

SOUTHERN WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY

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# HONORS CONVOCATION

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MONDAY AND WEDNESDAY

MARCH 28 and 30, 2022

10:00 A.M.

NEWTON HOBSON CHAPEL AND FINE ARTS CENTER

# HONORS CONVOCATION

\*INVOCATION..... Dr. Michael Tapper  
Chair of Religion Division, Associate Professor of Religion, and Director of Quest

\*HYMN .....Dr. Don Campbell  
"Great is Thy Faithfulness" Professor of Music

WELCOME .....Dr. April White Pugh  
Provost

RESPONSIVE READING ..... Reverend Ken Dill  
Associate Vice President for Spiritual Life and University Chaplain

(Author: St. Francis of Assisi, 1182-1226)

L = Leader

C = Congregation

L: Almighty, eternal, just and merciful God:  
C: **Grant us the desire to do only what pleases you.**  
L: And the strength to do only what you command.  
C: **Cleanse our souls,**  
L: Enlighten our minds,  
C: **And inflame our hearts with your Holy Spirit,**  
ALL: **That we may follow in the footsteps of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

\*Audience standing

**ACADEMIC AWARDS**

**Charles and Gloria Joiner Honors Program** .....Dr. April White Pugh  
Provost

Bethannie Perrine with Faculty Mentor Dr. Jeffrey Mohr  
*Senior Project: Movement and Behavioral Patterns of Northern Watersnakes in South Carolina Riverine Systems and Man-Made Bodies of Water*

Makayla Sexton with Faculty Mentor Laura Timmerman  
*Senior Project: Upstate Foster Care Needs Assessment and Program Development*

**SCICU Student/Faculty Research Grant** .....Dr. April White Pugh  
Provost

Taylor Broadwell with Dr. Tingting Han and Dr. Walt Sinnamon  
*Evaluating Antimicrobial Properties of Traditional Chinese Medicine Plant Extracts*

Bethannie Perrine with Dr. Jeffrey Mohr  
*Movement and Behavioral Patterns of Northern Watersnakes in South Carolina Riverine Systems and Man-Made Bodies of Water*

**Dr. Susan T. Rouse Memorial Honors Research Scholarship** ..... Laura Timmerman  
Assistant Professor of Economics and Statistics

**ACADEMIC HONORS**

**Alpha Chi** .....Dr. Michael Keaton  
Professor of History

*Awarded to the top five percent of junior class, top ten percent of senior class; must have completed sixty hours at Southern Wesleyan University*

Amber Bass, Christian Boulton, Dylan Carter, Hannah Dennis, Emily Herndon, Olivia Keaton, Taylor Lee, Bailey Legacy, Emily McNair, Bryanna Pickens, Cassidy Pittman, Taylor Rouse, Rebecca Tankersley, Emma Jo Wolfe

**Alpha Sigma Lambda** .....Dr. Priscilla Hammond  
Assistant Professor of Graduate Studies

*Awarded to the top twenty percent of students who are at least 25 years of age, have earned a minimum of 24 credits in a baccalaureate program, and have earned a minimum cumulative collegiate GPA of 3.2*

Bailey Legacy

**Alpha Phi Sigma** .....Dr. Bruce Gay  
Professor of Criminal Justice

*Awarded to criminal justice majors and minors who have earned a minimum of 36 collegiate credit hours, 12 credit hours of which must have been earned in coursework in the criminal justice field; attained at least a 3.2 collegiate GPA; and who rank in the top 35% of their class*

Emily Matherlee, Hannah Stewart

**Sigma Tau Delta**.....Dr. Jonathan Sircy  
Associate Professor of English

*Awarded to students who have completed at least 36 credit hours, two college courses in English language or literature beyond the usual requirements in freshman English, have earned a minimum of 3.0 collegiate GPA, and who rank in the top 35% of their class*

Ashley Latham, Taylor Lee, Addie Seate, Karen Weber

**Beta Beta Beta** .....Dr. Staci Johnson  
Associate Professor of Biology

*Awarded to biology, pre-medical, pre-dental, environmental studies, and exercise science majors and minors who have completed at least one term of the second year of a four year curriculum, at least three semester courses in biological science, of which one is not an introductory course, with an average grade of B in each course, and have an overall GPA of at least a 3.0.*

**Regular Members**

Samantha Benner, Jarena Byers, Caden Cotton, Noah Dilday, Hannah Hall, Vonnie Hunt, Addi Johnson, Gabby Kidder, DJ Luwick, Kaela McLoed, Noah Meadows, Eddie Moss, Allie Newberry, Joanna Nikolakakos, Bryanna Pickens, Marilia Solis, Jake Wisniewski

**Junior Class Honors** ..... Dr. Stephen Preacher  
Dean, Benson School of Business

**Ushers**

*Academic leaders of the junior class with a minimum of sixty hours at Southern Wesleyan.*

Julia Reeves, Abbigale Frock, Ashley Allen, Taylor Rouse, Rebecca Tankersley, Joanna Nikolakakos, Gabrielle Kidder, Olivia Keaton, Natasha Levesley

**Marshal**

*Highest cumulative GPA at the end of the fall semester, junior year*

Dylan Carter

**Graduation Honors**..... Dr. Stephen Preacher  
Dean, Benson School of Business

*Cum Laude — Cumulative GPA of 3.4-3.59 on all work attempted*

Elyanah Chen, Nyeshia Crosby, Nytashia Crosby, Isaac Farsht, Elicia Hughes, Donald Ludwick, Joy Namyst, Harley Owen, Jennifer Pence, Bethannie Perrine, Joshua Price, Lewis Schaller, Peyton Shelton, Jesse Soles, Gregory Sutton, Meghan Tew, Brandon Trimby, Panayioti Tsirkas, Chandler Whittle, Hannah Williams, Katy Willis

*Magna Cum Laude — Cumulative GPA of 3.6-3.79 on all work attempted*

Kira Bacon, Malachi Beck, Tyler Bennett, Taylor Broadwell, Lydia Clanton, Emma Collins, Tamera Ervin, Rebecca Freeze, Anna Genzer, Marcus Greene, Jacob Harris, Hayden Hughes, Leonard Hughes, Marion Johnson, Madison Lewellen, Katherine McDaniel, Carter Rains, Anita Rhodes, Sasha Schoenborn, Eric Shelton, Kaitlyn Stewart, Gabriela Sutay, Matthew Turner, Richard Tysinger, Walter Wilson

**Graduation Honors**..... Dr. Stephen Preacher  
Dean, Benson School of Business

*Summa Cum Laude* — Cumulative GPA of 3.8-4.0 on all work attempted

Meredith Alexander, Bess Athens, Carrie Barton, Tabitha Beecher, Haley Bertie,  
Delaney Byers, Jocelyn Cosgrove, Hannah Dennis, Casey Frock, Joshua Galloway,  
Dallace Graham, Ashley Latham, Bailey Legacy, Dylan McDonagh, Lydia Perry,  
Cassidy Pittman, Kaitlin Potter, Makayla Sexton, Mark Stevenson, Kari Sutton, Jacob  
Wisniewski, Briannah Woodhams

*University Honors* – SWU GPA of 3.8 - 4.0 on at least sixty hours taken under SWU Faculty

Mary Bolden

**Staff Member of the Year [awarded on Wednesday]** ..... Heath Mullikin  
Director of Alumni Relations, Staff Council President

**Faculty Member of the Year [awarded on Monday]** ..... Emma Collins, SGA President

***SCICU Excellence in Teaching Award*** ..... Jeff Mohr 2021 FMOY  
*Nominated by students, faculty, and staff; selected by the Faculty Member of the Year Committee*

**\*SCRIPTURAL CHARGE**..... Reverend Ken Dill  
Associate Vice President for Spiritual Life and University Chaplain  
*Jeremiah 9:23-24 (NASB)*

Thus says the LORD, “Let not a wise man boast of his wisdom, and let not the mighty man boast of his might, let not a rich man boast of his riches; but let him who boasts boast of this, that he understands and knows Me, that I am the LORD who exercises loving kindness, justice and righteousness on earth; for I delight in these things,” declares the LORD.

**\*BENEDICTION**..... Reverend Ken Dill  
Associate Vice President for Spiritual Life and University Chaplain

\*Audience standing

### **Alpha Chi Honor Society**

Established in 1915, Alpha Chi National College Honor Society is an honor society whose purpose is to promote academic excellence and exemplary character among college and university students and to honor those achieving such distinction.

The name *Alpha Chi* derives from the initial letters of the Greek words αληθεια (truth) and χαρακτηρ (character).

In 1981, Central Wesleyan College (now Southern Wesleyan University) formed the fourth chapter of Alpha Chi in South Carolina, becoming South Carolina Delta Chapter.

Membership in Alpha Chi is based on scholarship. The Academic Council approves the top five percent of the current junior class and the top ten percent of the current senior class. Candidates must have earned a minimum of 60 credit hours at Southern Wesleyan University.

Alpha Chi is unique among honor societies. It encourages not only scholarship but also service and faithfulness to the religious ideals of our university.

### **Alpha Sigma Lambda Honor Society**

Founded in 1946, Alpha Sigma Lambda National Honor Society celebrates the scholarship and leadership of adult students in higher education and is devoted to the advancement of scholarship and recognition of adult students continuing their education.

Alpha Sigma Lambda is the oldest and largest chapter-based honor society for full- and part-time students.

The inaugural year was 2010 for the Omicron Sigma chapter of Alpha Sigma Lambda at Southern Wesleyan University. The university is proud of these adult student-scholars who demonstrate a commitment to excellence amidst significant competing life responsibilities.

Academic Council approves the membership of the top 20% of current students over 25 years of age who have earned at least 24 credit hours in a baccalaureate degree program and a minimum cumulative collegiate GPA of 3.2.

### **Alpha Phi Sigma Honor Society**

Alpha Phi Sigma is the National Criminal Justice Honor Society and been a member of the Association of College Honor Societies since 1980. Alpha Phi Sigma is also supported by, and affiliated with, the Academy of Criminal Justice Science.

Membership is open to all current criminal justice majors and minors who have earned a minimum of 36 collegiate credit hours, 12 credit hours of which must have been earned in coursework in the criminal justice field; attained at least a 3.2 collegiate GPA; and who rank in the top 35% of their class. New members are added yearly as qualifying criteria are met.

## **Sigma Tau Delta Honor Society**

Established in 1924 as an international English honor society, Sigma Tau Delta confers distinction for high achievement in English language, literature, and writing among current students at accredited colleges and universities.

Candidates for undergraduate membership must have completed at least two college courses in English language or literature beyond the usual requirements in freshman English. The candidates must have earned a minimum of 36 credit hours and at least a 3.0 cumulative collegiate GPA. Candidates must rank in the highest 35% of their class.

## **Beta Beta Beta Biological Honor Society**

Beta Beta Beta Biological Honor Society (TriBeta) seeks to encourage scholarship in the field of Biology by reserving its regular membership for those who achieve superior academic records and indicate special aptitude for and major interest in the life sciences. It desires to cultivate intellectual interest in the natural sciences and to promote a better appreciation of the value of biological study. Beta Beta Beta also endeavors to extend the boundaries of man's knowledge of nature by encouraging new discoveries through scientific investigation and encourages undergraduate students to begin research work and report their findings in the journal of the society, BIOS. It emphasizes, therefore, a three-fold program: stimulation of scholarship, dissemination of scientific knowledge, and promotion of biological research.

Undergraduate membership is open to all current biology, pre-medical, pre-dentistry, environmental studies and exercise science majors and biology minors who have completed at least one term of the second year (45 semester hours) of a four year curriculum or its equivalent, have completed at least three semester courses in biological science, of which at least one is not an introductory course, with an average grade of B in each course, have an overall GPA of at least a 3.0 and are in good academic standing with the university.

## **The Academic Mace**

The ceremonial mace carried by Southern Wesleyan's Faculty Marshal represents the heritage, values and authority of the university. This piece of academic tradition has its roots in two separate ancient implements. First, the royal scepter represented the lawful power and regal authority of the king. Second, the club-like mace was a common implement of medieval warfare often used by bishops who were forbidden to use the sword. In the medieval period, royal bodyguards often carried a mace to protect the monarch in processions. By the 14<sup>th</sup> Century, the mace was primarily used ceremonially preceding persons of great importance and was highly decorated.

The first recorded use of the ceremonial academic mace dates back to 1385 at the University of Vienna. Since that time it has been common for this symbol of authority to be carried in front of academic processions and to be placed on stage whenever degrees are granted.

The Southern Wesleyan University mace was crafted of cherry in 2008 by Tom Boley, a woodworker and artist from Purcellville, Virginia. At the top of the mace is placed the seal of Southern Wesleyan University depicting the lamp of knowledge, the scroll of Scriptures, a book representing the learning of scholarship, and the entry way of Grimes Hall, an important building from the university's past. All these symbols are placed with the cross of Christ at their center.

Beneath the seal are three rings representing the Trinity, followed by the Latin phrase, *Soli Deo Gloria*, meaning “glory to God alone.” The four rings that follow represent the university’s emphasis on Faith, Knowledge, Character, and Stewardship.

This mace represents the connection between our faculty of the present, those who have gone before and those yet to come. It is a symbol that reminds us that despite the passing of time, the influence of men and women called to teach never fades.

### **American Academic Regalia**

The style of each academic gown indicates the highest degree earned by the wearer: bachelors—long, pointed sleeves; masters—long, closed sleeves with the arm going through a slit, giving the appearance of short-sleeves; doctors—full, round, and open, with three bars of velvet on each sleeve. The bars may be black or the color designating the major discipline.

The academic hood is an ornamental fold that goes around the neck and hangs down the back of the gown. The hood is lined in the official colors of the university that awarded the degree; the color of the facing indicates the degree.

Holders of all degrees wear caps with a long tassel conforming to the degree earned, except that doctors may wear tassels of gold thread.

The following colors have been established by the Intercollegiate Commission:

Agriculture – Maize  
Arts, Letters, Humanities – White  
Commerce, Accountancy, Business – Drab  
Dentistry – Lilac  
Economics – Copper  
Education – Light Blue  
Engineering – Orange  
Fine Arts, including Architecture – Brown  
Forestry – Russet  
Journalism – Crimson  
Law – Purple  
Library Science – Lemon  
Medicine – Green  
Music – Pink  
Nursing – Apricot  
Oratory (Speech) – Silver Gray  
Pharmacy – Olive Green  
Philosophy – Dark Blue  
Physical Education – Sage Green  
Public Administration, including Foreign Service – Peacock Blue  
Public Health – Salmon Pink  
Science – Golden Yellow  
Social Work – Citron  
Theology – Scarlet  
Veterinary Science – Gray