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*School of Nursing and Health Professions
December 12, 2025 ♦ 12:00 P.M.*

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

167th Annual Commencement Exercises

UNIVERSITY OF SAN FRANCISCO

SCHOOL OF NURSING AND HEALTH PROFESSIONS

DECEMBER 12, 2025, 12:00 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 School
The Academic Directors of the School
The Alumni Board of Governors
The Deans of the School
The University Leadership Team
The Members of the University Board
of Trustees
The Commencement Speaker
The President of the University

Prelude Processional

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

Master of Ceremonies

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

National Anthem

Kiara Caithlyn Belzunce Dioquino
Candidate, Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Invocation

Rev. Dónal Godfrey, S.J.
University Chaplain

Official Opening of the Ceremony

Member, Board of Trustees

Undergraduate Student Speaker

Sara Mousa Ababseh
Candidate, Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Graduate Student Speaker

Laura Fernanda Germano
Candidate, Master of Science in Nursing

Presentation of the Commencent Speaker

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

Commencement Address

Jian Zhang, DNP, MS, FNP-BC, NEA-BC, FAAN
*Chief Executive Officer, Chinese Hospital,
San Francisco and Clinical Professor,
University of California, San Francisco*

Presentation of Candidates for Undergraduate Degrees

Eileen K. Fry-Bowers

Dean of the School of Nursing and Health Professions

and

John Hurley

Assistant Professor of Nursing

Formal Conferral of Undergraduate Degrees

Salvador D. Aceves, Ed.D.

President of the University

Presentation of Candidates for Graduate Degrees

Eileen K. Fry-Bowers

Dean of the School of Nursing and Health Professions

and

Kelly L'Engle

Associate Professor of Public Health

Formal Conferral of Graduate Degrees

Salvador D. Aceves

President of the University

Presentation of Candidates for Doctoral Degrees

Eileen K. Fry-Bowers

Dean of the School of Nursing and Health Professions

and

Megan O'Banion

Senior Associate Dean

Formal Conferral of Doctoral 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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Kimberly Anne Reynoso Otbo***❖
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Megan Wong Saclayan
Louralei Domingo Salanga***❖
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Sabrina Singh
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Kristela Eliz Lobaton Villanue
Emily Vo
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Natalie Margot Brewer
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Cristine Jan Concepcion Catina
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Saman Darian
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Sandy Orozco
Glenda Dorina Rodríguez Lenarduzzi
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Eun-Sung Chang
Chieh-Hsi Chen
Chandler Raymond Dean Cole
Mia Angelique Curtis
Andrew Allen Davis
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Suzanne Duffy DiNubile
Megan Anne Fields
Constance Frey

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Rosie Elisabeth Humphery
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Myra Kan
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Anjali Narang
Cassidy Linda O'Brien
Natalia Olazabal
Aurielle JeNai Sutton

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Salma Adriana Blanco
Madeline Ly Bredehofft
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Lyanna Lisa Chan
Andrew Jaehyung Choi
Samantha Nicole Contreras
Areli Gutierrez
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Maya Denny
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Matthew Scott Elliott
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Keerat Sidhu Bhatti
Renee Borges
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Savannah Mae Miller

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Augustine R. Provencio
Umadevi Ramesh
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UNDERGRADUATE COMMENCEMENT HONORS

University Honors

* Cum Laude

** Magna Cum Laude

*** Summa Cum Laude

To be considered for University Honors, undergraduate candidates 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

School of Nursing and Health Professions Honors

To be considered for School of Nursing and Health Professions Honors (designated with a ♦), undergraduate candidates must have a minimum USF grade point average of 3.5.

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.

JIAN ZHANG, DNP, MS, FNP-BC, NEA-BC, FAAN

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, CHINESE HOSPITAL,
SAN FRANCISCO AND CLINICAL PROFESSOR,
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SAN FRANCISCO

Dr. Jian Zhang is an nationally and internationally recognized healthcare executive whose career spans more than three decades across hospitals, health plans, and medical groups. She currently serves as the Chief Executive Officer of Chinese Hospital in San Francisco and Clinical Professor at the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF). She is recognized globally for her innovative leadership, community advocacy, and ability to bridge Eastern and Western approaches to healthcare.

Dr. Zhang began her nursing career in China as part of the nation's first cohort of undergraduate nursing students, an experience that taught her to see "crisis as both danger and opportunity" — a philosophy that has guided her throughout her life. She earned her Master of Science in Nursing and post-master Family Nurse Practitioner certificate from UCSF and completed her Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) degree in healthcare executive leadership at the University of San Francisco (USF) in 2012, a transformative period that deepened her commitment to compassionate leadership, social justice, and care for the whole person.

As CEO, Dr. Zhang has transformed Chinese Hospital into a modern, integrated healthcare system through strategic partnership-building, digital innovation, and community-driven care models. Her leadership during the COVID-19 pandemic became a national model for community-based public health: through early testing, tracing, culturally sensitive communication, and high vaccination rates, Chinatown achieved one of the lowest infection and mortality rates in the region. Under her direction, Chinese Hospital earned *Newsweek's* Best-in-State Hospital Award in both 2024, 2025 and 2026.

Dr. Zhang is also a highly respected board leader. She serves on the California Hospital Council Board, the San Francisco Health Plan Board, HealthUnity (AI in Healthcare), HKBANC, the CCHRC Board (President), Jade Medical Group (Co-Founder/Treasurer), and multiple other healthcare and community boards. She is also a member of the prestigious Committee of 100, an organization of influential Chinese American leaders.

Her achievements have been recognized with some of the nation's highest honors in healthcare, leadership, and public service, including *Modern Healthcare's* 50 Most Influential Clinical Executives (2024), *Forbes* 50 Over 50: Innovation List (2023), *San Francisco Business Times*: Most Influential Women in Bay Area Business (2025), Distinguished Woman of the Year (2021 & 2023), California Legislature Distinguished Woman of the Year (2022), San Francisco Board of Supervisors Distinguished Alumni Award (2022), Sun Yat-sen University Humanitarian Award (2024), University of San Francisco UCSF Distinguished Alumni Award (2025), and the American Spirit Award from Chinese American Citizens Alliance (2025).

These recognitions reflect her sustained impact in healthcare innovation, community leadership, and her ability to elevate diverse voices across the sector.

Dr. Zhang is widely sought after as an international speaker and thought leader. She has delivered keynote speeches across the United States and Asia, including major academic institutions, global health summits, and innovation forums. Her leadership philosophy — grounded in resilience, integrity, and the belief that "a rising tide lifts all boats" — has inspired nurses, executives, and policymakers worldwide.

In addition to her executive leadership, Dr. Zhang is passionate about developing the next generation of healthcare leaders. She founded the Dr. Jian Zhang Leadership Fund to support leadership development and board readiness for women, minorities, and professionals from underserved communities. Her work emphasizes collaboration, mentorship, and creating pathways for others to thrive.

As she returns to her alma mater to deliver the 2025 Winter Commencement Address, Dr. Zhang continues to exemplify USF's Jesuit values — compassion, justice, and service to others. Her journey from bedside nurse to nationally recognized healthcare executive stands as a testament to what is possible when courage meets purpose, and when leadership is used to elevate the lives of others.

SCHOOL OF NURSING AND HEALTH PROFESSIONS DOCTORAL PROJECTS

The following is a listing of Doctor of Nursing Practice projects completed during the 2025-2026 academic year. The assisting faculty member's name is listed below the candidate's name.

Doctor of Nursing Practice

Implementing Mental Health Screenings in
Homebound Population

Renae J. Allan

DR. VICTORIA CHAUDHARY

Optimizing the Assessment and Management of
Non-Traumatic Shoulder Pain in Primary Care

Veronica Diem Ha Pham

DR. JO LOOMIS

Assessing the Impact of a Web-Based Nutrition
Knowledge Screening Among Undergraduate
Students

Nika Jechie Sayvongsa

DR. DEEPIKA GOYAL

Integrating SBIRT Training into the Family Nurse
Practitioner Curriculum: A Pilot Implementation
Project

Fiji Simmons

DR. JO LOOMIS

Improving Competence in Transitional Care:
Educating Nurses on Evidence-Based Congestive
Heart Failure Discharge Checklist

Jennifer Tam

DR. RICKY NORWOOD

Decreasing Falls Among Nursing Home
Residents with Mental Disorders Who Take
Psychotropic Medications

Irene Tsimba Zenga

DR. RICKY NORWOOD

SCHOOL OF NURSING AND HEALTH PROFESSIONS DOCTORAL PROJECTS

The following is a listing of Doctor of Psychology dissertations completed during the 2025-2026 academic year. The assisting faculty member's name is listed below the candidate's name.

Doctor of Psychology

Navigating Insulin Access for Pediatric Type 1
Diabetes: Caregivers' Experiences and Challenges

Ella Grete Anderson

DHARA MEGHANI

The After Effects of the COVID-19 Pandemic on
the Mental Health of International v/s Domestic
Students — A Qualitative Study

Keerat Sidhu Bhatti

RICK FERM

Adaptations to Family-Based Treatment for
Medicaid-Insured Adolescents with Anorexia
Nervosa

Renee Borges

RICK FERM

Program Outcome Evaluation Of A Flexibly
Structured Individual Outpatient Program For
Severe Obsessive Compulsive Disorder In A
Private Practice Setting

Jason R. David

RICK FERM

The Experience of Post-traumatic Growth for
Atheists

Savannah Mae Miller

RICK FERM

Contributions of Adverse Childhood
Experiences, Racism, Therapy and Health Habits
to Cardiovascular Health in African American
Adults

Tahra Chaunice Nobles

CONOR SMITH

"Please Hold Space for Them": The Role of
Mental Health Professionals in Supporting
BIPOC Female Survivors of Campus Sexual
Assault

Brianna Josefine Ortega

DELLANIRA GARCIA

Association Between Decisional Conflict and
Quality of Life Among Parents with a Child
Undergoing Hospital-based Treatment for a
Recent Cancer Diagnosis

Augustine R. Provencio

DHARA MEGHANI

The Psychological Constructs of International
Graduate Students Transitioning to a University
in America: A Thematic Analysis

Umadevi Ramesh

ALETTE COBLE TEMPLE

Multi-modal Approach to Investigating
Socioemotional Strengths in Children with
Dyslexia

Belinda Yiru Zhang

DAVID MARTINEZ

UNIVERSITY-WIDE AWARD

Father Maraschi Award

In memory of the Reverend Anthony Maraschi, S.J., this award is given to the senior who, as a transfer student, has maintained the highest average for scholarship throughout the remainder of the undergraduate curriculum at the University of San Francisco, and is awarded to:

Jolie Alexandra Patterson

SCHOOL OF NURSING AND HEALTH PROFESSIONS STUDENT AWARDS

Pam Bunnell CNL Excellence Award

Pam Bunnell forged a fifty-year career in nursing and nursing education. She had a passion for the CNL role and was instrumental in developing the MSN program at USF. Pam had a gift for passing her passion for the CNL role to her students, other faculty, and practicing nurses and managers. The purpose of this award is to honor a graduating Master's Entry MSN student who shared Pam's passion for the role and who was instrumental in advocating for the implementation of the role in health care settings. This certificate is awarded to:

Isabella Farideh Shahmirza

Dean's Medal for Promoting Professionalism

A bronze medal, awarded to the graduating students who have contributed most to promoting professionalism among the students in the School of Nursing and Health Professions, is awarded to:

Matthew Scott Elliott

Jely Espinosa Mendez

Augustine R. Provencio

Julianna Sahoo

Frances Monet Carter Award for Clinical Excellence in Psychiatric Nursing Award

A purse, to the graduating senior in the first Baccalaureate degree program in the School of Nursing and Health Professions who, in the opinion of the psychiatric nursing faculty, has demonstrated outstanding clinical practice in psychiatric/mental health nursing, and who has applied the principles inherent in psychiatric/mental health nursing to individuals experiencing emotional pain in other clinical settings, is awarded to:

Victoria Meconi

Amaya Cassandra Muniz

Victoria Isaac Pearce

SCHOOL OF NURSING AND HEALTH PROFESSIONS HONOR SOCIETIES

Alpha Sigma Nu (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. The graduating member is:

Victoria Meconi

Delta Omega (ΔΩ)

Founded in 1924, Delta Omega is a national honor society existing to encourage research and scholarship among graduate students of public health and to recognize attainment and achievement in the field of public health. With over 130 active chapters, Delta Omega and its members are dedicated to ensuring the quality of the field of public health and to the protection and advancement of the health of all people. The graduating members are:

Kristina Ornum Abella

Halah Mansour Alayleh

Natalie Margot Brewer

Elise Caroline Brown

Cristine Jan Concepcion Catina

Courtney Corrin Crowley

Frances Maureen Parel Fontanilla

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Juliana Alexandra Mastro

Ellis Lu McKean

Amanda Nguy

Sandy Orozco

Glenda Dorina Rodríguez Lenarduzzi

Julianna Sahoo

Aayushi A. Sett

Jamesen Kimberly Ward

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Nursing Student Association USF/NSA

The University of San Francisco/Nursing Students Association (USF/NSA) is an organization developed to promote professionalism and personal growth in nursing students. It is a chapter of the National Student Nurses' Association (NSNA) and the California Nursing Students' Association (CSNA), the only national and state organization for all nursing students. As an active organization that includes school and community involvements, members of USF/NSA assume responsibility for contributing to nursing education in order to provide the highest quality of care, provide programs representative of fundamental interests and concerns to nursing students, and aid in the development of the whole person, his/her professional role, and his/her responsibility for health care of people in all walks of life. The graduating members of the University of San Francisco Nursing Students Association (USF NSA) are:

*Sara Mousa Ababseh
Lindsey Kaye Dhumad
Kiara Caithlyn Belzunce Dioquino
Khaila Keneisha Garcia Esguerra
Victoria Isabel Hernandez Gonzalez
Michelle Tu Lam
Michael Sergio Lara
Preston H. Lee
Logan Yoshimitsu Mendoza
Andrea Moreno
Amaya Cassandra Muniz
Tiffany Chu Nguyen
Nika Nowroozi*

*Rachel Pak
Isabel Marisol Partida
Victoria Isaac Pearce
Megan Wong Saclayan
Karlene Alexandra Salas
James Waleed Sayeg
Sierra Soffer
Charlene Hi'ilani Solis
Anh Van Tran
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Sigma Theta Tau Honor Society (ΣΘΤ)

Sigma Theta Tau is the national Honor Society of Nursing. Members have demonstrated superior scholastic achievement, evidence of professional leadership potential, and a minimum grade point average of 3.00. Graduating members, signified by the wearing of a lilac cord, are:

Erbin Salud Abarado
Ninna Alessandra Arcena Acebedo
Renae J. Allan
Valia Almendarez
Jasmine Esther Aminpour
Jennifer Ann Arias
Charlotte Elizabeth Atkins
Amanda Monique Avila
Jada Eliares Baldoza
Jacqueline C. Barocio
Anne Jacqueline Bertram
Salma Adriana Blanco
Madeline Ly Bredehoft
Rebecca Anne Burney
Abraham Jared Caballero
Celine Kristi Nagales Cervantes
Armine Lianna Chamichyan
Lyanna Lisa Chan
Andrew Jaehyung Choi
Samantha Nicole Contreras
Alicia Alexandria Cornelius
Areli Gutierrez
Ashley Nichole Crane
Shela Tahsa Cristiani
Dominique Ramas Dollentas
Evelin Yajaira Dominguez
Matthew Scott Elliott
Jely Espinosa Mendez
Sarah Nicole Farkas
Merredith Megan Flores
Tatyana Noelle Franco

Alicia Gabriel Fregoso
Gianna Cecil Medina Frick
Eliza Rodriguez Galimba
Alexandria Marie Garcia
Laura Fernanda Germano
Lili Gomez
Neha Gopal
Sahand Hajian
Quyen Ho
Kendra Hoang
Veronica Hua
Jenny Huang
Valentin Huerta, Jr.
Zoha Jamal
Hipolito M. Jamilan
Inyoung Jang
Roseanna Juarez
Michella Baldovino Kahanding
Harshpreet Kaur
Simarjeet Kaur
Jenny Kim
Christina Denise Kincaid
Tina Renee Kinnear
Matalyn Faith Kirkes
Nicholas Alan La Mar
Anjolaoluwa Lydia Lawani
Shela Tran Le
Johnny Linares
Kevin Loakes
Sheridan Wendy Lomeli
Atheana Yadira Lopez

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Sigma Theta Tau Honor Society (ΣΘΤ) *continued*

Annie Lyu
Lydia Phillips Marque
Jonathan Gerard Joseph McMenamy
Brittany Wei McOmber
Victoria Meconi
Andrea Moreno
Minda Maureen Murphy
Sonia Padda
Mi Thao Pham
Paula Thanh Nhat Pham
Esther Enza Anastasia Posillico
Elizabeth Ann Randall
Louralei Domingo Salanga
Andrea Rose Sammar
Isabella Farideh Shahmirza
Eduardo Sudano
Iris Cheuk Yin Tang
Stephanie Tat
Catherine W. Zhou

SIGNIFICANCE OF THE NURSING PIN AND LILAC CORD

Each School of Nursing and Health Professions has a unique pin that is given to graduates of the specific nursing program. The pin serves to identify the School of Nursing and Health Professions no matter where the nurse may practice in the world.

The University of San Francisco School of Nursing and Health Professions pin represents three important traditions for our graduates. The three traditions include the Sisters of Mercy, the Jesuits and the University of San Francisco.

The Sisters of Mercy are represented by the Mercy Crest and the year “1954.” The year is when St. Mary’s Hospital School of Nursing, a diploma program, in conjunction with the University of San Francisco merged together and began to offer a baccalaureate degree in Nursing (BSN). Sister Mary Beata Baumann, S.M. was the founding dean for the School of Nursing. Today the School of Nursing and Health Professions is the only school at USF to offer a baccalaureate degree, a master degree, and a doctoral degree.

The Jesuit community is represented by the Ignatian crest. The Ignatian crest represents St. Ignatius Loyola, the founder of the Jesuits. The initials A.M.D.G. stand for “Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam” which translates into “For the greater glory of God.”

The University of San Francisco is represented by the USF crest. This represents the rich multicultural environment of the University and the city of San Francisco where the School of Nursing and Health Professions provides service for all people.

The lilac cord signifies membership in Sigma Theta Tau, the Nursing Honor Society.

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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