



UNIVERSITY OF SAN FRANCISCO

# COMMENCEMENT

*School of Management  
Undergraduate Professional and Graduate Programs  
May 17, 2025 ♦ 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.*

166th Annual Commencement Exercises

# UNIVERSITY OF SAN FRANCISCO

SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT  
UNDERGRADUATE PROFESSIONAL  
AND GRADUATE PROGRAMS

**MAY 17, 2025, 12:00 PM**

Today, the University welcomes you — the graduates and candidates of the class of 2025 — 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 2025  
The Faculty of the School  
The Academic Directors of the School  
The Alumni Board of Governors  
The Student Speaker  
The Deans of the School  
The University Leadership Team  
The Members of the University Board  
of Trustees  
The Honorary Degree Recipient and  
Commencement Speaker  
The Interim President of the University

### Prelude Processional

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

### Master of Ceremonies

**Rebecca Hong**  
*Vice Provost, Student Success, Inclusive Excellence,  
and Curricular Innovation*

### National Anthem

**Madison McGinn**  
*Candidate, Master of Science in  
Entrepreneurship and Innovation*

### Invocation

**Rev. Dónal Godfrey, S.J.**  
*University Chaplain*

### Official Opening of the Ceremony

*Member, Board of Trustees*

### Student Address

**Maureen Nyanudde**  
*Candidate, Master of Science in  
Entrepreneurship and Innovation*

### Presentation of the Honorary Degree

**Otgontsetseg Erhemjamts**  
*Dean of the School*

Recipient:  
**Noni Sri Ayati Purnomo**  
*President Commissioner, Blue Bird Group Holding*

### Commencement Address

**Noni Sri Ayati Purnomo**

**Presentation of Candidates  
for Undergraduate Degrees**

**Otgontsetseg Erhemjamts**

*Dean of the School*

and

**Shivani Shukla**

*Associate Dean for Undergraduate Programs*

**Formal Conferral of  
Undergraduate Degrees**

**Rev. John P. Fitzgibbons, S.J.**

*Interim President and Chief Mission Officer*

**Presentation of Candidates  
for Graduate Degrees**

**Otgontsetseg Erhemjamts**

*Dean of the School*

and

**Richard W. Stackman**

*Associate Dean for Graduate Programs*

**Formal Conferral of  
Graduate Degrees**

**Rev. John P. Fitzgibbons, S.J.**

*Interim President and Chief Mission Officer*

**Salutation to the Graduates**

**Rev. John P. Fitzgibbons, S.J.**

*Interim President and Chief Mission Officer*

**Benediction**

**Sonja Martin Poole**

*Professor, School of Management*

**Recessional**

“Crown Imperial” by Sir William Walton

## UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES BACHELOR ARTS IN MANAGEMENT

Brady Calma ❖❖

Karla K. Ellis-Davis ❖❖

Dylan Kennedy

Yiyu Liu

La Lawrence Manangan Lopez ❖❖

Nestor Axel Montiel Perez ❖

Belem Alejandra Sanchez Urbina

Christina Spiropoulos

Solomon J. Webster

## BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Organizational Behavior

Rachel L. Whetstone

## GRADUATE DEGREES MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Taniya Acharya  
Tolulope Felicia Adebowale  
Vipul Aggarwal  
Alexandria Aguilar  
Teri Kathleen Alexander  
Anas Waleed Altillawi  
Alison Ross Andersen  
Emad Sereshk Asgari  
Elijah Ashiagbor  
Ananya Avanthsa  
John Dennis Bartlett, Jr.  
Tina Boetto  
Brian Scott Brown  
Dee Bustos  
Richard Joseph Cadiz  
Robyn Elizabeth Carnie  
Tiffany Marie Chen  
Jonathan Michael Chew  
Benjamin W. Coquillet  
Elmer Hernan Cotrina Monroy  
Trishanan Das  
Matthew Charles Dianich  
Amogh Sudhir Dikshit  
Yash Jayesh Doshi  
Ubika Drolia  
Valery Ngong Ekem Fala ∞  
Tianguang Gao  
Katie Alexis Gard  
Pablo Girón Pérez  
Elizabeth Anne Gonzalez  
Nicholas David Gonzalez  
Santiago Gonzalez Garcia  
Kartik Grewal  
Lucas Patrick Guerin  
Astred Vanessa Gutierrez  
Emily Suzanne Hall  
Andrew Hart  
Teresa J. Howard  
Lauren Jones  
Michael Kahan  
Komal Kandwal

Emmanuel Kaparasa  
Ish Khanna  
Max Henry Kroeger  
Abhijit Kulshreshtha  
Myles Patrick Lawless  
Linh Ngoc Le  
Michelle Crystal Li  
Olivia Lipari  
Holley Anne Maassen  
Richard Hing-Keung Mac  
Michael G. Magruder II  
Katelyn Ann Kuulei Mamizuka Brown  
Richa Manchanda  
Madison McGinn  
Neesha Rajesh Mehta  
Edgar Mendez  
Bruno Miranda Cardoso de Sousa  
Shivangi Mishra  
Vriti Monga  
Robert Thomas Mullin  
Pratyusha Mutyala  
Riya Nawani  
Thi Minh Phuong Nguyen  
Ellie McKenna Novotny  
Benjamin P. Ostroff  
Chia Chi Pan  
Jingyi Pan  
Juana Paredes Zambrano  
Shweta Patel  
Julia LeMoine Barsky Perilli  
Jeffrey Peterson  
Leigha Marie Magdalene Pope  
Srilekha Ramani  
Himanshu Relan  
Christopher Rodrigues  
Alexeev Ambrose Roland Sr  
Mitchell Alan Rolley  
Tanushree Roy  
Sitthichok Sanguansaringkhan  
Chetan Sawhney  
Bevin Harrington Schleimer

∞ Degree awarded posthumously.

## GRADUATE DEGREES MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION *(continued)*

Nicole Renee Schnable  
Ramnik Sekhon  
Fawad Shah  
Rishika Rathnakar Shetty  
Heather Lauren Shick  
Yeonhee Shim  
Gurshish Singh  
Puja Vijay Sinha  
Gaurja Sood  
Lateef Olatunji Surakatu  
Daniel Tayakin  
Seynabou Thiam

Kavya Tiwari  
Benjamin Patrick Treseler  
Mathilde Valadier  
Valeriya Vinogradova  
Tuan Dang Minh Vo  
Erik Westmoreland  
Sanna Maria Alexandra Wright  
Hongwei Xu  
Alexander Yee  
Roba Zantout  
Tian Zhang  
Kelly Ann Zurek

## MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

Brittney Marisol Barron  
Claudia Patricia Coons  
Christina Lynn Deal

Harry El Jamerson  
Michael V. Juan  
Benjamin Therriault

## GRADUATE DEGREES MASTER OF SCIENCE

### Entrepreneurship and Innovation

Noor Bader Alshatti  
Leonardo Armellini  
Pradeep Banavara  
Joe Edward Blacknell  
Mathew Christopher Byrne  
Terry Cai  
Sol Victoria Castro  
Joseph Core  
Kenneth Michael DeCelle  
Dixon Raymond Doll III  
Débora Reis dos Santos  
Justin Enciso-Anaya  
Camryn G Fulcher  
Arief Hidayatullah  
Emma Jane Shultis Huscroft  
Muhammad Imam Baihaqi  
Ming Ming Jiang  
Yuan Lu  
Heli Lyu  
Nanette Bloch Dahl Nikolajsen  
Maureen Nyanudde  
Pratisth Pradhan  
Minh Gia Quach  
Siddhant Umesh Sancheti  
Jacqueline Renollet Schadle  
Ameenakolo Kashim Bukar Shettima  
Srinivas Siva  
Patricia Debyanti Sugiarto  
Yazan Sultan Tadros  
Nichapat Tangsombatvisit  
Jesse Uzoma Ukpaka  
Antonio Villegas  
Logan Christopher Wroolie

### Information Systems

Elizabeth Guzman de Anda  
Phan Hoang  
Alex Richard Mauer  
Christopher Bryan Rosana  
Daniel Amavi Vieira

## GRADUATE DEGREES MASTER OF SCIENCE

### Marketing Intelligence

Jolei Kealohi Kiyomi Akima  
Saif Sultan Alfaheem  
Nasim Behnegar  
Abhinav Bhardwaj  
Cynthia Michelle Bucheli Garay  
Parsha Sanjana Chaklader  
Shayree Chakravarty  
Ching-Ching Chen  
Hue Nguyen Denke  
Meghan Shirlyn Dunn  
Muhammad Haider Ejaz  
Fernanda Isabel Garcia Arias de Funes  
Jayce Jieyong Guan  
Rebecca Lynn Hofer-Warden  
Taiyi Huang  
Pallavi Kawad  
Stephanie Nicole Leo Melgar  
Louise Zheng Li  
Naina Mahesh Malani  
Myo Myint Myat May Maung  
Sean Anthony Casimir McDevitt  
Hoang Quan Nguyen  
Soumya Pandey  
Aditya Harish Rajpal  
Nicholas Ramos  
Colleen S. Rice  
Laura Sofia Rojas Montana  
Michalina Anna Rola  
Sanyyam Santokhsingh Sandhu  
Prachi Srivastava  
Adoksh Sanjay Suryawanshi  
Meera Panishbhai Thakkar  
Adyasha Tripathy  
Anna Ling Yu VanDuzer  
Ka Wai Wong  
Sophia Summer Young

### Organization Development

Khulan Altantuya  
Mariam Zufan Bereket-Ab  
Abigail Cruz  
Calvin Bautista Demen  
Jessica Lee Mathews  
Alanna Rose Nunez  
Imani Tai-zhane Pardue-Bishop  
Veronica Bailey Russell  
Jennifer Emeri Girardi Ryan  
Noah W. Taylor

## UNDERGRADUATE COMMENCEMENT HONORS

### University Honors

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

To be considered for University Honors, undergraduate candidates 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

### School of Management Honors

❖ School Honors                      ❖❖ School High Honors

To be considered for School of Management Honors, professional bachelor's degree students must have a minimum USF grade point average of:

- 3.90 for School High Honors
- 3.70 for School Honors

### 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. To be recognized for University and School of Management Honors at the commencement exercises, undergraduate students must have completed, or be in the process of completing, all courses required for their degrees. 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 have already been notified that they have met all requirements, but, because of printing deadlines, are listed here as candidates.

## Honorary Degree

# NONI SRI AYATI PURNOMO, MBA '97

## PRESIDENT COMMISSIONER, BLUE BIRD GROUP HOLDING

Dynamic mission-driven executive.

Catalyst for social good, sustainability, and environmental stewardship.

An exemplary woman for others, she has made her deep devotion to family and highly principled leadership the driving forces of her life and life's work

Noni Sri Ayati Purnomo's high-powered leadership at Blue Bird Holding Group has been a catalyst for ethical business practices, corporate innovation, and all-encompassing employee care at Indonesia's largest taxi provider. As a third-generation top executive at Blue Bird, Purnomo has fast-tracked the growing and greening of her family business for more than 25 years. Her forward-thinking initiatives to make transportation sustainable include increased reliance on eco-friendly vehicles and reducing the company's carbon footprint. Blue Bird's measures have driven positive change in the industry itself within and beyond Indonesia. Purnomo's low-impact environmental efforts mirror her alma mater's focus on fostering a culture of service toward a sustainable future.

Purnomo is widely respected for her unwavering commitment to excellence and innovation in the transportation sector. Named president director of her family's business in 2019 and president commissioner in 2021, her tenure at the top has been distinguished by the company's historic launch of the first e-taxi in Indonesia. Under her leadership, the company's social, environmental, and philanthropic efforts moved into a new era with clear-eyed, competitive, and conservation-wise initiatives. They included Make Jakarta's Sky Blue, One Ride One Seed, and Blue Bird Peduli, translated as "Blue Bird Cares." This thriving program supports women's empowerment by providing vocational training to the wives of drivers, child care, and scholarships.

In 1972, Purnomo's widowed grandmother started a small taxi company. Her plan was to earn enough to afford educational opportunities for her family. Blue Bird Taxi grew quickly into a transportation business with a fleet of 25 taxis. Today, Blue Bird has remained relevant and competitive — despite the surge of rideshare companies — by holding tight to its ethos and embracing new technology.

Purnomo's first job as a child was putting the drivers' commission money into envelopes each day for distribution. She continued working part-time for Blue Bird during school holidays, and later became a staff technician in maintenance — and even drove the sleek blue taxis.

After earning an industrial engineering degree at the University of Newcastle in 1995 and an MBA in finance and marketing here at the University of San Francisco in 1997, Purnomo returned to Indonesia. She realized that Blue Bird's intense focus on operational excellence and customer service also needed a long-term strategic plan to sustain growth and a marketing team to raise the company's visibility. Offered a marketing position with the Jakarta Convention and Exhibition Bureau, she decided to juggle two demanding jobs. She worked in marketing research at the convention bureau in the mornings and at Blue Bird each evening. Soon she was streamlining the taxi company's processes to become more efficient, and she continued to work her way up the ranks. She created the company's business development division focused on corporate strategy, marketing, technology, and other initiatives.

When not leading Blue Bird, she embraces her multifaceted life as the mother of three daughters, always working hard to balance family and career. Her strong, entrepreneurial grandmother — who left behind large footprints and a thriving company against all odds — remains her inspiration.

Purnomo's innovative approach to leadership, and strong commitment to social and environmental advocacy have garnered recognition. She was named one of *Forbes Asia's* Power Businesswomen and as one of the Most Powerful Women of 2023 by *Forbes Indonesia*. She was honored in 2022 with an Asia Corporate Excellence & Sustainability Award, and with the 2021 IDC Future Enterprise Award as CEO of the Year. In addition, she was appointed to the Nature Conservancy's Asia Pacific Council, named chair of the University of Indonesia Board of Trustees, and appointed to the Clean Air Asia Board of Trustees.

That all may know of our esteem for you and our support for your decades of purpose-driven leadership, a profound commitment to lifting up the lives of your employees and their families, and an enduring dedication to sustainability, the University does, therefore, confer upon you, Noni Sri Ayati Purnomo, President Commissioner, Blue Bird Group Holding, the degree of Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*, with all the rights and privileges pertaining thereunto, given this sixteenth day of May, two thousand and twenty-five, and the hundred and seventieth year of the University, in San Francisco, California.

## UNIVERSITY-WIDE AWARDS

### Graduate Student Leadership Award

This award will be given to students who have 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 student is:

*Komal Kandwal*

## MCLAREN SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT AWARDS

### Dean's Medal of Excellence

The Dean's Medal of Excellence is awarded by the McLaren School of Management to the graduating senior who has best exemplified — through their academic accomplishments, extracurricular work, and personal life — the mission and values of the University of San Francisco. This honor is awarded to:

*Brady Calma*

### Dean's Service Award

The Dean's Service Award recognizes the achievements and contributions of an individual student who has demonstrated a dedicated commitment to the greater good, a reflection of the University's mission and values. The recipient of this award will have made a positive impact on the School of Management, the University of San Francisco, a local community or organization, or a national or global organization. In recognition of outstanding service, this award is presented to:

*Brady Calma*

## MCLAREN SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT HONOR SOCIETIES

### Beta Gamma Sigma (ΒΓΣ)

Beta Gamma Sigma is the international scholastic honor society in the field of Business Administration recognized by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB). To be eligible for Beta Gamma Sigma membership, an undergraduate student in the professional bachelor's degree program must rank in the top 10% of the senior class. The graduating members are:

*Brady Calma*

*Karla K. Ellis-Davis*

## MASAGUNG SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT GRADUATE STUDENT AWARDS

### Dean's Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging Award

The Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging (DEIB) Award recognizes an individual who has shown outstanding commitment to fostering an inclusive environment where everyone feels valued and respected. This award honors those who actively promote diversity, advocate for equity, and create spaces where all voices are heard and celebrated. The recipient of the DEIB Award leads by example, implementing initiatives that break down barriers, challenge biases, and build a culture of belonging. Their efforts contribute to a more just, inclusive, and supportive Masagung Graduate School of Management community for all.

*Elizabeth Anne Gonzalez*

### Dean's Excellence in Innovation Award

This award celebrates students who have demonstrated exceptional creativity, originality, and problem-solving skills. This award honors individuals who have developed innovative projects, ideas, or solutions that address real-world challenges, improving existing processes or introducing new perspectives in their field of study or community. Recipients of this award are forward-thinking leaders who push the boundaries of conventional thinking, inspire others with their visionary ideas, and make significant contributions to innovation and progress in their fields.

*Maureen Nyanudde  
Siva Srinivas*

### Dean's Medal of Excellence in Scholarship

An award is given to a graduating candidate of the Masagung Graduate School of Management, who exemplifies leadership through professional and academic development, aligning with USF's mission and values. All nominees must rank in the top 5% of their respective program to be eligible.

*Lauren Jones*

### Dean's Service Award

The Masagung Service Award recognizes students who have demonstrated outstanding commitment to service, leadership, and making a positive impact. This award honors individuals who have gone above and beyond to contribute to their community, school, or student organization through volunteer work, advocacy, or leadership initiatives. The recipients of this award embody the USF value of "people for others" with a mission to serve others with compassion, dedication, and a selfless desire to help others, serving as role models and inspiring their peers to engage in meaningful service and social responsibility.

*Robyn Elizabeth Carnie  
Ananya Avanthasa*

## MASAGUNG SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT HONOR SOCIETIES

### Beta Gamma Sigma International Honor Society (BΓΣ)

Beta Gamma Sigma is the national scholastic honor society in the field of Business Administration recognized by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB). To be eligible for Beta Gamma Sigma membership, a masters students whose academic rank is in the top 20% of their class may be inducted.

*Leonardo Armellini*

*Dee Bustos*

*Shayree Chakravarty*

*Tiffany Marie Chen*

*Calvin Bautista Demen*

*Elizabeth Anne Gonzalez*

*Lauren Jones*

*Michael V. Juan*

*Louise Zheng Li*

*Alex Richard Mauer*

*Afreen Sajid Munshi*

*Elena A. Nielsen*

*Ellie McKenna Novotny*

*Jennifer Emeri Girardi Ryan*

*Siva Srinivas*

*Anna Ling Yu VanDuzer*

*Ka Wai Wong*

*Logan Christopher Wroolie*

## UNIVERSITY-WIDE AWARDS

### 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.

*Gabby King, School of Law*

### 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 for extraordinary dedication to teaching and students, and for innovative and gifted approaches to teaching and the classroom at USF, are awarded to:

*Beth Packer, College of Arts and Sciences*  
*Karl Soehnlein, College of Arts and Sciences*  
*Zehlia Babaci-Wilhite, 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:

*Joyce P. Yang, College of Arts and Sciences*

### Distinguished Teaching Award

A purse and a plaque, awarded jointly by the USF Faculty Association and the University, to a full-time faculty member for extraordinary dedication to teaching and students, and for innovative and gifted approaches to teaching and the classroom, are awarded to:

*James Sikes, College of Arts and Sciences*

### 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 of San Francisco. 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.

*Laura Chyu, School of Nursing and Health Professions*

## UNIVERSITY-WIDE AWARDS

### Excellence in Academic Leadership Award

The Excellence in Academic Leadership award recognizes an individual who has demonstrated exceptional leadership and vision, particularly during times of uncertainty and transition. The awardee has gone beyond the traditional scope of their role, showing resilience, creativity, and a profound commitment to supporting the USF community. Through navigating challenges, advocating for innovation, and leading transformational change, this leader has made a lasting impact and inspired others through collaboration and leadership.

*Megan O'Banion, School of Nursing and Health Professions*

### Inclusive Excellence Award

Presented by the Office of ADEI to recognize a faculty member, librarian, or staff member who has made exceptional contributions to advancing access, fostering belonging, and promoting inclusion within the USF community.

*Genevieve Negron-Gonzales, School of Education*

### Ignatian Service Award

Ignatian Service Award recognizes an exceptional commitment to the service of students, the University, and the community at large, in light of the religious and moral legacy of St. Ignatius. The awardee shall be a full-time faculty member who has demonstrated an ongoing and creative commitment to the realization of this legacy through his/her actions and accomplishments.

*Timothy Godfrey, School of Nursing and Health Professions*

### Innovation in Global Initiative Award

Recognize a faculty, librarian, or staff member who demonstrates innovation in facilitating global educational opportunities, (study abroad, immersion programs, internships, research opportunities) or bringing global perspective to campus (incorporating global into courses, developing new global courses, or broadening access to global perspectives).

*Julianne Cartwright Traylor, School of Law*

### Innovation in Instruction Award

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

*Sara Marinelli, College of Arts and Sciences*

## UNIVERSITY-WIDE AWARDS

### 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.

*Liat Berdugo, College of Arts and Sciences*  
*Megan Hutchinson, School of Law*

### Mentor of the Year Award

The Mentor of the Year Award was created by the Provost Council in order to recognize a faculty member or a staff person who furthers the Vision, Mission and Values of the University through their demonstrated commitment to and excellence in advising and mentoring our graduate and undergraduate students. The award recognizes individuals who help our students (1) identify their academic goals; (2) establish relationships between their curricular and co-curricular activities; (3) develop the expertise, skills and values that support academic and personal achievement; and, (4) discern how their USF experience will assist them in forming a more humane and just world, and is awarded to:

*Khulan Zagd, Learning Center, Office of Student Life*

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

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.

*Louise Goupil, College of Arts and Sciences*  
*Joshua Gamson, 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 volunteered to organize workshops, performances, lectures, or other opportunities for students at USF — beyond the responsibilities of their teaching position, are awarded to:

*Kimberly Carfore, 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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