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**DR. RALPH D. WEST TO SERVE AS DILLARD UNIVERSITY
2019 BACCALAUREATE SPEAKER**

NEW ORLEANS – Dr. Ralph D. West is slated to orate the 2019 Dillard University Baccalaureate service on May 10th at 6 pm in the University’s Lawless Chapel. Dr. West is the founding and Senior Pastor of The Church Without Walls, located in Houston, Texas. Established with just 12 church members, Dr. West grew his congregation to over 20,000 members, three church campuses and six Sunday services.

Dr. West received his Bachelor’s Degree at Bishop College, completed his Master’s from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and received his Doctorate of Ministry from Beeson Divinity School. He currently serves as the Adjunct Professor of Preaching at the George W. Truett Theological Seminary at Baylor University. Baylor recently awarded Dr. West as one of the Twelve Most Effective Preachers in English speaking countries. His expertise lies in curriculum structure for faith-based higher-education institutions.

“Dr. West is a well-known man of God in the Christian community; the Dillard University campus is ready for him and the Holy Spirit to move throughout the Baccalaureate Service as our young people prepare for the next stage of their lives,” Reverend Earnest Salsberry, Dillard University Chaplain said in a statement.

A talented storyteller, Dr. West possesses a gift for expressing biblical insights in an engaging manner that moves from inspiration to application. Dr. West’s insights are sure to spellbind the graduating 150th Founding Anniversary class this May.

For more information about Dr. West and the 2019 Baccalaureate Service, call University Chaplain Reverend Earnest Salsberry at (504) 816-4555 or (esalsberry@dillard.edu).

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