



The UNIVERSITY of OKLAHOMA
GAYLORD COLLEGE
of Journalism and Mass Communication



Spring Class of 2012

Convocation Program

Saturday, May 12, 2012

T. Howard McCasland Field House, Norman, Oklahoma

Convocation Program

Welcome Remarks

Dr. Joe Foote
Dean, Edward L. Gaylord Chair

JayMac Welcome

James S. Tyree
*President, JayMac Alumni Assoc.
News Communication, 1995*

Student Award Recognition

John Hockett
Assistant Dean

Outstanding Senior

Chinh Theresa Tu Doan

Speaker

Kathy L. Taylor
Journalism, 1978; Juris Doctorate, 1981

Special Recognition of Doctoral Candidates

Dr. Meta G. Carstarphen
Director of Graduate Studies, Gaylord Family Endowed Professor

Hooding of Graduate Degree Candidates

Dr. Meta G. Carstarphen

Recommendation of Undergraduate Candidates

Dr. David Craig
Associate Dean, President's Associates Presidential Professor

Pronouncement of Graduates

Dean Joe Foote

Presentation of the Graduates

Assistant Dean Hockett

Closing Remarks

Dean Joe Foote

Singing of the OU Chant

Dr. Charles Self
Founding Dean, Edward L. and Thelma Gaylord Chair

Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society

Gaylord College Members

Brittney Marie Brown
Joshua Dee Burks
Kathleen Anne Evans
Audrey Emma Elizabeth Harris

Sarah Ruth Hauptman
Paige Jennifer Iven
Blakeley Caroline Jones
Sandra Lynne Kunzweiler
Melissa Jeane Mathewson

Tuan Minh Nguyen
Ashley Marie Shovanec
Jillian Christine Ward
Ashleigh Theresa Woodall

Kappa Tau Alpha

Journalism Honor Society

Nathan Thomas Altadonna (MA)
Joshua Dee Burks
Emily Anne Calhoun
Alyssa Charlene Combs
Kathleen Anne Evans

Audrey Emma Elizabeth Harris
Sarah Ruth Hauptman
Blakeley Caroline Jones
Jonathan Keegan Kirkhart
Tristen Bailey McLeod

Chloe Patricia Meek
Lauren Camille Nassar
Andrea Mary Segura
Lindsay Dawn Whelchel

Highest Achievement Awards

Lauren Elizabeth Britton, *Advertising*
Jonathan Keegan Kirkhart, *Broadcasting and Electronic Media*
Kathleen Anne Evans, *Journalism*
Brittney Marie Brown, *Professional Writing*
Lauren Camille Nassar, *Public Relations*



Doctorate of Philosophy in Journalism

Christal Renee Seantee Johnson

Chad Flynn Nye

Aimei Yang

Master of Arts in Journalism

Nathan Thomas Altadonna
Cole Lawrence Hackett
Caitlin Marie Handcock
Jaime Lorraine Hodson

Rebekah Dawn Law
Hogar Hasan Mohammed
Alexandria Nicole Page

Rebeca Agneta Pop
Crystal Jane Na'Atwei Sowah
Audrey Danielle Sowell

Master of Professional Writing

Jennifer Jill Elsner
Aaron Lewis Pogue
Erin Annette Sigler

Bachelor of Arts in Journalism

Advertising

Danielle Samantha Alva
Austin Canfield Anderson
Keely Diane Armstrong
Rachelle Nicole Barteau
 Kyle B. Beeman
 Charles Hugh Black
Lauren Elizabeth Britton
Whitney Lee Brooks
Nicole Alexis Bryan
Felicia Marie Burkley
 Kyle Jared Carter
William Corey Chancellor II
 Katlyn Blair Chaney
Alyssa Charlene Combs
 Terry Wayne Cryer
 Samantha Cady Davis
 John Louis DeGiulio
 John Kendall Dobson
 Lauren Haleigh Dorrell
 Brittany Mae Ella
Megan Marie Ferguson
 Lauren Elizabeth Forte
 Timothy Russell Graves
Taylor Rhea Haney
Audrey Emma Elizabeth Harris
 Kirsten Renee Harrison
 Taylor Mackenzie Heeke
 Kellee Marie Higgins
 Barbara Renee Hoelscher
Blakeley Caroline Jones

 Lauren Marie Kearney
 April Michele Killian
 Leroy William Kirk IV
 Kelly R. Klena
 Thomas M. Klink, Jr.
Katharine Lee Kosniewski****
 John Adam Leighty II
 Allison Louise Lowry
 Michelle Babette Mandell
 Melissa Jeanne Mathewson
 Emily Louise McFall
Tristen Bailey McLeod
 Melissa Margaret Megginson
 Kristen Rose Milburn
 Brianna Elizabeth Narvaez
 Lucas William Potter
 Kara Elizabeth Przybyl
 Abbey Elizabeth Rexing
 Randi Michelle Roberts
 Laura Elizabeth Rossi
 James Walter Schoen
 Taylor Brooke Schwenke
 Paula Grace Shaibani*
 Jessica Anne Sheets
 Lindsey Marie Smith
 Gabriel Marcel Snop
 Michael Christian Stanley
 Samuel Lee Tindal
 Alexandra Elizabeth Verity
 Nicholas Chase Witwer

Gaylord College Recognition
Special distinction = 3.8 to 4.0 GPA
Distinction = 3.6 to 3.79 GPA

Honors Graduates Recognition
***** Summa cum Laude = 3.8 to 4.0 GPA**
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*** cum Laude = 3.4 to 3.59 GPA**

^ = Perfect 4.0 GPA throughout

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Broadcasting and Electronic Media

Emily Anne Calhoun
Carl R. Cockrill
Stephanie Agnes Collins
Brandie Elyse Davis
Katy Marie Deitz
Drake Edward Diacon
Kayla Diane Docto
Stephen Dean Fredsall
Timothy Matthew Gilroy
Diana Jo Haslett
Bryn Aileen Hathaway
Sean Douglas Hobbs
Kevin R. Johnson
Jonathan Keegan Kirkhart
Kevin Z. Kues

Christian Ryan Leach
Michael Thomas Lloyd
Hannah Ellese Lofgren
Rebecca Jeanne Lupton
Bethany Nicole Magley
Cameron Lee Masingale
Clark Kelleam Mc Caskill
Patrick Storm Morelli
Colin Torrence Mullens
John Noble Norcross
Jessica Leigh Parham
Geoffrey Clare Roughface
Franklin Decker Simpson
Matthew Mitchell Whitehurst

Journalism

Lauren Ashton Abram
Michael Robert Acker
Samantha Jordan Brule
Joshua Dee Burks
Aaryn Lea Cahill
Manuel Frank Casiano II
Lillian Susan Chapa
Chinh Theresa Tu Doan
Morgan Leigh Downing
Lauren Credence Duff
Garrett Austin Duty
Kathleen Anne Evans
Timothy Patrick French
Zach Aaron Geld
Crystal Chantay Giles
Courtney Ann Goforth
Allison Loree Harris
Richard Dee Immel

Adriana Alicia Knight
Joshua Martin Kopelman
Anna Victoria Lastra
Megan Lane Lawson
Gabe Christopher Lenners
Reina Michelle Lyons
Richard Allen Maranon
Matthew Ryan Mozek
Elizabeth Rose Oberg
Whitney Danielle Ortega
Ryan Patrick Querbach
Lance Michael Reaves
Nicole E. Rogers
Juan Manuel Sanchez*
Rachel Nicole Santschi
Emily Brooke Summers
Tyler Evan Thomas
Lindsay Dawn Wheelchel

Professional Writing

*Brittney Marie Brown***
James M. Bryan
Mia Nicole Cantu
Darren Kenlee File
Robert James Flippo
Catherine Amanda Vernoy Fuller
Kylee Ann Gwartney
Dylan Hunter Juby

Holly Diana Keeling
Annika Leigh Larson
Frances Ann Mooney
Lenora Colgrove Muhm
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Public Relations

Michael Tyler Aljoe
Susan Renee Boulavsky
Laura Anne Brown
Michelle Thien Huong Bui
Bridgitte Nicole Castorino
Benjamin Paul Coldagelli
Jennifer Alyson Cook
Morgan Whitney Cronin
Danielle Kimberly Digeralamo
Amanda Ann Easley
Megan Brooke Ebersole
Ashley Dawn Elkins
Alyson Kathryn Feaster
Jason Eugene Fry
Megan Dawn Garrett
Amanda Hannah Gerards
Jorge Alberto Gomez
Kayla Marie Hand
Evan Mark Handy
Sarah Ruth Hauptman
Zachary James Hensley
Thomas Ray Herndon
Holli Anne Horbacz
Ky C. Humble
Samaiyah Joy Islam
Paige Jennifer Iven
Erin Jacobs
Elizabeth Knight Jones
Brenna Michelle Kent
Mary Kathleen Killeavy
Cassandra Howland Kolenda
Sandra Lynne Kunzweiler
Rachel Elizabeth Landers
Rebecca Lynn Landsberry
Taylor Renee Luttrell
Hunter David Mankin

Madelyne A. Marziani
Chloe Patricia Meek
Christine Nicole Miggins
Richard Mills-Tetteh
Eryn Elizabeth Murphy
Lauren Camille Nassar
Patrick Ross Newcomer
Meredith Clare Eckert Otte
Sean Carl Lawrence Parks
Olivia Jewels Penix
Grace Hamilton Powell
Jessica Dawn Prater
Lauren Kristen Reed
Bradley Payton Robert Regal
Briquette Lenora Reid
Sadie Blair Richards
Amanda Nichole Sawyer
Joseph Thomas Schmidt
Andrea Mary Segura
Ashley Marie Schovanec
Jensen Donelle Smith
Meghan Smithers
Megan E. Snowbarger
Michelle Ann Stephenson
Staley Lynne Stridham
Melanie Jeanne Stone
Dana Elizabeth Swann
Uyen Thi Truong
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Deans

Joe Foote, *Edward L. Gaylord Chair, Professor, Dean*

David Craig, *President's Associates Presidential Professor, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs*

John Hockett, *Assistant Dean for Student Affairs and Administration*

Area Heads and Directors

Jim Avery, *Gaylord Family Endowed Professor, Professor, Strategic Communication*

Peter Gade, *Gaylord Family Endowed Professor, Associate Professor, Journalism*

Scott Hodgson, *Gaylord Family Endowed Professor, Professor, Media Arts*

Meta G. Carstarphen, *Gaylord Family Endowed Professor, Associate Professor, Graduate Director*

Faculty

Fred Beard, *Professor*

Ralph Beliveau, *Associate Professor*

Kyle Bergersen, *Assistant Professor*

Win Blevins, *Visiting Professor*

Mike Boettcher, *Correspondent in Residence*

Ramón Chavéz, *Instructor*

Deborah Chester, *John Crain Presidential Professor*

J. Madison Davis, *Gaylord Family Endowed Professor*

Ken Fischer, *Instructor*

George Lynn Franklin, *Instructor*

Kathryn Jenson White, *Associate Professor*

Kathleen Johnson, *McMahon Centennial Professor in Journalism*

Julie Jones, *Associate Professor*

Michael Kent, *Associate Professor*

Robert Kerr, *Associate Professor*

Chris Krug, *Instructor*

Owen Kulemeka, *Assistant Professor*

Gerald Loessberg, *Instructor*

Jaime Loke, *Assistant Professor*

Daniel Ng, *Associate Professor*

Namkee Park, *Assistant Professor*

Robert Pritchard, *Instructor and Lindsey + Asp Agency Adviser*

Charles C. Self, *Edward L. and Thelma Gaylord Chair and Professor*

John Schmeltzer, *Engleman/Livermore Professor in Community Journalism*

Elanie Steyn, *Assistant Professor*

David Tarpenning, *Instructor and Lindsey + Asp Agency Adviser*

Maureen Taylor, *Gaylord Family Endowed Chair and Professor*

Katerina Tsetsura, *Associate Professor*

Warren Veith, *Instructor*

Doyle Yoon, *Associate Professor*

Faculty Marshals

Kyle Bergersen

Julie Jones

OU Chant

*O-K-L-A-H-O-M-A
Our chant rolls on and on!
Thousands strong
Join heart and song
In Alma Mater's praise
Of campus beautiful by day and night
of colors proudly gleaming Red and White
'Neath a western sky
OU's chant will never die.
Live on, University!*

Gaylord College of Journalism and Mass Communication

A gift from the E.L. and Thelma Gaylord Foundation provided the resources for the formation of the Gaylord College of Journalism and Mass Communication in 2000. The spectacular home to the college, Gaylord Hall, was opened in 2004; the second wing of the facility was completed and dedicated in October, 2009.

Previously the H.H. Herbert School of Journalism and Mass Communication, the college will celebrate its centennial in 2013, has more than 30 faculty members instructing graduate and undergraduate students in broadcasting and electronic media, journalism, public relations, advertising, and professional writing.

The Gaylord College is the first collegiate journalism program in the U.S. to be named an Apple Distinguished Program for its comprehensive integration of Apple-inspired technology throughout its building and curriculum. The Apple Distinguished Program designation is reserved for academic units that are recognized centers of educational excellence and leadership.

Gaylord College students have become master storytellers equipped with access to more than 400 Apple computers loaded with Apple and Adobe software and state-of-the-art audio and video equipment.

There are more than 20 student media and co-curricular opportunities showcasing student talent including "Routes" webzine, Lindsey + Asp advertising and public relations agency, "StormCrowd," "FPU," "OU Nightly," "The Wire," "The Set," "OUr Sports Pad" and the Gaylord Ambassadors student leadership group.

This year's graduating class joins more than 11,000 alumni working around the globe. Among Gaylord College's many outstanding alumni are Patty Moore, consultant, speaker, author and former president of Sonic Corp.; Jim Dolan, president, chairman and chief executive officer of The Dolan Company; Spencer Tillman, lead studio analyst for CBS Television Network's College Football Today and CEO of Axiom Sports Productions; and Jennifer Johnson-Hicks, news editor of the European edition of the *Wall Street Journal Online*.

Gaylord College is one of the five largest academic colleges on campus with more than 1,200 graduate and undergraduate students enrolled each semester. Gaylord College students have consistently achieved the shortest time to graduation and have one of the highest retention and graduation rates on campus.