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CEREMONY**

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**THE LATINX RECOGNITION CEREMONY IS INTENDED TO CELEBRATE AND RECOGNIZE GRADUATING LATINX/ HISPANIC/CHICANX AND MULTIRACIAL LATINX/HISPANIC/ CHICANX STUDENTS. THE CEREMONY HONORS NOT ONLY AN INDIVIDUAL'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN ACADEMICS, SERVICE, AND LEADERSHIP, BUT ALSO PAYS TRIBUTE TO THE COLLECTIVE VICTORIES AND SACRIFICES AS A COMMUNITY. THIS YEAR'S THEME, **AS THE SUN SETS, WE RISE AGAIN**, ENCOURAGES US TO HONOR THE SUNSETS IN OUR LIVES AS WE LOOK FORWARD TO THE FUTURE, AND EMBRACE EACH OTHER FOR THE SUNRISE PROMISED TO US SO THAT WE CAN MOVE FORWARD WITH RESILIENCE, JOY, AND HOPE FOR A BRIGHT TOMORROW. TOGETHER, WE FIND WARMTH UNDER THE SAME SUN.**

Dear Graduate,

Thank you for being a part of the 20th Annual Latinx Recognition Ceremony. As a committee, we have worked since last semester to put together a wonderful celebration of your accomplishments and recognition of your graduation from the University of San Francisco.

For many of us in the Latinx community, graduating from higher education - whether that is from an undergraduate or graduate program - is a community effort and accomplishment. Family, friends, student organizations, classmates, professors, and staff members are often a part of our journey, enriching those moments of growth with wonderful memories and providing spaces of support when it gets a little too much. There are many paths that take us to where we are but you have made it through again.

This year's theme comes from the recognition that the sun may not always be shining in our lives, but, as a community, we hold each other through the nights until we are ready to rise with the sun again. For some, we imagine that this current situation might feel like an endless night; we honor where you are at and are here to offer a moment of solidarity. As a committee, we could not be more proud to celebrate you and the legacies of resilience that you hold.

Congratulations again on this remarkable achievement in graduating from the University of San Francisco. When you see the sun on your stole or the next time you are out in the sun, remember that we are people of the sun and that through difficult times and darkness, we have the strength to rise for one another, to give life to each other, and to light the path ahead for future generations.

En comunidad,

**The Latinx Recognition Ceremony Committee**

# THANK YOU

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