

One Hundred Sixth Commencement

Southern Nazarene University



December 13, 2008

Sawyer Center

Lyrics

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You

Words: Linda Lee Johnson (1985) • Music: Ludwig van Beethoven (1824)

Verse 1:

Joyful, Joyful, we adore You,
God of glory, Lord of light;
Angels lifting praise before You
Sing throughout this holy night.
In a manger lies a Baby -
Child of Mary, Son of God.
Voices joined in joyful chorus
Praise You for Your gift of love.

Verse 2:

All Your works declare Your glory;
All creation joins to sing.
Praise resounds as earth rejoices
In the birth of Christ, the King.
Shepherds kneel before the Infant.
Trumpets sound and anthems raise
As with joy our hearts are lifted,
Joined in wonder, love and praise.

Alma Mater

Words: Delbert R. Gish (1926) • Revised: J. Michael Grabtree (1986) • Music: Janet Durfree (1926)

Verse 1:

Of all the schools in this fair land
There's one whose name we praise,
She's founded on ideals of right,
To her our songs we raise.

Verse 3:

Though many ways our paths may lead
When we from school depart,
Let faith in God now burning bright
Remain in every heart.

Verse 2:

We'll work for her, we'll fight for her,
Be loyal, brave, and true,
We'll bring her fame and grace her name
In everything we do.

Chorus:

Alma Mater, Alma Mater,
Hail, all hail to you.
Red and white stand for the light
Of dear old SNU.

Emergency Procedures

- ◆ Announcements and/or instructions will given by SNU platform personnel.
- ◆ Bethany police officers and SNU security personnel are on site to assist.
- ◆ Be aware and give assistance to elderly, disabled and children.
- ◆ Elevators should not be used in the event of emergency evacuation.
- ◆ Exits are located at the outer four corners of the Sawyer center.

Program

Processional..... SNU Brass Ensemble and Organ
Dr. Mark Reighard, *Professor of Music / Organist*

Dr. Dorothy Stasser, *Professor and Chair, Department of Psychology / Mace Bearer*

WelcomeDr. Loren Gresham, *University President*

InvocationDr. Kep Keoppel, *Professor of Education*

Hymn (lyrics on pg. 8) “*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You*”
Dr. Phil Moore, *Professor of Music / Director*

Scripture Reading Prof. Tonya Ward, *Adjunct Professor of Business*
John 8:12, Isaiah 9:2, John 1:1-14

Special Music - “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” (arr. Carl F. Mueller)..... SNU Chorale
Dr. Brent Ballweg, *Professor of Music / Director*

Greetings and Introductions Dr. Loren Gresham

Commencement Address..... Mrs. Barbara Koop, *Master's Degree Candidate*
Ms. Andrea Kesterson, *Bachelor's Degree Candidate*
Mrs. Trish Myers, *Bachelor's Degree Candidate*

Distinguished Achievement Awards..... Dr. W. Davis Berryman, *Vice Provost and Dean,*
Professional and Graduate Studies

Awards and Honors Dr. Gwen Ladd Hackler, *Vice Provost for Academic Administration*

Presentation of Candidates for Degrees Dr. Mary Jones, *University Provost*

Awarding of Degrees Dr. Loren Gresham
Mr. Brad Moore, *Chair of the SNU Board of Trustees*
Dr. Martha L. Banz, *Vice Provost and Dean, Undergraduate College / Reader*
Dr. W. Davis Berryman, *Reader*

Posthumous DegreeDr. Anne Ghost Bear, *Associate Professor and Director, Tulsa Center*

Alma Mater (lyrics on pg. 8)

Benediction Dr. A. Koshy Muthalaly, *Professor, School of Professional Studies*

Guests and graduates will be seated for the recessional.

Faculty Recessional..... SNU Brass Ensemble and Organ

Guest and Graduate Dismissal.....Dr. Gwen Ladd Hackler

Degree Candidates

Master of Arts

Gregory C. Anderson
Vilman Andre
Belinda Regena Ball
Donna Kay Baze
Russell Joe Baze
Joey Laverne Bean
Scott A. Bein
Kellye Dawn Blankenship
Darla R. Booker
Kenya Denise Boone
Donald Shane Branscum
Karen Denise Branscum
Keith Richard Campbell
Patricia L. Carruth
Angela R. Case
Wayde Coleman
Cheryl D. Corkle
Ashlee R. Day
Sharon "Natalie" Dennis
Shelley Dohn
Brandon Lee Earp
Carla J. Ellisor

Scott Russell Emerick
Gena Fern Fowler
Vicky L. Gibbs
Jahree Lynn Herzer
Matthew Wayne Hilburn
Cameron Lane Hollingsworth
Amy Michelle Johnson
Leesa R. Lacey
Robin M. Lodes
Curtis Ray Lorah
Aaron L. Matthews
Terry Wayne Maye
Joey Lee McBride
Bradley Ray McNeil
Bo McPeak
Myrlane Fitzgerald Mendenhall
Kelly Dawn Minshall
Curtis D. Moses
Julie Bailey Myers
Tyrone La Monte Nash
Paul Glenn Ogden
Lawrence Dean Palmer

Master of Business Administration

Rodney Allen Adkisson
Jeremy D. Allen
Kevin C. Anders
Kevita R. Anthony
Ashley Nichole Archer-Tejeda
Jonas Eden Bergman
Veronica Blakely-Kudrna
Kimberlee Chanel Campbell
Everett Daniel Cauthron
Chris Wayne Cox
Scot D. Crowder

Mitchell Douglas Elliott
Tom Rae Gerard
Deborah Cecilia Goff
Simas Gumuliauskas
Starla Ann Hacker
Jeremy John Hesselroth
Kimberly D. Hood
Deanna Carol Keesee Johnson
John F. Jordan
Samantha Claire Knight
Marlo A. LaGrone

Master of Science

Dale Gordon Allen
Angela Renee Bacon
Jennifer Lynn Burk
Tina Michella Carney
LaKendra RaShon Carter
Shaun Matthew Coffman
Jayna L. Cox
Brenda Lea Dale

Kathy J. Dowdle
Tammy Lynn Drum
Alisha Baldwin Duncan
Donna Kay Durant-Macon
Carolyn J. Elliott
John Edward Elswick
Hester I. Ferguson
Jorge Edgardo Gonzalez

Kari Brooke Pointer
Sherrie L. Redding
Georgia Ann Scherlag
Micheal Kurt Scullaw
Lawrence Edward Seachris
Angela L. Shoemate
Margo E. Smith
Kelly Snyder
Rhonda Sue Sokoff
James Michael Stephan
Sherri A. Stuckey
Cheryl S. Thurman
Yamile Tullis
Donnie L. Van Curen
Scotty Allen VanWorth
M. Clay Vinyard
Jes'ka N. L. Washington
Mark Shane Weathers
Jennifer Noelle Williams
Connie Sue Wilson
Jimmy D. Womack
Tammi Elaine Young

Keileigh Elise Neugebauer
Jason E. Phenix
Lori R. Rice
Utah Blaine Robinson
Michael R. Scopel
Edward C. Tafolla
Blake Donald Trimble
Crystal Z. Varughese
Lee Andrew Walker
Tamara Lynn Webb
Micheal Jarvis White

Todd Alan Hacker
Angelia Ranye Hamlin
Jonathan T. Hart
Kay Elizabeth Johnson
Gary Lynn Jones
Anita L. Jones-Juniper
J. Jeffery Jordan

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Posthumous Degree

Harold Gene McCoy, Bachelor of Science

Mr. Harold Gene McCoy was an assistant fire chief in the Tulsa Fire Department where he served for 35 years. He was involved in training cadets at the Tulsa Fire Academy, and traveled the country in association with the National Fire Academy. He also taught courses at Tulsa Community College where he developed a unique program on dealing with generational differences in fire services. Harold was recipient of the 2006 Best of Tulsa Community College award.

As a student in the Organizational Leadership program at the SNU Tulsa Center, his time was much more meaningful to him than simply taking classes and working toward a degree. During his time at SNU, he accepted Jesus Christ as his Savior. This change of heart and belief was evident in his genuine care for his classmates, instructors and coworkers.

On September 5, 2008, Harold Gene McCoy, age 57, passed away. As a tribute to his esteemed life that deeply touched the SNU Tulsa Center, the entire Tulsa community and beyond, and in recognition of the coursework he completed, SNU is honored to present posthumously the Bachelor of Science degree to Assistant Fire Chief Harold Gene McCoy.

Commencement Personnel

Faculty marshals, in conjunction with Academic Affairs and other Commencement personnel, are primarily responsible for the planning and coordination of SNU Commencement ceremonies. The faculty marshals serving today are Dr. Steve Betts, Professor/Chair, School of Music; Dr. Gwen Ladd Hackler, Professor/Chair, Commencement Committee; Dr. Cathy Hutchings-Wedel, Professor, School of Professional Studies/Director, Organizational Leadership Program; and Dr. Tim Taylor, Professor, School of Education/Director, Teacher Education.

University marshals are students recognized for their outstanding academic performance among those anticipating graduation in the coming academic year. These students are selected each year based on cumulative credit hours and grade point averages and assist the faculty marshals during Commencement. The university marshals for December 2008 are listed below.

Chelsea Berkley	Megan Cole	Damian Gunaratne	Daniel Linville
Lauren L. Brand	Philip Cox	Clinton Ingersol	Alissa Mulkey
Aaron Buchanan	Cesiley French	Lindi Lebsock	Allyson Paige Sykes

Commencement Planning Committee

The Commencement Planning Committee members, with faculty marshals, coordinate various aspects of Commencement. Committee members are Dr. Martha Banz, Vice Provost and Dean, Undergraduate College; Dr. W. Davis Berryman, Vice Provost and Dean, College of Professional and Graduate Studies; Mr. Mike Brooks, Emergency Planning; Dr. Charles Chitwood, Registrar; Dr. Nancy Halliday, Professor of Biology; Mrs. Sherri Hendrix, Executive Assistant, Office of Academic Affairs/Commencement Coordinator; Mr. Fred Jolliff, Custodial Supervisor; Dr. Mary Jones, Provost; Mrs. Miriam Key, Director, Career Services; Prof. Wesley Lee, Assistant Professor and Director, Academic Services; Ms. Brenda Styers, Director, Alumni Relations; and Mrs. Erin Toler, Director, Disability Services.

Speakers

Barbara Koop, Master of Science in Nursing Education

Mrs. Barbara Koop is a native Oklahoman, residing in Oklahoma City with her husband, Gene. She obtained her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from the University of Oklahoma in 1979 and is a certified obstetrical nurse, working in related areas for 29 years. In addition to her involvement with the March of Dimes, she assisted in initiating a maternal/newborn home health program. Her professional affiliations include Association of Women's Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses; Oklahoma Nurses Association; Sigma Theta Tau; and Oklahoma Perinatal Nurses Association. She is currently employed as a maternal-child clinical educator at Mercy Health Center where she plans to continue working after graduation from SNU.

Andrea E. Kesterson, Bachelor of Science in International Studies

Ms. Andrea E. Kesterson, daughter of Terry and Chren Kesterson and granddaughter of Lloyd Kesterson, is from Hot Springs, Arkansas. While at SNU, Andrea has served as the student government vice president of Community Relations, president of Students in Free Enterprise, co-chair of Oklahoma Intercollegiate Legislature, founder and president of the SNU ethics chapter, chair of the Student Board of Directors, service committee chair for Mortar Board, emcee for Pow Wow, mentor for New Student Institute, and President's Ambassador. As an SNU student, Andrea has attended and studied at the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences in Beijing, China and at Oxford University in Oxford, England. Recently, she was selected to represent SNU in the 2009 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Universities & Colleges®. After graduation, Andrea plans to attend law school and hopes to one day work in developing nations.

Trish Myers, Bachelor of Science in Family Studies and Gerontology

Mrs. Trish Myers and her husband, Rodney, reside in Oklahoma City. Trish has two grown children and four grandchildren. She has previously worked with adolescents in residential treatment centers and has done volunteer work for the past 20 years with adults in recovery from addiction. She is currently a bookkeeper for a small, local business while partnering with her husband in their construction and remodeling business. Trish completed her bachelor's degree at SNU in October 2008 and is currently enrolled in the SNU master's degree program for counseling psychology. Upon completion, she hopes to pursue licensure as a professional counselor and an alcohol and drug counselor.

Academic Mace

The academic mace traces its origins to the medieval battle mace and royal scepter and was adopted in the 14th century as a symbol of the university's ideals and commitment to learning. For academic ceremonies, the mace leads the procession and signals the beginning and ending of the ceremony.

The SNU mace made its inaugural journey in May 2008, carried in memory of the late Dr. Lyle Tullis, Professor of Sociology Emeritus. The mace was crafted from a walnut tree that once grew on the SNU campus, and the stand was made from wood salvaged from a historic SNU building called the Tabernacle.

The mace is carried today by Dr. Dorothy Stasser, Professor of Psychology and chair of the SNU Department of Psychology. As a senior member of the faculty, she was elected to be honored and named Mace Bearer by faculty colleagues. Dr. Stasser has been a faculty member at SNU since the 1967-1968 academic year.

Barbara A. Koop
Gary L. Krenek
Sandra J. Kuebler
Kelly Marie Lang
Sophilia Lark-Woodbury
Carolyn Sue Loomis
Susannah Mallory Lowell
Tiffani R. Martin
Gina R. Melson
Katherine Penny Mitchell

Bachelor of Arts

Dylon Alexander Brown***
Matthew Francis Codd
Rachel Elizabeth Gering**

Bachelor of Music Education

Matthew Carl Aduddell

Bachelor of Science

Michael Stephen Adair, Jr.**
Mary Alicia Albright
Michael Gabrino Allen*
RoseAnna Lee Ashworth
Jonilee Marie Bachmann
Rudolf Kurt Bachmann III
Earl Preston Bailey, Jr.**
Fawn Michelle Barnes
Delano Barney
Douglas J. Baxter
Patricia Beaver-Carter
Jack Edward Beighle
Alice Elizabeth Fate Bengel***^
Janis Lou Bettes*
Norman "Tony" Beverage*
Calsie Lynnee Bigbee
Danyell Billups
Arthur Kaufman Blackburn
Jarrha Bolden
Alisha Nicole Booth
Gary Bramlett**
Jennifer L. Braun
Tamara Leigh Brawner-Hammon
Crystal E. Bray*
Rachel Diane Brock
Henry E. Brown*
Justin D. Brown
Tamela Ann Brown*
Jeanie Lyn Buck**

Mona L. Mix
Breanna K. Paquette
Lynda Peirce
Thomas Trent Pettigrew
Shelly Dawn Phillips
Randa D. Pospisil
Sandra R. Reed-Smith
Kimberly Karil Reger
Mary E. Rottler
Bill Edgar Rozell, Jr.

Andrea Elisabeth Kesterson*
Chris H. Ludington*

Trent Allen Robinson

Jessica Hayley Buck
Mary Teresa Buffington*
Brian Alan Butler*
Amy Kathleen Byars
Angilena Jo Calaway*
April Leigh Carson*
Miranda Valon Cash
LaShelle Monique Chandler
Clinton Keith Chapman
Charles Justin Clark*
Danielle Marie Clark^
Johanna Rose Clark***^
Megan Mackenzie Clements
Tammy R. Coffee
Ross Allen Coffey**
Donna L. Coleman*
Charles Lee Cones
Jarrod Roy Cordova*
Dustin S. Cornell
Jason Alexander Creech^
Cynthia Anne Crisp*^
Douglas L. Davis
Michael A. Dawson
Jason Robert De Groot
Lisa Dawn Dean*
Lisa Kay Deaton*
Mark Scott DeLong*^
Cheryl M. Dowis
Alicia Ann Dudley***

Amy G. Shaw
Jennifer Nichole Shaw
Ajeenah D. Spriggs
Trena L. Sullivan
Velmarie K. Swing
Rick James Wagon
Lawresse Naila Walker
Leslie Renee Warner
Jimmie Kay Wetmore
Arnetta D. Williams

Tyler Paul McCarthy
Natalja Maria Voellmecke

Maya Michelle Dunn
George Powers Dunseath**
Jana Mozelle Eldred*
Scott Allen Elliott**
Billy Guy Ellis
Linda J. Ellis
Mark Allen Ellis***^
Tejana Marshay Elmore
Brent David Erskine
Mary Beth Evans
Richard Allen Evans*
Tami Exendine
James Don Farris
Meredith D. Fazendin*
Karen D. Ferguson*^
Brent Ray Fields
Kathy Fiscus***^
Lisa Marie Flusche
Erik Michael Fuller**
Larmeta Renee Gettes*
John William Gillaspay III
Richard Austin Goins*
Kacey Clint Goodman
Lori Lee Granec***^
Matthew Alan Green
Scott Greenlee
Logan Riley Greve
Marilyn Elaine Grimaud

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Degree Candidates Continued

Joseph John Gronigan	Stephen E. King	Carolyn J. Morrow**
Staci Ann Gunckel	Dayna LaJoyce Kirk*	Marlynn Davia Moss
Brenda Denese Hall***	Kelli Dawn Krueger**	Michelle Lee Moss*
Daira Doreene Hall	Nga Thien Le**	Mitchell Everett Murrow
Jubal Timothy Hall	Sarah Ann Ledgerwood	Gina Marie Myers
Dustin Jay Hamer^	Shane Michael Lee*	Scotty Lee Myers**
Mary Ann Hand	Meghan Elisabeth Lepak**	Tricia J. Myers^
Samantha Paige Harbert	Leroy L. Lewis, Jr.	Janeé Danielle Nesbit
Chris Lee Hardin	Angela Marie Loest	Gregory Armon Newburn
Jodie Ann Harper	Sherie Estelle Loman*	Dean Dong Di Nguyen
Jessica Carol Harris**	Cory Brad Lovelace	Janette L. Nichols^
Robin Lee Harris*	Pamela DePue Lovelady	Rhonda Lynn Nichols-Lugo***^
Jerald De'Wayne Harrison	Jerri Beth Loveland	Jonathon Edward Niles
Mindy Rai Harrison-Brown	Robert Douglas Loyd	John Ryan O'Toole
Christy D. Hawzipta*	Lakesa L. Mace	Dennis Ernest Ortiz
Steven M. Hayes	Tami Jean Maine**	Jon W. Parrish^
Mary Elizabeth Henriksen***^	Richard Theo Marsack	Nicholas Lee Patterson
Steven William Henry**	Robert Scott Martin	Stephanie D. Patton*
William Christopher Hickman	Jesse Martinez**	Shawn Leah Peek*
Todd Wayne Hicks	Melinda Anne Massey*	Mark Glenmore Pelfrey*
Samantha Yvonne Hill*	Katy Lynn Mauldin	Angela Susan Perry
Daniel Lamont Hishaw	Michele Suzan Mayes*	Aisa P. Pessagno**
Amy Dawn Hocker	Michael Lawrence Mayhew*	Barbara Kay Poulter
Kasa Marie Hollingshead*	Jerry Ray Maynard	Vasheta LaVen Prather*
Danna Rae Holmes	Stephen J. Barnard McAllister	Jennifer Kaye Pryse**^
Kristen Dey Holmes	Catina Lorine McCullough*	Jan Louise Quayle
Jenna Lynette Holt**	James H. McKay, Jr.	Candida Darlene Railey
Janice Denese Howard^	Stephanie Marie McKnight	Jason Kelly Ramsey
Jason Allen Huffman	Janice M. McLaughlin	Michael Shane Rear
Rhema Elliot Ingram*	Stephen Andrew McMurtrey	Alicia Renteria
Robert Gregory Ingram	Jason Matthew McNully	Dana Maurice Reynolds***
Jerry Jackson^	Joshua J. Means	Kristin Lyn Reynolds
Carol Ann Jahn***	Christopher Thomas Mencion	Cornelius Richardson*
Caroletta Faye Johnson	Angela Kay Merriman**	Christopher Michael Rider
Christopher Wayne Johnson	John Edward Miller	Tesha Ann Robinson
Gina Ellis Johnson	Stephen Wayne Miller***	Carri Rene Rohlmeier***^
Patricia Ann Johnson	Donna Kay Miner**	Treasur Gai Rollins*
Tim Ellis Jones*	Lawson Scott Minney*	Ricky Ray Roulston*
Timothy William Jones	Denise Gale Modrow-Hannebaum	Claudia Raquel Ruiz
Mark Louis Kaulaity	Sally Renee Mondragon**	Stewart Eldon Sanor*
Shane Ray Keeton	Brandie D. Moore	Sandro Dos Santos
Von M. Kelley	Aaron Ricardo Mora	Jordan Zachary Saunders
Jennifer Juanita Kemp***	Michael Wayne Morey	Nicholas Tyler Schneider
Joseph L. Kidwell II*	Kyle Derek Morris	Michael A. Shand
Kymerlee Dawn Kietlyka	Sherrri Morrison	

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Antwanya Danyale Shaw	Robin Michele Thatcher*	Sherry Diana Westmoreland***^
Bradley Thomas Shipman	Cara Lynn Thomas*	Joseph Hamilton Wheeler
Connie Mae Smith	Tyler Thompson	Cody B. White
James Allen Smith^	Regina Michelle Thurman*	John Charles White***^
Marsha L. Smith**	Brandon Keith Tucker	Natalie Fae Wilkowske
Crystal Michelle Snead*	S. Judy Tudyk^	Christina Ann Williams
Tommy J. Sneed*	Beverly Sue Turman***	Clinton Frederick Williams**
James Micheal Spears*	Elizabeth G. Ugarte	Kevin R. Williams^
Michael Andrew Spencer	Prisca Chioma Ughanze*	Stephanie Renee Williams
Kristin Michelle Sprague	Maurice Allen Upshaw, Jr.	Norman Wilbert Williams III
Marc Wayne St. Clair*	Brock Michael VanCleave*	Cory Dale Wilson
Shawn David Stanford**^	Larry G. Vuycankiat	Douglas Scott Wilson
Ryan R. Stephens**	ShyRhonda C. Wahlmeier	Pamela Adkins Wilson*
Ashley Faye Stevenson	Karli Amanda Walker	Roslyn Gaye Wilson
Julia Michelle Stover	Dennis Clark Wall*	Jason Cole Wollard
Brian Ross Sweeney	Colette Roshone Walter*	Scott Robert Woodbury**
Jori Elizabeth Taggart*	Renee Lynn Watley	Regina Larzett Wray-Pannell
Angela Michelle Talamantes	Chris J. Watson***	Gwendolyn S. Wyatt*
Mary Edith Taylor**	Tashila C. Watson	Stephanie Leigh Yoder
Jamie Lee Teel**	Justin Ray Weaver	Sandi Renee Young
Christopher Yong Tharp**	Kandi Lee West	Leopoldo S. Zamora, Jr.

Note: This list is not intended to be used as the official indication of graduation or honors. Official SNU transcripts, signed and sealed by the proper officers, are the testimony to the conferring of a degree and/or academic honor. Students completing graduation requirements or submitting required documentation after the posted and/or announced deadline may not be included in this program. Names of graduates are listed alphabetically and not in the order in which they are called.

Honors and Regalia

Students graduating with high cumulative grade point averages are indicated in the degree candidates list as follows. Grade point averages for the most recent semester may or may not be included.

* **Cum laude** - cumulative GPA of 3.40 through 3.69

** **Magna cum laude** - cumulative GPA of 3.70 through 3.89

*** **Summa cum laude** - cumulative GPA of 3.90 through 4.00

The **Distinguished Achievement Award** is an honor granted to students from each cohort in the School of Professional Studies. Selection is based on outstanding scholarship and exceptional leadership within the program and on recommendations by program directors, faculty and classmates. Recipients are identified in the degree candidates list with the ^ symbol. This 2008-2009 academic year marks the 23rd year of presenting these awards.

Hoods are unique to educational institutions and are vestments that identify the degree conferred and the granting institution. Students receiving master's degrees today are vested with a hood with the SNU colors in the silk lining. The edging of the hoods shows the colors of degrees conferred today: drab for Master of Business Administration, white for Master of Arts, and golden-yellow for Master of Science.

Cords and **medallions** worn by graduates signify membership in national honor societies and participation in the Ronald E. McNair Postbaccalaureate Achievement program. **White stoles** indicate completion of advanced General Education coursework in the Enrichment Track.