

# To Our Guests

Commencement is a happy and dignified occasion. It is a meaningful time to recognize our graduates, their families along with the Louisiana Tech University faculty, staff, and students. Therefore, guests and participants are requested to maintain proper decorum throughout the ceremony by avoiding unnecessary movement in the seating area and by withholding applause until designated times to be indicated during the program.

Following the awarding of degrees, the audience members are requested to stand for the benediction and then to be seated until the recessional is completed.

**We heartily welcome you to the commencement exercises of  
Louisiana Tech University.**

**Louisiana Tech University**  
**Three Hundred and Forty-Ninth Commencement**  
**Saturday, August 24, 2024**

**Processional: “Pomp and Circumstance”** ..... **Sir Edward Elgar**  
Professor Shayla L. Blake, Pianist  
Instructor for School of Music

**Marshals:** Mr. Reggie Jeter, Dr. Jason Howell, Mr. Stan McCaa,  
Dr. Heath Tims, and Mr. Andy Yepson

**National Anthem: “The Star-Spangled Banner”** ..... **Francis Scott Key**  
**Music by John Stafford Smith**  
Ms. Jessica F. Turner, Vocalist  
Vocal Music Education, Class of 2024

**Invocation**..... Father Frank W. Hughes, Ph.D.  
Priest in Residence, Episcopal Church of the Redeemer

**Greetings and Commencement Introduction** ..... Dr. Donna Thomas  
University Provost

**Commencement** ..... Dr. James B. Henderson  
University President

**Commencement Address**..... Representative Chris Turner  
Louisiana State Representative, District 12

**Presentation of Candidates for Academic Degrees:**

College of Applied and Natural Sciences..... Dr. Gary A. Kennedy  
College of Business.....Dr. Christopher L. Martin  
College of Education and Human Sciences ..... Dr. Henrietta Williams Pichon  
College of Engineering and Science..... Dr. Collin D. Wick  
College of Liberal Arts.....Mr. Karl Puljak  
Graduate School..... Dr. Donna Thomas

**Conferring of Degrees and Awarding Diplomas** ..... Dr. James B. Henderson  
Assisted by: Mr. Joshua A. Chovanec, University Registrar  
Announcer: Mr. Douglas R. Postel

**Presentation of Commemorative Medallions** .....Academic Deans

**U.S. Air Force Commissioning** ..... Lt. Col. James C. Sprys  
Commander, Air Force ROTC Det 305

**Alma Mater** ..... **John P. Graham**  
Ms. Jessica F. Turner

**Benediction**..... Father Frank W. Hughes

**Recessional: “A Celebration in G Major”** .....**Shayla L. Blake**

## COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER



### **Christopher "Chris" Turner**

**Louisiana State Representative, District 12**

**Louisiana Tech University Class of 1999**

Louisiana State Representative and Ruston businessman Christopher "Chris" Turner, now in his sixth year representing District 12, which includes Lincoln and Union Parishes, was born and raised in north Louisiana. He graduated from Oak Grove High School and earned his degree in business from Tech in 1999.

He is the owner of two small businesses, Turner Rexall and Hillside Storage.

While in college at Tech, Turner began working for Brookshire Grocery Company as a buggy boy and left 25 years later as director of the chain's Ruston location.

A Republican, Turner in 2019 won 70 percent of the vote in the race to fill the vacated house seat. Turner won re-election to represent District 12 in October of 2023.

Turner and his wife Nancy are the proud parents of four children: Gabbie, Aimee, Lyla, and Mason. They are members of Trinity United Methodist Church in Ruston. He is involved with the Rotary of Lincoln, Rotary of Ruston, Lions Club, Kiwanis, United Way, Boys and Girls Club, and other organizations in the community.

# CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

The names in this program were candidates for graduation at program printing deadline. The names of those awarded degrees "*in absentia*" may appear on the program but will not be announced. The right-pointing triple angle symbol (»») indicates the candidate earned three degrees concurrently. The right-pointing double angle symbol (») indicates the candidate earned two degrees concurrently. The double solid square symbol (■) indicates the candidate earned a double major. Additionally, baccalaureate degree candidates with the diamond symbol (◆) earned a perfect 4.0 GPA and those with the lozenge symbol (◇) completed the University Honors Program. Candidates with an asterisk (\*) completed their degree requirements in association with the Barksdale Air Force Base Program.

## COLLEGE OF APPLIED AND NATURAL SCIENCES

**Dr. Gary A. Kennedy, Dean**

### ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE

Mary-Arthur Hilman Weis, Monroe

### BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Alyssa Claire Anslem, New Iberia  
Emily Lauren Bansuelo, Wichita Falls, TX  
Annalee Grace Boykin, Lafayette  
Jacob Tyler Carlton, Jonesboro  
Lillian Grace Chalk, Dallas, TX  
Hunter Curry, Quitman  
Marissa Cheyenne Dees, Alexandria  
◇ Cameron Joseph Dupree, Benton, AR  
Ryan C. Embry, Shreveport  
Hayden G. Finley, Sibley  
Michael-Anne Garlington, Calhoun  
Skyler Greeson, El Dorado, AR  
Gavin James Hall, Athens  
Benjamin W. Lockard, Winnsboro

Benjamin Connell Miller, Church Point  
Dexteny Moody, Shreveport  
Madison E. Norred, Mobile, AL  
◆ Raelynn Rose Panganiban,  
Oak Harbor, WA  
◆ ◇ Aubrey Joy Prewitt, Mangham  
Anna Kathryn Richardson, Ruston  
Anna Lynn Rinehart, Ruston  
Quenisha K. Scott, New Orleans  
Aubrey Laine Spillers, West Monroe  
Kirsten Paige Thiels, Pineville  
Nicolas Anthony Vaccaro, Jr., Covington  
Rayne Elisabeth Wiley, Livingston  
Ciara Nicole Williams, Vivian

## COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

**Dr. Christopher L. Martin, Dean**

### BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Zachary Michael Adams, Alexandria  
Jessica L. Aduabato, Chalmette  
Karinee Cambre' Bradley, West Monroe  
Steven Robert Cassidy, Shreveport  
Dallas Cason Cobb, Prairieville  
Isaac Crawford Crabb, Harrisburg, IL  
Karoline Edwards, West Monroe  
Gavin Lowell Franck, Magnolia, TX  
Luke Allan Frankowicz, Monroe  
Taylor Adam Graves, Longview, TX  
Eric Devery Hill, Jr., Shreveport

James Matthew Howard, Shreveport  
Briley Jaden Jones, Choudrant  
Devin L. Leger, Pineville  
Garrett Ashton Lewis, Benton  
Julien Dejohn Lewis, Buford, GA  
Rishab Mahajan, Monroe  
Joe Michael McDonald III, Shreveport  
Elijah Michael Southern, Shreveport  
Michael Steven Vercher, Jr., Shreveport  
Logan James White, Shreveport  
Elizabeth Brianna Woodard, Ruston

**COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN SCIENCES**  
**Dr. Henrietta Williams Pichon, Dean**

**BACHELOR OF ARTS**

McKenzie R. Lewis, Bossier City  
John Kyle Murray, St. Francisville

Ricky Slater, Jr., Monroe  
Ayssialynne Raechelle Smith, Bastrop

**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE**

Lani Ruby DeSoto, Slidell  
Zack Aaron Golden, Ruston  
Ragan Memorie Hall, Junction City, AR  
Emma Francis Hutchinson, Holden  
Logan Ruby Johnson, Kenner  
Eliza Ja'Lii Kent, Dallas, TX  
Nicole Madison Mckissick, Forney, TX

Lesley Ann Mizell, Ruston  
Dillon Anthony Peters, New Orleans  
Cate McClane Rider, Shreveport  
Gentry Elizabeth Spinks, Mandeville  
Jackson Paul Viator, Lake Charles  
Emily Diane Watts, Shreveport

**COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING AND SCIENCE**  
**Dr. Collin D. Wick, Dean**

**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE**

Madeline Nicole Ballew, Baton Rouge  
Tristen James Barton, Ball  
Jacob Edwin Louis Baudean, Ruston  
Olga Bienzobas Fernandez-Sancho,  
Guipuzcoa, Spain  
Christian Michael Brunning, West Monroe  
Deja Tranice Burkhalter, Monroe  
Peyton Vincent Caro, Thibodaux  
Christopher Ferraz Clent, Spring, TX  
Octavio M. Cooper, Jr., Shreveport  
Lucas Emile Drake, Ponchatoula

Nathan Kyson Holley, Coushatta  
Noah McKoin Jones, Calhoun  
◇ Jake William Kopecky, Covington  
Nicholas Joseph Landry, Baton Rouge  
James LeRoy Love IV, Ruston  
Caleb Heath Maddox, DeQuincy  
◇ Adam Joseph McCann, Folsom  
Cameron Lee Robertson, Monroe  
Max Everett Waldweiler, Kenner  
Dylan Troy Ward, Farmerville  
John Scott Waskom, Natchitoches

**COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS**  
**Mr. Karl Puljak, Dean**

**ASSOCIATE OF GENERAL STUDIES**

Collin Peirce Hughes, Sarasota, FL

Wesley AJ Justice, Haughton

**BACHELOR OF ARTS**

◇ Leilani Marie Celestine, Mandeville  
John B. Cole II, Atlanta, GA  
Sierra N. DeCoux, Ruston  
Ian Christopher Jackson, West Monroe

X'Zavier Jermaine Lewis, Ponchatoula  
Benjamin T. Olivier, Mandeville  
Dylan James Watson, Dana Point, CA

**BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS**

McKenzie Michelle McGhee, Bastrop

## BACHELOR OF INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

Alyssa N. Barnard, Plain Dealing  
James Winford Dupree III, Shreveport  
Lauren Egbuloni, Cork, Ireland  
Abigail Mackenzie Gilbert, Monroe  
Caleb Green, Haughton  
Kelly Campbell Parks, Sterlington

◆ Gabriela Pintilie, Scanteia, Romania  
Andre Proctor, Minden  
Heather Elisabeth Marie Rathbun,  
Oak Grove  
Lionel Howard Taylor, Jr., Lake Charles  
Ivan Seth Thomas, Perrine, FL

## BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

John Thomas Butler, Hot Springs, AR  
Ryan Frederick German, Bossier City  
Zachary T. Hardin, Monroe  
Bryce Huntington Jarrell, St. Francisville  
Samuel J. Johnston, Quitman  
Gavin Christopher Lerch, Haughton

◇ Annalise Faith Robbins, Benton, AR  
Zachariah C. Ronkainen, Benton  
Nicholas Blake Sears, Haughton  
Jadon Revel Shirley, Prairieville  
Adam M. Vandavelde, Alexandria  
Trevor Paul Wiggins, Berwick

<h3>GRADUATE SCHOOL</h3> <p><b>Dr. B. Ramu Ramachandran, Dean</b></p>
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### MASTER OF ACCOUNTANCY

College of Business

Hannah Lynn Abate, Pineville  
Adam Bain Cutrer, Alexandria  
Seth Alexander McDaniel, Grand Coteau

Grace Marion Moffett, Pineville  
Audrey Grace Smith, Bossier City

### MASTER OF ARCHITECTURE

College of Liberal Arts

Hanna M. Sims, Lake Charles

### MASTER OF ARTS

College of Education and Human Sciences

Lauren Starr Beall, Columbus, MS  
Anna Carly Crawford, Mandeville  
Caleb John Davis, Lake Charles  
Makayla Ahnyell Duplessis, New Orleans  
Pleasant M. Harris, Houston, TX  
Jeffery Heard, Ruston

Dravon Mangum, Roxboro, NC  
Vanessa Bayton Mullins, Shreveport  
Haleigh Madison Thomas, Lafayette  
Katelyn H. Thomas, Marion  
Leslie Madison Welch, Shreveport

### MASTER OF ARTS

College of Liberal Arts

Andrew Dylan Dampier, Jonesboro, AR  
Sami LeJune, Sulphur

Morgan Scott Redmon, Pineville  
Robert David Tagg, Herndon, VA

### MASTER OF ARTS IN TEACHING

College of Education and Human Sciences

Madison Ryanne Pearson, Ball

**MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**  
**College of Business**

Brandon James Aiudi, Middletown, CT  
Jarif Ul Alam, Bangladesh  
Hussein Al-lawati, Tempe, AZ  
Komi Marcel Amegblenke, Beaverton, OR  
Mouwadath A. Grace Anjorin,  
Cotonou, Benin Republic  
Scott Philip Auchter, Lancaster, PA  
Grady James Beauboeuf, Woodworth  
Alexander Samuel Bernell, Peoria, AZ  
Madison Mackenzie Billings, Bossier City  
Gage Cameron Blood, Hessmer  
Jeslord Boateng, Dublin, OH  
Brady Thomas Brown, Ruston  
Walker Burchfield, Jackson, MS  
Benjamin Raymond Cappaert,  
Bettendorf, IA  
Travis James Corum, Pitkin  
Adam Seth Cundiff, Pineville  
Daylan Coyle Deal, Crossett, AR  
Adam Emory DeGenova, New Orleans  
Cade Alan DeLoach, Bossier City  
Lauren Elizabeth Dowden, Fayetteville, AR  
Kaitlyn Danielle Eads, Eros  
Madison Brooke Garay, Bay City, TX  
Jacob William Grice, Zachary  
Nathan Grove, Bossier City  
Frederick Paul Groven, Shreveport  
Wadah Anwer Habeeb, Omdurman, Sudan  
Landon David Hardwick, Brandon, MS  
Jeanna Kaye House, Dalhart, TX  
Sara Ashley Howell-Floyd, Lockport

Cameron Nicole Hunter, Lake Village, AR  
Adelaide Leigh Jones, Lafayette  
Reagan Jewel Karr, Baton Rouge  
Gabriel Kemble, Cleveland, OH  
Joseph Neill Kirkland, West Monroe  
Jordan William Lafferty, Great Mills, MD  
Tyler Lewis Lawhon, Shreveport  
Jada Elizabeth Lewis, Alexandria  
Silvan Lupas, Atlanta, GA  
Michael Witherden Magee, Columbia, SC  
Elizabeth Austin McKinney, St. Francisville  
Alyssa Hope McReynolds, West Monroe  
Austin Lee McWaters, Elba, AL  
Johannon Faye Murray, Tyler, TX  
Leah Marie O'Shea, Homewood, IL  
Emily Ann Petross, Sulphur  
Lisha Joy Pottackal, Cherry Hill, NJ  
Caroline Ridinger, El Dorado, AR  
Jade Lewis Rung, Mandeville  
Sarah Schmitt, Denham Springs  
Carlee Alison Scott, Natchitoches  
Lauren Alyse Shanas, Sterlington  
Travis LaRon Spivey, Mesquite, TX  
Kasey Clinton Stephens, Leesville  
Ashley Roark Taylor, West Monroe  
Christopher Matthew Thibodaux,  
Baton Rouge  
Giabao Duong Tran, Lawrenceville, GA  
Seth Allen Traweek, West Monroe  
Derek Richard Work, Sharpsville, PA  
Zachary W. Zimos, Sugar Land, TX

**MASTER OF EDUCATION**  
**College of Education and Human Sciences**

Camille Louise Dinnat, Alexandria  
Rebekah Jones Doyle, Choudrant

Kellye Dawn Auger Ketchum, Farmerville  
Mary Michal-Jean Storms, Ruston

**MASTER OF HEALTH INFORMATICS**  
**College of Applied and Natural Sciences**

Nickolas Txomin Ansotegui, Boise, ID  
Amanda Michelle Bertsch, Bossier City

Daja D. Brown, Marrero

**MASTER OF SCIENCE**  
**College of Applied and Natural Sciences**

Bridgette Barbre, Winston Salem, NC  
Nakia Cyrice Hilton, Ruston

Kristyn Bordelon Hood, Alexandria  
Danielle Orcutt, Marrero

**MASTER OF SCIENCE**  
**College of Education and Human Sciences**

Allissa Paige Leggio, Ruston

Christopher W. Watson, Pickering, Canada

**MASTER OF SCIENCE**  
**College of Engineering and Science**

Chowdhury Sadid Alam,  
Gopalganj, Bangladesh  
Elizabeth Austin Badgett, Sterlington  
Jonah Michael Blackwell, Winnsboro  
Wesley Dean Brady, Zachary  
Jimmy L. Densmore II, Mer Rouge  
Sunzid Hassan, Gopalganj, Bangladesh  
Warren David Huggins, New Orleans  
Alexander Chukwuemeka Isiani,  
Enugu, Nigeria  
Vivya Kalidindi, Ruston

» Nisha Lama, Kathmandu, Nepal  
Joshua Kane Mobley, Winnsboro  
Nathaniel J. Pruden, West Monroe  
Yead Rahman, Lakshmipur, Bangladesh  
Devin Jay Rowland, Dubach  
Garrett Wayne Rushing, Zachary  
Kritik Saxena, Indore, India  
Sujitha Yangala, Andhra Pradesh, India  
Weibo Zhang, Qingdao, Shandong, China

**DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY**  
**College of Business**

**Ruiyang Ma, Gongyi, Zhengzhou, Henan, China**

BS (2014) South China University of Technology  
MS (2016) California State University  
Dissertation: "Corporate Social Responsibility Impact on Financial Performance:  
The Roles of Corporate Reputation and Engagement Patterns."  
Major Advisor: Dr. Son Le

**DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY**  
**College of Education and Human Sciences**

**Cody Allen Cloud, Benton**

BS (2013) Northwestern State University  
MS (2015) Northwestern State University  
Dissertation: "The New Bully: Online Racism, Online Sexual Harassment, and  
Their Association with Aggression and Stress"  
Major Advisor: Dr. Dong Xie  
Hooding Faculty: Dr. Walter Buboltz

**Reagan Elizabeth Girardot, Forney, TX**

BS (2015) University of Texas at Dallas  
MS (2017) University of Texas at Arlington  
Dissertation: "What's Age Got to Do with It? A Re-Examination of the Factor Structure of  
the Fraboni Scale of Ageism"  
Major Advisor: Dr. Frank Igou

**Matthew Roy McKenzie, Lompoc, CA**

AA (2013) Allan Hancock College  
BS (2015) California Polytechnic State University  
MA (2019) Santa Clara University  
Dissertation: "Sleeping Through the Fright: Examining the Role of Posttraumatic  
Symptoms on the Relationship Between Sleep Quality, Well-Being,  
and Health"  
Major Advisor: Dr. Walter Buboltz



**DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY**  
**College of Engineering and Science**

**Omar Shahrear Apu, Ruston**

BS (2015) Khulna University of Engineering & Technology  
Dissertation: “One-Dimensional Nonlinear Consolidation Investigations of Dredged-Soil Slurry: Theoretical and Experimental Studies, and Their Implementations in Engineering”  
Major Advisor: Dr. Jay Xingran Wang  
Hooding Faculty: Dr. Teresa Murray

**Sanjeev Billa, Ruston**

BS (2016) Bhagwant University  
MS (2018) Amity University  
Dissertation: “Advancing Electrochemical Microsensors for Multiplexed Neurotransmitters and Environmental Toxins Detection”  
Major Advisor: Dr. Prabhu Arumugam  
Hooding Faculty: Dr. Teresa Murray

**Dakota Lee Digilormo, Haughton**

BS (2019) Louisiana Tech University  
MS (2021) Louisiana Tech University  
Dissertation: “A Generative Algorithm and Filtration Process for Finding Ramsey Graphs”  
Major Advisor: Dr. Galen Turner

**Nisha Lama, Kathmandu, Nepal**

BS (2016) Southeastern Louisiana University  
Dissertation: “Micropatterning of Biologically Derived Surfaces with Functional Clay Nanotubes”  
Major Advisor: Dr. Yuri Lvov  
Hooding Faculty: Dr. Collin Wick

**CANDIDATES FOR COMMISSION**

Upon completion of the AFROTC Professional Officer Course and receipt of a baccalaureate degree, cadets are eligible for commission as Second Lieutenants in the United States Air Force or the United States Space Force.

<b>UNITED STATES AIR FORCE</b> <b>Lieutenant Colonel James C. Sprys, Commander</b>
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Eliza J. Kent

Gavin C. Lerch

**Please remain seated until the recessional concludes.**

# ACADEMIC HONOR DISTINCTIONS

## BACCALAUREATE DEGREE LATIN HONORS

### summa cum laude

*(cumulative GPA of 3.90 to 4.00 on all hours pursued – the diamond (◆) indicates a perfect 4.0)*

Marissa Cheyenne Dees  
◆ Raelynn Rose  
Panganiban

◆ Gabriela Pintilie  
◆ Aubrey Joy Prewitt  
Kirsten Paige Thiels

Adam M. Vandavelde

### magna cum laude

*(cumulative GPA of 3.70 to 3.899 on all hours pursued)*

Alyssa Claire Anslem  
Annalee Grace Boykin  
Jacob Tyler Carlton

Hunter Curry  
Cameron Joseph Dupree  
Gavin Christopher Lerch

Benjamin T. Olivier  
Emily Diane Watts  
Logan James White

### cum laude

*(cumulative GPA of 3.50 to 3.699 on all hours pursued)*

Leilani Marie Celestine  
Sierra N. DeCoux  
Michael-Anne Garlington  
Skyler Greeson

Bryce Huntington Jarrell  
Samuel J. Johnston  
Jake William Kopecky  
Nicole Madison Mckissick

Jadon Revel Shirley  
Dylan Troy Ward  
Trevor Paul Wiggins  
Elizabeth Brianna Woodard

## HONOR SCHOLARS' DISTINCTION Completion of the University Honors College Program

Leilani Marie Celestine  
Cameron Joseph Dupree

Jake William Kopecky  
Adam Joseph McCann

Aubrey Joy Prewitt  
Annalise Faith Robbins

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### *Academic Honors Regalia*

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- Blue and gold honor cords worn by graduating business students recognize membership in the **Beta Gamma Sigma** International Honor Society. This society recognizes outstanding academic achievement in collegiate business and management programs accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB - International). Selection for membership requires the student to be in the top 10% of the undergraduate business class.

- Light-blue honor cords with light-blue tassels worn by graduating seniors signify a **Senior Honors Scholar**. The student successfully completed 9 semester hours of Senior Honors courses, including a Senior Thesis, while maintaining a cumulative GPA of 3.3, reviewed annually.

- White and royal blue honor cords with white and royal blue tassels worn by graduating seniors signify an **Honors Scholar**. The student successfully completed 21 semester hours of Honors Program courses while maintaining a cumulative GPA of 3.3, reviewed annually.

- Medallions on blue ribbons worn by graduates signify membership in **Phi Kappa Phi**, National Honor Society. Membership includes all academic disciplines and is limited to the top 5% of the junior class and the top 10% of the senior class.

- Medallions worn by graduates signify membership in **Mortar Board** and indicate distinction for academic achievement as well as outstanding community and university service during their senior year.

- Gold satin stoles with blue embroidery worn by graduating seniors signify membership in the **Golden Key** National Honor Society. Membership is open to all academic disciplines and is limited to the top 15% of the junior and senior classes.

- Red and blue honor cords with multicolored tassels worn by graduates signify membership in **Phi Alpha Theta** History Honor Society. Membership is interdisciplinary and offered to those students who successfully completed 12 or more semester hours of history with a minimum 3.1 GPA and maintained a minimum 3.00 cumulative GPA.

- White satin stoles embroidered with the orange Bent symbol worn by graduating engineering students recognize membership in **Tau Beta Pi** Engineering Honor Society. Selection for this honor is based on the student's engineering GPA being within the top one-eighth of all junior engineering students and within the top one-fifth in the senior year.

- Purple and gold honor cords with purple and gold tassels worn by graduating seniors signify membership in the **Phi Sigma Pi** Honor Fraternity. Membership is open to sophomores, juniors, and seniors from all academic disciplines and requires a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0, reviewed annually.

- Black and gold honor cords worn by graduating seniors signify membership in the **Gamma Beta Phi** National Society, recognizing academic achievement, leadership, and community service. Membership is interdisciplinary and requires scholastic ranking within the top 20% of the senior class.

- Red and purple honor cords worn by graduates signify membership in **Alpha Epsilon Delta** National Pre-Medical Honor Society. Membership is open to all pre-health profession students who successfully complete five academic terms with a minimum 3.3 cumulative GPA, reviewed annually.

- Gold honor cords with blue and gold tassels worn by graduating seniors signify membership in the **Psi Chi** National Psychology Honor Society. Membership is open to all psychology students who successfully complete a minimum of 9 semester hours of psychology courses with a minimum 3.0 GPA, rank in the top 35% of their class in general scholarship and maintain a 3.0 cumulative GPA.

- White pointed collars embroidered with the Bent symbol and the Greek letters XE, worn by selected engineering degree candidates, identify members of **Chi Epsilon** National Civil Engineering Honor Society. Membership is limited to civil engineering majors achieving a cumulative GPA placing them in the top 25% of the junior civil engineering class, and the top 33% of the senior civil engineering class.

- Bright red and gold honor cords worn by graduating business students identify members of **Beta Alpha Psi** National Honors Fraternity for Financial Information Professionals. Membership in the local Alpha Chi Chapter is limited to accounting majors achieving a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or a 3.25 GPA in the most recently completed 30 semester hours; Finance and Computer Information Systems majors with minors in Accounting require a cumulative GPA of 3.25.

- Cream and burgundy cords worn by selected degree candidates identify members of **Kappa Omicron Nu** National Honor Society for Human Ecology majors. Membership is open to students enrolled in the Human Ecology disciplines with at least a 3.0 cumulative GPA and ranked in the top 25 % of their class.

- White satin stoles worn by graduating engineers identify members of **Alpha Pi Mu** Industrial Engineering Honor Society. Members achieved a cumulative GPA placing them in the upper one-fifth of their junior class and upper one-third of their senior class.

- Blue satin stoles with the scholastic aviation symbol and the Greek letters ΗΜΣ, worn by aviation degree candidates, signify members of **Eta Mu Sigma**, the National Collegiate Aviation Honor Society. Membership is restricted to Professional Aviation and Aviation Management majors who achieved a 3.5 cumulative GPA as a junior or a 3.3 cumulative GPA as a senior.

- White satin stoles with a multicolored crest and the Greek letters ΙΠΣ, worn by graduating engineers, identify members of **Pi Tau Sigma** Honorary Mechanical Engineering Fraternity. Membership is limited to mechanical engineering majors achieving a cumulative GPA placing them in the top 25% of the junior mechanical engineering class and the top 35% of the senior mechanical engineering class.

- White satin stoles with a maroon crest and the gold Greek letters ΩΧΕ, worn by graduating engineers, identify members of **Omega Chi Epsilon** National Honor Society for Chemical Engineering. Membership is limited to chemical engineering majors achieving a cumulative GPA of 3.25 or the top 25% of the junior chemical engineering class, and 3.00 or the top 33% of the senior chemical engineering class.

- Navy blue and gold honor cords worn by graduating liberal arts seniors and graduate students identify membership in the Cast of **Alpha Psi Omega** National Honorary Theatre Society. This society recognizes outstanding academic and on- and off-stage performance achievements in areas of dramatic production. The student achieved a 3.2 cumulative GPA and an accumulated over 100 job rating system points based on work in various productions at Louisiana Tech University.

- Spanish gold and red cords worn by graduates identify members of Alpha Omega chapter of **Sigma Delta Pi** National Collegiate Hispanic Honor Society. Eligibility for membership is restricted to those students who have demonstrated a genuine interest in Hispanic people, their civilization, and thought through the achievement of a minimum GPA of 3.0 in 21 or more semester hours of Spanish, with at least one course in Spanish literature or culture at the junior or senior level, and rank in the upper 35% of the senior class.

- Violet, gold, and lavender cords worn by graduating seniors and graduate students signify membership in the **Pi Mu Epsilon** National Mathematics Honor Society. Membership is open to students of all disciplines with completion of three or more college mathematics courses including calculus (with a mathematics GPA of 4.0 and top 25% general class ranking) or two years of college mathematics including calculus (with a mathematics GPA of 3.5 and top 33% general class ranking). Graduate students will have met the same criteria as undergraduate candidates with a 3.0 GPA on mathematics work completed during the last school year prior to membership.

- Gold cords with blue and red tassels worn by graduating engineers identify members of **Eta Kappa Nu** National Electrical Engineering Honor Society. Membership is limited to electrical engineering juniors ranked in the top 25%, and seniors ranked in the top third of the EE class. Along with outstanding scholastic achievement, students must have demonstrated exemplary character and involvement in campus activities.

- Green and ivory cords worn by degree candidates identify members of **Sigma Pi Sigma** National Honor Society for Physics. Membership is open to all students ranked in the top third of his/her class in general scholarship, with a minimum 3.2 GPA for all physics courses attempted, of which at least three or more are applicable to the undergraduate degree in physics.

- Green and white satin stoles with a green embroidered conifer tree and the gold Greek letters ΞΣΠ, worn by graduating Foresters, identify the Alpha Phi chapter members of **Xi Sigma Pi** National Forestry Honor Society. Membership is by invitation to junior and senior forestry majors achieving a cumulative GPA that places them in the top 25% of their class and who exhibit strong moral character, honesty, hard work, and faithfulness.

- An honor cord of deep blue with a hint of red worn by degree candidates identifies members of **Pi Delta Phi** French Honor Society. The society's goal is to promote French and to recognize scholarship in the various disciplines and future teachers of America. Membership is open to French majors, French Education majors, and French minors with a 3.0 average in French and a minimum 2.8 GPA.

- Maroon and black honor cords worn by degree candidates identify Rho Gamma chapter members of **Sigma Tau Delta** International English Honor Society. Members are English majors or minors who have completed a minimum of 12 hours in English language or literature beyond the level of freshman composition, with a minimum 3.0 GPA in all English coursework, and a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA in all coursework.

- Black and gold honor cords worn by degree candidates in Kinesiology signify membership in **Phi Epsilon Kappa** Fraternity, Eta Eta Chapter. Membership is open by invitation to undergraduate and graduate candidates in Kinesiology and requires a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA.