



Wayland Baptist University
Commencement
May 9, 2020





Pledge to the United States Flag

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

Pledge to the Christian Flag

I pledge allegiance to the Christian flag and to the savior for whose kingdom it stands; one fellowship, uniting all Christians in service and in love.

Alma Mater

by Guy Woods

On the Plains of Texas where the wind sings loud her name,
Gateway to a world resplendent, far and wide her fame.
Where the caprock's firm foundation meets a sky of blue,
Stands our Alma Mater, Wayland true!

Wayland for thy understanding, love and gracious care,
For thy hopes, thy faith in youth, so kind, and deep and rare.
May we ever keep thy spirit strong, thy courage bold!
Pioneering Wayland, hail thy Blue and Gold!

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Lubbock, TX

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San Antonio, TX



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Lubbock, TX

Master of Arts in History

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Henderson, NV

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Bachelor of Business Administration

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Carrollton, TX

HONOR SYMBOL KEY

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| ◆ - Summa Cum Laude (Highest Honors) 3.9 to 4.0 GPA | ● - Honors 3.50 to 3.98 GPA |
| # - Magna Cum Laude (High Honors) 3.70 to 3.89 GPA | ^ - Distinction 3.99 to 4.0 GPA |
| + - Cum Laude (Honors) 3.50 to 3.69 GPA | ➤ - Highest Ranking Senior |

HIGHEST RANKING GRADUATING SENIOR

The Highest Ranking Senior has attained the highest grade point average among students in this graduating class. **Joshua Cyrus Wynn** has achieved a perfect 4.0 grade point average.

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Professor of Mathematics and Physics

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Kori Klein

**SPECIAL STUDENT AWARDS**

Morgan Bennett and **Luke Brown** were named the 2020 Citizenship Award winners, the highest recognition given to Wayland students. The Citizenship Award is presented to a graduating senior man and woman in recognition of Christian attitude, acceptable academic record, diversity of interests, loyalty to American ideals, personal integrity, and the exemplification of the Wayland spirit. The award has been presented since 1957.

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Academic Regalia

The processional and recessional of students and faculty dressed in academic regalia are traditional parts of special occasions on many college and university campuses. The history of academic regalia dates back to the medieval universities. When universities were taking form in the 12th and 13th centuries, they were under the jurisdiction of the church. Those involved in study wore a habit or cloak to which was attached a hood that could be pulled over the head when weather conditions so dictated. Later, the gown served the dual purpose of dress uniformity and providing warmth in the unheated halls.

The hood had three uses: a covering, a shoulder cape, and a place to collect alms. During the day of large wigs, the cape part of the hood was cut open in the front and the entire garment – cape and hood – was allowed to fall back, producing approximately the effect seen today. After the wigs became unfashionable, the original shape was not restored. The master's hood is longer than the bachelor's, and the doctor's hood is longer than the master's.

Gowns commonly worn in the academic ceremonies across the country have pointed sleeves for the bachelor's degree; long, closed sleeves (with a slit for the arm) for the master's degree; and bell-shaped sleeves for the doctor's degree. There is no trimming on the master's and bachelor's gowns. The doctor's gown has velvet trim down the front as well as three velvet bars across the sleeves. This velvet trim may be of the color distinctive of the faculty or subject to which the degree pertains.

The cap is an essential part of the academic dress. Gentlemen will wear their caps until seated. Caps will then be removed until after the benediction. Ladies will wear their caps at all times. All hoods are lined with silk showing the official colors of the institution which conferred the degree, and all are trimmed in specified widths with velvet signifying the academic discipline.

The following is a list of colors established by the Intercollegiate Code in 1895 representing departments of learning and fields of study.

Agriculture – Maize	Medicine – Green
Arts and Letters – White	Music – Pink
Commerce and Accountancy – Drab	Nursing – Apricot
Criminal Justice – Midnight Blue	Oratory – Silver Gray
Dentistry – Lilac	Pharmacy – Olive Green
Economics – Copper	Philosophy – Dark Blue
Education - Light Blue	Physical Education – Sage Green
Engineering – Orange	Public Administration – Peacock
Fine Arts (Architecture) – Brown	Public Health – Salmon Pink
Forestry – Russet	Science – Golden Yellow
Humanities – Crimson	Social Work – Citron
Law – Purple	Theology – Scarlet
Library Science – Lemon	Veterinary Science - Gray

The Wayland Mace

The mace has its origins in the Middle Ages. Originally functioning as a weapon, it has evolved to the point that the mace now serves during ceremonial occasions as a symbolic representation of institutional authority. The Wayland mace is part of the official university regalia, symbolic of the institution's past, present and future. It carries the formal declaration of assembly by the University and is carried, presented and posted by the grand marshal of the assembly.

The mace replicates the torch included within the university's seal and contains within its elements those fundamental beliefs upon which the University was founded as well as each stage of the institution's development. The flame of the torch, carved from Hawaiian koa wood, represents the University's past and continuing commitment to Jesus Christ as the light of the world. It also represents the institution's mission of proclaiming that illuminating truth is the axle upon which God's universe, as well as all history, turns.

The flame rests upon two walnut rings, the first featuring brass plates upon which are engraved the name and term of office of each president who served the University, and the second featuring cut and polished stones representing broad academic areas in which the University currently offers a major field of study. The handle of the torch consists of five segments separated by brass rings, each representing a phase of Wayland's rich history.

The Wayland Bible

The bible used in graduation ceremonies is the personal bible of Dr. James Henry Wayland, founder of the University. Along with the mace, the bible remains on display year round in the foyer of the Learning Resources Center.



Connect to Your Wayland Family

Welcome to the greater Wayland family. As you graduate and complete this portion of your educational journey we hope that you will become an active member of the Wayland Alumni Association.

Wayland is working to build a vibrant alumni association. We want to develop avenues where alumni can connect, network, and support each other and the university. We challenge you to remember those who have helped you along the way and "pay it forward" by supporting, mentoring and recommending Wayland to potential new students.

You can stay connected to Wayland through our website and social media where you will find more information on alumni events and opportunities.

Congratulations on your success and graduation. Welcome to the family.

A Brief History of Wayland Baptist University

According to family legend, Dr. James Henry Wayland was, in fact, a Methodist. His daughter Mabel Clare Wayland Adams told a gathering of Wayland Baptist University faculty, staff and students in 1984 that, “he was of a line of dyed-in-the-wool Methodists.” Yet the founding father of one of the largest Baptist schools in the nation wasn’t above a change of heart when it came to matters of the heart. After all, it was in the vision of his bride-to-be, Sarah Francis Tucker, for whom he converted to the Baptist faith in order to wed in December of 1883.

Dr. Wayland was not a native of West Texas. Like many people, he came to Plainview as a pioneer, seeking a place to live, work and raise a family. He was born on April 22, 1863 in Randolph County, Missouri, to Joseph and Catherine Gates Wayland. Inspired by his handicapped mother and supported by his father, Dr. Wayland pursued his interest in medicine, attending medical school in Louisville, Kentucky. At the age of 20, James H. Wayland struck out on his own, moving to Parker County, Texas, in the Weatherford area where he boarded in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Reynolds. He met and fell in love with Mrs. Reynolds’ daughter, Sarah Tucker. Soon after being married, James and Sarah Wayland moved to Hunt County where they began their life together and started a family. Their first three children, Beulah, Marvin and Mabel were born at their home in Hunt County. Marvin died soon after, however, at 15 months of age.

Although he was a doctor with the most current knowledge of illness and medicine, Dr. Wayland was not immune to his own infirmity. Health issues soon forced him to look for a new climate in which to live and work and better treat his asthma. His journey brought him to the plains of West Texas. Dr. Wayland hoped the higher, drier climate of the Panhandle would ease his symptoms. So in 1891, he, Sarah and their family made the journey to Plainview.

As he continued to live, work and care for the people of West Texas, Dr. Wayland saw an increasing need for education. More importantly, he saw a need for an education grounded in faith in Christ. Dozens of other schools had already been founded by Baptists and had struggled as a result of being located in areas with either too small a population or too much competition. However, Baptists continued to push for education. In July, 1903, the Baptist Standard published an editorial that said, “No matter what the sacrifice, no matter what the distance, no matter what the cost, Baptist parents owe it to God to send their children to a Baptist School.”

There was a lot of competition for a Baptist school in the Panhandle. Memphis, Canadian, Clarendon, Hereford, Lakeview and Canyon all wanted a school. In fact, some articles reported that a school would be built in Canyon as money and land had already been secured. The articles even referred to the non-existent school as either Panhandle Baptist College or Lester Baptist College. There were two other Baptist schools in the Panhandle. The Goodnight Academy, an industrial school donated to Baptists by Colonel and Mrs. Charles Goodnight, and the Canadian Academy. There was also a small Methodist school in Seth Ward, just north of Plainview, and Lockney was home to the Lockney Christian College which was affiliated with the Church of Christ.

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Still, in 1906, Dr. Wayland offered \$10,000 and 25 acres of land to the Staked Plains Association to form a Baptist school. The deal was contingent on the city raising another \$40,000 to help fund the project. Dr. Wayland, who owned much of the land in what would soon be known as the College Hill area of town, planned to sell lots to raise the money for the school. An advertisement, circulated while Wayland was in its infancy, encouraged people to buy lots in the “beautiful College Hill addition” that “joins the City of Plainview on the west, and the location of Wayland College.” Prices ranged from \$50-\$250 per lot, “according to location and proximity to College and city.”

Due to the agreement between Dr. Wayland and the Staked Plains Association, Wayland Baptist University was chartered on August 31, 1908. Dr. Wayland continued to support and give to the school. In time, his gift would grow to more than \$100,000, an enormous sum of money in the early 1900s.

Dr. Wayland gave up his medical practice in 1921, but continued to operate a small cattle ranch and the Wayland Hotel. As time passed, Dr. Wayland began to battle health issues of his own. He contracted adult onset diabetes. Due to the circulation problems caused by the disease, he was forced to have a leg amputated. Dr. Wayland never fully recovered from the surgery and died on February 6, 1948 at the age of 84. Sarah continued to live in Plainview until her death on October 29, 1955.

To this day, however, their life and legacy live on. In 1908 Dr. Wayland probably never dreamed how the school would grow, and how the influence of a big-hearted man so small in stature in a small West Texas town would become worldwide. But as university historian Dr. Estelle Owens once said, “Dr. Wayland was a giant of a man who stood only 5-feet, 4-inches tall.”



Wayland Baptist University is accredited by the Southern Association of College and Schools Commission on Colleges to award associate, baccalaureate, masters and doctorate degrees. Contact the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097 or call 404-679-4500 for questions about the accreditation of Wayland Baptist University.

Wayland Baptist University exists to educate students in an academically challenging, learning-focused and distinctively Christian environment for professional success and service to God and humankind.

