

Spring Commencement

Our Lady of the Lake University
San Antonio, TX



Thursday, May 7, 2026

5 PM

Freeman Coliseum

PROGRAM

Processional Elgar’s “Pomp and Circumstance”	The Medina Jazz Collective
National Anthem	De’Jon “DJ” L. Lewis
Introduction	Alan J. Silva, Ph.D. Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs
Invocation	Maria Adela Tamayo
Welcome and Introduction of Speaker	Abel A. Chávez, MBA, Ph.D. President
Commencement Address	Donald "Don" E. Graham
Presentation of Degrees	
Honorary Posthumous Degree	Abel A. Chávez, MBA, Ph.D. President
Main Readers	Vanessa Clark, Ph.D. Associate Dean, Professor, and Chair Computer Information Systems and Security
.....	Kimberley Kennedy, Ph.D. Associate Professor, Bilingual Special Education
.....	Eden Robles, Ph.D. Assistant Professor, Worden School of Social Service
Conferring of Degrees	Abel A. Chávez, MBA, Ph.D.
Alumni Welcome	Paul Revilla, MBA
Benediction	Father Kevin Fauz, C.M.
Recessional	The Medina Jazz Collective Assistance provided by Institutional Advancement, Academic Affairs, and Student Affairs staff.

OUR LADY OF THE LAKE UNIVERSITY

Our Lady of the Lake University (OLLU), founded in 1895 by the Congregation of Divine Providence, is a coeducational comprehensive institution with an enrollment of approximately 2,000 students. With its main residential campus on the West Side of San Antonio, OLLU offers both traditional, weekend, and nontraditional programs in San Antonio, Houston, La Feria and online. The University offers more than 70 undergraduate majors and minors, 15 master's programs, and three doctoral programs through its College of Arts and Sciences, College of Professional Studies, School of Business and Leadership, Salazar-Escobedo School of Mass Communication and Theater, Woolfolk School of Communication Sciences and Disorders and Worden School of Social Service.

OLLU pioneered the weekend degree program in San Antonio more than 45 years ago and in Houston more than 35 years ago. Today, the weekend degree program is part of the university's array of nontraditional scheduling options that include evening, weekend, online, and hybrid programs.

OLLU has developed programs that have drawn the national spotlight such as the Harry Jersig Speech-Language-Hearing Center and the Community Counseling Service. The University's Computer Information Systems and Security program has been recognized by the National Security Agency and the Department of Homeland Security. OLLU is designated as a National Center for Academic Excellence in Cyber Defense Education.

Other recognitions include:

- OLLU ranks among the top universities in the nation for the social mobility of its graduates. (U.S. News and World Report, 2024 Best Colleges)
- OLLU ranks among the top 37 universities in the nation and the top six in Texas for economic diversity. (U.S. News and World Report, 2024 Best Colleges)
- OLLU's Master of Social Work is ranked sixth in Texas and among the top 95 in the U.S. (U.S. News and World Report, 2024 Best Graduate Schools)
- OLLU's Master of Science in Cybersecurity is ranked among the nation's top 100 online master's programs in Computer Information Technology. (U.S. News and World Report, 2023 Best Colleges)
- OLLU's Master of Science in Psychology has been ranked among the top programs in the nation and the top 20 programs among Texas universities. (U.S. News and World Report, 2023 Best Colleges)
- OLLU has been ranked as a Top 100 Producer of Graduate Degrees among minorities. (Diverse Issues in Higher Education Magazine 2023)

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Donald "Don" E. Graham

Chairman Emeritus, Graham Holdings Company

Donald "Don" E. Graham was elected to the board of Graham Holdings Company (previously the Washington Post Company) on September 11, 1974, and became chairman emeritus in May 2023. He was Chief Executive Officer of Graham Holdings Company from May 1991 until November 2015. He was publisher of The Washington Post newspaper from January 1979 until September 2000.

Graham was born on April 22, 1945, in Baltimore, Maryland, a son of Philip L. and Katharine Meyer Graham. His father was publisher of The Washington Post from 1946 until 1961 and president of The Washington Post Company from 1947 until his death in 1963. His mother, Katharine Graham, served in a variety of executive positions from 1963 until her death in 2001. Eugene Meyer, Graham's grandfather, purchased The Washington Post at a bankruptcy sale in 1933.

After graduating in 1966 from college, Graham was drafted and served as an information specialist with the 1st Cavalry Division in Vietnam from 1967 to 1968. He was a patrolman with the Washington Metropolitan Police Department from January 1969 to June 1970. Graham joined The Washington Post newspaper in 1971 as a reporter.

Graham is a co-founder of TheDream.US, the largest national scholarship fund for DREAMers. Previously, he served as chairman of the District of Columbia College Access Program. He remains a member of the DC-CAP board. DC-CAP has assisted over 23,000 DC students enroll in college and has provided scholarships totaling more than \$33 million.

Graham is a trustee of the Federal City Council and Gates Policy Initiative.

HONORARY DEGREE

The Honorable Gil Coronado (Colonel USAF Retired)

Posthumous Honorary Doctorate Recipient

Colonel Gil Coronado dedicated his life to service — to his country, to his community, and to the Westside of San Antonio he proudly called home. A distinguished United States Air Force officer, Colonel Coronado rose from humble beginnings as a self-described “product of the streets” on the Westside to a decorated military leader, earning more than 35 awards and decorations, including the Legion of Merit and the Bronze Star. Enlisting at just 16 years old, he transformed his life through military service, ultimately rising to the rank of Colonel and serving at the command level at Lackland Air Force Base. His career included service during the Vietnam War in Southeast Asia, as well as international assignments in Panama, Germany, and Spain, and his role as a U.S. member of the Inter-American Defense Board in Washington, D.C.

Colonel Coronado’s life was defined not only by military excellence, but by resilience, integrity, and a deep commitment to uplifting others. He often shared his own early challenges as a reminder that setbacks do not define a person’s future, but rather the choices they make afterward. This belief shaped his leadership and his lifelong dedication to mentorship and opportunity.

A proud Mexican American leader, Colonel Coronado made a lasting national impact through his advocacy for Hispanic recognition and celebration. He is widely regarded as the “Padrino,” or “Godfather,” of Hispanic Heritage Month. His efforts were instrumental in expanding the original National Hispanic Heritage Week—first established in 1968—into a full month of recognition. In 1988, he stood alongside President Ronald Reagan as the proclamation was signed, cementing a legacy that continues to honor the rich contributions of Hispanic communities across the United States.

His commitment to service extended to the highest levels of government. Appointed by President Bill Clinton, Colonel Coronado became the first Hispanic Director of the Selective Service System, where he modernized the agency and ensured it was more responsive to underserved communities. His leadership reflected a deep understanding of the challenges faced by “have-not” populations and a desire to create more equitable systems of opportunity.

Throughout his life, Colonel Coronado remained deeply connected to the institutions that shaped him, including Our Lady of the Lake University, where he was a proud graduate. He championed educational access, leadership development, and pathways to success for Westside families, embodying OLLU’s mission of service, social justice, and community empowerment. Colonel Coronado’s legacy is one of service, cultural pride, and transformational leadership.

In recognition of his extraordinary contributions to Our Lady of the Lake University, the Westside community, and the nation—and for the values of service, leadership, and cultural heritage he so powerfully embodied—Our Lady of the Lake University posthumously confers upon Colonel Gil Coronado, the Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree.

DOCTORAL CANDIDATES

School of Business and Leadership

Doctor of Philosophy

Danyell Adams-Pennington

Leadership Studies

Teacher, Transformational Leadership, and Teen Moms

Desiree Alonzo-Curtis

Leadership Studies

Organizational Culture and Security Awareness

Martha Isela Alvarado

Leadership Studies

Impact of Perceived Servant Leadership on Employee Organizational Commitment

Rosaland Maria Guidry Anderson

Leadership Studies

Relationship Between Community College President Leadership Styles and Faculty Organizational Commitment

Claudia Cantu' Ayala

Leadership Studies

Examining the Relationship Between the Followers' Personality Traits and their Integrity and Collaborative Team Orientation

Marcaé Dimeitria Bryant

Leadership Studies

Sources of Pressure and Organizational Growth

Spencer Wilkie Charles

Leadership Studies

The Relationship Between Exemplary Leadership Practices and Service Quality

Miriam Douglas
Leadership Studies
Relationship Between Autocratic Leadership and Team Effectiveness

Riddell Flowers Jr.
Leadership Studies
The Relationship Between Perceived Leadership Styles and Worker Locus of Control

Athena Friday-Black
Leadership Studies
*Is There a Relationship Between College Students' Emotional Intelligence and
Servant Leadership?*

Amy Marie Fulkerson
Leadership Studies
Social Media Leader and Authentic Leadership

Sandra Lylia Garza-Escamilla
Leadership Studies
*A Study of the Relationship between Servant Leadership Behaviors and Burnout among Licensed
Healthcare Professionals.*

Liliana V. Gomez
Leadership Studies
*A Study of the Relationship Between Leader Emotional Intelligence (EI) as Perceived by Followers
and Follower Burnout in the Social Services Field*

Barbara C. Griego
Leadership Studies
Probation Officers' Leadership Styles and Their Turnover Intentions

Miguel David Guerrero
Leadership Studies
Exploring the Relationship Between Transformational Leadership and Organizational Commitment

Jasmine Valentina Harwell

Leadership Studies

The Role of Leaders' Emotional Intelligence and Female Soldiers' Turnover Intention

Lorie Alejandra Hidalgo

Leadership Studies

A Study of the Relationship Between Emotional Intelligence and Organizational Capacity

Kimberly D. Hubbard

Leadership Studies

Organizational Leadership Post COVID: A Study of the Relationship Between Authentic Leadership and Job Satisfaction

Andrew Duke Johnson III

Leadership Studies

A Study of Authenticity based on Industrial Leader Type within Shipbuilding Skilled Craft Trades

Tamara Nicole Anne Jolivet-Smith

Leadership Studies

Discovering the Relationship Between Transformational Leadership Style and Job Satisfaction Across Generational Cohorts

Jacqueline Ann Keyes

Leadership Studies

The Impact of Leadership Styles and Percent of Working Remotely on Job Satisfaction and Work-Life Balance

Bralade Koroye-Emenanjo

Leadership Studies

Authentic Leadership and Psychological Capital

Marta Maria Lopez

Leadership Studies

Androgyny Traits and Transformational Leadership

Liana Marie Martinez

Leadership Studies

School Safety and Authentic Leadership

Carmen M. Montes

Leadership Studies

The Relationship Between a Leader's Personality and Followers' Organizational Commitment

Arnulfo Moreno

Leadership Studies

Exploring Personality and Commitment in Remote Leadership: A Quantitative Study

Alberto Peña Nava

Leadership Studies

Migrant Farmwork and Leader Member Exchange

◇ Gabriela Jazmin Ibarra Noriega

Leadership Studies and Master of Business Administration

Student Perceptions of Instructors based on Full Range Leadership Model Leadership Facets and Overall Students' Satisfaction in Higher Education

Florence Ifeyinwa Orji-Okafor

Leadership Studies

Capital Project Success and Transformational Leadership

Josefina Andrea Palma

Leadership Studies

Exploring the Role of Mentoring Functions in Shaping Transformational Leadership Amongst Latinas

Jeanne Lee Ann Perez

Leadership Studies

Exploring the Relationship Between the Emotional Intelligence of School Principals/Assistant Principals and Organizational Commitment of Classroom Teachers

Myra Teresa Mendez Perez

Leadership Studies

Study of the Relationship Between Authentic Leadership and Psychological Empowerment

◇ TaTaka Perry

Leadership Studies and Master of Business Administration

Study of Relationship Between Nurses and their Directors Leadership Styles and Perceptions of Care

Melissa Piedra

Leadership Studies

Emotional Intelligence in Education: Examining the Relationship of School Educators and Student Achievement

◇ Todd Jeremy Pope

Leadership Studies and Master of Business Administration

Study of the Relationship Between High School Students' Perception of their Teachers' Authentic Leadership and Students' Level of Burnout

Annelouiz Calvario Ruiz

Leadership Studies

Exploring the Relationship Between Followers' Perceptions of Philippine Government Leaders' Authentic Leadership Behaviors and Followers' Satisfaction with the Leader

Desiree San Martin

Leadership Studies

A Study of the Relationship Between Personality, Camouflaging, and Idealized Influence Attributed and Behavioral

Crystal Colleen Seawell

Leadership Studies

Exploring the Relationship Between Administrator's Leadership and Public School Educators Job Satisfaction

Desiree Hope Serna

Leadership Studies

Contingencies of Work-Life Balance in Higher Education: What do Organizational Culture and Leadership Behavior have to do with it?

◇ Maria Adela Tamayo

Leadership Studies and Master of Business Administration

Students' Perceptions of Professors Servant Leadership and Students' Sources of Stress

Dora Lisa Zavala

Leadership Studies

Examining the Relationship Between Authentic Leadership in Supervisors and Organizational Commitment of Employees in the Post Pandemic Workplace

College of Professional Studies

Doctor of Psychology

Alyssa Arredondo

Counseling Psychology

Reflections From Latinx Clients: A Phenomenological Study of First Experiences of Counseling

Olivia Hinojosa Galvan

Counseling Psychology

Shared Strength: An Interpretative Phenomenological Analysis of Gender and Culture-Based Support Among Latina Psychology Trainees and Early Career Psychologists

Andrea Nava Quintero

Counseling Psychology

Put A Period On It: Experiences of Psychologists-in-Training Providing Therapy During Their Menstrual Cycle

Mayra I. Perez

Counseling Psychology

Sólo El Amor Duele Así: An Interpretative Phenomenological Analysis of Mexican Women's Young Adult Growth Experiences Following Romantic Relationship Breakups

Stephanie Marie Silva

Counseling Psychology

Narrative Shifts in the Therapy Room: Insights from a Bilingual Single-Session

Amanda Laraine Vega

Counseling Psychology

Latinx First Generation Counseling: Phenomenological Cumulative Case Study of Latinx Individuals Overcoming Barriers and Making it into Counseling

Doctor of Philosophy - Social Work

Ryan C. Dollinger

Social Work

An Analysis of Training, Workload, and Organizational Support as Predictors of Perceived Case Management Effectiveness.

Janet Favela Espinoza

Social Work

Navigating Language and Systems: Experiences of Latinx Bilingual Families of Children with Autism Through Ecological Systems Theory

Leslie Anne Moorehead

Social Work

Social Justice and Equity in Chronic Musculoskeletal Pain: An Intersectional Quantitative Analysis of Social and Economical Factors in the 2023 NHIS

Karla Elizabeth Najera

Social Work

A Qualitative Exploration of Financial Literacy Among First-Generation Hispanic Professionals with a Master's in Social Work

Arthalia Shantanese Weekes

Social Work

"The Healing is Never Done.": A Phenomenological Exploration of Healing from Religious Trauma within the Black Church

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Master of Arts

Aliana Isabel Canales

*Literature, Creative Writing,
and Social Justice*

Cassandra Marie Valdez

*Literature, Creative Writing,
and Social Justice*

Bachelor of Arts

Leilani Barajas

Mass Communication

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Music

Daniella E. Bockor

Mass Communication

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History

◆ Elizandra De Leon

English and Visual and New Media Arts

Steven James Engbrecht Jr.

History

Sean Jacob Flores

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Mass Communication

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Mass Communication

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Mass Communication

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Multidisciplinary Studies

Jackson Kalisky

History

De'Jon Lamar Lewis

Music

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Mathematics

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Mass Communication

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*Political Science and Criminology and
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History

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Biology

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Biology

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Kinesiology

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Kinesiology

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Computer Information Systems and Security

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Computer Information Systems and Security

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SCHOOL OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

Master of Arts

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Rachel Elizabeth Bernal
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Communication Sciences and Disorders

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Counseling

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Communication Sciences and Disorders

Jazlyn Jenice Hernandez
Communication Sciences and Disorders

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Communication Sciences and Disorders

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Counseling

Kayla Mims
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Counseling

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Communication Sciences and Disorders

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Counseling

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Counseling

Estephanie Lee Rangel
Counseling

Brandi Renee Rechterovic

Counseling

Sonia Maria Remond

Counseling

Amanda Janielle Rios

Counseling

Brandi Nicole Rios

Communication Sciences and Disorders

Alondra Yelitza Salinas

Counseling

Carla Mariana Sanmiguel

Counseling

Caitlin Amber Terrazas

Communication Sciences and Disorders

Maria Flores Terrazas

Communication Sciences and Disorders

Priscilla Marie Torres

Counseling

Emma Marie Urrutia

Counseling

Mikayla Vega

Communication Sciences and Disorders

Annette Karen Villanueva-Lopez

Communication Sciences and Disorders

Alexandra Williams

Counseling

Emily Wissel-Littmann

Communication Sciences and Disorders

Karen Anastacia Zamarripa

Counseling

Master of Arts in Teaching

Abigail Avila

Secondary/All Level

David A. De Leon

Elementary Education

Rosa Maria Hernandez

Elementary Education

Carina Ulyssa Morales

Elementary Education

Kristal D. Peña

Secondary/All Level

Madicela Villegas Perez

Secondary/All Level

Natalie Brianne Rodriguez

Secondary/All Level

Kristee Ilene Salas

Secondary/All Level

Master of Science

Samantha Garcia Arce

Psychology

Tamara Atkin

Psychology

Marliyatou Borie Bah

Psychology

Jenny Barton

Psychology

Master of Science

Danielle Ximena Canto

Psychology

Sofia Ines Cantu

Psychology

Brendan Aaron Chantelois

Psychology

Lidia Diaz

Psychology

Rebecca Rene Donato

Psychology

Missy Garza

Psychology

Vanessa Hernandez

Psychology

Haley Horn

Psychology

Valeria Cevallos Larrea

Psychology

Adriana Marie Loreda

Psychology

Desiree Denise Maes

Psychology

Brenda Guadalupe Martinez

Psychology

Evelyn Lillian Newnam

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Cecilia Nguyen

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Kim Thi Thanh Nguyen

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Jonathan Noel Ortiz

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Psychology

Master of Social Work

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Social Work

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Aaliyah Bustamante

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Sarah Ashley Foster

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Mary Angel Garza

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Karina Villanueva Gomez

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Alizandra Hailiey Gonzales

Social Work

Jocelyn Rae Gonzalez

Social Work

Lexus Gonzalez

Social Work

Callie Ann Hagelberger

Social Work

Ashlyn Hall

Social Work

Tonika Shavell Hall

Social Work

Lizzeth Heimann
Social Work

Laura Hernandez
Social Work

Natalia Dolores Hernandez
Social Work

Edna E. Herschberger
Social Work

Brittanie Corinne Johnson
Social Work

Sheldron Deshon Keys
Social Work

Hope Lynn Kjerstad
Social Work

Ernestina Lawson
Social Work

Clarissa Rhea Leal
Social Work

Bethany Dean Lerma
Social Work

Destany Crushun Liggins
Social Work

Kiana Lockett
Social Work

Anna Luna
Social Work

Nia Chantale Marsh
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Kimberly Alejandra Mata
Rodriguez
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Christopher McAllister
Social Work

Oscar Jaime Mendoza
Social Work

Vanessa Aileen Montez
Social Work

Shanterial Danielle Moore
Social Work

Brenda Janet Morales
Social Work

Khadesha K. Morgan
Social Work

Courtney Lynn Norris
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Santiago Nunez
Social Work

Veronica Lopez Olivarez
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Raul Orozco III
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Ashley Marie Ortega
Social Work

Rosina Osuna
Social Work

Xaria Parker
Social Work

Isabel Nakoia Patacsil
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Lori Marie Pedroza
Social Work

Yahaira Pina
Social Work

Valesheia Purnell
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Mace Description

Originally conceived as a weapon, the Mace is now a symbol of the authority of the university. The OLLU Mace was designed to reflect the history and future of the university. The base of the Mace honors the Congregation of Divine Providence, the founders of the University. At the base can be found both the seal of the Congregation, as well as a facsimile of the wooden cross worn by the Sisters. Growing from the base are a series of metal rings that represent the history, virtues and values of the university. (The Mace is named for the late philanthropist and OLLU volunteer, Mary Rose Brown, and mother Elaine Rose Bendele Calmbach and grandmother Josephine Jungman Bendele, both alumnae of OLLU.)

Graduation Gift

The Alumni Association congratulates each graduate today with a memorable gift. Presenting these gifts are representatives from the Alumni Association, who extend a warm welcome to their new members – the class of 2026!

Graduation Honors

As diplomas are conferred, some undergraduates will receive individual recognition for outstanding academic achievement. The levels of achievement that are acknowledged are:

Cum laude – with distinction – grade point average from 3.5 to 3.749

Magna cum laude – with high distinction – grade point average from 3.75 to 3.89

Summa cum laude – with highest distinction – grade point average from 3.9 or higher

Honor Symbols

Students who are members of an honor society or program are recognized by the wearing of an honor cord, stole or medallion as part of the academic regalia. The societies and their honor symbols are:

Alpha Alpha Alpha honor society – blue and silver cord

Alpha Chi undergraduate honor society – green and blue cord

Alpha Kappa Delta sociology honor society – teal cord

Alpha Phi Sigma criminology and criminal justice honor society – blue and gold cord

Alpha Psi Omega national theater arts honor society – blue and gold cord

Chi Alpha Epsilon academic honor society – blue and white cord

Chi Sigma Iota education clinical counseling honor society – white and royal blue honor stole

Delta Kappa marriage and family therapy honor society – red and gold cord

Delta Mu Delta business honor society – purple and gold cord

Gamma Sigma Epsilon chemistry honor society – royal blue and white cord with optional medallion

Kappa Delta Epsilon education honor society – purple and white cord

Kappa Pi art honor society – purple and gold cord

Lambda Pi Eta undergraduate communication arts honor society – red and white cord

Mu Phi Epsilon music honor society – purple and white cord

OLLU Honors Program – silver medallion with blue ribbon

Phi Alpha social work honor society – bronze medallion with orange and blue ribbon

Pi Sigma Alpha political science honor society – red, white and black cord

Psi Chi psychology honor society – platinum and blue cord

Ronald E. McNair Post Baccalaureate Achievement Program – blue stole

Sigma Alpha Pi national society of leadership and success – black and grey cord

Sigma Delta Pi Spanish honor society – red and gold cord

Sigma Tau Delta English honor society – red and black cord

Sigma Zeta natural sciences and mathematics honor society – blue medallion with gold ribbon

Sister Margit Nagy Academic Excellence Award – gold medallion with royal blue ribbon

Theta Alpha Kappa religious studies honor society – scarlet cord

History of Academic Apparel

In 1893 an intercollegiate commission drafted the uniform code for academic caps, gowns, and hoods that is used today by more than 800 degree-granting colleges and universities in the United States. Of the three components of the academic regalia, the hood provides the best means for identifying the level of the degree, the field of learning in which it is given, and the institution that awarded it.

The level of the degree is shown by the size of the hood, the width of the velvet trim and in the case of the doctorate, by the shape. The bachelor's, master's and doctoral hoods are three feet, three-and-one-half-feet, and four-feet long respectively. In the same order, the velvet trim is two, three and five inches wide. This velvet trim extends around the hood on the exposed edge and narrows at the neck band for a more comfortable fit. The color of the trim denotes the field of learning.

Color and Field of Learning

Brown	–	Art, Drama
Citron	–	Social Work
Copper	–	Economics
Crimson	–	Mass Communication
Dark Blue	–	Philosophy (PhD), Political Science- Pre-Law and Legal Process, Psychology (PsyD)
Drab	–	Accounting, Business, Computer Information Systems and Security (BBA), Finance, Healthcare Management, Management, Marketing, Nonprofit Management, Organizational Leadership
Light Blue	–	Education/Interdisciplinary Studies
Pink	–	Music
Gold	–	Psychology (BA, MS)
Sage	–	Kinesiology
Scarlet	–	Theology and Spiritual Action
Science Gold	–	Biology, Biomathematics, Chemical Biology, Chemistry, Computer Information Systems and Security (BAS, BS, MS), Criminology and Criminal Justice, Mathematics
Silver	–	Communication Sciences and Disorders
White	–	Comparative Mexican American Studies, English, History, Human Sciences, Multidisciplinary Studies and Research, Sociology, Spanish, Visual and New Media Arts

The university from which the degree is earned is indicated by the colors of satin that line the inside of the hood. Our Lady of the Lake University's colors are blue and white.

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University Core Values

Our Lady of the Lake University is a Catholic community whose core values reflect what we believe and live in our daily lives.

Integrity

We engage in ethical behavior through:

- Honesty, transparency, and accountability in decision making; and
- Congruence between values and actions.

Trust

We recognize our interdependence, and we value:

- Confidence in our Provident God;
- Mutual reliance on each other; and
- Stewardship of our resources and environment.

Community

We are a community that values and expects:

- Respect for diversity of thought, culture, creative expression, and experiences; and
- Compassionate support for each other's successes and challenges.

Service

We are each called to:

- Use our time, talent, and knowledge for the benefit of others; and
- Advocate for social justice which embraces equity, access, and care of creation for the common good.

A Legacy That Reaches Across the U.S. and Beyond

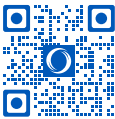
As the birthplace of the HSI designation, OLLU celebrates its rich Latino history. OLLU continues to have one of the highest percentages of Hispanic student enrollment in the nation and is a top 90 producer of Hispanic graduates with master's degrees.

Mission

Founded and sponsored by the Sisters of Divine Providence, Our Lady of the Lake University is a Catholic, Hispanic-serving, inclusive learning community. Through quality, innovative undergraduate and graduate education, we foster spiritual, personal, and professional growth. Our graduates are prepared for purposeful lives and service to humanity.

Vision

Embracing the Catholic Intellectual tradition that integrates curiosity, faith and ethical reasoning in the pursuit of truth, Our Lady of the Lake University challenges its diverse student body with transformative experiences to enrich their lives and inspire leaders in service with faith and wisdom.



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