



Commencement

SATURDAY, MAY 6, 2017



Oklahoma City
UNIVERSITY

WELCOME TO OKLAHOMA CITY UNIVERSITY

We would like to welcome the graduates and their families and friends to this commencement celebration. Oklahoma City University is a United Methodist affiliated institution, which combines a unique blend of tradition, quality, community, and innovation.

PHOTOGRAPHS

Candid Color Photography will photograph each degree candidate as he or she crosses the stage. Proof copies will be mailed to each graduate, and pictures can be ordered from the photographer. Purchase is optional. All inquiries should be made to Candid Color Photography at (405) 951-7300. Photos can be viewed online at www.okpartypics.com.

A photo area for family and friends is available at the northwest corner of the arena following the ceremony. We ask that photos of your graduate be taken at that time. There will be no access to the graduate seating or stage areas during the ceremony.

MISSION

Oklahoma City University embraces the United Methodist tradition of scholarship and service and welcomes all faiths in a culturally rich community dedicated to student success. Men and women pursue academic excellence through a rigorous curriculum focused on students' intellectual, moral, and spiritual development to prepare them to become effective leaders in service to their communities.



Graduates who are wearing a blue and white tassel have contributed to the Class of 2017 Senior Class Gift. We deeply appreciate these donors for providing opportunities for future OCU students. You can contribute at www.okcu.edu/classgift.

OPEN ATTRACTIONS

on the Oklahoma City University Campus

SATURDAY, MAY 6, 2017

CAMPUS STORE

McDaniel University Center, lower level

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

The Campus Store has snacks and OCU gear for you and your graduate!

DULANEY-BROWNE LIBRARY

10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

First floor

Religious paintings from the Burbridge Foundation

Fifth floor

McKenney and Hall portraits of great Indian leaders

N. Scott Momaday Reading Room

BACCALAUREATE SERVICE OF WORSHIP

SATURDAY, MAY 6, 2017, 9:00 A.M.

Bishop W. Angie Smith Chapel • Oklahoma City University

Organ Prelude

“St. Anne” Fugue in E-flat, BWV 552 – J.S. Bach (1685–1750)
Imperial March, op. 32 – Edward Elgar (1857–1934)

Dr. Melissa M. Plamann

Associate Professor of Music and University Organist

Processional Hymn*

“All Creatures of Our God and King” – #62

Invocation

The Reverend Dr. Charles Neff

Vice President for University-Church Relations

First Reading

Isaiah 61:1–4

Tsimnuij “Wesley” Yang*

Class of 2017, Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science

Psalter and Response

Psalm 150, Response 2 (862)

Megan Elise Carter

Class of 2017, Bachelor of Science

Prayer of the Community

The Reverend Dr. Sharon Betsworth

Associate Professor of Religion

Director, Wimberly School of Religion

(in unison)

Sustaining God, we gather this day in gratitude for all the work that has gone before us. We are thankful for students who persevere in studies, for teachers who feel a call to open minds and hearts as they mature, for leaders who believe in the future of these students gathered—and in the future of those who are on the journey.

Bless this life passage as a doorway into new life, life that is connected with you in all ways. Let ambitions be tempered by your call.

Let us all listen closely to what you would have us do, no matter what the world tells us. In the name of the One who gives us life. Amen.

Second Reading

Luke 4:16-21

Stephen Jensen Lashley

Class of 2017, Bachelor of Science in Business Administration

Anthem

“Even When He is Silent” by Kim André Arnesen

University Chamber Choir

Dr. Randi Von Ellefson

Professor of Music

Director of Choral Activities, Conductor

Greetings and Introduction of Speaker

President Robert H. Henry

President, Oklahoma City University

Baccalaureate Message

“Uncomfortable”

The Reverend Andy Nelms

Campus Pastor of One Church @Acts 2 United Methodist Church in Edmond, OK

Benediction Hymn*

“God of the Ages”—#698

Benediction*

The Reverend Elizabeth Horton-Ware

Director of Religious Life

Postlude/Recessional** *“Toccata” from Symphony V by Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937)*

Dr. Melissa Plamann

Associate Professor of Music and University Organist

* Congregation stands as able

** Congregation seated for Postlude

THE REVEREND ANDY NELMS BACHELOR OF ARTS 2010

Baccalaureate Speaker

Reverend Andy Nelms has served on staff at Acts 2 United Methodist Church since June of 2014. Recently, he serves as the Campus Pastor of One Church, an extension campus of Acts 2 currently meeting at Frontier Elementary School in Edmond, Oklahoma.



Andy has a passion for ministry with people of all ages. Ever since discerning his call to ministry at an early age in the small town of Coweta, Oklahoma, he has felt the desire to relate the Gospel in new and exciting ways. As a youngish pastor, Andy is ready to share the Christian faith with a fresh perspective to both the non-religious and seasoned Christians alike.

Andy married his wife, Melissa, in August 2009. They have one daughter, Annaleigh; one son, Elijah; and one dog, Bailey.

Andy received his Bachelor of Arts in Religion from Oklahoma City University and his Master of Divinity from Saint Paul School of Theology. Prior to serving at Acts 2, Andy served at Nichols Hills United Methodist Church as the Associate Minister of Young Adult and Youth Ministry.

Andy enjoys spending time with his family, reading, video games and lots and lots of coffee.

ACADEMIC REGALIA

The history of academic dress reaches back to the oldest universities. Statutes as early as 1321 prescribed the wearing of a long robe. Academic costume today is regulated by the Intercollegiate Code, first presented to American institutions of higher learning in 1895. With few changes, it is still in use, giving America a beautiful and impressive yet simple method of signifying scholastic honors.

The Code deals with three main parts: caps, gowns, and hoods.

The cap in widest use is the square mortarboard. It is usually black and may be covered with any material except velvet, which is reserved for doctors. Tassels may be black for any college degree, or in the color of the major field of learning. The colors associated with the various fields are listed below. A gold tassel designates a doctorate or the head of an institution.

The gown is usually all black. The bachelor's style is simplest, with long pointed sleeves. The gown for the master's degree has long sleeves with square ends that terminate near the wearer's knee. A doctor's gown is an elaborate costume designed with velvet panels on the front and on the bell-shaped sleeves.

The hood is lined with the official colors of the college or university that conferred the wearer's degree. A binding of velvet in the color of the major subject field of study is used. The colors associated with the various subjects are:

Arts, Letters, Humanities	White	Music.	Pink
Business Administration	Drab	Nursing	Apricot
Economics	Copper	Philosophy.	Dark Blue
Education	Light Blue	Physical Education	Sage Green
Engineering.	Orange	Public Health	Salmon Pink
Fine Arts	Brown	Science.	Golden Yellow
Journalism	Crimson	Social Work.	Citron
Law	Purple	Speech.	Silver Gray
Library.	Lemon	Theology	Scarlet
Medicine	Green		

The official colors of Oklahoma City University are royal blue and white.

UNDERGRADUATE COMMENCEMENT

SATURDAY, MAY 6, 2017, 11:00 A.M.

Henry J. Freede Wellness and Activity Center

The Academic Procession

(The audience will remain seated)

Petree College of Arts and Sciences

Wimberly School of Religion

Meinders School of Business

Margaret E. Petree College of Performing Arts

Ann Lacy School of American Dance and Entertainment

Wanda L. Bass School of Music

School of Theatre

Kramer School of Nursing

Faculty

Trustees

Administration

President Henry

The National Anthem

The Star Spangled Banner

John Stafford Smith/Francis Scott Key

Led by **Walker Daniel Degerness**

Class of 2017, Bachelor of Music

Invocation

Michelle (Shelly) Dawn Owen

Class of 1992, Bachelor of Arts

Student Address

Nicholas H. Rhodes

Class of 2017, Bachelor of Business Administration

Student Government Association President 2016-2017

Greetings

Jane Jayroe Gamble

Secretary, Board of Trustees

Letzeiser Awards

Gold Medal

Sylvia C. Hayes*

Class of 2017, Bachelor of Science

Silver Medal

Arrash Eric Allahyar

Class of 2017, Bachelor of Science

Bronze Medal

Jordan Kent Brannan

Class of 2017, Bachelor of Science

Outstanding Faculty Award for 2017

President Robert H. Henry
President, Oklahoma City University

Dr. Melissa Hakman
*Associate Professor and Chairperson of the Department of Psychology
Director of the Child Advocacy Studies Training Program
Petree College of Arts and Sciences*

Oklahoma City University Servant-Leader Award

President Robert H. Henry
Jeanne Hoffman Smith

Oklahoma City University Trustee, clinical social worker, and philanthropist

Conferral of 2016–2017 Honorary Degrees

President Robert H. Henry

Honorary Doctor of Musical Arts

Celin Romero

Classical Guitarist, Professor, Friend of the OCU School of Music

Honorary Degree to be Awarded at a Future Date

Honorary Doctor of Musical Arts

Ron Raines

Actor, Television, Musical Theater, Opera, and Concert Performer

Honorary Degrees Presented During the 2016–2017 Academic Year

Honorary Doctor of Business Administration

Marc Wong Yee Thiam

OCU Alumnus,

Business and Civic Leader in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Posthumous Honorary Doctor of Performing Arts in American Dance

Harold Nicholas

Legendary Tap Dancer, Motion Picture Star

Introduction of Speaker

President Robert H. Henry

Commencement Address

Michelle Millben

OCU Alumna, Performing Artist, Pastor, Lawyer, Congressional Staffer, an official in the U.S.

Government, Miss Black Oklahoma 2005

Presentation of Degree Candidates

Dr. Kent L. Buchanan

Provost, Oklahoma City University

Conferral of Degrees

President Robert H. Henry

Announcement of Degree Candidates

Dr. Robert B. Griffin

Professor of TESOL

Presentation of Diplomas

President Robert H. Henry

Oath of Office

Major Paul J. Goyne

*Assistant Professor of Military Science,
University of Central Oklahoma*

Cadet Victoria A. Little

Class of 2017, Bachelor of Science

Cadet Nathan A. Thaler

Class of 2017, Bachelor of Business Administration

Covenant

Shannon E. Beshears

Class of 2017, Bachelor of Performing Arts

Vice President of Student Activities Council 2016-2017

Terry Phelps

University Marshal

Chris Black

Alumni Board President

Benediction

Morgan Elizabeth Mitchell

Class of 2017, Bachelor of Arts

The University Hymn

Hail, Alma Mater

James Morris

Class of 1940

Led by **Audrey Rose Ballish**

Class of 2017, Bachelor of Music

Recessional

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GRADUATE COMMENCEMENT

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The National Anthem

The Star Spangled Banner
John Stafford Smith/Francis Scott Key
Led by **Sarah Joan Martin**
Class of 2017, Master of Music

Invocation

Charmaine Danyelle Motte
Class of 2017, Master of Arts

Greetings

President Robert H. Henry
President, Oklahoma City University

Introduction of Speaker

President Robert H. Henry

Commencement Address

Dr. Melissa Hakman
Associate Professor of Psychology and Chair of the Psychology Department
Outstanding Faculty Award 2017-2018

Student Address

Christine Lutes
Class of 2017, Master of Music

Presentation of Degree Candidates

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Class of 2017, Master of Music

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THE UNIVERSITY MACE

Long regarded as a symbol of academic dignity, maces were originally weapons wielded by warrior bishops who vowed they would draw no blood yet were compelled to aggressively defend their beliefs. The legacy of the mace remained, however, long after it ceased to be considered an effective weapon. In the late Middle Ages, royalty adopted the practice of outfitting their bodyguards and sergeants-at-arms with maces engraved with the royal seal. Messengers or envoys carried the mace when conducting the official business of the monarch. Once a weapon of war, the mace became a symbolic reminder of royal authority. Academics adopted the tradition of the mace when the first higher education institutions were formed. Again as a symbol of authority, the beadle displayed the mace to command order in classes and later as an emblem of academic dignity. The modern university mace is often composed of images and made of materials that are meaningful to the institution.



Dedicated on October 15, 2009, the current University Mace was designed and handcrafted by Haven Mankin of Oklahoma. This University Mace replaces an older mace that was designed by the Reverend Doctor Bonner Teeter and hand-carved by the Reverend Delbert Carter. The original cherry cross signifying the Christian values of higher education sits atop in its rightful position. The open Bible with the lamp of knowledge now rests inside a new global grid made of olivewood from Bethlehem signifying the fruitfulness of education. The bloodwood pedestal on which the Reverend Carter's carving rests represents the Blood of Christ that holds up all truth and wisdom. An oak barrel symbolizes the Knightwood Oak, one of the oldest trees in England, the country where John Wesley founded the United Methodist Church in the eighteenth century at Oxford University. Within this barrel are exotic wood inlays, similar to the original mace: the Oklahoma City University emblem is made of holly and purpleheart with an OCU star of bloodwood, the peace pipe is of holly and ebony with bloodwood features, the doorway and tent flaps of the wenge-wood wigwam are holly, and the United Methodist Church logo features an ebony cross and bloodwood flames. The mace handle is black walnut, similar to the walnut of the original. Three bands of the Bethlehem olivewood, flanked by the regal purpleheart, are inlaid into the handle to represent the Trinity.

UNIVERSITY GRADUATES



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Kin Keong Chang
Natalie Michelle Chapman
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Manideepsai Jakkula
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Akhilesh Reddy Karedla
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Sandeep Kumar Reddy
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Laxmikanth Reddy
Kowdampalli
Lakshma Reddy Lokasani
Sai Bharath Reddy Sai
Bharath Maareddy
Mohan Krishna Mandalapu
Sandeep Kumar Mandalapu
Purshothama Hemanth
Kumar Marthi
. Mirza Mujthaba Ullah Baig
Mounika Reddy Nandigama
Naga Bhargavi Palagiri
Vamshi Krishna Reddy Pargi
Swathi Peddi Reddy
Deva Prasad Prasad
Harini Ragula
Sasya Keerthi Nath Chowdary
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Sruthi Ravuri
Shiva Kumar Saggi
Arpitha Sama
Manish Sanike
Sandeep Sankaramaddi
Sachith Siddamshetty

Srikar Reddy Singareddy
Gaurang Solanki
Supriya Suddala
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MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ENERGY LEGAL STUDIES

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Charity Dillon
Bryan Christopher Gaddy
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Christopher Milton Jordan
Eric Kerian
Brian Lee Martinez
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Josh McClain
Fredrick Peter Mjema
Matthew Darin Molone

William Alan Orland
George Charles Osborn
Amanda Phelps
Tyston Pipes
Meryl Alain Pumphrey
Davis Puryear
Blake D. Richardson
Robert James Romero
John Ezequiel Sanchez
Joseph William Schenberg
Rebecca Anne Schuetz
Anna Lynn Smith

Oran Smith
Brent Alan Stanley
Jennifer Ann Vanhouter
Nicholas Don Walters
Allen B. Warren
Christopher Don Wells
George Zac Wheat
Cheryl Anne Wilson



Ann Lacy School of American Dance and Entertainment

BACHELOR OF PERFORMING ARTS

Paige Marie Alewel
Shannon E. Beshears
Abigail M. Branch
Chloe Meijiao Brown
Kerry H. Bruso
Natalie Renee Dexeus
Cynthia Edith Frias
Phillip Anthony Giandiletti
Hannah Marie Goodearle
Kayla M. Hendricks
Keyna M. Hoselton
Prisca Laura Lynch
Payton M. McAtee
Ellen Mary Mulvihill
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Sheila Renee Nipp
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Alina Perez
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Phatcharapon Tulyakul
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*Summa Cum Laude – Cumulative GPA of 3.900
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Outstanding Graduating Senior
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EDUCATION

Excellence in Student Teaching Award
Kathryn Candace Riley

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Seongeun An

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*Outstanding Graduating Senior
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SOCIAL SCIENCE

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Daeho Kim
Wae Sook Kim
Ashley Elizabeth Kirven-Bobier
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Karina Salazar-Lopez

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Misael Martinez

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William Alan Orland
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Nanxi Li
Lakshma Reddy Lokasani
Mark Mazzone
Josh McClain
Kelli Jo McQuesten
Ross Philip Morrisett
Christian Barrett Murray
Meryl Alain Pumphrey
Kyle Reynolds
Arpitha Sama
John Ezequiel Sanchez
Jasmyn Sauls
Matthew Aziz Senemar
Anna Lynn Smith
Sheetal Temara
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Latha Vemula
Cheryl Anne Wilson
Keyan Zhao

ANN LACY SCHOOL OF AMERICAN DANCE AND ENTERTAINMENT Awards

***Outstanding Graduating Senior
in American Dance Pedagogy***

Darci Elise McGlasson

***Outstanding Graduating Senior
in Dance Management***

Jami Lynn Buckley

***Outstanding Graduating Senior
in Dance Performance***

Tanner Jacob Pflueger

***Outstanding Graduating Senior
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WANDA L. BASS SCHOOL OF MUSIC Awards

INSTRUMENTAL

Michael Holleyman

Phi Mu Alpha Scholastic Award

William Dexter Hudson

Sigma Alpha Iota Collegiate Honor Award

Samantha E. Schneider-Behen

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Sigma Alpha Iota Scholastic Honor Award

Elizabeth M. Wasson

WANDA L. BASS SCHOOL OF MUSIC Graduate School Honors

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Joseph Aaron Fitzgerald

Christine Lutes

Sarah Joan Martin

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Lauren Michelle Norton

HONORS

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Darren Heath

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Jeremiah Ray Stevenson-Titsworth

Rebecca Anne White

SCHOOL OF THEATRE AWARDS

B.D. Eddie Award for Excellence in Speech Arts in addition to Theatre
Avangeline Brittany Nicole Strasburg

John Michael Scott Award for Excellence in Children's Theatre
Paige E. Konger

Marianne Davenport Scholarship
Jordan Nathaniel Jacobs

Treva Reuzer Hancock Scholarship
Hayley Marie Fortune

Wayne Campbell Theatre Award for Outstanding Performance in Theatre for the Full Time of a Student's Attendance at OCU
Daniel Christopher Brown

KRAMER SCHOOL OF NURSING AWARDS

Outstanding Senior Gateway Student Award
Jory Shane Brownd

Academic Excellence Gateway Senior Student Award
Emily Michaela Watson

Outstanding RN-to-BSN Student Award
Lucas A. Richardson-Walker

Academic Excellence RN-to-BSN Student Award
Amanda Lee Neilson

Outstanding MSN Student Award
Cherlynn Dawn Bowlan

Academic Excellence MSN Student Award
Laura Ables
Cherlynn Dawn Bowlan
Jessica Brenae McLain
Cathy Lynn Tellone

Outstanding BSN-DNP Student Award
Theresa Bach

Academic Excellence BSN-DNP Student Award
Sarah Ann Buster
Becky Joann Pata

Outstanding DNP Completion Student Award
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Academic Excellence DNP Completion Student Award
Stephanie Ranae Mowdy

Outstanding PhD Student Award
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2015–2016 HONORARY DEGREES

CELIN ROMERO

Honorary Doctor of Musical Arts

Celin Romero was born in Málaga, Spain during the Spanish civil war and is the elder son of Maestro Celedonio Romero and Angelita Ines Romero. His father, the legendary Celedonio Romero taught him the guitar and he first performed in public at the age of seven, at the Radio Nacional de España in Málaga. Known to millions as “The Royal Family of the Guitar,” the Romero quartet was originally an idea of Celin and was consequently founded by his father Celedonio Romero together with his brothers Pepe and Angel in 1958. During the beginning years of The Romeros, Celin was not only the managing force behind the scenes but has also been noted for the virtuosity and elegance with which he performs. Season after season, in countless appearances, he demonstrates his own personal style, as a soloist, in duo recitals with brother Pepe or son Celino, and as one of the famous quartet.



In 1957, Celin came with his family to the United States. Within two years, he and the family settled in Southern California, and they became known as the “Royal Family of Guitar.” The quartet’s first tour of the United States included performances at Chicago Orchestra Hall, San Francisco War Memorial Opera House, Boston Symphony Hall, followed immediately with performances on The Ed Sullivan Show, at Carnegie Hall, and at the Hollywood Bowl. The sterling reputation of Celin and The Romeros has further been earned by repeated appearances with virtually every major symphony orchestra in the world, including those of Cleveland, Chicago, New York, Los Angeles, Houston, Pittsburgh, Boston, San Francisco, Dallas, the American Sinfonietta, The Academy of St. Martin-in-the-Fields, the Vienna Radio Orchestra, Nordeutsches Radio Orchester (NDR), the Munich Symphony, The Hong Kong Philharmonic and la Orquesta Nacional de España.

In February 2000, Juan Carlos I, King of Spain, knighted Celin and his brothers Pepe and Angel with the “Gran Cruz de la Orden de Isabel de la Católica,” which is the highest possible civilian honor given in Spain. The father Celedonio had received his knighthood several years earlier. In February of 2007, The Romeros were granted The Recording Academy’s President’s Merit Award from the GRAMMYs© in honor of their artistic achievements.

Celin kept the tradition of his father and taught his son Celino. With the introduction of Celino in 1990 replacing Angel, and Angel’s son Lito in 1996, the quartet comprises three generations of virtuosity. After Celino’s debut The New York Times stated “One of the enduring mysteries of musical talent is how skills seem to flow genetically from musical parent to musical child. In the Romero family the flow has been swift and unimpeded.”

For 59 years, Celin and his family have consistently dazzled audiences everywhere and have inspired enthusiastic guitar students from continent to continent. Whether performing as a quartet, duo or as a soloist in recitals and with symphony orchestras or teaching at colleges and university around the globe, The Romeros prevail as the champion in the realm of classical guitar. After a performance at the prestigious Gewandhaus in Leipzig, Germany in November 1996, the Leipzig Volkszeitung stated “The Romeros: Guardians of the Holy Grail of the Classical Guitar. What the ‘Three Tenors’ are to the world of opera, The Romeros are to the classical guitar.” Today, they continue to produce music that is extraordinary.

HONORARY DEGREES

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MARC WONG YEE THIAM

Honorary Doctor of Business Administration

Marc Wong is a 1995 Oklahoma City University, Master of Business Administration, graduate who is a successful business and civic leader in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. He has been active the past 21 years in promoting OCU and the Meinders School of Business.

He has served as the president of the OCU-Malaysian Alumni Association from 1999-2001, and recently elected to serve another two-year term beginning 2017. In 1998, Wong received the OCU Distinguished Alumni Award and in 2001 he received the Most Outstanding President of the OCU Alumni Award. He has hosted Miss America 1996, Shantel Smith, to raise funds for the Spastic Children Association, and he hosted Kyle Dillingham and Peter Markes (two OCU graduates from the Bass School of Music) during a tour they made in 2000 when they performed for the King and Queen of Malaysia.



In Malaysia, he is the Regional Sales and Marketing Manager for Sanofi Bio Industries in Asia. His career has been marked by high sales growth performance with an innovative management style.

He has been linked to various organizations such as The Malaysian Red Crescent Society, Malaysian American Society, National Heart Foundation, and the Tun Abdul Hamid Scholarship Trust Fund.

Wong is married to Ester and they have a daughter, Estee Wen Wong, and a son, Ken Wong.

Marc places great importance on family cohesiveness. His conviction and his four pillars of success place family matters on top followed by career, alumni matters, and community services.

HAROLD NICHOLAS

*Honorary Doctor of Performing Arts in American Dance
Awarded Posthumously*

Harold Nicholas and his older brother, Fayard, were known for their American tap at an early age. Harold began dancing at age five at black vaudeville houses in Philadelphia. In 1930, he and his brother had their debut on the radio show “Horn & Hardart Kiddie House.” The Nicholas brothers danced in vaudeville, on Broadway, in nightclubs, on television, Europe and the New York dance scene for 20 years. They were known for dancing in movie musicals which made them internationally famous.

Harold appeared in more than 50 films, from 1932 to 1989. “Stormy Weather,” an all-black 20th Century Fox musical, showcased the brothers’ fast footwork and leaps and splits. Fred Astaire told them the “Jumping Jive” dance was the greatest movie musical number he had ever seen.



He and his brother called their work “classical tap.” It incorporated elements of ballet and at the same time, they danced with their whole bodies. Their last film together was “The Pirate” (1948), in which Gene Kelly broke the color bar by dancing with them.

Harold also appeared as a solo artist in films including “Uptown Saturday Night” (1974), “Tap” (1989), and “The Five Heartbeats” (1991).

July 3, 2000, Harold died of heart failure following surgery. He was honored posthumously with an honorary doctor degree at the April 28, 2017, Ann Lacy School of American Dance and Entertainment end of the year honors and awards banquet. In February 2002 his brother, Fayard, received an honorary doctor degree in performing arts in American dance from OCU along with eight living black tap artist legends during Black History month.

HONORARY DEGREE

To Be Awarded at a Future Date

RON RAINES

Honorary Doctor of Musical Arts

Ron Raines is a 2012 Tony and Grammy Award nominee for the acclaimed production of Stephen Sondheim's *Follies*, which he starred in opposite Bernadette Peters. Ron has also starred on Broadway as Daddy Warbucks in "Annie," Joseph Pulitzer in "Newsies," Billy Flynn in "Chicago," Gaylord Ravenal in "Show Boat," and Nick Longworth in "Teddy & Alice."

Ron has also delighted audiences around the country in *A Little Night Music* opposite Leslie Uggams, *The Unsinkable Molly Brown* opposite Debbie Reynolds, *Can Can* opposite Chita Rivera, *South Pacific*, *Rose Marie*, *Oklahoma!*, *Carousel*, *Side by Side* by Sondheim, *Guys and Dolls*, and *Man of LaMancha* which he did at the Covent Garden Festival in London and recorded at the famed Abbey Road Studios.

He has been a soloist with over 60 major American and international orchestras, including the Boston Pops, the Philly Pops, the BBC Concert Orchestra, the Jerusalem Symphony, and the Israel Philharmonic. He has also performed at Carnegie Hall, Tanglewood, and London's Palladium, and their Royal Festival Hall. He has appeared on four PBS "Great Performances," and has recorded numerous cast albums as well as two solo CDs on the Jay Records label. Born in Texas City, Texas and raised throughout East Texas, Ron graduated from Oklahoma City University and later attended The Juilliard School. He was a three-time Emmy nominee for his role as the nefarious Alan Spaulding on CBS's longest running daytime drama "Guiding Light." Ron has appeared on CBS primetime in "Elementary," "Person of Interest" and "The Good Wife."

He lives in New York City with his wife Dona and daughter Charlotte.



MICHELLE MILLBEN

Commencement Speaker

Michelle is a native Oklahoman, devoted fan of the Oklahoma City Thunder, and a proud graduate of Oklahoma City University. Since leaving OCU, Michelle has been a performing artist, pastor, Congressional staffer, and an official in the U.S. government.

In 2005, Michelle received her Bachelor's degree in Music Performance, with honors, from OCU. Michelle has taken her musical talents across the country, providing background vocals for Bruce Springsteen's Super Bowl halftime show in 2009, and HBO's concert on the National Mall for the Inauguration of President Obama. In addition, Michelle has appeared as a singer in TNT's "Christmas In Washington" and has provided background vocals alongside music legends such as Sting, Beyonce, James Taylor, Mavis Staples, Steven Tyler, Carrie Underwood, Heart, Garth Brooks, and OCU alumna Kelli O'Hara in the annual Kennedy Center Honors.



While a student at OCU, Michelle assumed the role of youth pastor for a church in Oklahoma City, where for almost six years she served as a strong advocate for arts education, students in underserved communities, and incarcerated students. During this time, Michelle followed her passion and founded an after school program for teens that provided academic tutoring, sports, and performing arts programs.

Michelle became the first woman from Oklahoma City University to win the Miss Black Oklahoma pageant in 2005, and she used this platform to continue her advocacy. She was recognized by the Oklahoma State Legislature in 2006 for her dedication to bettering youth in the state of Oklahoma.

Michelle switched gears and entered law school at the University of Oklahoma (OU) in 2006. She studied at the Georgetown University Law Center as a visiting student during her third year of law school and was awarded her juris doctor from OU in 2009. In the fall of 2009, Michelle relocated to Washington, D.C., where she served as a staffer in the U.S. Congress in the House Judiciary Committee. Her strong ability to work with anyone made her a key resource to members of Congress in both major political parties. She was ultimately recruited to the Executive branch of the U.S. Government, where she served as an official in the Department of Justice and as an advisor to President Barack Obama on matters related to the U.S. Congress.

Michelle has continued her service to youth and families since moving to Washington. She has served as a Commissioner in the Commonwealth of Virginia for the City of Alexandria's Redevelopment and Housing Authority, and on the Board of Directors for the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Washington, D.C. area. She has also remained a committed member of the clergy by serving as an Associate minister at the historic Alfred Street Baptist Church in Virginia.

Michelle's energy and dedication have been recognized throughout her time in Washington. She is a 2016 graduate of President Obama's Leadership Workshop, and she is a 2014 graduate of the Political Leaders Program at the bipartisan Sorensen Institute for Political Leadership at the University of Virginia. Michelle has been awarded the Dawn Lawson Leadership Development Award from the Virginia Leadership Institute, and was also awarded the Oliver Hill Award for Social Activism by the National Black Law Students Association for her efforts in battling against social injustices.

Michelle takes time every year to visit her beloved state of Oklahoma, and she never misses an opportunity to stop by OCU's campus on each trip.

DR. MELISSA HAKMAN

Outstanding Faculty Award

Melissa Hakman is an associate professor and chairperson of the Department of Psychology and director of the Child Advocacy Studies Training program. It was her curiosity of “what makes people tick” combined with her desire to help others that led her to pursue a career as a clinical psychologist. Hakman received her PhD in Psychology from Oklahoma State University. She completed her predoctoral internship at the Virginia Treatment Center for Children through the Virginia Commonwealth University Medical Center (formerly Medical College of Virginia). She began her teaching career at the University of Richmond before joining the faculty at Western Kentucky University, where her teaching excellence was first recognized when she received the Outstanding Teaching Award in Psychology. This native Oklahoman then returned home where she has been sharing her love of psychology with students at OCU since 2008.



Regardless of the course, Hakman perceives that her role as an educator is to challenge students to expand their horizons by exploring new information, testing their assumptions, learning how to think critically, and applying information learned in class to their lives outside the university. To do so, she utilizes a project-based approach to instruction where students explore real life situations and challenges. She presents these situations and challenges as live demonstrations in class often with the help of actors, real life cases, controversial topics activities, and experiential labs completed outside the classroom. Students increase their content knowledge, learn how to ask questions, develop solutions, and work effectively with others, all while learning more about themselves.

Hakman is responsible for the creation of the Child Advocacy Studies Training (CAST) program at OCU, the only program of its kind in Oklahoma. This program provides students with specialized training in multidisciplinary responses to child abuse and neglect to help prevent child maltreatment cases from being overlooked or mishandled. It brings real life experiences to the classroom setting, allowing students to develop specific skills to respond and advocate for children and families within various agencies and systems (mental health, health care, criminal justice, social services). Hakman is also responsible for the expansion of the undergraduate psychology internship program that allows students to gain real life experience working in hospitals, agencies, and other businesses.

Hakman's research examines child and adolescent behavior, adolescent nonsuicidal self-injury, and parent-child interactions in traditional and nontraditional families, including families in which child maltreatment has occurred. Her research is published in various journals including *Infant Child Development* and *Child Abuse and Neglect*. She regularly presents her research at regional and national conferences such as the Association for Behavioral Cognitive Therapies (ABCT), National Association of School Psychologists (NASP), and Southwestern Psychological Association (SWPA).

As a licensed clinical psychologist, Hakman provides part-time outpatient psychotherapy services to children, adolescents, and their families, and conducts comprehensive psychological evaluations through the Department of Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center (OUHSC). She is routinely invited to provide continuing education workshops across the state on mental health topics for professionals working in various capacities in behavioral health care for agencies such as the Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services and the Oklahoma Juvenile Personnel Training Program.

Overall, Hakman perceives herself as being lucky in finding a career that allows her to touch the lives of so many different people, whether that be preparing students for future work, helping individuals overcome psychological difficulties, or inspiring others to find their own talent to live life to its fullest. She resides in Mustang, Oklahoma with her husband Greg.

JEANNE HOFFMAN SMITH

Oklahoma City University Servant Leader Award

Jeanne Hoffman Smith is a clinical social worker and philanthropist. She grew up in Chandler and Oklahoma City, graduated from Oklahoma City University and earned a master's degree in clinical social work from the University of Louisville in Kentucky. She also earned a degree from the Colorado Center for Psychoanalytic Studies. In addition, she holds an honorary doctor of humane letters from Oklahoma City University.



She has worked many years of private practice in clinical social work. She has served on the staff of the Central Oklahoma Mental Health Center. In 2001, she was presented the Distinguished Service Award from the Mental Health Association of Social Workers, and was named a Treasures for Tomorrow honoree of the Oklahoma Health Center Foundation in 2011.

Aside from her contributions to the mental health programs at the University of Oklahoma College of Medicine, her support has helped fund programs in the Department of Pediatrics and the Section for Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics, as well as the Child Study Center and the Center on Child Abuse and Neglect.

Her civic involvement includes serving on the advisory committee of the Inasmuch Foundation since 1982; is a trustee of OCU and the Oklahoma City Art Museum; and is a board member of the Mental Health Association. Smith's past community involvement includes serving as president of the Junior League; chairman and organizer of the Daily Living Center and the volunteer program at the Oklahoma City Zoo; organizer and advisory committee member for Sunbridge Low-Cost Counseling; corporate board member for the Presbyterian Health Foundation, grants committee; advisory committee member for the Oklahoma State Film and Music Commission; board member for the Oklahoma Humanities Council; and many others.

She has supported the arts at both OU and OCU. At OU, she has endowed a professorship in film, helped establish a film degree program in the College of Arts and Sciences that brings in independent directors from around the world, and has endowed an award that celebrates the creative process, recognizing the power of original thought. At OCU, she created and endowed the Center for Interpersonal Studies through Film and Literature; created one of the most expansive collections of international, independent and documentary films for the OCU Library; and sponsored a poetry series bringing national Poet Laureates and Pulitzer Prize winners to OCU.

Her contributions to the state have been recognized by receiving the Governor's Arts Award, and in 2014, she was inducted into the Oklahoma Higher Education Hall of Fame.

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The Star Spangled Banner

John Stafford Smith/Francis Scott Key

Oh, say, can you see, by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming,
Whose broad stripes and bright stars, thru the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watched, were so gallantly streaming?
And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there.
O say, does that star-spangled banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

COVENANT



*Faculty, alumni, and the university's newest graduates
pledge their faith and trust in one another. Each
group recites the covenant with their leader.*

FACULTY

Just as parents raise their children to leave them, teachers hope to make their students wise enough that we become superfluous. A true teacher has succeeded when a student “lives” his or her education. We will have taught you well if you know that intelligence is important, but wisdom is vital. Don't just go and “do.” Go and “be” men and women of virtue.

CLASS OF 2017

We have learned much more from you than the syllabus covered, because you have taught us by example. We have learned that knowledge is power, but character is enduring. Thank you for not just “doing” your job, but for “being” our teachers.

ALUMNI

We all once stood where you now stand, thinking mostly about the future. But as alumni, we know that the past is prologue to the future. Don't forget the gift you have been given here. Find a way to give something back to this community that has given so much to you.

CLASS OF 2017

We will not forget. As we join the unbroken line of OCU alumni, you can depend on us to think not just about where we're going but about where we came from. We pledge to honor Oklahoma City University and uphold the United Methodist tradition of academic excellence, spiritual development, and service to others. We are not just OCU graduates; we are now proud OCU alumni!

ALMA MATER



Hail, Alma Mater, honored by all;
We love your Gothic towers so stately and tall.
Cherish your noble name but hold still more dear
Your wisdom, truth, and faith to us given here.

Your sons and daughters, scholars so true,
Carry your banner high of white and blue.
May those who are to follow in future days
Find light to guide their steps in all their ways.

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To know scientifically
to understand humanistically,
to explore artistically,
and to act morally:

“Do[ing] all the good you can,
By all the means you can,
In all the ways you can,
In all the places you can,
At all the times you can,
To all the people you can,
As long as ever you can.”ⁱ

Keep Oklahoma City University in your heart and mind as you dedicate
yourself to a meaningful new role in a world that needs you.

ⁱ Attributed to John Wesley, founder of Methodism (1703-1791)

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