



# COMMENCEMENT

DECEMBER 12, 2009



# CEREMONIAL BANNERS

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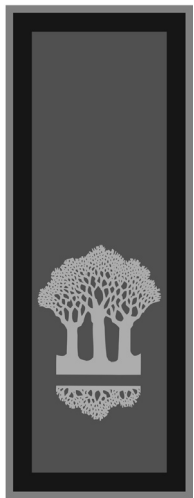
**CHALLENGE. SUPPORT. SUCCESS.**  
At PLU students are challenged to perform at the peak of their ability, given the support they need to meet that challenge and, as a result, they find success to excel in college and in life.



**LAMP OF KNOWLEDGE**  
Symbolic of PLU's commitment to academic excellence and the freedom of inquiry, this graphic was developed in celebration of the university's centennial in 1990.



**CAMPUS COMMUNITY**  
An image representative of the unity of the PLU campus, founded on a commitment to the values of Lutheran higher education.



**GENERATIONS OF OAK**  
Signifying PLU's heritage and tradition, this image depicts the oak sculpture on lower campus dedicated in 1995 by Their Majesties King Harald V and Queen Sonja of Norway.



**ELCA GLOBE**  
This represents PLU's global commitment, and is an adaptation of the logo of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.



**ROSE WINDOW**  
A graphic representation of PLU's historic Rose Window located in Eastvold Hall. This logo serves as the university's signature.

# ACADEMIC APPAREL

THE COLOR CODE FOR THE MASTERS AND DOCTORAL LEVELS IS AS FOLLOWS:

Agriculture .....	Maize	Pharmacy.....	Olive Green
Arts, Letters, Humanities .....	White	Philosophy.....	Dark Blue
Commerce, Accountancy, Business .....	Nugget	Physical Education .....	Sage Green
Dentistry.....	Lilac	Public Administration, including	
Economics .....	Copper	Foreign Service.....	Peacock Blue
Education .....	Light Blue	Public Health.....	Salmon Pink
Engineering .....	Orange	Science .....	Golden Yellow
Fine Arts, including Architecture .....	Brown	Social Science .....	Cream
Forestry.....	Russet	Social Work.....	Citron
Journalism .....	Crimson	Theology.....	Scarlet
Law.....	Purple	Veterinary Science.....	Gray
Library Science .....	Lemon		
Medicine.....	Green		
Music .....	Pink	<b>HONORARY DEGREE HOODS:</b>	
Nursing.....	Apricot	Doctor of Divinity .....	Red
Optometry.....	Sea Foam Green	Doctor of Law .....	Purple
Oratory (Speech) .....	Silver Gray	Doctor of Humane Letters .....	White

The chevron on the Pacific Lutheran University honorary degree hood carries the black and gold institutional colors.

The significance of the apparel is indicated especially by the sleeves and hoods. The master's gown has long, closed sleeves and the doctor's gown has bell-shaped sleeves and velvet trimmings.

The master's hood is three and one-half feet in length and the doctor's hood is four feet in length. Hoods are lined with the color or colors of the institution from which the individual received his or her degree. The colored velvet border of the hood, which is three inches for master's degrees and five inches wide for doctor's degrees, indicates the faculty or field to which the degree pertains.

## POST COMMENCEMENT RECEPTION

*Banners will designate divisions and schools.*

*Please greet graduates and their faculty near the appropriate banners.*

DIVISION OF HUMANITIES

DIVISION OF NATURAL SCIENCES

DIVISION OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

SCHOOL OF ARTS AND COMMUNICATION

SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION AND MOVEMENT STUDIES

SCHOOL OF NURSING

# COMMENCEMENT

OLSON AUDITORIUM  
PACIFIC LUTHERAN UNIVERSITY  
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2009  
10:30 AM

PROGRAM

## ACADEMIC PROCESSIONAL

*(Audience is requested to be seated for the processional.)*

*Suite Française Movement 1 "Normandie", by Darius Milhaud*  
University Wind Ensemble  
Edwin C. Powell, *Assistant Professor of Music*, conducting

UNIVERSITY MARSHAL: Norris A. Peterson ('75), *Dean, Division of Social Sciences*  
FACULTY MARSHALS: Colleen M. Hacker, *Professor of Movement Studies & Wellness Education*  
Richard N. Louie, *Associate Professor of Physics*

## INVOCATION

Nancy J. Connor, *University Pastor*

## GREETINGS

Loren J. Anderson, *President*  
Robert Gomulkiewicz ('83), *Chair of the Board of Regents*

## UNIVERSITY FACULTY EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Steven P. Starkovich, *Acting Provost*

## REFLECTION

Kate H. Geldaker, *Bachelor of Arts, Political Science*

## COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

David P. Robbins, *Faculty Chair & Professor of Music*

*Guests are asked to remain seated during the ceremony.*  
*No one will be permitted on the auditorium floor for photos.*  
*Please take a moment to make sure that all cellular phones & electronic devices are switched off. Thank you.*

## MUSICAL SELECTION

*Festive Overture*, by Dmitry Shostakovich

## CONFERRAL OF MASTER'S DEGREES

President Anderson  
Assisted by Provost Starkovich  
James L. Brock, *Dean, School of Business*  
David B. Ward, *Chair, Marriage & Family Therapy*

## CONFERRAL OF BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

President Anderson  
Assisted by Provost Starkovich

## CLOSING COMMENTS

President Anderson

## Prayer and Benediction

Dennis G. Sepper, *University Pastor*

## Recessional

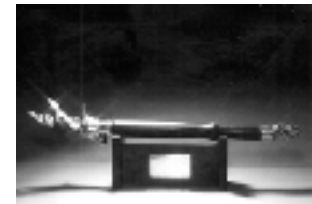
*Suite Française Movement 5 "Provence"*, by Darius Milhaud

*(Audience is requested to remain seated until the graduates have exited the auditorium.)*

You are cordially invited to a reception in the Field House immediately following the commencement program.



## PACIFIC LUTHERAN UNIVERSITY MACE



For centuries, in academic and ecclesiastical processions, a mace has been carried by the marshal to symbolize the official opening and closing of a formal event.

At the base of the walnut staff is a silver pine cone, made from a casting of a cone found on the PLU campus. Its head has a descending dove, representative of the harmonious presence of the Holy Spirit within the learning community.

The cradle bears a plaque which will carry the names of the current and subsequent presidents, as well as the following inscription from Proverbs 4:7, "Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore, get wisdom; Yea, with all thy getting get understanding."

Designed and created by Tom Torrens, former PLU artist-in-residence.

The Mace was a gift from President-Emeritus and Mrs. William O. Rieke and family, presented at Commencement, 1976.

## PACIFIC LUTHERAN UNIVERSITY SEAL



The Pacific Lutheran University Seal was adopted for use when the institution became a university in September 1960. The PLU seal appears on official university documents, including the diploma. The design incorporates elements that symbolize the university's heritage and function. The elliptical shape symbolizes the close relationship between the university and the church, which owns and encompasses the school. The ellipse is an ancient Christian sign that indicates the relationship between God and human. The name of the institution and the date of its founding are appropriately placed along the border.

Central to the design is the ancient

"Chi Rho," a sign designating Jesus as the Christ and drawn from the cross of the Calvary. The "Chi Rho" is planted in the book, which stands for both the Bible and for the chief tool of the student. Such signs were in common use in the early development of the Christian community. The lamp of learning is traditional in the Western civilization that is our heritage and symbolizes the human search for free knowledge and wisdom. The flame of the lamp illuminates the book. The evergreen tree, perhaps the greatest natural resource of the Pacific Northwest, ties the university to its locale and is symbolic of the abundance of the natural surroundings, as well as our dependence upon it.

## GRADUATION HONORS

To earn graduation honors, a student must earn a cumulative grade point average of 3.50 for *cum laude*, 3.75 for *magna cum laude*, and 3.90 average for *summa cum laude*. Graduation honors as listed in the commencement bulleting have been calculated on the basis of courses completed through Summer Term 2009. Final graduation honors, listed on a student's official

transcript and diploma, will be recalculated following the completion of the student's final term.

Participation in a commencement ceremony and/or inclusion of a student's name in the commencement bulleting does not indicate that a degree will be awarded. All degree requirements must be successfully completed by the term deadline for a degree to be awarded.

# AWARDS AND HONORS

## SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS OF GRADUATING STUDENTS

### HONOR SOCIETIES

#### *ALPHA KAPPA DELTA* SOCIOLOGY

Kiara D. St. John

#### *ALPHA PSI OMEGA* THEATRE

Laura J. Barns  
Jonathan P. Lee  
Jacquilyne A. Roberts

#### *ARETÉ SOCIETY* PLU LIBERAL ARTS

Philip A. McGuiness

#### *BETA ALPHA PSI* ACCOUNTING

Lars Isaksaeter

#### *BETA GAMMA SIGMA* BUSINESS

Christina F. Berkich  
Janissa S. Pheann  
Jennifer J. Roath  
Philip J. Saucier

#### *MU PHI EPSILON* MUSIC

Joseph M. Boertmann

#### *PHI ALPHA* SOCIAL WORK

Lindsay M. Whiteman

#### *PHI CHI* PSYCHOLOGY

Musa A. Al-tamimi  
Kelsie L. Hendrickson  
Emily G. Starr  
Kiara D. St. John

#### *SIGMA THETA TAU* NURSING

Todd D. Christiansen  
Javonda D. Fortune  
Brenna M. Gallagher  
Christina M. Karanasos  
David B. Kuhn  
Delene K. Lee  
Eileen M. Lombardi  
Jennifer N. Pena  
Sabrina S. Raj  
Jessica M. Reetz  
Stephanie J. Rieber  
Christiana K. Sipe  
Katrina M. Smith

### AWARDS & HONORS

Austin L. Goble  
*Wang Grant Recipient*

Micah J. Haven  
*Theodore Presser Scholar*

Jacklyn M. Kellogg  
*Mary Baker Russell Scholar*

Philip J. Saucier  
*Wall Street Journal Award*

Mika K. Takano  
*Ben B. Cheney Foundation Scholar*

Ericka J. Wallace  
*Mary Baker Rusell Scholar*

#### *PINNACLE SOCIETY*

John O. deMars  
Jacquilyne A. Roberts  
Marianna C. Waldron

#### *WHO'S WHO* AMONG STUDENTS IN AMERICAN COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES

Jacklyn M. Kellogg  
John O. de Mars

# MASTER'S DEGREES

## *COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES*

### MASTER OF ARTS

**Suzanne C. Burgoyne**  
Marriage & Family Therapy

**Cassandra Leigh Carlson**  
Marriage & Family Therapy

**Hannah Eun Choi**  
Marriage & Family Therapy

**Stephanie Lianne Dann**  
Marriage & Family Therapy

**Jennifer Ann Kelly Ketter**  
Marriage & Family Therapy

**Heinz Erich Malon**  
Marriage & Family Therapy

**Cynthia Adrienne Ruggles**  
Marriage & Family Therapy

**Juancarlos Santisteban**  
Marriage & Family Therapy

**Colleen Anne Young**  
Marriage & Family Therapy

## *SCHOOL OF BUSINESS*

### MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

**Tonje Hovland Berntsen**

**Laurie P. Davis**

**Justin Raymond Greene**

**Veronica Jean Matthews**

**Lee Thomas Pogue**

**Christina Lynn Reip**

**Reeves Ronser**

**Leeju Saechang**

# BACHELOR'S DEGREES

## *COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES*

### BACHELOR OF ARTS

**Nolan Samuel Adams**  
Economics

**Musa Aziz Al-tamimi**  
Psychology  
*cum laude*

**Leika Jane Anderson**  
Anthropology  
*magna cum laude*

**Ryan Bertil Billdt**  
Economics

**Amy Alexandria Blauman**  
French, Global Studies

**Danielle Marie Coleman**  
English/Literature

**Destinie Marie Day**  
Psychology

**John Owen de Mars**  
Political Science

**Tatiana Demian**  
Economics

**Thalia Kathleen Foote**  
Anthropology

**Meredith Rae Forrey**  
Global Studies, Political Science  
*cum laude*

**Kate Hope Geldaker**  
Political Science  
*cum laude*

**Austin Lee Goble**  
Economics

**Kelsey Lynn Hartsell**  
Spanish

**Jennifer Renee Heifner**  
Psychology

**Kelsie Linn Hendrickson**  
Spanish  
*cum laude*

**Emily Noelle Hill**  
Music

**Lars Isaksaetre**  
Economics

**Elizabeth Ellen Johannsen**  
German

**Bomyi Kim**  
English/Literature

**Charlotta Ruth Knott**  
Economics

**Sarah Nicole Knutson**  
Political Science

**Jacob Moroni Kreitzer**  
Biology

**Hillary Ruth Kuehn**  
German  
*cum laude*

**Brittany Carolyn Lorraine  
Langston**  
Spanish

**Jin Sung Lee**  
English/Literature

**Tyler Ryan Libadia**  
History

**Jessica Ann Lupton**  
Global Studies, Political Science

**Kayla Maria Tebas Madsen**  
Global Studies, Spanish  
*cum laude*

**Liana Rae Markham**  
Biology

**Christina Mead**  
English/Literature

**Jorshua Martinez Melo**  
History

**Hannah Marie Middlebrook**  
Social Work

**Emily Elizabeth Moore**  
Biology

**Alina Moroi**  
Spanish

**Madeline Julia Neal-Bakewell**  
English/Writing  
*cum laude*

**Masahide Nishimura**  
Chinese Studies

**Chiyako Oku**  
Sociology

# BACHELOR'S DEGREES *(continued)*

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**Kirsten Bess Ostgard**  
Communication Studies

**Arianna Leigh Peck**  
Anthropology

**Aliza Nicole Perry**  
Communication Studies

**Scott Warner Posey**  
Economics

**Bethel Alice Prescott**  
Psychology

**Daniel Jameison Ruff**  
Geosciences

**Chanel Lynn Ryssel**  
Psychology

**Brandon Tyler Sales**  
History

**Emilie Janes Schaler**  
Anthropology  
*cum laude*

**Meagan Kathleen Schatz**  
Psychology

**Jessica Janette Sedergren**  
Psychology

**Brady Hedberg Somers**  
Biology  
*cum laude*

**Kiara Danielle St. John**  
Sociology  
*cum laude*

**Kathryn Margaret Stafford**  
History, Women's & Gender Studies

**Emily Grace Starr**  
Political Science, Psychology  
*cum laude*

**Jesica Linsey Tanner**  
Anthropology

**Jacob L. Taylor**  
Global Studies, Spanish

**Craig Harlen Weber**  
Political Science

**Donald Davis Wells, Jr.**  
History

**Lindsay Michelle Whiteman**  
Social Work

**Lucy Siyuan Wu**  
Biology

**Caitlyn Jo Zwang**  
Spanish  
*cum laude*

## BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

**Brandy Lynne Alexander**  
Psychology

**Brennan Alex Brown**  
Biology

**Kathryn Hannah Burdekin**  
Psychology

**Bradley William Cox**  
Biology

**Jeremy Blaine Ellison**  
Computer Engineering

**Amanda Jill Griffiths**  
Biology

**Kelsie Linn Hendrickson**  
Psychology  
*cum laude*

**Samuel John Jensen**  
Biology

**Charlotta Ruth Knott**  
Financial Mathematics

**Phillip Andrew McGuiness**  
Biology  
*summa cum laude*

**Daniil V Perebeynos**  
Mathematics Education

**Whitney Nichole Roan**  
Psychology

**Jamie Lynn Roberts**  
Mathematics Education

**Julie Ann Williams**  
Biology

## *SCHOOL OF ARTS AND COMMUNICATION*

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN  
COMMUNICATION

**Crystal Nicole Ashcraft**

**Stephanie Christine Deahl**

**Nicole Kathryn Hughes**

**Derek John Karamatic**

**Benjamin Paige Lamb**

**Kristina Lee Ranum**

**Anthony James Slater**

**Ava Lynette Tausz**

**Jonathan William Wedell**

## BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS

**Leika Jane Anderson**  
Art  
*magna cum laude*

**Laura Jane Barnes**  
Theatre  
*cum laude*

**Jonathan Paul Lee**  
Theatre  
*cum laude*

**Jacquilynne April Roberts**  
Theatre  
*cum laude*

## BACHELOR OF MUSIC EDUCATION

**Allison Lucile Bertelson**  
*cum laude*

**Joseph M. Boertmann**  
*magna cum laude*

**Micah John Haven**  
*cum laude*

**Jacklyn Martina Kellogg**  
*summa cum laude*

**Thomas Arthur Mitchell**  
*cum laude*

**Mika Katrina Takano**  
*summa cum laude*

**Ericka Joy Wallace**  
*cum laude*

## *SCHOOL OF BUSINESS*

BACHELOR OF BUSINESS  
ADMINISTRATION

**Kristian Arnesen**

**Kristen Loretta Barrett**  
*cum laude*

**Christina Faith Berkich**  
*magna cum laude*

**Ryan Bertil Bildt**

**Leanne Margarette Briggs**

**Michael Krafve Burris**

**Patrick James Carlisle**

**Lance Bryant Davis**

**John Owen de Mars**

**Cassandra Jean Guess**

**Gillian Marin Guthrie**  
*cum laude*

**Lars Isaksaetre**

**Zhipeng Lei**  
*magna cum laude*

**Farrukh Saleem Memon**

**Kamryn Leigh Morgan**

**Justin S. Mounkhoun**

**Ilja Victorovich Naumov**

**Janissa Shantell Pheann**  
*cum laude*

**Philip Joseph Saucier**  
*summa cum laude*

**Christian William Stauffer, Jr.**

**Emily Megan Steyer**  
*cum laude*

**Sara Kay Strueby**

**Cory Christopher-Sigmund  
Thoresen**

**Vanessa M. Torres**

## *SCHOOL OF EDUCATION AND MOVEMENT STUDIES*

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN  
EDUCATION

**Michelle Nicole Boucher**  
Elementary Education  
*cum laude*

**Kelly Rose Bushnell**  
Elementary Education  
*cum laude*

**Kelsey Mae Carr**  
Elementary Education  
*cum laude*

**Cassie Brianna Hopkins**  
Elementary & Special Education

**Geneva Jo Martin**  
Elementary & Special Education

**Michael Aaron Ogden**  
Elementary Education  
*cum laude*

**Dixie Lea Pyles**  
Elementary & Special Education

**Ashleigh Rhea Rose**  
Elementary & Special Education

**Elizabeth Elsie Lynn Walsh**  
Elementary Education  
*cum laude*

**Erica White**  
Elementary & Special Education

**Sarah Elizabeth White**  
Elementary Education  
*cum laude*

**Caitlyn Jo Zwang**  
Elementary Education  
*cum laude*

## BACHELOR OF ARTS IN PHYSICAL EDUCATION

**Eryn Marie Beal**

**Roger Thomas Guzman**

**Thomas Arthur Hoghaug**

**Marianna Catherine Waldron**

## BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN PHYSICAL EDUCATION

**José Carrillo, Jr.**

**Anthony Jo Hwang**

**Andrew Richard Hyres**

**Yukari Kuranuki**

**Timothy Walker Young, Jr.**

## *SCHOOL OF NURSING*

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN  
NURSING

**Rachelle Elizabeth Axtell**

**Natalie Nicole Bennett**

**Erin Renee Boyle**

**Kristina Irene Buchmiller**

**Milcah Nagaddya Bulega**

**Todd D. Christiansen**  
*cum laude*

**Jamie Elizabeth Cleveland**

**Erica Ana-Maria Ely**

**Tina Na Fajardo**

**Javonda Denise Fortune**

**Brenna Marie Gallagher**  
*cum laude*

**Valerie Rebecca Hacker**

**Sheila Marie Hardman**

**Caroline Jeanmarie Jones**

**Christina Mardelle Karanasos**  
*cum laude*

**Jessica Michelle Kirkwood**

**Ewa Korzeniowska**

**David Brice Kuhn**  
*cum laude*

**Brian Christopher Lancaster**

**Rebecca Marie Lauwers**

**D. Kathryn Lee**

**Eileen Marie Lombardi**  
*cum laude*

**Janice Marie Martin**

**Crystal Lee More-Payne**

**Ngoc-Chau Thi Nguyen**

**Kathleen L. Overly**

**Jennifer Nichole Pena**

**Sabrina Shiri Raj**  
*cum laude*

**Jessica Melanie Reetz**  
*cum laude*

**Stephanie Joy Rieber**  
*cum laude*

**Rheanna Rae Rose**

**Cielo Liliana-Amaya Schacht**

**Christiana Kay Sipe**  
*cum laude*

**Katrina Marie Smith**  
*cum laude*

**Sabine Tauber**

**Rebecca Susan Waggoner**

**Haley Jo Wahl**