

# PROGRAM

Three Hundred and Thirty-Second  
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Commencement Celebration  
November 22, 2020

**Processional**

*“Pomp and Circumstance”* ..... **Edward Elgar**  
Mrs. Shayla L. Blake, Pianist  
Instructor of Music

*Audience Seated*

**Marshals:** Mr. Jeffrey Pike, Dr. Dawn Basinger, Dr. Timothy Reeves,  
Dr. Mikey Swanbom, Dr. Heath Tims

**National Anthem**

*“The Star-Spangled Banner”* ..... **Francis Scott Key**  
Dr. WeiShu Tsai, Baritone  
Visiting Assistant Professor of Music  
Mrs. Shayla L. Blake, Pianist

*Audience will remain standing until after the invocation*

**Invocation** ..... Nick Wagner  
Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministry  
Grace United Methodist Church, Ruston  
**(12:30 PM)**

Reverend Doug De Graffenried  
Pastor  
Trinity United Methodist Church, Ruston  
**(3:00 PM)**

**Greetings**..... Dr. Leslie K. Guice  
President

**Commencement Address**..... Abi Olsen  
Student Government Association, President 2019-2020

**Presentation of Candidates for Academic Degrees**..... Academic Deans

***12:30 PM Commencement***

College of Applied and Natural Sciences..... Dr. Gary A. Kennedy  
College of Education ..... Dr. Donald N. Schillinger  
College of Liberal Arts.....Dr. Bryan J. Zygmunt (Associate Dean)  
Graduate School..... Dr. B. Ramu Ramachandran

***3 PM Commencement***

College of Business ..... Dr. Christopher L. Martin  
College of Engineering and Science ..... Dr. Katie Evans (Associate Dean)  
Graduate School..... Dr. B. Ramu Ramachandran

**Conferring of Degrees and Awarding Diplomas**.....Dr. Guice

Assisted by: Mr. Joshua A. Chovanec, Sr. Associate Registrar  
Announcer: Mr. Douglas R. Postel,

*Please withhold your applause until each college has crossed the stage*

***Alma Mater***.....*John P. Graham*

Dr. WeiShu Tsai, Baritone  
Mrs. Shayla Blake, Pianist

*Audience standing*

**Benediction** ..... Nick Wagner

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**Recessional**

***“A Celebration in G Major”*** ..... **William Franko Goldman**  
Mrs. Shayla L. Blake, Pianist

*Please remain seated until the recessional concludes.*

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