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Ten O’Clock A.M. | Sawyer Center

***PROCESSIONAL**

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“Pomp and Circumstance” - Edward Elgar - Arr. Warren Wernick

Organ and Brass

Prof. Tim Marek

Adjunct Professor, School of Music

SNU Brass Quintet

Prof. Will Fairbanks

Associate Professor, School of Music

FLAG BEARERS

UCO Army ROTC Broncho Battalion Cadet Color Guard

MACE BEARER

Dr. Gina Weaver Yount

Professor, Division of Cultural and Communication Studies,

and Honors Program Director

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Dr. Chuck Fountain

Chair, Board of Trustees

***INVOCATION**

Dr. Sharon Young

Professor Emerita, Department of Biology,

and great-aunt of graduate Drexel Meek

GREETINGS AND INTRODUCTIONS

Dr. Keith Newman

University President

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Dr. Gustavo Crocker

General Superintendent, Church of the Nazarene

HONORS AND RECOGNITIONS

Dr. Mark Winslow

Senior Vice President / Chief Academic Officer

HONORARY DOCTORAL DEGREE

Dr. Keith Newman

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

Dr. Mark Winslow

AWARDING OF DEGREES

Dr. Keith Newman

INTRODUCTION OF GRADUATES

Dr. Melissa Lewis

Vice President of Academic Affairs,

Professional and Graduate Studies

**ALUMNI INDUCTION AND
GOLDEN GRAD RECOGNITION**

Rev. Larry Morris
Vice President for University Relations

***SNU ALMA MATER**

Dr. Jim Graves
Associate Professor, School of Music

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Phillip Barnett
Parent of graduate Christyan Barnett

RECESSIONAL

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*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. Melissa Lewis

**Audience please stand as you are able.*

ALMA MATER

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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
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Chair, Board of Trustees

***INVOCATION**

Mrs. Carrie Milligan

Spouse of graduate Jason Milligan

GREETINGS AND INTRODUCTIONS

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Spouse of graduate Terra Deupree

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Degree Candidates ~ Morning

Bachelor of Arts

Jeremy Thomas Alcorn
 Katherine Louise Baker **
 Bailey Allyson Cauley
 William Alec DesHotels
 Sarah Beth Dodd ***+
 Alannah Marie Doherty **
 Lauren Force ***
 Chase Perry Matson

Brayden McFerren
 Drexel Royce Meek
 Gage Michael Miller *+
 Emma Luceil Milligan
 Hannah Reyes
 Reese Nicole Rhodes *+
 Taylor Robinson-King *
 Carson Shirola *

Antoinette Slaughter *
 Karley Spillane **
 Wesley Stasyszen
 Raegan Strickland
 Cristian Bayly Tadlock ***
 Jacob Thornton **+
 Madison Ryann Wilson **
 Zane William Wright ***+

Bachelor of Science

Caleb Anthony Abrego ***
 Shanell Adams
 Malachi X. Allen *
 Adam Webster Atwell
 Christyan Barnett *
 Brandon John Batten
 Reid Stephen Beals
 Julia Marie Benn ***
 Ryann Billen ***
 Ayanna Bishop
 Madelyn Booth
 Hannah Lynn Bourbonnais ***
 Kyler Anne Bowman
 Kaden Boyd
 Eve Brennan **
 John Cantrell
 Christopher Jay Cardenas
 Francisco Chong Fiocco
 Zachary William Cizek **
 Anna Coccoli *+
 Kimalee Cook *
 Jonah Michael Cornelius
 Larbi Williams Darrehmane II
 Cara DeBruyne **
 Carson Dial
 Daniel Noel Diaz
 Keyla Merari Diaz ***
 Wendy Indira Diaz ***
 Emma JoAnn Dilbeck ***+
 John Clayton Dilbeck ***+
 Kinley Faith Downing ***
 Zayne Eloulladi
 Brisa Enciso *
 Blakely Esnard **+
 Elijah Estes
 Hailey Evans
 Cameron Scott Faulk
 Hayley Ana Feinstein
 Colby R. Flood *
 Mckayla Franks **
 Hunter Galvan
 David Gamas **
 Dylan Gann ***
 Bayli Gilliland
 Haley Nicole Good **
 Emma Green
 Joel Haynes **

De'Marques Henry
 Lyric Henry **
 Liana Marie Heshiki *
 Weston Henry Hicks *
 Gage Hayden Hietpas ***
 Nathan John Holloway
 Timothy Hough **
 Chase Alexander Hudson
 Jedidiah Huibregtse **
 Jacob Allen Humphrey *
 Jayla Johnson *
 Austin Kile Jones
 Elora Lynn Jones ***
 Landon Kinder **
 Abigail King
 Timur Krupalija **
 Tucker LeMay
 Natalie Brooke Lewis
 Khup Hau Lian *
 Abigail Lichti
 Emma Beth Long *
 Isabel Lynch **
 Alexander Jay Macias ***+
 Noah Campbell Maidlow
 Austin Robert Martin
 Benjamin Martin
 Jaliyah R. Martin **
 Larissa Yitzel Martinez Contreras
 Said Martinez *
 Donald Dean May Jr. *
 Ryan Dale Maynard **
 Talara A. McGlory
 Ramiro Mercado Jr.
 Drew Middendorf *
 Raina Miller **
 Ethan Avery Noland Minor
 Tynaa Denee Mojica
 Natalie Corinne Montanez
 Hannah Joy Morales
 Blake Nail
 Herlinda Yohana Najera-Palomino
 Jolie Nantze
 Titus Newsom
 Joshua Nichols **
 Emmanuel Obinna-Kanu
 Tavares Oliver
 David Omosigho +

Madisyn Parker
 Victoria E. Peter **
 Janice Petty
 Gunner Phillips
 James Parker Presley *
 Karla Ramirez
 William Ramirez **
 Abigale Rice *
 Kloe Kay Rose Richardson
 Zack James Robinson
 Margarita Rojas-Lopez
 Devin Rovito **
 Afeni Rubio *
 Antonio Sabala
 Chloe Danielle Sanchez *
 Gabriel Sanchez **
 Mason John Sebrant **
 Unaiz Alikhan Shajani
 Unaizah Alikhan Shajani **
 Brock Alan Singleton ***
 Katelyn Savage
 Cade Ashton Smith ***
 Hope Elizabeth Smith ***
 Westyn Smith
 Cesar Mateo Solis
 Madilyn Shae Southerland **
 Graysen Stanley *
 Nolan Steeples
 Macy Nicole Stewart
 Stevie Strong
 Emma Rose Swearingen ***+
 James Ryan Talley *
 Chloe Celeste Tarango
 Van Isaac Taylor **+
 Grayson Tomberlin **
 Chase Turbyfill
 Taten Ty Upchurch
 Cheyanna Jean Watson *
 Tiffany Watson
 Gemma Weir ***
 Madeleine Joy Westenhaver
 Lu'Kidrian Taiwan Williams
 Jazmine Wilson
 Zachary Woods
 Brooklyn Word
 Jacob F. Wright
 Daniel Yeager

Associate of Arts

Enay Lares

Degree Candidates - Afternoon

Doctorate of Education

Dr. Lauren LaShell Barbee

*Title: Teacher Experiences with Literacy Instruction in
Four Title I Elementary Schools: A Case Study*

Committee Chair: Dr. Kim Rosfeld

Dr. Paige Ceray Bergin

*Title: An Examination of Trauma-Responsive
Professional Development and Collective Teacher Efficacy*

Committee Chair: Dr. Bobbi Gillham

Dr. Benjamin Hurricane Corliss

*Title: Exploring Leadership Styles and Influences in Blue Ribbon
and School Improvement Designated Sites: A Case Study*

Committee Chair: Dr. Drew Eichelberger

Dr. Heather R. Graham

*Title: Exploring Teachers' Perceptions of Supporting Students with
Curriculum, Instruction, Communication and Caring: A Case Study*

Committee Chair: Dr. Shari Rodgers

Dr. Michelle K. Hoyt-Ferranti

*Title: Examining the Difference in Perceptions of Career and Technical
Education Educators and Industry/Stakeholders Regarding the Importance
and Integration of Teaching Employability Skills*

Committee Chair: Dr. Ravonda Higgins

Dr. Laura McKay Martin

*Title: The Relationship among State Educational Rankings,
Teachers' Feelings of Legislative Support and Retention*

Committee Chair: Dr. Joshua Baker

Dr. Kimberly Ann Morgan

*Title: The Relationship between Instructional Coaches' Self-Efficacy
and Levels of Professional Support*

Committee Chair: Dr. Dawn Pearce

Dr. Jenna Orth

*Title: Exploring Teachers' Perceptions of Self-Efficacy when
Implementing Trauma-Informed Practices: A Case Study*

Committee Chair: Dr. Bobbi Gillham

Dr. Anna Rachelle Peery

*Title: Critical Components for Implementing a Multi-Tiered System
of Supports in One Suburban Secondary School: A Case Study*

Committee Chair: Dr. Drew Eichelberger

Dr. Melanie Quarry-Thomas

*Title: Exploring Rural High School Counselors' Perceptions
of Career and Technical Education: A Case Study*

Committee Chair: Dr. Becky Slothower

Doctorate of Education (Continued)

Dr. Katherine D. Spencer

Title: A Case Study Exploring Teachers' Perceptions of Core Features of Professional Development and Culturally Responsive Teaching for a Blended Learning Environment

Committee Chair: Dr. Lynn Lease

Dr. Arely Guadalupe Vera-Sanchez

Title: Exploring High School Counselors' Perceptions of Supporting Latinx Students Preparing for College Entrance: A Case Study

Committee Chair: Dr. Christiana Milla

Dr. Stephanie L. Williams

Title: Exploring Principals' Perceptions of Factors Influencing Job Retention and Embeddedness: A Case Study

Committee Chair: Dr. April Grace

Master of Arts

Georgia Adams
Basma Affify
David Armijo
Days'on Beasley
Robin Lynn Burgess
Sydnee Jayde-Villa Corro
Anna Michelle Crane
Rebecca Lynn Crawford
Lauren Kay Davidson
Terra Lenore Deupree

Randall D. Guild
Guinneth J. Guild Witzig Wulfe
Jordanne Leigh Guild Witzig Wulfe
Daryn Nigel Harris
Trevor Kinsey
Julius Koger
Carrie Koons
Jessie Gaye Brooke MacKey
Ray Frank McLinsky Jr.
Holly Mikles

Mia Suzanne Modellmog
Alfred Parker
Natalie Rochelle Cook-Russell
Eric J. Smith
Michael Spencer
Patrick Deven Sutton-Cannon
Ja'Nea Adella Walker
Amanda Wilson
Kathryn Marie Woodruff

Master of Business Administration

Paul Y. Bacon
Zachary Banz
Adrienne Nicole Berry
Stephanie Anne Brown
Jacen P. Byrd
D'Marija Damon Cortez Caine
Jasmine Carter
Kalie M. Dutton
Benjamin Octavius Fambrough
Adriana Garcia-Brown
Marsha Elaine Gentry
Tashanna Renee Gildon

Troyvonne Hadiya-Lea Hamilton
Maya Kerin Hartnett
Dannika Artrice-Tamar Jones
Pratik Karna
Christopher C. Leonard
Ordileide Licarla Pedro Manuel
Samuel Valhalla Miller
Jason Todd Milligan
Jonah Newsom
Abby Niehues
Jade Marie Opal Overstreet
DeAundrea D. Patterson

Armannwah Chanell Sao
Sloan Christine Scoggins
Raelyn Marie Grundstrom Sibley
Linda Scheri Smith
Chamika Victoria Starks
Kirsten Lane Sutton
Danny Thomason
Stephanie Trujillo
Shametria A. Turner
Bailey Cade Tyler

Master of Leadership

Kimberly Carrell
Steve Cowan
Ronald C. Klock

Shelley Reed
Lauryn Reither
Kee'Ja Rivers

Wade D. Stuckey
Damien Michael Toole

Master of Science

Nathaniel Aaron Aguilar
LaTasha Marie Bryant
Tavita Crisp
Laurny Downs

Gerald W. Gillanders Jr.
Anthony Ryan Gonzalez
Andrew Scott Leahey
Solara Sain

Ailene Breshet Thomas-Brown
Bronson Wise

Bachelor of Science

Jeanene Mari Adkins *** ^
Kimberly Nichol Bellard
Waco Blakley
Jerry Broughton II
Ashley Lene Brown
Kaydie Brown
Anthony S. Candeloro
Crystal Charmaine Caruthers
Hillary Ann Childress *
Starla Coats
Meghan Elizabeth Combs
Tonya Renae Compton
Tracy Jean Cook
Maurica Cooper *
Wayland D. Cubit
Melissa Savannah Faye Douglas
Corine Florence *
Amanda Leigh Floyd *
William James Clay French
Devon E. Fuller
Natasha Fuller-Lucas
Ashley Beth Gorbet *
Joseph Dawsen Graham
LaToya Green
Wesley Austin Grippen *** ^

Cari Anne Ham
Tennia Hawkins
Shane G. Holuby *** ^
Nathan Quinn Hormell
Lisa Howard * ^
Kyle Joseph Johnson ***
Destanie Lynn Kaufman ***
Megan Kays
Theresa Le *
Brian Paul Loderhose *** ^
Joshua Frederick Lunn
Ashley Mack
Debra Madewell *
Holly Malakar *
Rhonda Maloney
ShaTasha Latrice Manning
Mariann Mathis-Wallace
Maddison Renée McGhee
Timothy Aaron McNerney *** ^
Kyleigh Anne Miller
Tyler Bernard Miller
Joshua Franklin Murdock
Natasha Nacole Murdock
Tracy Ray Mussett
Daphne Nji *

Ian Allen Odum
Joc'Lynn Lashae Phillips ** ^
Shenear Shabana Pickens
LaTisha N. Pruitt
Monica Lee Quinonez
April E. Reynolds
Brad Robbins *
Chaz Chandler Roberts *
Parker Ross ^
Jose Antonio Salazar
Jonnie Lynn Salisbury *
Angela Marie Scherer
Terri Simmons ** ^
Summer Smith
Nicholas Dakota Spain
Winfred Steele **
Dovie J. Streeter ***
Michael Suttles
Jessica Thompson
Justin M. Wallis ***
Scott W. Walsh
Benjamin Kyle Wilkes ***
Matthew N. Woods
Baylee N. Wright

Associate of Arts

Rodre Jackson
Christopher Eric McElroy ^

Alyshea D. Rains
Shakyla Taleash Tyler

Commencement Speaker

DR. GUSTAVO A. CROCKER

Dr. Gustavo A. Crocker was elected the 41st general superintendent of the Church of the Nazarene at the 28th General Assembly in Indianapolis, Indiana, in June 2013.

Prior to his election, Crocker had served as Eurasia regional director since 2004. Previously, he was senior vice-president for programs at World Relief Corporation. Gustavo joined World Relief after serving as director of field management for Compassion International. Other ministry included several years as administrative director of Nazarene Compassionate Ministries International in Kansas City, Missouri, and three years as regional coordinator of Nazarene Compassionate Ministries out of Quito, Ecuador.

A Guatemalan by birth, Dr. Crocker was ordained as an elder in the Church of the Nazarene on the Mid-Atlantic District. He is a licensed architect with a master's degree in community planning from the University of Cincinnati, where he attended as a Fulbright Scholar. As a Latin American Leadership Scholar, he earned a Ph.D. in organizational leadership at Regent University. In 2014, Olivet Nazarene University honored him with a Doctor of Divinity degree for his contribution to the development of the global church. Dr. Crocker has taught in various universities of Latin America, Europe, and the United States. He has also been a guest lecturer at several seminaries, colleges, and universities in the United States, Latin America, Asia, and Europe. Proficient in several languages, Dr. Crocker has authored several books and articles in Spanish and English, and his writings have been translated into more than 20 languages.

Dr. Crocker and his wife, Rachel, have two grown daughters, Raquel and Beth.

Honorary Doctoral Degree

CHERYL CHAMBERLAIN CROUCH - DOCTOR OF HUMANE LETTERS

Cheryl Chamberlain Crouch is a proud alumna of Southern Nazarene University, graduating with a degree in English. She has served as a Nazarene missionary in Papua New Guinea alongside her husband, Jeff, and has continued to provide leadership for supporting Nazarene missions at the local and district levels, including her service as NMI President of the West Texas District Church of the Nazarene. In December 2024, the Church of the Nazarene Board of General Superintendents (BGS) announced the election of Cheryl Crouch as the next Global Director of Nazarene Missions International (NMI), effective June 1, 2025. In her role as NMI Global Director, Cheryl will inspire and equip NMI volunteers worldwide who serve as advocates for global missions in over 30,000 local congregations located in 165 world areas.

For the past several years, Cheryl has spoken for numerous children's camps, NMI Conventions, and women's retreats. She has authored over 35 books published with Zondervan, Beacon Hill, and The Foundry, as well as many teaching and curriculum projects published by Nazarene Discipleship Ministries, Nazarene Missions International, and The Foundry.

Currently, Cheryl serves as Chair of the Global Education and Clergy Development Committee and as a member of the Church of the Nazarene General Board Executive Committee. She also serves as Secretary of the Southern Nazarene University Board of Trustees and has served as Chair for both the Student & Spiritual Life Committee as well as the Enrollment Management Committee. She has also served for several decades on her local church board.

Cheryl currently serves as English Department Head and a middle school and high school English teacher at Denton Calvary Academy in Denton, Texas. In 2023, she was honored by the Herzog Foundation as one of 12 National "Christian Teachers of the Year." Jeff and Cheryl have four children: Byron, Bradley, Brookelyn, and Bethany. Three have graduated from SNU, and their youngest will graduate from SNU in 2026.

For her outstanding service to Southern Nazarene University, the Global Church of the Nazarene, and for her ongoing support and service to Christian Secondary and Higher Education, Southern Nazarene University awards the Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters to Cheryl Chamberlain Crouch.



GOLDEN GRADS

We honor members of the Bethany Nazarene College Class of 1975, 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.

Patricia *Vestal* Bley
Dr. Phillip Bolerjack
Rev. Mark Brown
R.B. Broyles Jr.
Melanie *Bayles* Cain
Debbie *Delbridge* Edwards
Shelby Faust
Butch Felkner
Marvin Floyd
Cathy *King* Graves

Tina *Russell* Hainbach
Roxie *Nash* Hamilton
Beverly *Beaver* Jinkerson
Dr. Kep Keoppel II
Mary Ann *White* Keoppel
Faira Kay *Huffaker* Knezevich
Jenni *Lee* Knippers
Jan *Tyler* Martin
Rev. Lewis McClain
Curt McCulley

Dr. Gary Morsch
Karen *Hall* Nave
Wesley Poff
Dr. Kent Shellenberger
Marsha *Pierce* Smith
Jana Spruiell
Hermine *Spencer* Stearman
Gaylene *Nelson* Stiles
Becky Wasson
Markye *Harbuck* Wilson

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, which is “Character / Culture / Christ.”

Today the mace is carried by Dr. Gina Weaver Yount, Professor of English, and Honors Program Director for the College of Undergraduate Studies. Dr. Gina Weaver Yount has served full-time as an SNU faculty member since 2006.

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 worshiped. 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 and Master of Leadership, 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 86th 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 39th year for the presentation of these awards.

Commencement Information (Continued)

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. Caio França, Professor of Biology and Director, Quetzal Education Research Center; Dr. Sylvia Goodman, Professor and Director, School of Rehabilitation and Sport Sciences, Graduate Programs; Dr. Cathy Hutchings-Wedel, Professor and Director, Organizational Leadership and Business Administration, School of Professional Studies; Dr. Melany Kyzer, Professor and Chair, Division of Cultural and Communications Studies; Dr. Loren Martin, Professor and Director, Physical Therapist Assistant program; Dr. Tim Taylor, Emeritus Professor/Chair, School of Education; Dr. Keith Toles Jr., Associate Professor and Director, Graduate Programs in Business.

University Junior Marshals are among the highest academic ranking students in the Junior class. Junior Marshal is the highest collegiate honor attainable by a student from each academic area in the traditional undergraduate program. These students are selected by the faculty in the academic areas they represent. The following Junior Marshals assist Faculty Marshals in all official academic proceedings:

Bethany Crouch

Division of Cultural & Communication Studies

Diana Alvarez

School of Nursing

Aydin Read

TRIO McNair Scholars

Josh Nelson

Department of Psychology

Noelle Brezillac

Department of History, Politics, & Law

Jacqueline Molgaard

School of Kinesiology

Lyndsay Watson

School of Business

Riann Hahn

School of Education

Ryleigh Rushing

School of Music

Evan Rader

Departments of Computing, Mathematics & Physics

Allie Miller

School of Theology & Ministry

Eli Reutlinger

Departments of Chemistry, Biology, & Environmental Science

IN EVENT OF EMERGENCY

- Announcements and/or instructions will be given by SNU platform personnel.
- Law enforcement 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 during emergency evacuation.
 - Exits are located at the outer four corners of the Sawyer Center.

Special appreciation to SNU Safety and Security, the SNU Alumni Association, SNU Facilities Management, and to the SNU Academy of Senior Professionals for their assistance with today's ceremonies.



Our mission is to make Christlike disciples
through higher education.