

## *Robert Stewart Hyer*

Born in Georgia and educated at Emory College, Robert Stewart Hyer began his distinguished career as professor of science at Southwestern University in Georgetown, Texas. There, his experiments with ether waves and X-ray reportedly preceded those of Marconi, and he designed Texas' first wireless station, transmitting messages at distances of one mile. He became president of Southwestern University in 1898, then moved to Dallas in 1911 to become the founding president of Southern Methodist University.

It has been said that SMU is Robert Stewart Hyer's monument. He planned the campus, orienting its first building, Dallas Hall, with respect to the North Star. He selected the crimson of Harvard and the blue of Yale as the colors of the University and established *Veritas Liberabit Vos* as the motto. Translated "The truth shall make you free," this motto was his symbolic vision of the University. As the University became a reality, President Hyer spoke words applicable to each of us in our pursuits today: "While we rejoice over our success, we must remember that the task to which we have set ourselves has only begun ... and make claims to victory only to encourage ourselves to press on to greater things."

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# *A* **ANNUAL LUNCHEON**

ROBERT STEWART HYER SOCIETY

*1983 - 2024*

APRIL 21, 2024

12:00 P.M.

GRAND BALLROOM  
HUGHES TRIGG STUDENT CENTER  
SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY

ROBERT STEWART HYER SOCIETY

42nd ANNUAL LUNCHEON

**PRESIDING**

Elizabeth G. Lobo

*Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, SMU*

**WELCOME**

R. Gerald Turner

*President, SMU*

**HYER SOCIETY VIDEO**

**INVOCATION**

Lisa Garvin

*Chaplain & Minister to the University, SMU*

**LUNCHEON**

**REMARKS**

Caroline Brettell

*Professor Emeriti of Anthropology, SMU*

**2024 AWARD RECIPIENTS**

*University Achievement Award*

Logan Hight

Anika Krieger

Eric Ryan

*University Award for Outstanding Scholar*

Brianna Freshwater

**INDUCTION**

David D. Doyle

*Dean, Honors & Scholars Programs  
and Adjunct Assistant Professor of History, SMU*

**Sophomore Class**

Stephanie E. Ciarochi

**Junior Class**

Arman Aasif Ahmed

Hala Arnouk

Evangeline Bria Bulick

Zachary Maxwell Busha

Brianna Renee Freshwater

Jacob William Garza

Fiona L. Graybill

Logan Andrew Hight

Trevor James Isaac

Oghenesuvwe Ariel Kokoricha

Anika Taylor Krieger

Daniel S. Kulti

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Nikolas Patrick Powers

Kathryn Elizabeth Prappas

Alexandra Rachel Pugh

Eric Hossain Ryan

Anna Ramsey Weith

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Avery Zolfaghari

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**Senior Class**

Caden Scott Arras\*

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Taryn Mason Beard

Anna Noelle Beckley

Ying-Chu Chen\*\*

Ella Jane Dabney\*

Caleigh Brynn Daugherty\*

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Vinita Ashwini Dixit\*\*

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Blake William Gebhardt\*

Angela Sofia Goff\*

Celia Luisa Handing\*

Hailey Cathleen Hazen\*

Elisabeth Grace Hood\*

Anne Olivia Hulme\*

Minseo Kim

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Travis Andrew Nolan\*

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