

The University of San Francisco presents
the 12th Annual

Lavender Commencement

LGBTQIA+ Graduation
Spring 2020



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This is the 12th Annual Lavender Commencement at the University of San Francisco. Lavender Commencement is a special ceremony held in May to honor graduating Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer students, including those who identify across the gender and sexuality spectrums (LGBTQIA+). The ceremony is a reflection of our community's growth as a whole and the accomplishments of the graduating class of Spring 2020.

Dear Lavender Commencement Graduates,

You did it! Take a deep breath as you have reached the finish line. You have prevailed past the naysayers, the non-believers, and have made proud all those who have championed for you.

On behalf of the USF's community of students, staff, and faculty, we write this letter to celebrate this significant milestone in your life. Graduation marks a time when you can look back on all of the growth and progress you have made to get to this point. This journey looked different for each and every one of you. Like a kaleidoscope, it reflects many different views in its twist and turns. All the visions culminate into a beautiful and strong mosaic of colors to be admired. As a community, we are able to come together in our differences to find the beauty in ourselves and each other. Always cherish this and we will always cherish having had your presence at USF. As a family, we will take a look into the viewfinder of life to honor the hardwork and dedication sacrificed to make it to this moment. You are #KaleidoGoals!

We wish you all the best; praying for your safety and your ability to thrive in all your future endeavors. Know that you do not stand alone; there is a community rooting for you to continue to cast light on your journey and rise to recognize your greatness. Please stay connected (<https://www.usfca.edu/alumni>). We want to celebrate any updates and continue to support you as you grow as a USF Alumni!

Best Wishes and Go Dons!

2020 Lavender Commencement Planning Committee

Thank You

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