



UNIVERSITY OF SAN FRANCISCO

# COMMENCEMENT

*College of Arts and Sciences  
Arts and Social Sciences  
May 19, 2023 ♦ 12:00 P.M.*

# MISSION STATEMENT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF SAN FRANCISCO

## **MISSION**

Since 1855, the University of San Francisco has dedicated itself to offering a daring and dynamic liberal arts education in the Jesuit, Catholic tradition. As a community, we empower and hold accountable our students, faculty, librarians, staff, administrators, alumni, and community partners to be persons for and with others, to care for our common home, including the native lands on which our campuses reside, and to promote the common good by critically, thoughtfully, and innovatively addressing inequities to create a more humane and just world.

We seek to live USF's Mission by nurturing a diverse, ever-expanding community where persons of all races and ethnicities, religions, sexual orientations, genders, generations, abilities, nationalities, occupations, and socioeconomic backgrounds are honored and accompanied. We are committed to educating hearts and minds to cultivate the full, integral development of each person and all persons; pursuing learning as a lifelong humanizing and liberating social activity; and advancing excellence as the standard for teaching, scholarship, creative expression, and service. Inspired by a faith that does justice, we strive to humbly and responsibly engage with, and contribute to, the cultural, intellectual, economic and spiritual gifts and talents of the San Francisco Bay Area and the global communities to which we belong.

*Approved by the Board of Trustees, September 24, 2021.*

164th Annual Commencement Exercises

# UNIVERSITY OF SAN FRANCISCO

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

**MAY 19, 2023, 12:00 PM**

Today, the University welcomes you — the graduates and candidates of the class of 2023 — into the ranks of the proud alumni of the University of San Francisco.

We also welcome your families and friends to the celebration, mindful and appreciative of their contribution to your achievement, through their support, sacrifice, and encouragement.

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*The University of San Francisco has made every attempt to include in this program all persons deserving of recognition. If there have been any errors or omissions, please accept our sincerest apologies.*

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## *Program*

# ORDER OF CEREMONY

## Procession

The University Mace  
The Flags of the University  
The University Commencement Marshals  
The Class of 2023  
The Faculty of the College  
The Academic Directors of the College  
The Alumni Board of Governors  
The Valedictorian  
The Deans of the College  
The University Leadership Team  
The Members of the University Board  
of Trustees  
The Honorary Degree Recipient and  
Commencement Speaker  
The President of the University

## Prelude Processional

Baroque Ceremonial Music  
"Pomp and Circumstance" by Sir Edward Elgar

## Master of Ceremonies

**Chinyere Oparah**  
*Provost and Vice President, Academic Affairs*

## National Anthem

**Anna M. Mathews**  
*Candidate, Bachelor of Arts in Politics*

**Merhawit Danielle Mehzun**  
*Candidate, Bachelor of Arts in  
International Studies*

## Invocation

**Aline Hitti**  
*Assistant Professor of Psychology*

## Official Opening of the Ceremony

*Member, Board of Trustees*

## Valedictory Address

**Melitza Ortega**  
*Candidate, Bachelor of Arts in English*

## Presentation of the Honorary Degree

**Eileen Chia-Ching Fung**  
*Dean of the College*

Recipient:  
**Tom Killion**  
*Artist, Printmaker, and Fine Book Printer*

## Commencement Address

**Tom Killion**

**Presentation of Candidates  
for Undergraduate Degrees**

**Eileen Chia-Ching Fung**

*Dean of the College*

and

**Karen Fraser**

*Associate Professor of Art + Architecture*

**Formal Conferral of  
Undergraduate Degrees**

**Rev. Paul J. Fitzgerald, S.J.**

*President of the University*

**Salutation to the Graduates**

**Rev. Paul J. Fitzgerald, S.J.**

*President of the University*

**Benediction**

**Rev. Ronne Wingate-Sims**

*Assistant Director for Religious Diversity,  
Justice, and Outreach*

**Recessional**

“Crown Imperial” by Sir William Walton

## UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES BACHELOR OF ARTS

### Architecture

Abdallah Elias Batshon \*  
Barbara A. Beetlestone \*  
Haben Berekat  
Benjamin Ross Byers  
Henry Dean Calabrese \*\*\*  
Jonathan Matthew Villa Dizon  
Miles Michael Fredrick  
Keili Gonzalez \*\*\*  
Elias Carlos Gutierrez  
Fionna Guzman  
Acasio Penton Kouromenos  
Wallace Lin  
Ruoxiang John Lu \*\*  
Megan Montecino  
Unubold Munkhbold \*\*\*  
Concesse Nyirazikunze \*\*\*  
Bao Hoa Thi Pham \*\*  
Eunice Cesaltina Quissanga da Rocha \*\*  
Kensuke Shimmon  
Pablo Vilas \*\*  
Romelia S. Zarate \*

### Art History/ Arts Management

Elinor Kate Robbins

### Art History & Museum Studies

Caroline Grace Milowicki \*  
Gabrielle Elise Moreta \*  
Catherine Kenney Pluimer \*\*\*  
Kelly Eileen Velasco \*\*\*  
YiYi Yang

### Critical Diversity Studies

Anika Meiling Becker \*\*\*  
Hannah Beth Dightman \*\*\*  
Andrew Casey Eldridge \*\*  
Megan Jeannie Escobar \*  
Sofia Hero Haase Oliva \*\*  
Cole A. Habeck \*\*\*  
Jaelyn Michelle Johnson \*\*\*  
Isabelle Violet Kemp \*\*\*  
Amida Nigena \*\*\*  
Alaia Seifi Zaki \*\*\*

### Design

Savannah Archinal  
Luisa Macarena de Castro Banson \*\*\*  
Lelan J. Bell  
Dominique Isis Cadenas Calvo \*\*  
Elias Alexander Dion \*\*  
Sarah E. Healy  
Emily Helen Hernandez  
Tyisha Rosario Hill \*  
Kristen N. Johnson  
Morgan Lee \*\*\*  
Isaac Javier Madrigal  
Alexander Marsden  
Angelique T. Ngo  
Chloe A. Pavlovich \*  
Mia Adrianna Santino  
Sydney Mariko Sharp \*\*\*  
Kitty Zhang \*



## UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES BACHELOR OF ARTS

### Fine Arts

Madison Jade Avery \*  
Sophia Renee Bloom \*\*\*  
Amanda M. L. Heauser-Caires  
Audrey Petra Ellis Herrera \*  
Charlotte Anne Laurance \*\*  
Isa Maselli \*  
Daniel Moton  
Mary Lou Grace Robison \*\*\*  
Yongzan Shao  
Arin Vasquez \*\*\*

### International Studies

Jordan Harrall Barney  
Jared Leandro Bisbikis \*\*\*  
Anthony Blick  
Ravi Chailertborisuth  
Evan Matthew Ti Ng Chan \*\*\*  
Wesley Allen Colvin  
Alyssa Diammyra Cruz \*\*\*  
Luana May Emmanuelle Denegre \*  
Jasmine Hang Dinh  
Ricardo Jose Cenzone Duenas  
Yolanda Marie Everson \*\*\*  
Fatima Nadira Fahnbulleh \*\*\*  
Cesar Kristian Fernandez  
Queeny T. Fong  
Nataly Edith Gandara \*\*  
Alisa Gorunova \*  
Jackson Haney \*\*\*  
Ethan Harbin Keeling  
Simran S. Lalani \*\*  
Julia Kate Lowery \*\*\*  
Suleima Elisa Belle Mednick Coles \*\*\*  
Merhawit Danielle Mehzun \*  
Maya Joy O'leary-Cyr \*\*  
Adeline Rose Schmitz \*\*\*  
Emmet William Winter \*\*\*  
Hannah Grace Yoder

### Media Studies

Isabella Alesandrini \*\*\*  
Cencere Alexander Baker \*\*  
Sam Crocker \*\*\*  
Savannah Karin Dewberry \*\*\*  
Hayley Thompson Diemar \*  
Dylan Michael Divine-Sicherman \*  
JoliAmour DuBose-Morris \*  
Ava Dorothy Dunn \*  
Wyatt Gregory Fields \*\*  
Sophie Rose Frey \*\*\*  
Micah Grayson Gallagher  
Jeremy Ivan Goei \*\*\*  
Alyssa Thianee Harmawan  
Jake Anthony Jilzian  
Yixin Li  
Myles Christian La Putt Marquez \*  
Christina Lourdes Quisumbing Rama  
Mekhi Rhodes  
Charandeep Singh  
Gabrielle Nicole Verhoef \*\*  
Kenya Rose Wallace  
Emily Yu Wang

### Performing Arts and Social Justice

Mary Jane Margaret Agnew \*\*\*  
Elena Olson Freiwald \*\*  
Raychel Hatch \*\*\*  
Mariam Jebari  
Deanna Jahnae Kennedy  
Sutter Eli McKenna  
Zoe-Elise DuBois Quon \*\*  
Arjun Pankaj Razdan  
Grace Carol Shaver \*\*\*  
Kayla Monique Smaw  
Seth A. Timple \*

## UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES BACHELOR OF ARTS

### Politics

Hiruy Alemseged \*  
Mark Carlos Rafael Casillas \*  
Stefanie Yvonne Castro  
Jada Alysia Commodore \*\*\*  
Maia Helene Courtois \*\*\*  
Lauren Ashley Diaz  
Rucchi Mohini Dua  
Aboye Mieye Efebo \*  
Andrew Casey Eldridge \*\*  
Aaron Salvador Fontan \*  
Kimberly Jaqueline Galindo Maldonado \*\*  
Zeta Mershon Green \*\*\*  
Bryn Trocchio Harris \*  
Jessica Allysa Jacinto  
Dan Johnson  
Lauren Devereaux Keeley \*  
Tristen Sung Joon Lee  
Jessica Blue Lewis \*\*  
Cordelia Gomez Madrid  
Bianca Mantovani  
Mabel Jae Masino \*\*  
Anna M. Mathews \*\*\*  
Gareth Kevin Cullen McGuinness  
Vineet Mehmi \*\*  
Metyia Kyndall Phillips \*\*\*  
Gabriela Machado Riemer  
Maira Keelin Sisco \*  
Nicholas Michael Spranger  
Antoinette Marie St John \*\*  
Ashley Alexis Stevens  
Solinna Ven \*  
Dallas Jacy Williams \*\*  
Olivia Grace Williams

### Psychology

Eliana Elias Abboud  
Marci Bukiron Adolfo \*\*\*  
Stephanie Nicole Amoukhteh \*\*\*  
George Chris Apostolopoulos  
Aaric Daniel Cuenca Azucena  
Diana Barba  
Reinier Alva Bautista  
Katerina Rosine Torres Bernabe \*  
Christal Cañada \*\*\*  
Lauren Alexandra Carmichael  
Elizabeth Marie Carpenter \*\*\*  
Molly Qingting Cassani \*\*\*  
Jordyn Janai Chapman \*\*\*  
Tula Mae Childs \*\*\*  
Grace S. Choi \*  
Nicholas Ryan Choy \*  
Elizabeth Jane Cisek \*\*\*  
Emma Isabella Crameri \*\*  
Kennedy Jaelen Dickie  
Sarah Kay Doyle \*\*\*  
Alyssa Marie Edmison \*\*\*  
Frederick Barga Fajardo \*\*  
Emily Flores Sosa \*\*  
Olivia Jayden Flores \*\*\*  
Elizabeth Anne Foley  
Sabrina R. Freeman  
Shannon Anna Geraghty  
Versia Joella Pearlymay Gipson  
Charlotte Golden  
Kahmala Kaye Gonzales \*  
Stephen Grover Gould \*  
Janellee Anita Hall  
Isabella Di Croce Hartley \*\*\*

## UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES BACHELOR OF ARTS

### Psychology (*continued*)

Raychel Hatch \*\*\*  
Azaria Stephanie Hayes \*\*  
Sabrina Hemida \*  
James Paolo Ilas Hermogeno  
Savannah Faith Hofmann \*\*\*  
Jason Shing Tak Hou \*\*  
Michelle Huang \*\*\*  
Sabrina Ibrahim \*\*\*  
Benita Ginikachukwu Ikezue \*  
LaSayany L. Inthalaksa \*  
Kimberly Ann Jacobson  
Ashley Elle Jordan \*\*\*  
Caroline Kou \*\*\*  
Zachary Laakea Kubo\*\*  
Piper Alessandra Langan  
Christy J. Lau \*\*\*  
Ethan Joseph Lee-Bellows \*\*  
Viviana Madrigal  
Mikalyn Patricia Marston \*  
Annesha Masters  
Ferrel Monterroso Ramirez  
Brianna Itzel Moreno  
Kathryn J. Nesbitt \*  
Naomi Rose Ney  
Cosette O'Connell \*\*\*  
Manasvi Ojha  
Angill Lynae Oliva \*  
Gabrielle Cruz Olivas\*  
Miró Dalí Pasillas \*\*\*  
Fatarida Phuwadonanon \*\*  
Monique J. Proctor-Lujan  
Bianca Gomes Recova  
Natasha Reddy \*\*\*  
Emely Julianna Rico Garcia \*\*\*  
D'Vine Angel Riley \*  
Charmina Gerline Rios \*\*  
Hannah Frances Rollo \*\*\*  
Wesley Grant Romer \*\*\*  
Marie Rylance \*\*\*  
Mabel Salgado \*  
Madeline Grace Samz \*\*\*  
Isabella Sanchez-Rodriguez \*  
Meghan Elizabeth Seykora  
Yasmine Gabriella Shiloh \*\*\*  
Alisha Singh \*\*\*  
Rebecca Anne Steele \*  
Gracie Jean Sula \*\*  
Sarah Tinawi \*\*\*  
Ege Tinmaz  
Kristopher Dominic Cuizon Tom  
Santiago Toyama  
Michelle Le Tran \*  
Elsie Yolanda Trujillo Valdes  
Yu-Ping Tseng  
Marcela Alejandra Valle \*  
Savannah Skylah Vasquez  
Zuri Gabriela Vera Nuñez  
Catherine Isabella Villalpando \*\*  
Nallely Esperanza Villalpando  
Michelene Ann Virostek  
Jamesen Kimberly Ward \*\*\*  
Mya Helena White \*  
Aisha Williamson-Raun  
Robert Kai-Yu Ye \*\*\*  
Olivia Rene Zepeda \*\*\*  
Margaret Elizabeth Zrelak \*\*\*

## UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES BACHELOR OF ARTS

### Sociology

Zakary Andrew Abeles \*\*  
Alyssa Maureen Buechele \*\*\*  
Colby Azad Burns \*\*  
Destiny Rose Camarillo \*  
Izabella Marie Celebertti  
Louise Souza Dantas de Oliveira \*\*\*  
Sankofa Jakob Nezami Decuire  
Staci Rene Edwards \*\*\*  
Brianna May Ellis \*  
Nadia Elise Soffer Fox  
Rayna LeeAnn Hayward \*\*  
Josué Arturo Hernández  
Juan Carlos Herrera \*\*\*  
Taleah LaRayne Johnson-Mayes  
Ethan Harbin Keeling  
Oscar Adan Lepe  
Taylor Marie Mickaelian  
Suroor Zahra Nakhoda \*\*\*  
Alison Khue Dai Nguyen \*\*\*  
Kendall Katelyn Nowell  
Claire Rachel Peterson \*\*  
Racquel Sichon Ramayla  
Cristian Rodriguez  
Sandy Ziaka Rubuye \*\*  
Georgina Michelle Santillan Gomez \*\*  
Wen Shi \*\*  
Ethan Weston \*

### Urban Studies

Kiaan Ahamed  
Solinna Ven \*

## UNDERGRADUATE COMMENCEMENT HONORS

### University Honors

\* Cum Laude    \*\* Magna Cum Laude    \*\*\* Summa Cum Laude

To be considered for University Honors, a candidate must have completed at least 60 credits of academic course work graded "A" through "F" at the University of San Francisco and have a minimum USF grade point average of:

- 3.85 for Summa Cum Laude
- 3.75 for Magna Cum Laude
- 3.50 for Cum Laude

### Candidacy

Candidacy for degrees and academic honors is based on a preliminary review of the academic records of students petitioning for graduation in the respective term. Degrees and honors are considered official when all grades are received and all requirements for degree fulfillment and/or honors are met. Some students listed as candidates may already have been notified that they have met all requirements, but, because of printing deadlines, are listed here as candidates.

## Honorary Degree

# TOM KILLION

## ARTIST, PRINTMAKER, AND FINE BOOK PRINTER

Internationally acclaimed woodcut and letterpress artist. Teacher, writer, publisher, and humanitarian. Citizen of the world and lifelong student of history who celebrates the natural beauty of Northern California's coastline in adaptations of 19th century Japanese art techniques.

Tom Killion has deep familial roots in Northern California's wild and beautiful coast, the landscape that has inspired him since childhood. He grew up absorbing these stunning vistas, living amid views of Mount Tamalpais, taking meandering bike rides and walks along hiking trails, and always sketching.

His ancestors arrived in California during the Gold Rush of the 1850s, and many found work as loggers. His parents settled in Mill Valley and encouraged his childhood explorations. He was nurtured by their support and by the local artistic and cultural community of his hometown in the 1950s and 60s.

Spending countless hours observing the way the Pacific meets sky and land sharpened how he saw the world. And while still a young boy, he found inspiration for his art in the work of the 19th century Japanese artist Katsushika Hokusai, best known for his woodblock print series *Thirty-Six Views of Mount Fuji*, which includes the iconic print *The Great Wave off Kanagawa*. He has recalled how Hokusai's prints became embedded in his memory, and he explored all corners of Marin County drawing pictures of Mount Tam. In the ensuing years, as he discovered printing, he developed a technique using traditional carving tools and wood-block printing almost identical to the 200-year-old Japanese process.

He left Marin and journeyed south to the University of California, Santa Cruz for college, studying history and becoming introduced to fine book printing by two masters of the hand press, William Everson and Jack Stauffacher. In 1975, soon after graduation, he published his first illustrated book with the Cowell Press at Santa Cruz. *Twenty-eight Views of Mount Tamalpais* was completed when he was 21, and was printed on handmade Japanese paper, accompanied by haiku-style poetry handset in metal type. This introduction to fine printing set the tone for much of his work going forward.

After extensive travel in Europe and Africa, he returned to Santa Cruz in 1977 and founded Quail Press. The following year he began graduate studies in African history at Stanford University, completing a doctorate in 1985. At this time, he was dividing his focus between scholarly research and the development of his woodcut prints.

In the late 1980s, he returned to Africa and worked as the administrator of a medical relief program with Ethiopian refugees in the Sudan and traveled in war-torn Eritrea. His illustrated, hand-printed book, *Walls: A Journey Across Three Continents*, documents that journey.

He then taught African history at Bowdoin College in Maine, and was a 1994 Fulbright scholar at Asmara University in Eritrea. He also taught at San Francisco State University.

Many of his hand-printed books are in the rare book collections of major libraries, while others are in the hands of private collectors. One of his most notable publications is the large-format book *Tamalpais Walking: Poetry, History, and Prints*, a collaboration with poet Gary Snyder, featuring 30 years of his woodcuts. His artwork has been featured in dozens of exhibitions and one-person shows at galleries and museums around the world.

He has given back to the city and county that inspired him since childhood. He is a long-time member and past president of the Mill Valley Arts Commission. He has served on the board of the Sausalito Arts Festival and has conducted art seminars at middle and high schools throughout Marin County. He is a regular judge and exhibitor at the Marin County Fair. In 2017, he received the Marin Cultural Treasure Award for significant and sustained contributions to Marin cultural life.

Here on campus, we deeply treasure the relationship he has with the USF community. In 2012, his artwork and hand-printed books were the subject of a solo exhibition in the Thacher Gallery. He has recalled that the exhibition was developed largely due to the enthusiastic support of the gallery's then-director, USF Professor Tom Lucas, S.J., — Jesuit, art historian, and artist. He knows the holdings in our special collections, and has worked with many of our students and the artist interns at Quail Press.

That all may know of our great esteem for him and gifts he brings through his art, his mentoring of students, and his dedication to giving witness to the beauty and transformative power of the California landscape that has inspired him for four decades, the University of San Francisco does, therefore, confer upon Thomas Charles Killion the degree of Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*, with all the rights and privileges pertaining thereunto, given this nineteenth day of May, in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-three, and of the University, the hundred and sixty-eighth, in San Francisco, California.

## UNIVERSITY-WIDE AWARDS

### Fr. John P. Schlegel, S.J. Award

Recognized for his work in creating an inclusive community, the Father John P. Schlegel, S.J. Award is presented to an undergraduate student who has embraced the diversity and social justice objectives of the University's mission.

*Metyia Kyndall Phillips*

### Leo T. McCarthy Public Service Award

This award is presented to the graduating senior who, during their career at USF, worked to promote social justice through public service to create a more humane and just world. The award was established in honor of Leo T. McCarthy, recognized for his work for San Francisco and the State of California as a County Supervisor, Speaker of the Assembly, and as a three-term Lieutenant Governor who dedicated himself to those marginalized by the political process, (particularly the poor, the elderly, and farm workers).

*Metyia Kyndall Phillips*

### President's Advisory Committee on the Status of Women (PACSW) Gender Justice Award

This award may be granted to USF students who have demonstrated ongoing and creative commitment to the promotion of gender justice. This year's student is:

*Stephen Grover Gould*

### Priscilla A. Scotland Award

Established in recognition of Priscilla A. Scotland's unselfish dedication and service to the University of San Francisco, the Priscilla A. Scotland Award is presented to a graduating student who has been an "ambassador" for the University community, and is awarded to:

*Natasha Reddy*

### Senior Leadership Award

This award will be given to a graduating senior who has consistently worked and succeeded in enriching and having an impact on student life and the values of University Life (leadership, social justice, and cultural competency) throughout their careers at USF. This year's honor is awarded to:

*Ethan Joseph Lee-Bellows*

## COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES AWARDS

### American Chemical Society Student Affiliates Achievement Award

An inscription on the award plaque, to the graduating student affiliate of the American Chemical Society Student Affiliates of the University of San Francisco, in recognition of outstanding service to the Society and to the Department of Chemistry, is awarded to:

*Joscelyn Vy Vy Huynh*

### Academic Excellence Award for Computer Science

Certificates, in recognition of exceptional academic achievement, are awarded by the faculty of the Department of Computer Science to:

*Sarah Amarragy*

*Colin Scott Bindi*

*Giacomo Giuseppe Boccuzzi*

*Justin Tzungpeng Chan*

*Sydney Hanley*

*Kristin Adrielle Fundano Indick*

*Matthew A. Kwong*

*Haley Marie Lenander*

*Sarah Hsu Ling*

*Parsa Rahimi*

*Ang Chhoden Sherpa*

*Zhiheng Wang*

### Award for Outstanding Service to the Department of Computer Science

A certificate and a plaque, given to a graduating senior by the Computer Science Department Faculty, in recognition of his/her outstanding service and support to the department and its students, are awarded to:

*Kristin Adrielle Fundano Indick*

*Ang Chhoden Sherpa*

### The Department of Art + Architecture Awards for Excellence and Leadership

An honorarium and certificate, awarded to graduating students from each of the four programs within the Department of Art + Architecture who have proven academic excellence and demonstrated leadership inside and outside of the classroom, are awarded to:

Architecture

*Keili Gonzalez*

*Unubold Munkhbold*

Art History & Museum Studies

*Kelly Eileen Velasco*

Design

*Dominique Isis Cadenas Calvo*

*Morgan Lee*

Fine Arts

*Mary Lou Grace Robison*

*Arin Vasquez*



## COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES AWARDS

### The Batey Prize

A purse, a gift of the Batey family, to the most outstanding graduating senior in mathematics, is awarded to:

*QiYu Zhang*

### Frank L. Beach Award

A purse and a plaque, in memory of Dr. Frank L. Beach '53, ma'57, long-time professor and chair of the Department of History and beloved teacher, in recognition of the highest grade point average achieved by a graduating history major, are awarded to:

*Ella Rose Finley Cartnal*

### The R. James Brown Award for The Outstanding Environmental Science Student

A purse and certificate, given to the graduating senior in Environmental Science who has exhibited high academic standards and strong commitment to the practice of the field over the course of their USF career, are awarded to:

*Kevin Peter Galvin*

### Carol Chihara Award

A purse and certificate, in honor of Dr. Carol Chihara, distinguished Professor Emeritus of Biology, in recognition of outstanding academic achievement in the Biology major, are awarded to:

*Andrew William Angel Bell*

*Allison Claire Halliday*

*Rida Jan*

*Sonali Jayeshkumar Joshi*

*Trent Thomas LiVolsi*

*Dishaa Ramesh*

*Sophie Amalie Godborg Søefeldt*

*Victoria K. Spak*

### Critical Diversity Studies Paper Prize

A purse, a gift of the Department of Critical Diversity Studies, in recognition of an outstanding research paper that addresses historical and contemporary social construction of race, ethnicity, class, gender, sexuality, citizenship and religion, is awarded to:

*Anika Meiling Becker*

*Aisha Williamson-Raun*

## COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES AWARDS

### Data Institute Award for Academic Excellence in Data Science

A prize, to the most outstanding graduating senior in Data Science, is awarded to:

*Jiazheng Xu*

### Dean's Medal for Excellence in the Arts

A medal and a purse, gifts of the College, to the graduating senior in the Arts who has best exemplified, in academic accomplishments, extracurricular work, and personal life, the values of the University of San Francisco, its mission and goals, are awarded to:

*Metyia Kyndall Phillips*

### Dean's Medal for Excellence in the Sciences

A medal and a purse, gifts of the College, to the graduating senior in the Sciences who has best exemplified, in academic accomplishments, extracurricular work, and personal life, the values of the University of San Francisco, its mission and goals, are awarded to:

*QiYu Zhang*

### Robert Elias Academic Achievement Award

A purse, honoring the innovative academic work of Robert Elias, long time member of the Politics Department and given to a graduating Politics student who has achieved scholarly and creative excellence in their academic work, is awarded to:

*Anna M. Mathews*

### The Kathileen A. Gallagher Award

An inscription on the award plaque and a purse, given by the Department of Performing Arts, in honor of retired faculty member Kathileen A. Gallagher, to the graduating seniors who best reflects the spirit of performing arts and social justice, is awarded to:

*Mary Jane Margaret Agnew*

*Raychel Hatch*

### Gender and Sexualities Studies Paper Prize

A certificate, in recognition of an outstanding research paper written in the field of Gender and Sexualities, is awarded to:

*Miró Dalí Pasillas*

## COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES AWARDS

### Dr. Raymond J. Genolio Award

A purse, in memory of Dr. Raymond J. Genolio, former Associate Professor of Physics, for the graduating senior who ranks highest in scholarship among the academic disciplines administered by the Department of Physics, is awarded to:

*Nathan Simeon*  
*QiYu Zhang*

### Dr. Mel Gorman Award

A purse and an inscription on the award plaque, in memory of Dr. Mel Gorman, to the outstanding graduating Chemistry major in recognition of superior scientific scholarship, are awarded to:

*Guodong Tian*

### David Herlihy Prize in History

A purse and a plaque, in memory of David Herlihy '51, hon'85, distinguished medieval historian, former professor at Harvard University and president of the American Historical Association, in recognition of the best written paper by a graduating history major, are awarded to:

*Ella Rose Finley Cartnal*

### International Studies Social Justice Award

A certificate and gift card, in recognition of their achievement as the student who best exemplifies solidarity with marginalized populations and makes a contribution to community development in an international context through their academic work, are awarded to:

*Julia Kate Lowery*  
*Merhawit Danielle Mehzun*

### International Studies in Academic Excellence Award

A certificate and gift card, in recognition of their achievement in earning the highest grade point average of all graduating International Studies students, are awarded to:

*Alyssa Diammyra Cruz*  
*Yolanda Marie Everson*

### International Studies for Exceptional Achievement Award

A certificate and gift card, in recognition of their achievement as the student who combined essential leadership characteristics including academic excellence, community participation and engagement, and international research, are awarded to:

*Evan Matthew Ti Ng Chan*

### International Studies Honors Thesis Award

A certificate and gift card, in recognition of their achievement in exceptional enthusiasm for research as well as a methodical and comprehensive approach to crafting a thesis of distinction, are awarded to:

*Isabella Melissa Garza*  
*Adeline Rose Schmitz*

## COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES AWARDS

### Edward L. Kessel Award

A purse and plaque, in honor of the late Dr. Edward L. Kessel, long standing faculty member and chair of the Biology department, to a graduating Biology major with proven academic excellence, demonstrated leadership and support within the Department of Biology, and high potential for a career in the biological sciences, are awarded to:

*Sonali Jayeshkumar Joshi*

### Geraldine Lauro Service Award

An award, in honor of Dr. Geraldine Lauro, whose USF career spans over 40 years and who was instrumental in the growth of the Department and the success of its students in the Jesuit tradition, to a graduating Kinesiology student who best exhibits an ongoing commitment to service to the Department of Kinesiology, the USF community, and/or Bay Area communities, is awarded to:

*Ashley Victoria Burdick*

### Michael Lehmann Award

A certificate and an inscription on the award plaque, given by the faculty of the Department of Economics, in recognition of the most outstanding Economics undergraduate student, are awarded to:

*Jasper Hua*

### The Father Lonergan Award

To the graduating senior who has maintained the highest scholastic average while majoring in Theology and Religious Studies, a monetary gift of the University of San Francisco is awarded to:

*Elizabeth Anne Quinn*

### Esther Madriz Prize for Social Justice

A purse and certificate, in memory of Dr. Esther Madriz, vivacious teacher, social activist, and esteemed colleague of the departments and programs of Sociology, Latin American Studies and Gender and Sexualities Studies, to the graduating senior whose academic excellence and commitment to social justice exemplify Esther's spectacular gifts to USF and the world, are awarded to:

*Louise Souza Dantas de Oliveira*

*Mateo Angel Gonzalez*

## COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES AWARDS

### The Robert M. Makus Memorial Service Award

A certificate and gift, in memory of Robert M. Makus, former Professor of Philosophy, to the students who make the greatest contribution to fostering the philosophy department's intellectual community, thereby continuing the legacy of Professor Makus and making his vision of the department come to life, are awarded to:

*Anika Bakshi*

### Fred Minnigerode Award

A purse and a plaque, in memory of Dr. Frederick Minnigerode III, former Associate Professor of Psychology, for the outstanding graduating senior in Psychology, are awarded to:

*Marci Bukiron Adolfo*

### Stanley D. Nel Award for Academic Excellence in Environmental Science

A purse and certificate, given to the graduating senior who has exhibited the highest academic achievement in major coursework during their USF career, are awarded to:

*Collin Bentley Oliver*

### Outstanding Student in Communication Studies Award

An inscription on the award plaque, in recognition of exceptional academic achievement and commitment to the field, is awarded by the faculty of the Department of Communication Studies to:

*Baneet Kaur Bains*

*Natalie A. Ng*

### Philosophy Department Student of the Year

The Philosophy Department Student of the Year award is given to one of our very best students. The award requires a minimum University GPA of 3.70, and a Philosophy GPA of 3.90, along with the recommendation of at least two faculty members, and the submission of a representative writing sample and a statement concerning the value of studying and thinking philosophically, and is awarded to:

*Anika Bakshi*

### Department of Politics Public Service Award

A purse, a gift of the Politics Department, to the graduating Politics student who demonstrates the most outstanding public service during his/her college years, is awarded to:

*Jada Alysia Commodore*

*Metyia Kyndall Phillips*

## Student Achievements

# COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES AWARDS

### Mauricio Romero Award

A purse, a gift of Elizabeth Romero, to a graduating Politics Department senior who has demonstrated excellence in both academics and community service, is awarded to:

*Mabel Jae Masino*

### Father Fred J. Speiler Award

A purse and a certificate, gifts of Douglas K. Amis '71, MA '75, MA '77, MA '79, MA '80, EDD '82, in memory of Father Fred J. Speiler, S.J., in recognition of exceptional academic achievement and outstanding professional development in Media Studies, are awarded to:

*Savannah Karin Dewberry*

### Finalists for the Dean's Medal for Excellence in the Arts

*Tula Mae Childs*

*Julia Kate Lowery*

*Melitza Ortega*

*Yasmine Gabriella Shiloh*

*Kelly Eileen Velasco*

### Finalists for the Dean's Medal for Excellence in the Sciences

*Khushal Chekuri*

*Allison Claire Halliday*

*Kylie Michiko Watanabe*

### Finalists for Valedictorian

*Kristin Adrielle Fundano Indick*

*Malik Khalil Khouma*

*Sophia Spievak*

*Gabriel Benjamin True*

*Kylie Michiko Watanabe*

### Valedictorian

A medal and a purse, gifts of the College of Arts and Sciences, to the graduating senior who exemplifies the highest standards of leadership and scholarship in the Jesuit tradition. A leader in the finest sense of the word, the Valedictorian demonstrates selfless service to the University community while reflecting excellence in all academic pursuits. He or she is firmly committed to the mission of the University. In particular, the Valedictorian has helped to create a campus-wide environment that values each individual, heightens ethical standards, instills a passion for justice, and integrates faith with life.

*Melitza Ortega*

## HONOR SOCIETIES

### Alpha Kappa Delta International Sociology Honor Society (AKΔ)

Alpha Kappa Delta is an international honor society for Sociology majors. It is a democratic organization dedicated to the study of social phenomena for the promotion of human welfare. Life membership is given to those students who demonstrate excellent academic ability and a commitment to the goals of the society. The USF chapter (“Omega of California”) was established in 1992. Graduating members are:

*Destiny Rose Camarillo*  
*Sankofa Jakob Nezami Decuire*  
*Brianna May Ellis*  
*Nadia Elise Soffer Fox*  
*Claire Rachel Peterson*

### Alpha Sigma Nu Honor Society (ΑΣΝ)

Alpha Sigma Nu is the national Jesuit Honor Society organized to honor students who have distinguished themselves in scholarship, service and loyalty to the University. Graduating members are:

*Giacomo Giuseppe Boccuzzi*  
*Ashley Victoria Burdick*  
*Elizabeth Marie Carpenter*  
*Molly Qingting Cassani*  
*Sophie Rose Frey*  
*Kristin Adrielle Fundano Indick*  
*Isabella J. Pietro*  
*Elizabeth Anne Quinn*  
*Guodong Martin Tian*

### Beta Beta Beta Biological Honor Society (BBB)

Beta Beta Beta is a biological honor society that emphasizes excellence in scholarship, dissemination of scientific knowledge, and promotion of biological research. Graduating members are:

*Aliyah Brianne Davis*  
*Katerina Nicolette Fargas*  
*Allison Claire Halliday*  
*Sonali Jayeshkumar Joshi*  
*Sai Namratha Kethineni*  
*Dishaa Ramesh*

### Lambda Pi Eta Honor Society (ΛΠΗ)

Lambda Pi Eta is the Communication Studies honor society of the National Communication Association. The goals of Lambda Pi Eta are to recognize and reward outstanding scholastic achievement, to promote professional development among Communication Studies majors, and to establish and maintain close relationships between Communication Studies faculty and students. USF’s chapter of Lambda Pi Eta was founded in March 2000. Graduating members are:

*Baneet Kaur Bains*  
*Erin Christina Brown*  
*Sally Holbrook Evans*  
*Meseret Danielle Mehzun*  
*Natalie A. Ng*  
*Dominique Desirae Nuño*  
*Khushi Saurin Shah*  
*Danielle Gratia Smith*

## HONOR SOCIETIES

### Phi Alpha Theta History Honor Society (ΦΑΘ)

Phi Alpha Theta is the national history honor society whose mission is to promote the study of history through the encouragement of research, teaching, publication, and the exchange of learning and ideas among historians. Founded in 1921, it currently has over 275,000 members. Students who have shown distinction in their study of history are invited to join. Graduating members are:

*Celeste Addison*  
*Clara K. Addison*  
*Ella Rose Finley Cartnal*  
*Josiah Moses Olivares*  
*Mia Callahan Richter*  
*Anbo Wang*

### Pi Delta Phi French Honor Society (ΠΔΦ)

Pi Delta Phi is the national French Honor Society. The purpose of the society is to recognize outstanding scholarship in the French language and its literatures, to increase the knowledge and appreciation of Americans for the cultural contributions of the French-speaking world, and to stimulate and to encourage French and francophone cultural activities. The graduating member is:

*Jared Leandro Bisbikis*

### Pi Mu Epsilon Honor Society (ΠΜΕ)

Founded May 25, 1914 at Syracuse University, PME currently has over 350 chapters at colleges and universities throughout the United States. The purpose of the Society is to promote scholarly activity in mathematics among the students in academic institutions. Members are elected to Pi Mu Epsilon based on outstanding achievement in mathematics, and demonstrated success in all academic endeavors. Graduating members are:

*Mariah Elena Diaz*  
*Malik Khalil Khouma*  
*Mia Ai-Li Kobayashi*  
*Pranay Jinesh Matalia*  
*Perla Anahi Molina*  
*Lance Kelley Santerre*  
*Elisabeth Patricia Starr*  
*Jiazheng Xu*  
*QiYu Zhang*



## HONOR SOCIETIES

### Psi Chi National Honor Society ( $\Psi\chi$ )

Psi Chi is a national honor society for Psychology majors. Life membership is granted to those students who, while demonstrating scholastic achievement, also show an interest in the development of psychology as a science and as a profession. The USF chapter was established in 1973. Graduating members are:

*Marci Bukiron Adolfo*  
*Stephanie Nicole Amoukhteh*  
*Christal Cañada*  
*Elizabeth Marie Carpenter*  
*Molly Qingting Cassani*  
*Jordyn Janai Chapman*  
*Tula Mae Childs*  
*Emma Isabella Crameri*  
*Sarah Kay Doyle*  
*Olivia Jayden Flores*  
*Jason Shing Tak Hou*  
*Sabrina Ibrahim*  
*Ashley Elle Jordan*  
*Caroline Kou*  
*Zachary Laakea Kubo*  
*Kathryn J. Nesbitt*  
*Gabrielle Cruz Olivas*  
*Emely Julianna Rico Garcia*  
*Charmina Gerline Rios*  
*Marie Rylance*  
*Sarah Tinawi*  
*Mya Helena White*  
*Robert Kai-Yu Ye*

### Sigma Delta Pi Honor Society ( $\Sigma\Delta\Pi$ )

Sigma Delta Pi is a national honorary society that recognizes students for scholarly excellence in Spanish Studies. Graduating members are:

*Jordan Harrall Barney*  
*Emely Julianna Rico Garcia*  
*Madeline Grace Samz*  
*Georgina Michelle Santillan Gomez*  
*Elsie Yolanda Trujillo Valdes*  
*Arin Vasquez*  
*Emmet William Winter*

### Sigma Pi Sigma Honor Society ( $\Sigma\Pi\Sigma$ )

Sigma Pi Sigma exists to honor outstanding scholarship in physics; to encourage interest in physics among students at all levels; to promote an attitude of service of its members towards their fellow students, colleagues, and the public; to provide a fellowship of persons who have excelled in physics. Graduating members are:

*Nathan Simeon*  
*Catherine Victoria Uriarte Tan*  
*QiYu Zhang*

## HONOR SOCIETIES

### Theta Alpha Kappa Honor Society (ΘΠΚ)

Theta Alpha Kappa is a Professional and Academic Honor Society committed to fostering dialogue between the Theology and Religious Studies Department and students. This organization strives to encourage students to maintain academic excellence for induction into the National Honor Society and provides professional networking for anyone interested in the study of religions. Graduating members are:

*Jada Alysia Commodore*

*Emma Isabella Crameri*

*Jackson Haney*

*Elizabeth Anne Quinn*

## ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS

### The Davies Forum

The Davies Forum was established by the late Louise M. Davies of San Francisco in 1980 to enhance the University's efforts to produce future leaders dedicated to public service and committed to ethical leadership. The continuing theme of the Forum, "The Search for Values in Contemporary America," provides the USF community the opportunity to examine the current state of American society. Each semester, select undergraduate students from all majors are chosen to be Davies Scholars based on their records of academic excellence, extracurricular activities, personal integrity, and leadership ability. Graduating students are:

*Frankie Annabella Aziz*

*Evan Matthew Ti Ng Chan*

*Andrew Casey Eldridge*

*Megan Jeannie Escobar*

*Katerina Nicolette Fargas*

*Sophie Rose Frey*

*Cole A. Habeck*

*Lucia Estelle Hakkaart*

*Savannah Faith Hofmann*

*Catherine Kenney Pluimer*

*Sophia Spievak*

*Sarah Tinawi*

*Michelene Ann Virostek*

*Emmet William Winter*

*Braeden R. Woods*

## ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS

### Esther Madriz Diversity Scholars

Named after the late Esther Madriz, beloved USF Professor of Sociology who embodied the Ignatian ideal of educating the whole person as a means toward social Justice, Esther Madriz Diversity Scholars explore issues of diversity, inequality, social justice, and social change. This graduating class of Esther Madriz scholars completed two social justice focused courses, traveled to Nicaragua to learn from activists and scholars about gender justice issues and worked alongside local community members to create social change. Esther Madriz Scholars are recognized for their capacity to envision a more just future; and demonstrate determination and resolve, even when the obstacles seem insurmountable and changes seem out of reach. Graduating students are:

*Louise Souza Dantas de Oliveira*  
*Kimberly Jaqueline Galindo Maldonado*  
*Gabrielle Cruz Olivas*

### Honors in Architecture

Students graduating with the Honors in Architecture have completed advanced coursework and a thesis project in the pursuit of thoughtful, thorough and innovative solutions which can make true contributions to their field. The Honors thesis projects address issues of social and/or environmental justice and propose a solution to a unique socio-economic, environmental or cultural design problem. Projects are formally presented at the end of the final semester and submitted to the Library's Scholarly Repository. Graduating students are:

*Barbara A. Beetlestone*  
*Henry Dean Calabrese*  
*Miles Michael Fredrick*  
*Ruoxiang John Lu*  
*Unubold Munkhbold*  
*Concesse Nyirazikunze*  
*Bao Hoa Thi Pham*  
*Eunice Cesaltina Quissanga da Rocha*

## ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS

### Honors in Art History & Museum Studies

Students completing the Art History & Museum Studies Honors Concentration have excelled well beyond the requirements for the major. Students achieving this honor have a minimum 3.5 major GPA and have taken additional advanced coursework in art history. They also complete an independent senior thesis project focusing on a current or historical issue within the art history field relating to their academic and future professional interests and deliver a formal public talk on their research. Graduating students are:

*Catherine Kenney Pluimer*

*Kelly Eileen Velasco*

### Honors in Biology

The Biology Honors Program provides superior undergraduate students with opportunities to conduct original, high caliber research in preparation for graduate school, professional training, or a position in an industrial or government research laboratory. Eligible students must maintain a 3.4 or higher major GPA and a 3.2 or higher overall GPA, and must complete a research project and written thesis under the supervision of an Honors Thesis Committee. Honors Program Students present a departmental seminar on their research during their last semester. Graduating students are:

*Frankie Annabella Aziz*

*Katerina Nicolette Fargas*

*Sonali Jayeshkumar Joshi*

*Dishaa Ramesh*

## ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS

### Honors College Scholars

The Honors College provides exceptional undergraduate students with a rigorous and transformative education grounded in the arts and humanities. Through interdisciplinary inquiry, community engagement, and independent research, Honors College Scholars broaden their intellectual perspectives and develop a sense of ethical responsibility as global citizens. Graduating students are:

*Isabella Alesandrini*

*Stephanie Nicole Amoukhte*

*Madison Brooke Asun*

*Frankie Annabella Aziz*

*Camila Elsa Barranco-Origel*

*Katerina Rosine Torres Bernabe*

*Kalii Sierra Caldwell*

*Elizabeth Marie Carpenter*

*Evan Matthew Ti Ng Chan*

*Tula Mae Childs*

*Jacqueline Diane Cimino*

*Jackson Keith Crawford*

*Sam Crocker*

*Sarah Kay Doyle*

*Katerina Nicolette Fargas*

*Wyatt Gregory Fields*

*Olivia Jayden Flores*

*Kevin Peter Galvin*

*Zeta Mershon Green*

*Bryn Trocchio Harris*

*Trinity Stephanie Haynes*

*Colin David Inns*

*Taleah LaRayne Johnson-Mayes*

*Sonali Jayeshkumar Joshi*

*Marissa Lynn Joya*

*Isabelle Violet Kemp*

*Sai Namratha Kethineni*

*Alexander Sungjin Kim*

*Sydney Rayne Laxson*

*Noah G. Lee*

*Trent Thomas LiVolsi*

*Ruoxiang John Lu*

*Anna M. Mathews*

*Mabel Jae Masino*

*Suleima Elisa Belle Mednick Coles*

*Vineet Mehmi*

*Merhawit Danielle Mehzun*

*Jocelyn Bryshun Minners*

*Natalie A. Ng*

*Amida Nigena*

*Manasvi Ojha*

*Collin Bentley Oliver*

*Raphael Raphy Pallikunnath*

*Metyia Kyndall Phillips*

*Catherine Kenney Pluimer*

*Dishaa Ramesh*

*Charmina Gerline Rios*

*Kensuke Shimmon*

*Moira Keelin Sisco*

*Victoria K. Spak*

*Marcela Alejandra Valle*

*Zuri Gabriela Vera Nuñez*

*Han Gia Vu*

*Kylie Michiko Watanabe*

*Mya Helena White*

*Lauryn Perez Wong*

## ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS

### Honors in International Studies

Students graduating with Honors in the Bachelor of Arts in International Studies program have gone beyond the program requirements in their educational pursuits. In addition to achieving a 3.6 GPA in their major, students have participated in an academic study abroad program, and served as program and community leaders. As a culmination of their academic career, each student designed, researched, and completed an honors thesis on a topic in International Studies and gave a public presentation of their research findings. Graduating students are:

*Jared Leandro Bisbikis*

*Ravi Chailertborisuth*

*Evan Matthew Ti Ng Chan*

*Wesley Allen Colvin*

*Alyssa Diammyra Cruz*

*Luana May Emmanuelle Denegre*

*Fatima Nadira Fahnbulleh*

*Queeny T. Fong*

*Nataly Edith Gandara*

*Jackson Haney*

*Julia Kate Lowery*

*Maya Joy O'leary-Cyr*

*Adeline Rose Schmitz*

### Honors in Politics

Recipients of Honors in Politics have demonstrably exceeded all of the requirements for the Bachelor of Arts in Politics. In addition to maintaining a 3.5 overall and major GPA, they have successfully completed the Honors Thesis Seminar course by writing and presenting an exemplary capstone thesis. These students have also shown themselves committed to leadership and service for others in their communities. Politics Faculty recognizes and congratulates the outstanding academic performance of students who receive Honors in Politics at the University of San Francisco. Graduating students are:

*Jada Alysia Commodore*

*Maia Helene Courtois*

*Aboye Mieye Efebo*

*Aaron Salvador Fontan*

*Kimberly Jaqueline Galindo Maldonado*

*Zeta Mershon Green*

*Mabel Jae Masino*

*Anna M. Mathews*

*Vineet Mehmi*

*Metyia Kyndall Phillips*

*Sofia Mercedes Sanchez*

*Moira Keelin Sisco*

## ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS

### Honors in Psychology

The Psychology Honors Program is an intensive research experience that develops skills and expertise necessary for graduate education in psychology and other scientifically or professionally oriented fields. Over the course of two semesters, our Honors students completed independent research projects, steering each major phase of development through conception to data collection, analysis and interpretation. At the end of the program, each student gave a public presentation of this scholarly work in a professional scientific venue. Graduating students are:

*Marci Bukiron Adolfo*

*Stephanie Nicole Amoukhteh*

*Elizabeth Marie Carpenter*

*Isabella Di Croce Hartley*

*Azaria Stephanie Hayes*

*Sabrina Ibrahim*

*Miró Dalí Pasillas*

*Sarah Tinawi*

*Marcela Alejandra Valle*

### Honors in Sociology

Students graduating with Honors in the Bachelor of Arts in Sociology Program have gone above and beyond the requirements of the Sociology degree. In addition to achieving a 3.5 or above GPA in the major and a 3.2 or above GPA overall, these students have completed a rigorous two-semester honors thesis sequence of courses; independently designed, researched, and completed an honors thesis in their subject of choice; and publicly presented their research in two public forums. Graduating students are:

*Sandy Ziaka Rubuye*

*Taleah LaRayne Johnson-Mayes*

## ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS

### Martín-Baró Scholars Program

The Martín-Baró Scholars Program, a living-learning community for first-year students, provides a two-semester integrated approach to meeting five core requirements. Throughout the yearlong course students read a wide variety of non-fiction and fiction texts, all relating in some way to problems of social justice. Students present policy arguments, analyze literary texts, develop a Community Development Project, and ultimately act alongside community partners to bring about small but tangible change by serving diverse populations in San Francisco. Graduating students are:

*Jared Leandro Bisbikis*

*Louise Souza Dantas de Oliveira*

*Aaron Salvador Fontan*

*Jaelyn Michelle Johnson*

*Shanna Elizabeth Kowalewski*

*Elinor Kate Robbins*

### McGrath Scholars

The McGrath Scholars of the Change the World From Here Institute was created to develop critically aware, mission-driven and goal-oriented system thinkers who are motivated to change their communities for the common good. The program engages and further develops established campus leaders across all disciplines who practice ethical, cooperative, collaborative and inclusive leadership; engage in both courageous and compassionate action; cultivate changes in values by re-framing and reinterpreting situations, and practice contemplative self-reflection. The Scholars honored here represent members of the graduating class that have completed both the curricular and co-curricular components of the program successfully. Graduating students are:

*Erin Christina Brown*

*Dominique Isis Cadenas Calvo*

*Aboye Mieye Efebo*

*Megan Jeannie Escobar*

*Janellee Anita Hall*

*Bryn Trocchio Harris*

*Ethan Joseph Lee-Bellows*

*Natalie A. Ng*

*Amida Nigena*

*Joseph Charles Perez*

*Metyia Kyndall Phillips*

*Natasha Reddy*

*Anna Kiera Scott*

*Victoria K. Spak*

*Christina Marie Weatherford*

*Alaia Seifi Zaki*



## ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS

### Mellon Scholars Program

The Humanities Mellon Scholars (HMS) program, funded by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, supports transfer students in the study of the humanities, critical thinking, and interdisciplinary inquiry. Selected transfer students from the Foothill De Anza Community College District and our other partner institutions are invited to the HMS program to enhance their education with the study of the humanities and to engage in internships, mentoring opportunities, and community building at USF. Humanities Mellon Scholars have played a critical role in teaching USF faculty and staff more about transfer experiences to USF and have been incredible advocates for themselves and others. Humanities Mellon Scholars also develop a lifelong practice of inquiry that fosters deep knowledge about the past and present, and insight in imagining a more equitable future. Graduating students are:

*Moremi Tinuola Chiamaka Mabogunje*

### Saint Ignatius Institute

The integrated, Catholic liberal arts curriculum of the Saint Ignatius Institute is designed for those students who desire both the solid foundation of a Catholic liberal arts education and the academic preparation necessary for a professional career. The four-year program grounds the student in the rich tradition of Christian humanism and is based on the great books and authors of Western Civilization. Graduating students are:

*Destiny Rose Camarillo*  
*Alyssa Diammyra Cruz*  
*Louise Souza Dantas de Oliveira*  
*Jeremy Ivan Goei*  
*Julia Kate Lowery*  
*Vineet Mehmi*  
*Zuri Gabriela Vera Nuñez*  
*Raphael Raphy Pallikunnath*  
*Uyen Minh Pham*  
*Ashley Alexis Stevens*  
*Kristopher Dominic Cuizon Tom*

## UNIVERSITY-WIDE AWARDS

### Academic Innovation Award

The Academic Innovation Award was created by the Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs in order to recognize and celebrate one or more faculty, librarians and/or staff who have discovered and implemented innovative ways of serving students, and/or advancing a more just, humane and sustainable world. Eligible projects may include academic and co-curricular programs, administrative systems, new technologies, start ups and research discoveries.

*John Bansavich*  
*Office of Information and Technology Services*

*Major Robert Bozydaj*  
*School of Management*

*Insun He*  
*Office of Information and Technology Services*

*Eugene Kim*  
*School of Law*

*Sergeant Matthew Vogt*  
*School of Management*

### Arthur I. Karshmer Award for Distinguished Service to Disability Issues

The Disability Issues Committee Award may be given to an individual faculty or staff member who has made significant contributions to improve the quality of life for students with disabilities at the University of San Francisco.

*Taymiya Zaman*  
*College of Arts and Sciences*

### Collaborative Leadership and Commitment to Shared Governance Award

The Collaborative Leadership and Commitment to Shared Governance award recognizes and honors the work of a USF faculty, librarian, or staff member who has modeled collaborative leadership, built trust and mutual understanding, and made exceptional contributions to enhancing shared governance within the USF community.

*Dana Zartner*  
*College of Arts and Sciences*

### Community Engaged Learning Faculty Award

The University Community Engaged Learning Faculty Award recognizes the work of full-time faculty in developing service-learning opportunities for USF students. The awardee shall be a full-time faculty member who has demonstrated a commitment to service learning through the integration of service-learning into the curriculum; innovation in employing a reflective teaching methodology to connect community and public service experience with academic study; and demonstration of leadership that promotes service-learning on campus.

*Brandi Lawless*  
*College of Arts and Sciences*

## UNIVERSITY-WIDE AWARDS

### Distinguished Adjunct Teaching Award

A purse and a plaque, awarded jointly by the USF Faculty Association and the University, to a part-time faculty member who has made an outstanding contribution to teaching at USF, are awarded to:

*Monica De La Cruz*  
*School of Nursing and Health Professions*

*Vivian Faustino-Pulliam*  
*School of Management*

*Sara Marinelli*  
*College of Arts and Sciences*

### Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Leadership Award

Is awarded to a staff member who conveys through their teaching and example the equitable and inclusive values identified in the University's founding principles and mission. The University Community, in grateful recognition of teaching and service to students, awards the Diversity and Inclusion Leadership Award to:

*Kouslaa Kessler-Meta*  
*College of Arts and Sciences*

*Courtney Masterson*  
*School of Management*

### Distinguished Teaching Award

A purse and a plaque, awarded jointly by the USF Faculty Association and the University, to a full-time faculty member who has made an outstanding contribution to teaching at USF, are awarded to:

*Allison Luengen*  
*College of Arts and Sciences*

### Distinguished Research Award

A purse and a plaque, awarded jointly by the USF Faculty Association and the University, to a full-time faculty member whose recent research and scholarship have made an outstanding contribution to his or her academic discipline, are awarded to:

*Brandi Lawless*  
*College of Arts and Sciences*

## UNIVERSITY-WIDE AWARDS

### Educational Effectiveness Award

The Educational Effectiveness Award (EEA) is given out annually to one team in recognition of excellence in assessment practices at the University. The recognized assessment work should show evidence of student learning, use of student learning evidence, and help the University, or any part of the University or community, achieve its learning outcomes, goals or mission. Exemplary assessment work should also support a culture of assessment at USF, and include a plan for closing the loop.

**Food Pantry Team:**

*Shawn Calhoun*  
*Nicholas Heng*  
*David M. Holler*  
*Aja Holmes*  
*Suzanne Kisylia*  
*Jenny Lee*  
*Star Moore*  
*Garrett O'Doherty*  
*Andrea Rocha*  
*Kahanu Salavea*  
*David Silver*  
*Ronné Sims*  
*Crystal Chun Wong*  
*Lucy Zhu*

### Innovations in Instruction Award

The Innovations in Instruction Award is granted to a part-time faculty member that utilizes creative or innovative teaching methods, approaches, and techniques in their courses.

*Shawn Doubiago*  
*College of Arts and Sciences*

### Innovation in Teaching with Technology Award

The CIT Awards honor faculty or staff who have demonstrated excellent use of technology in education. Recipients have supported the development of teaching and learning, contributing to the overall quality of the USF learning environment.

*Jesse Anttila-Hughes*  
*College of Arts and Sciences*

*Steve Trettel*  
*College of Arts and Sciences*

### Outstanding Teamwork in Advancing the University's Strategic Plan

The Outstanding Teamwork in Advancing the University's Strategic Plan Award was created by the Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs in order to recognize and honor a team of faculty, librarians and/or staff who have made exceptional contributions to advancing USF's Strategic Plan, with an emphasis on creative co-design, collaboration, and cross-departmental/divisional teamwork.

*April Crabtree*  
*Vice Provost of Strategic Enrollment Management*

*Ellen Ryder*  
*Vice Provost of Office of Marketing Communications*

## UNIVERSITY-WIDE AWARDS

### Sarlo Prize for Excellence in Teaching

The Sarlo Prize recognizes excellence in teaching based upon the moral values that lie at the foundation of USF's identity. The awardee shall be a proven, effective full-time faculty member who through his/her teaching exemplifies the ethical principles that inform the University's vision, mission, and values.

*Zifei (Fay) Chen*  
*College of Arts and Sciences*

### Sr. Vicky Siu Award for Outstanding Contributions and Service to the University of San Francisco

A purse and a plaque, awarded jointly by the USF Faculty Association and the University, to a part-time faculty member who has made outstanding contributions and service to USF, are awarded to:

*Zehlia Babaci-Wilhite*  
*College of Arts and Sciences*

## *American Flag*

USF's ROTC Color Guard proudly presents the American flag flown over the United States Capitol on the day of Pope Francis' historic address to a Joint Session of Congress, September 24, 2015. On that inspiring day, Pope Francis renewed the faith of Catholics worldwide and inspired a new generation, regardless of their religious affiliation, to be instruments of peace. He reminded us of our sacred and inescapable responsibility to those struggling to escape poverty, persecution and war. He challenged us to rescue our planet from the climate crisis that threatens the future of our children and the health of God's creation - and to do so in a way that is sensitive to the needs of the poor. He urged us to live our values and reach beyond our divisions.

The colorful attire worn by the graduates, the faculty, and officers of the University on the occasion of these Commencement Exercises has historic roots in medieval times. Dressed as they are in cap and gown, the graduates and their professors form part of a long tradition which dates back to Paris and Bologna, to Oxford and Cambridge in the days of their Catholic glory.

The precise origins of the several parts of the academic garb are not easy to discover. However, since medieval students enjoyed the status of clerics during their university years, one is hardly far wrong in asserting that their attire found its inspiration in the clerical dress of medieval times. The gown seems to be an adaptation of the robe of friar or priest; the hood, of the monk's or friar's cowl; and the mortarboard cap of today, the end product of curious evolution, recalls the skull cap of days when tonsured heads needed protection against the drafts of medieval classrooms.

Academic attire began to appear quite generally on United States campuses in the late 1890s. Since that time, its use has become universal for solemn university functions, and its pattern highly uniform.

## THE GOWN

The gowns are three in number and styling. That of the bachelor is a yoked, closed-front garment, with long, pointed sleeves; that of the master is cut to be worn open front, its sleeves are long and closed, slit cut just above the elbow to allow the forearm to protrude; the gown of the doctor is also worn open and has full bell-shaped sleeves. Only the doctor's gown is trimmed—with velvet panels down the front and three velvet bars on each sleeve.

Though black velvet is proper trimming for all doctor gowns, the color and material of the panels and sleeve bars is often varied in order to indicate the faculty which granted the wearer's degree; dark blue for Philosophy (PHD); light blue for Education (EDD); white for Arts and Letters (LITTD); gold-yellow for Science (SCD); orange for Engineering (ENGD, DCE); purple for Law (LLD, DCL, JD, JUD, JCD); green for Medicine (MD); scarlet for Theology (STD, DD).

## THE HOOD

The hood at first seems to have been worn over the head and was attached to the gown. When the skull cap was introduced, the hood was retained, but detached and worn much as it is today. Each degree (bachelor, master, doctor) has a right to a hood, which varies in length and, in the case of the doctor's, also in pattern. The bachelor's hood is three feet long; the master's hood, three and one-half; the doctor's hood, four, with wide panels on either side.

The color or colors with which the hood is lined are those of the college or university that granted the wearer's degree—for example, the University of San Francisco is known by the gold chevron on the field of Kelly green. The colored velvet binding or edging of the hood, in different widths for bachelor, master, doctor, is a key to the faculty granting the degree. The velvet colors include white for Arts, gold-yellow for Science, drab for Business, apricot for Nursing, light blue for Education, royal blue for Nonprofit Administration, peacock blue for Public Administration, scarlet for Theology, purple for Law, and so forth.

## THE CAP

The mortar board has become the universally accepted style in United States colleges and universities. Many European institutions still retain distinctive forms of academic headdress—for example, the University of London's tam-o-shanter cap.

The doctor, following graduation, has the right to wear a gold tassel on the mortar board; black, however, is perfectly proper and perhaps more common.



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