

TEXAS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY
ROBING CEREMONY
Polytechnic United Methodist Church
11:00 a.m., Friday, December 11, 2009

INSTRUCTIONS

ATTIRE

- **Senior women** will wear dressy business attire & dark shoes. Do not bring your purses since you will not be able to carry them & there is no place to secure them.
- **Senior men** will wear a dress shirt and tie & dark shoes.
- **Undergraduates** will carry robes/gowns and hoods over their left arm – no honor cords.
- **Graduate students** will not have a hood until Commencement - you will carry robes/gowns only.
- **DO NOT bring caps** to Robing.
- **Faculty members** will wear academic regalia (NO CAPS).

PROCESSIONAL

- **Seniors** meet in the McFadden Science Lecture Theatre (SLT) at **10:15 a.m.**
- **Seniors** will be arranged in Robing order. (See staff with alpha lists outside of SLT for your group, seat number & programs.)
- **Faculty & Platform Party** meets in the McFadden hallway at 10:15 a.m.
- The Faculty Marshall will help line up the **faculty** (according to program order) **& platform party**. The processional will form in the following order:

Cross Bearer
Bible Bearer
Academic Marshals
Seniors
Faculty Marshal
Faculty
Grand Marshal

Platform Party:

Board of Trustees
Invocation
Golden Shears Presenter
Graduation Gift Presenter
Alma Mater Leader
Alumni Board President
University Chaplain
Announcer
Provost
Mace Bearer
President

The procession will leave the McFadden Science Bldg., proceed to East Rosedale, then east to the Church in the order listed above.

The procession will enter down the center aisle. The **Academic Marshals** will guide the Seniors into their rows to their right, as indicated on seating chart (front row should be vacant). (over)

The **Faculty Marshal** will guide the Faculty into their rows to the left (front row should be vacant) and will then take a seat on the left side, front row. The **Platform Party** will proceed to their designated seats. All will remain standing until after the invocation.

ROBING

After the presentation of the graduation gift, the announcer will request Group 1 to present themselves for robing. **Faculty** members robing in **Group I** will take their places across the front of the Sanctuary in front of the prayer rail in order of the program starting on the far left side. There will be taped x's on the carpet to indicate where faculty are to stand. While the faculty members take their places, students in **Group I** will rise, move to the right side aisle, and wait for the announcement of their names. As their names are announced, each candidate will take his/her place in front of the faculty member who is to robe him/her, facing the audience. The faculty member will robe/hood the graduate and offer congratulations. **Candidates for Masters Degrees will be hooded during the Commencement ceremony, not at the Robing ceremony.** DO NOT zip the robe. When all students in **Group I** have been robed, the announcer will lead the audience in congratulating the candidates and instruct the next group to come forward. At this time **Group II** will rise and move to the right front and wait for the announcer. **Group I** will return to their seats via the center aisle following the leader – the 1st student called in their group.

Faculty members in Group I who are robing in Group II will remain in their positions; those not robing in Group II return to their seats. Those who did not robe in Group I but will be robing in Group II take their corresponding place at the front after Group II is called forward by the announcer. This procedure will be repeated until all groups are robed.

ALMA MATER AND BENEDECTION

All stand and sing the *Alma Mater* and remain standing for benediction.

RECESSIONAL

After benediction, guests will be seated. The Cross, Bible, and Mace Bearers lead the President and other members of the platform party to be followed by the Grand Marshal. The Faculty Marshal will guide the faculty beginning with the last row, etc. Following the last faculty member, the academic marshal will guide the seniors, LAST ROW FIRST. Faculty and Seniors will recess double file.

DO NOT STOP IN THE DOORWAY.

Keep walking when you leave the Church and proceed west on Rosedale so those following you may leave the Church. The Robing reception will be in the Baker Martin Pavilion.

NOTES:

- One faculty member per student will perform the actual robing.
- If a student wishes to honor additional people who were supportive during their college experience, please contact the Alumni/Advancement office at 817-531-6548 or dwood@txwes.edu.
- Due to very limited seating in the sanctuary, students are encouraged to only invite 2 family members or friends to attend the Robing ceremony.
- **All attendees are invited to the Robing reception in the Baker Martin Pavilion afterward for refreshments.**
- CONGRATULATIONS – ALL GRADUATES ARE NEW MEMBERS OF THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION!