COMMENCEMENT

College of Arts and Sciences
Humanities and Sciences
VISION, MISSION, & VALUES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF SAN FRANCISCO

VISION
The University of San Francisco will be internationally recognized as a premier Jesuit Catholic, urban University with a global perspective that educates leaders who will fashion a more humane and just world.

MISSION
The core mission of the University is to promote learning in the Jesuit Catholic tradition. The University offers undergraduate, graduate and professional students the knowledge and skills needed to succeed as persons and professionals, and the values and sensitivity necessary to be men and women for others. The University will distinguish itself as a diverse, socially responsible learning community of high quality scholarship and academic rigor sustained by a faith that does justice. The University will draw from the cultural, intellectual and economic resources of the San Francisco Bay Area and its location on the Pacific Rim to enrich and strengthen its educational programs.

VALUES
The University’s core values include a belief in and a commitment to advancing:

1. **The Jesuit Catholic Tradition** that views faith and reason as complementary resources in the search for truth and authentic human development, and that welcomes persons of all faiths or no religious beliefs as fully contributing partners to the University;
2. **The Freedom and the Responsibility** to pursue truth and follow evidence to its conclusion;
3. **Learning** as a humanizing, social activity rather than a competitive exercise;
4. **A Common Good** that transcends the interests of particular individuals or groups; and reasoned discourse rather than coercion as the norm for decision making;
5. **Diversity of Perspectives**, experiences and traditions as essential components of a quality education in our global context;
6. **Excellence** as the standard for teaching, scholarship, creative expression and service to the University community;
7. **Social Responsibility** in fulfilling the University’s mission to create, communicate and apply knowledge to a world shared by all people and held in trust for future generations;
8. **The Moral Dimension** of every significant human choice: taking seriously how and who we choose to be in the world;
9. **The Full, Integral Development** of each person and all persons, with the belief that no individual or group may rightfully prosper at the expense of others;
10. **A Culture of Service** that respects and promotes the dignity of every person.

Approved by the Board of Trustees
September 11, 2001
Today, the University welcomes you — the graduates and candidates of the class of 2020 — 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.

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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UNIVERSITY COMMENCEMENT HONORS

University Honors

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

To be considered for University Honors, a student 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.
Student Achievements

UNIVERSITY-WIDE AWARDS

Father Flynn Award
A gift, in the Memory of the Reverend Hubert Flynn, S.J., for the senior who has, throughout his or her undergraduate curriculum, maintained the highest average for scholarship, is awarded to:

Dana-Lis Bittner

Father Maraschi Award
A gift, in memory of the Reverend Anthony Maraschi, S.J., to the senior, who, as a transfer student, has throughout the remainder of the undergraduate curriculum at the University of San Francisco, maintained the highest average for scholarship, is awarded to:

Harrison Chase Keeling

Archbishop Oscar Romero Award
Recognized for his ability to become a voice for the voiceless as the Archbishop of San Salvador, the Archbishop Oscar Romero Award is presented to an undergraduate or graduate student who strives to alleviate poverty and oppression, and is awarded to:

Jazmine Diwa Tabili

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

Darla Judith Mariduena

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 and is awarded to:

Madeline Dove Campbell
Catherine Carolyn Murphy
Jazmine Diwa Tabili
UNIVERSITY-WIDE AWARDS

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, and is awarded to:
Emily Kate Garcia

Priscilla A. Scotlan Award
Recognized for her unselfish dedication and service to the University of San Francisco, the Priscilla A. Scotlan Award is presented to an undergraduate student who has been a role model for the University community, and is awarded to:
Corey Michael Kowalczyke

Senior Leadership Award
This award will be given to a maximum of three graduating seniors who have consistently worked and succeeded in enriching and impacting student life and is committed to the values of Student Life throughout their career at USF, and is awarded to:
Collette Elena Golden
Mackenzie Nicole Miller
Nicolas K. Oshiro
Madeline Hannah Starkenburg
Student Achievements

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES AWARDS

African American Studies Paper Prize
A certificate, in recognition of outstanding research papers written in the field of African American Studies by a USF student, is awarded to:

Iman Fatima Yousuf

Asian Pacific American Studies Paper Prize
A certificate, in recognition of outstanding research papers written in the field of Asian Pacific American Studies by a USF student, is awarded to:

Malia Rose Rivers

The Department of Art + Architecture Awards for Excellence and Leadership
An honorarium and certificate, awarded to one graduate from each of the four programs within the Department of Art + Architecture who has proven academic excellence and demonstrated leadership inside and outside of the classroom, are awarded to:

Erin Marie Abbatiello
Collette Elena Golden
Sarah Jane Hamilton
Rayna Harumi Higa
Darin Evan Hughes
Mackenzie Nicole Miller
Jordan Francisco Sandoval
Angela Maria Hipolito Ting

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

Safya Osman

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:

Augustus Matthew Lee

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:

Alessandra Maisielou Pineda Rivera
The R. James Brown Award for The Outstanding Environmental Science Student

A plaque and a purse presented 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. This award named in honor of professor emeritus R. James Brown, who was instrumental in the establishment of the undergraduate environmental science program at USF and served as the first chair of the Department of Environmental Science, is awarded to:

*Rhea Jenaul Quezon*

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:

*Lexy Estell Anderson*
*Jordan D. Augsburger*
*Mariam Sabry Banoub*
*Kailie Marie Reyes Dela Cruz*
*Marisa Nicole DeMeo*
*Phaedra LeMay*
*Lisa May Agustin Mamuad*
*Adelle Marie Sumabat*
*Adam Jaroslaw Wedrychowski*

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:

*Arturo Jesus Fass*
*Alexa Noemi Gomez*
*Catherine Jean Muenter*

Data Institute Award for Academic Excellence in Data Science

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

*Zachary Ross Dougherty*

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:

*Karen Crespo Triveno*
Student Achievements

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES AWARDS

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:

Kailie Marie Reyes Dela Cruz

English Department Service Award
A plaque, given to a graduating senior by the English Department Faculty, in recognition of her/his outstanding service and support to the department, its students, and visitors, is awarded to:

Danica Leigh Flores Nacionales

The Kathleen 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 Kathleen A. Gallagher, to the graduating seniors who best reflects the spirit of performing arts and social justice, are awarded to:

Giovanna Magdalena Echivarre-Morelli

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:

Andrew James Pilon

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:

Amanda Siu Woo

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:

Steve Sandoval
COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIEN CES AWARDS

Department of History Award
A plaque, a gift of the Department of History, in recognition of the greatest service to the Department in the areas of student activities and faculty support by a graduating history major, is awarded to:

Sarah Estella Lavin

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

Maria Elena Zamora Susano

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:

Lillian Grace Froio
Ashley Renee Jimenez
Courtney Nam

International Studies for Exceptional Achievement Award
A certificate and gift card, in recognition of her achievement as the student who combined essential leadership characteristics including academic excellence, community participation and engagement, and international research, is awarded to:

Karen Crespo Triveno

International Studies Outstanding Honors Thesis
A certificate and gift card, in recognition of her achievement in exceptional enthusiasm for research as well as a methodical and comprehensive approach to crafting a thesis of distinction, is awarded to:

Georgina A. Chavez Terrazas
Student Achievements

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:

Kailie Marie Reyes Dela Cruz
Winner

Lexy Estell Anderson
Marian Sabry Banoub
Finalists

Amanda Nicole Telfer
Honorable Mention

Ralph Lane Peace and Justice Essay Award
A purse, a gift of USF Emeritus Professor Ralph Lane and Joan Lane, given each year to the student who writes the best essay on a peace and justice theme, broadly defined, is awarded to:

Sofia Diane Skavdahl

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:

Nathaniel Deandre Yu

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:

Sage Elle Hapke

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:

Dana-Lis Bittner
The Stanley D. Nel Award for Academic Excellence in Environmental Science

A plaque and a purse, presented to the graduating senior in Environmental Science who has exhibited the highest academic achievement in major coursework during their USF career. This award is named in honor of Vice President for International Relations Stanley D. Nel, who created the Department of Environmental Science when serving as Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and are awarded to:

Madeleine Reece Yates

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:

Lisa Yu

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:

Madeline Dove Campbell

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:

Aaron Morgan Anderson
Lanbin Feng
Gilberto Nicolas Gonzalez

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:

Mia R. Martins
Finalists for the Dean’s Medals for Excellence in the Arts

Madeline Dove Campbell
Madeline Hannah Starkenberg
Jazmine Diwa Tabili
Catherine Anne Van Horne
Heidi Elizabeth Warde

Finalists for the Dean’s Medals for Excellence in the Sciences

Farhad Akrami
Lexy Estell Anderson
Liza Mae Agustin Mamuad

Finalists for Valedictorian

Farhad Akrami
Kevin Andreaksy
Vianey Jimenez Mendez
Riley Katsuo Kam

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.

Arturo Jess Fass
HONOR SOCIETIES

Alpha Kappa Delta International (ΑΚΔ)

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:

Emily Kate Garcia
Sophia Erin McKenzie Hamilton
Alyssa Michele Lemoine
Carlos Alemil Mancebo-Sebrell
Ashley Nicole Rice
Anastasia Brandi Spicer
Tamir Weinstein
Samantha Hope Wong
Megan Woods
Anne E. Yamamoto

Alpha Sigma Nu (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:

Kevin Andreasky
Caroline Frances Bescoby
Kailie Marie Reyes Dela Cruz
Collette Elena Golden
Gilberto Nicolas Gonzalez
Riley Katsuo Kam
Abigail R. Karp
Phaedra Le May
Dana Lis-Bittner
Deborah Regina Low
Liza Mae Agustin Mamuad
Mariel Grace McMindes
Danica Leigh Flores Nacionales
Hannah Elizabeth Weeks
Nathaniel Deandre Yu
HONOR SOCIETIES

Beta Beta Beta Biological Honor Society (ΒΒΒ)

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:

Lexy Estell Anderson
Vivian Keolani Montandon De Almeida
Kailie Marie Reyes Dela Cruz
Amber Eden Del Rosario
Julissa Gonzalez
Tamara Lee
Liza Mae Agustin Mamuad
Mikayla Keiko Nalani Min
Carter Sebastian Pope
Gia Saini
Audrey Sun
Bensu Tangil
Sriya Vutukuru

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:

Xavier Sterling Bianchi
Olivia Grace Farber
Arturo Jesus Fass
Alexa Noemi Gomez
Madison Grace Grainger
Cyrus Brock Kusha
Catherine Jean Muenter
Ariel Nim
Malia Rose Rivers
Kelsea Alexis Villanueva
Ariel Noelle Wei
Barbara Heinadöttir Zachariassen
HONOR SOCIETIES

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.

Jennifer Morgan Alvarado
Mackenzie John Callicrate
Evelyn Yesenia Castro-Chavez
Robby Chandra
Jevannie Imani Dixon
Ya’qub Basheir Warsame Elmi
Sameer Hakim Feroz Isaq
Jin Young Jeong
Riley Katsuo Kam
Amie Christina Lu
Darla Judith Mariduena
Kai Reed Middlebrook
Kenya Lachea Miller
Mutale Mulenga
Catherine Carolyn Murphy
Danica Leigh Flores Nacionales
Kyla Isabelle Gonzales Obillos
Sade Rose Funmilayo Odukogbe
Jordan Francisco Sandoval
Josine A. Torres

National Society of Collegiate Scholars
The National Society of Collegiate Scholars (NSCS) is an honors organization recognizing outstanding academic achievement among first and second year college students who continue this success and encourage members to develop leadership skills through community service. The Society was founded in 1994 at The George Washington University in Washington, DC. NSCS has active chapters on over 170 college and university campuses across the United States. Chapters are involved in service to their campus and local communities as well as scholastic and social activities. NSCS members are also eligible to participate in a variety of activities sponsored by the Society. Scholarships and awards, leadership development activities, service programs, community building and information sharing are the focus of activities organized nationally. Graduating members are:

Mohammed Hasan Al Mubarak
Simrun Bawa
Dana Lis-Bittner
Janel Moira Dy Cuevas
Collette Elena Golden
Isabel Hamblin
Sophia Louise Hedgecock
Carley J. Hopton
Henrieta Anya Igwe
Riley Katsuo Kam
Heaven Minjin Kim
Kayla Desirée Lawhorn
Deborah Regina Low
Shantia Hailey Shadjareh
Chantal Acaylar Trazo
**Student Achievements**

**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:

- Christopher Anthony Anaforian
- Abigail Joy Glass
- Sarah Estella Lavin
- Augustus Matthew Lee
- Dominic Markus Nicoletti
- Maïa Céline Peterson
- Nathaniel Deandre Yu

**Pi Delta Phi French Honor Society (Π∆Φ)**

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. Graduating members are:

- Caroline Frances Bescoby
- Dana-Lis Bittner
- Ivan Ernesto Galvan
- Emily Jane Kelly
- Phyllicia Thien Phuoc Nguyen
- Kendal T. Shieh
- Elaine Renée Tousignant

**Pi Mu Epsilon (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:

- Elijah Oakes Chandler
- Zachary Ross Dougherty
- Sameer Hakim Feroz Isaq
- Kai Reed Middlebrook
- Sara Roth
HONOR SOCIETIES

Psi Chi National Honor Society (ΨΧ)

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:

Mercedes Antonia Avila
Dana-Lis Bittner
Alaia-Riche Berdiago Cohayag
Michael Ivan Coloma
Janel Moira Dy Cuevas
Selda Durak
Annabelle Rose Farina
Ariana Cristina Figueroa
Cassandra Yao Godinez
Isabella Rose Grace
Eric K. Hanks
Eve Johanna Jonas
Riley Katsuo Kam
Helen Ting Ting Kao
Eida Veronica Laines
Avery Cathryn Lamb
Didi Nguyen
Lauren Nnenna Nwajei
Kyla Isabelle Gonzales Obillos
Roshni Patel
Hannah Elizabeth Pritchett
Katherine Yachiyo Sagara
Yolanda M. Santiago Pena
Lavander Krysta Sesody
Mariam Sossouadouno
Elena Stuart
Hannah Elizabeth Weeks

Sigma Delta Pi Honor Society (ΣΔΠ)

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

Anna Rose Bryant
Carson Lee Burns
Ashley Renee Jimenez
Judith Priscilla Morales

Sigma Pi Sigma (ΣΠΣ)

Sigma Pi Sigma is a national honor society in physics. The society is an organization within the American Institute of Physics. It is a member of the Association of College Honor Societies. The society’s stated goals are to honor outstanding scholarship in physics, to encourage students’ interest in physics, to promote public service, and to provide a fellowship of persons who have excelled in physics. Graduating members are:

Alexis Isabel Casas
Andrew James Pilon
Christopher Joel Storfer

Theta Alpha Kappa Honor Society (ΘAK)

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:

Miciah Renee Madison
Madeline Hannah Starkenburg
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:

Mohammed Hasan Al Mubarak
Isobel Clare Bailey
Dana-Lis Bittner
Skylar Isabel Clarke
Maria Patricia Delgado
Sophia Erin McKenzie Hamilton
Sage Elle Hapke
Cyrus Brock Kusha
Courtney Nam
Dominic Markus Nicoletti
Claire Winifred Ogilvie
Ashley Isolde Runnicles
Maria Elena Zamora Susano
Karen Crespo Triveno
Sydney Madison Yocum
Lisa Yu

Honors in Architecture and Community Design

Students graduating with the Honors in Architecture and Community Design 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:

Vianey Jimenez Mendez
Kahli Noelle Merriman
Albert Daniel Tanglao Nessia

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. The graduating student is:

Kailie Marie Reyes Dela Cruz
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 Honors College Scholars are:

Dana-Lis Bittner
Skylar Isabel Clarke
Kelly Allyn Cruchett
Lexly Marisol Cruz
Christopher Joseph Francis
Morgan Sayers Goldstein
Asta Guragain
Darin Evan Hughes
Cyrus Brock Kusha
Kayla Desiré Lawhorn
Catherine Carolyn Murphy
Claire Winifred Ogilvie
Eduardo Rosenfeld
Catherine Anne Van Horne
Caroline Alison Van Etten

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:

Georgina A. Chavez Terrazas
Karen Crespo Triveno
Maria Patricia Delgado
Asta Guragain
Delaney Suzanne Miller
Maria Elena Zamora Susano
Hons 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:

Brian Franco Alegre
Simrun Bawa
Mackenzie John Callicrate
Madeline Dove Campbell
Sammi Chen
Noemy Ines Crisanto
Maeve August Estrada
Hannah Lee Grayson
Casey Morgan Gutierrez
Ariana Heydari
Betsy Kiabhett Jacobo
Kimberly Ann McAllister
Safina Motiwala
Victor Gene Solyanik
Jazmine Diwa Tabili
Jackie Elizabeth Thornhill
Anne Marie Bonifacio Tubig
Lisa Yu

Hons 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:

Dana-Lis Bittner
Wilson Jude Cobb
Avery Cathryn Lamb
Fiorella Martinez
Didi Nguyen
Emily Rose Nhan
Roshni Patel
Lavander Krysta Sesody
Student Achievements

ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS

Honors in Sociology

Students graduating with Honors in the Bachelor 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:

Dalia Cesia Barrientos
Emily Kate Garcia
Sophia Erin McKenzie Hamilton
Ashley Isolde Runnicles
Samira Grace Salame
Chantal Acaylar Trazo
Samantha Hope Wong

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; bring people together and build community; and demonstrate determination and resolve, even when the obstacles seem insurmountable and change seems out of reach. Graduating students are:

Isaac Baron-Varela
Bettina Therese Evalle Francisco
Emily Kate Garcia
Sage Elle Hapke
Kiana Martinez
Natalie Frances Mills
Mutale Mulenga
Abel Weldegebriel
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:

Ya’qub Basheir Warsame Elmi
Ceejay Asia Garcia
Chase Victor Nakayama
Roshni Patel
Licette Alondra Renteria
Megan Woods

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:

Mariam Sabry Banoub
Marcelo Castro
Robby Chandra
Amber Eden Del Rosario
Kailie Marie Reyes Dela Cruz
Matthew John Fernandez
Crystal Nicole Jarquin
Breanna Ashlynn Jolly
Mikayla Keiko Nalani Min
Julia Marie Nolfo
Louis Abraham Lillard Palmatier
Elise Victoria Ramos
Alessandra Maisielou Pineda Rivera
Maria Elena Zamora Susano
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 (ED); white for Arts and Letters (LITTD); gold-yellow for Science (SCD); orange for Engineering (ENG, 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.