The UNIVERSITY of OKLAHOMA
GAYLORD COLLEGE
of Journalism and Mass Communication

Spring Class of 2012
Convocation Program

Saturday, May 12, 2012
T. Howard McCasland Field House, Norman, Oklahoma
Convocation Program

Welcome Remarks
Dr. Joe Foote
Dean, Edward L. Gaylord Chair

JayMac Welcome
James S. Tyree
President, JayMac Alumni Assoc.
News Communication, 1995

Student Award Recognition
John Hockett
Assistant Dean

Outstanding Senior
Chinh Theresa Tu Doan

Speaker
Kathy L. Taylor
Journalism, 1978; Juris Doctorate, 1981

Special Recognition of Doctoral Candidates
Dr. Meta G. Carstarphen
Director of Graduate Studies, Gaylord Family Endowed Professor

Hooding of Graduate Degree Candidates
Dr. Meta G. Carstarphen

Recommendation of Undergraduate Candidates
Dr. David Craig
Associate Dean, President’s Associates Presidential Professor

Pronouncement of Graduates
Dean Joe Foote

Presentation of the Graduates
Assistant Dean Hockett

Closing Remarks
Dean Joe Foote

Singing of the OU Chant
Dr. Charles Self
Founding Dean, Edward L. and Thelma Gaylord Chair

During the recessional, please remain standing at your seat until all graduates have left the auditorium.
Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society
Gaylord College Members

Brittney Marie Brown
Joshua Dee Burks
Kathleen Anne Evans
Audrey Emma Elizabeth Harris
Sarah Ruth Hauptman
Paige Jennifer Iven
Blakeley Caroline Jones
Sandra Lynne Kunzweiler
Melissa Jeane Mathewson
Tuan Minh Nguyen
Ashley Marie Shovanec
Jillian Christine Ward
Ashleigh Theresa Woodall

Kappa Tau Alpha
Journalism Honor Society

Nathan Thomas Altadonna (MA)
Joshua Dee Burks
Emily Anne Calhoun
Alyssa Charlene Combs
Kathleen Anne Evans
Audrey Emma Elizabeth Harris
Sarah Ruth Hauptman
Blakeley Caroline Jones
Jonathan Keegan Kirkhart
Tristen Bailey McLeod
Chloe Patricia Meek
Lauren Camille Nassar
Andrea Mary Segura
Lindsay Dawn Whelchel

Highest Achievement Awards

Lauren Elizabeth Britton, Advertising
Jonathan Keegan Kirkhart, Broadcasting and Electronic Media
Kathleen Anne Evans, Journalism
Brittney Marie Brown, Professional Writing
Lauren Camille Nassar, Public Relations

Doctorate of Philosophy in Journalism

Christal Renee Seantee Johnson
Chad Flynn Nye
Aimei Yang

Master of Arts in Journalism

Nathan Thomas Altadonna
Cole Lawrence Hackett
Caitlin Marie Handcock
Jaime Lorraine Hodson
Rebekah Dawn Law
Hogar Hasan Mohammed
Alexandria Nicole Page
Rebeca Agneta Pop
Crystal Jane Na’Arwe Sowah
Audrey Danielle Sowell

Master of Professional Writing

Jennifer Jill Elsner
Aaron Lewis Pogue
Erin Annette Sigler
Bachelor of Arts in Journalism

Advertising

Danielle Samantha Alva
Austin Canfield Anderson
Keely Diane Armstrong
Rachelle Nicole Barteau
Kyle B. Beeman
Charles Hugh Black
Lauren Elizabeth Britton
Whitney Lee Brooks
Nicole Alexis Bryan
Felicia Marie Burkley
Kyle Jared Carter
William Corey Chancellor II
Katlyn Blair Chaney
Alyssa Charlene Combs
Terry Wayne Cryer
Samantha Cady Davis
John Louis DeGiulio
John Kendall Dobson
Lauren Haleigh Dorrell
Brittany Mae Ellia
Megan Marie Ferguson
Lauren Elizabeth Forte
Timothy Russell Graves
Taylor Rhea Haney
Audrey Emma Elizabeth Harris
Kirsten Renee Harrison
Taylor Mackenzie Heeke
Kellee Marie Higgins
Barbara Renee Hoelscher
Blakeley Caroline Jones

Lauren Marie Kearney
April Michele Killian
Leroy William Kirk IV
Kelly R. Klena
Thomas M. Klink, Jr.
Katharine Lee Kosniewski***
John Adam Leighty II
Allison Louise Lowry
Michelle Babette Mandell
Melissa Jeanne Mathewson
Emily Louise McFall
Tristen Bailey McLeod
Melissa Margaret Megginson
Kristen Rose Milburn
Brianna Elizabeth Narvaez
Lucas William Potter
Kara Elizabeth Przybyl
Abbey Elizabeth Rexing
Randi Michelle Roberts
Laura Elizabeth Rossi
James Walter Schoen
Taylor Brooke Schwenke
Paula Grace Shaibani*
Jessica Anne Sheets
Lindsey Marie Smith
Gabriel Marcel Snop
Michael Christian Stanley
Samuel Lee Tindal
Alexandra Elizabeth Verity
Nicholas Chase Witwer

Gaylord College Recognition
Special distinction = 3.8 to 4.0 GPA
Distinction = 3.6 to 3.79 GPA

^ = Perfect 4.0 GPA throughout

Honors Graduates Recognition
*** Summa cum Laude = 3.8 to 4.0 GPA
** Magna cum Laude = 3.6 to 3.79 GPA
* cum Laude = 3.4 to 3.59 GPA
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**Broadcasting and Electronic Media**

*Emily Anne Calhoun*
Carl R. Cockrill
Stephanie Agnes Collins
Brandie Elyse Davis
Katy Marie Deitz
Drake Edward Diacon
Kayla Diane Docto
Stephen Dean Fredsall
Timothy Matthew Gilroy
Diana Jo Haslett
Bryn Aileen Hathaway
Sean Douglas Hobbs
Kevin R. Johnson
**Jonathan Keegan Kirkhart**
Kevin Z. Kues

**Journalism**

Lauren Ashton Abram
Michael Robert Acker
Samantha Jordan Brule
**Joshua Dee Burks**
Aaryn Lea Cahill
Manuel Frank Casiano II
Lillian Susan Chapa
Chinh Theresa Tu Doan
Morgan Leigh Downing
Lauren Credence Duff
Garrett Austin Duty
**Kathleen Anne Evans**
Timothy Patrick French
Zach Aaron Geld
Crystal Chantay Giles
Courtney Ann Goforth
Allison Loree Harris
Richard Dee Immel

**Professional Writing**

*Brittney Marie Brown***
James M. Bryan
Mia Nicole Cantu
Darren Kenlee File
Robert James Flippo
Catherine Amanda Vernoy Fuller
Kylee Ann Gwartney
Dylan Hunter Juby

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Public Relations

Michael Tyler Aljoe
Susan Renee Boulavsky
Laura Anne Brown
Michelle Thien Huong Bui
Bridgette Nicole Castorino
Benjamin Paul Coldagelli
Jennifer Alyson Cook
Morgan Whitney Cronin
Danielle Kimberly Digeralamo
Amanda Ann Easley
Megan Brooke Ebersole
Ashley Dawn Elkins
Alyson Kathryn Feaster
Jason Eugene Fry
Megan Dawn Garrett
Amanda Hannah Gerards
Jorge Alberto Gomez
Kayla Marie Hand
Evan Mark Handy
Sarah Ruth Hauptman
Zachary James Hensley
Thomas Ray Herndon
Holli Anne Horbachz
Ky C. Humble
Samaiyah Joy Islam
Paige Jennifer Iven
Erin Jacobs
Elizabeth Knight Jones
Brenna Michelle Kent
Mary Kathleen Killeavy
Cassandra Howland Kolenda
Sandra Lynne Kunzweiler
Rachel Elizabeth Landers
Rebecca Lynn Lansberry
Taylor Renee Luttrell
Hunter David Mankin
Madelyne A. Marziani
Chloe Patricia Meek
Christine Nicole Miggins
Richard Mills-Tetteh
Eryn Elizabeth Murphy
Lauren Camille Nassar
Patrick Ross Newcomer
Meredith Clare Eckert Otte
Sean Carl Lawrence Parks
Olivia Jewels Penix
Grace Hamilton Powell
Jessica Dawn Prater
Lauren Kristen Reed
Bradley Payton Robert Regal
Briquette Lenora Reid
Sadie Blair Richards
Amanda Nichole Sawyer
Joseph Thomas Schmidt
Andrea Mary Segura
Ashley Marie Schovanec
Jensen Donelle Smith
Meghan Smithers
Megan E. Snowbarger
Michelle Ann Stephenson
Staley Lynne Stidham
Melanie Jeanne Stone
Dana Elizabeth Swann
Uyen Thi Truong
Victoria Marie Voight
Kathryn Makenzie Wait
Jillian Christine Ward
Kendacey Camille Whittaker
Ashleigh Theresa Woodall
Deans
Joe Foote, Edward L. Gaylord Chair, Professor, Dean
David Craig, President's Associates Presidential Professor, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs
John Hockett, Assistant Dean for Student Affairs and Administration

Area Heads and Directors
Jim Avery, Gaylord Family Endowed Professor, Professor, Strategic Communication
Peter Gade, Gaylord Family Endowed Professor, Associate Professor, Journalism
Scott Hodgson, Gaylord Family Endowed Professor, Professor, Media Arts
Meta G. Carstarphen, Gaylord Family Endowed Professor, Associate Professor, Graduate Director

Faculty
Fred Beard, Professor
Ralph Beliveau, Associate Professor
Kyle Bergersen, Assistant Professor
Win Blevins, Visiting Professor
Mike Boettcher, Correspondent in Residence
Ramón Chavéz, Instructor
Deborah Chester, John Crain Presidential Professor
J. Madison Davis, Gaylord Family Endowed Professor
Ken Fischer, Instructor
George Lynn Franklin, Instructor
Kathryn Jenson White, Associate Professor
Kathleen Johnson, McMahon Centennial Professor in Journalism
Julie Jones, Associate Professor
Michael Kent, Associate Professor
Robert Kerr, Associate Professor
Chris Krug, Instructor
Owen Kulemeka, Assistant Professor
Gerald Loessberg, Instructor
Jaime Loke, Assistant Professor
Daniel Ng, Associate Professor
Namkee Park, Assistant Professor
Robert Pritchard, Instructor and Lindsey + Asp Agency Adviser
Charles C. Self, Edward L. and Thelma Gaylord Chair and Professor
John Schmeltzer, Engleman/Livermore Professor in Community Journalism
Elanie Steyn, Assistant Professor
David Tarpenning, Instructor and Lindsey + Asp Agency Adviser
Maureen Taylor, Gaylord Family Endowed Chair and Professor
Katerina Tsetsura, Associate Professor
Warren Veith, Instructor
Doyle Yoon, Associate Professor

Faculty Marshals
Kyle Bergersen  Julie Jones
A gift from the E.L. and Thelma Gaylord Foundation provided the resources for the formation of the Gaylord College of Journalism and Mass Communication in 2000. The spectacular home to the college, Gaylord Hall, was opened in 2004; the second wing of the facility was completed and dedicated in October, 2009.

Previously the H.H. Herbert School of Journalism and Mass Communication, the college will celebrate its centennial in 2013, has more than 30 faculty members instructing graduate and undergraduate students in broadcasting and electronic media, journalism, public relations, advertising, and professional writing.

The Gaylord College is the first collegiate journalism program in the U.S. to be named an Apple Distinguished Program for its comprehensive integration of Apple-inspired technology throughout its building and curriculum. The Apple Distinguished Program designation is reserved for academic units that are recognized centers of educational excellence and leadership.

Gaylord College students have become master storytellers equipped with access to more than 400 Apple computers loaded with Apple and Adobe software and state-of-the-art audio and video equipment.

There are more than 20 student media and co-curricular opportunities showcasing student talent including “Routes” webzine, Lindsey + Asp advertising and public relations agency, “StormCrowd, "FPU," "OU Nightly," “The Wire,” “The Set,” “OUr Sports Pad” and the Gaylord Ambassadors student leadership group.

This year’s graduating class joins more than 11,000 alumni working around the globe. Among Gaylord College’s many outstanding alumni are Pattye Moore, consultant, speaker, author and former president of Sonic Corp.; Jim Dolan, president, chairman and chief executive officer of The Dolan Company; Spencer Tillman, lead studio analyst for CBS Television Network’s College Football Today and CEO of Axiom Sports Productions; and Jennifer Johnson-Hicks, news editor of the European edition of the Wall Street Journal Online.

Gaylord College is one of the five largest academic colleges on campus with more than 1,200 graduate and undergraduate students enrolled each semester. Gaylord College students have consistently achieved the shortest time to graduation and have one of the highest retention and graduation rates on campus.