

2021-2022
UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTHWEST

Commencement

SATURDAY, MAY 14, 2022



COMMENCEMENT

ORDER OF CEREMONY

10:00 AM

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University of the Southwest is a Christ-centered educational community dedicated to developing men and women for a lifetime of servant leadership by emphasizing individual faith, responsibility, and initiative.

Teaching at University of the Southwest adheres to belief in God, in the Bible as the inspired Word of God, in Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and in the separation of church and state.

University of the Southwest strives for excellence in academic curriculum, campus life programming, and student activities in a supportive educational community where freedom of thought and expression is honored and the demonstration of faith in acts of service is encouraged.

At University of the Southwest, students are instructed and mentored by a faculty and staff who demonstrate Christ-centered values and maintain an environment where students can live and work cooperatively, valuing the multiple cultures from which they come; and

As a community of initiative, University of the Southwest challenges graduates to become enterprising members of our society, contributing to the common good by advocating and participating in the productive commerce of free enterprise, the constitutional privilege of self-government, and the practical contributions of community service.





HONORARY DOCTORATE

RECIPIENT

Paul Campbell

Paul Campbell has been a resident of Hobbs, New Mexico since 1978. He was a partner in the family business, Forrest Tire Company, for nearly forty years, retiring in 2016.

Even before his retirement, Paul was active on the boards of many organizations in this community including Boys and Girls Club of Hobbs, The United Way, University of the Southwest, and Economic Development Corporation of Lea County. He currently is serving as a Director on the J.F Maddox Foundation Board, Habitat for Humanity, and the Board of Directors of Lea County State Bank.

Paul is also an active member of First United Methodist Church-Hobbs. He has served as Chair of the Finance Committee and the Staff-Parish Relations Committee. He was part of several mission projects, among them One Love Worldwide (water wells), a dormitory project in Kenya, and a seminary in the Congo.

Paul currently serves as co-chair of the church's Mission Team and Chairman of its Administrative Council. He is also active with the Sacramento Camp and Conference Center.

Paul and Sherry, his wife of more than 40 years, have three children and eight grandchildren.



COMMENCEMENT

SPEAKER

Dr. Uwem Equan

A native of Akwa Ibom state in Nigeria, Dr. Uwem Equan migrated to the United States nearly 40 years ago.

He is the President and CEO of Uwem Equan Insurance Agency, Inc. and President of Sirlife Inkjet Toner LLC. A former immigration Control Officer for the Nigerian Immigration Service, Dr. Equan graduated from Fayetteville State University with a Bachelor of Science degree and earned an MBA at New York Institute of Technology. He is a proud graduate of University of the South-west's DBA program, earning a doctorate in Leadership and Organizational Development.

Dr. Equan is a member of the Mid-Atlantic Zone Diversity Committee, multi-time President Club and Chairman Circle award recipient, and lifetime Regional Vice President Club member.

He is also a member of the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce, former chairman, Board of Trustees of Akwa Ibom Association, USA (AKISAN), a lifetime member of the Nigerian Community in Charlotte, President AKISAN Charlotte metro chapter USA, and Lifetime Member of Brothers Abroad Association.

"What keeps me going, " said Dr. Equan, "is my God, wife Eno, four children (Nate, Alicia, Stephen, and Olivia), my entire family home and abroad.



CLASS

REPRESENTATIVE

Kennedy McRuffin was born and raised in Dallas, Texas daughter of Tobian and Demetria McRuffin. She received an Associates of Arts and Science from the New Mexico Junior College. She then transferred to the University of the Southwest in 2020 majoring in Healthcare Management in which she hopes to continue with her MBA. During her time at University of the Southwest she was part of the volleyball team, became a Resident Assistant, a mentor for MyPower, and participated in HOG (Healthcare Occupations Group).



CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

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HONORS

HONOR GRADUATES

Graduating seniors who have completed 30 semester hours at University of the Southwest with an exceptional cumulative grade point average (GPA) receive the following honors:

Summa Cum Laude; “with highest honors”- students with GPA of 4.00

Magna Cum Laude; “with high honors”- students with a GPA of 3.90

Cum Laude; “with honors”- students with a GPA of 3.80

Master’s level and Doctoral level students who have completed a degree at University of the Southwest with an exceptional cumulative grade point average receive the following honors:

Graduate with High Distinction; students with GPA of 3.95 - 4.00

Graduate with Distinction; students with GPA of 3.90 - 3.94

AWARDS

President’s Award- Presented to the graduating senior who best represents the ideals of the university on campus.

Trustees’ Award- Presented to the graduating senior who best represents the ideals of the university in the community.

Academic Excellence Award– Presented to the graduating seniors with the highest cumulative grade point average.

Dean’s Award- Presented to the Master graduate who best represents the ideals of the master’s program in their college.

Provost’s Award- Presented to the doctoral candidate who, in the view of the faculty, best exemplifies the spirit of the doctoral program.



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