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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.
165th Annual Commencement Exercises

UNIVERSITY OF SAN FRANCISCO
COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES
GRADUATE PROGRAMS

MAY 18, 2024, 3:00 PM

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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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 Student Speaker
The Deans of the College
The University Leadership Team
The Members of the University Board of Trustees
The Honorary Degree Recipient and Commencement Speaker
The President of the University

Invocation
Angélica Nohemi Quiñónez
Director of University Ministry

Official Opening of the Ceremony
Member, Board of Trustees

Student Address
Amanda Lillian Clausen
Candidate, Master of Fine Arts in Writing

Presentation of the Honorary Degree
Jeffrey Paris
Acting Dean of the College
Recipient:
Sr. Simone Campbell, SSS
Leader, Nuns on the Bus

Commencement Address
Sr. Simone Campbell, SSS

National Anthem
Ashley Akemi Chew
Candidate, Professional Science Masters in Biotechnology
Presentation of Candidates for Graduate Degrees

Jeffrey Paris
Acting Dean of the College

and

Stephanie Siehr
Professor and Director of MS in Environmental Management

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
2024 Arts and Sciences Candidates

GRADUATE DEGREES
MASTER OF ARTS

Asia Pacific Studies
Alesha Noelle Byrne
Evan Matthew Ti Ng Chan
Andrew Scott Esterline
Bobby Yong-Joo Im
Charles Augustus Marcum III
Lorna Marie Probasco
Matthew Gamble See
Nutmicha Teekatanasuk
Katrina Nellisa Twila Tu’akoi
Antonia Marissa Urovsy
Ningjing Xin

International Studies
Olivia Alexandre
Malou Lena Julia Desplenter
Vanessa Flores
Olivia Clopton Foster
Christin Huntsman
Jiayi Lyu
Brandy Nicole Mathews
Merhawit Mehzun
Victoria Mouraux Durand-Ruel
Lalini Shanela Ranaraja
Leah Yared

Migration Studies
Fereshteh Abedi
Olusola Akanni
Duun Marie Cocozza O’Hara
Braulio Garcia
Sequoyah Shirley Vasquez Hilton
Tay Kathleen Villaseñor Ingersoll
Aileeene Lizeth Maldonado
Leticia Morales
Raul Eliezer Rodriguez Gaytan
Angelica Soria
Nomathemba Tshuma

Professional Communication
Ibrahim Olamilekan Alamu
Laura Maria Avilez Escudero
Yogesh Raj Bhattarai
Deborah Rae Chase
Alexia Estrada
Kearee Mariah Frank
Hayley Alicia Mason
Kennedy Camille Muckelroy
Mariam Neparidze
Karolina Nova
Ololo Jesuobuseme Olorife
Nurperi Ezgi Özkən
Jenel Mia Phillips
Katherine Marie Ramirez
Nyah Rae Castro Scott
Anamaria Tepordei
Min Oo Thant
Derrico Mickal Thomas
Ethan Vuong Tran
Yinlingyan Wang
Alyssa Mailani Yee

Public Leadership
Melanie Heathfield Binversie
Michael Bollinger
Derick E. Brown
Amanda Curtis Mattingly
Melissa Kay Nauss
Alexander Richard Othmer
Aaron Riojas
Margaret Mae Seymour
Donald LaPatrick Sparks
Zaniel Terrill-Maurice Young
GRADUATE DEGREES
MASTER OF ARTS

Sport Management
Eliza Ansilbek
Hassan Omar Elliott-Diab
Talya Mercedes Franco
Max Harmannus Josephus Hamelink
Gabriel Kaplan-Rahimzadeh
Miguel Angel Mendez

Urban and Public Affairs
Cristopher Patrick Acosta
Ella Anne De Lancie
Matthew Robert Francis Fitzgerald
Asuzena Flores
Betsy K. Jacobo
Reanne Marie Lacosta
Claire Elyse Morgan
Jade Isra Siphomsay
Alyssa Lauren Springer

MASTER OF FINE ARTS

Studio Art
Yunseok Song

Writing
Keana Malia Aiuto
Olivia Rose Berriz
Harleen Kaur Bola
Joy Yvonne Cancryn
Connie Wei Chen
Amanda Lillian Clausen
Sarah Elizabeth Cronin
Lilia Maldonado Farrell
Robin Jane Foster
Kaitlyn Karen Marie Gleeson
Kristin Grace Jensen
Erik Daniel Johnson
Jason Michael Kaus
Rosa Linda King
Francis Edward Lowe
Danica Leigh F. Nacionales
Sonya Rose Pendrey
Sasha Kalyana-Mitra Marie Rene
Erin Nicole Rex
Virginia Rider
Krystian Robert Wolfgang Sverko Schwarz
Katie Lynn Scott
Eden Julia Bernal Sugay
Lucy Ijams Weltner
Katelynn Marie Williams
GRADUATE DEGREES
MASTER OF SCIENCE

Applied Economics
Ann Jillian Villanueva Adona
Aysen Akpinar
Yan Naing Aung
Ken Aviananda
Pooja Arjun Bhadra
Neeraj Chand
Patrick Cardenas Conroy
Sankung Fatty
Shiv Gargé
Shubham Manoj Ghag
Jasper Hua
Jobin Bobby Mammen
Nathalie Millimo Nyanga
Chaitanya Pasupala
Bhavesh Ram
Julia Kirsten Richards
Olayemi Hafeez Rufai
Lucie Schulz
Haining Yuan
Yang Zhang
Jingwen Zhu

Computer Science
Seyedeh Parisa Abbasi
James Adrian Ambat
Arash Richie Ansari
Vinay Haresh Bojja
Ellen Robin Chan
Khushal Chekuri
Jingke Chen
Kenny Dong
Leonardo Enrico Framba
Akanksha Gupta
Colin David Inns
Tanya Jain
Jayanarayanan Jayaganes
Soham Chandrashekhar Kalse
Nataliya Nishikant Karmarkar
Gandhar Abhay Kulkarni
Aditya Varma Kunatharaju
Xipu Li
Bing Liang
Ashutosh Malla
Yifan Meng
Pedro Jairo Nogueira Pinheiro Neto
Travis Oleson
Chufeng Qiao
Ashley Emma Radford
Bharath Radhakrishnan
Rishab Sanyal
Gizem Hazal Senturk
Yordanos Berhanu Solomon
Cem Tuncelli
Xiuhui Wang
Maxwell Alexander Weidmer
Shumin Zhang
Yangxiaoge Zhang
YaoMin Zhang

Biology
Nicholas Christopher DeVito
Adelaide Elise Ergastolo
Adriana Nicole Rafael

Chemistry
Edward Jack Arthur Buck
Yilan Lori Chen
Keana Rochelle Davis
Clifford Leung
Ryan Nicholas Luu
GRADUATE DEGREES
MASTER OF SCIENCE

Data Science

Maricela Yecenia Abarca
Shreyas Anil
Solomon Asiedu-Ofei Jnr
Sai Pranavi Avadhanam
Lisset Ireri Avila Ruiz
Nrusimha Kartikeya Ayyalasomayajula
John Bailey
Vidith Balasa
Ibrahim Eren Bardak
Ryan Bernstein
Vineeth Guptha Bodla
Jessica Brungard
Samuel Thomas Campione
Tri Cao
Yihan Cao
Jeffrey Chen
Zhiyuan Chen
Amy Cho
Jaywook Chung
Sung Hyun Chung
Sai Raghu Teja Davuluri
Rithvik Krishna Donnipadu
Ian Nicholas Robert Duke
Princewill Chinemerem Egbugor
Bassim Faizal Eledath
Abhijeeth Erra
Yen-Hsin Fang
Daniel Matias Gonzalez
Gaurav Goyal
Caleb William Hamblen
Inseong Han
Sangjun Han
Shrey Jain
Yazhu Jiang
Shagun Kala
Indar Kumar
Nithin A. Kumar
Yan Ho Lam
Thanh Dung Zoe Le
Yepeng Li

Param Sunil Mehta
Nicholas Ryan Miller
Aryan Angel Mistry
Varsha Moturi
Ranjeet Shailendra Nagarkar
Aditya Vijay Nair
Manas Sarang Nambiar
Kabir Nawani
Christopher Yoshikazu Nishimura
Belinda Ong
Jiaxuan Ouyang
Mikkel Ovesen
Ting Pan
Dawei Pang
Rashmi Panse
Yen Thi Kim Phan
Krit Poshakrishna
Sai Vamsi Pujari
David Ramirez Escalante
Cassandra Jane Richter
Fred Serfati
Sonal Shad
Eric Shen
Yaxuan Shen
Maxim Sivolella
Ronel Samuel Solomon
Bhumika Srinivas
Ho Nam Tong
Liang Tong
Yi-Fang Tsai
Evan Jacob Turkon
Kejia Wang
Seneth Waterman
Kefeng Xiao
Justin X. Yang
Tianyunxi Yin
Laila Zaidi
Obtin Zandian
Tian Jiao Zhou
2024 Arts and Sciences Candidates

GRADUATE DEGREES
MASTER OF SCIENCE

Energy Systems Management
Shaikh Khalifa H. Al-Maktoum
Hudaverdi Aygor
Valeria Bernal Malek
Kaitlynn Alexandria Cortez
Scott Christopher Thad Gambrill
Thomas George
Sebastian Leal
Juan Ignacio Miranda
Leila Khaled Paulino Merino
Finn Michael Semling
Dennis Jiangnan Wei

Environmental Management
Matthew Roland Agustin
Mousume Azad
Jeffrey Roeder Beaudoin
Elizavyeta Dmitrieva
Wyatt Preston Farino
Maria-Cristina Kealey
Alessandra Guadalupe Navas
Valere Daphne Ossie
Kenneth Rangel
Nicholas Alexander Rowlands
Skyler Marie Seamons
Elizabeth Anne Sekelsky
Michaela Cathryn Sena
Elizabeth Irene Tautges
Callie Sierra Totaro
Cheri Tsoi Yu Tse
Cristina Vance

International and Development Economics
Ester Agasha
Lucas Fortier Borden
Veronika Divis
Bryce Conner Everett
Andrew Hall
Jackson Kadyampakeni
Antonio Sebastian Pagano
Khushboo Patel
Natalya Francis Schafer
Akash N. Shaji
Prakriti Shakya
Antonia Michele Sottile
Martine Hind Stølan
Nikita Tkachenko
Stanley Yip
Wenwen Zhang
Yuchen Zhu
GRADUATE DEGREES
MASTER OF SCIENCE

Sport Management

Musa Abdi  Brendan Kiley Larson
Ricardo Daniel Aguilera  Gabriela Lopez
Yasmine Alameddine  Meleina Juliette McCann
Marissa Ann Alvarez  Damien Christopher Meza
Blake Christopher Atkins  Vanessa Murillo Landeros
Desi J. Battad  Wyatt Curtis Nye
Stephen Patrick Brosseau  Cordelia Grace Olson
Ivan Calderon  Diego Osorio
Danville Dominguez Camegla  Ayaka Otsuka
Dominique Isabella Centeno  Francisco Javier Padilla Sanchez
Leslie Colon  Isaac Parker-Sleator
Jayla Ranae Cooper  Dhashnie Pillay
Andrea Dorantes Montes  Padmanabh S. Puranik
Dominique Bautista Dungo  Abigail Lynn Rathbun
Agustí Fresquet Beltrán  Mario Ramos Rodriguez
Josselyn Garcia  Timothy Paul Ross
William Pierre Golden  Karanjeet Singh Saluja
Elizabeth Gomez  Aidan Patrick Schraeder
Christian Tyler Gonzalez  Alexander Tomas Segovia
Kushagra Goyal  Edward Robert Silva III
Chunxi Guo  Shaelynne Marie Smith
James Wilson Hurrell  Darrius Jerron Spears, Sr.
Linda Hurshman  Mia Jean Tolliver
Cristalle Fay Irons  Aditya V. N. Vadlamudi
Woohyuk Jang  Chonglin Xiao
Yundian Jing  Andres Zamorano
2024 Arts and Sciences Candidates

GRADUATE DEGREES
PROFESSIONAL SCIENCE MASTERS

Biotechnology
Perla Joseph Abi Kheirs
Opeoluwa Emmanuel Abiona
Forum Kalpesh Bhansali
Kriti Bhardwaj
Utsav G. Bhavsar
Ashley Akemi Chew
Melita Haryono
Navjeet Kaur
Devi Supriya Korumilli
Dauson Rohn Larrabee

Chinh Quang Trung Nguyen
Neetika Patel
Mia Marie Pensa
Gustavo Adolfo Pineda
Devyani Pradhan
Aariya Shrimanker
Sukhdeep Singh
Kia Anita Vaalavirta
Kylie Michiko Watanabe
Sara Yan
SR. SIMONE CAMPBELL, SSS
LEADER, NUNS ON THE BUS

Woman of faith rooted in a spirituality of compassion, action, and service.
Courageous Catholic sister who leads with conviction in response to the demands of the Gospel.
Powerful voice for social programs and policies that sustain tolerance, equality, and justice for the most vulnerable. Tireless activist for others.

Sister Simone Campbell has been an unrelenting force for fairness, justice, and equity, serving society’s most disenfranchised for nearly six decades. Her activism embodies Pope Francis’ exhortation to “ground our policies in the experience of those at the margins of society.” She is a nationally recognized faith leader, results-oriented attorney, and effective lobbyist who influences public discourse on immigration, social justice, and health care. As executive director of NETWORK until 2021, she led the nonprofit Catholic social justice lobby for nearly two decades in its mission to weave together the federal advocacy work of Catholic sisters in the U.S. She has trained the high beams on issues that would help “mend the gaps” in income and wealth in the U.S., specifically on how those variables disproportionately affect people of color and women.

Sr. Simone, who joined the Sisters of Social Service in 1964, had a rich history of social activism before she became a national celebrity in 2010 following the publication of the “Nuns’ Letter,” which she wrote in support of the Affordable Care Act. Fifty-nine organizations, including the Leadership Conference of Women Religious, signed on, drawing widespread media attention and prompting a controversy that resulted in a Vatican investigation. She was thanked by President Obama and attended the ceremony celebrating the Affordable Care Act being signed into law. The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, which had come out in opposition to the bill two days before the coalition of nuns released their letter of support, chastised her.

In 2012, the Vatican issued a reprimand to the Leadership Conference of Women Religious, while singling out NETWORK as “promoting radical feminist themes incompatible with the Catholic faith.” Stunned, Sr. Simone’s first thought was, “Social justice is what Catholic sisters do.” She decided to go ahead with the initiative she was instrumental in organizing. The Nuns on the Bus tour was a two-week, nine-state, 2,700-mile trip to rally support against Congressman Paul Ryan’s budget plan that would decimate vital social programs for people in need. The tour received an avalanche of attention. She has led six additional trips focused on pressing issues, including tax justice, healthcare, and immigration reform. In advance of the 2020 election, she led the first virtual Nuns on the Bus tour, including 63 virtual events.

Prior to leading NETWORK, Sr. Simone was executive director of JERICHO, the California interfaith public policy organization that works to protect the interests of people living in poverty. In 1995, she was named general director of her order, Sisters of Social Service. She had immersed herself in social work after joining the order in 1964. She knew she needed a law degree to help people who could not afford an attorney. After taking final vows, she enrolled in the UC Davis School of Law. She graduated in 1977, passed the California Bar Exam, and opened the Community Law Center in Oakland. She led the center for nearly 20 years, assisting the working poor.

Sr. Simone takes action in the spirit of this University’s mission to promote faith that does justice. Catholic social thought explicitly informs her advocacy for just economic policies that lift people out of poverty, immigration reform that recognizes human rights, and structures of solidarity that form the foundation of a peaceful society. A Southern California native, she attended Catholic schools before entering the Sisters of Social Service order the year after graduating from high school. Her life has been one of forward motion and service for the often unheard and unseen people trying to survive at society’s margins.

Sr. Simone received a 2022 National Medal of Freedom from President Biden, who called her “the embodiment of a covenant of trust, hope, and progress of a nation,” the UC Davis School of Law 2019 Distinguished Alumna Award, a 2013 Franklin D. Roosevelt Four Freedoms Award, and the 2012 Defender of Democracy Award from the Parliamentarians for Global Action. Sr. Simone often appears in the media, is an in-demand speaker, and authored two books, *Hunger for Hope* and *A Nun on the Bus*.

That all may know of our great esteem for her courageous advocacy for the rights of the marginalized, vulnerable, and voiceless, we therefore, confer upon Sr. Simone Campbell, SSS, the degree of Doctor of Humane letters, *honoris causa*, with all the rights and privileges pertaining thereunto, given this 18th day of May, in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-four, and of the University, the hundred and sixty-ninth, 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:

Damien Christopher Meza

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. This year’s student is:

Eden Julia Bernal Sugay
COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES AWARDS

Jacques R. Artus Award
A certificate and an inscription on the award plaque, given by the faculty of the Department of Economics, in recognition of the most outstanding graduate student in the Master of Science in International & Development Economics program, are awarded to:

Lucas Fortier Borden

Master of Arts in Applied Economics Outstanding Graduate Student Award
A certificate and an inscription on the award plaque, given by the faculty of the Department of Applied Economics, in recognition of the most outstanding graduate student in the Master of Science in Applied Economics program, are awarded to:

Chaitanya Pasupala
Lucie Schulz

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:

Ellen Robin Chan
Khushal Chekuri
Kenny Dong
Akanksha Gupta
Bing Liang
Pedro Jairo Nogueira Pinheiro Neto
Ashley Emma Radford
Xihuui Wang
YaoMin Zhang

MAIS Award for Best Overall Capstone
This award, in recognition of the capstone project which is well researched and well written on an important and timely topic in International Studies, and which best embodies the overall focus and mission of the International Studies department and the MAIS program, is awarded to:

Malou Lena Julia Desplenter

MSEM Award for Academic Excellence
A plaque presented to an exceptional graduate in Environmental Management, based on academic achievements, contribution to courses, and contribution to the MSEM program as a whole, is awarded to:

Kenneth Rangel
Nicholas Alexander Rowlands

The Joseph Petulla Award for the Outstanding Environmental Management Graduate Student
A plaque presented to the outstanding graduate in Environmental Management, based on academic achievement and outstanding performance in the MSEM program. This plaque, named in memory of former MSEM director, Joe Petulla, who started the program at USF in the 1970’s and coordinated the program for over 15 years, is awarded to:

Elizabeth Anne Sekelsky

Graduate Speaker Finalists
Ololo Jesuobuseme Olorife
Alyssa Mailani Yee
ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

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. Graduating students are:

Chaitanya Pasupala
Olusola Akanni
Lalini Shanela Ranaraja
Virginia Rider
UNIVERSITY-WIDE AWARDS

Academic Innovation Award
The Academic Innovation Award was created by the Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs in order to recognize and celebrate one or more faculty, librarians and/or staff who have discovered and implemented innovative ways of serving students, and/or advancing a more just, humane and sustainable world. Eligible projects may include academic and co-curricular programs, administrative systems, new technologies, start ups and research discoveries.

Claire Sharifi, Gleeson Library

Collaborative Leadership and Commitment to Shared Governance Award
The Collaborative Leadership and Commitment to Shared Governance award recognizes and honors the work of a USF faculty, librarian, or staff member who has modeled collaborative leadership, built trust and mutual understanding, and made exceptional contributions to enhancing shared governance within the USF community.

Lori Prince, Student Financial Services, Strategic Enrollment Management

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.

David Silver, College of Arts and Sciences

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:

Gaëlle Corvaisier, College of Arts and Sciences
Peter Kline, College of Arts and Sciences
Alyssa Lund, School of Education
Nathaniel Stevens, College of Arts and Sciences
UNIVERSITY-WIDE AWARDS

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:

Aparna Venkatesan, 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:

Stephen Kraus, School of Management

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Leadership Award
The Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Leadership Award is awarded to a faculty, librarian, or staff member who conveys through their teaching and example the equitable and inclusive values identified in the University’s founding principles and mission. The University Community, in grateful recognition of teaching and service to students, awards the Diversity and Inclusion Leadership Award to:

Nour Al-muhtasib, 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.

Amy Flynn, School of Law

Global Justice Award
The Global Justice Award recognizes a faculty, librarian, or staff member who furthers social justice in a global context, including advancing ADEI work in communities around the world or in an intercultural space on-campus, global work on sustainability and environmental justice, and work with partners and communities in the Global South that amplifies their voices.

Kevin Lo, School of Management
UNIVERSITY-WIDE AWARDS

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.

Angelika Williams, Student Financial Services, Strategic Enrollment Management

Innovation in Global Education Award

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

Lindsay Harris, School of Law

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.

Nicole Phillips, School of Law
Sedique Popal, School of Education
John Shafer, 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:

Patricia Busk, School of Education

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.

Carolina Echeverria and SONHP team, School of Nursing and Health Professions
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Sarlo Prize for Excellence in Teaching

The Sarlo Prize recognizes excellence in teaching based upon the moral values that lie at the foundation of USF’s identity. The awardee shall be a proven, effective full-time faculty member who through his/her teaching exemplifies the ethical principles that inform the University’s vision, mission, and values.

*David Philoxene, School of Education*

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:

*Susan Stryker, School of Management*
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.