

The University of Louisiana at Monroe



Summer-Fall Commencement Exercises

Two Thousand and Twelve

**Fant-Ewing Coliseum
Saturday, December 8, 2012
10:00 A.M.**

*There are few earthly things more beautiful
than a university.
It is a place where those who hate ignorance
may strive to know,
Where those who perceive truth may strive to
make others see;
Where seekers and learners alike banded
together in the search of knowledge,
Will honor thought in all its finer ways,
Will welcome thinkers in distress or in exile,
Will uphold ever the dignity of thought and
learning
And will exact standards in these things.*

— John Masefield

The ULM Alma Mater

*By the bayou's tranquil water,
Where friendships thrive and grow,
Proudly stands our Alma Mater
Ever home for us to go.*

*Here cypress stand in splendor
And gracefully they touch the breeze.*

*Though friends may leave and lives may change
Faithful we shall always be.
Shining bright the bayou's gem
Ever loyal to ULM.*

WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS

We welcome you to the commencement ceremony at the University of Louisiana at Monroe. Commencement is the solemn yet joyful culmination and recognition of the graduates' years of study. It is an important and meaningful occasion for the University and its faculty, staff, and students.

In keeping with the solemnity of this time-honored tradition, all guests and participants are asked to avoid unnecessary conversation and moving about during the exercises. We also request that all in attendance refrain from making any noise other than that of applause as the graduates receive their degrees.

To further enhance the decorum of the event, guests are taking pictures during the ceremony. Following the awarding of degrees, the audience is asked to remain seated until the graduates, who follow the administration and faculty, begin to exit.

Again, welcome to our campus and to this most momentous and memorable occasion.

Although every effort is made to ensure that this program is accurate with respect to degrees awarded and honors conferred, ULM's printing schedule makes complete accuracy impossible. Therefore, neither a name listed herein nor participation in the commencement ceremony guarantees the awarding of a degree or the conferring of honors. The Registrar's Office retains each student's permanent academic record, which indicates these official designations.

***EXPLANATION OF DEGREES AND DIPLOMAS
AWARDED AND ACADEMIC COLORS***

HONORS REGALIA

Maroon and gold honor cords are worn by cum laude, magna cum laude, and summa cum laude ULM graduates whose names appear on the Distinguished Graduates insert in the program. White honor cords are worn by associate degree graduates who have been awarded Honors and High Honors by ULM. Medallions on blue ribbons are worn by members of The National Honor Society Phi Kappa Phi which includes membership in all academic disciplines and is limited to the top 7.5 percent of the junior class and top 10 percent of the senior class and graduate students. Medallions are worn by members of Mortar Board and indicate academic achievement as well as outstanding community and University service. Red and blue honor cords are worn by members of the Phi Alpha Theta History Honor Society. Pins and tri-colored black, sky blue, and white cords are worn by members of Omicron Delta Kappa national honor society for academic achievement. Lilac cords are worn by members of Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society for Nursing. Medallions are worn by members of Phi Alpha Social Work Honor Society. Maroon and white honor cords are worn by members of the Kappa Omicron Nu National Family and Consumer Sciences Honor Society. Purple and white honor cords are worn by members of the Rho Chi National Pharmacy Honor Society. Green and gold cords are worn by members of Sigma Lambda Chi International Honor Society for Construction. Red and purple knotted cords are worn by members of Alpha Epsilon Delta National Premedical Honor Society. Silver and rose-pink cords are worn by members of Kappa Mu Epsilon National Honor Society in Mathematics. Green and blue cords are worn by members of Tau Omicron Chi Toxicology Honor Society. Single-strand gold cords are worn by members of Lambda Pi Eta National Honor Society in Communication. Gold, royal, blue, and silver cords are worn by members of Sigma Gamma Epsilon National Earth Science Honor Society. Royal blue and gold ribbons are worn by members of the international business honor society Beta Gamma Sigma. Purple and green honor cords are worn by members of the international education honor society Kappa Delta Pi. Red and yellow honor cords are worn by members of the national Spanish honor society Sigma Delta Pi. Red, gold, and white honor cords are worn by members of Alpha Lambda Delta National Honor Society. Red and black cords are worn by members of Sigma Tau Delta International English Honor Society.

PRESIDENTIAL CHAIN OF OFFICE

sculptural interpretation of the University seal which is surrounded by a decorative bezel. The seal is attached to an elegant chain with engraved banners which bear the names of former chief presidents of the campus. Engraved metal plates displaying the letters ULM are found above the banners on each side of the chain. This chain represents the history and tradition of the University and establishes an enduring legacy for the institution.

UNIVERSITY MACE

The University Mace is a time-honored symbol that represents the light that knowledge brings to humankind. Across the centuries, it has been recognized by scholars throughout the world as an emblem of education and enlightenment. The mace stands to the left of the podium and is present at all ceremonial occasions which celebrate academic excellence at the University. It not only represents the academic mission but also serves as a repository of the history of the institution, listing every name that the University has been designated during its evolution.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Appreciation is expressed to the ULM Commencement Committee members, administrative staff, military cadets, the Student Occupational Therapy Association, Beta Alpha Psi International Honorary Organization, and faculty who either coordinate the activities of or participate in the graduation ceremony. Special thanks is also extended to Dr. Chris Michaelides, Associate Professor of French, who announces the names of the graduates at this Commencement.

Sir Edward Elgar

Francis Scott Key

Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein II

Aida Verdi

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who follow the administration and faculty, begin to exit.*

CANDIDATES FOR UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES

Ruffn, Deshon,

Mansfield, Charlotte Lacy,

~ Griffn, Mason,

Griffn, Julian Bernard,

Cranfeld, Matthew,

CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATE DEGREES

Cassandra Dawn Stanfield

