



UNIVERSITY OF SAN FRANCISCO

# COMMENCEMENT

*College of Arts and Sciences | Arts and Social Sciences*  
*May 23, 2026 ♦ 12:00 P.M.*

# MISSION STATEMENT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF SAN FRANCISCO

## **MISSION**

Since 1855, the University of San Francisco has dedicated itself to offering a daring and dynamic liberal arts education in the Jesuit, Catholic tradition. As a community, we empower and hold accountable our students, faculty, librarians, staff, administrators, alumni, and community partners to be persons for and with others, to care for our common home, including the native lands on which our campuses reside, and to promote the common good by critically, thoughtfully, and innovatively addressing inequities to create a more humane and just world.

We seek to live USF's Mission by nurturing a diverse, ever-expanding community where persons of all races and ethnicities, religions, sexual orientations, genders, generations, abilities, nationalities, occupations, and socioeconomic backgrounds are honored and accompanied. We are committed to educating hearts and minds to cultivate the full, integral development of each person and all persons; pursuing learning as a lifelong humanizing and liberating social activity; and advancing excellence as the standard for teaching, scholarship, creative expression, and service. Inspired by a faith that does justice, we strive to humbly and responsibly engage with, and contribute to, the cultural, intellectual, economic and spiritual gifts and talents of the San Francisco Bay Area and the global communities to which we belong.

*Approved by the Board of Trustees, September 24, 2021.*

167th Annual Commencement Exercises

# UNIVERSITY OF SAN FRANCISCO

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

**MAY 23, 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.

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*The University of San Francisco has made every attempt to include in this program all persons deserving of recognition. If there have been any errors or omissions, please accept our sincerest apologies.*

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## *Program*

# ORDER OF CEREMONY

## Procession

The University Mace  
The Flags of the University  
The University Commencement Marshals  
The Class of 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 Honorary Degree Recipient and  
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

**Joshua Brandon Allen**  
*Candidate, Bachelor of Arts in Performing Arts  
and Social Justice*

## Invocation

**Angélica Nohemi Quiñónez**  
*Director of University Ministry*

## Official Opening of the Ceremony

*Member, Board of Trustees*

## Student Address

**Chisom Nnennaya Okorafor**  
*Candidate, Bachelor of Arts in Politics*

## Presentation of the Honorary Degree

**Jeffrey Paris**  
*Dean of the College*

Recipient:  
**Rita Moreno**  
*Actress*

**Commencement Address**

**Rita Moreno**

**Presentation of Candidates  
for Undergraduate Degrees**

**Jeffrey Paris**

*Dean of the College*

and

**Roberto Gutiérrez Varea**

*Professor of Performing Arts  
and Social Justice*

**Formal Conferral of  
Undergraduate Degrees**

**Salvador D. Aceves**

*President of the University*

**Salutation to the Graduates**

**Salvador D. Aceves**

*President of the University*

**Benediction**

**Sarah Manzano**

*Assistant Director, Immersions and Catholic Life*

**Recessional**

“Crown Imperial” by Sir William Walton

## UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES BACHELOR OF ARTS

### Architecture

Hera Athena Arvizu \*  
Julian Andrew Bailey  
Justine Ryan Balon  
Carolina Barajas Ceja \*\*  
Francene Gabrielle Budlong Bendicion \*\*\*  
Alexander Benjamin Cadungug  
Chloe Kokias Conrad \*\*  
Asaad Fadi Doidari  
Enyonam Adzoa Dzathor  
MacKenzie Dale Enriquez \*  
Alexander Bijan Fazlollahi \*  
Darlene Alexia Fernandez  
Naomi Goitom  
Theresa Evelyn Grundhoefer \*\*\*  
Emily Marie Guzman Galindo  
Rizlin Oylin Jew \*\*  
Yvonne Oyeinkarina Kodjo Soroh  
Elijah James Lizama \*\*\*  
Luis Angel Marrero \*  
Luka Miloglav  
Eli Monello \*  
Martin Elias Morales Reyes  
Grace Elizabeth Murphy-Cook \*  
Ananya Milind Naik  
Aime Napoles  
Si'era Carshay Pickering \*  
Sebastien Robert Lester Pierre \*  
Prairpleng Plepalakon \*\*  
Sofia Camila Rios Barajas  
Christian Dane Rasay Solis  
Jonathan Charles Speth \*  
Meghan Elizabeth Strong \*\*  
Brooke Chau Vo \*\*\*  
Halle Marie Williams \*\*

### Art History & Museum Studies

Sadie Kathryn Benedetto  
Oliver Patrick Birdsong  
Kathryn Estefania Clarke \*  
Hanna Clute \*\*\*  
Samuel William Cowden  
Micah Grace Hart \*\*\*  
Gabriela Maya Marcucci \*\*  
Imaan Safi-Eddine  
Raya Sunshine Vinar \*\*\*

### Critical Diversity Studies

Brianna Nayeli Berlanga  
Metzli Neveya Lemus \*  
Briana Victoria Leung \*\*\*  
Lily Ann Moffitt \*\*\*  
Aderet Muré Parrino \*\*\*  
Suretta Faye Plawner \*  
Laine Camille Slabbinck \*\*  
Lucille Marguerite Tompkins-Garoutte

## UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES BACHELOR OF ARTS

### Design

Zane Rami Alafranji  
Theodore Hadden Ardinger \*  
Jack William Arnold \*  
Mani Esmaili Atasay \*\*\*  
Alexander Alan Austin  
Dallas Bourque  
Lilianna Margaret Broce \*  
Angelina Katlyn Dilinila Bucu \*  
Ethan L. L. Chow  
Meili Dongru Daniel \*  
Diego Giovanni Davidson-Gomez \*\*\*  
Kyle Nicolas De Asis  
Adrianna Rachel De la Rosa Diaz \*  
Kate Schloredt Dillon  
Sarah Eiko Enkvetchakul \*\*\*  
Calvin Kian Estella \*  
William Nicholas Evans  
Gabriella Grace Farrage  
Katharina Götschl \*\*\*  
Gabriella Aleida Hernandez \*\*\*  
Frances Parker Kehoe \*  
Janna Marie Revilla La O'  
Ava Young Lang \*\*\*  
Parker Bovee Leabo \*  
Zoe Manalo  
Anijah McLaurin  
Sabrina Leanne Meneses  
Avery Wallace Meyer  
Ella Jane Mitbo  
Lila Camille Mohtadi \*\*\*  
Gianna DeCuir Palanca \*  
Tara Rachelle Redford \*\*\*  
George Philip Russell \*  
Andreas Michael Shelton \*\*  
Audrey Grace Todd \*\*\*  
Liberty Celeste Vaughan \*\*\*  
Ryan Faith Lucas Villicana \*  
Marie Anne Ward \*\*\*  
Eliaz Keneilea Wright \*\*\*

### Fine Arts

Kathryn Estefania Clarke \*  
Adrianna Rachel De la Rosa Diaz \*  
Max Alexander Sachs Ellenbogen  
Alyssa Sofia Flores \*  
Lena Klein \*\*\*  
Akwani Lavie-Lum Nyamboli  
Gianna DeCuir Palanca \*  
Tara Rachelle Redford \*\*\*  
Ray Alexandra Snyder \*\*\*

## UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES BACHELOR OF ARTS

### International Studies

Leila Barjesteh \*\*\*  
Eve Naomi Capin \*\*\*  
Ndeye Oulimata Diagne  
Paola Maria Guerra Espinosa  
Noah Modesto Moreno Handlin \*  
Caroline Francis Krajicek \*\*\*  
Annika Brynn Lenk \*  
Ivory Soksan Loeng-Loth \*\*\*  
Bilguissa Ousmane Mara  
Iman Michael Moaddeli \*\*\*  
Emily Himena Needham \*\*  
Ryan Ortiz-Uribe  
Eva Marie Pett \*\*\*  
Carmina Guadalupe Vega-Sandoval \*  
Jaiden Sanai Woods  
Lisa Marie Woods \*\*\*  
Sayat Ann Yemiru \*

### Latin American Studies

Sydney Alexa Santiesteban

### Media Studies

Annika Elise Benton  
Lucy Kieran Bogen \*\*  
Ixaka Seraph Craviotto-Velasco  
Kamryn Nicole Dancy \*\*  
Dakota Dylan Duran \*  
Elisabeth Marie Fox \*  
Janelle Rene Frazier \*\*\*  
Nichole Dana Gridiron \*  
Anya Ruth Shine Jordan \*\*  
Hailey Delia Sotic Jose \*\*  
Carolayne Santos Lage  
John Carl Lindroos \*\*\*  
Marina Azul Montalvo  
Ashley Nicole Muse  
Abigail Elise Powell  
Aziza F. Rabah  
Mya Grace Ramos \*  
Rainie Vail Stevens \*  
Inés Pilar Ventura-Coudurier \*

## UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES BACHELOR OF ARTS

### Performing Arts and Social Justice

Joshua Brandon Allen \*  
Symone E. Booker \*  
Lauren Abigail Cotchett \*  
Julia Sarah Cotteleer \*  
Erica Edberg \*\*\*  
Alston Lee Georges  
Sarah Elizabeth Hampton \*\*  
Chisa Kobayashi \*  
Talula Dawn Koch \*\*\*  
Azriel Tyler Perez \*\*\*  
David Tyrone Robinson \*\*  
Gulal Singh \*

### Politics

Camila Sayuri Ayala Hurtado \*\*\*  
Onje' Jordan Bektemba \*  
Jayden Dior Calhoun \*  
Francesca Bella Cortellessa Hale  
Moliah Couckuyt \*\*\*  
Lauren Marie Crane \*\*\*  
Jaide Ashli Dixon \*\*  
Steven Giammona  
Kobi Jennings Grossman \*  
Olivia Hoover \*\*\*  
Frankie Rae Jacobsen \*\*  
Jayden Thomas Joeckel \*  
Sarena Kabir  
Ruby C. Kaill \*\*\*  
Mollie Kennedé Kirkwood \*  
Maya Rosemary Kissane \*\*  
Juliana Nicole Kolintzas \*\*  
Angelina Gah-Wing Lo \*\*\*  
David L. Maguire \*  
Keira Diane McCarthy \*\*\*  
Helene Snow McNabb \*  
Kyla Taylor Menconi \*  
Chisom Nnennaya Okorafor \*\*\*  
Athos Gustavo Oliveira, Jr.  
Kyanna Claire Kafi Ollison  
Crista Mia Ramos  
Victoria Lynn Rosas \*\*\*  
Jack Abraham Schell  
Brayden Matthew Taylor

## UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES BACHELOR OF ARTS

### Psychology

Natalie Ella-rose Adler \*  
Pualani Ahokovi  
Soraya Maryam Alavi \*\*\*  
Camila Sayuri Ayala Hurtado \*\*\*  
Kate Henderson Ayers \*\*\*  
Lilah Sinclair Barbour  
Jillian Brooke Barnes  
Fatima G. Barragan Mata  
Gabriel Abbott Barrett \*  
Anshika Bedi \*  
Ella Michelle Trinei Buller  
Kailey Jane Carlson \*\*  
Edgar Kui Ming Chan  
Avantika Chandrasekhar \*  
Skye Chang-yeh \*  
Alieza Dawn Vicente Chua \*  
Jalyn Madrid Correia \*\*\*  
Milan Soleil Cox \*  
Ace de la Vergne \*\*  
Arlene Chanel del Rosario  
Vidhi Chaitali Desai  
Crystal Galaviz \*  
Sophia Spicie McMellon Galley \*\*\*  
Ty Wilkinson Gausman  
Maisie Victoria Gibbins \*\*\*  
Abigail Jinglan Gillette \*\*\*  
Alyssa Jordan Guevara \*\*\*  
Lila Haon  
Sabrina DaSilva Hernandez  
Wren Hillard \*\*\*  
XaoYen HoPham \*\*\*  
Emma Gray Horton \*\*  
Yinuo Huang  
Daniel Kevin Humphrey \*  
Queti Vittoria Pineda  
Jaeda R. Johnson \*\*\*  
Ryan Jung \*\*\*  
Henna Theresa Kalumbu \*  
Letitia Wanjiku Kariuki  
Jessica Lauren Karnow \*  
Rishi Dinesh Katariya  
Logan Vincent Kong  
Bhumi Jagadish Kotian  
Dominic Kowarick \*\*\*  
Charlotte Mary Krogh \*\*\*  
Oleksandra Kulikalova \*\*\*  
Iqra Ladhani  
Gabriel Anthony Lee  
Jonathan Woongsoo Lee  
Isabella Rose Leone \*\*\*  
Briana Victoria Leung \*\*\*  
Minh Anh Nguyen Lieu \*\*\*  
Aaliyah Liggins  
Margaret Lillian Livezey \*  
Mya Zierra Lopez \*\*\*  
Astrid Angelique Lozada  
Sana Malik \*  
Bria Aivilou Caranglan Mapuyan \*\*\*  
Nicholas Asilo Martelino \*\*\*  
Caelyn Acadia McDonough \*\*\*  
Jade Andrew Mcleod  
Alyssa Justine Mendoza  
Lily Ann Moffitt \*\*\*  
Emma Martha Mossman \*  
Poya Ali Moussavi \*\*\*  
Sara Ahmad Najjar  
Olivia Kay Norton  
Evelynn Noy \*  
Sadie Elizabeth Olson \*  
Peter Kiran Orsmond \*  
Alvaro Monico Tantuico Palabyab \*\*\*  
Meshwa Pandya  
Jiyu Stefani Park  
Elizabeth Elynn Patteson  
Gianna Paola Peña Alvarez  
Khelsi C. Petigny  
Keila May Solomon-Pham  
Adriana Popescu \*  
Zoe Shiloh Pressdee \*\*  
Gian Michael Quijano \*  
Krista Angelica Ortiz Quiñonez \*  
Michelle Itzel Rangel

## UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES BACHELOR OF ARTS

### Psychology (*continued*)

Karina Nicole Reyes *	Gladys Maria Torrecillas Cortes
Brooke Katherine Rohrer *	Enrique Miguel Lagdameo Travers
Gabrielle Marie Romeo *	Amber Trevino
Lucas Warren Roncolato ***	Caroline Pablo Ulep ***
Isabella Irene Roof *	Jed Furious Cordero Urot ***
Arianna Angelina Ruiz-DaSilva	Sofia Vaca-Torres ***
Jamie Mariko Sakuma ***	Monique Vasquez Cardenas
Adriana Sánchez	Stella Bea Vermeulen *
Chelsea Amanda Santos ***	Martina Paz Volante Silva
Kathleen Nora Sheridan **	Anthony Chistopher Walker
Mia Jeanette Silva	Wyatt Walsh
Isabel Chloe Singer ***	Evelyn Wang *
Sophia Drummond Singer	Kayla Danyelle Washington
Ashley Sosa Rodriguez	Katira Charia White
Shobana Cecilia Pumeni Stanislaus	Katarina Wong ***
Kaydence Taylor Stormes ***	Keira Josephine Mei Jia Wong ***
Jacquelyn Nicole Strawn	Greer Helen Young
Emilie Rose Mila Szkobel-Wolff	Ariana Zhao ***
Clara Margit Tolkoff	India Rose Zier ***

## UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES BACHELOR OF ARTS

### Sociology

Kennidie Isabella Muñoz Barcinas  
Tyler Baum  
Ryan Eugene Beasley  
Isabella Delaney Farrell \*  
Mariely Flores-Miranda \*  
Sofia Cristina Fontana \*\*\*  
Johanna Christine Annette Franklin  
Natalia García Moreno  
Maia Rose Goldberg \*  
Jacob Dylan Goodman  
Tenisha Nicole Green \*  
Lydia Rosa Herkert \*\*\*  
Emma Gray Horton \*\*  
Mercedes Arian Lindsay  
Eva Michelle Lovell \*  
Ava Dean Marks  
Jasmyn Rae Pantoja  
Jhezrel Kristen Prado-English  
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## 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.

## RITA MORENO ACTRESS

Legendary actor, Rita Moreno, has boldly faced down Hollywood's Golden Age of racism and sexism, portraying truth in every role and illuminating the stage with her extraordinary presence for eight decades. At 94 years young, this artist-activist continues to shake things up, using her platform to focus Hollywood's lens on authentic cultural representation in the performing arts. She remains a beacon for speaking truth to power, inspiring young people passionate about the arts.

Moreno's illustrious career includes unforgettable performances in films such as *Singin' in the Rain*, *The King and I*, and *West Side Story*. In 1962, she made history as the first Latina to win an Oscar for her performance as Anita. By 1977, she became the first Latina EGOT winner, earning an Emmy, Grammy, Oscar, and Tony. Her legacy grew with a second Emmy the following year. In 2021, she starred in and executive produced the Steven Spielberg adaptation of *West Side Story*, this time with a majority cast of Puerto Ricans.

Inspired by Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., Moreno marched in 1963 and has long been a powerful voice for social justice, women's rights, and immigrant families.

Born Rosa Dolores Alverío in Humacao, Puerto Rico, she moved to the Bronx at age five, where she discovered her passion for performance. Despite being typecast early in her career, she persevered as her family's breadwinner.

Her honors include the Presidential Medal of Freedom from President George W. Bush, the National Medal of Arts from President Barack Obama, and recognition from the Kennedy Center for her lifetime contributions to American culture.

Moreno's unwavering commitment to the transformative power of the arts endures. Her example inspires our graduates to use their talents in service to others, in harmony with USF's Jesuit Catholic mission.

That all may know of our esteem for her as a tireless change agent on stage, on screen, and in the public square, we honor the exemplary courage, conviction, and integrity she embodies, and the witness she offers to our graduates as they are called to lives of purpose and service.

In grateful recognition of her lifelong commitment to advocacy, authenticity, and the flourishing of the arts, the University of San Francisco does proudly confer upon Rosita Dolores Alverío the degree of Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*, with all the rights and privileges pertaining thereunto. Given this twenty-third day of May, in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-six, and of the University, the hundred and seventy-first, in San Francisco, California.

## 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*

#### Art History & Museum Studies

*Hanna Cecilia Clute*

#### Design

*Mani Esmaili Atasay*

*Lilianna Margaret Broce*

#### Fine Arts

*Lena Klein*

*Ray Alexandra Snyder*

## 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 Madafr*

*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 (ΘAK)

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 Ebuomwan, 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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