



UNIVERSITY OF SAN FRANCISCO

COMMENCEMENT

College of Arts and Sciences | Humanities and Sciences
May 23, 2026 ♦ 9:00 A.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

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES
HUMANITIES AND SCIENCES

MAY 23, 2026, 9:00 AM

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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Procession

The University Mace
The Flags of the University
The University Commencement Marshals
The Class of 2026
The Faculty of the College
The Academic Directors of the College
The Alumni Board of Governors
The Valedictorian
The Deans of the College
The University Leadership Team
The Members of the University Board
of Trustees
The Commencement Speaker
The President of the University

Prelude Processional

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

Master of Ceremonies

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

National Anthem

Kira Ann Baker
*Candidate, Bachelor of Science in
Physics and Mathematics*

Invocation

Nour Al-muhtasib
Assistant Professor of Biology

Official Opening of the Ceremony

Member, Board of Trustees

Student Address

Chisom Nnennaya Okorafor
Candidate, Bachelor of Arts in Politics

Presentation of the Commencement Speaker

Jeffrey Paris
Dean of the College

Commencement Address

Doroth M. Ehrlich

*Former Deputy Executive Director,
American Civil Liberties Union*

Presentation of Candidates for Undergraduate Degrees

Jeffrey Paris

Dean of the College

and

Cathy Gabor

Associate Dean for Arts and Humanities

Formal Conferral of Undergraduate 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

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Jacob Francisco De La Rosa Beltran **

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Data Science

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Paulina Elizabeth Diaz-Mandujano *

Alexander Flores ***

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Battulga Makhbal *

George Grant Marton ***

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Nolan Wayne Peters

Linus Robin Phoenix

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Datis Shoushtary *

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Ellison B. Yufenyuy

Engineering

Noura Usama Abuelrous

Chidera Awujo

Katie Li Chaleunphonh *

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Mathematics

Kira Ann Baker *
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Physics

Kira Ann Baker *
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DOROTHY M. EHRLICH

**FORMER DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,
AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION**

Dorothy M. Ehrlich was with the American Civil Liberties Union for more than 50 years, until her retirement in 2023. Most recently, she served for 16 years as the Deputy Executive Director of the National ACLU. Before joining the national office in New York City, she was the Executive Director of the ACLU of Northern California, in San Francisco, for more than 25 years. During her tenure there, she built a diverse and multi-talented staff and board to create the largest ACLU affiliate in the nation.

Ehrlich led civil liberties campaigns around the abolition of the death penalty, LGBTQ rights, censorship, and civil rights; and launched projects to advance racial justice, youth advocacy, reproductive rights, and privacy in emerging technologies.

She is the recipient of civil rights leadership awards from the Asian Law Caucus, Equal Rights Advocates and Death Penalty Focus, as well as a Gerbode Foundation Fellowship.

She and her husband, Gary Sowards, a death penalty defense attorney, graduated from the University of San Francisco in 1972. They have two children and two grandchildren, and currently reside in San Francisco.

UNDERGRADUATE COMMENCEMENT HONORS

University Honors

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

To be considered for University Honors, a candidate must have completed at least 60 credits of academic course work graded "A" through "F" at the University of San Francisco and have a minimum USF grade point average of:

- 3.85 for Summa Cum Laude
- 3.75 for Magna Cum Laude
- 3.50 for Cum Laude

Candidacy

Candidacy for degrees and academic honors is based on a preliminary review of the academic records of students petitioning for graduation in the respective term. Degrees and honors are considered official when all grades are received and all requirements for degree fulfillment and/or honors are met. Some students listed as candidates may already have been notified that they have met all requirements, but, because of printing deadlines, are listed here as candidates.

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:

Emma Gray Horton

Father Flynn Award

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

Jaeda R. Johnson

Fr. John P. Schlegel, S.J. Award

Recognized for his work in creating an inclusive community, the Father John P. Schlegel, S.J. Award is presented to an undergraduate student who has embraced the diversity and social justice objectives of the University's mission.

Camila Sayuri Ayala Hurtado

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, and is awarded to:

Poya Ali Moussavi

Senior Leadership Award

This award will be given to graduating seniors 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 honor is awarded to:

Rachel Juliana Romero

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES AWARDS

American Chemical Society Student Affiliates Achievement Award

An inscription on the award plaque, to the graduating student affiliate of the American Chemical Society Student Affiliates of the University of San Francisco, in recognition of outstanding service to the Society and to the Department of Chemistry, is awarded to:

Lola Raufovna Ibragimova

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:

Austin Keenan Asher
Ravneet Singh Bhatia
Kaitlyn Marie Duncan
Julia Gomez
Anson Lum Lee
Jacqueline Cade Mendoza
Tianqi Min
Thanh Cong Nguyen
Cora Grace Schmidt
Faadil Hyder Shaik
Michael L. Zhu

Award for Outstanding Service to the Department of Computer Science

A certificate and a plaque, given to a graduating senior by the Computer Science Department Faculty, in recognition of his/her outstanding service and support to the department and its students, are awarded to:

Ravneet Singh Bhatia
Julia Gomez
Cora Grace Schmidt
Kailash Turimella

The Department of Art + Architecture Awards for Excellence and Leadership

An honorarium and certificate, awarded to graduating students from each of the four programs within the Department of Art + Architecture who has proven academic excellence and demonstrated leadership inside and outside of the classroom, are awarded to:

Architecture

Carolina Barajas Ceja
Enyonam Adzoa Dzathor
Elijah James Lizama
Jonathan Charles Speth

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Lilianna Margaret Broce

Fine Arts

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Ray Alexandra Snyder

Student Achievements

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES AWARDS

African American Studies Paper Prize

A certificate, in recognition of outstanding research papers written in the field of African American Studies by a USF student, is awarded to:

Alexandria Ayaka Hamilton

Asian Pacific American Studies Paper Prize

A certificate, in recognition of outstanding research papers written in the field of Asian American Studies by a USF student, is awarded to:

Lucille Marguerite Tompkins-Garoutte

The Batey Prize

A purse, a gift of the Batey family, to the most outstanding graduating senior in mathematics, is awarded to:

Estera Cayenne Bruketa

Frank L. Beach Award

A purse and a plaque, in memory of Dr. Frank L. Beach '53, MA '57, long-time professor and chair of the Department of History and beloved teacher, in recognition of the highest grade point average achieved by a graduating history major, are awarded to:

Katherine Grace Spalding

The R. James Brown Award for The Outstanding Environmental Science Student

A plaque and a purse presented to the graduating senior in Environmental Science who has exhibited high academic standards and strong commitment to the practice of the field over the course of their USF career. This award named in honor of professor emeritus R. James Brown, who was instrumental in the establishment of the undergraduate environmental science program at USF and served as the first chair of the Department of Environmental Science, is awarded to:

Mohammad Rayyane Batalo Matonding

Carol Chihara Award

A purse and certificate, in honor of Dr. Carol Chihara, distinguished Professor Emerita of Biology, in recognition of outstanding academic achievement in the Biology major, are awarded to:

Taylor Rayne Castro Aguon

Chiomimi Pearl Ahans

Jia Li Chen

Rand Ahmed Mudafr

Aja Ci Yuan Teng

Izaiah Ethan Tovar

Communication Studies Outstanding Student Award

An inscription on the award plaque, in recognition of exceptional academic achievement and commitment to the field, is awarded by the faculty of the Department of Communication Studies to:

Connie M. Chen

Kelsie Morgan Parker

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES AWARDS

Critical Diversity Studies Paper Prize

A purse, a gift of the Department of Critical Diversity Studies, in recognition of an outstanding research paper that addresses historical and contemporary social construction of race, ethnicity, class, gender, sexuality, citizenship and religion, is awarded to:

Metzli Neveya Lemus

Data Institute Award for Academic Excellence in Data Science

A prize, to the most outstanding graduating senior in Data Science, is awarded to:

Kylie Teresa Cancilla

Dean's Medal for Excellence in the Arts

A medal and a purse, gifts of the College, to the graduating senior in the Arts who best exemplified, in academic accomplishments, extracurricular work, and personal life, the values of the University of San Francisco, its mission and goals, are awarded to:

Camila Sayuri Ayala Hurtado

Dean's Medal for Excellence in the Sciences

A medal and a purse, gifts of the College, to the graduating senior in the Sciences who best exemplified, in academic accomplishments, extracurricular work, and personal life, the values of the University of San Francisco, its mission and goals, are awarded to:

Faadil Hyder Shaik

Rob Elias Academic Achievement Award

A purse and certificate, given by the Politics Department and USF alumna Brenda Barrett in honor of Professor Emeritus Rob Elias, for the graduating Politics student who has achieved scholarly and creative excellence in their academic work at the University of San Francisco, are awarded to:

*Chisom Nnennaya Okorafor
Leonardo Perez Quintana*

English Department Service Award

A plaque, given to a graduating senior by the English Department Faculty, in recognition of her/his outstanding service and support to the department, its students, and visitors, is awarded to:

*Maia K. Patton
Egan James Walker*

Environmental Science Community Service Award

An award, in recognition of the graduating Environmental Science senior who has exhibited outstanding service, enthusiasm, and engagement with the Environmental Science Department and fellow students, is awarded to:

Kara Marie Kam

Environmental Studies Top Paper Award

A certificate and book, in recognition of an outstanding research paper written in the field of Environmental Studies by a USF student, are awarded to:

Angela Emilia Kurdyla

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES AWARDS

Environmental Studies Top Project Award

A certificate and book, in recognition of an Environmental Studies student or group of students whose ideas and initiatives have improved the environmental performance and livability of the USF campus and surrounding area, are awarded to:

*Lauren Marie Crane
Isabella Michelle Well*

Environmental Studies Top Student Award

A certificate and book, to the graduating Environmental Studies senior with proven academic excellence and success, are awarded to:

Isabella Michelle Well

Gender and Sexualities Studies Paper Prize

A certificate, in recognition of an outstanding research paper written in the field of Gender and Sexualities, is awarded to:

*Eve Naomi Capin
Ana Julia Zurcher*

Dr. Raymond J. Genolio Award

A purse, in memory of Dr. Raymond J. Genolio, former Associate Professor of Physics, for the graduating senior who ranks highest in scholarship among the academic disciplines administered by the Department of Physics, is awarded to:

*Matthew Blaisdell
Faadil Hyder Shaik*

Goodwin Popular Culture Award

A purse and a certificate, gifts of the College of Arts and Sciences, is presented in memory of Professor Andrew Goodwin, Media Studies Professor, to the senior who has submitted an outstanding essay analyzing popular culture, are awarded to:

Janelle Rene Frazier

Dr. Mel Gorman Award

A purse and an inscription on the award plaque, in memory of Dr. Mel Gorman, to the outstanding graduating Chemistry major in recognition of superior scientific scholarship, are awarded to:

Clarissa Nicole Molina-Rodriguez

David Herlihy Prize in History

A purse and a plaque, in memory of David Herlihy '51, hon'85, distinguished medieval historian, former professor at Harvard University and president of the American Historical Association, in recognition of the best written paper by a graduating history major, are awarded to:

Gabriel Felix Fermin

History and Public Service Award

An award, given to the graduating senior History major who demonstrates in an exemplary way, the connection between history and public service through a research paper, internship, and/or service to USF's History Department, in honor of department's long-serving program assistant Cheryl Czekala, is awarded to:

Ani De Lira Lopez

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES AWARDS

International Studies in Academic Excellence Award

A certificate and gift card, in recognition of their achievement in earning the highest grade point average of all graduating International Studies students, are awarded to:

Caroline Francis Krajicek
Ivory Soksan Loeng-Loth

International Studies Chair's Award for Outstanding Contribution to the Department

A certificate and gift card, in recognition of the student whose academic efforts, commitment to others, and drive to make a productive contribution to the world at large, which have led to exceptional educational opportunities, are awarded to:

Paola Maria Guerra Espinosa
Jonah Louis Schafer

International Studies for Exceptional Achievement Award

A certificate and gift card, in recognition of their achievement as the student who combined essential leadership characteristics including academic excellence, community participation and engagement, and international research, are awarded to:

Iman Michael Moaddeli

International Studies Social Justice Award

A certificate and gift card, in recognition of their achievement as the student who best exemplifies solidarity with marginalized populations and makes a contribution to community development in an international context through their academic work, are awarded to:

Eve Naomi Capin

Edward L. Kessel Award

A purse and plaque, in honor of the late Dr. Edward L. Kessel, long standing faculty member and chair of the Biology department, to a graduating Biology major with proven academic excellence, demonstrated leadership and support within the Department of Biology, and high potential for a career in the biological sciences, are awarded to:

Jia Li Chen

Latin American and Latiné Studies Paper Prize

A purse and certificate, in recognition of an outstanding original essay or paper written by a USF undergraduate student, on a topic concerning Latin American, are awarded to:

Ani De Lira Lopez

Michael Lehmann 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 Economics undergraduate student, are awarded to:

Kristina Garanina

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES AWARDS

The Father Lonergan Award

To the graduating senior who has maintained the highest scholastic average while majoring in Theology and Religious Studies, a monetary gift of the University of San Francisco is awarded to:

Daniel M. Morgan

Esther Madriz Prize for Social Justice

A purse and certificate, in memory of Dr. Esther Madriz, vivacious teacher, social activist, and esteemed colleague of the departments and programs of Sociology, Latin American Studies and Gender and Sexualities Studies, to the graduating senior whose academic excellence and commitment to social justice exemplify Esther's spectacular gifts to USF and the world, are awarded to:

Camila Sayuri Ayala Hurtado

Fred Minnigerode Award

A purse and a plaque, in memory of Dr. Frederick Minnigerode III, former Associate Professor of Psychology, for the outstanding graduating senior in Psychology, are awarded to:

XaoYen HoPham

The Stanley D. Nel Award for Academic Excellence in Environmental Science

A purse and certificate, given to the graduating senior who has exhibited the highest academic achievement in major coursework during their USF career, are awarded to:

Abigail Rosalie Bryant

Honorable Mention:

Kennedy Laine Bartee

Kara Marie Kam

Philosophy Department Student of the Year Award

The Philosophy Department Student of the Year award is given to one of our very best students. The award requires a minimum University GPA of 3.70, and a Philosophy GPA of 3.90, along with the recommendation of at least two faculty members, and the submission of a representative writing sample and a statement concerning the value of studying and thinking philosophically, and is awarded to:

Dalton Briggs Donaldson

Department of Politics Public Service Award

A purse, a gift of the Politics Department, to the graduating Politics student who demonstrates the most outstanding public service during his/her college years, is awarded to:

Jaide Ashli Dixon

Kobi Jennings Grossman

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES AWARDS

Mauricio Romero Award

A purse, a gift of Elizabeth Romero, to a graduating Politics Department senior who has demonstrated excellence in both academics and community service, is awarded to:

Lauren Marie Crane

Camila Sayuri Ayala Hurtado

Finalists for the Dean's Medal for Excellence in the Arts

Chisom Nnennaya Okorafor

Dhimta Chowdhary

Eliaz Keneilea Wright

Jaeda R. Johnson

Janelle Rene Frazier

Father Fred J. Speiler Award

A purse and a certificate, gifts of Douglas K. Amis '71, MA '75, MA '77, MA '79, MA '80, EDD '82, in memory of Father Fred J. Speiler, S.J., in recognition of exceptional academic achievement and outstanding professional development in Media Studies, are awarded to:

Janelle Rene Frazier

Finalists for the Dean's Medal for Excellence in the Sciences

Jia Li Chen

Julia Gomez

Kylie Teresa Cancilla

Urban Studies Leadership Award

A certificate and book, in recognition of a graduating Environmental Studies student whose future aspirations build from their work in the program, are awarded to:

Posey Hayes Graber

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES AWARDS

Finalists for Valedictorian

Dhimtra Chowdhary
Dalton Briggs Donaldson
Kristina Garanina
Aderet Muré Parrino
Eliaz Keneilea Wright

Valedictorian

A medal and a purse, gifts of the College of Arts and Sciences, to the graduating senior who exemplifies the highest standards of leadership and scholarship in the Jesuit tradition. A leader in the finest sense of the word, the Valedictorian demonstrates selfless service to the University community while reflecting excellence in all academic pursuits. He or she is firmly committed to the mission of the University. In particular, the Valedictorian has helped to create a campus-wide environment that values each individual, heightens ethical standards, instills a passion for justice, and integrates faith with life:

Chisom Nnennaya Okorafor

Honorable Mention:

Aderet Muré Parrino

HONOR SOCIETIES

Alpha Kappa Delta International Sociology Honor Society (AKΔ)

Alpha Kappa Delta is an international honor society for Sociology majors. It is a democratic organization dedicated to the study of social phenomena for the promotion of human welfare. Life membership is given to those students who demonstrate excellent academic ability and a commitment to the goals of the society. The USF chapter (“Omega of California”) was established in 1992. Graduating members are:

Kennidie Isabella Muñoz Barcinas
Brianna Nayeli Berlanga
Mariely Flores-Miranda
Maia Rose Goldberg
Emma Gray Horton
Jhezrel Kristen Prado-English
Sophia Nicole Priester-Veasley
Giselle Arianna Roman

Alpha Sigma Nu Honor Society (ΑΣΝ)

Alpha Sigma Nu is the national Jesuit Honor Society organized to honor students who have distinguished themselves in scholarship, service and loyalty to the University. Graduating members are:

Chiomimi Pearl Ahans
Brianna Ammons
Francene Gabrielle Budlong Bendicion
Lacey Marcuse Bunn
Gabriella Aleida Hernandez
Sheridan Ryan Moore

Beta Beta Beta Biological Honor Society (BBB)

Beta Beta Beta is a biological honor society that emphasizes excellence in scholarship, dissemination of scientific knowledge, and promotion of biological research. Graduating members are:

Taylor Rayne Castro Aguon
Jia Li Chen
Jaylen Hanh Dang

Lambda Pi Eta Honor Society (ΛΠΗ)

Lambda Pi Eta is the Communication Studies honor society of the National Communication Association. The goals of Lambda Pi Eta are to recognize and reward outstanding scholastic achievement, to promote professional development among Communication Studies majors, and to establish and maintain close relationships between Communication Studies faculty and students. USF’s chapter of Lambda Pi Eta was founded in March 2000. Graduating members are:

Fatima G. Barragan Mata
Connie M. Chen
Ryan Monique Farley
Lara Isabel Ibaldez Farrales
Naomi Faith Hardy-Njie
Nikita Shea Landfield
Kelsie Morgan Parker
Samantha Eileen Stutler
Virginia Rain Vanderzee

HONOR SOCIETIES

Phi Alpha Theta History Honor Society (ΦΑΘ)

Phi Alpha Theta is the national history honor society whose mission is to promote the study of history through the encouragement of research, teaching, publication, and the exchange of learning and ideas among historians. Founded in 1921, it currently has over 275,000 members. Students who have shown distinction in their study of history are invited to join. Graduating members are:

Ani De Lira Lopez
Paulina Elizabeth Diaz-Mandujano
Anders Dhaniel Jackson Kvale
John Bator Mikhailik
Ella Jane Miller
Giselle Arianna Roman
Adar Shem Tov
Katherine Grace Spalding

Pi Mu Epsilon Honor Society (ΠΜΕ)

Founded May 25, 1914 at Syracuse University, PME currently has over 350 chapters at colleges and universities throughout the United States. The purpose of the Society is to promote scholarly activity in mathematics among the students in academic institutions. Members are elected to Pi Mu Epsilon based on outstanding achievement in mathematics, and demonstrated success in all academic endeavors. Graduating members are:

Kira Ann Baker
Matthew Blaisdell
Estera Cayenne Bruketa
Chloe Josephine Buhl
Kylie Teresa Cancilla
Grace Elizabeth Post

Psi Chi National Honor Society (ΨΧ)

Psi Chi is a national honor society for Psychology majors. Life membership is granted to those students who, while demonstrating scholastic achievement, also show an interest in the development of psychology as a science and as a profession. The USF chapter was established in 1973. Graduating members are:

Kate Henderson Ayers
Kailey Jane Carlson
Jalyn Madrid Correia
Alyssa Jordan Guevara
Wren Hillard
XaoYen HoPham
Emma Gray Horton
Jaeda R. Johnson
Ryan Jung
Mya Zierra Lopez
Bria Aivilou Caranglan Mapuyan
Nicholas Asilo Martelino
Caelyn Acadia McDonough
Alvaro Monico Tantuico Palabyab
Lucas Warren Roncolato
Jamie Mariko Sakuma
Isabel Chloe Singer
Kaydenca Taylor Stormes
Jed Furious Cordero Urot
Sofia Vaca-Torres
Evelyn Wang
Katarina Wong

HONOR SOCIETIES

Sigma Delta Pi Honor Society (ΣΔΠ)

Sigma Delta Pi is a national honorary society that recognizes students for scholarly excellence in Spanish Studies. Graduating members are:

Austin Keenan Asher
Eve Naomi Capin
Sofia Cristina Fontana
Crystal Galaviz
Charlotte Mary Krogh
Aderet Muré Parrino
Isabella Michelle Well

Sigma Pi Sigma Honor Society (ΣΠΣ)

Sigma Pi Sigma exists to honor outstanding scholarship in physics; to encourage interest in physics among students at all levels; to promote an attitude of service of its members towards their fellow students, colleagues, and the public; to provide a fellowship of persons who have excelled in physics. Graduating members are:

Kira Ann Baker
Matthew Blaisdell
Sofia Gomez
BriAnn Alexandria Raduenz
Faadil Hyder Shaik
Laya Singh

Sigma Tau Delta Honor Society (ΣΤΔ)

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

Lacey Marcuse Bunn
Anita Oliveira de Sousa
Tamara Asia Harris
Micah Grace Hart
Keira Diane McCarthy
Maia K. Patton

Theta Alpha Kappa Honor Society (ΘΑΚ)

Theta Alpha Kappa is a Professional and Academic Honor Society committed to fostering dialogue between the Theology and Religious Studies Department and students. This organization strives to encourage students to maintain academic excellence for induction into the National Honor Society and provides professional networking for anyone interested in the study of religions. Graduating members are:

Eve Naomi Capin
Sophia Spicie McMellon Galley
Keira Diane McCarthy
Aderet Muré Parrino

ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS

The Davies Forum

The Davies Forum was established by the late Louise M. Davies of San Francisco in 1980 to enhance the University's efforts to produce future leaders dedicated to public service and committed to ethical leadership. The continuing theme of the Forum, "The Search for Values in Contemporary America," provides the USF community the opportunity to examine the current state of American society. Each semester, select undergraduate students from all majors are chosen to be Davies Scholars based on their records of academic excellence, extracurricular activities, personal integrity, and leadership ability. Graduating students are:

Kira Ann Baker
Ravneet Singh Bhatia
Moliah Couckuyt
Jadesola Ella Morenike Amoke Akua Crownson
Gabriel Felix Fermin
Maia Rose Goldberg
Noah Modesto Moreno Handlin
Tate River Hixson
Emma Gray Horton
Frankie Rae Jacobsen
Jaeda R. Johnson
Caroline Francis Krajicek
Angela Emilia Kurdyla
Ivory Soksan Loeng-Loth
Iman Michael Moaddeli
Chisom Nnennaya Okorafor
Eva Marie Pett
Sophia Nicole Priester-Veasley
David Tyrone Robinson
Isabel Chloe Singer

Honors in Architecture

Students graduating with the Honors in Architecture have completed advanced coursework and a thesis project in the pursuit of thoughtful, thorough and innovative solutions which can make true contributions to their field. The Honors thesis projects address issues of social and/or environmental justice and propose a solution to a unique socio-economic, environmental or cultural design problem. Projects are formally presented at the end of the final semester and submitted to the Library's Scholarly Repository. Graduating students are:

Hera Athena Arvizu
Carolina Barajas Ceja
Francene Gabrielle Budlong Bendicion
Chloe Kokias Conrad
MacKenzie Dale Enriquez
Eli Monello
Si'era Carshay Pickering
Sebastien Robert Lester Pierre
Jonathan Charles Speth
Meghan Elizabeth Strong
Halle Marie Williams

ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS

Honors in Art History and Museum Studies

Students completing the Art History & Museum Studies Honors Concentration have excelled well beyond the requirements for the major. Students achieving this honor have a minimum 3.5 major GPA and have taken additional advanced coursework in art history. They also complete an independent senior thesis project focusing on a current or historical issue within the art history field relating to their academic and future professional interests and deliver a formal public talk on their research. The graduating student is:

Hanna Cecilia Clute

Honors in Biology

The Biology Honors Program provides superior undergraduate students with opportunities to conduct original, high caliber research in preparation for graduate school, professional training, or a position in an industrial or government research laboratory. Eligible students must maintain a 3.4 or higher major GPA and a 3.2 or higher overall GPA, and must complete a research project and written thesis under the supervision of an Honors Thesis Committee. Honors Program Students present a departmental seminar on their research during their last semester. The graduating student is:

Aja Ci Yuan Teng

Honors in International Studies

Students graduating with Honors in the Bachelor of Arts in International Studies program have gone beyond the program requirements in their educational pursuits. In addition to achieving a 3.6 GPA in their major, students have participated in an academic study abroad program, and served as program and community leaders. As a culmination of their academic career, each student designed, researched, and completed an honors thesis on a topic in International Studies and gave a public presentation of their research findings. Graduating students are:

Paola Maria Guerra Espinosa

Noah Modesto Moreno Handlin

Caroline Francis Krajicek

Annika Brynn Lenk

Ivory Soksan Loeng-Loth

Iman Michael Moaddeli

Eva Marie Pett

Carmina Guadalupe Vega-Sandoval

Sayat Ann Yemiru

ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS

Honors College Scholars

The Honors College provides exceptional undergraduate students with a rigorous and transformative education grounded in the arts and humanities. Through interdisciplinary inquiry, community engagement, and independent research, Honors College Scholars broaden their intellectual perspectives and develop a sense of ethical responsibility as global citizens. Graduating students are:

Pualani Ahokovi

Camila Sayuri Ayala Hurtado

Leila Barjesteh

Samantha Karmela Baula

Ravneet Singh Bhatia

Moliah Couckuyt

Lauren Marie Crane

Jadesola Ella Morenike Amoke Akua Crownson

Sophia Alessandra Gatuz Cunanan

Paulina Elizabeth Diaz-Mandujano

Enyonam Adzoa Dzathor

Sofia Cristina Fontana

AnaVictoria Garcia Medina

Stefanie Garcia

Abigail Jinglan Gillette

Maia Rose Goldberg

Sarah Elizabeth Hampton

Naomi Faith Hardy-Njie

Micah Grace Hart

Frances Parker Kehoe

Talula Dawn Koch

Angela Emilia Kurdyla

Amelia Lach

Ivory Soksan Loeng-Loth

Mya Zierra Lopez

Kerrie Alexandra Mahoney

Lily Frances Mastrangelo

Sheridan Ryan Moore

Rand Ahmed Madafr

Brandon Ni

Chisom Nnennaya Okorafor

Peter Kiran Orsmond

Aderet Muré Parrino

Suretta Faye Plawner

Caroline Pablo Ulep

Lisa Marie Woods

Eliaz Keneilea Wright

Ember Young

Gurshan Singh

ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS

Honors in Politics

Recipients of Honors in Politics have demonstrably exceeded all of the requirements for the Bachelor of Arts in Politics. In addition to maintaining a 3.5 overall and major GPA, they have successfully completed the Honors Thesis Seminar course by writing and presenting an exemplary capstone thesis. These students have also shown themselves committed to leadership and service for others in their communities. Politics Faculty recognizes and congratulates the outstanding academic performance of students who receive Honors in Politics at the University of San Francisco. Graduating students are:

Camila Sayuri Ayala Hurtado
Lauren Marie Crane
Jaide Ashli Dixon
Kobi Jennings Grossman
Olivia Hoover
Jayden Thomas Joeckel
Ruby C. Kaill
Kyla Taylor Menconi
Chisom Nnennaya Okorafor
Victoria Lynn Rosas

Honors in Psychology

The Psychology Honors Program is an intensive research experience that develops skills and expertise necessary for graduate education in psychology and other scientifically or professionally oriented fields. Over the course of two semesters, our Honors students completed independent research projects, steering each major phase of development through conception to data collection, analysis and interpretation. At the end of the program, each student gave a public presentation of this scholarly work in a professional scientific venue. Graduating students are:

Camila Sayuri Ayala Hurtado
Alyssa Jordan Guevara
Henna Theresa Kalumbu
Bria Aivilou Caranglan Mapuyan
Poya Ali Moussavi
Jamie Mariko Sakuma
Isabel Chloe Singer
Kaydence Taylor Stormes
Katarina Wong

Honors in Sociology

Students graduating with Honors in the Bachelor of Arts in Sociology Program have gone above and beyond the requirements of the Sociology degree. In addition to achieving a 3.5 or above GPA in the major and a 3.2 or above GPA overall, these students have completed a rigorous two-semester honors thesis sequence of courses; independently designed, researched, and completed an honors thesis in their subject of choice; and publicly presented their research in two public forums. Graduating students are:

Sofia Cristina Fontana
Mariely Flores-Miranda
Emma Gray Horton

ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS

Martín-Baró Scholars Program

The Martín-Baró Scholars Program, a living-learning community for first-year students, provides a two-semester integrated approach to meeting five core requirements. Throughout the yearlong course students read a wide variety of non-fiction and fiction texts, all relating in some way to problems of social justice. Students present policy arguments, analyze literary texts, develop a Community Development Project, and ultimately act alongside community partners to bring about small but tangible change by serving diverse populations in San Francisco. Graduating students are:

Camille Irene Abatjoglou

Kanika Chouhan

Ani De Lira Lopez

Sofia Cristina Fontana

Emma Gray Horton

Jaeda R. Johnson

Ruby C. Kaill

Aderet Muré Parrino

Evelyn Rosales

Isabella Michelle Well

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 reframing 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:

Joshua Brandon Allen

Sandhya Balaji

Francene Gabrielle Budlong Bendicion

Ryan Monique Farley

Maia Rose Goldberg

Sarah Elizabeth Hampton

Emma Gray Horton

Zoe Shiloh Pressdee

Kaydence Taylor Stormes

Sofia Vaca-Torres

ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS

Mellon Scholars Program

The Humanities Mellon Scholars (HMS) program, funded by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, supports transfer students in the study of the humanities, critical thinking, and interdisciplinary inquiry. Selected transfer students from the Foothill De Anza Community College District and our other partner institutions are invited to the HMS program to enhance their education with the study of the humanities and to engage in internships, mentoring opportunities, and community building at USF. Humanities Mellon Scholars have played a critical role in teaching USF faculty and staff more about transfer experiences to USF and have been incredible advocates for themselves and others. Humanities Mellon Scholars also develop a lifelong practice of inquiry that fosters deep knowledge about the past and present, and insight in imagining a more equitable future. The graduating student is:

Chloe Janelle Santa Iglesia-Lopez

St. Ignatius Institute

The integrated, Catholic liberal arts curriculum of the Saint Ignatius Institute is designed for those students who desire both the solid foundation of a Catholic liberal arts education and the academic preparation necessary for a professional career. The four-year program grounds the student in the rich tradition of Christian humanism and is based on the great books and authors of Western Civilization. Graduating students are:

Janalle Abbigail Centeno

Anita Oliveira de Sousa

Daniel M. Morgan

Elizabeth Elynn Patteson

Wyatt Walsh

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 Egbuomwan,
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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