

# **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 Fifth Commencement**  
**Saturday, November 16, 2024**

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

**Marshals:** Mr. Reggie Jeter, Ms. Stacey Black, Dr. Jason Howell,  
Dr. Heath Tims, and Mr. Andy Yepson

**National Anthem: “The Star-Spangled Banner” .....** **Francis Scott Key**  
**Music by John Stafford Smith**  
Dr. WeiShu Tsai, Vocalist  
Instructor for School of Music

**Invocation**..... Rev. Robert “Bob” L. Deich  
Pastor, Dubach United Methodist Church

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

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

**Commencement Address**..... Mrs. Sharilyn Smith Gasaway  
Class of 1989

**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. B. Ramu Ramachandran

**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

**Alma Mater** ..... **John P. Graham**  
Dr. WeiShu Tsai

**Benediction**..... Rev. Robert “Bob” L. Deich

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

## COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER



**Mrs. Sharilyn Smith Gasaway**  
**Louisiana Tech University Class of 1989**

Former telecom industry executive Sharilyn Smith Gasaway was named the Distinguished Alumna of the Louisiana Tech College of Business in 2008.

A licensed CPA, Gasaway earned her bachelor's degree from Tech in accounting in 1989 and attended the executive development program at The Wharton School.

She served as executive vice president and CFO of Alltel Corp., the Arkansas-based Fortune 500 wireless carrier, from 2006 – 2009. She was part of the executive team that spearheaded Alltel's transition through the largest private equity buyout in the telecom sector and was an integral part of the successful combination of Alltel and Verizon.

Today, she serves on the Boards of Directors for HanesBrands, J.B. Hunt, and Genesis Energy, LP. She is also a member of Tech's College of Business Dean's Advisory Board and the Louisiana Tech Foundation Board.

A Shreveport native, Gasaway lives in Little Rock with her husband Brent. The pair share ownership of 2024 Kentucky Derby winner Mystik Dan, who took first in the 150th Run for the Roses in Louisville, Ky., in May 2024.

# 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. The (◇) 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

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Emma Grace Bevill, Winnfield

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Garrett W. Brown, Ruston  
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Jordyn L. Clayton, Clayton  
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Christina Marie Doolittle, Bossier City  
Triston Kennedy Duvall, Fairfax, VA  
Grace Elizabeth Evans, Shreveport  
▪▪ ◇ Zoe O. Evans, Downs ville  
Blake Michael Everett, West Monroe  
Kelly Anne Gerald, Shreveport  
Emma Claire Gibson, West Monroe  
Chloe E. Green, Dubach  
Braden Wesley Griffin, El Dorado, AR  
Amber K. Guzman, Shreveport  
Katherine Alexander Haas,  
Carrollton, TX  
Abigail Marie Hanks, Dubach  
Carson Leeann Henry, El Dorado, AR  
Nora Elizabeth Hill, Bossier City  
Kara Nicole Hodges, Bossier City  
Megan Lea Holloway, Winnsboro

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Dylan Daniel Lee, Denham Springs  
Kambria Ashlyn Lemoine, Ragley  
Tyler James McConnell, Grambling  
Braxton Boyd McGraw, Vidalia  
Paige Mchugh, Loreauville  
Vivian Hope Meachum, Shreveport  
Carley Miller, Jena  
Marleigh Kate Moody, West Monroe  
Kelsey Ann Morgan, Shreveport  
Raphael Olivier, New Iberia  
Emma Claire Olsen, St. Francisville  
Sidnie Nicole Ozark, Calhoun  
Tristan E. Pettis, Rockwall, TX  
Sarah Grace Pias, Alexandria  
Brennan Marie Roberts, Ruston  
Hannah L. Robinson, Haughton  
Kasey Danielle Roddy, Pine Prairie  
Julya K. Socoteanu, Longview, TX  
Kathryn Claire Thibodaux,  
Baton Rouge  
Ysabella Lorynn Warren, Deville  
Gracie Elizabeth Whatley, DeQuincy  
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Amy Dupre Hargroder, Opelousas  
Nafiya Islam, Dhaka, Bangladesh  
Bicky Jaiswal, Bara, Nepal  
Narender Kachkad, Adilabad, India  
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Sai Ram Putta, Madicherla, India  
Md Oliur Rahman, Khulna, Bangladesh  
Evan Michael Saucier, Alexandria  
Prathyusha Valasa, Galiveedu, India  
Breno Yamada Riquieri, Braganca Paulista,  
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Jianjun Zhu, Shenyang, China



**DOCTOR OF ENGINEERING & TECHNOLOGY MANAGEMENT**  
**College of Engineering and Science**

**Lindsay Kristina Gouedy, Ruston**

BS (2005) Louisiana Tech University  
MS (2021) Louisiana Tech University  
GC (2021) Louisiana Tech University  
MBA (2023) Louisiana Tech University  
Dissertation: "Effectiveness of Virtual Reality Training Environments"  
Major Advisor: Dr. Mary Fendley

**DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY**  
**College of Applied and Natural Sciences**

**Ruth Juliana Stewart, West Monroe**

BS (2015) Bridgewater State University  
Dissertation: "Therapeutic Potential of Astrocyte-derived Extracellular Vesicles in Mitigating Cytotoxicity and Transcriptome Changes in Human Brain Endothelial Cells"  
Major Advisor: Dr. Gergana Nestorova

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

**Brody Thomas Loughlin, Tucson, AZ**

BS (2019) University of Arizona  
MA (2024) Louisiana Tech University  
Dissertation: "Attachment Styles as Moderators of Loneliness in Remote Work"  
Major Advisor: Dr. Steven Toaddy

**Leonard Hudson Taylor, Murfreesboro, TN**

BS (2012) Middle Tennessee State University  
Dissertation: "Challenge, Hinderance, or Both: Exploring the Relationship Between Motivational State and Employee Experience of Job Demands"  
Major Advisors: Dr. Marita Apter-Desselles and Dr. Tilman Sheets  
Hoarding Faculty: Dr. Marita Apter-Desselles

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

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BE (2009) Nanjing University of Posts & Telecommunications  
MS (2024) Louisiana Tech University  
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Dissertation: "Simulations, Modeling, and Data Analysis of Parity Violating Electron Scattering Experiments"  
Major Advisor: Dr. Neven Simceic

**Zahra Farazpay, Isfahan, Iran**

BS (2016) Amirkabir University of Technology  
MS (2021) Louisiana Tech University  
Dissertation: "Measurement of Multi-Jet Cross Sections Ratios in the ATLAS Experiment"  
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### **Anna Katya Opel, Mandeville**

BS (2020) Louisiana Tech University  
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Dissertation: "FLoAT: A Multi-scale Food Loss Assessment Tool Developed from Experimentally Derived Material Damage"  
Major Advisor: Dr. Elizabeth Matthews

### **Farnaz Rezaei, Tehran, Iran**

BS (2009) University of Mazandaran  
MS (2020) Louisiana Tech University  
Dissertation: "Multi-Domain Physics-Informed Neural Networks for 3D Thermal Analysis in Laser-Irradiated Skin Tissues with Embedded Tumor and Vasculature"  
Major Advisor: Dr. Weizhong Dai

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BS (2014) University of Mumbai  
MS (2015) Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey  
Dissertation: "Upcycling Traditionally Considered Waste Biomaterials into High Grade and Low Volume Bio-valuable Functional Products: A Step Towards Sustainability"  
Major Advisor: Dr. Joan Lynam  
Hooding Faculty: Dr. Collin Wick

### **Hamid Sharifi Torki, Ruston**

BS (2013) Shahrood University of Technology  
MS (2016) K.N. Toosi University of Technology  
Dissertation: "Computational Design of Complex Concentrated Alloys"  
Major Advisor: Dr. Collin Wick

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

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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 HMΣ, 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 IITΣ, 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 ΩXE, 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  $\Xi\Sigma\Pi$ , 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.

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**magna cum laude**

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

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