Masks/face coverings required.

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Simulcast seating is available for ticketed guests:
- Pouch Club in Wright Campus Center
- Sally and Jim Nation Theatre in Ida Green Communication Center
# AUSTIN COLLEGE COMMENCEMENT

Saturday, May 22, 2021

**THE RINGING OF THE SAM HOUSTON BELL**

**Announcement of** ............... Mr. Clint Buck ’07  
**The Procession**  
* Austin College Alumni Board President

**The Processional** ............... Flag Bearers

*1849 Founding Flag:*  
Ms. Mackenzie Bolen ’21

*Class of 2020 Flag:*  
Mr. Rafael De La Garza III ’20

*Class of 2021 Flag:*  
Ms. Sydni Philip ’21

**The Invocation** ............... The Reverend Jamye Cook  
*Family Care Coordinator*  
*Southwest Transplant Alliance*

**Welcome** ....................... Mr. Steven P. O’Day, J.D.  
*President, Austin College*

**And Recognition**

**Introduction of the** ............ Dr. Elizabeth Gill  
*Vice President for Academic Affairs and  
Dean of the Faculty*

**The 2021 Student Address** ... Ms. Victoria Star Gilbert ’21

**Introduction of the** ............ President O’Day  
*Commencement Speaker*

**The Commencement** ............ Dr. Helen Lowman ’88  
*President & CEO, Keep America Beautiful*

*Please stand during these portions of the ceremony.*
Honors and Awards . . . Dr. Gill

Departmental Honors
Special Graduation Honors

The Conferring . . . . . . Honorary Degrees:

Helen A. Lowman | Doctor of Humane Letters
Amos Jerman Disasa | Doctor of Divinity
Amy Poling Sutherlun | Doctor of Divinity
Steven Paul O’Day | Doctor of Humane Letters

Degrees in Course . . . . . Mr. David Corrigan ’81
Chair, Austin College Board of Trustees

2020 Master of Arts in Teaching
2020 Bachelor of Arts

2021 Master of Arts in Teaching
2021 Bachelor of Arts

The faculty has recommended the awarding of degrees to these students pending the satisfactory completion of all requirements. Some students participating may not have fulfilled this condition and will not receive the actual degree until all requirements are met.

Welcome from the . . . . Mr. Buck
Alumni Association

Closing Remarks . . . . President O’Day

The Benediction . . . . The Reverend Dr. John Williams ’84
College Chaplain and Dr. William M. Elliott Jr. Chair of Christian Ministry

Members of the Austin College A Cappella Choir

The Recessional . . . . Please remain seated until recessional is complete.

Pipers:
Mr. Robert McCallion
Ms. Cheryl Neumann
Mr. Don Shannon
Dr. Helen Lowman  
*Commencement Speaker | Doctor of Humane Letters*

Dr. Helen Lowman has been President and CEO of Keep America Beautiful since 2017, offering abundant leadership experience in areas of international diplomacy and development, youth engagement, environmental education, disaster resilience, global leadership, volunteerism, social justice, and human rights.

From 2010 to 2017, Dr. Lowman served as an appointee of the President of the United States in the senior foreign service and the senior executive service, working at the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in Washington, D.C. She held several roles in the Peace Corps, including directing the agency’s largest U.S. headquarters’ office and working with leadership on strategic reforms related to volunteer recruitment and admittance. She earlier served as Regional Director-Europe, Middle East, and Asia, Peace Corps’ largest geographic region.

Dr. Lowman earned her master’s degree and Ph.D. in Leadership and Change from Antioch University and a master’s degree in International Economics and Development from the University of Denver, Joseph Korbel School of International Studies. She served as a Peace Corps volunteer in Thailand for three years upon graduation from Austin College in 1988.

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The Reverend Amos Jerman Disasa  
*2021 Baccalaureate Speaker | Doctor of Divinity*

Reverend Amos Disasa is Senior Pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Dallas. He previously served as a co-pastor of Downtown Church in Columbia, South Carolina, a church he launched in 2011. Founded with only three members—Disasa, his wife, and their baby son—the church was chartered three years later with 230 members. He had previously served as Associate Pastor at Eastminster Presbyterian Church in Columbia.

Born in Ethiopia, Amos moved with his family to South Carolina as a young child. Eventually, he earned a bachelor’s degree from Presbyterian College and a Master of Divinity degree from Wake Forest University.

Known for compelling and challenging sermons, Rev. Disasa is a frequent speaker at national gatherings. Described as a tireless advocate for those on the margins of society, he helped to start several organizations serving the homeless in South Carolina. Today, he serves with others as a steward of The Stewpot, a pioneering ministry of First Presbyterian Church, dedicated to responding to the unmet and emerging needs of the homeless and at-risk in Dallas.

He and his wife, Sarah, along with their two children, live in Dallas.
Reverend Amy Poling Sutherlun

Reverend Amy Poling Sutherlun is Co-Pastor of First Presbyterian Church of San Marcos, Texas, with her husband, Joshua ’01. They met at Austin College, where Amy graduated summa cum laude in 2000 and earned a Master of Arts in Teaching degree in 2001.

Deviating slightly from her family’s six-generation tradition of pastoral ministry, she initially served in other ways, including mission work in Malawi, Africa, and teaching in inner-city Dallas schools. She and Josh attended Princeton Theological Seminary and soon married.

Upon completion of her degree and her ordination, Amy spent eight years as Associate Pastor of Young Adults at First Presbyterian Church of Huntington, West Virginia. The family moved to San Marcos in June 2013. Amy says her passion in ministry is exploring and witnessing the intersection between people's stories and the unfolding story of God’s work in the world.

Amy and Joshua have four children. With parenting and pastoring, Amy says their family life is full of laughter, liturgy, and laundry.

President Steven P. O’Day

President Steven P. O’Day, J.D., became the 16th president of Austin College on October 30, 2017. Under his leadership, the College has completed a record-setting $125 million fundraising campaign, achieved record first-year enrollments, implemented new curricular and co-curricular initiatives, realized important capital improvements, and welcomed the first minority/majority population on campus—all part of a bold strategic vision designed to position Austin College for enduring success.

President O’Day describes his career in higher education as “being driven by a deeply held belief that we are called upon to personally educate and support the whole student—mind, body, and spirit. This belief is grounded in a blending of the liberal arts and specialized training necessary for lives of significance, leadership, service, and integrity.”

Having begun his career as an attorney, President O’Day entered education through a coaching opportunity. That venture into higher education altered the course of his career, and soon he was in senior leadership at Franklin & Marshall, then Lebanon Valley College in Pennsylvania. Twenty years later, he and his wife, Cece—a former teacher and swim coach—are welcome members of the Austin College community.
2020 GRADUATES

Master of Arts in Teaching

Elizabeth A. Adams
Morgan Bailee Anderson
Clarissa Caballero Pinedo
Katia Alejandra Lopez Leiva
Margaret Grace Mason
Kristen Nicole Massey
Carly Lyn Myers
Zsuzsanna Dove Ratliff-Johnson
Yasmin Renteria
Ann Louise Savage
Samuel Alexander Skupin
Alexander Woei Teng
Sarah Elizabeth Yarbrough

Bachelor of Arts

Zachary Matthew Aamold
Safe Sherif Abdel-Rahman
Haafiz Ahmed Abdurrahim
Erin Nicole Adams
Oluwasegun Aninoritse Adekunle
Jessie Ewele Akhigbe
Serina Ashraf
John Michael Ashworth
Jessica Lynne Atwell
Jasmine Babool
Honors in Public Health
Shelby Paige Bagby
Honors in Spanish
Marian Kathryn Bailey
Colton Lee Baker
Jacob Bryan Baker
Jeffrey Calvin Baker
Nicole Jordan Baker
Honors in Biology
Alexandra Caroline Baker-Livingston
Hannah C. Barry
Gabrielle Marie Beebe

Piriton Phoebe Ilaye Angaye
Honors in Economics
Monica Alejandra Argumedo Rendon
Taqwa Beonca Armstrong

2020 GRADUATES
Alyssa L. Benjamin
Cole Brandon Berry
Julia Helena Bialecka
Dakota Rene Biano Jeffcoat
Imran Joseph Blackall
Andrew E. Blackwell
Patrick James Blasingame
Madison Lee Bolin
Joshua Charles Boring
Santos Mancias Botello
Baylor Kenkade Bower
Kyle L. Breed Jr.
Lois Ann Bronaugh
Honors in History
Pieter Jon De Leon Cabato
Cailey Louise Callahan
Emily Cecile Campbell
Nicolas Andrew Cappellini
Connor Hawkins Carnes
Jordan N. Carney
Terry Lee Carr III
Francisco Antonio Carrillo
Diana Valentina Carvajalino
Christopher Ryan Chapman
Mary Abigail Cheadle
Jason Nasu Chen
Kiera Cherise Chevalier
Chad Thomas Childress
Catherine Clare Christie
Angellica Soojin Chung
Arthur Hickham Collier
Colt Austin Collins
Kortney Elizabeth Crosby
Timothy Lavorn Crossley
Karolina Lizzette Cruz
Michael Minh Dang
Elizabeth Clarice Davidchik
Garrett Jacob Davis
Michaela Elise Davis
Andrew William Dawson
Rafael De La Garza III
Cole Ryan Deaver
Lauren Villanueva D’Etienne
Puneet Kaur Dhaliwal
Spencer A. Dirk
Victoria Jean Dodd
Brice A. Donovan
Ethan Chingbingyong Dumbrigue
Tanner Chase Duncan
Melody Thy Duong
Matthew B. Eppler
Nathan Escanuela
Emily Marie Estes
Brandon Bernard Evans
Samantha Lynn Fawcett
Zaliah Abriel Finegan
Jacob Flores
Savannah Shea Flores
Kat Forbus
Sierra Dawn Force
Gregory Brock Ford
Travis Alan Fortune
Nicholaus Paul Frederick
Honors in History
Crystalle Kida Fry
Andrew John Futcher
Honors in English
Madison Serena Galvan
Jillian R. Garber
Alex Joseph Garcia
Maxwell Edward Garcia
Forrest Edwin Gardner
Kaci Rae’ann Gardner
Sophie Adele Garriga
Nicole Christian Garrow
Amber Lynn Gateley
William Fredrick Gerber III
Maria Carolina Gil
Alexandra Kaia Gill
Nathan Howard Gill
Chloe L. Glenn
Truitt MacAlpine Glover
Colin C. Graham
Jared Griffin
Sherah Celine Grissom
Thomas Robert Hallaron
Sydney Lynn Hardin
Brooke Joann Harris
Aliza Ardessa Hastings
Tramondranique Ta'Shabriell Hawkins
John T. Haynes IV
Weiheng He
Jacklyn Karina Hernandez
Tory Rachel Heruska
Isabella Mercedes Hess
Patrick Michael Hicks
Kameron Benton Hill
Martha Rebecca Hobson
Lydia Ana-Marie House
Seth Parker Howard
Honors in Economics
Holly Alexis Humphries
Hannah Marie Hunt
James Thien Huynh
Darius Larenz Hypolite
Benjamin Patrick Johnson
Jeremy David Jones
Keiera Star Jones
Tricia Mary Jones
Holly Marie Kapp
Honors in English
Coby R. Kelton
Yusuf Ali Khan
Haeun Kim
Honors in East Asian Studies
Marko Nikola Knezevic
Siddharth Arun Kortikere
Conner Lee Kramer
Katelyn Elizabeth Kuehnhold
Virad Lakhanpal
Rikki Lam
Brandt Lawson
Alvin Maxwell Leblanc
Kathryn Jeanette Lebman
Jenny Ji Hyun Lee
Victoria Catherine Leroy
Maxwell Emerson Levy
Todd Ker Liang
Ashley Lauren Lipe
Elisha Nicole Lisson
Yuzhou Liu
Heather Lo
Brittany La Verne Lobaugh
Tanner Jacob Logsdon
Ashley Loy
Caitlin A. Lucero
Jean Marie Luundo
Kelly Ly
Haidee Macedo
Deeksha Reddy Machireddy
Isabella J. Mac Miller
Michal Magdziak
Brandon Matthew Mai
Pranavya Muruga Manickavelu
Siddharth Marella
Adonis Milan Martin
Brian T.M. Martinez
Dane Robert Marwood
Paola Maria Matus
Ashley Nichole Mayorga
★Emily Morgan McBroom
Ethan Patrick McCready
Fredre Raion McFadden
Maxwell Isaac McKim
✦Camarah A. McLean
Kristina Anqing McLeod-Van Amstel
Michael Gabriel Megenhardt
Logan H. Menocal
✩Morgan Elizabeth Miller
✩Charles Hunter Mills
Lauren Ashley Mioton
Kevin Miranda
✦Angel Montelongo
Matthew Brent Monter
Georgia Noelle Moore
Patrick Alan Morehead
Rita Wanjiku Mungai
✩Jacob Christopher Muntzel
Princess Victoria Murchison
Yamuna Narayanan Nampoothiri
Gabrielle Thuy Linh Nguyen
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Myhien D. Nguyen
Tuan Brian Nguyen
✩Richard Joel Noriega Jr.
Mason Keith Norris
Caleb Ufere Nzere
✦Caroline N. Ogden
Oyindamola Modupe Olufosoye
✦Rachel E. Oney
Sarah Mae Ortiz
Oliwier Marcin Owczarek
Honors in Economics
Manuella Owusu
Emma Jewell Page
Honors in Physics
★Tilghman Cable Parr
Tajal N. Patel
✦Addie Marie Pederson
Matthew Henry Pedroza
Noah M. Perez
Anthony J. Pritchard
Jordan Rachelle Proctor
Emanuel Pruitt
Katherine Kay Raabe
Ajay V. Raghavan
✦Natalie Grace Randall
Honors in Mathematics
Syeda Shehrbano Raza
Natalie Isabel Readnour
Bennett T. Reagan
✩Abigail Marie Rees
Zoe Elaine Rice
Toni Jean Richardson
Honors in Music
Juan Antonio Rodriguez
Selena A. Rodriguez
Skylyr Dane Rodriguez
Devin Roland
✩Isabel L. Ruch
✦Antonio Miguel Saavedra
Sarah Safarimaryaki
Julian Mateo Salas
✩Sierra Dawn Salser
Juan Ramon Sanchez
Taher Mudar Sapatwalla
Miles “Chloe” Theodore Schnaible
Katherine C. Seibert
Mason D. Sellers
Anna Michele Sergiovanni
Rayanne Marnay Seymour
Alina Shrestha
Mahaa Jamil Siddiqui
Megan Kelly Slaughter
Kendra Brianna Spangler
Rita Elizabeth Spellman
Kristi Danielle Stevens
Mariah Breann Steward
Sarah Nicole Straka
Iris Elizabeth Stringer-Graeve
William Nelson Tanner
Hannah Theresa Teipen
Stephen D. Tenney
James Thomas Tessmer
John William Thompson
Honors in History
Bridget T. Tolle
Matthew Minh-Nhat Tran
David Alexander Tulkoff
Shreya Uppala
Gwenivere Vandereviere
Jillian Rose Vandergrift
Honors in English
Jimreeves Jacob Varghese
Reshma Mariam Varughese
Jocelyn Ventura
Monique Johanna Vincent
Hagan Michael Vrazel
Cassidy Adele Watson
Paisley Victoria Wendel
Alisa A. White
Jake Michael Williams
Maximilian D. Williams
Isaiah Daniel Wingeier-Ray
James Thomas Wyche
Jiajing Yang
Cecilia Ho Wah Yip
Reid P. Zimmerman
Maggie Emelia Zumwalt

SYMBOLES:
Phi Beta Kappa
Alpha Chi
Completed requirements December 13, 2019
Completed requirements January 28, 2020
Completed requirements August 12, 2020
All others completed requirements May 17, 2020.

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Lila Albahra
Emily Jean Aller
Honors in Biology
Justin Robert Alphonse
Abigail Lynn Anderson
Hannah Alexis Arbaugh
Dylan Tyler Armes
Kendall Alicia Armijo
Brooke Catherine Ashby
Colin R. Ashlock
Kenneth Alejandro Ayala Juarez

Christopher Michael Azbell
Haseeb Gazi Bahar
Phung Thu Banh
Kolbie Christopher Banks
Elisabeth Rose Bassel
Emily Noel Bentley
Christopher Ryan Biffar
Johnathan Leland Biffar
Boston Brewster Billings
Brooklyn C. Birzin
Erin Leigh Bobbitt
Mackenzie Lane Bolen
Honors in Neuroscience
Aidan Bradley Bolton
Kirsch Arvin Francis Borbe Martinez
Rachel Lois Hunt Bowman
Griffin Alan Cadigan
Condey Mahaley Calhoun
Rider Patrick Calhoun
Ashley Michelle Campos
Nicholas A. Cantu
Abiel Cardenas-Botello
Lindsay Caroline Carter
Gary Casey
Tessa Ann Castellow
Owen Matthew Cauley
Milca Damaris Chavez
Nicholas Gordon Chaviers
Chen Chen
Fanke Chen
Reagan Raye Chiaverini
Sudip Chowdhury
Anjana S. Chowdhiah
Samuel Waterman Clift
Matthew Fredrick Cochran
Freyja Grace Coe
Emily Madison Collins
Kaitlin Louise Contreras
Shelbi Nicole Cook
Anthony Leonard Charles Cooper Jr.
Mason Andrew Corry
Mia Grace Craven
Callier Keys Creedle Reynolds
Dawson Rio Cunneen
James C. Curtis
Brittany Quynh Thi Dang
Joshua Rajiv Dhawale
Hallie Elizabeth Dickerson
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Cecilia Dominguez Garcia
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Caroline Grace Fullerton
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Kaleeb Jashun Garner
Zoe Helen Garrett
Honors in French
Ricardo Antonio Garza
Victoria Star Gilbert
Caroline Elyse Glaister
Honors in Public Health
Cody James Goggins
Courtney Lauren Gonzales
Johnathan Anthony Gonzalez
Abigail Kathryn Goodman
Megan Goyal
Honors in Neuroscience
Bayleigh Jade Green
Jared Paul Grothues
Brianna M. Groves
Rachel Marie Grubbs
Broderick Dwayne Hampton
Nadia M. Hannon

Saif M. Haque
Belicia Dior Harvey
Addison Jo Hastedt
Turner Elise Hill

Wyatt David Hill
Joshua Amin Himelfarb
Honors in Political Science
Kameron Hogan
Michael Jacob Holland
Nye Yazmeen Howard
Erick Lynn Huang Sr.
Araceli Idario Cortes
Allan Izaguirre

Thomas Jones Jackson
Anusha Sara Jacob
Milan Jaiswal
Harper Evan Jambor

Carl Jefferson
Prathik Venkat Jogi

Dalton C. Jones
Sharun Markel Jones
Cody James Kachel
Zain H. Kazmi
Kaitlin Cyrene Kelley
Ian Joseph Kendrick
Mackenzie Marlene Kersey
Nathaniel Charles Krasovitsky
Larissa Hope Krebs

Colin Thompson Lamb
Abhiram Ram Lankipalli
Chandler Brooke Lee

Matthew J. Li
Jennifer M. Liang

Anna Rose Long
Alyssa Anne Longaker
Honors in Psychology
Danielle Delfina Lozano
Jack Carter Lyon

Zachary Robert Magers
Allen Christopher Mankin
Honors in English
Kianna Michelle Marrs

Samuel Manton Marsh
Honors in English
Graciella Martinez
William Cormac McCarthy

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Holden Todd McLain
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Nathaniel Louis Menetrey
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Aneurin H. Minson
Hannah Frida Moden
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Muriam Qaseem Monir
Andrea D. Montiel

Josyah Aaron Morrison
Ndanzia Popol Mpunga
Elizabeth Ann Munns
Honors in East Asian Studies
Kirsten Elizabeth Munson

William Douglas Newsom
Paulina Mylinh Ngo
Helen H. Nguyen
Elizabeth Nieto
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Habib Azeddine Oulahna
Elizabeth Kay Pack
Andres Arcadio Padilla
Hanna Elizabeth Paine
Honors in Communication
Hajin Park
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Lindsey Don-Leighton Patterson
David Javier Paz
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Ariana Quirino
Devarya Raman
Sita Ramasamy
Michelle Guadalupe Ramirez
Andres Ricardo Ramirez Licon
Cindy Marie Ramos
Mikaela Rae Randle
Sanjana Rasamsetti
Sanya Rehman
Madeleine Lindsey Reinhardt
Diana Rhodes
Hayden Lee Ripple
Calum J. Robe
Krista Marie Rodriguez
Emma C. Rooney
Abigail Lindsey Ross
Jaran Max Rudd
Honors in Anthropology
Ali Abdullah Saeed
Drake Lee Sanders
Odalys Ruby Sarabia
Honors in History
Erika Sarmiento
Colin Daniel Saum
Wiley Garrison Schuler
Andrea Renee Selkow
Honors in Chemistry
World Shabazz
Priya Suresh Shah
MinSeob Shim
Amy Arisbe Sierra
Shreyan Sinha
Christiana Breann Smith
Felix Alejandro Soriano
Gabriel Spearman
Preston Colt Spivey
Matea Stanisic
Ethan Graham Starr
Sarah Christine Stilwell
Lily-Marie Lanette Swindle
Madison P. Talmage
Veronique Irene Tessier
Honors in Environmental Studies
Jessica Rae Thoennes
Jake Avery Thomas
Baylor Scot Thornton
Jake R. Tidwell
Cesar Tijerina Jr.
Melanie Tillar
Vincent That Ton
Anh Thuy Trang Tran
Conce Alejandra Uribe-Frias
Andres Agustin Vasquez
Genesis Naomi Velazquez
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