



UNIVERSITY OF SAN FRANCISCO

COMMENCEMENT

College of Arts and Sciences
December 13, 2024 ♦ 3:00 P.M.

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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.

166th Annual Commencement Exercises

UNIVERSITY OF SAN FRANCISCO

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

DECEMBER 13, 2024, 3:00 P.M.

Today, the University welcomes you — the graduates and candidates of the class of 2024 — 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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Program

ORDER OF CEREMONY

Procession

The University Mace
The Flags of the University
The University Commencement Marshals
The Class of 2024
The Faculty of the College
The Academic Directors of the College
The Alumni Board of Governors
The Deans of the College
The University Leadership Team
The Members of the University Board
of Trustees
The Commencement Speaker
The President of the University

Prelude Processional

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

Master of Ceremonies

Eileen Chia-Ching Fung
Provost and Vice President, Academic Affairs

National Anthem

Abigail Cotchett
Junior, Performing Arts and Social Justice

Invocation

Angélica Nohemi Quiñónez
Director of University Ministry

Official Opening of the Ceremony

Member, Board of Trustees

Undergraduate Student Speaker

Violet Nkiruka Okwuazu
Candidate, Bachelor of Arts in Politics

Graduate Student Speaker

Bernadine Tan Bernardino
*Candidate, Master of Arts in
Professional Communication*

Presentation of the Commencement Speaker

Eileen Chia-Ching Fung
Provost and Vice President, Academic Affairs

Commencement Address

Patrick McNicholas
*Partner, McNicholas & McNicholas
Trustee Emeritus and Alumnus*

**Presentation of Candidates
for Undergraduate Degrees**

Jeffrey Paris
Interim Dean of the College

and

Brandi Lawless
Professor of Communication Studies

**Formal Conferral of
Undergraduate Degrees**

Rev. Paul J. Fitzgerald, S.J.
President of the University

**Presentation of Candidates
for Graduate Degrees**

Jeffrey Paris
Interim Dean of the College

and

Dave Madden
Professor of MFA in Writing

**Formal Conferral of
Graduate 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. Dónal Godfrey, S.J.
University Chaplain

Recessional

"Crown Imperial" by Sir William Walton

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Critical Diversity Studies

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Clara Katherine Buller*
Olivia Madison Hayes**
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Sinai Alexandra Resendiz
Sanae Latrayah Wolfe*

Environmental Studies

Kaylynn Nicole Bittle
Lou Corrigan**
Elena Sirah Hanlon de Toledo***
Jaden Solana Golden**
Charlotte Marie Maradiaga
Lily R. McDonald

Fine Arts

Christine E. Casper
Price Philip Little***

French Studies

Price Philip Little***

History

Jada Linh Acampora
Carson Elizabeth Anderson
Nola W. Thornton-Shaw**

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International Studies

Hannah Lee Clemenson***
Sofia Belen Criswell*
Riana Cherie Dela Cruz De Veas***
Abigail Debebe*
Libaan Abdirashid Hussein
Hannah Rose Stuart***

Media Studies

Nia Gabrielle Elisa Bossier***
Roman Alexis Northrip McDonough
Katie Anne O'Brien*

Performing Arts and Social Justice

Perna Bakshi*
Mirage Nicole Witzer**

Philosophy

Kendrick Elliott Lacerda***
Carlos Andres Leon
Mikayla F. Wilson
Wanyi Zhang

Politics

Dylan John Geder
Ashlyn Elizabeth Glancy*
Rhys Hedges
Marley Marie Heitkam
Diego Lawson**
Violet Nkiruka Okwuazu***
Boston Rizal Malasan Palacios***
Phoebe Rose Perkins***
Jessie Quiroz
Alyssa Marie Traina**
Kessa Walker*

Psychology

Brenna Rae Austgen***
Alexander David Austin
Oliver Pierce Black
Hayley Elizabeth Blonstein*
Taylor McKenna Chalfin*
Xiomara Chen-Marquez*
Hayden Bailey Hope Goodman
Leilani Gioconda Harvey
Jaeden Rose Hemmingsen**
Mya Rayven Holland
Sarah Lerae Kahn*
Elle Melody Lau***
Brooklyn Tasani Leahy***
Nakia Nakari Zuriel Lemon**
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Ashley Brianne Massa*
Ariana Cherise Moller
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Yufang Wang*
Zoe Lillian Wang***

Sociology

Sanya Laiba Ansari
Rachel Whitney Ballard
Ericca Monique Chavez
Erika Chanda Ky
Fenglin Lei
Miriam Aimee Magee
Sunshine Renee Rodriguez*
Pejmon Shariat
Elijah Narin Siegel
Maxwell Y. Wu*

Theology and Religious Studies

Tyson Northrup Foote Underwood***

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Biology

Naidni Ambika Badhan
Daniela Dueñas*
Sophie Goubert*
Ingrid Mary McEachen**
Elizabeth Jitka Olsanska Novotny
Trisha Reddy Polakala**
Dmytro Rozhkovskiy
Chelsea My Hien Tran***
Juan Francisco Silverio Villalon
Suzanne Ann Dela Cruz Viray

Chemistry

Shu Min Sammi Chee
Anabel Esquivel Garcia
Alexander D. Herrera***
Lillian Li
George Yvor Hubert Nicholson*
Marvin Estuardo Ochoa-Cifuentes

Computer Science

Zachary Quimson Alon*
Suhani Arora**
Yahvi Bhatnagar
Duncan J. Birdsall***
Jared Cody Chu*
Andrew Diep***
Colby Thomas Dobson*
Yongkui Du*
Esha Karishma Dupuguntla
Carlo Duque
Nicholas T. Eastham**
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Hana Gamracy*
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Phillip Lai
Johanna Marie Lazaro*
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Paulo Miguel Manalo
Abigail Mengesha
Andrew Blakeslee Moore
Suhani Narayan
Ritvik Nayak***
Liwam Yorisalem Tesfazion
Maximiliano Vidal Villarreal-Blozis*
Xinhuan Wang*

Data Science

Jun Huang
Koushal Sanjay Modi***
Mia Kanani von Buttlar

UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Economics

Wyatt William del Valle*
Taylor Danielle Dunakin
Monzerrad Fierro
Ryan Joseph Warrick
Victoria Zambrano

Engineering

Quang Ky La

Environmental Science

Lillian Ascoli***
Mirabel Canty-Hilchey
Simran Sophia Chhabra**
Richard Hogan Kinder*
Annika Marie Morrow
Cameron Scott Nelson
Isabel Bond Novo

Kinesiology

Chasity Leselle Pascua Bumanglag***
Stephanie Venicia Elize
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Ryan Hsiao*
Nicholas Augustine Jullien**
Andrew Koepp
Amber Maureen Lyle***
Faith Elizabeth Martinez**
Quincy Mae Morgridge**
Rance Clarence De Guzman Pascual
Kaylee Ramirez
Ian Naoki Tsai**

Mathematics

Frances Elizabeth Grout*
Quinn Michael Shapiro**

GRADUATE DEGREES MASTER OF ARTS

International Studies

Reet Sehgal
Xinyi Sui

Museum Studies

Abigail Leigh Ackerson
Rosemary Maggie Xiang-Chen Cheng
Bridget Laura Danner
Christina Nicole Gluszczyk
Isis Gomez
Elaina Duran Harrison
Donovan Enrique Hernandez Garcia
Zackary J. Irish
Amanda Leigh Olney
Diego Anthony Ortega
Natalie Noel Perlman
Ethan Christian Pinder
Collin Rocha
Isabelle Anne Rogers
Dylan Michael-Matteo Romagnola
Samantha Alice Schmidt
Jane Isabella Sheehan
Madisyn Ronna Swengel
Vivian Esmeralda Torres
Sabina Livia Vitale

Professional Communication

Bernadine Tan Bernardino
Francesca Giani
Jie Liu
Md Hasinur Rahman
Shanhong Wu
Madison Paulina Zarate

Public Leadership

Erica Catterall
Nathan Gelinias
Jerry Dale Harris III
Sameer M. Ibrahim
Jeffery Joseph Joggerst
Charles Dylan Nurse
Angelo Luca Santabarbara
Gary Walter Schlack
Igor Alexander Tregub

Sport Management

Eliza Asilbek
Kira Margaretha Byrd

GRADUATE DEGREES MASTER OF SCIENCE

Applied Economics

Brandon Kareem Anwar
Mohamed Aziz Ben Jemia
Abdou Madjib Kaba
Benjamin James Lara

Computer Science

Ananya Agarwal
Jingjing Cai
Cynthia Vanessa Carnero Ramirez
Tu Anh Le
Deep Mistry
Qianru Wei

Data Science

Colin Wellington Bennie
Tatshini Ganesan
Brandon William Hom
Irene Garcia Montoya
Tyler Jarron Kahn
Rishi Narayan Mohan

Environmental Management

Marisol Haro Enriquez
Heather Larissa Haro
Alina Mullins
Alexandra Isabel Novoa

International and Development Economics

Devin Johnson

Sport Management

Ikeesha Jeronne Esguerra Aquino
Evan Ross Brindley
Tyler Stephen Chan
Dezmond Chatman
Jamila Janae Cooper
Davide Cortimiglia
Gian Carlo Yrastorza Cruz
Matthias Alexander de Graaf
Taylor Michaela Noelani Delorm-Doane
Charles Duysen
Dominic Fox Fisher
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Lucas Benjamin Hinojosa
Tejas Krishnaswamy
Purva Kumar
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Maryanna Janis O'Neill
Dimitri Nicholas Rally
Leona Rexhepi
Julian Michael Stephen Rodriguez
Hannah Russell
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Angelica Juliette Soto
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Cho-Chun Weng
John Andrew Westmoreland
Nolan Sheldon Wong

GRADUATE DEGREES PROFESSIONAL SCIENCE MASTERS

Biotechnology

Holly Marie Aliga Bernardino

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Marissa Lynn Joya

Kishan Kollipara

Cristina Kalea Seronio

Leticia Teragi

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.

PATRICK McNICHOLAS

PARTNER, McNICHOLAS & McNICHOLAS

TRUSTEE EMERITUS AND ALUMNUS

Patrick McNicholas, a member of the University of San Francisco Board of Trustees from 2003 to 2012 and a current trustee emeritus, has been committed to furthering Jesuit education at the University of San Francisco for the last 40 years. After attending Jesuit schools alongside his six brothers and sisters near their hometown of Hancock Park in Los Angeles, Mr. McNicholas matriculated to USF, where he served as the student body president during the 1981–82 academic year. He earned a degree in government from the College of Arts and Sciences in 1983, which subsequently led to an internship at the White House — an experience he credits to the network of connections he built at USF.

Mr. McNicholas spent two years at the University of the Pacific McGeorge School of Law and went on to graduate from Loyola Law School in Los Angeles in 1986. He founded the McNicholas & McNicholas law firm with his father John in 1993; he and his brother Matthew are now partners at the firm, which specializes in practice areas such as catastrophic injury, product liability, sexual abuse, and various consumer-oriented matters. The firm has secured over \$2 billion in results for clients. Of special importance to Mr. McNicholas — thanks to the Jesuit values instilled in him since childhood — are cases involving civil rights, aviation disasters, and fire disasters. Working at the forefront of California wildfire litigation and representing tens of thousands of victims, Mr. McNicholas' efforts have held massive utility companies accountable and improved the lives of millions of Californians. He is a member of the American Board of Trial Advocates, a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers, and a fellow of the International Academy of Trial Lawyers.

A testament to Mr. McNicholas' broad interest in and support of USF, he played a pivotal role in raising funds for and establishing The Kelly & Craig Perkins Scholarship Fund, which offers scholarship opportunities to full-time USF students in good standing with demonstrated financial need. Additionally, Mr. McNicholas served on the Board of Directors for Urban Compass, a nonprofit he cofounded dedicated to providing education for less-advantaged children, and joined the Board of Directors of the Inner City Law Center in Los Angeles in 2024.

More recently at USF, Mr. McNicholas has focused on providing both direct support to the Department of Athletics, and resources to support student NIL (Name, Image, and Likeness) opportunities. He recognized the need to support USF NIL opportunities for students in 2022, and his understanding of how NIL support is impacting college athletic programs throughout the country was invaluable to The Hilltop Club in its first year of operation. In 2022, Mr. McNicholas was one of the first USF alumni to make a substantial contribution to The Hilltop Club and his leadership has inspired expanded support from the USF alumni community.

Mr. McNicholas and his wife, Melinda, a fellow attorney, live in Los Angeles. They share sons John, who runs the McNicholas Real Estate Group; Michael, who's launching a clothing brand; and Brendan, who is studying to take the California Department of Real Estate (DRE) exam; and daughter Devyn Ellis, currently in her second year of law school at Santa Clara University. Avid travelers, Mr. and Mrs. McNicholas most recently visited Japan.

UNIVERSITY-WIDE AWARDS

Father Flynn Award

In memory of the Reverend Hubert Flynn, S.J., this award is given to the senior who throughout their entire undergraduate curriculum at the University of San Francisco, has maintained the highest average for scholarship, and is awarded to:

Noga Gottlieb

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES AWARDS

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:

Zachary Quimson Alon
Suhani Arora
Duncan J. Birdsall
Andrew Diep
Nicholas T. Eastham
Hana Gamracy
Noga Gottlieb
Ritvik Nayak
Xinhuan 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:

Suhani Arora
Andrew Blakeslee Moore
Ritvik Nayak

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:

Daniela Dueñas
Sophie Goubert
Ingrid Mary McEachen
Trisha Reddy Polakala
Chelsea My Hien Tran

Outstanding Communication Studies Student 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:

Bailey Kristine Steadman

Undergraduate Speaker Finalist

Bailey Kristine Steadman

Graduate Speaker Finalist

Ananya Agarwal

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:

Sunshine Renee Rodriguez
Elijah Narin Siegel

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:

Price Philip Little
Shaina Alexis Perelshteyn
Tyson Northrup Foote Underwood

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:

Anne Elizabeth Johnson
Lilah Cecile Sitkevich
Bailey Kristine Steadman

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:

Hannah Lee Clemenson
Nola W. Thornton-Shaw

HONOR SOCIETIES

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:

Price Philip Little

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:

Frances Elizabeth Grout

Koushal Sanjay Modi

Quinn Michael Shapiro

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:

Brenna Rae Austgen

Nakia Nakari Zuriel Lemon

Shaina Alexis Perelshteyn

Sigma Delta Pi Honor Society (ΣΔΠ)

Sigma Delta Pi is a national honorary society that recognizes students for scholarly excellence in Spanish Studies. The graduating member is:

Coral K. Carhart

HONOR SOCIETIES

Sigma Tau Delta Honor Society (ΣΤΔ)

Lambda Iota Tau, the USF chapter of the nationally recognized Sigma Tau Delta, is an honors society for English majors and minors. Sigma Tau Delta's central purpose is to confer distinction upon students of the English language and literature in undergraduate, graduate, and professional studies. The group focuses on promoting cultural stimulation on campus and fostering interest in literature and the English language in the USF community. Central to our mission is to uphold all aspects of the discipline of English, including literature, language, and writing; promoting exemplary character and good fellowship among our members; exhibiting high standards of academic excellence; and serving society by advocating literacy. The graduating student is:

Olivia Madison Hayes

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:

Hannah Rose Stuart

Elena Sirah Hanlon de Toledo

Tyson Northrup Foote Underwood

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:

Imani Karuna Im
Phoebe Rose Perkins

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. The graduating student is:

Coral K. Carhart

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:

Riana Cherie Dela Cruz De Veas
Sophie Goubert
Elle Melody Lau
Price Philip Little
Phoebe Rose Perkins
Trisha Reddy Polakala
Zoe Lillian Wang
Ryan Joseph Warrick

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. The graduating student is:

Riana Cherie Dela Cruz De Veas

ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS

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. The graduating students are:

Violet Nkiruka Okwuazu

Boston Rizal Malasan Palacios

Phoebe Rose Perkins

Alyssa Marie Traina

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. The graduating student is:

Phoebe Rose Perkins

ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS

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. The graduating student is:

Ingrid Mary McEachen

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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