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***PROCESSIONAL**

"Pomp and Circumstance" by Sir Edward Elgar

Prof. Tim Marek

Adjunct Professor, School of Music

FLAG BEARERS

Putnam City High School

Air Force JROTC Color Guard

MACE BEARER

Dr. Melany Kyzer

Professor, Division of Cultural and Communication Studies

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Dr. Tim Eades

Provost

***INVOCATION**

Ms. Sonya Smith

Parent of Graduate

GREETINGS AND INTRODUCTIONS

Dr. Keith Newman

University President

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Dr. Kevin Lewis

Regional President and CEO of SSM Health Medical Group

SNU Class of 1991

HONORS AND RECOGNITIONS

Dr. Tim Eades

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

Dr. Tim Eades

AWARDING OF DEGREES

Dr. Keith Newman

INTRODUCTION OF GRADUATES

Dr. Dennis Williams

Vice President of Strategy and Innovation

ALUMNI INDUCTION

Rev. Larry Morris

Vice President of University Relations

SNU ALMA MATER

Prof. Rebekah Ambrosini

Associate Professor, School of Music

***BENEDICTION**

Mr. John Braaten
Parent of Graduate
SNU Class of 1988

RECESSIONAL

Board of Trustees, faculty and platform personnel will recess in a line of march.
Graduates and guests will be dismissed at the conclusion of the recessional.

GUEST DISMISSAL

Dr. Dennis Williams

**Audience please stand as you are able.*

ALMA MATER

Words: Adopted 1940; Revised by J. Michael Crabtree (1986), Music: H.S. Thompson (1857)

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.
(to Chorus)

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.
(to Chorus)

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.
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CHORUS

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

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Provost

***INVOCATION**

Ms. Arrean Corbin

Parent of Graduate

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University President

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

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Regional President and CEO of SSM Health Medical Group

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Dr. Keith Newman

INTRODUCTION OF GRADUATES

Dr. Dennis Williams

Vice President of Strategy and Innovation

ALUMNI INDUCTION

Dr. Marian Redwine

Vice President for Enrollment and Marketing

SNU ALMA MATER

Prof. Rebekah Ambrosini

Associate Professor, School of Music

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Ms. Jan Martin
Parent of Graduate
SNU Class of 1975

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Degree Candidates ~ Morning

Associate of Arts

Aaliyah Drake

Hunter Marlene Jones

Bachelor of Arts

Madison Mullins Bechtold*

Breyanna Brice*

Cole Lee Cizek

Rachel Collins

Kori Grace Cook

Alexander Crutcher

Shantalle Marie Demirjian

Colby Dewayne Dockens

Leonardo A. Gonzalez-Romero**

Caleb Matthew Hughes

Alex Thomas Jenkins

Madison Jade Kinnamon

Nathan Livingston*

Karsyn Elizabeth Matthews***^

Baylee Breann Perkins

Anah Rackley*

Mariah Slothower*

Kevin Stark**

Claire Marie Tillis**

Jonathan Tripodi

Joshua Walters*

Madelyn Lee Watkins

Leobardo Zuniga, Jr.

Bachelor of Music Education

William Winslow

Bachelor of Science

Aaron R. Achipa

Skye Mamoahinaalaloimehani Sakura Ah Yat

James Ruben Alvarez

Madison Arnold*

Cassandra Awatt***^

Lauren Nicole Baldwin*

Gary Davis Ballard

Colton R. Bechtold

Karsten L. Berg

Hope Elizabeth Berry***

Maik Jakko Bouwer*

Krista Braaten*

Kolbe Branch

Jacy Brazil

Brian Lamont Brown II

Nicholas Ryan Brown**

Elijah Joseph Calhoun

Jose F. Carreon, Jr.

Jose Aaron Castaneda, Jr.

Jackson David Chappell*

Austin Zachary Clemons

William T. Coffman*

Tyler Ray Cook***

Matthew Phillip Core**

Alexis M. Cormier

Chaya Lynae Crittenden

Alexandre de Oliveira da Silva Junior***^

Dajia Davis

Jarvis Davis

Ramiro Diez Jimenez

Mitch Easterling

Sarah Elam**

Noah Ellis

Cole Justin Embrey

Christian Allen Escritt**

Guy Alexander Esquivel

Sydney Renay Everhart***

Hailie Lane Fellers**

Tristan Florence

Jesus Alberto Garcia Rojas

Thomas Graham

Kassandra Nicole Gray***

Parker David Greenhill

Bailey Michele Grimes***

Gustavo Guzman*

Madalyn Harper**

Jordan Rahne Harrell*

Joshua K. Harris

Daylan Hawkins*^

Taylor Hawkins

Jayne Eugenia Hightower***

Patrick Hine*

Charles Andrew Isaacs**

Adokiye Iyaye

Emilie Jackson

Natalie DeeAnn James***^

Nile Allen Jarrell

Josh Johnson

Alexus Nycole Jones

Braden Allen Jones

Trevor Kinsey

Kaitlyn Knight

Brinni Dawn Knox

Kaley Nichole Knox*

Kiersten Lewis***

Jadyn Lingo

Gunnar Long***

Angel Francisco Lopez

Bachelor of Science (Continued)

Lindsey Luker	Jackson Ellis Rothwell^
Ashley Marie Marmon	Dylan Jordan Scalice
Sari Lynne Marquardt***	Kennedy Kristine Scott***^
Morgan Marquis	Austin Slate
Riley McCubbins*	Addalyn Paige Smith**
Kimberly McDorman*	Addie Elizabeth Smith***
Taylor Ann Middendorf**	Ashley Dawn Smith*
Austin Jon Miller	D'kari Marquis Smith
Grace Miracle***	Riley Smith*
Jason Emmanuel Monterroso	Trenton Jucoby Smith**^
Avery Morris*	Jaycee Michelle Soap*
Jason Phillip Morris**^	DeLaney Stewart
Emily Jo Nana*	Susana Thang
Trenton Niedert	Ethan Thomason***
Brenda Ortiz	Andrew Tisdale
Rodney Solomon Palmer, Jr.	Kristen Dahl Toepfer
Emily Palmore	Jennifer Corina Toj Aleman
Camden Kolt Patterson**	Matt Treacy
Noah Pelletier	Chelsea M. Vandiver*
Derek Evan Philliber***	Rebecca Warden
Abrianna Marie Pocock***	Cameron Wells
Angel Ramsey Ramirez	Alyssa Wheeler**
Ashlee Ray	Preston D. Williams***
Jayden Cross Ridgway*	Morris Wilson II
Joshua Hunter Robertson*	Patricia D'Anne Wilson***
Rudy Ray Rocket III	Grayson Winters**
Maria Fernanda Rodriguez Hernandez	Megan Elaine Wortmann***
Victoria Rose Rodriguez	Saira Guadalupe Zamarripa

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Afaf Munawer Almutairi	Rachel Morgan
Alejandra Andrade	Alyssa Danielle Orr
Maximilia Chizom Anuonye	Adesola Temitope Oyedokun
Delainna Callie Beard	Sarah Paul
Tessa Elizabeth Bethea*	Alexis Mae Perez*
Doris Bimpeh*	Aisha Pitts*
Adam T. Blasing	Emily McKenzie Pryor^
Lauren Elizabeth Boswell	Maya Punjabi
MattieGrace Bowersock*	Jisun Rho
Emily M. Breckenridge	Haven Rodgers*
Hillary Diann Cantwell	Melody Ryan**
Kylie R. Carr***	Logan Taylor Sabatelli**
Linda Lizette Cifuentes	Ashlyn Nicole Stelting
Judy B. Fox	Kaleigh Stolz*
Cassidy Gammill*	Madison Dawn Warner*
Nikole Halladay-Meth	Gracie Kyla Wimmer*
Rahul V. John	Tara Zarasvand*

Degree Candidates ~ Afternoon

Doctor of Education

A. Spring Bruins
Stephanie Elaine Cavner
Twyler Danyel Earl
Ysheka Denise Gooden

Loren M. McElroy
Shari Lynn Rodgers
John Timothy Stephens

Master of Arts

Melanie Kaye Berry
Natalie L. Bird
Benjamin Hurricane Corliss
Arlene Michelle Curtis
Kenneth Wade Daugherty
Michael Scott Davis
Carter Devine-Billen
Petar Durdevic
Drew Patrick Etheredge
Nathan C. Fawver
Amber Rae Gadberry
Qu'Taija Ajanique Gibson
Mark Wade Green
Jacob Lee Hamilton
Doryan Isaiah Harris
Raymond Allen Henry
Austin S. Higgs
William Henry Horton IV
Jennifer Jennings
Lisa Marie Johnson
Jordan Taylor Lahmeyer-Jarrett
Michelle Lopez
Devin Ryan Martinez

Rodney Dallas Lamont Morgan
Dennis Jay Muret
Samuel Luke Nelson
Allen Payne
Brandee Pierson
Raegene Riggs
Ezekiel Vidal Rodriguez
Reid Daniel Roelofs
Kenzie Marie Royce
Michael Schnatz
Samantha R. Smith
Tracey Foster Sontag
Marcelina Lydia Barrientes Sutton
Justin Scott Tate
Misty A. Thompson
Jay Scott Valerius
Amanda Rene Walsh
Lauren Nicole Walsh
Dana L. White
C.J. White
Danesa Rae Wilson
Hannah Elizabeth Wilson

Master of Business Administration

Anthony Adams
Chad A. Amrein
April Barker
Danilo Cifuentes
Sabra Rashelle Claybrook
Christopher Michael Couch
Ismael Fernandez
Makila Fields
Shirley Fonte
Eathen Lee Graham
Retina Renee Gray
Kristen Danae Hanford
Cheryl Leslie Rhodes-Haubrich
Haley Dawn Hoogendoorn
Brittani L. Hunter
Sha'nell Michon Hurling
Nicole Hutcherson
Ashley Louise Jackson
Samuel Jones
Gwener Hyacinth Joseph-Cain
Christi Michelle Lee

Cheryl A. Little
Yaritza Lusk
Crystal L. Marfil
Tyler Scott Martin
Jenny Lind Matlock
James Otis Maynard, Sr.
Zachary Raymond McAlpin
Alisha Michelle McCuan
Emile Nkembe
Cody Odell Pense
Sara Frances Pitts-Milford
Osvaldo Adrian Rocha
Austin Schoenfeldt
Christian Shelmire
Angela Gail Smith
Elizabeth Snoddy
Ben David Still
John L. Tener
Emily Katherine Urbina
Chakhara Marie Winston

Master of Science

Paloma Monarque Badinelli
Erica Stevie Becerra
Jose F. Carreon, Jr.
Leslie Cooper
Abrianna Dechell Drake
Brian S. Kilhoffer
Cassie Jo Learned
Corey Wayne Ledford
Deontae Defonzo Mack

Jose Alfredo Pena
Jared Lewis Rayburn
Breanu Ashlea Lennae Reid
Maria Isabel Rendon
Jose Manuel Rojas
Corey D. Still
Kira Walkup
Raymond Wingfield

Associate of Arts

Kevin Farr
Marsha Gentry

Johnathon Scott Thronesberry
Pat H. Williams III*

Bachelor of Science

Gloria Ngozi Francis Agalaba
Dawn M. Barrick^
Nicole D. Barriera**
Aaron S. Carter
Sonya Elaine Clay
Son Yong Comfort
Peter J. Cox***^
Jessica Charis Daniels
Amber Elizabeth Dawson
Bill V. Dean III
Jessica Deason
Bryan Edwin Dietz**
Bradley Michael Dunn^
Oluwagbenga A. Famuagun
Tyrhonda LaTara Fisher
Kasandra Ford
Sammy A. Frejo III*
Jasmine Fuller-Ross
Kevin D. Fullingim*
LaRhonda Gibbs
Erik J. Hallen*^
Mason Hamilton
Chase Hebert
Angela D. Henry
Jennifer Marie Hernandez
Xavier Hill
Brittney Reneé Houston
Christopher Bill Hughes
Chris Kham Inthasone
Amy L. Jones
Jenai Keith
Wennette Dorsey-Kelly
Antonio Leake, Sr.^

Kaci Logan
Yasmin Mahjoub**
Ordileide Licarla Pedro Manuel
Christine Markwell
Candelario Martinez Tapia
Benjamin James Moore
Lawanna R. Morales
Lonathan Chance Morgan
Dennis M. Nixon**^
Eugene Peabody***
Tasha Marie Pearce^
Shaun Peters
Emily Christine Potter
Ashley Pugh*^
Brian Dean Randell
Nancy Rivera
Garrett M. Robitaille*
Brenda Saldivar Rosales***
Cathy Joy Schoening
Shanda L. Schuermann^
Benjamin D. Settles*
Jacob Smith
James Smith
Bryce Snow
Stephany Leigh Stratton*
Kevin P. Sumrall
Carol Kay Sumner*
Brooke Ashley Thomason
Keyontae D. Triplett
Eric Cody Tyler
Paulena Lynn Watson*^
Christopher Alan Weiszbrod
Lakisha Winters***^



GOLDEN GRADS

We honor members of the Bethany Nazarene College Class of 1972, who 50 years ago walked across the Commencement stage to receive their diplomas. Each Golden Graduate has been presented with a special commemorative medallion with the BNC & SNU seals. By honoring these Golden Grads, we signify the life-long connection between our Alumni and this institution.

Maribeth *Vickers* Boettler

William D. Cates

Dr. James D. Dorough

Gene L. Franklin

Rick E. Hall

Rev. Kenneth V. Hathaway

Katherine *Falkner* Hermance

Terry L. Hermance

Keith G. Keltner

Cathy *Arndts* Miller

Cathi *Moore* Mount

Dr. J.D. Parkhurst

Sue *Sloop* Robertson-Smith

Cheryl *Mauldin* Sherrick

Dr. Duane E. Srader

Rev. Bradley W. Warkentine

Honorary Doctorate **JAMES S. (JIM) HILL**

Jim has been pastor of the Calvary Church of the Nazarene in Bethany, OK since October of 2004.

Born and raised in Alabama, he and his wife, DeAnna, now reside in Bethany. Jim has been in pastoral ministry for 41 years, having served churches in Alabama, Texas, Ohio, and Oklahoma.

During his years as pastor, Jim has been actively involved at the district and general level of the denomination, as well as having served on the Board of Trustees at Mount Vernon Nazarene University in Ohio, and 15 years on the Board of Trustees at Southern Nazarene University. He was elected and served for over 35 years on several Nazarene District Advisory Boards.

Jim attended Nazarene Bible College, completing an Associates Degree in Biblical Studies, Mid-America Nazarene University earning a Bachelor's Degree in Religion and completed a Master's Degree in Theology at Southern Nazarene University.

He is also a graduate of the School of Large Church Management (tract IV) sponsored by the Church of the Nazarene.

Jim's career has afforded him many opportunities for ministry outside the church. He served as volunteer chaplain at the Children's Hospital of Alabama, Civilian Chaplain of Lackland and Kelley Air Force Bases in San Antonio, Texas and adjunct professor at Mt. Vernon Nazarene University.

The Hills have two daughters; Aspen (Mike) Bischoff and Jamie (Matt) Fallwell. They have five grandchildren; Easton, Reagan, and Brooklyn Fallwell and Landry and Presley Bischoff.

Speaker

KEVIN L. LEWIS MD, CPE, FAASM

Dr. Kevin Lewis is a Pulmonary, Critical Care, and Sleep Medicine physician by clinical background practicing for 15 years before fully focusing on his journey as a healthcare executive. Kevin is currently the Regional President and CEO of SSM Health Medical Group based in Oklahoma City, OK. Former executive roles include Chief Medical Officer of the Parkridge Health System and the Memorial Health Care System in Chattanooga, TN, Chief Medical and Quality Officer for the Hillcrest Healthcare System and Utica Park Clinic in Tulsa, OK, as well as Chief Medical Officer for Graymark Healthcare in Oklahoma City, OK.

Kevin is a graduate of Southern Nazarene University and the University of Texas Health Sciences Center San Antonio for Medical School. He completed his Internal Medicine Residency at the University of Oklahoma College of Medicine-Tulsa and Pulmonary, Critical Care, and Sleep Medicine fellowship at the University of Kentucky.

Kevin met his lovely wife, Michelle, while at Southern Nazarene University. They have three beautiful daughters, two of which have also attended Southern Nazarene University.

Commencement Information

ACADEMIC MACE

The honor of Academic Mace Bearer is awarded by a faculty vote to a senior member of the SNU faculty in recognition of dedicated service and outstanding qualities that exemplify the SNU motto “Character/Culture/Christ.” Today the mace is carried by Dr. Melany Kyzer, Professor, Division of Cultural and Communication Studies. Dr. Kyzer has served full-time as a SNU faculty member since 2001.

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. On ceremonial occasions at SNU, the mace is carried by a senior faculty member at the head of the procession. For commencement exercises, the mace is placed in its stand to signal the beginning of the ceremony and removed to mark the ceremony’s end.

The SNU academic mace made its inaugural journey in the May 2008 Commencement. It is crafted in walnut from a tree that once grew on SNU’s campus, and the stand is made from wood salvaged from another historic SNU building called The Tabernacle where early Nazarenes once worshipped. Both of these pieces of wood, though cracked and flawed, were saved by the late Dr. Lyle Tullis, SNU Professor Emeritus of Sociology, whose life and service impacted countless SNU colleagues and students. His son, Dr. K. J. Tullis, used this wood to craft the mace.

HONORS AND REGALIA

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

*Cum laude - cumulative GPA of 3.50 through 3.74

**Magna cum laude - cumulative GPA of 3.75 through 3.89

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

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 identified 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, golden-yellow for Master of Science, and light blue for Doctor of Education.

Cords and medallions worn by degree candidates signify membership in honor societies, participation in the Ronald E. McNair Postbaccalaureate Achievement program, participation in Student Support Services, participation in the Presidential Leadership Scholar program, participation in the LiveLast service program or completion of the SNU Honors Program. Military students and faculty are wearing red, white and blue cords signifying their service.

PRESIDENT’S AWARDS

The President’s Award is the highest award given to one male and one female traditional, undergraduate SNU student selected by the faculty, staff, and administration of the University. The winners should demonstrate a commitment to Refining Character, Creating Culture, and Serving Christ through loyalty, cooperation, service, appreciation of learning, sportsmanship, and leadership, all through a Christlike example. The finalists are noted in the morning degree candidates list with the ^ symbol. The sculpture presented to recipients is entitled, “A Cup...in His Name” and was crafted by SNU alumnus Scott Stearman. Their names will be added to a plaque displaying names of recipients since 1940. This marks the 83rd year for presenting this award.

DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

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 with the ^ symbol in the degree candidates list. This marks the 36th year for the presentation of these awards.

UNIVERSITY HONORS

The University Honors Award is an honor of special recognition chosen by the Board of Trustees. Each honor is an expression of the values of Southern Nazarene University. In bestowing any of them, the Board of Trustees not only recognizes an individual but also states publicly that the individual exemplifies SNU’s values. The Crimson Award celebrates outstanding long-term service to SNU, to the SNU community, or to the Church of the Nazarene.

COMMENCEMENT PERSONNEL

Faculty Marshals and the Office of Academic Affairs, in conjunction with other Commencement Planning Committee members, are primarily responsible for the planning and coordination of Commencement ceremonies. The Faculty Marshals serving today are Dr. Sylvia Goodman, Professor and Director, Kinesiology Graduate Programs; Dr. Cathy Hutchings-Wedel, Professor and Director, Organizational Leadership, School of Professional Studies; Dr. Melany Kyzer, Professor and Chair, Division of Cultural and Communications Studies; Dr. Loren McElroy, Associate Professor and Director, PTA Program; Dr. Tim Taylor, Professor and Chair, School of Education; and Dr. Ron Wright, Professor, Department of Psychology and Counseling.

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. The following University Marshals are assisting the Faculty Marshals during the May 2022 Commencement:

**Jaime Acre
Paige Adams
Hannah Danley
Camden Goff**

**William Heise
Clayton Hooper
Josh Jones
Trenda LeGrande**

**Macie Joy Nantze
Melànie B. Siems
Jessica Slothower
Michaela Truitt**



Our mission is to make Christlike disciples
through higher education.