

# THE STORIED SYMBOLISM BEHIND YOUR UNT RING

## OUR UNIVERSITY NAME

## THE SOARING EAGLE

- Our official mascot since 1922.
- Its talons, to which we pay tribute through our eagle claw hand sign, represent our pride and unity.

## THE UNIVERSITY SEAL

Adopted in 1890, the year of our university's founding, the seal features:

- An eternal flame as a reminder of academic achievement and excellence.
- The Lone Star, representing the great state of Texas.
- Olive and live oak branches, signifying peace and strength.

## THE McCONNELL MEMORIAL TOWER

- The two clock faces on the tower.
- One hand at 1 o'clock, signifying the internationally recognized One O'Clock Lab Band.
- The other hand at 7, recalling the evening curfew for students at Texas Normal College and Teacher Training Institute in 1892.



# UNIVERSITY OF NORTH TEXAS

## OFFICIAL RING CEREMONY, FALL 2024

Presentation of the Rings.....	UNT Alumni Association <i>Board Members, Students, Alumni and Families</i>
Opening Remarks.....	Joshua Jones <i>Assistant Vice President for Alumni Engagement</i>
Welcome.....	Harrison Keller, Ph.D. <i>UNT President</i>
Symbolism of the Ring.....	Ernest Martinez ('11) <i>Chair of the UNT Alumni Association Board of Directors</i>
Reflections of a Student Leader .....	Ethan Gillis ('25) <i>Presented by the Student Alumni Association</i> <i>UNT System Student Regent</i>
Eagle Ring Dive & Lighting of McConnell Tower.....	Joshua Jones <i>Assistant Vice President for Alumni Engagement</i> Ernest Martinez ('11) <i>Chair of the UNT Alumni Association Board of Directors</i>
Reception	

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