



MATRICULATION CEREMONY

Jackson Auditorium

August 21, 2021 at 10:00 A.M.

Welcome to the Texas Lutheran University Matriculation Ceremony. When a person enrolls in a university (or matriculates), he or she begins an important rite of passage. This is true not only for new students, but also for their family members and for the institution itself. The purpose of this ceremony is to formally receive members of the Class of 2025 and welcome them into our community. The signing of the class register symbolizes the student's official beginning at Texas Lutheran University. It also symbolizes the student's and university's commitment to a partnership in education. The sheets that are signed will be bound and placed for viewing in the school library as a reminder of this common goal.

This is an important day for TLU and all of its new students and families. This ceremony recognizes that importance, along with all the change, hope and excitement it entails.

THE PROGRAM

Processional

Invocation Chaplain Ofsdahl
Pastor

Welcome to TLU Dr. Debbie Cottrell
President

Introduction of New Students Ms. Sarah C. Story
Vice President for Admissions & Marketing

Signing of the Class Register and TLU Honor Code Dean Gourjoine Wade
*Vice President and
Dean of Student Life & Learning*

Presentation of the Class of 2025

Responsive Reading Dean Wade

Benediction Chaplain Ofsdahl

Recessional

RESPONSIVE READING

Dean Wade: Texas Lutheran University is a community of faith and a community of learning, a community dedicated to the pursuit of truth and knowledge, a community dedicated to preparing people for lives of leadership and service. Today we welcome the Class of 2025 into this community.

Students: Today we begin a new life at Texas Lutheran University. It will be a life marked by study, reflection, and fellowship.

Family and Friends: We offer you our encouragement, support and blessing as you begin this new chapter in your life.

Dean Wade: On behalf of the faculty and staff of Texas Lutheran University, I welcome you, the Class of 2025, to this community. Together we shall seek the truth, discover gifts and talents, and help you discern God's call for your life. Today, trusting in God's grace and love, we begin this journey. Amen.



TEXAS LUTHERAN UNIVERSITY

COMMITMENT TO DIVERSITY

As a Lutheran institution of higher learning which serves a diverse community, our heritage grounds us in a belief that all people are beloved and fallible, that our lives are for the common good, and that

we are called to be part of the unfolding justice and mercy of God.

Equality - We promote a culture of mutual respect and strive to create opportunities for all.

Inclusion - We are committed to fostering a welcoming atmosphere that respects and celebrates contributions made by our diverse community members and their cultures.

Social Justice - We are called to work alongside people on the margins to empower them and to improve their quality of life.

Freedom - We value dialogue, difference, and debate in pursuit of knowledge and understanding that encourages growth and discovery.

Leadership Through Service - We value opportunities for growth as global citizens and leaders through service learning and civic engagement.