



UNIVERSITY OF SAN FRANCISCO

COMMENCEMENT

School of Law
May 17, 2025 ♦ 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

SCHOOL OF LAW

MAY 17, 2025, 3:00 PM

Today, the University welcomes you — the graduates and candidates of the classes 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.

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 University Commencement Marshals
The Class of 2025
The Faculty of the School of Law
Members of the Law Society Board
of Governors
Members of the Law Society Board
of Counselors
The Student Speaker
The Dean of the School of Law
The University Leadership Team
The Members of the University Board
of Trustees
The Commencement Speaker
The Interim President of the University

Prelude Processional

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

Opening of Ceremonies

Rebecca Hong

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

National Anthem

Ramya Sinha

Candidate, Degree of Juris Doctor

Invocation

Rev. Dónal Godfrey, S.J.

University Chaplain

Official Opening of the Ceremony

Member, Board of Trustees

Masters of Ceremony

Rebecca Hong

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

and

Amy Flynn '04

*Associate Dean for Academic Affairs,
Professor and Director, Keta Taylor Colby
Death Penalty Project*

Remarks from the Dean

Johanna Kalb

Dean and Professor of Law

Remarks on Behalf of the Class of 2025

Lindsey Sarah Hom

Candidate, Degree of Juris Doctor

Commencement Address

Hon. Benjamin T. Reyes II

*Judge of the Superior Court
State of California, Contra Costa County*

Presentation of Degrees and Conferral

Johanna Kalb

Dean and Professor of Law

and

Julie Nice

Herbst Foundation Professor of Law

and

Lindsay Harris

*Professor, Director, International Human Rights Clinic
and Academic Director, International Programs*

Salutation to the Graduates

Rev. John P. Fitzgibbons, S.J.

Interim President and Chief Mission Officer

Benediction

Rev. Dónal Godfrey, S.J.

University Chaplain

Recessional

"Crown Imperial" by Sir William Walton

DEGREE OF JURIS DOCTOR

Yasmeen Abushahla

B.A., University of San Diego

Dominic Aguirre

B.A., University of California, Santa Barbara

Chika Amene

B.A., University of Michigan

Harris Amir ★

B.A., University of Toronto, Canada

Clowie Cheska Reyes Ang

B.A., University of San Francisco

Melat Taddesse Asefa

B.A., University of Georgia

Yosha Auch-Kness ❖

B.A., University of San Francisco

Sadie Baird

B.A. University of British Columbia, Canada

Tia Francesca Bentivegna

B.S., California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo

Brad Bergman

B.A., San Francisco State University

Dalia Blevins

B.A., University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

David Bodek

B.A., San Francisco State University

John-Mark Brenda

B.A., University of California, Los Angeles

Mikey Brust

B.A., University of California, Berkeley

Nathan Candler

B.S., Sonoma State University

Camila Carrera

B.A., George Washington University

Aleena Cesena ❖

B.A., University of San Francisco

Edith Chaires

B.A., University of California, Davis

Elise Chu

B.S., University of California, Davis

Tiffany Chu

B.A., University of California, Berkeley

Ange Cicin-Sain

B.S. Michigan State University

Madeline Coke

B.A., University of Washington

Nytina Cooks

B.A., San Francisco State University

Caitlin Rose Crable

B.S. Pennsylvania State University

Noemi Ines Crisanto

B.A. University of San Francisco

Kirk Crump Jr. ★

B.A. University of California, Davis

Payton Davenport

B.A., Villanova University

Abigail de Vries

M.S., Grand Canyon University

B.S., Arizona State University

B.A., Arizona State University

Clare Antonia Deck

B.A., Fordham University

Zac D'Esposito

B.A., Santa Clara University

Nanaki Dhesi

B.A., University of British Columbia, Canada

Blake Engleman

B.S., University of Oregon

Ally Farley

M.S., Central Washington University

B.A., Sonoma State University

DEGREE OF JURIS DOCTOR

Anissa Figaro

B.A., Saint Xavier University

Nathan Gandrud

MLA, University of Minnesota

B.A. Bard College

Katrina Lee Garry ★

M.S.Ed., University of Pennsylvania

B.A., Yale University

Sam Gearing

B.A., University of Toronto, Canada

Molly Jean Giguere

B.A., George Washington University

Abhi Gill

B.A., Simon Fraser University, Canada

Elise Gorberg

B.S., Boston University

Raine Gordon

B.A., California State University, Sacramento

Kyle Greenway

B.A., University of Miami

Gabriela Gutierrez-Bravo

B.A., University of San Francisco

Erik Gyving

B.S., University of Maryland Global Campus

Cathy Jimenez-Hernandez

M.S., Purdue University Global

B.S., University of California, San Diego

Jaime Hernandez

B.A., University of California, Los Angeles

Juancarlos Hernandez

B.A., University of California, Berkeley

Lindsey Sarah Hom

B.A., University of California, Los Angeles

Gabriela Belen Huerta

B.A., California State University, East Bay

B.S., California State University, East Bay

Eva Huffman-Jarbo

M.Ed., Reach University

M.Ed., Chaminade University

B.A., Smith College

Amy Hung ❖

M.S., DePaul University

B.S., Northwestern University

Lawrence Hunton

B.A., University of Colorado, Boulder

Tayla Marie Irby

B.A., Azusa Pacific University

Brooke Katz

M.S., Arizona State University

B.A., Arizona State University

Shahe Kazazian

B.A., University of California, Irvine

Lauren Kilger

B.A., San Diego State University

Nicholas Kirst

B.A., University of Colorado, Denver

Brian Christopher Kragh

*B.A., California Polytechnic State University,
San Luis Obispo*

Tiffany Kumar

B.A., University of San Francisco

Shannon Eva Labuschagne

B.A., Griffith University, Australia

Rin Hoang Cong Le

B.A., University of California, Berkeley

Domenic Lewis

B.A., University of Nevada, Reno

Annie Llombart Portabella

B.A., University of California, Santa Cruz

Allison Andrea Lovo

B.A., University of California, Irvine

DEGREE OF JURIS DOCTOR

Bailee Danielle Magee
M.S., University of Oregon
B.A., University of Oregon

Aram Manoukian
B.A., University of California, Los Angeles

Keaton Maring
B.A., State University of New York, Oswego

Jubilee (Emelia) Martinez Brumbaugh
B.A., Hampshire College

Joel T. McNamara
B.S., Virginia Commonwealth University

Maya Alisa Mercado
B.A., University of San Francisco

Christopher Molokwu
B.A., Wright State University

Fiona Morford
B.S., Oklahoma State University

Derick Morgan
B.S., Florida Atlantic University

Moneer Mujaddidi
B.A., University of California, Santa Barbara

Sabrina Murugesu
B.A., University of California, Santa Cruz

Talia Sonia Nascimento
B.A., Pepperdine University

John Nelson
B.A., University of Arizona

Jacqueline Nemanich
BBA, University of Georgia

Christina Nieves
B.S., San Jose State University

Isabella Niven
B.A., University of California, Santa Barbara

Uche Nwokike
B.A., Loyola Marymount University

Andrés O’Sullivan-Comparán
B.A., Brown University

Emmanuel Azuka Afamefune Okwuone
B.A., University of Tulsa

Fabiola Pardo Garcia
B.A., University of California, Berkeley

Fatima Ramos
B.A., University of California, Davis

Raniele Reyes
B.S., University of Hawaii, Manoa

GeorgiAnn Roll
B.A., Elon University

David Ruize
B.A., Portland State University

Samara Ray Salaheddine
B.S., University of California, San Diego

Brandon Sample
B.A., California State University, Monterey Bay

Shari Sanders
Ph.D. University of California, Santa Barbara
M.A., University of California, Santa Barbara
B.A., University of Nevada, Reno

Akayla Sellers
B.S., College of Charleston

Ramya Sinha
B.S., Chapman University

Kad Anthony Smith
B.A., University of San Francisco

Alex Smock
B.A., University of Florida

Veronica Molly Yun Stanneck
B.A., University of California, Santa Cruz

Samantha Sukhram
MPP, California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo
B.A., University of California, Los Angeles

DEGREE OF JURIS DOCTOR

Megan Anne Tas
MBA, Adams State University
B.A., University of California, Los Angeles

Ryan Terry
B.A., University of California, Berkeley

Abigail Tesfaye
BHSc, University of Western Ontario, Canada

Alyssa Renee Tilley
B.A., University of California, Davis

Grace Mary Katherine Tillman
B.A., University of California, Los Angeles

Patricia Terumi Tomita
B.A., San Francisco State University
B.A., San Francisco State University

Rosavida Viri-Cruz
M.A., San Francisco State University
B.S., San Francisco State University

Liam Vlaming
B.S., University of Oregon

Jessica Vlies
B.A., Marquette University

Maya Wain Hirschberg
B.A., University of Oregon

Grace Claire Suzanne Wainscoat
B.S., University of California, Berkeley

Matthew Wells
B.A., San Francisco State University

Davis White
B.A., University of California, Davis

Alex Wilhite
B.A., University of California, Santa Cruz

Nick Wills
B.A., San Jose State University

Adrian Mar Wong
B.S., University of California, Riverside

Aneka Yee
B.S., University of California, Davis

Yiu Kuk Yu (Ingrid)
M.S., Chinese University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong
BBA, Hong Kong Baptist University, Hong Kong

Matthew Zampa
B.S., Northwestern University

The following students are Juris Doctor candidates at Golden Gate University School of Law. They have attended the University of San Francisco School of Law during the 2024-2025 academic year and are celebrating with us today.

Jason Bromley
Jazmine Daniels
Brianna Jackson
Evan M. Lurie
Enrique Ramirez
Jessica Rosalia Reardon

Sarah Rice
David Ramirez Rios
Ariana Lizette Salcedo
Olivia Scott
Brandon Turner
Ashley Gabrielle G. Valera

MASTER OF LEGAL STUDIES IN TAXATION

Maria Helene Aastroem

B.Sc., Lund University, Sweden

Diana Abyad ❖

B.S., Chapman University

Francisco Aguilar ❖

B.A., University of California, Santa Cruz

Kwame Amporful ❖

MBA, University of Bangor, Wales, UK

ACCA, Chartered Institute of Bankers, Scotland, UK

Arianna Bilotta ♦

B.S., University of Massachusetts, Boston

Celal Celik ❖

Ph.D., Marmara University, Turkey

M.S., Boston University, Metropolitan College

B.A., Ankara University, Turkey

Esther Chang

B.A., Pepperdine University

Sylvester Daniel Utere ❖

B.Sc., Lagos State University, Nigeria

Richmond Danso ❖

B.S., University of Professional Studies, Accra, Ghana

Chinedu Nnaemeka Ezomike ❖

B.Eng., University of Nigeria, Nsukka, Nigeria

Jaiden Raelynn Feist

B.S., Montana State University

Brianna Grant

*B.S., California Polytechnic State University,
San Luis Obispo*

Jon Hall

B.S., University of Southern California

Joseph Hall

B.S., Los Angeles Film School

Dayton Hendricks ♦

B.S., Brigham Young University, Idaho

Leila Hunter ★

B.S., California State University, Long Beach

Olivia Kapsambelis ❖

B.S., Bentley University

Kristie Kusumoto

B.S., Pepperdine University

Pauline Bianca Lagarde ♦

B.A., University of California, Irvine

Lana Lovell ♦

MPA, University of Texas, Austin

*B.A., Saint-Petersburg State University of Economics,
Russia*

Andy Morris ♦

MBA, University of Southern California

B.A., University of California, Berkeley

Salim Ahmed Nsiah

B.A., University of Ghana, Ghana

Stephen Otu-Amoah

B.A., University of Ghana, Ghana

Shantel Marlana Kailani ❖

B.A., Seattle University

Taylor Renee Robinson

B.A., American University

Bo Romans ❖

B.A., University of California, Berkeley

James Evan Frederick Segovia ❖

B.A., California State University, Fullerton

Skylar Stevens ❖

B.A., Abilene Christian University

Savneet Talwar ★

PGD, Osmania University, India

B.Com, Osmania University, India

Yaqiong Wang

B.A., University of California, Berkeley

DEGREE OF MASTER OF LAWS

Intellectual Property and Technology Law

Binbin Du

M.A., Beihang University, China

B.A., Beihang University, China

Bouchra El Charabaty

M.A., Universite La Sagesse, Lebanon

LL.B., Universite La Sagesse, Lebanon

Goodness Eberechukwu Obiorah

LL.M., Middlesex University, UK

LL.B., University of Surrey, UK

B.A., Covenant University, Nigeria

International Transactions and Comparative Law

Maria Teresa Carta ★

*LL.M., Erasmus Universiteit of Rotterdam,
Netherlands*

*Laurea Magistrale, Università Degli Studi di
Cagliari, Italy*

Masi Hasheminia

B.A., Qom University, Iran

Jakub Jandík

Mgr., Charles University in Prague, Czechia

Sasha Knopova

M.A., Università Degli Studi Roma Tre, Italy

LL.M., Pan-European University, Slovakia

LL.B., Pan-European University, Slovakia

Jessica Paola Peñuela Basto ❖

*M.A., Universidad Autonoma de Bucaramanga,
Colombia*

*J.D., Universidad Militar Nueva Granada,
Colombia*

Tianpei Zhu

LL.M., York University, Canada

B.A., Fuzhou University, China

Grecia Jimena Zorrilla Garay

J.D., Pontifica Universidad Catolica del Peru, Peru

DEGREE OF MASTER OF LAWS

Taxation

Azm Ali

M.A., University of the Punjab, Lahore, Pakistan

LL.B., University of the Punjab, Lahore, Pakistan

Hannah Candia

J.D., Seattle University

Sarah Hsiao-Han Chen

LL.B., National Taiwan University, Taiwan

Stephanie Mei Lynn Don ★

*J.D., University of California College of the Law,
San Francisco*

B.S., University of California, Davis

Anthony J. Gemmato, Jr. ❖

J.D., Case Western Reserve University

B.A., Kent State University

Anastasia R. Gomez

*J.D., University of California College of the Law,
San Francisco*

B.A., Fordham University

Phiona Ishimwe ❖

LL.B., University of Rwanda, Rwanda

Giorgi Khanjaliashvili ❖

LL.M., Free University of Tbilisi, Georgia

LL.B., Tbilisi State University, Georgia

Brandon Ping Yi Liu ❖

LL.M., National Taipei University, Taiwan

LL.B., National Taipei University, Taiwan

Nate Mallory ❖

J.D., Texas A&M University

Ishmael Philip Mammie ❖

LL.B., University of Sierra Leone,

Fourah Bay College, Sierra Leone

Aigest Milo ❖

M.A., Université Paris Ouest Nanterre

La Défense, France

Victor Mungary

*J.D., University of California College of the Law,
San Francisco*

Lilly Pan

J.D., University of San Francisco

B.A., University of California, Berkeley

Vanessa Zurita Rufer

*J.D., University of California College of the Law,
San Francisco*

B.A., University of California, San Diego

Amy H. Ruggles ♦

J.D., University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law

B.A., Loyola Marymount University

Claire Sullivan

J.D., University of San Francisco

B.A., University of Southern California

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.

HON. BENJAMIN T. REYES II
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
STATE OF CALIFORNIA, CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

The Honorable Benjamin T. Reyes II '92, California Superior Court judge of Contra Costa County and volunteer instructor at the University of San Francisco School of Law, has been a dedicated USF Law alumnus for more than 30 years, returning to the law school multiple times a year to judge the USF Law Advanced Moot Court Program and to volunteer for the Intensive Advocacy Program. In 2017, he was appointed by Governor Jerry Brown to serve as the first Filipino American judge on the Contra Costa bench and became only the second Filipino American judge to sit on the bench of one of the nine Bay Area counties.

Judge Reyes graduated from UC Berkeley before joining the Class of 1992 at USF Law, where he served as the president of the Asian Pacific American Law Students Association. After passing the bar, he started his career as a litigation associate at Boornazian, Jensen & Garthe, where he practiced from 1993 to 1997, primarily defending public agencies. He then worked as a deputy city attorney for the City of San Jose. Judge Reyes spent most of his 24 years as a practicing attorney managing a public agency practice. He was an equity principal at the boutique public agency law firm Meyers Nave, where he served on the firm's executive and diversity committees and chaired its statewide public contracts practice.

While at Meyers Nave, he was appointed to serve as the city attorney for Pinole, CA and Union City, CA, and as district counsel for the Stege Sanitary District in El Cerrito, CA. Judge Reyes also held the positions of general counsel for the West Contra Costa Transportation Advisory Committee and assistant general counsel for the Rodeo-Hercules Fire District. In addition, he served as general counsel of utility.com, an online utility company, from 2000 to 2001, and as an attorney at the East Bay Municipal Utility District from 1997 to 2000.

After being appointed in 2017, Judge Reyes was assigned to the criminal law court until 2020, when he was transferred to family law court at the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. His was one of the first courts in California to conduct proceedings virtually. From 2022 to 2024 he was the supervising judge for Contra Costa County Family Law Court, and has served on the Contra Costa County Civil Law Court since the beginning of this year. Judge Reyes also chaired the Civil Grand Jury and served on the Court's Executive and Diversity & Outreach Committees. He serves on the faculty of UC Berkeley School of Law, where he teaches oral advocacy classes to LLM students.

Judge Reyes is active in the Filipino Bar Association of Northern California, the Asian American Bar Association, the Contra Costa County Bar Association, and the California Judges Association. He is a past chair of the California Asian Pacific American Judges Association (CAPAJA) Political Action Committee, and co-chair of CAPAJA's Judicial Appointments Committee. He has served on the faculty of USF Law's Intensive Advocacy Program since 1998. A former participant in the Academic Support Program (ASP) at USF Law, he personally supports the program and regularly returns to the school to engage with its current participants.

An Eagle Scout who served as the president of the Boy Scouts of America for the Alameda Council, Judge Reyes also served in the U.S. Army Reserves from 1983 to 1987, where he earned the coveted United States Army Parachutist Badge (Airborne). He has also served as the president of the Alameda Free Library Foundation, a board member of the California Alumni Association (Berkeley), and chair of the Contra Costa City Attorneys Association.

Judge Reyes and his wife, Susan San Juan Reyes, live in the East Bay. Their daughter Isabel Reyes graduated from UC Santa Cruz with a degree in molecular cell and developmental biology and is studying to become an optometrist, and their son Benjamin Adam Reyes III is a double major in computer science and electrical engineering. Judge and Mrs. Reyes will celebrate their 30th anniversary this July with a party that includes 250 of their original wedding guests.

FACULTY AWARDS

John Adler Distinguished Professor Award

Presented annually by the graduates of the School of Law to the professor deemed to have contributed most significantly to the educational development of their students.

Julie Nice

The Hon. Ira A. Brown Adjunct Faculty Award

Named in memory of Hon. Ira Brown Jr. who inspired and enriched scores of students throughout his many years of teaching. Presented annually to the adjunct professors who bring the same quality, character, and dedication to the education of our students.

Candis Mitchell

UNIVERSITY-WIDE AWARDS

Archbishop Oscar Romero Award

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

Dalia Blevins

STUDENT OF LAW AWARDS

Andersen Tax Awards

This award is sponsored by Andersen Tax and is given to both a graduating J.D. student and a graduating LL.M. in Taxation student for superior academic performance and excellence in the tax curriculum and demonstrated commitment to the field.

LLM: Claire Sullivan

JD: Yiu Kuk Yu (Ingrid)

Student Bar Association Award

Presented annually by the graduates of the School of Law to the graduating student who has contributed significantly to the character of the School of Law through outstanding service and leadership.

Dominic Aguirre

Academic Excellence Award

Presented to the graduating student who has made an extraordinary contribution to the intellectual life of the School of Law.

Shannon Eva Labuschagne

Pursuit of Justice Award

Presented to the graduating student who best exemplifies the School of Law's commitment to providing service to others in the pursuit of justice.

Raniele Reyes

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

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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.

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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.

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Khulan Zagd, Learning Center, Office of Student Life

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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.

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