

SOUTHERN WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY

HONORS CONVOCATION

MONDAY AND WEDNESDAY

APRIL 26 and 28, 2021

10:00 A.M.

NEWTON HOBSON CHAPEL AND FINE ARTS CENTER

HONORS CONVOCATION

*PRELUDE..... Professor Jane Dill
Chair, Fine Arts Division and Professor of Music
“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” - arr. Carolyn Hamlin

*INVOCATION Dr. Jonathan Sircy
Associate Professor of English

*HYMN Dr. Don Campbell
“Great is Thy Faithfulness” Professor of Music

WELCOME Dr. Todd Voss
President

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

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

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

Juniors: Michaela Addressi, Allen Gilbert

Seniors: Hannah Wilson, Isaac Clary, Allison Fox, Alison Dickson, Rachel Hester, Bri Woodhams, Alaina Uren, Josiah Roper

Alpha Sigma Lambda Dr. Michael Keaton

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

Amanda Lynn-Myers Hull, Jennifer Diane Alexander, Karen Louise Leddy Weber, and Stacie M. Peterson

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

Bri Woodhams, Britton Moss

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

Jadin Beek, Carlton Payne

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

Haley Bertie, Leesea Chastain, Grace Farrow, Emily McNair, Kaitlyn Stewart, Gabby Sutay, Matthew Turner, Emma Jo Wolfe, Haley Martin, Meghan Harrison, Taylor Broadwell, Lexi Mathis, Ara Singleton

Associate Members

Joanna Nikolakakos

SCICU Student/Faculty Research Grant..... Dr. Todd Voss
President

Emily Corriher and Haley McLaughlin with Dr. Staci Johnson
Effect of a High-Fat Diet on the Reproductive System of female Sprague Dawley Rats

Leese Chastain with Dr. Jeffrey Mohr
Habitat Use of Northern Watersnake along a Riverine System at Table Rock State Park

Dr. Susan T. Rouse Memorial Honors Research Scholarship Dr. Michele Eller
Assistant Professor of Biology

Junior Class Honors Dr. Stephen Preacher

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

Michaela Addressi, Robert Gilbert, Haley Bertie, Kyrie Laudermilch, Michelle Miles, Taylor Rouse, Amber Bass, Dallace Graham, Claire Alexander

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

Victoria Arnold

Graduation Honors..... Dr. Stephen Preacher

College of Arts and Sciences

Cum Laude — Cumulative GPA of 3.4-3.59 on all work attempted
Alexander Birch, Mia Debardelaben, Grace Farrow, Emma Gocke, William Horton, Taylor Matthews, Adela Nugent, Fackety Occil, Miriam Ross, Graham Simmons, Todd Sims, Christian Swindle, Wesley Tolleson Karina Vega Monrroy

Magna Cum Laude — Cumulative GPA of 3.6-3.79 on all work attempted
Allycia Griebno, Kyra Hood, Caroline Jelley, Russell Lewis, Isaac Radonavitch, Audrey Rochester, Grayson Schrader, Aradaryn Singleton, Jacob Smith, Josephine Smith, David Wagner

Summa Cum Laude — Cumulative GPA of 3.8-4.0 on all work attempted
Lydia Andrew, Samantha Calcutt, Colby Callaway, Emily Corriher, Lillian Elmore, Rachel Hester, Olivia Johnson, Sierra Keck-Vollmar, Haley Martin, Haley McLaughlin, Britton Moss, Carlton Payne, Samantha Phelps, Kathryn Ritchie, Josiah Roper, David Rosenberger, Hannah Selden, Brandon Smith, Nolan Steevens, Thomas Vollmar, Hannah Wiggins, Keyanna Williams, Steele Willoughby

University Honors – SWU GPA of 3.8 – 4.0 on at least sixty hours taken under SWU faculty
Peter Kovats

Benson School of Business

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

Charles Bennett, Casey Burke, Logan Impson, Brady Seavey, Kelsie Smith, Janice Stephens

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

Severin Anfindsen, Alicia McFalls, Amy Pfefferkorn, Jesus Sosa, Sara Youngblood

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

Elizabeth Bovee, Laura Bradshaw, Isaac Clary, Joshua Cutlip, Julia Fielding, Isaac Ford, Clayton Lancaster, Kaylia McIntyre, Oluwaseun Olatunji, Katelin Wilson

School of Education

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

Elise Boehler, Kennedy Kish, Essie Murray, Mary Ngumbao

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

Brittany Bright, Leighanne Howard, Delanie Laudenbacher, Marina Santos, Aspen Washington

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

Mounia Belkasmi, Regan Davis, Katherine Wiggins

University Honors – SWU GPA of 3.8 – 4.0 on at least sixty hours taken under SWU faculty

Angela Anderson, Sarita Smith

Staff Member of the Year..... Scott Drury

Nominated and selected by students, faculty, and staff

Vice President for Advancement

***SCRIPTURAL CHARGE**..... Reverend Ken Dill

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

*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 14th 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