

THE COLORS OF HONOR

Graduation with Honors

The gold TLU honors cords are presented to graduates who have achieved the recognition Honors-Cum Laude (3.5 GPA), High Honors-Magna Cum Laude (3.75 GPA), or Highest Honors-Summa Cum Laude (3.9 GPA). These cords are presented to the graduates as they cross the stage.

Alpha Chi

Alpha Chi is a national academic honor society open to undergraduates in the top ten percent of junior and senior classes. The purpose of Alpha Chi is to promote academic excellence and exemplary character among college students. The colors of Alpha Chi are emerald green and sapphire blue, signifying victory and truth.

Alpha Lambda Delta

Alpha Lambda Delta is the national honor society for first-year university students. Full time students who have earned a minimum GPA of 3.5 in the first semester of university are invited to join. At graduation, students who have maintained a minimum 3.5 GPA are presented with Alpha Lambda Delta cords, three cords in the ALD colors of white, red, and gold, which are worn with academic regalia.

Alpha Mu Gamma

Alpha Mu Gamma is a national foreign language honor society open to full time students with at least two final course grades of "A" in the same foreign language. The students must also have maintained a minimum grade point average of 3.0 in all of their college level work. The color of the society is gold, symbolizing truth, light and intelligence.

Beta Beta Beta

Beta Beta Beta Biological Honor Society members are biology majors in good academic standing who have completed at least 12 hours of biology with at least a B average in those courses. The cords are red (representing zoology) and green (representing botany).

Delta Epsilon Iota

Delta Epsilon Iota's mission is to educate its membership on career development issues, encourage students to excel academically, and promote the principles of dedication, enthusiasm, and initiative in all aspects of campus life. The colors of Delta Epsilon Iota are blue and gold.

Delta Mu Delta

Delta Mu Delta is the international honor society for business administration. Honor cords are gold and purple. Membership in Delta Mu Delta is offered to the junior and senior business majors and minors who rank in the top 20 percent of the students within the Business Administration and Economics Department.

Iota Tau Alpha

Iota Tau Alpha is the national honor society for athletic training education and the colors are red, yellow and blue. The purpose of Iota Tau Alpha is the promotion and encouragement of scholarly activity in athletic training and the recognition of outstanding achievement among students enrolled in athletic training education programs.

Lambda Pi Eta

Lambda Pi Eta, the honor society of the communication studies discipline, encourages high standards of scholarship and a commitment to professional development. It is named for Aristotle's three modes of rhetoric, Logos, Pathos, and Ethos. Its colors are crimson, to represent the communication studies discipline, and silver, to represent speech and oratory.

Phi Alpha Theta

Phi Alpha Theta is the national honor society in history. The satin honor cords worn by society members at graduation are in the society colors of blue and Madonna red with a multi-colored tassel at each end.

Pi Lambda Theta

Pi Lambda Theta is the international honor society and professional association in education. High-ranking students who are seeking teaching certification are nominated for membership by TLU faculty members. The society honors its graduates with gold cords.

Psi Chi

Psi Chi is the international honor society for psychology, and the organization's colors are blue and gold. Students must be psychology majors or minors and their GPAs must be in the top 35 percent of the class, both in psychology and overall. Psi Chi sponsors service projects and academic activities relating to psychology.

Sigma Pi Sigma

Sigma Pi Sigma is the national honor society for physics. Students elected to membership must attain high standards of general scholarship and outstanding achievement in physics. The society honors its graduates with green and ivory cords.

Sigma Tau Delta

Sigma Tau Delta's central purpose is to confer distinction upon students of the English language and literature in undergraduate, graduate, and professional studies. Sigma Tau Delta also recognizes the accomplishments of professional writers who have contributed to the fields of language and literature. The colors of Sigma Tau Delat are black and red.

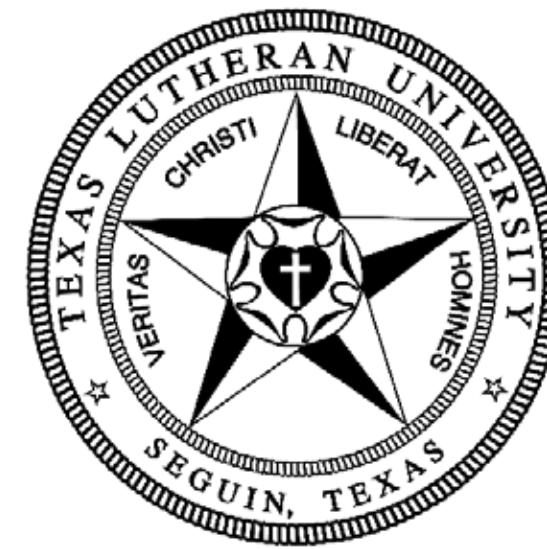
Theta Alpha Kappa

Theta Alpha Kappa, whose color is red, is the only national honor society serving the needs of those involved in the study of religion and/or theology at both the baccalaureate and post-baccalaureate levels of higher education. Honoring excellence in these academic fields is its primary puropose.

TLU Honors Program

The Texas Lutheran University Honors Program includes students who have demonstrated academic promise through high grades and test scores, interviews, essays, and recommendations. At graduation, students who have completed the honors curriculum are presented with honors medallions to be worn with academic regalia.

TEXAS LUTHERAN UNIVERSITY



ONE HUNDRED THIRTIETH ANNUAL
COMMENCEMENT
CEREMONY
EIGHT O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING
SATURDAY, MAY 8, 2021

THE PROGRAM

THE ACADEMIC PROCESSION (*please stand as you are able*)

Pomp and Circumstance Edward Elgar
Performed by Eastern Wind Symphony
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THE INVOCATION..... Ms. Katy Miles-Wallace, M.Div.
Interim Campus Pastor
TLU Class of 2014

THE WELCOME..... Dr. Debbie Cottrell
President

THE GREETING FROM THE BOARD OF REGENTS Mr. Wesley J. Peoples
Chair, TLU Board of Regents
TLU Class of 1978

THE GREETING FROM THE TLU ALUMNI ASSOCIATION Mr. Kevin Boyle
President, TLU Alumni Association
TLU Class of 2012

THE PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATES..... Dr. Sarah Ferguson
Vice President for Academic Affairs

THE CONFERRING OF THE ACADEMIC DEGREES..... Dr. Cottrell
Dr. Ferguson

THE CLOSING REMARKS.....

Dr. Cottrell

THE ALMA MATER (*please stand as you are able*)

TLU Alma Mater arr. by Roy Norton

O stately college of the plain,
The memories we've gathered here
Of chiming bell and chapel spire
Will live through each advancing year;

Beloved TLU, to thee
We pledge our love and loyalty.
Hail to our alma mater fair!
The truth of Christ shall make us free.

CLOSING PRAYER..... Ms. Elise Gray
Member, Graduating Class

BENEDICTION..... Pastor Miles-Wallace

THE ACADEMIC RECESSION (*please remain standing until graduates and faculty exit*)

MARSHALS..... Dr. Linda Wilson
Professor of Mathematics and Computer Science

ASSISTANT MARSHALS..... Dr. Steve Boehm
Associate Professor of Sociology

Dr. Brian Coulombe
Associate Professor of Kinesiology

Dr. Casi Helbig
Professor of Kinesiology

CRUCIFER..... Ms. Audrey West
Member, Graduating Class

The regalia worn by graduates is made in the USA from 100% post-consumer plastic bottles.

Music provided by Mrs. Wendi Gustafson, Organist.