



Commencement

SPRING 2026

D.L. LIGON COLISEUM

Wichita Falls, Texas

MIDWESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY

Ceremonies Schedule

D.L. Ligon Coliseum

SPRING 2026

**FRIDAY,
MAY 15**

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

**SATURDAY,
MAY 16**

10 a.m. 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. Dillard College of Business Administration
Robert D. & Carol Gunn College of Health
Sciences & Human Services

Commencement Program

Dr. Stacia L. Haynie

President of Midwestern State University Presiding

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

Welcome **President Stacia L. Haynie**

The National Anthem by Francis Scott Key **Vocal Quartet**
Saxophone Quartet

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 **Graduate Remarks: Anca Monica Boghean**
Graduate Candidate, Master of Business Administration in Business Analytics

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

Pam Hughes Pak
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 **Vocal Quartet**
Saxophone Quartet

Recessional: *Pomp and Circumstance, Nos. 1, 2, & 4* by Edward Elgar **Saxophone Quartet**

Audience members are requested to remain in their places until the recessional is completed.

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

Saxophone Quartet comprised of Kelly Terry, soprano saxophone, MSU Alumna, Class of 2025; Myles Thomas, alto saxophone, Bachelor of Music Education; Richard Walp, tenor saxophone, Bachelor of Music Education; and Keith Williford, baritone saxophone, Bachelor of Music Education.

Vocal Quartet comprised of Valarie Monteith, Bachelor of Music and Arts; Davidson Cook, Bachelor of Music Education; Daniel Shaffer, Bachelor of Music and Arts; and Will Jones, Bachelor of Music, Performance.

Friday, May 15, 2026

6:00 p.m. Ceremony

Candidates for Degrees

DILLARD COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Master of Business Administration

Olamide Adesan	Bijeta Ghimire	Alisha Rai
Ruth Elizabeth Aguilera	Pratiksha K C	Barsha Regmi
Tusher Ahmed	Dipa Kadel	Subhadra Rijal
De'Onny De'Shone Alexander	Supriya Karki	Sushma Rijal
Md Rokibul Amin	Ramila Khadka	Sana Syed Mahmood Hussain
Darpan Aryal	Sandhya Khadka	Sayer Bin Shafi
Brian Bentley	Sanjeev Khanal	Seema Shah
Angela Bhattarai	Ashmi Kharel	Geron Sharplis
Daman Bist	Cody Bryan King	Samod Sigdel
Anca Monica Boghean	Mandip Lamsal	Akhileswar Reddy Singam Reddy
Jennifer Diann Caskey	Akriti Luitel	Vasudha Soudhari
Sami Chaulagain	Alejandro Rafael Mackay Juhl	Yubaraj Subedi
Sailesh Dahal	Israt Rahman Munmun	Janaki Timalcina
Alicia Erin David	Sudip Neupane	Meghana Rani Tippiani
Matthew Torrey Davis	Soniya Pandey	Danny Dang Trong Tu
Anfernee Nicole Duncombe	Pratibha Paneru	Antonella Stephanya Watson
Sydney Lorraine Fosnaugh	Anish Pokharel	Sherna Pearly Xavier

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

Doctor of Education

Tai Elizabeth Davis	Holly Sue Lucas
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Master of Arts

Leah Mazzarelli Bennett	Lainey Jewel Hughes	Catherine Elizabeth Moncrief
Andrea Eve Berend	Jordan Nicole Lee	Diandra Camile Morton
Yanique Danielle Braddell	Sydni I. Lewis	Cassandra Lynn O'Brien
Sarah Grace Chaddick	Cristin Emily Martin+	Rebecca Marie Ruddy
Katie Lynn Fuller	Kelsey Elayne Martinez	Elisa Sigbrith Valentine

Master of Education

Kailin Misha Aerstin-McWilliams	Amber Denise Charlton	April Lustig Dowling
Jennifer Lynn Baldree	Saqueena Angelic Davis	Crystal Renee Dutka
Seth Lane Bearden	Leslie Anne Day	Sheri Evans
Jennifer Helen Bullard	Brandy Leigh Dobson	Autumn Dawn Fredline

Taryn Bishop Fuentes
Sabino Gomez
Scott C. Gonzalez
Kasey Helen Gray
Chauncey Harris II
Dustin Ray Holly
Rachel Elizabeth Horwood
Cindy Masek
Leslie Bayouth Milford

Shay Margaret Mitchell
Haley Catherine Opincar
Cathelene Alyse Peters
Amanda Barrett Rogers
German Nolberto Romero-Rosales
Guy Fred Rourk
Terrell Andre Rush
Emily Mitzi Scrimpsheer
Kyra Marie Seggewiss

Alexander Philip Stuart
Mandy Sue Thornton
Yvonne Natalie Valenzuela
Jayci Taylor Vause
Dallas Caydan Vicknair
Julia R. Villegas
Yumiko Shiromaru Weight
Tamara Kae White
Braylon DaShawn Willis

Master of Professional Studies

Megan Elizabeth Kenline

Mary Virginia Vella

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

Master of Health Administration

Michelle Tina Damron
Jenisha Gurung

Jessica Ariana Odhiambo
Erin Deanna Pearce

Ra'keebria Keoncae Sparks

Master of Science in Exercise Physiology

Jake George Brown
Jonathan Andrew Jackson

Sardarni Manpreeth Kour
Kim Ngan Phung

Zara Zulfiqar

PROTHRO-YEAGER COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Master of Arts

Conrad Carlton Clark
Grant Pollard Harvey

Brynna R. Ogle
Tanyeli Melody Stevenson

Shelby Wayne Taylor
Nicole Gail Thompson

MCCOY COLLEGE OF SCIENCE, MATHEMATICS AND ENGINEERING

Master of Science

Timothy David Haxton
Bryce Andrew Koch
Sangam Lamichhane

Mae-Jeanne T. Preville
Laxminarasimha Soma
Jared Wynn Steger

Jordan Lynn Swearingen

Saturday, May 16, 2026

10:00 a.m. Ceremony

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

Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences

Cody Mason Bolles
Naomi Jean Gutierrez Carrasco
Brianna Latrice Chapman
Da'Lonna La'Chelle Choice
Luz Aurora Espinal
Dereck Xavier Espinal-Bonilla
Kiana Evans
Olivia Shanice Ford
India Alexandria Fullbright
Kritika Gautam
Mary Jane Osias Gomez
Lisa Ann Goodrich
Wendy Haarsma

Wesley Louis Haase
Erienne S. Hamilton
Heidi Marlen Hernandez
Laticia Hernandez
Reginald Jesse Hester
Jaron Erik Imbriani
Sarahi Lourdes Lopez
Nicole Moraa Mochama
Alan Jose Mojica
Nyxalee Muñoz
Serena Schaelynn Myers
Kendra Leann Palmer-Williams
Somvang Phetmanivong

Savanah Lauren Ramirez
Patience A. Ramsey
Rudy Ricardo Resendez
Nathan Paul Smith
Ashlyn Brooke Sneed
Jonathan Tate Sullivan
Ruben-Richard Phan-Thi Tello
Sara Elizabeth Torres
Lauren McKenzi Uncel
Aniya Sh'Neal Williams
Dakota Wayne Williams
Patricia Ann Winkler

Bachelor of Science in Education

Adan R. Aleman
Julia Elizabeth Aleman
Kutter Lynn Brown
Sadie Mae Christiansen
Devin Cross
Anthony Alejos De La Cruz
Jourdain M'Kalib Durham
Jaydon Olivia Elliott
Brecklyn Mackenzie Flanagan
Perla M. Flores Flores
Hayley Madison Gardner
Larry D. Gates
Imani Charles George
Avery Elisabeth Gilbert

Madison Isabella GrandPre
Ethan Matthew Gwinn
Corrynne Paige Hamilton
Sarah Faye Hanna
Michael Waite Henley
Chad Marshall Howell
Devean Deshun Isaac
Wynn Ferris Isham
Sean Robert Jastrab
Evanne Grace Kleinert
Daniel Alejandro Macias
Emma Grey Norris
John David Padgett, Jr.
Ashley Ann Perez

Natalie Marie Pirkey
Parker Allen Plaxco
Drake James Pond
Makenzi Maye Renfro
Logan Michelle Reyes Martinez
Daniel Robles
Selina Mayte Rodriguez Garcia
Madison Dawn Stewart
Sadiee Louise Strachan
Shaylee Lane Totty
Kimberly Rene'e Howard Williams
Jon'Tay Deshawn Wise

LAMAR D. FAIN COLLEGE OF FINE ARTS

Bachelor of Arts

Jade Rochelle Boykin
Madisyn Butler
Christian David Dold
Tate Alexander Greer

Jefferson Maurice Guillory IV
Sabrina Cheyenne Harrison
Trevor Daniel Kelley
Janae Aretha-Nicole Law

Alvaro Emmanuel Ortiz
Karah Lee Ann Scobee

Bachelor of Fine Arts

Grace Morgan Ainsworth
Bailey Lynn Biggs
Ethan Grant Boone
Gerald Henry Brooks III
Gwynavrier Gayle Gough

Mary Elise Grazer
Blake Gary Guldjard
Elias Michael Gindoff Kuzmack
Kathryn Elizabeth Murman
Paris Lynn Norstrom

Minerva Patino
Devotion Sky Rodriguez
Monique Imani Watkins
Jessica Anne Zimny

Bachelor of Music

Davidson Lawrence Cook
Allan Eduardo Garcia

William Tyler Jones
James Bailey Miller

Joseph Rhea-Allan Powers

Bachelor of Musical Arts

Valarie Paige Monteith

Daniel Patrick Shaffer

PROTHRO-YEAGER COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Bachelor of Arts

Taylor Leigh Abshier
Mckinzie Leann Adkins
Mary E. Anderson
Alejandra Barrios
Nyasia Shanice Brown
Brooke Elizabeth Brunson
Jeannette Aracely Castro
Taylor Lynn Clark
Catalina Rose Cortez
Claire Dewar Davenport
Nicholas Andrew Davis

Melody Joy Delamarter
Lauren Michelle Fields
Amari Rae Garcia
Troy Benito Gomez
Yesenia Gonzalez
Lola Vail Guzman
Grace I. Holman
Kyle Martin Keyser
Trinity M. Lawler
Austin Keith Long+
Abigail Ellise Martin

Connor James McDorman
Jennifer McNeely
Ruth Esther Moss
Annelise Dawn Olson
Emily Jordan Phillips
Sean Michael Provenza
Patrick Bryan Redder
Brendan Lynn Seigler
Eden Trinity Shumate
Makyrá Yvette Spencer
Angela Nicole Webb

Bachelor of Science

Cassandra Diane Alvarado
Dawnelle Lynn Cummins
Peyton Maeve Elaine Curtis
Lillian Claire Dodson
Isabella Ellena Garcia
Samantha Terese Garcia

Jada Brooke Nelson
Kylee Marie Rangel
Macy Whitney Diane Riviere
Honore
Macey Rae Robertson
Lemaria Denea Smith

Malia Alan Sonnier
Michael Evan Sutton
Jalecia Cecilia Thompson
Alexis Jade Valdez
Shelby Paige White

MCCOY COLLEGE OF SCIENCE, MATHEMATICS AND ENGINEERING

Bachelor of Arts

Kevin Njenga Kangethe

Mekhi Exodus Prospero

Trinity Elizabeth Wilkins

Bachelor of Science

Shishir Adhikari
Areeba Ahmed
Esther Adeola Ajuwon
Paul Benjamin Bailey, Jr.
Alexis Marie Benavides
Ashley Nicole Caraway
Isaiah Javier Corrales
Ryan Cobain Crawford
Joshua de Waal
Johnathan Patrick Emory
Gabriel Gacovicaj
Arianna Genesis Gallegos
Austin James Groth
Angelica Skye Hernandez

Matthew Wayne Hilbers
Michael Austin Johnson
Kyler Blakely Kenvin
Jaxon Ryley King
Zantia Stephanie King
Brandi Ann Lovern
Jose Mario Marquez
Ryan Jacob Mathews
Rosio Isabel Montoya
Kamryn Beth Moya
Matthew Quinton Nix
James Sunday Odjewuyi
Carlos Polanco Guillen
Aaron Alexander Poston

La Biska Leorna Prince
Adrian Robledo
Eric Jerome Robledo, Jr.
Magnolia Louise Schroeder
Antwan Nathaniel Taylor
Trey Benjamin Taylor
Chance Joseph Thompson
Jákira Ta' Alexandria Turner
Olivia Ruth Vogtsberger
Justin S. Wang
Jahkeel Les Sidon Warner
Edgar Misael Zapata
Maya Grace Zeilan

Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering

Eric Daniel De Hoyos

Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering

Ethan Aaron Belcher
Jesse Manuel Roche Carrasco III
Adolf Jonathan Frederic
Joshua Akira Muroi

Joshua Campbell Parris
Juan Contreras Prieto
Tomas Andrew Schaaf+
Aayush Shrestha

Bailey Cory Tate
Thad Lane Taylor
Mmesoma Precious Unachukwu

Saturday, May 16, 2026

2:00 p.m. Ceremony

DILLARD COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Bachelor of Business Administration

Madelyn Jolie Abuchon	Joshua Ethan Helms	Mary Louise Richie
Abichha Agrawal	Kaylee Paige Hembree	Sapphire Lysette Rodriguez
Ryan Lamar Allen	Emma Grace Hill	Erik Wagner Rohwedder de Resende
Sheridan Diann Allen	Thomas Karter Houchin	Lydia Bella Root
Alailah Alise Arnold	Jayce M. Hudson	Carson Alexander Roper
Lillia Ashlee Besedin	Mia Grace Huerta	Luke E. Roy
Seth Andrew Bloom	Koryn Joy Johnson	Nicole Rose Schuster
Vanessa Nichol Contreras	Kianna M. Joseph	Liberti Deann Sewell
Mirry Adit Dak	Garrett Blaine Koetter	Adrian Sirju
Mya Mone Daniels	Bailee A. Krotzer	Ramsey Sloan Sisco
Ezra Moises Davidson	Peyton George Kulhanek	Zion Lamarr Smith
Sagel Shaylene Deosarran	Carlos Lopez III	Julia Leanne Stephenson
Germano Diehl Setti	Enia Jean Love	Emily Jane Stone
Anthony Duarte	Carlos Mauri Maldonado Anariba	Hayden Reece Streatly
Alfonso Rafael Duran	Taylor Renea Matthews	Dylan Ian Sundack
Juan David Duque Ramirez	Isaiah Kanadi McCord	Mary Cate Taylor
Ansley Renee Edwards	McKinley Adele Miller	Chance Joseph Thompson
Laiken Grace Farr	Grace Elizabeth Mitcham	Giulia Toffoli
William B. Flowers	Shayden Hailey Morgan	Ielena Vaes
Dylan Robert Freeman	Jonah Logan Murray	Conner Whitman Van Ripper
James Russell Gannon	Miriam Nolasco	Selena Takiya Victor
Sara Gonzalez	Shane Arron Nothwang	Millah Simone Voiles
Blake Alan Gray	Haleigh Olivia Petrasic	Annabella Rose Welch Jackson
Joshua Deshaun Green	Zeliah Billy Guy Plew	Madison Dru Wert
Sarah Alison Griffiths	Kelcie Nichole Poirot	Avery L. Whitlow
Nathanael Alan Haigood	Laci Jo Prosser	Lenora Williams
Laney Kate Haley	Alan Josue Ramirez	Samantha Renee Wilson
Lydia Aileen Hasson	Latrent Deqaunn Reeders	Alexis Rebecca Young
Macey Rae Hawkins	Alli Melesse Reily	

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

Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice

Timothy Lawrence Bell	Sidney Marie Lott	Aaron David Roy
Jayden Noah Davis	Ryann Elizabeth Menser	Alfredo Salgado
Evelyn Hernandez Rubio	Lauren McKenzie Moon	Lillian Jane Wallander
Hallie Lauren Kogler	Lacey Diamond Rangel	Kelly Ziara Williams

Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene

Maci Shay Belk
Jessa Charity Burk
Leslie De Jesus Cortes
Rebecca Irene Cummings
Sky-Lar Zorná Embry
Aleimi Dayana Flores Gudino

Emily Margarita Guerrero
Peyton Emily Hill
Melissa Jaime
Hetal Navnit Patel
Macie Bryan Petering
Annabelle Mae Qualls

Presley Nicole Rodriguez
Kaylie Madison Snider
Kennedy Alyssa Thomas
Brooklyn Paige Timms
Trinity Paige Tovar
Rachel Dawn Webb

Bachelor of Science in Exercise Physiology

Matthew Michael Cole
Arrianna Marie Fields
Natalie Grace Harrison
Alyssa Marie Hutterer
Swadesh Karki

Brady Lane Lyde
Melanie Elizabeth Mora
Emma Maria Roach
Caden Andrew Shank
Kennedy Samone Smith

Mya Alexia Starks
Taryn Paige Sultz
Melissa Urbina Baltazar
Tatum Layne Waller

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Toluwalase A. Adeogun
Mary Adesola Ajuwon
Tkeyah Keshay Allen
Miguelangel Angulo
Madison Regen Becker
Dawit Kbrom Belai
Hayelom Bereket Belai
Kayla Rylee Bryant
Madalyn C. Cannaday
Kimora Vallie Carter
Channing Marie Cheatham
Averie Augusta Collins
Brooke I. Davis
Corlene Eryn Dubison
Kelli Katheryn Ell

Frances Njideka Ezegrim
Joel R. Forastiere
Gilbert Gyasi-Adusei
Kamilah T. Haiati
Emily Elise Hall
Haven G. Hurley
Won Kyoung Jang
Brianna L. Lyles
Kaylee Elizabeth Miner
Cecilee Marie Moore
Marisol Ariana Mora
Kelvin Maina Mugo
Sara Sofia del Mar Paez Montana
Lauren Mikayla Ponder
Cassandra Prieto

Kelsie Olivia Paige Reitsma
Kassandra Guadalupe Reyes
Martinez
Ryder Cade Roberts
Brylee Keegan Russell
Conner James Schroyer
Jade Sydney Schufford
Jennifer Silva
Kyleigh Brooke Tucker
Abigail Christine Twilligear
Maria Clara Valladares Arcentales
Madison Jonell Venzke
Alaunna Maylynn White
Deborah Taye Worke

Bachelor of Science in Radiologic Sciences

Crystal Ann Acosta
Jennifer Gail Braddock
Daniela Castro
Kathryne Skye Crabtree
Meredith Marie Cunningham
Kris Phan Dang
David Andrew DeLeon
Jaliysha Andrea Douglas
Anna Claire Gloyna

Candice Stefani Hall
Andrew Paul Hammersmith
James Michael Harney
Lisa Gail Kalmbach
Juliana Amber Karp
Connor Zack Lankford
Galilea Medellin
Rebecca Louise Miller
Breyonee K. Mull

Claudia Lizbeth Olivarez
Jhony Armando Osorio
Kelsey Ann Pilcher
Heather Juanice Rivera
Richard D. Shivers
Katia Trejo Alvarez
Sabrina Joan Trevino
Mayra Valencia Villarreal
Baoyu Wu

Bachelor of Science in Radiologic Technology

Mallory L. Adkins
Sophia Nicole Allen
Thy Uyen Elaine Au
Alejandra Barrios
Chloe Alana Beck
Stephanie Desi-Rae Bejarano
Mary Kathryn Beshear
Bailey Lane Braziel
Hope Siera Cardona
Paige Sanovia Cartwright
Cheyenne Caroline DeMeritt
Christian Anthony Esparza
Madison Paige Flores

Erin Leigh Gallagher
Samuel A. Gossett
Madelynn Grace Hallmark
Addison Grace Hankins
Hadley Ruth Hogan
Sofie Michelle Horton
Emma Grace Johnson
Amanda Morgan Kearns
Lyra Jean Landrum
Daisy Lechuga Hernandez
Joshua David Malcik
Jaydon Lee Martinez
Juliana Lauren Jo Medrano

Emily D. Mitchell
Dante Olson
Christian Scott Perry
Paola Razo
Diana Jennifer Rivera
Erick Saldierna
Sarah Kay Sheriff
Kayden Jo Skidmore
Alexis Carol Stalcup
Madison McKenna Stawarczik
Kaitlynn Jean Teague
Zoe Grace Tuttle
Hannah Layne Whitaker

Bachelor of Science in Respiratory Care

Celeste Avalos-Piedra
Alexis Baca
Taylor Kent Bolin
Kelton Lee Brown
X'Toria Semaj Burleson
Gabrielle H. Charlton
Myka Pierce Engle
Abby Sue Eskew
Jordan Elaine Farrall
Kayla Nicole Freeman
Patricia Resendez Gomez
Jonathan Elliott Hale
Shertiera Lashay Hardy

Karla Vanessa Hernandez-Rojas
Bruce Alan Key, Jr.
Joice Mariyam Koshy
Jessica Marie Lawson
Honey Phay C. Lee
Jessica Louise Lister
Linden Jade Lunsford
Kylie Lynne McAlister
Mima Karen Mendez Aguilar
Vanessa Lanette Molencupp
Theresa Thien Thanh Nguyen
Alfredo Olivo
Savanah Autumn Olsovsky

Brendan Alexander Overfelt
John Wesley Parvin
Sadie Marie Patino
Zahra Pinder
Quintan Grant Ringwald
Keren Lee Ruiz
Brenda Yasmin Salcedo
Mya Lynn Terry
Vivian Makayla Valdez
Carlos Antonio Vasquez
Victoria Abigayle Velasquez
Amanda Raye White
Blade Kelly Woodham

Bachelor of Social Work

Louisa Maria Barrick
Cheyenne Marie Brown
Brenda Leticia Castro

Joanna Estrada
Julianna Nicole Heileman
Janae Aretha-Nicole Law

Carley Mackenzie Mitchell

+ MSU Texas Employee

Congratulations
GRADUATES



MIDWESTERN
STATE UNIVERSITY



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.

Antigua and Barbuda	Colombia	Italy	Romania
Bahamas	Dominica	Kenya	South Korea
Bangladesh	Dominican Republic	Mexico	St. Lucia
Bosnia Herzegovina	Ecuador	Nepal	Vietnam
Brazil	Honduras	Nigeria	
Chile	India	Pakistan	

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 2026. The award recipient must have completed at least 60 semester hours at Midwestern State University and have an accumulated GPA of 3.5 or better. 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 Fuentes-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. Eduardo Colmenares-Diaz	2025
Dr. Baird W. Whitlock	1983	Dr. Magaly Rincon-Zachary	2004		

Board of Regents

The Texas Tech University System

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Shelley Sweatt	Wichita Falls, Texas
Eli Heath, Student Regent	Flower Mound, Texas
Brandon Creighton, Chancellor	Lubbock, Texas

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
Mr. Kyle Williams	Director of Athletics
Dr. Jeremy Duff	Associate Vice President for Accreditation & Planning
Dr. Kristen Garrison	Associate Vice President for Academic Innovation & Success
Dr. Sally Henschel	Interim Dean, Prothro-Yeager College of Humanities & Social Sciences
Dr. Michael Mills	Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management
Mr. Kyle Owen	Associate Vice President for Facilities Services
Mr. Matthew Park	Associate Vice President for Student Affairs
Dr. Robert Brennan	Dean, McCoy College of Science, Mathematics & Engineering
Dr. Leann Curry	Dean, Gordon T. & Ellen West College of Education & Professional Studies
Dr. Robert Forrester	Dean, Dillard College of Business Administration
Ms. Leah Gose	Dean, Lamar D. Fain College of Fine Arts
Dr. Jeffrey Killion	Dean, Robert D. & Carol Gunn College of Health Sciences & Human Services
Dr. Tiffany Ziegler	Dean, Dr. Billie Doris McAda Graduate School

ALMA MATER

Hail to Midwestern,
hail maroon and gold.
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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