Sixtieth
Commencement Convocation

Saturday, May 8th, Two Thousand and Ten
Pickens-Springer Gymnasium
Bethany, Oklahoma

Scholarship

Spirit

Service

Our Mission

Southwestern Christian University is a Christ-centered liberal arts institution equipping students for a life of learning, leadership, and service; integrating faith, learning, and living; empowering graduates to excel and to positively impact their world for Jesus Christ.
In July, 1947, Robert L. Mills was born in Roswell, New Mexico. Just a few years later his parents moved to the Sooner state and in 1965 Bob, as he is best known, graduated from Putnam City High School. A short four years later, he earned a Bachelors of Arts in Instrumental Music from Southwestern State University, Weatherford, Oklahoma.

Though through college Bob had been part of a dance band, The Centuries, music was not to be his chosen path. As a result, Bob Mills has had an interesting and diverse business career. It began when he became a clerk/typist for the National Foundation Life Insurance Company in 1969. Only two years later he was co-founder and President of Bob Mills Furniture Company, Inc.

From that first, rather small, store, on southwest 29th in Oklahoma City, Bob Mills Furniture has grown into three large stores located in Oklahoma City, Amarillo and Lubbock, Texas. Mr. Mills also heads Southern Media, Inc., an advertising agency, and Sunrise Developments, LLC., a property investment firm.

A highly successful business man, Bob Mills is also a much respected figure in the Oklahoma City financial circles. As proof, is his induction into The Hall of Honor at Oklahoma City University’s Meinders School of Business which honors business leaders who have made significant contributions to the growth and development of Oklahoma and the Southwest.

Bob Mills, and his wife, Margaret, have three children, Bryan, Tuesday and Chris, who’ve blessed them with 7 grandchildren. Needless to say, Bob Mills is an exemplary mentor for how to succeed in family life as well as business.
PROGRAM

*National Anthem
Lauren Rice
Abigail Palacios

*Invocation/Declaration
Dr. Dan Beller

Welcome & Recognition of Guests:
Dr. Reggies Wenyika

Presidential Greeting
Dr. Ed Huckeby

Special Music
"Holy, Holy, Holy"
arr. by Mayfield
(c) 1989 John T. Benson Publishing Co.

Special Presentation
David Burrows
Jonathan Chasteen

Academic Achievement Award
Dr. Reggies Wenyika

Transformational Leadership Award
Rev. Kenneth L. Young

Servant Award
Dr. Ed Huckeby

Special Music
"Dreams I Dream for You!" as performed by Avalon

Commencement Address
Mr. Robert L. Mills

Conferring of Degrees
Dr. Ed Huckeby

Alumni Installation
Mr. Jon Chasteen

Presidential Charge
Dr. Ed Huckeby

Response
Jonathan Bland

*Benediction
Professor Shelley Groves

*Recessional
David Burrows

2010 CANDIDATES

MASTER OF MINISTRY

J. Dwight Burchett
Michael Jeffrey Bartlett
Deborah Lynn Reed Bell
Justin Paul Bias
Nadine Pyolyn Bonds
Shiron J. Bullock
James Joseph Burgoon
Margaret Chandler-Alleyne
Steven Garrett Conley
Jack Elred
Rachelle Lea Franklin
Marlin R. Giles
Cherisse Ledford
Jeffery E. Patterson
Joseph Bryan Seymour
L. Dan Stewart
Allen Dale Thomas
Alicia Marie Underwood
Charles Underwood III
William Edward Watson
Bobby Ray Wingo Jr.

Midwest City OK
Roseboro NC
Jonesboro GA
Yale OK
Oklahoma City OK
Oklahoma City OK
Point Saint Lucie FL
Tallahassee FL
Spencer OK
Oklahoma City OK
Clarksville TN
Watonga OK
McDonough GA
Bethany OK
Elberton GA
Fox OK
Dunn NC
Bethany OK
Bethany OK
Manning SC
Muskogee OK

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (Professional Studies)

Biblical Leadership
Gabriel Mobolaji Atoyebi
Elizabeth Olubunmi Atoyebi
Rodna Epley
Howard Lee Knox
Donald D. Lawson
David Pollard
Christopher Walker

Yukon OK
Yukon OK
Oklahoma City OK
Oklahoma City OK
Midwest City OK
Cum Laude
Cum Laude

Prague OK
Kingfisher OK

Business Administration
Timothy Alan Hartsook

Moore OK

Business Leadership

Oklahoma City OK
Oklahoma City OK
Oklahoma City OK

*T Audience Please Stand
+Audience Please Stay In Place Until All Graduates and Officials Have Recessed
Human & Family Services

Jennifer Allen
Regina Marie Bradford
Owen Andre’ Bullock
Kelly Dione Butler
Carol L. Hubbard*
Henry A. Johnson
Michelle Pace
Billie J. Stewart

Cum Laude
Chandler OK
Oklahoma City OK
Oklahoma City OK
Oklahoma City OK
Oklahoma City OK
Moore OK
Shawnee OK
Kingfisher OK

Non-Profit Organizational Leadership

Brandon Joshua Becker

Oklahoma City OK

BACHELOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

Tadrick J. Durham
Ryan Edward McCabe
Nathan David Peck
Jarail Gregory Smith

Cum Laude
Oklahoma City OK
Edmond OK
Guymon OK
Midwest City OK

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

SCHOOL OF BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES

Stephanie Carolina Muñoz Molina
Robert M. Roland

Barranquilla Columbia
Moore OK

SCHOOL OF CREATIVE ARTS

Church Music

Jennifer Nicole Becker*
Jared Bishop

Cum Laude
Oklahoma City OK
Duncan OK

Music Performance

Wesley Paul Brazer
Karen Nicole Steffin

Edmond OK
Yukon OK

SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY/MISSESIONS

Biblical Studies

Jessica Pickens Barroso
Jonathan Andrew Bland*
Bryan Nix
Rene Tabe Takang
Joshua Blake Todd

Magna Cum Laude
Magna Cum Laude
Summa Cum Laude
Oklahoma City OK
Jacksonville NC
Oklahoma City OK
Limbe Cameroon
Oklahoma City OK

Intercultural Studies

Virginia Elizabeth Whatley
Sarah Elizabeth Woodring*

Cum Laude
Magna Cum Laude
Wilson OK
Yukon OK

Pastoral Ministry

Laura Anne Birks*
Justin Prough

Cum Laude
Cum Laude
Warr Acres OK
Macomb OK

ASSOCIATE OF ARTS

Adrienne Staci Bley
Sarah Peggy Nan Clark
Austin Wilson

Bethany OK
Moore OK
Simpsonville SC

* Students listed in 2009 National Who’s Who In American Colleges and Universities

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Bookkeeper

PHOTO OPPORTUNITIES

An official photographer will record each graduate receiving his/her degree. Guests are also welcome at the front of the auditorium to photograph graduates. Please do not block the official photographer from recording this momentous occasion. Photographs will be available for purchase. See swcu.edu for additional information.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

The Charlotte Iaquinta School of Behavioral Sciences

After over 26 years of dedicated service to students, the institution, and to her profession, Mrs. Charlotte Iaquinta retires from full time teaching Spring of 2010.

Charlotte, or "Mrs. I", as she is known to her students, has served faithfully and well at Southwestern Christian University. She has enhanced the academic and spiritual environment of the campus as professor and Chair of the Behavioral Sciences School, director of the Campus Diagnostic Center, as a Licensed Professional Counselor and experienced educator.

Her professional background includes serving as Director of Campus Counseling & Diagnostic Services, teaching Christian Education, Elementary Education, Sociology, and Psychology. In addition, she has taught English as a Second Language and established the first University Success program on campus. She holds an Honorary Doctorate in Family Studies. In her diverse career spanning over 40 years, she has been an educator, pastor's wife, speaker, and innovator across the United States. Charlotte has also written magazine articles and Christian Education literature.

She is a 5th generation minister in a direct family line and 3rd generation Pentecostal and a long time specialist in Christian education. Her maternal grandmother held the first youth and children's services at Falcon Camp meeting, the first record of such services in the Pentecostal Revival. Charlotte has taught in Sunday School, Bible school, VBS, Woman's Aglow Bible Studies, National Sunday School Conferences, Youth Camps, Women's conferences, public schools and private Christian schools from the Carolinas to California and was active as a Girl Scout leader and trainer.

Merging strong Christian faith and purpose with her expansive academic training she serves as a role model for the institutions' mission. Her annual "Culture Dinners" and "Chrismon Service" became cherished and well attended traditions for a generation of SCU students. Alums regularly travel back just attend these important events.
The Tradition of Academic Dress

The precise origins of the several parts of academic dress still remain a matter of conjecture. The unheated buildings which medieval scholars frequented may have necessitated the wearing of gowns for comfort. The gowns and the hood were common at British universities before the 14th century; the square cap is thought to be a 16th century import from the University of Paris. European universities continue to use a wide variety in the cut and color of gowns and the type of headdress worn.

Academic attire began to appear quite generally on United States’ campuses in the late 1890’s. Since that time its use has become universal for solemn university functions and its pattern highly uniform. From the color and size of the American academic attire, one may determine the institution from which the wearer received the degree and the degree earned.

The Cap

The mortarboard has become the universally accepted style in United States colleges and universities. The tam is a soft velvet cap worn by those with a doctoral degree. The caps are black with a tassel. The standard tassel worn by the faculty is black, but those with doctoral degrees have the privilege of wearing gold tassels. Candidates for degrees at Southwestern Christian University have colored tassels, which are red or black. Certain designated officers of the University wear gold tassels.

The Gown

The associate’s gown is grey with full sleeves and is worn closed. The bachelor’s gown has a long, pleated front with shirring across the shoulders and back. The flowing sleeves are pointed at the fingertip and are knee length. The master’s degree gown is worn open, and the oblong sleeves, reaching well below the knees, are cut so that the forearm comes through a slit just above the elbow. The doctor’s gown has broad, velvet panels down the front, and three velvet bars on full, round sleeves. This velvet trimming may be either black or a color distinctive of the degree.

The Hood

The hood gives color and meaning to the academic costume. The silk lining of the hood reflects the official colors of the institution conferring the degree. Southwestern Christian University’s color is light blue. The hood is bordered with velvet of a prescribed width to designate the degree and a color to indicate the field of learning to which the degree pertains. On the faculty, the hood also reflects their fields of specialization.

A BRIEF HISTORY
SOUTHWESTERN CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY

Southwestern Christian University was birthed in the fall of 1946 through the vision of the late Dr. R.O. Corvin and Rev. Oral Roberts, and others. Established first as Southwestern Bible College, its goals were to establish an educational institution and train people for leadership in the ministry. Located on the outskirts of Oklahoma City in the “Abe Hale” nightclub, the University grew to a bustling campus during the 1960’s and 1970’s.

In 1981, the University moved to its current location in Bethany, Oklahoma, and the name was changed to Southwestern College of Christian Ministries. In 1993, the school launched a new graduate program offering the Master of Ministry Degree. On October 26, 2001, the name changed to Southwestern Christian University, to more adequately define its vision. Southwestern relates to our heritage and past; Christian reflects our heart, purposes, and principles; and University focuses on the direction we are heading and our progress. Throughout its more than 60-year history, Southwestern Christian University has remained dedicated to educating, equipping and empowering leaders to impact their generation with the gospel of Jesus Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Propelled by the challenge to excel, Southwestern Christian University builds on its hard-earned accomplishments. Attempting to relate the great intellectual traditions to the unchanging and authoritative gospel of Christ, the University is committed to integrating faith, learning and living. Southwestern Christian University has embarked on a journey of qualitative and quantitative growth that will see a broadening and deepening of our academic offerings.

We seek to continue to educate servant leaders, in many disciplines, with the unchanging message of Jesus Christ, leading them toward spiritual integrity, personal maturity, and sensitivity to the needs of an ever-changing world.