



Schreiner
University™

102nd SPRING COMMENCEMENT

Friday, May 9th | Two Thousand Twenty-Five

2025

An aerial photograph of the Schreiner University campus in Texas Hill Country. The image shows several large, multi-story brick buildings with gabled roofs, surrounded by lush green lawns, mature trees, and winding paths. A parking lot with several cars is visible on the left side. The overall scene is a well-maintained, scenic university environment.

UNIQUELY TEXAN

Nestled in the beauty of the Texas Hill Country, Schreiner University offers opportunities as big as Texas. Inspired by the trailblazing pioneers who came before them, Schreiner University students chart new paths as they explore their futures.

With grit and resilience, they grow intellectually, physically, spiritually, and socially to positively impact their communities for generations to come.

WHO WE ARE

At *Schreiner University*, students enter with hope and leave with achievement. We are a diverse, fiercely independent university located in the Texas Hill Country, and we are affiliated by choice and covenant with the Presbyterian Church (USA).

WHAT WE DO

Schreiner University provides students a personalized, integrated, and holistic educational experience that prepares them for meaningful work and purposeful lives in a changing global society.

WHY WE DO IT

- Because Schreiner has always been a place of opportunity, all students are recognized as uniquely valuable and capable of excellence;
- This diversity of people and thought will thrive only in a setting of open, civil discourse;
- In the undergraduate program, every student should have the opportunity to develop intellectually, physically, spiritually, and socially;
- In the undergraduate and graduate programs, every student should have the opportunity to develop the capacity for life-long learning and service to society in order to participate successfully in the global world; and
- Across all our educational programs, we should develop thoughtful, productive, and ethical citizens.

OUR ACHIEVEMENTS

- The only Private, Faith-based Institution of Higher Learning located in the Texas Hill Country
- First University in Texas to offer an all-inclusive fixed price tuition
- A Best College (Southwest Region) – *Princeton Review* (2023-2024)
- College of Distinction (2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024)
- #1 Best College Dorms in Texas – *Niche* (2024)
- #10 Best College Campus in Texas – *Niche* (2024)
- #12 Safest College Campus in Texas – *Niche* (2024)
- #18 Best College Dorms in America – *Niche* (2024)
- Top 10% Best College Campus in America – *Niche* (2024)
- Top 20% Safest College Campus in America – *Niche* (2024)



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UNIVERSITY MARSHAL

For the Faculty & Bearer of the Mace

Dr. Adam Jones, *Associate Professor of Economics & Finance*

The 2025 Recipient of the Margaret Hosler Award for Excellence in Teaching

The highest and most distinguished faculty award at Schreiner University

ACADEMIC REGALIA

The custom of wearing distinctive dress for academic ceremonies dates back to the Middle Ages, when people dressed in keeping with their class. The clergy were the literate class, so early academic costume was clerical. A heavy dark gown seems to have been worn at all times. Hoods and capes were also necessary during European winters because the buildings where scholars lived, studied, and taught were cold.

Beginning at Harvard in 1636, the faculties of American universities have worn distinguishing costumes. Those holding a bachelor's degree wear a gown distinguished by long pointed sleeves hanging nearly to the knees. The master's gown has long closed sleeves with a slit for the arm near the middle of the sleeves. The doctor's gown is faced with a broad strip of velvet and has three horizontal velvet bars on each sleeve.

The level of degree is shown by the size of the hood, the width of the velvet trimming, and, in case of the doctoral hoods, by the shape. The bachelor's, master's, and doctor's hoods are 3 feet, 3½ feet, and 4 feet long, respectively. In the same order, velvet trimming is 2, 3, and 5 inches wide. This velvet trimming extends all around the hood on the exposed edge, but to make a more comfortable fit, it is allowed to narrow at the neck band.

The color of the trim denotes the field of learning in which it was given, and the hood provides the best clues for identifying the level of the degree and the institution which awarded it. Among the subjects represented by the colors in hoods worn by Schreiner University faculty and administrative staff are the following:

Apricot – Nursing
Brown – Fine Arts
Citron – Social Science
Copper – Economics
Crimson – Communications
Dark Blue – Philosophy
Drab – Business Administration

Golden Yellow – Sciences
Green – Medicine
Lemon Yellow – Library Science
Light Blue – Education
Orange – Engineering
Peacock Blue – Public Administration
Pink – Music

Purple – Law
Sage Green – Physical Education
Salmon – Public Health
Scarlet – Theology
Silver Grey – Speech, Drama
White – Arts, Letters, and Humanities

The appropriate cap for all degrees is the familiar mortar board. A black tassel, or one of the colors signifying the field of specialization, hanging to the left of the face, is appropriate for all degrees. Those holding a doctor's degree may wear a soft velvet cap or the mortar board with the tassel in whole or in part of gold thread. Other elements such as a sword, hat, plume, etc. can also be components of distinctive dress, depending on the awarding institution's traditions. Some

gowns expose a necktie or cravat while others are designed to be worn open. The Schreiner's Board of Trustees are wearing robes of black with Schreiner tartan on the sleeve caps as well as the tartan adorned as a border on the black velvet. In 2020, the academic regalia for Schreiner's bachelor and master students was redesigned incorporating the official Schreiner tartan in the gown and hood, connecting to the University's Presbyterian heritage.

OUR TARTAN

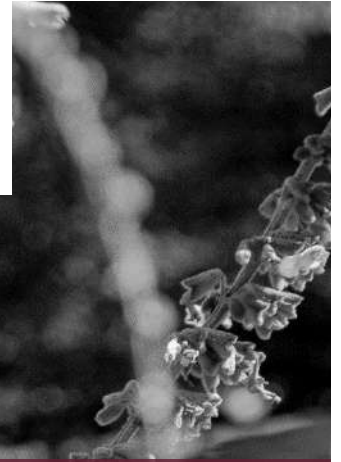
The Origin of the Schreiner University Legacy Tartan

In 2018, the official university tartan was registered by Mr. David Gehrels, Director of Student Activities, with the Scottish Register of Tartans in an effort to reconnect the university to its Presbyterian heritage. The official thread count is W1 W9 K23 DR95 W1 W9 K23. The first three thread counts represent "1923" marking in white - one of our school colors - the founding of the university and black as an official accent color.

The 95 Maroon count represents the 95th year of the founding of the university in which the tartan was passed. Finally, we follow back with the 1923 thread again in white and black to represent the future reflection of our past 100+ years of educational excellence.



BACHELOR of SCIENCE in NURSING PINNING CEREMONY



Junkin Campus Ministry Center
Friday, May 9, 2025
4:45pm

PROCESSIONAL

See listing of names in Degree Candidate Section

BSN Class of 2025

INTRODUCTION

Dr. Tandy A. Mellard

Director of Undergraduate Nursing

WELCOME TO THE PROFESSION

Ms. Briana Watkins

Director of Vocational Nursing

SIGNIFICANCE OF THE PIN

Dr. Julie Lunsford

Campus Health Clinic Provider & Adjunct Professor of Nursing

PINNING OF THE GRADUATES

Ms. Jenny Barfknecht

Instructor of Nursing

FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE PLEDGE

Dr. Ruth Grubescic

Instructor of Nursing

BENEDICTION

The Reverend Dr. Dongwoo Lee

University Minister

CLOSING REMARKS

Dr. Julie Lunsford

Campus Health Clinic Provider & Adjunct Professor of Nursing

RECESSIONAL

BSN Class of 2025

Nursing Education Faculty & Staff

Reception to follow in the Fellowship Hall.

COMMENCEMENT



We are delighted to have you join us as we celebrate the accomplishments of our graduates. Commencement is a special occasion, both solemn and joyous. It is a time when we respect the traditions of higher education and recognize the hard work and sacrifices that brought each graduate to this point of personal growth.

Thank you for sharing in this important celebration at Schreiner University.

FRONT LAWN OF THE CAILLOUX CAMPUS ACTIVITY CENTER

FRIDAY, MAY 9, 2025

7:00PM

Please silence all electronic devices.

**Audience Please Stand.*

CEREMONIAL FLYOVER

Schreiner Aviation Students

*PROCESSIONAL

San Antonio Pipes & Drums
and Schreiner University Concert Band
conducted by **Dr. Eugene Dowdy**, *Director of Music*

*ACADEMIC PROCESSION

The order of procession has been fixed by custom.

Bearer of the Mace and University Marshal

President

Program Participants

Board of Trustees

President's Administrative Cabinet

Full Professors

Associate Professors

Assistant Professors

Instructors

Professional Staff

Degree Candidates

Led by

Dr. G. Matthew Robinson, *Associate Professor of Exercise Science & Sport Management*
The 2025 Recipient of the Harriet Garrett Award for Teaching Excellence

GREETING

Dr. Russell J. Frohardt
Provost & Vice President for Academic Affairs

INVOCATION

The Reverend Dr. Dongwoo Lee
University Minister

*PRESENTATION OF COLORS

Schreiner Institute Cadets from Dyer's Legion

*NATIONAL ANTHEM

Ms. Alexis Korbe, *Adjunct Instructor of Music*
with accompanist on piano, **Ms. Rebeca Anderson**, *Adjunct Instructor of Music*

*FIRING OF THE CANNON

Schreiner Institute Cadets
A military cannon will deploy on the lawn.

WELCOME & INTRODUCTION OF COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

Dr. Charlie T. McCormick
President

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Ms. Caitlin Leal, '21
Wish Discovery Manager, Make-A-Wish Foundation

BLESSINGS FOR THE CLASS OF 2025

University Administration

PRESENTATION OF THE GRADUATING CLASS

Dr. Russell J. Frohardt
Provost & Vice President for Academic Affairs

CONFERRING OF DEGREES

Dr. Charlie T. McCormick
President

Presenting the Master Degrees

Mr. John Brantley
Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees

Presenting the Bachelor Degrees

Ms. Janet McKinney
Chair of the Board of Trustees

Certificates and degrees are placed on the working table owned by Dr. Andrew Edington, Schreiner's second president. The table then served the third, fourth, and fifth presidents until it was commissioned to serve as a symbol of achievement during commencement ceremonies, beginning the year 2018.

RESPONSE FOR THE GRADUATES

Ms. Chloe Elizabeth Mills
*Bachelor of Fine Arts, majoring in Graphic Design
Spring Class of 2025 Valedictorian*

A FILM TRIBUTE TO OUR GRADUATES

Marketing Department

WELCOMING OF NEW ALUMNI

Mr. Manuel A. Cappella, '68
Schreiner Former Students Association President & Member of the Board of Trustees

Confetti cannons will deploy on the lawn.

*ALMA MATER

Reference on back of program

*RECESSIONAL

Schreiner University Concert Band
conducted by **Dr. Eugene Dowdy**, *Director of Music*

Audience, please remain at seats during the Recessional.

BLESSINGS

Blessing of the Hoods

Dr. Russell J. Frohardt, *Provost & Vice President for Academic Affairs*

Since medieval times scholars have worn these robes, but the hood is special. The hood indicates the distinctive mark that the bearer has earned a college degree. It signifies a scholarly and personal achievement. Judges, choirs, and clerics all wear robes, but only the college educated have earned the right to wear the hood.

Receive this blessing of the hood, a symbol of all you have accomplished in the past and all you will accomplish in the future, with gratitude. Graduates, we look forward to the ways your contributions of goodness and leadership will be a blessing to all as you help build a more humane and just world. May you strive towards excellence in all you do so that you honor God's gift of knowledge; use this gift to speak for justice and peace, to sing with joy, to comfort those around you, to raise up your community, and to serve the world.

Blessing of the Connection to the Schreiner University Family

Dr. Charlie McCormick, *President*

We call the college from which we graduate from our alma mater. This phrase is often translated as the foster or fostering mother. It suggests the ways in which we have become like family—spending years under the same roofs; sharing meals; reading, thinking, and aspiring together; laughing, shouting, and weeping together. Like family members everywhere, we acknowledge that time takes us in new directions. But, as we follow those new paths, may our hearts always remember that we have a home and a fostering mother to which we can return to these hills.

OUR FAITH

A covenant is a traditional agreement made and honored by people of faith, affirming a shared purpose. It affirms mutual trust and concern, in the expectation that each party will remain steadfast in support of these common beliefs, values, and goals. This covenant is between the Synod of the Sun, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and Schreiner University.

It is a reaffirmation of Schreiner University's historical commitment to quality education that addresses the spiritual as well as intellectual needs of people as they prepare to become caring citizens in a complex world. Schreiner University embodies the conviction that God is glorified in a humanity that is fully alive. The University has remained affiliated by choice and by covenant with the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and continues to carry out its educational purpose in the conviction that the pursuit of knowledge is integral to the Christian mission of worship and service. The pursuit is undertaken in the context of thoughtful interactions among a diverse community of faculty, staff, and students, a process that empowers students to discover and assimilate knowledge in personalized learning experiences.



ABOUT THE COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER



Ms. Caitlin Leal, '21

Wish Discovery Manager at Make-A-Wish Foundation

Ms. Caitlin Leal is a proud San Antonio native and graduated from Schreiner University in 2021 with a double major in Communication Studies and Psychology. Throughout her time at Schreiner, Caitlin immersed herself in campus life, taking on numerous extracurricular activities and leadership positions, including President of the Ancient and Honorable Order of the Campus; Mountaineer Mentor; Student Ambassador; Catholic Peer Ministry Leader; member of the Global Scholars Honors Program; and a founding member of the BBQ team.

She was awarded Ambassador of the Year in 2020 and Servant Leader of the Year in 2021. At graduation, she was awarded the Presidential Distinguished Medallion for successfully earning all five of the coins in the Schreiner Presidential Coin Series.

In November 2021, Caitlin joined the Make-A-Wish Foundation North Texas Chapter. Since her arrival, the North Texas team has granted nearly 1,700 life-

changing wishes across the 161 counties they serve, bringing joy and hope to countless families.

In her current role as Wish Discovery Manager, Caitlin works closely with families, guiding them through the beginning stages of their wish journey. From welcoming a wish child and their family into the Make-A-Wish community, to collaborating with community partners, Caitlin's days are spent helping turn wishes into reality.

Her recent wish portfolio includes a wish to visit the Redwood National Forest to see various Star Wars filming locations, orchestrating a day spent with YouTube legends, crafting a professional family photo shoot to create lasting memories, and making a child's dream of joining the Dallas Cowboys come to life. Each wish is a testament to her unwavering commitment to create experiences that are as extraordinary and unique as the brave kids she serves, and her passion for making a meaningful impact on the lives of others.



SPRING CLASS OF 2025 DEGREE CANDIDATES

Assisting Master Degree Candidates with Hooding
Dr. William W. Woods, *Dean of Academic Support*

Assisting Degree Candidates with Diplomas
Ms. Darlene Bannister, *Associate Provost & University Registrar*

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Lillian Kate Bales
Hondo, Texas

Cole Jackson Reed
Deer Park, Texas

Madison Taylor Tausch
San Antonio, Texas

Kaleb Emmett Meyer
Weaver, Texas

MASTER OF EDUCATION

William Gene Anderson
Kyle, Texas

Liberty Dawn Davis
Kerrville, Texas

Roy Bishop Martin
Kerrville, Texas

Gregory A. Anthony
San Antonio, Texas

Ana Melissa Diego
Del Río, Texas

Gabriel Alejandro Molina
Mission, Texas

Amber Suzanne Bain
Kerrville, Texas

Alma Delia Garza
Lyford, Texas

Shannon Mueller
Kyle, Texas

Jade Magdalena Barnhart
Lacy Lakeview, Texas

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Poth, Texas

Emily Rose Muñoz
Carbondale, Illinois

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Katy, Texas

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Del Rio, Texas

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Humble, Texas

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Kerrville, Texas

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Tornillo, Texas

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Helotes, Texas

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Rancho Viejo, Texas

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Selma, Texas

Layla Zambrano Smith
Poth, Texas

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Bay City, Texas

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Houston, Texas

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Westfield, Indiana

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Cum Laude
San Antonio, Texas

Madison Laine Beck
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Georgetown, Texas

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PSYCHOLOGY
Bandera, Texas

Amy Rae Bevington
PSYCHOLOGY
Boerne, Texas

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PSYCHOLOGY
Pearland, Texas

Kya Bradshaw
PSYCHOLOGY
The Colony, Texas

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Odelia Sapphire Lopez
COMMUNICATION DISORDERS
Corpus Christi, Texas

Porfirio Mendez III
ENGINEERING
Ennis, Texas

Ryder Alan Michael
ENGINEERING
Cum Laude
Lago Vista, Texas

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COMPUTER SCIENCE
Cum Laude
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Psychology
Pflugerville, Texas

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PUBLIC HEALTH
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Magnolia, Texas

Morgan Lea Pitts
EXERCISE SCIENCE
Boyd, Texas

Jacob Mason Plummer
ENGINEERING
Management
Magna Cum Laude
Presidential Medallion
League City, Texas

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COMPUTER INFORMATION
TECHNOLOGY
Dripping Springs, Texas

Charlie Josephine Rand
BIOLOGY
Medical Humanities
Cum Laude
Boerne, Texas

Haedyn Paige Renslow
BIOLOGY
Cum Laude
San Antonio, Texas

Alexandria Rodriguez
COMMUNICATION DISORDERS
San Antonio, Texas

Luke Anthony Rogers
EXERCISE SCIENCE
San Antonio, Texas

Jillian Patrice Schoelzel
BIOLOGY
Medical Humanities
Schertz, Texas

Mina Inocente Sifuentes
EXERCISE SCIENCE
Psychology
Kerrville, Texas

Taylor Stockton
ENGINEERING
Mathematics
Kenedy, Texas

Lorena Torres Villanueva
PUBLIC HEALTH
Presidential Medallion
Del Rio, Texas

William Christopher Vogt
ENGINEERING
Cypress, Texas

Sean M. Woods
ENGINEERING
Boerne, Texas

Kailyn Yeisley
BIOLOGY
Second degree, BACHELOR OF ARTS
HISTORY
Summa Cum Laude
Winslow, Arizona

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

Brooke Kristine Beeler

Psychology

Magna Cum Laude

Kerrville, Texas

Jordyn Casey Braxton

Public Health

Summa Cum Laude

San Antonio, Texas

Taylor Caitlin Braxton

English

Magna Cum Laude

San Antonio, Texas

Jordan Elise Bunch

Comfort, Texas

Sidney Ann Conring

Boerne, Texas

Callie Janine Crawford

Summa Cum Laude

Rochester, Washington

Margo Ann Ethridge

New Braunfels, Texas

Monica Cecilia Fields

Photography

Cum Laude

Kerrville, Texas

Elizabeth Garcia

Boerne, Texas

Kourtney Michelle Hurry

Waller, Texas

Matthew David Kennedy

Psychology

Cum Laude

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GENERAL STUDIES IN SCIENCE

Kerrville, Texas

Carson Nathaniel Tittle

GENERAL STUDIES IN LIBERAL

ARTS

Honors

Lucas, Texas

UNIVERSITY HONORS

Alpha Chi

Scholastic Honors

Cord of blue, green, and medallions

Jordyn Casey Braxton
Taylor Caitlin Braxton
Dominic John Civello
Christin Alysse Coffey
Lura Katherine Duderstadt
Damien Joseph Garcia
Cristian Gabriel Guajardo
Nicole Taylor Hardy
Sarah Valentina Hernández Solache
Jonathan Dale Merecka
Chloe Elizabeth Mills
Kaitlyn Giana Olivares
Annalise Elizabeth Schoening
McKenley Rae Steffens
Kailyn Yeisley

Alpha Lambda Delta

Freshman Honors Society

Cord of red, gold, and white

Lauren Michelle Alfaro
Lauren Nicole Benedict
Matiana Marie Cancino
Dominic John Civello
Lura Katherine Duderstadt
Katelyn Rose Edgar
Kris Falon Ersch
Margo Ann Ethridge
Damien Joseph Garcia
Elizabeth Garcia
Cristian Gabriel Guajardo
Nicole Taylor Hardy
Sarah Valentina Hernández Solache
Matthew David Kennedy
Marissa Lujano
Porfirio Mendez, III
Trista Jo Miller
Kaitlyn Giana Olivares
Amanda Marie Perrin
Charlie Josephine Rand
Kameryn Landon Roehrig
Symphanie Nicole Sampson
Annalise Elizabeth Schoening
Sarah Morgan Sherlock
Stephanie Aletha Stoker
William Christopher Vogt
Kailyn Yeisley

Alpha Sigma Lambda

Adult Learners

Cord of gold and black

Monica Cecilia Fields
Karissa Ann Quintanilla

Beta Beta Beta

Biology

Cord of red, green and medallions

Domingo Martín Davila
Katelyn Rose Edgar
Cristian Gabriel Guajardo
Michael Bruce Hawkins, Jr.
Sarah Valentina Hernández Solache
Charlie Josephine Rand
Haedyn Paige Renslow
Jillian Patrice Schoelzel
Kailyn Yeisley

Delta Alpha Phi

Learning Differences

Cord of blue and gold

Lauren Michelle Alfaro
Lura Katherine Duderstadt
Matthew David Kennedy
Karissa Ann Quintanilla
Jillian Patrice Schoelzel

Kappa Mu Epsilon

Mathematics

Cord of rose pink and silver

Dominic John Civello
Katelyn Rose Edgar
Kris Falon Ersch
Aleksander Ignacy Kowalczyk
Porfirio Mendez III
Ryder Alan Michael
Jacob Mason Plummer
Charlie Josephine Rand
Jillian Patrice Schoelzel
Taylor Stockton

Phi Alpha Theta

History

Cord of light blue and red

Kailyn Yeisley

Sigma Tau Delta

English

Cord of red, black, and medallions

Taylor Caitlin Braxton
Christin Alysse Coffey

Sigma Theta Tau

Nursing

Cord of purple and white

Brooke Kristine Beeler
Jordyn Casey Braxton
Taylor Caitlin Braxton
Callie Janine Crawford
Monica Cecilia Fields
Elizabeth Garcia
Matthew David Kennedy
Marissa Lujano
Trista Jo Miller
Symphanie Nicole Sampson
Rylan Nicole Warncke

Schreiner Honors

University Honors Program

Alexis Marie Ayala
Nicole Taylor Hardy
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Chloe Elizabeth Mills

Undergraduate Honors

Cord of gold are worn

Cum Laude (GPA of 3.5+)
Magna Cum Laude (GPA of 3.75+)
Summa Cum Laude (GPA of 3.9+)
and completed at least 30 hours at
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Yale University*

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2025 FACULTY & STAFF AWARDS

THE MARGARET HOSLER AWARD
FOR EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING

Dr. Adam Jones, Associate Professor of Economics and Finance

THE HARRIET GARRET AWARD
FOR TEACHING EXCELLENCE

Dr. G. Matthew Robinson

Associate Professor for Exercise Science and Sport Management

THE AWARD OF EXCELLENCE IN RESEARCH,
SCHOLARSHIP, AND CREATIVE ACTIVITY

Dr. Brian Bernard, Associate Professor of Engineering

THE AWARD OF EXCELLENCE IN SERVICE

Dr. Christopher Distel,

Professor of Biology & Director of the Biology Field Station

THE CAPTAIN SCHREINER LEADERSHIP AWARD

Ms. Briana Watkins, Director of Vocational Nursing

THE RISING STAR AWARD

Mr. Michael Bennett

Director of Marketing and Communications

Mr. Rajeem Garnett

Head Coach of Men's & Women's Cross Country

THE PRESIDENT'S AWARD FOR SERVICE

Mr. David Gehrels, Director of Student Activities

THE PRESIDENT'S AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE

Mr. Dilan Chenault, Maintenance Manager



PRESIDENTIAL CHALLENGE COINS

The history of challenge coins is military in nature and can be traced as far back as the Civil War when soldiers carried a coin from their hometown throughout the conflict and then continued to carry it after the war as a reminder of their experiences. The coins are still an active symbol in today's military forces. In addition to the military, law officers and firefighters carry challenge coins today. At Schreiner University, the Presidential Challenge Coin series was established by Dr. Charlie McCormick after his presidential inauguration in 2017. The five coins that can be earned by undergraduate students include:

Enter with Hope - *Acceptance of the Schreiner Promise during the Fall Academic Convocation ceremony*

Academic Excellence - *Earning the President's List (4.0 GPA) any single semester*

Leadership - *Attaining various levels of leadership responsibilities while attending Schreiner University*

The Schreiner Experience - *Receiving all three Schreiner Experience certificates:*

Meaningful Work, Purposeful Lives, and Changing Global Society

Leave with Achievement - *Completing a certificate or degree at Schreiner University*

Today, all degree candidates will receive the Leave with Achievement challenge coin from the President as they cross the stage. Students who earned *the entire series* of challenge coins received the Presidential Medallion to wear at graduation in recognition of this outstanding accomplishment.

UNIVERSITY RING

Schreiner University's official class rings reflect the school's history and traditions. Designed by students in 2014, the official university ring unifies the campus community with a single symbol that represents pride for the university. Elements on the official ring include:

Top — The university's official seal with an inner oval that represents the bullring, where military students once worked off demerits by marching around the oval.

Side — Twelve leaves represent the 12 original graduates of Schreiner in 1924. Two soldiers holding aloft crossed swords honor the school's early history as a military institute. The figure of Captain Charles Schreiner honors the school's founder and namesake, a Hill Country rancher, merchant, and former Texas Ranger.

Side — The Weir academic building, one of the original structures on campus, on the steps of which class photos of the incoming freshmen and graduates are taken. Deer represent the always-present whitetail herd, an integral part of the campus. The name *Mountaineers* refers to the name locals gave to the militia group Charles Schreiner led in the early days of Kerr County, and the nickname adopted by the university as the mascot. The date 1923 honors the year the school was founded.

The rings are also engraved on the inside with the words *Leave With Achievement*, the second of two statements inscribed on the main gate of the campus. The other, for those arriving, is *Enter With Hope*.



OUR RICH HISTORY

Schreiner University was founded in Kerrville, Texas, by Captain Charles Schreiner; a pioneer, rancher, banker, merchant, and philanthropist. On December 31, 1917, he placed in trust for the establishment of Schreiner Institute 140.25 acres of land and \$250,000 to supply facilities for high grade instruction to boys and young men as a preparation for college and university course work. The school was to be “owned, maintained, and controlled by the Synod of Texas of the Presbyterian Church of the United States.”

On December 27, 1921, trustees, appointed by the Synod of Texas, formally received the trust and took steps to erect the first buildings — a classroom building, one dormitory, and the president’s home. Under the leadership of James J. Delaney, a faculty was organized and, in September of 1923, the school opened its doors. For a decade, Schreiner offered to boys and young men a preparatory department and the first two years of college. In 1932, coed residents of the immediate Kerrville vicinity were enrolled as day students. In 1971, women were enrolled as boarding students. Other changes redefined Schreiner’s educational mission. From the beginning, instruction in military training was required for both high school and college students. In 1957, military training was made optional for college students; in 1969, it was discontinued; and two years later, it was also discontinued for high school students.

In 1973, phase-out began for the preparatory department, the name of the school was changed to Schreiner College, and the curriculum was broadened to include career education and life-long learning opportunities. The transition took Schreiner in one decade from a military preparatory school for men to a fully coeducational, four-year, liberal arts college, which received accreditation as a baccalaureate degree-granting institution in 1984. In 2001, the Board of Trustees changed the name to Schreiner University.





OUR UNIVERSITY SEAL

A seal has been part of a university since the Middle Ages and is considered one of the more important symbols of the presidential office as it represents the legal mark of the university's governing body. The Schreiner University seal is trademarked, licensed, and is used to authenticate official documents such as diplomas and other legal records.

Found at the front entrance of the university and in the center of the Administrative Quadrangle, the official university seal is admired with honor, respect, and reverence as a mark of distinction of Schreiner University's academic excellence. Because of its symbolic significance, the seal is present at all official university celebrations. The 5 ft. wide seal on display today was created in 2016. It is coated with a gold metallic finish and is accentuated with laser-cut acrylic for the decorative trimming and lettering.



ANCIENT AND HONORABLE ORDER OF THE CAMPUS



The Ancient and Honorable Order of the Campus, reviving the name of one of the school's original student organizations, is a group of 12 students that represent the 12 graduates from Schreiner's first year in 1924. The primary goal is to preserve and promote Schreiner University's rich history and traditions while supporting school spirit.

Present during today's ceremony, the members of the Ancient and Honorable Order of the Campus are visible in maroon blazers with the identified embroidered logo. Members are charged with being present and assisting at all official university ceremonies.





*A snapshot of the Weir Academic Building
taken during the 1940s on the grounds of Schreiner Institute.*

**Share the memories with us on social media.
#Leavewithachievement**

ALMA MATER

Moderato

5 Lift your voices sing of Schreiner in this song of praise.

9 For our glorious Alma Mater, high our banners raise.

13 En - ter hope - ful, live with pur - pose; va - lue and be - lieve.

Learn and grow in faith - ful ser - vice, and pas - sion to ach - ieve.

*An independent and coeducational Presbyterian
university filled with a rich, colorful history of Texas
heritage and traditions since 1923.*

Schreiner University