



UNIVERSITY OF SAN FRANCISCO

COMMENCEMENT

School of Management Graduate Programs
May 22, 2026 ♦ 12:00 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.

167th Annual Commencement Exercises

UNIVERSITY OF SAN FRANCISCO

SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT
GRADUATE PROGRAMS

MAY 22, 2026, 12:00 PM

Today, the University welcomes you — the graduates and candidates of the class of 2026 — 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 2026
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 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 of Academic Affairs

National Anthem

Invocation

Imam Sundiata Rashid
Muslim Chaplain

Official Opening of the Ceremony

Member, Board of Trustees

Student Address

Lakshmi Alekhya Jampana
Candidate, Master of Business Administration

Presentation of the Commencement Speaker

Otgontsetseg Erhemjamts
Dean of the School

Commencement Address

Mark Vorsatz
Global Chairman and CEO, Andersen Group Inc.

**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**

Salvador D. Aceves

President of the University

Salutation to the Graduates

Salvador D. Aceves

President of the University

Benediction

Rev. Ronné Wingate Sims

*Associate Director of Religious Diversity,
Justice, and Outreach*

Recessional

“Crown Imperial” by Sir William Walton

GRADUATE DEGREES MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Ruba Abuataia
Oladejo Michael Adeyemi
Asama Sajjad Ahmad
Salome Patience Aliu
Richard Alexander Allen
Nadine Wafik Aly
Swathi Annamalai
Aline Afonso Anunciato
Eden Austin Ballard-Kovuri
Mahima Bhat
Manjari Bisht
Tushar Bogati
Serena Bolcano
Yash Briju
Melbin Alexander Cabus
Francesca Capoferri
Susana Casas Valencia
Jean Pierre Cazorla
Joseph Chiera
Juan Sebastian Cubides Cardona
John Carlitos Dante
Yashasvi Datta
Sopiko Datuashvili
Christian Gregory Villa Dizon
Brian Stewart Doss
Kyle Nathan Edwards
Dennis Ernesto Elias
Brian Phillip Fowler
Guohua Angela Fu
Kerri Jean Gannon
Joshua Alexander Garza
Poonam Rathi Ghimiray
Joel Giannelli
Sunil Shamlal Gidwani
Michael Gene Gilmore
Ashma Giri
Shawn Michael Grose
Louela Marie Alviar Guevarra
Caroline Hoang Ho
Uto'bong Hughes
Ferdinand Swedi Isumbelo
Christian Lyle Jaictin

Lakshmi Alekhya Jampana
James J. Jimenez, Jr.
Ahmad Ibrahim Jleilati
Austin Alexander Kelly
Derek King
Lucijan Klemencic
Temitope Kolade
Mary Sia Konoyima
Kirsten Kopke
Michael Patrick Langley
Jeremy David Larsen
Kendrick Terrel Lawson
Jenny Lee
Pui Voon Low
Joel Thomas Madsen
Goodenough Mlambo
Benjamin Chambiss Morey
Ashley Ann Moseley
Fatima Muhammad
Bryan Khanh Nguyen
Charles Rudolph Normandin
Christian Oladipupo Olomofe ∞
Elizabeth Claire Logsdon Perkins
Van B. Pham
Manuel Gustavo Pina Lairet
Dhyana Priyadarshini Mahesh Narayanan
Arturo Revelo
Zayra Rios
Sumedha Roy
Laura Camila Ruiz Montoya
Leyla Safaraliyeva
Katie Sheppard
Jisu Shim
Kael Alberto Teodorowicz Rodriguez
Prentice Dupree Townsend
Nicket Vijay Uttarwar
Marco Valeriano
Jonathan Travis Walker
Jwon R. Wiggins
Carlos Andres Wilson
Patricia Zurkan

∞ Degree awarded posthumously.

GRADUATE DEGREES MASTER OF SCIENCE

Entrepreneurship and Innovation

Cal Ray Amborn
Samuel Kokou Klutse Atiye
Lydia Felicia Carlson
Gilang Yudhistyra Dalimunthe
Karla Kristine Ellis-Davis
Qing Feng
Yabes Bolas Hutajulu
Rahini Kathirvelu
Fenglin Lei
Fatma Ezzahra Maatoug
Meghan Elisabeth McIntyre
Luca Marcello Minale

Ireen Mothello
Mara Neira Conde
Johanes Christian Paulus
Alexandra Marlene Schmitt
Isael Alessandro Silva
Jessica Elizabeth Spilsbury
Francesca Santa Stanschus
Jackson Michael Thielen
Blessing Uche
Shu-Ya Yang
Vince Uann Cabig Yonesu
Tianyue Zhang

Information Systems

Divya Balasubramaniam
Dipika Shamkant Bharambe
Onvalanya Bunjarern
Rishal Genbhau Gawade
Kee-Vonne Tashinga Hunda
Ruslan Iaradankuliev
Darshi Jain

Khushboo Katara
Zeinab Moukachar
Bertha Nuutana Nambele
Shivanjali Sharma
Nathan Dean Stebbins
Supriya Vanathaiyan

GRADUATE DEGREES MASTER OF SCIENCE

Marketing Intelligence

Aastha Tikri
Meshal Alrefaei
Veronica Alvarez Hernandez
Anne-Elisabeth Bardon
Alexandra Davies Billington
Nicole Elizabeth Chatham
Shermaine Chua
Clare Therese Collity
Pamela Raquel Cruz
Kathryn Liliana Di Poce
Claudia Karina Estacuy
Sofia Fuentes-Becerril
Anisha Jain
Wenjing Jian
Shreya Nitin Joshi
Sophia Tamara Kalliaras
Ann Mary Kurian
Wezoor Jibril Lovegrove
Isabella Bianca Maldonado
Ellery McMullen
Laurence Mecksavanh

Pragya Pandey
Aayushi Ajaykumar Patel
Julia Pederiva Scolari
Vy Thi Ha Pham
Shivangi Rath
Elizabeth Jane Rothrock
Kashpreet Kaur Saluja
Abhinav Sanjay Sarin
Tong Song
Eloisa Torres Leprevost
Nhan Hieu Truong
Maria Fernanda Valle Ramirez
Radhika Arun Wagh
De'Avion Cassia Williams
Ashira Katherine Wolpo
Ziyi Ye
Maria Zaied
Biyi Zeng
Yitian Zhang
Ling Zhou

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN MANAGEMENT

Atalia Shara Kanja
Edessa Maryam Kanja
Elijah Paul Palmer
George Anthony Rodriguez
Sophie Louise Sutherland
Nikhil Stephen Victor

MARK VORSATZ
GLOBAL CHAIRMAN AND CEO,
ANDERSEN GROUP INC.

Mark Vorsatz is the Global Chairman and CEO of Andersen and Managing Director in the firm's Private Client Services practice. He co-founded the firm under the name WTAS in 2002 and has been responsible for the firm's since inception. Mark spearheaded the firm's adoption of the Andersen name in September 2014, and the establishment and expansion of Andersen Global in to more than 300 locations worldwide.

In addition to his responsibilities as Global Chairman and CEO, Mark works exclusively with individuals in the design and implementation of customized income tax and estate planning solutions. His client base is limited to founders and/or substantial shareholders of public companies, owners of closely held businesses, and high net worth family groups. He focuses on preserving wealth for multi-generational families.

Mark has over 35 years of experience in tax practice. Before joining Andersen, he was a partner at Arthur Andersen from 1987 to 2002. Mark served on the firmwide Family Wealth Planning Team from 1982 to 2002 and led the firm's Private Client Service Group in San Francisco. He also served as Managing Partner and Tax Division Head of Arthur Andersen's San Jose office from 1990 to 1994.

In addition to his undergraduate and law studies, Mark attended a specialized law program at the University of Kent in Canterbury, England and an executive program at the Brookings Institution in Washington, D. C. Mark has served as Chair of the Estate, Gift, and Trust Tax Committee of the American Institute of CPAs, and is a member of the Tax Section of the American Bar Association. He has lectured extensively on estate planning and has taught estate planning in the graduate tax program at Golden Gate University. He regularly lectures at Hastings College of the Law in San Francisco.

Mark is co-author of two treatises: *Income Taxation of Fiduciaries and Beneficiaries* and *Tax Economics of Charitable Giving*. He is also co-editor of the newsletter, *Family Business Advisor*. He has conducted numerous seminars on family business consulting and business disposition strategies and has written articles for *The Tax Advisor*, *Taxation for Lawyers*, *Taxation for Accountants*, and other prominent tax publications.

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:

*Dhyana Priyadarshini Mahesh Narayanan
Rahini Kathirvelu*

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.

Shreya Nitin Joshi

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.

Lydia Felicia Carlson

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.

Sopiko Datuashvili

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.

Rahini Kathirvelu

Charles Rudolph Normandin

Dhyana Priyadarshini Mahesh Narayanan

MASAGUNG SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT GRADUATE STUDENT AWARDS

Executive MBA Excellence in Scholarship

An award is given to a graduating candidate of the Masagung Graduate School of Management, Executive MBA program, who has demonstrated well-rounded skills: commitment to the Executive MBA program, high degree of integrity and ethical behavior, excellence in academics, commitment to building long-term relationships with their classmates, and leadership within the cohort both by example and by outward displays of influence.

Joel Thomas Madsen

HONOR SOCIETY

Beta Gamma Sigma International Honor Society (ΒΓΣ)

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.

Salome Patience Aliu

Swathi Annamalai

Divya Balasubramaniam

Eden Austin Ballard-Kovuri

Shawn Michael Grose

Uto'bong Hughes

Pui Voon Low

Joel Thomas Madsen

Charles Rudolph Normandin

Katie Sheppard

Sophie Louise Sutherland

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.

Reginold Daniels, 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:

*Lynda Boyer-Chu,
School of Nursing and Health Professions*

Rajeev Naidu, College of Arts and Sciences

Manpreet Newsom, School of Education

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:

Xiaosheng Huang, 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:

*June Madsen Clausen,
School of Nursing and Health Professions*

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 Camara, Longyuan Du, Frank Fletcher,
Monika Hudson, John Koeplin, Courtney Masterson,
Anthony Patino, Yasi Sangari, Richard Stackman,
Bilgehan Yildiz (School of Management)*

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.

Osasere Egbuomwan, College of Arts and Sciences

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.

Sonja Martin Poole, School of Management

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.

Magaly Salas, Gleeson Library

Innovation in Global Initiative 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 global perspective to campus (incorporating global into courses, developing new global courses, or broadening access to global perspectives).

Wei Yang Menkus, Asia Pacific Studies

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.

*Sharlisa Byrd,
School of Nursing and Health Professions*

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.

Full-Time Faculty Team Award

Joyce Yang, Aline Hitti, Zachary Reese
College of Arts and Sciences

Part-Time Faculty Award

Fernanda Lopez Ornelas
College of Arts and Sciences

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:

Zachary Reese, College of Arts and Sciences

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.

Residence Life

Adeline Barron, Amanda Chavez, Alyssa Dwyer,
Kahanu Salavea, Jonathan Sirait, Ashrah'Lani Turner,
Austin Quarles

Horizon Collective Working Group

Chris Brooks, Katherine Edwards, Osasere Evbuomwan,
Erin Grinshteyn, Jocelyn Lambert, Courtney Masterson,
Saralyn Ruff, Calla Schmidt

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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