne Elise Goyette, BFA
Kerrie Elena Faye Hall, BA
Ramsey Christopher Hampton, BM
Haden Chase Henderson, BFA
Taylor Anne Henderson, BA
Benjamin Ariel Herrera, BFA
Brynn Kathleen Hicks, BFA
Stacy Marie Hood, BA
Robert Edward Jennings Jr., BFA
Maemour Anichel Jones, BA
Megan Danielle Kaltenbach, BA
Ashen Paige Lane, BFA
Lauren Denise Layfield, BA
Harrison Lee Lehrman, BA
Ty’esha Myshelle Lewis, BFA
Caroline V. Long, BFA
Hugo Alberto Lopez, BA
Jennifer Noel Malisheski, BFA
Katie Jean McCown, BM
Matthew Wayne McEver, BFA
Hannah Jordan Menard, BA
Adrian D. Middleton, BA
Gigi Mokarow, BA
Marlyn Silvana Montoya, BA
Conner James Morgan, BM
Kazaria L. Morgan, BFA
Shelby Rae Murphy, BM
Shelly Marie Newcomb, BFA
Kristen Marie Newsom, BFA
Kayla D. Nowocin, BA
Chinello Precious Nwankwo, BA
Nnenna Genevieve Okeke, BFA
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Thomas Robert Owen, BFA
Carian Lynée Parker, BFA
Hever Jovany Penado, BA
Letty Yannina Perez, BFA
Jackeline Tamara Pesqueira, BA
Catherine Joanna Pope, BFA
Taylor Simone Ramsey, BFA
Melissa Sue Randolph, BFA
Mark Joseph Redd, BFA
Kayla Michelle Reeves, BM
Juan Carlos Rivera, BM
Rebecca Ann Rogers, BA
Lisa Michelle Salinas, BM
Stephen Frederick Schneider, BA
Sydni Grace Shepherd, BA
Cynamon Brian Simon, BFA
Austin Patrick Smith, BM
John Lewis Smith, BM
Jacob Stephen Spade, BA
Michael Earl Stewart, BFA
Karessa Courtney Strange, BA
Hannah-Nicole Swenson, BM
Amanda Rose Thordike, BM
Dallas Kaye Tippett, BA
Laura Elizabeth Toeniskoetter, BA
Chase Thomas Vicknair, BA
Jaquelin Raquel Villafranco, BA
Frances Rose Villarreal, BM
Joseph Wayne Vranas, BM
Gilis Monique Walls, BFA
Michael Harrison Way, BM
Erica Brianne Wedgeworth, BA
Arlon Glen Weeks, BFA
Skylar Rae Whidden, BFA
Ke’Andra Elaine Williams, BA
Shakendria Marquette Williams Johnson, BA
Grace Marie Wilson, BFA
Sarah Marie Wright, BFA
Michelle M. Wulfson, BA
Kimberly Anne Young, BFA
Miranda Rashelle Zapata, BFA
On behalf of the College of Health Sciences, I wish to congratulate you for this achievement and significant milestone in your professional life. We are proud of your accomplishment and are confident that the knowledge, skills, habits, and attitudes acquired at Sam Houston State University will provide you with the foundation necessary for a successful career in the health sciences.

The demand for health sciences professionals across our nation and globally continues to rise and the importance of earning a university degree for entry into this dynamic profession has never been greater. You will be entrusted to promote health and well-being to an increasingly diverse population or provide quality healthcare as a caring and compassionate professional. Your responsibilities will be great, but you are ready!

Commencement marks the end of your formal university education, and the beginning of your professional life. That life will be filled with many challenges and opportunities to impact the lives of others. Your advancement and success will require a lifetime of learning and we believe you are well prepared for that journey.

With Commencement you join the thousands of Bearkats who have come before you and who have left their mark on society. The value of your education from Sam Houston State University will be measured not by whether you have earned this degree, but how you use the degree to impact our world. We wish you great happiness and success and hope to see you again in the classroom.

Dr. Michael Lacourse, Dean

DEGREES AWARDED IN THE COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES

- Bilingual Health Care Studies BA
- Correctional Health MPH
- Dietetics MS
- Family and Consumer Science BA, BS, MS
- Food Science and Nutrition BS
- Food Service Management BA, BS
- Fashion Merchandising BA, BS
- Health BS, MA
- Health Care Administration BS
- Health Care Quality and Safety MS
- Health Sciences BS
- Interior Design BA, BS
- Kinesiology BA, BS, MA, MS
- Nursing BSN
- Public Health BS
- Sport Management MS
- Wellness Management BS

* Pending Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board approval.

The simple shape represents a water droplet or the flicker of a flame. When duplicated, the droplet becomes a lotus flower bud symbolizing long life and purity, while growth is demonstrated by the progression from small to large. The final mark demonstrates the connection of organic and inorganic, moving beyond natural, suggesting science, digital and data. These are all direct representations of our mission.
MASTER DEGREES

Derek James Billingsley, MS
Brandi Elizabeth Bonin, MS
Tessa Raye Di Gennaro, MS
Emily Jean Evanson, MS
Sarah Ann Graham, MA
JaMetria Renee Green, MS
Lori Lynn Homes, MS
Sarah Ann Johnson, MA
Van Edward Jordan II, MS
Omer Baris Kaya, MA
Pamela Ann Knebel, MA
Dana Janelle Kooi, MS
Safa Ahmed I. Kurdi, MA
Tara Lynn Lawley, MS
Kaelum Christian Messer, MS
Debbie Lynn Nichols, MS
Martin Alejandro Padron, MA
Ruby Andrea Paredes, MA
Dennis Marlin Reiner Jr., MS
Stevyn Michael Rivera, MA
Kaitlyn Brooke Sampson, MS
Meera Kamlesh Shah, MS
Kevin Andrew Stovall, MS
Kelly Ann Tomita, MS
Rachel Marie Turpin, MS
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Chastity A. Mitchell-Sneed, BS
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Anselmo Muniz Jr., BS
Kelly Chikezie Ohakam, BS
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Courtenay Ann Payne, BS
Sarah Gabriella Pena, BS
Elizabeth Lee Pettus, BA
Marilyn Ivette Policarpo, BS
Rachel Elizabeth Priest, BS
Jessie M’Lee Rachal, BSN
Casey Yvette Ramos, BS
Luis Andrés Ramos, BS
Ariel Jeanette Reitmeier, BS
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Hillary Renee Richter, BSN
Natalie V. Riley, BS
Valerie Ann Rivera, BS
Amairani Rodriguez, BS
Magen Brianne Ross, BS
Jonathan Rowe, BSN
Ethan Matthew Rowland, BS
Zachary Stephen Sarmiento, BS
Taylor LeAnn Scambray, BS
Daniel James Shorter, BS
Kervin Demond Simmons, BS
Beau Charles Smith, BS
Latavia Shumun Smith, BS
Bolounimikemefa Laura Soroh, BSN
Mary Elyse Spreen, BS
Laura Beth Stringer, BS
Joseph Frank Taylor, BS
Emily Elizabeth Thomas, BS
Amber Christine Thompson, BSN
Tyrell Aaron Timmons, BS
Michael Joseph Todaro, BS
Meghan Kaye Trejo, BS
Kalyn Elise Trevino, BS
William Eric Nathaniel Trotman, BS
Lauren Amanda Troutman, BS
Matthew Scott Tyler, BS
Christina Anne Van Hook, BS
Amanda Kay Vandervoort, BS
Benjamin Kyle Villalon, BS
Sarah Elizabeth Wagner, BA
Kelsey Keaton Webb, BS
Avery Anne Weiss, BS
James Lloyd Werner, BS
Jazmin Menique Wiley, BS
Chele F. Williams, BSN
Eden Danielle Williams, BS
Jennifer Adell Williams, BS
Zachary Brooks Williams, BS
Kathleen M. Williamson, BSN
La’Tasha Nicole Wilson, BS
Jesse Denten Wolfe, BS
Lukas Mason Wyatt, BS
Allyn Young, BSN
Ashley Nicole Young, BS
Tessa Anne Young, BS
Ashley Ann Zimmerhanzel, BS
Congratulations! Today is the beginning of the next exciting chapter of your life. The faculty, staff, students, and administration of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences are proud of you and your accomplishments.

Great success in life rarely is a solo effort. Rather, success most often is the culmination of hard work, perseverance, and a strong support network. As we mark your accomplishments, we also want to recognize your family and friends whose encouragement made the difference along the way.

The academic degree that you earn today will carry you into the future. As you chart the way forward, we urge you to keep the university’s motto in mind: “The Measure of a Life is its Service.”

Again, congratulations! We’re honored to have been your academic home at Sam Houston State University and wish you the best with your future endeavors.

We look forward to staying in touch in the coming years.

Dr. Abbey Zink, Dean

DEGREES AWARDED IN THE COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Clinical Psychology MA, PhD  
Communication Studies BA, BS, MA  
Creative Writing, Editing, and Publishing MFA  
English BA, MA  

History BA, BS, MA  
Philosophy BA  
Political Science BA, BS, MA  
Psychology BS, MA  

Public Administration MPA  
School Psychology SSP  
Sociology BA, BS, MA  
Spanish BA, MA

The quill connotes the importance of creative endeavors while the ruler along the rooftops illustrates a concern with the scientific method. The arched lines represent communication and its wide-reaching effects, hovering over the home, which emphasizes the importance of human bonds and of the family’s formative role for the individual. Overlooking all of the other symbols are four face profiles representing the celebration of the diversity that strengthens each of the disciplines within the college.
MASTER DEGREES

Clifford Lee Barnes, MA
Paula Anne Bernhard, MA
Alec Neil Brewster, MFA
Pedro J. Cabrera, MA
Tuesdée Nicole Cavil, MPA
Adrienne Marie Couch, MA
Cathleen Reagan Crandall, MA
Zachary Aaron Degner, MA
Jimmy Lee Dunham, MA
David Alan Enlow, MPA
John Raymond Fleming, MPA
Jared Michael Hill, MPA
Lauren Webb Hutchins, MA
Andrea Johnson Kitchens, MA
Kaylyn Clare Leibrand, MA
Jamie Marie Manning, MA
Carrie Marie Mason, MA
Darion Nyles Mc Kinley, MA
Daniel Christopher Miller, MA
Yordannis Morales Utria, MA
Sylvia Rossana Mostaccero, MA
Sujey C. Myers, MA
Elizabeth Marie Neucere, MA
Michael Gradie Norman, MA
Graciela Gabriela Perales, MA
Elaine Rene Plybon, MA
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Rebecca Joan Quinlan, MPA
Todd Douglas Rainer, MA
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Sarah Annene Chmielinski, BS
Elizabeth Ethlyn Churaman, BS
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Michael D. Crane, BS
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Dr. John B. Pascarella, Dean

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Agricultural Engineering Technology BS
Agriculture MS
Animal Science BS
Applied Arts and Sciences BAAS
Biology BA, BS, MA, MS
Biomedical Sciences BS
Chemistry BS, MS
Composite Science BS
Computer Software Engineering Technology BS
Computing and Information Science MS
Computing Science BS
Construction Management BS
Design and Development BS
Digital and Cyber Forensics Engineering Technology BS
Digital Forensics MS
Electronics and Computer Engineering Technology BS
Engineering Technology BS
Forensic Chemistry BS
General Studies BGS
Geographic Information Systems MS
Geography BA, BS
Geology BS
Information Assurance and Security MS
Interdisciplinary Agriculture BS
Mathematics BA, BS, MA, MS
Physics BS
Plant and Soil Sciences BS
Statistics MS
Sustainable Agriculture and Food Environment MAg

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