



UNIVERSITY OF SAN FRANCISCO

COMMENCEMENT

College of Arts and Sciences
December 12, 2025 ♦ 6:00 P.M.

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

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

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

167th Annual Commencement Exercises

UNIVERSITY OF SAN FRANCISCO

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

DECEMBER 12, 2025, 6:00 P.M.

Today, the University welcomes you — the graduates and candidates of the class of 2025 — into the ranks of the proud alumni of the University of San Francisco.

We also welcome your families and friends to the celebration, mindful and appreciative of their contribution to your achievement, through their support, sacrifice, and encouragement.

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

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ORDER OF CEREMONY

Procession

The University Mace
The Flags of the University
The University Commencement Marshals
The Class of 2025
The Faculty of the College
The Academic Directors of the College
The Alumni Board of Governors
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, Academic Affairs

National Anthem

Mika Antonio Gorospe
Candidate, Bachelor of Science in Biology

Invocation

Rev. Dónal Godfrey, S.J.
University Chaplain

Official Opening of the Ceremony

Member, Board of Trustees

Undergraduate Student Speaker

Dhimta Chowdhary
Candidate, Bachelor of Arts in History

Graduate Student Speaker

Jenniffer Alexandra Frye-Newman
Candidate, Master of Arts in Museum Studies

Presentation of the Commencement Speaker

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

Commencement Address

Daniel Lurie
Mayor of the City and County of San Francisco

**Presentation of Candidates
for Undergraduate Degrees**

Jeffrey Paris

Dean of the College

and

Rev. Matthew Motyka, S.J.

Associate Professor and Co-Chair,

Department of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures

**Formal Conferral of
Undergraduate Degrees**

Salvador D. Aceves

President of the University

**Presentation of Candidates
for Graduate Degrees**

Jeffrey Paris

Dean of the College

and

Osasere M. Evbuomwan

Associate Dean of Sciences and Engineering

**Formal Conferral of
Graduate Degrees**

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President of the University

Salutation to the Graduates

Salvador D. Aceves

President of the University

Benediction

Rev. Dónal Godfrey, S.J.

University Chaplain

Recessional

"Crown Imperial" by Sir William Walton

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Bailey Andrew Rosengren***
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Jake Jean-Young Suh
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Avery Tusó
Fania Marie Villarreal**

Sociology

Rya Jean Amasol***
Xochitl Izel Andrade*
Natalie Noemi Campos
Alexandra Catherine Damonte
Sofia Reyes De Belles
Sarah Di Savino*
Julia Marie Valentine Hill
Ella Xiao Maurer*
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Rachel Rayon**
Mone Shimogawara
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Biology

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Maria Clara Berni Fernandes*
Anthony Ebro Chan**
Ivan Luis Chavarin
Cailyn Mae Clarke**
DaAujana Philomina Florence
Joshua John Guerrero Gorospe**
Mika Antonio Gorospe
Madeline Isabelle Gregor***
Tanusri Gudavalli***
Emma Bee Johanna Laushine
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Valerie Zoila Sandino-Murphy**
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Chemistry

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Valerie Zoila Sandino-Murphy**

Computer Science

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Michael Byers
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Vansh Saxena
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Alexander Flores***
Joseph Bruce Formicola*
Tianyue Li
Divya Jyoti Rasaily**

Engineering

Ty Aidan De La Huerta

Environmental Science

Isabella Anais Iglesias
Lucinda Frances Mortimer***

Kinesiology

Nathaniel Conrado Alvarez*
Helena Mia Barrios***
Lauren Josephine Apelin Cervantes
Andrea De La Cruz Palma
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Juliette Tsao--Ling Ng***
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Physics

Nathan Richard Martuza*

GRADUATE DEGREES MASTER OF ARTS

International Studies

Keith Lydell Baskerville, Jr.

Museum Studies

Zara Elisabeth Allen
Kelci Ryanna Lowery Bengier
Emali Susannah Brophy
Alanis Paola Calder Medina
Clementina A. Canava
Semra Dalkilic
Kristin Marie De Vivo
Patricia Azalea Diaz
Jason Javier Escobedo
Kilian Scott Fitzgerald
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Applied Economics

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Yan Naing Aung

Jarvin Birosel Bayona

Maxwell Jayden Guevarra

Andrew Hai Hoang

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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.

DANIEL LURIE
MAYOR OF THE CITY AND
COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

Daniel Lurie was born and raised in San Francisco. From his leadership at Tipping Point Community to the Super Bowl 50 Host Committee, Daniel has a proven track record of public service and a longstanding commitment to improving the lives of San Franciscans.

In 2005, Daniel founded Tipping Point Community – a pioneer in anti-poverty initiatives across the Bay Area. Under his direction, Tipping Point raised over \$500 million to house, employ, educate, and support hundreds of thousands of Bay Area families. In his role as CEO, Daniel steered \$100 million to the chronic homelessness initiative, the largest private investment to date in housing access in San Francisco. Among the program’s successes was a new financing model to construct permanent supportive housing 50% faster and more affordably than the City had ever done before.

Former Mayor Ed Lee selected Daniel in 2013 to lead the San Francisco Bay Area Super Bowl 50 Host Committee, an effort that brought over \$240 million in economic impact to the region. Over a quarter of the funds from the event were then reinvested in programs serving Bay Area youth. Following the devastating fires in the North Bay in 2017, Daniel and Tipping Point partnered with 90 Bay Area business and community leaders to organize Band Together – a benefit concert that raised \$17 million for those hardest hit by the deadly fires. In total, Tipping Point’s Emergency Fire Relief Fund raised over \$34 million.

Daniel is a graduate of Duke University and obtained his Master’s in Public Policy at UC Berkeley. He lives in the City with his wife, Becca, and two school-aged children.

UNIVERSITY-WIDE AWARDS

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:

Jonah Louis Schafer

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES AWARDS

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:

Ryan Fahimi
Pratha Jitendra Patil
Chandana Srinivas
Arya Srivastava

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:

Arya Srivastava

Carol Chihara Award

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

Jack Devon Akmakjian
Joshua John Guerrero Gorospe
Madeline Isabelle Gregor
Tanusri Gudavalli
Valerie Zoila Sandino-Murphy

Geraldine Lauro Service Award

An award, in honor of Dr. Geraldine Lauro, whose USF career spans over 40 years and who was instrumental in the growth of the Department and the success of its students in the Jesuit tradition, to a graduating Kinesiology student who best exhibits an ongoing commitment to service to the Department of Kinesiology, the USF community, and/or Bay Area communities, is awarded to:

Lauren Josephine Apelin Cervantes

Outstanding Communication Studies 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:

Joshua Don Gines Bascos
Yu Yan Tan

Undergraduate Speaker Finalists

Hady Tinawi
Jazmine Chanel Villarreal

Graduate Speaker Finalist

Hector Abel Soto

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:

Rya Jean Amasol
Natalie Noemi Campos
Julia Marie Valentine Hill
Julia Elizabeth Olsen
Ella Xiao Maurer

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. The graduating member is:

Tanusri Gudavalli

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:

Renni-Natalya DiArianna Collins
Wendy Yingzi Lei
Alejandra Picos
Paige Elizabeth Reitz
Dillen Sydney Sampson
Yu Yan Tan
Chloe Kaitlyn Tong

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. The graduating member is:

Dhimta Chowdhary

HONOR SOCIETIES

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. The graduating member is:

Selina Suubi Katumba

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:

Nyla Emelyn Garcia

Mason Gollotto

Isabel Knight

Denice Arielle Mendoza

Natalia Paulik-Mendoza

Sigma Delta Pi Honor Society (ΣΔΠ)

Sigma Delta Pi is a national honorary society that recognizes students for scholarly excellence in Spanish Studies. The graduating member is:

Leonardo Perez Quintana

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. The graduating member is:

Nathan Richard Martuza

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:

Angela A. Hwang

Elizabeth Lucia Minh-Thu Strout

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:

Jorja Michelle Burbano
Sarah Di Savino
Lucinda Frances Mortimer
Sandra Ebeid Francis Safein

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:

Anthony Ebro Chan
Demetrius Chatterjee
Michelle Daher Yaacoub
Joshua John Guerrero Gorospe
Angela A. Hwang
Selina Suubi Katumba
Kaitlyn Annyee Lam
Rebecca Leighann Little
Julia Elizabeth Olsen
Danna Elizabeth Parraga
Piper Rose Sparano
Hady Tinawi
Fania Marie Villarreal

ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS

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. The graduating students are:

Emilia Louise Breña

Bianca Maria Santa Maria Cantos

Taeber Hendrix

Akriti Karki

Jaden Allan Serrano-Candelaria

Regan Marie Wolff

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:

Brooke Rachel Bethune

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 students are:

Madeline Isabelle Gregor

Tanusri Gudavalli

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. The graduating students are:

Mariha Bukhari

Jorja Michelle Burbano

Jonah Louis Schafer

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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. The graduating students are:

Claire Renee Correia
Gabriella Nichole Fulton
Leonardo Perez Quintana
Isabela Cruzita Sandoval-Duran

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. The graduating students are:

Sarah Di Savino
Julia Elizabeth Olsen
Rachel Rayon
Ana Julia Zurcher

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. The graduating student is:

Bailey Andrew Rosengren

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:

Arianna Janelle Pena

Saint 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. The graduating students are:

Raychelle Ann Rebosura Castillo

Selina Suubi Katumba

Denice Arielle Mendoza

Sandra Ebeid Francis Safein

Elizabeth Lucia Minh-Thu Strout

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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