## **2020 DISTINGUISHED GRADUATES**



Rose Walton-Banks
Funeral Director

"I have nothing in common with lazy people who blame others for their lack of success. Great things come from hard work and perseverance. No excuses."

-Kobe Bryant

Rose Walton-Banks is a San Antonio native and was born into a military family where her father later retired from the United States Air Force. She graduated from Memorial High School in 1977 and received a basketball athletic scholarship to attend Schreiner Junior College in Kerrville, Texas. Rose graduated in 1979 with an Associate of Arts in General Education. She then relocated to California and enrolled in a business college, graduating in 1982 with a Management Accounting Certificate of Completion with honors from Heald Business College in Walnut Creek, California.

In 2002, she completed a Bachelor of Arts in Organizational Management from The Master's College in Santa Clarita, California. In 2010 she completed a Master's Degree in Business Administration with an emphasis in accounting from the University of Phoenix in Lancaster, California. Upon retiring, she returned to school, where she earned an Associate of Science in Respiratory Therapy from St. Philip's College in 2013. After losing several family members, she became interested in funeral directing and began attending classes at San Antonio College. She graduates in May 2020 with a Funeral Director Level II Certificate. She has been invited to join the honor society and is a member of the Rho Sigma Gamma Fraternity.