



**UNIVERSITY OF MARY HARDIN-BAYLOR**

**RING  
CEREMONY**

**SEPTEMBER 5, 2025**

**LUTHER MEMORIAL**

**7:00 P.M.**

## **WELCOME**

Jeff Sutton '07, M.Ed. '19  
Director of Alumni Engagement

## **SCRIPTURE READING & PRAYER**

Brittin Choate, Senior

## **SPECIAL MUSIC-ONE VOICE**

*Cornerstone*  
*By Shawn Kirchner*  
Directed by Dr. Michelle Roueché

## **RING TRADITION**

Dr. Brandon Skaggs '03  
Vice President for Student Life

## **ALUMNI TESTIMONY**

Sarah Wong '18  
Young Alumni Board

## **STUDENT RESPONSE**

Rebekah Richard, Senior

## **RING PRESENTATION**

Dr. Randy O'Rear '88, M.B.A. '97  
President  
Jeff Sutton

## **UP WITH THE PURPLE & ALMA MATER**

Andrew Ash, Senior

## **CLOSING REMARKS & PRAYER OF BLESSING**

Dr. Brandon Skaggs

## **UP WITH THE PURPLE**

Up with the Purple, the Gold and the White  
High o'er the college tower  
Forth from her portals we step in her might,  
Men and women great in power.

Yes, we come from old Baylor,  
Her loyal sons and her daughters true,  
And proudly each one hails the memory  
Of Baylor College, for we love you.

All hail to thee, old Baylor,  
Proud daughter of the South  
With heart and voice we praise thee  
As we go marching forth.

## **ALMA MATER**

Dear Mary Hardin-Baylor,  
who stands ever proud and strong.  
With courage, boldness and loyalty,  
our Crusader leads us on.  
We will keep you high in honor,  
forever through our days.  
With endless time and wonder,  
our love will never fade.  
Ever thankful for our past,  
into the future we will go.  
With faithfulness and devotion to you.  
Our Purple, White, and Gold.

## **SENIOR RING A WORLD OF MEANING**

The University of Mary Hardin-Baylor official school ring was custom designed in 1995.

The Senior Ring Ceremony is a tradition that distinguishes UMHB students from others using the ring to serve as a lasting symbol of our proud traditions.

The ring's intricate design incorporates many of the university's rich traditional symbols:

The Living Flame symbolizes UMHB's enduring commitment to education.

The Crusader represents the spirit of the university in its quest for excellence.

The Luther Memorial arches memorialize the first building on the Belton campus.

The W.W. Walton Chapel symbolizes the university's strong Christian heritage and continued desire to reach out to the world for Christ.

Students wear the ring with the school name facing them. Upon graduation, the ring is turned around with the name facing outward, symbolizing the graduate's readiness to face the world.

## **SCRIPTURE -ISAIAH 40:31**

"but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint. "

## **LIVE STREAM**

[www.umhb.edu/ring](http://www.umhb.edu/ring)

## **#UMHBRing**

We would love to see your photos from all of our Ring Ceremony activities! Just upload them to Facebook or Instagram and use the hashtag #UMHBRing. Tag us @UMHBAlumni and we may share your post!