



Commencement

SPRING 2025

D.L. LIGON COLISEUM
Wichita Falls, Texas

MIDWESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY

Ceremonies Schedule

D.L. Ligon Coliseum

SPRING 2025

**FRIDAY,
MAY 16**

6 p.m. Dr. Billie Doris McAda Graduate School

**SATURDAY,
MAY 17**

10 a.m. Dillard College of Business Administration
Gordon T. & Ellen West College of Education
& Professional Studies
Lamar D. Fain College of Fine Arts
Prothro-Yeager College of Humanities
& Social Sciences
McCoy College of Science, Mathematics
& Engineering

2 p.m. Robert D. & Carol Gunn College of Health
Sciences & Human Services

Commencement Program

Dr. Stacia L. Haynie
President, Midwestern State University
Presiding

Processional: *Pomp and Circumstance, Nos. 1, 2, & 4* by Edward Elgar **Brass Quintet**

Welcome **President Stacia L. Haynie**

The National Anthem by Francis Scott Key **Alaniss Garcia, MSU Texas Vocal Performance Major**
Brass Quintet

Introductions **President Haynie**

Faculty Awards and Special Recognition* **Provost Margaret Brown Marsden**
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

Hardin Professor Award* **President Haynie**

President's Medals for Excellence Recognition* **Provost Brown Marsden**

Congratulatory Remarks **Regent Clay Cash**
Texas Tech University System Board of Regents

Graduate Remarks: Taylor Ullman
Graduate Candidate, Master of Science in English

Undergraduate Remarks: Vincent Peter
President, MSU Texas Student Government Association

Dr. Kimberly Onstott
President, MSU Texas Alumni Association

President Haynie

Conferring of Degrees **President Haynie**
Provost Brown Marsden

Presentation of Graduates **Academic Deans**
Peter Stein, Narrator

Closing Remarks **President Haynie**

Alma Mater **Alaniss Garcia**
Brass Quintet

Recessional: *Pomp and Circumstance, Nos. 1, 2, & 4* by Edward Elgar **Brass Quintet**
Audience members are requested to remain in their places until the recessional is completed.

** Presentations will be made during the ceremonies on Saturday.*

Friday, May 16, 2025

6:00 p.m. Ceremony

Candidates for Degrees

DILLARD COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Master of Business Administration

Emad Mohamed Refaat Abdel-Raouf	Mara Rehanna Hill	Bhargav Manishankar Pothuraju
Frankline A. Akech	Dylan Grant Hofferichter	Dipon Das Rahul
Samia Akter	Anthony Michael Izuagie	Kusum Ranabhat
Alickson Thomas Alexander	Ispita Jahan	Janea Anastasia Reed
Harshavardhan Allam	Shashank Joshi	Michael Don Reynolds II
Scott Alan Anthony	Cameron Jason Kemp	Mandeep Singh Sandhu
Jose Antonio Avitia	Anuja Kharel	Anas Shakeel
Lingaswamy Boddu	Sai Pujitha Kondru	Nischal Shrestha
Sai Prakash Reddy Buthukuri	Sai Jaganadh Kovuri	Lorraine Gardea Shuey
Shashank Challa	Kadessa Louis	Nidhi Yogendra Singh
Holten Isaac Doucette	Madhuri	Kyle Jacob Sinko
Hudsen J. Doucette	Istiaque Mahmud	Hailey Rain Smith
Jacob Ako Ebot	Lori Lynn Marshall	Isobel Porter Spray
Shaniah Leesha Edwards	Mamata Mishra	Junaid Syed
Colten Lance Ellis	Mudassar Ali Mohammed	Rama Naga Satya Tanveer
Adrian Josue Fabela	Garrett Mitchell Mooney	Tanneedi
Felipe Clementino De Faria	Abhinay Mujakari	Babu Tapetla
Mariano Gaspar Fazio	Miranda Kay Niedzwiecki	Robert Stephen Tarpley II
Aaliyah Gabrielle Fernander	Danique Jacqueline Philomena	Shernel Thomas
Ephraim Prince Gandepalli	Maria Nijenhof	Zanisha Jahlishta Titre
Jaya Prakash Reddy Gangi	Nurun Nessa Nuri	Naveen Kumar Vankudoth
Sri Ganesh Datta Chaitanya Goli	Ifeanyichukwu Francis Ojuh	Laura J. Ward
Sharvani Guduru	Vinicius Oliveira da Silva	Nicole Jewel Welch
Aditi Gunja	Jonas Owusu-Ansah	Steven Evrard Williams
Charles John Davenport Heffernan	Jemisha Vikrambhai Patel	Thrinath Reddy Yedla
	Divya Sanjaybhai Patni	

GORDON T. AND ELLEN WEST COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

Master of Arts

Avery Lea Baird	Megan Nicole Magaña	Loreal Ayanna Smith
Heidi Lynn Hamilton	Brittany Danielle Mayes	Madeleine E. Steward
Sandra Marie Harper	Chiedozie Eric Okafor	Rosendo Villagran, Jr.
Bridgit Joyce Lakoski	Adam Osborne	Ashley Layne Wilson
Dayna Lown	Susanna Joann Ray	

Master of Education

Lisa Marie Alcala
Kertisa Dominique Amos
Brandi DeShae Barlow
Seth Thomas Barrells
Austin Zachary Black
Miranda Nichole Bogutzki
Madison Kay Brown
Laura Renee Brubaker
Alexandra Michelle Castaneda
Nora Gaona Cazares
Neiko Lee Conway
Ashleigh Darby Cuadra
Brittany Nicole Davis
Karen Lynn De La Chapelle
Katrina Suzanne Donoughue

Jackson Todd Espe
Jacob A. Ewart
Debra Lynn Garcia
Audrey Nycole Gipson
Adriana Lizbeth Gonzalez
Melanie Eileen Gonzalez
Caitlin Michelle Gresham
Shelbi Nicole Harrison
Milea Kathryn Huckleby
Angela Denise Johns
Bethany Yvonne Jones
Lacey Kuehn
Anna Marie Lackey
Shana Ree Lane
Nickles Lynerick Lewis, Jr.

Peyton LaNae Lewis
Stefanie Aishlinn Limerick
Rachel Ann Macwan
Gina Sheryl Maness
Rebecca Jean McQuillan
Nathaniel Nicolas
Jessica Dawn Pryor
Riley Morgan Rabedaux
Susan Marie Riggins
Nicole Loraine Russell
Aleida Valle Salinas
Martha Elena Unland
Sheila Kay Ward
Zachary David Weber
Terri Weichel

ROBERT D. AND CAROL GUNN COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES AND HUMAN SERVICES

Master of Arts in Criminal Justice

Nissi Michelle Colchado

Chelsie T. Woods

Master of Health Administration

Adriana Victoria Brown
Jeanri Buys

Lavin Peaches Green
Akshay Kaushal

Master of Science in Exercise Physiology

Mirza Omair Ali Baig
Jaykuvarba Dilcepsinh Kher
Srija Konda

Vrushali Chandubhai Limbasiya
Darwin A. Mejia
Sabina Poudel

Rajesh Kumar Puliga
Abhiram Rachamadugu

Master of Science in Radiologic Sciences

Heather Rose Krufft

Liliana Nieto Ramirez

PROTHRO-YEAGER COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Master of Arts

Morgan James Ballesteros
James Riley Cope

Jessica Ann Joplin
Faith Elaine Reeves

Taylor Meghan Ullman

MCCOY COLLEGE OF SCIENCE, MATHEMATICS AND ENGINEERING

Master of Science

Kathryn Elyce Brown
Anthony Aurelio Castillo
Kasey Dakota Chreene
David Ashley Clifton
Sneha Reddy Dendi
Elizabeth Cobie Elkins
Michael Gerhard Ellerkamp

Mekerie Aaliyah Francis
Anastasia Guseva
Matthew Thomas Kaspar
Gowtham Reddy Mallu
Rajat Kumar Parida
Sai Koushik Patibanda
Mierhamza Rahimi

Rowann Nadia Remie
Tenzin Tashi Shakya
Arun Soma
Jared Wynn Steger
Krishna Lennon Winston

Saturday, May 17, 2025

10:00 a.m. Ceremony

DILLARD COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Bachelor of Business Administration

De'Onny De'Shone Alexander
Richard Tochuckwu Anyaegbu
Stephenie Alexis Beck
Cassey Chantel Bellot
Karla Brianne Benson
Kerris Faith Cameron
Ashlyn Grace Colton
Jessica Enriquez
Keaton James Fleming
Austyn Nichole Garcia
Daniela Raine Garcia
Gracie Lee Gardner
Anteros Gabriel Garza
Kristyn Bailey Gates
Hank Curtis Germany
Vivica Chantel Guillory
Isaiah K. Harris

Makenna Grace Henry
Gael Hinojosa
Destiny Jakayle Isom
Taiki Kumura
Lalawin Lay
Saul Andres Lazarde
Lorenzo Deon Lewis
Alexis Marie Longoria
Dahlia B. Marcial
Victoria Martinez
Leslie Yasmin Mendoza
Kasen Avery Miller
Parker David Morris
Samuele Muroi
Jacob Eugene Newberry
Tavarion Javonti Nix
Brandon Elijah Norman

Jett Ellen Odom
Tiffany Wanjiku Omari
Mason Andrew Payne
Jean-Pierre Louis Prejean-Sanders
Brooklyn R. Rhyne
Cesar Rodriguez, Jr.
Victoria Rose Rodriguez
James Riley Savage
Elijah L. Sharp
Kyle William Smith
Fernando Soria
Emery Nacole Stonecipher
Elizabeth Grace Strait
Rabina Sunuwar
Abeni A. Valdez
Kentaneya Da'Umbra Whytus
Sydney Monet Williams

GORDON T. AND ELLEN WEST COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences

Anaston Taylor Acrey
Zury Aguirre Hernandez
Tammy Ivey Baxter
Alicia Michelle Benningfield
Diego Armando Carreon Gonzalez
India Kenya Carter
Cooper Jordan Cathey
Carly Rae Cherry
Kade Matthew Dagley
Nanette Burnett Daniels
Cynthia R. Dison
T'Shea Kenya Ferguson
Joshua Abimeleth Ferrufino
Gutierrez
Hannah Grace Foley
Monica Louise Garcia

Monica Carolina Gil Garcia
Dianna Marie Grady
Mandy Marie Greenup
Emily Dawn Haney
Priscilla Lane Acioli Hartranft
Redrick Lotherious Hill
Jonathan B. Hull
Alexis Marie Isnhower
Clementine Issa
Thamara Loosebershy Jean
Cheryl Denise Knight Lockhart
Ileana Izabel Lucio
Alfredo Ismael Martinez
Brittany Lena Martinez
Jordan Wesley McQuerry
Christina Faith Morgan

Jessica Marian Nelson
Kimberly Nolte
Derrick Duane Nunez
Katherine Aylne Parham
Tyler D. Parker
Karla Marie Payne
Shakuria Shantay Perkins
James Allan Perry
Swastika Rayamajhi
Alliyah Danielle Stone
Brendon Kyle Strickland
Matija Svetozarevic
Jayln Douglas Thompson
Yen-Khanh Ton
Evan Danger Trembley
Chloe Monay Turner

Bachelor of Science in Education

Wyatt Donald Alm
Jacob Daniel Alvarado
Kaitlin Anne Anglin
Lexus Brea Aquallo
Kaden Scott Ashlock
Christine Balla
Christene Meli Bokutu
Rebecca Nicole Borghini
Laynie Michelle Brown
Mackenzie Leann Brown
Micah Jeremiah Cain
Lauren Shea Conner
Amy Elizabeth DeWalt
Joyce Nadine Diefenbach
Tyler James Farson
Jose Alfredo Flores-Rivera
Blythe Cayce Freeling

Felicia Denyse Garrison
Brylie GarRon Green
Zenaida Guido
Trinadee Lela Imotichey
Jayme Rae Ingalls
Jordyn Denise Jackson
Marie Michelle Jackson
Hollie Nicole James
Brisa Jimenez Soriano
Eric Ryan Jones
Matthew Dean Jones
Ryan Joseph Kerby
Tessa Paige Luig
Isaiah Thomas Marks
Meggan Cheyenne Mathews
Nicole Payton McKee
Carla Dayanna Moreno

Kyle Robert John Noe
Payton Elizabeth Orr
Jamie Hannah Osborne
Max Christopher Owen
Armon Jatorian Amirr Parks
Kaila Nicole Reed
Taylor Christine Richards
Jimmy Dalton Roberts
Ashunti Amari Rockmore
Edgar M. Rodea
Michael Allan Rodriguez
Mariana Sanchez
Macy Elizabeth Sheldon
Savannah Jane Teague
Peyton Elizabeth Tefertiller

LAMAR D. FAIN COLLEGE OF FINE ARTS

Bachelor of Arts

Jessica Binzari
Logan Thomas Deatherage
Marcus M. Morris, Jr.

Gage Wesley Oliver
Shae Michelle Parr
Stephen Paul Parr

Abby Jo Turner

Bachelor of Fine Arts

Delaini Jane Hanna
Kyla Janice Harris
Dakota Tyler Lincoln

James Rex Matlock
Nicholas John Pedon
Jacoury Shieron Phillips

Angelina Michelle Soto

Bachelor of Music

Miranda Mary Dowdy

Charity Nicol Smith

PROTHRO-YEAGER COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Bachelor of Arts

Joseph Brandford Arthur
Kylee Michelle Carnes
Garrett Owen DeShasier
Alyssa Haley-Ann Decker
Emma Jean Dowdy
Valeria Garcia
Alaina Maria Garza

Angelica L. Goins
Cadence Adele Harris
Brian Garcia Hernandez
Josie Cait Howard
William Bradley Johnson
Abby Mae Lovett
John Vincent Mauricio

Rehmat Farrukh Merchant
Aeneus Lamont Nash
Samya Mechele Parker
Eliana Celestial Perez
Garrison Warren Smith
Corinne Christina Thorpe
Abril Guadalupe Viana

Bachelor of Science

Elaina Renae Camp
Andrew Duane Delony-Robert
SaraKay LaVane Hardy

Sabrina M. Moore
Morgan Marie Pope
Jessika Elizabeth Roberts

Alyssa Dawn Spangler
Aribah Tahir
Christopher Austin Trammell

MCCOY COLLEGE OF SCIENCE, MATHEMATICS AND ENGINEERING

Bachelor of Arts

Breckin Michael Hume

Keegan Brian Morgan

Bachelor of Science

Lenore Hannah Mia Adjodha
Caitlin Nicole-Mae Allison
Ethan Joel Bailey
Edvin Niandre Benjamin
Misael Alan Cabrera
Benito Nicholas Calderon
Tairique Antonie Davis
Collin Reid Franklin
Rohan Gajmer
Trevor Alan Gilbert
Erik Daniel Gonzalez
Jarette K. X. Greene
Nathan Britt Groves

Abigail Elizabeth Guinan
Lana Haddad
Timothy David Haxton
Ashlea Olivia Hobson
Andrew D. Huff
Sebastian Ibarra Chavez
J'hymani Aalyiah Elizabeth Joseph
Kyler Blakely Kenvin
Bryce Andrew Koch
George Andrew Martinez
Zaniya Marie Medlin
Austin Hunter Morris
Stephanie Alexandra Nagel

Adam Joon Nemeth
Dylan Haze Pedigo
Jayson Perez
Tameka S. Philip
Kara Alexandra Rodgers
Esmeralda Nicole Solorio
Jered Don Stevens
Jacob Chandler Stripling
Jamar Bey Thomas, Jr.
Britney Dolores Tyree
Hannah Seen Ean Yip

Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering

David Veatoutai Aleamotua
Clayton Colby Brasher
Alexis Camarena
Austin Dean Childs
Brittany Leigh De Hoyos
Eric Daniel De Hoyos
Mason Aman Denefield
Jose Desiderio Espinoza
Nathaniel Solomon Joseph

Pavle Kalaba
Mateo Sebastian Luna
Michael Merton Morrell
Kevin Jasiri Munoz
Cesar Juan Oronia-Lim
Daniel Pedro Paniagua
Austin Malik Pencheon
Taikorean S. Phillips
Deon Rashard Pleasant

Kory Kolton Prather
Mario Sanchez
Nolan Zachary Sila
Newton Isaac Sinyangwe
Nicholas Cayne Stubblefield
Jimmy Canh Tran
Joaquin Eduardo Traslosheros
Calvin Paul Walmer

Saturday, May 17, 2025

2:00 p.m. Ceremony

ROBERT D. AND CAROL GUNN COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES AND HUMAN SERVICES

Bachelor of Science in Athletic Training

McKenna Ashton Buchfink
Samantha Juan Cervantes
Noah Jason Diaz
Kanaha Furutani
Seth Edward Tyler Hamm

Hannah Jean Holley
Michael Elijah Hydock IV
Keiana Alize Kemp
Ariana Angelina Lopez
Kathy Jasmine Medrano

Brianna Nicole Pollard
Jisselle Christian Rodriguez
Kynnadi Ayri Wallace
Morgen Tanner Wilk

Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice

Alton Blake Allen
Awtry Jerome Blagg
Kyle Eugene Boyett
Saide Cristal Cante-Gopar
Zarria Sharmane Carter

Erin Leigh Ferguson
Kamryn Jonae Hrcirik
Myranda Camille Jimenez
Alexis Tha'Shaun King
Rory Fitzgerald McPherson II

Mary Melissa Madison Miller
Shelly Jean Moss
Kylie L. Murry
Megan Zaruba
Tara E. Zinni

Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene

Micaela Aguilar
Madeline Adair Carter
Cashley Rae Clawson
Kamryn Renee Hawkins
Madison Grace Jans-Stutz

Kevin Edward Keeping
Haiden Nicole Kosse
Azalea Lizet Moreno Luna
Waelongo E. Mrisho
Kylie Nicole Phillips

Victoria Dayle Rater
Kelsie Jo Whalen
Katlyn Elizabeth White
Victoria Shantel Williamson

Bachelor of Science in Exercise Physiology

Audrianna Jenae Arias-Bednar
Dejah LaQuay Burnley
Esther Coronado

Chase Alleczaender Gay
Andrew Mitchell Gentile
Jasmin Nicole Gilliland

Daiza Nicole Jones
Lexi Marie Mills

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Olufunsho Iyabode Adeniyi
Laura Katherine Aguilar
Anel Alfaro
Esperance Alimasi
Gladys Asiedua-Baiden
Alyssa Leigh Anne Avery
Ryan Patrick Barnes
Nichole Christine Bleil

Haley Marie Broadbent
Brittini H. Browning
Kylie Sheree' Case
Lauren Elizabeth Colpitts
Esmeralda Cruz
Brett Alan Farson
Rachel Marie Ford-Wrick
Victoria Alize Garcia

Ferrin Rose Garrett
Elsie Amanda Guardiola
Courtney Ania Guy
Carson Walker Hall
Heidi Valentina Heideman
Kierra T. Hicks
Jada LaShae D'Anna Jackson
Christina Lois Johnson

Kaylee Reese Johnson
Christopher Warren Lassiter-
Wagner
Angel Ifeoma Lewechi
Scottlynn Ja’Nae Lyons
Sabine Manisa Manzombe
Gabriela J. Medina
Verenise Mora-Orduna
Michael Joseph Morales
Renu Pandey

Jacqueline Pena
Trisha L. Pope-Coley
Drishty Pudasaini
Juan Manuel Rico
Briana Katlyn Robison
Mandy Elisabeth Silos
Sherida Yvonne Smith
Litzully Janet Sosa
Jason Nguyen Ta
Matt Ayamba Tako

Madison Brooke Tribble
Jennyfer Ntambwe Tshilanda
Jacob Spencer Turnbow
Marissa Leigh Veanueva-Torres
Kaylin Douaci Vue
Tykeonna Arlayzia Washington
Leondria Shantrell Williams
Shabreanna Antanesha Winding
Sadbere Zeqiri

Bachelor of Science in Radiologic Sciences

David A. DeLeon
Yadira Berenice Diaz
Sierra Adele Dockray
Alyssa Mackenzie Duncan
Crystal Star Ferguson
Natalee Marie Fox
Susana Galvez
Gerardo Garcia, Jr.
Anisa Suzanne Garza
Tavisha Flowers Goodson

Courtnee Roshika Graham
Shane Colby Johnson
Stacy Renee Keith
Cade Riley Little
Amy Marie Mahan
Zainab Shabbir Mahimwala
Beatrice Oviedo-Urbano
Amy Lyn Petty
Chrissy Pham
Samantha Francis Pope

Jade Aston Ridenour
Dana Rebecca Schumann
Camille L. Smith
Kathrine Perry Smith
Aaron Michael Smither
Jennifer Marie Thomas
Yvette Thompson
Rachael Lynn Wilkins
Camryn Ann Wilmot

Bachelor of Science in Radiologic Technology

Alanna Michelle Adams
Janine Madelaine Casey
Emerson Marie Coleman
Sydney Mason Cooper
Shelby Rae Cunningham
Azalea Rebeka Davis
Myia Erryion Davis
Katelynn Donnell
Jason Duplano Secundino
Maddison Renee Edwards
Alexa D. Espino
Brandon Charles Farmer
Natasha Elise Fields
Allie Bren Garcia
Rosario Gonzalez

Austin L. Hacker
Katia Ophelia Hansen
Emily Michelle Hanson
Madison Kay Henson
Ethan Ray Hobson
Matthew James Howard
Macayla Madison Kelly
Kathy Luna
Madeline Marie Medford
Reese Ann Michaels
Veronica Morales
Kylie Paige O’Connell
Jaylie Michelle O’Neal
Lizbeth Olmos
Andante D’artagnan Parker, Jr.

Ashlyn Briann Payne
Kaila A. Powell
Angelica Ramos
Nicole Elizabeth Reed
Carson Taylor Rossi
Payton Elise Rousseaux
Andrez Segura
Kelsey Lynn Simmons
William Alexander Sotillo
Carson Leigh Tournay
Jessica Whitney Walla
Emily Iris West
Kristianna Ricquelle Williams
Sadi Lee Wilson
Jasmine Marie Zepeda

Bachelor of Science in Respiratory Care

Claire Quay' Alvarez
Faviola Barragan
Danny Clayton Caldwell
Paola Lizeth Castaneda
Brianna M. Contreras
ShelbyJ Taylor Courtney
Alysha Marie Crosby
Salvador Espeleta
Sara Devika Finerman
Jason Patrick Fisher
Landry Ann Forsyth
Yasmine Monae Worthy Garrett

Aimee Joseph
Sonia Carolina Lopez
Vanessa Ann Martinez
Helen Roxana Melendez
Britney Kwamboka Moguche
Kelly Kerubo Mongare
Rachell Ann Morrow
Sonya Padilla
Ta'kiara S. Page
Nicolas Basiliou Panos
Jaime Perez
James Philone

Bethany Grace Rollins
Wendy Johana Romero Vega
Shannon Verdine Rose
Sherry L. Ruhl
Jeaneth Arlene Segoviano
Amanda Marie St. Pierre
Paul R. Stanford
Diana Lokman Suleiman
Kendra L. Walker
Matyus Obrien Whitlock
Shannan Montrice Wilburn

Bachelor of Social Work

Kathryn Celeste Crowe
Kennya Deshaun Ellis
Mia N. Hill
Samantha Nicole Hurtado
Piper Anne Lawrence

Conner Scott Lewis
Jennifer Ashley Martinez
John Sochima Onuoha
Macy Nicole Park
Itzel Romero

Aleesia Isabel Sarli
Lauren Elizabeth Unruh
Crystal A. Wood

Academic Dress

The history of academic dress dates back to the European Middle Ages when scholars at the oldest universities were clerics. In the early centuries, a great diversity of color and style of cap, gown and hood appeared in different universities of Europe. The European custom of wearing academic dress was later introduced at American colleges, but it was not until 1895 that a uniform academic code of dress was adopted. The code, modified in 1959, is still in force.

The bachelor's gown, designed to be worn closed, is black with long pointed sleeves. The master's gown, which may be worn open or closed, is black with closed oblong sleeves. Doctoral gowns may be worn open or closed, have bell-shaped sleeves, and are usually faced with black velvet. They generally have three velvet bars across the sleeves, although the color of the velvet may vary according to the field of study.

The hood is the most distinguishing feature of all academic costumes. The hood's outside is bordered with velvet of the proper width to indicate the degree and the proper color to indicate the field of study. The doctoral hood has side panels and is slightly longer than the one worn for the master's degree. The colors in the lining of the hood indicate the college

or university that conferred the degree, usually with one color forming a chevron pattern over the other. Faculty and staff who march in the graduation ceremonies wear gowns and hoods appropriate for their academic achievements. While not an exhaustive list, the following are some of the colors that may be seen on faculty and staff hoods.

- Apricot: Nursing
- Brown: Fine Arts
- Citron: Social Work
- Crimson: Journalism
- Dark Blue: Philosophy
- Drab: Commerce, Business, Accountancy
- Golden Yellow: Science
- Kelly Green: Radiologic Sciences
- Lemon-Yellow: Library Science
- Light Blue: Education
- Orange: Engineering
- Pink: Music
- Sage Green: Physical Education
- White: Arts, Letters, Humanities

The cap most often worn in America is the black mortar board. The tassel for the bachelor's and master's degree is either black or the color associated with the degree. The doctoral cap may have a gold tassel and may be a style resembling a large beret.

Flags

The flags displayed at Commencement represent the countries of our international graduates and are flown in alphabetical order.

Australia	Dominica	Malaysia	Turks and Caicos
Bahamas	Germany	Nepal	Islands
Bangladesh	Ghana	Netherlands	United Kingdom
Belgium	Grenada	Nigeria	Venezuela
Bosnia Herzegovina	India	Romania	Zambia
Brazil	Italy	Saint Lucia	

Graduation with Honors - Baccalaureate Degrees

Graduation with honors will be accorded to candidates who have completed at least 30 semester hours at Midwestern State University with cumulative grade point averages indicated below.

cum laude	3.500 - 3.699 inclusive - Gold Cord
magna cum laude	3.700 - 3.899 inclusive - Maroon Cord
summa cum laude	3.900 - 4.000 inclusive - Double Gold and Maroon Cord

President's Medal for Excellence

The President's Medal for Excellence is awarded to the honor graduate in each of the six academic colleges (Business Administration, Education, Fine Arts, Health Sciences and Human Services, Humanities and Social Sciences, and Science, Mathematics and Engineering) who has earned the highest grade point average among those students receiving the baccalaureate degree in May 2025. The award recipient must have completed at least 60 semester hours at Midwestern State University. This award carries with it a bronze medal of the MSU seal signifying this achievement. The President's Medal recipients will wear this bronze medal during the Commencement exercises.

Hardin Professors

The Hardin Foundation for Wichita County established the annual award in 1962 for a member of the MSU faculty whose teaching and research during the preceding 12 months has brought distinction to the faculty member and the institution.

Dr. Walter W. Dalquest	1962	Dr. Yoshikazu Fukasawa	1984	Dr. Mildred C. Gore-Lancaster	2005
Dr. Floyd F. Ewing	1963	Dr. Rodney L. Cate	1985	Dr. Michael L. Collins	2006
Mr. Cicero Henry Bernard	1964	Dr. Emily E. LaBeff	1986	Dr. Donald E. Maxwell	2007
Dr. Walter L. Wehner	1965	Dr. R. Steven Tipps	1987	Dr. Roberto Fuertes-Manjon	2008
Dr. Joseph Satin	1966	Mr. Donald F. Henschel, Jr.	1988	Dr. James Schuppener	2009
Dr. John W. Meux	1967	Dr. Charles D. McCullough	1989	Dr. Beverly Stiles	2010
Dr. Joseph E. Rose	1968	Dr. Frederick B. Stangl, Jr.	1990	Dr. Dawn Slavens	2011
Dr. E. Kent Hughes	1969	Ms. Elizabeth Yarosz-Ash	1991	Dr. John Martinez	2012
Dr. F. Robert Madera	1970	Dr. George M. Diekhoff	1992	Dr. Catherine Stringfellow	2013
Dr. Neil B. Holliman	1971	Dr. Harry P. Hewitt	1993	Dr. Dale McDonald	2014
Dr. Jesse W. Rogers	1972	Dr. Harry M. Brown	1994	Dr. Betty Carlson Bowles	2015
Dr. T. Barlow Hill	1973	Dr. Louis J. Rodriguez	1994	Dr. Jianguo Shao	2016
Dr. Kenneth E. Hendrickson, Jr.	1974	Dr. Michael L. Land	1995	Dr. Salim Azzouz	2017
Dr. Eldon H. Sund	1975	Dr. Ruth E. Morrow	1996	Dr. David Carlston	2018
Dr. Norman V. Horner	1976	Dr. Lynn Hoggard	1997	Dr. Jonathan Price	2019
Mr. James M. Hoggard	1977	Dr. Ranette Halverson	1998	Dr. Leann Curry	2020
Dr. Rickey J. Williams	1978	Dr. Martha M. Harvey	1999	Dr. Mitzi Lewis	2021
Mr. Richard Martin Ash, III	1979	Dr. Nelson L. Passos	2000	Dr. Robert Forrester	2022
Dr. Robert D. Becker	1980	Dr. Roy P. Patin, Jr.	2001	Dr. Kirsten Lodge	2023
Dr. Jefferson H. Campbell	1981	Dr. Nadia A. Bugg	2002	Dr. Terry Patton	2024
Dr. Robert E. Clark	1982	Dr. Evans Lansing Smith	2003		
Dr. Baird W. Whitlock	1983	Dr. Magaly Rincon-Zachary	2004		

Board of Regents

The Texas Tech University System

Cody Campbell, Chairman	Fort Worth, Texas
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Clay Cash	Lubbock, Texas
Tim Culp	Midland, Texas
Ginger Kerrick Davis	Webster, Texas
Pat Gordon	El Paso, Texas
Mark Griffin	Lubbock, Texas
Shelley Sweatt	Wichita Falls, Texas
Jad Zeitouni, Student Regent	Lubbock, Texas
Tedd L. Mitchell, M.D., Chancellor	Lubbock, Texas
<i>As of May 1, 2025</i>	

University Administration

Dr. Stacia L. Haynie	President
Dr. Margaret Brown Marsden	Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs
Mr. Chris Stovall	Vice President for Administration and Finance
Dr. Keith Lamb	Vice President for Enrollment Management & Student Affairs
Mr. Jeffrey T. Spoeri, J.D.	Vice President for University Advancement
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We praise Alma Mater,
as days of old.
Here's to the Mustangs,
long may we stand.
Onward to victory,
on hand in hand.



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