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*School of Aeronautics*

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*“I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.”*

ROMANS 12:1-2 (ESV)



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# MESSAGE *from the* DEAN

Welcome, families and friends, to the 2026 School of Aeronautics Degree Presentation Ceremony. The mission of the School of Aeronautics is to equip, mentor, and send *Champions for Christ* into the aerospace community. Today is a celebration as we send out these men and women into the world to fulfill God's calling on their lives. We are blessed to have had the opportunity to witness these graduates grow in Christ as they worked diligently to achieve this significant milestone. We look forward to seeing how God will use them as they move into their careers and strive to impact the world for Christ.

We are excited to join with you in celebrating their personal growth and achievements and praying for their future as *Champions for Christ*.

**Steven Brinly, Ph.D.**

*Dean*



# LIST *of* AWARDS

Top Academic Students

Top Aerospace Professional

Top Pilot

Airmanship Award

Ernie Rogers Leadership Award



# ORDER *of* CEREMONY

**Welcome . . . . . Dr. Steven Brinly**  
*Dean*

**Presentation of  
Posthumous Degree . . . . . Dr. James Mashburn**  
*Associate Professor*

**Acknowledging SOA Programs . . . . . Dr. Julie Speakes**  
*Associate Dean*

**Special Awards . . . . . Dr. Julie Speakes**  
*Associate Dean*

**Presentation of Doctoral Degrees . . . . . Dr. Julie Speakes**  
*Associate Dean*

**Presentation of Graduate and  
Undergraduate Degrees. . . . . Mr. Peter Spahr**  
*Associate Professor*  
  
**Mr. Chris Tulip**  
*Associate Professor*

**Charge to Graduates . . . . . Dr. Steven Brinly**  
*Dean*

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# ORDER *of* CEREMONY

**Benediction** ..... **Dr. James Mashburn**  
*Associate Professor*

**Closing Remarks** ..... **Dr. James Mashburn**  
*Associate Professor*

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