

2025

COMMENCEMENT

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ALMA MATER - WORDS BY J.C. DENNEY

*Hail to thee dear Texas Wesleyan, from the heart I give my praise.
In the paths of high endeavor, fame and fortune crown your days.
Streaming forth a line of splendor, sons and daughters all declare,
Living testimony render, to the worthy name you bear.*

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RAY RAMOS, DNP, CRNA

Ray Ramos graduated from Texas Wesleyan University in December 2005 and later earned his doctor of nursing practice from the University of Texas at Austin in 2019. With nearly 20 years of experience as a CRNA, he completed his clinical training in Colorado, Dallas, and Austin, and has spent his entire career with US Anesthesia Partners in Austin. Over the past decade, Ray has held numerous leadership roles, including Platform Chief for the Austin region and vice chair of USAP's National Care Team Advisory Committee. Passionate about team culture and clinical education, he actively supports students from several CRNA programs, including TXWES. Ray has been married for 18 years and is the proud father of two bright and beautiful teenage daughters. He remains deeply grateful for the family and career he has been able to build since graduating from TXWES.

ORDER OF THE PROCESSIONAL

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August 2025 Graduating Class

Platform Party

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Mace Bearer

President

*Banners are emblazoned with the seals of the six Texas institutions
of higher education affiliated with the United Methodist Church.*

Huston-Tillotson University

McMurry University

Southern Methodist University

Southwestern University

Texas Wesleyan University

Wiley College

ACADEMIC REGALIA AND SYMBOLS

American academic regalia originated at European medieval universities, particularly Oxford University, about seven centuries ago. At that time, the teachers were clergymen, the students were studying to become clerics, and the cassock was their usual costume. The tradition has continued through the ages at colleges and universities in the wearing of the academic gown, hood and cap.

The cap, or mortarboard, is the same for all degree. The tassel is worn on the right side of the cap until the bachelor's degree is conferred, at which time it is switched to the left side.

According to the American Council on Education, the gown for the bachelor's degree has pointed sleeves and is designed to be worn closed. The gown for the master's degree has an oblong sleeve base that hangs down and opens at the wrist. The gown for the doctor's degree has bell-shaped sleeves. The doctor's gown is faced with velvet and has three velvet bands on each sleeve. These distinguishing marks may be either black or in the appropriate color of the academic degree earned. Though black is a traditional color for gowns, the degree-granting institution may, however, select unique colors for the gown and trim.

The most colorful and significant item of the academic regalia is the hood. The length indicates the degree; the color of the border denotes the academic area of the degree; the colors of the hood lining identify the college or university, which granted the degree. The doctor's hood is four feet long with a five-inch border. The master's hood is three and one-half feet long with a three-inch border and a long, large pocket at the bottom. The bachelor's hood is three-feet long with a two-inch border.

The academic colors most frequently associated with the Texas Wesleyan University academic community are:

Arts and Letters.....	White	Mass Communication.....	Crimson
Business.....	Light Brown	Music.....	Pink
Counseling.....	White	Nursing.....	Apricot
Criminal Justice.....	Purple	Paralegal Studies.....	Purple
Education.....	Light Blue	Science.....	Golden Yellow
Exercise Science.....	Sage Green	Sociology.....	Citron
History.....	White	Theatre.....	Brown
Language.....	White	Theology.....	Scarlet
Library Science.....	Lemon		

The green and blue tassels identify members of the Alpha Chi National Honor Society. These graduates are at or near the top two percent of their class.

The gold cord symbolizes membership in an honor society. The purple and teal tassels identify members of Kappa Delta Pi, an international honor society in education.

The mace is a common symbol of the authority and power of a corporate body. Its use as such originated in medieval times in legislative bodies and university faculties. It is carried by the presiding officer of the Faculty Assembly.

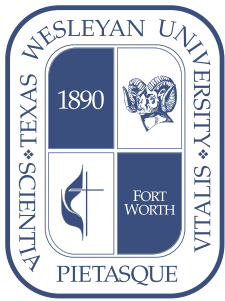
The presidential medallion is a symbol of the Office of the President of a chartered institution. It bears the seal of the college and is placed around the neck of the president at investiture to represent the yoke of responsibility for the welfare of the institution.

A TEXAS-SIZED HISTORY

Texas Wesleyan University was founded in 1890 as Polytechnic College by the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. The early years saw growth under President H.A. Boaz, who even established the first football team. However, plans for a Methodist university in the area shifted focus, becoming a women's college in 1914.

The Great Depression forced a merger with Texas Wesleyan Academy in Austin, transforming the institution back to a co-educational college in 1934, with the return of men and men's athletics.

Graduate programs and a growing campus allowed the college to officially become Texas Wesleyan University in 1989. The university established a downtown Fort Worth campus with a law school (later sold to Texas A&M) in 1997. The early 2000s saw the rise of new athletic programs like women's soccer and table tennis.



The 2010's focused on revitalizing the surrounding area through the Rosedale Renaissance. The university invested in campus improvements and established a welcoming "front door" on Rosedale St.

In July 2023, Dr. Emily W. Messer became the 21st president of Texas Wesleyan. With an extensive background in higher education, she brings a proven track record of boosting enrollment, securing funding for new programs and prioritizing student life. Her leadership promises to solidify Texas Wesleyan's position as a leading educational institution within the community.

Texas Wesleyan's commitment to its community remains strong, offering programs to increase access to higher education and collaborate with the surrounding neighborhood and city for economic growth.

CANDIDATES FOR MASTER DEGREES

MASTER OF FAMILY NURSE PRACTITIONER

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Wanda Linden
Melissa Louise Mitchell
Sarah Melinda Montgomery

Shelley Marion Green
Travis Edward Schochler
Brittany Stevens

CANDIDATES FOR DOCTORAL DEGREES

SCHOOL OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS

DOCTOR OF NURSE ANESTHESIA PRACTICE

Jennifer Acosta
IV Lidocaine vs Control Prior to Extubation: An Evidence-Based Review

Gena Dawn Allen
Efficacy and Safety of Epidural Dexmedetomidine in Labor Analgesia: A Systematic Review with a Meta-Analysis

Hector Francisco Arce, Jr.
Maternal and Neonatal Effects of Intravenous Dexmedetomidine in Cesarean Section: An Evidence-Based Review

Austin Wayne Barrett
Predictor for Increased Mortality and Subsequent Transfusion Requirements in Patient Requiring Blood Transfusion

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Tram N. Cao
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Jacob Crocker
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Eric Daniel Crothers
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Andrew Davis
Preoxygenation Prior to Extubation and Absorption-Reabsorption Atelectasis in Obese Patients

Michael Andrew Carlton Davis
Efficacy of Local Anesthetic Choice for Transverse Abdominal Plane (TAP) Block for Patients Undergoing Laparoscopic Surgery

Ray John De Leon
Systematic Review of ITC Placement for Prevention of PDPH. Should this be a Standard of Practice?

Kayla Dewberry
Comparing Neuraxial vs. General Anesthesia in Patients Undergoing Total Joint Arthroplasty

Leann Dieu
Exploring the Efficacy of Intravenous Tranexamic Acid as an Antifibrinolytic in Spine Surgery Patients

Alejandro Espinoza Celayo
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Leader: Happy is the one who finds wisdom,
People: And the one who gets understanding.

Leader: For the gain from it is better than the gain from silver,
People: And its profit better than gold.

Leader: Wisdom is more precious than jewels,
People: And nothing you desire can compare with it.

Leader: Long life is in wisdom's right hand,
People: And in its left hand are riches and honor.

Leader: The ways of wisdom are ways of pleasantness,
People: And all its paths are peace.

Leader: Wisdom is a tree of life to those who lay hold of it,
People: Those who hold fast to wisdom are called happy.

Leader: The Lord by wisdom founded the earth,
People: And the Lord by understanding established the heavens.

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