2017 Commencement Speaker
Mr. Brian A. Bannon ’97

Pacific Lutheran University is proud to welcome distinguished Lute, Brian Bannon ’97, as its keynote speaker for Commencement 2017. In 2012, he became the commissioner and chief executive officer of the Chicago Public Library, one of the largest public library systems in the world — with 77 branches, two regional hubs and an annual budget of $130 million. Under Mr. Bannon’s leadership, the Chicago Public Library has become the nation’s leading laboratory for the library sciences, shifting the focus from books to ideas; a living space, where individuals with diverse ideas, backgrounds and perspectives come together to create a more connected community. For example, summer program attendance at the Chicago Public Library has grown by 80 percent to more than 100,000 children. The increase has been linked to improved in-school performance in math, science and reading. These and other results — spearheaded by Bannon’s mission-driven leadership — have led to new philanthropic, business, research and social-sector partnerships. Additionally, financial investments in the library system have grown to more than $100 million in five years.

Mr. Bannon was one of the first queer leaders on PLU’s campus. He majored in both psychology and gay and lesbian studies and was active in drama and a member of the swim team. He went on to earn a Master of Library and Information Science degree at the University of Washington’s Information School in 1999. He held an internship with the U.S. Library Program of the Gates Foundation, which launched his career in librarianship. In 2011, Mr. Bannon was invited back to the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation to join its Strategic Advisors Network for Global Libraries, where he continues to be a leading voice in advocating for innovation in a changing world. In 2016, Fast Company magazine included Mr. Bannon on its list of the 100 Most Creative People in Business. Mr. Bannon was cited for his leadership in democratizing access to learning and technology across Chicago’s library locations, building an entrepreneurial culture that supports innovation at all levels of the organization, and for serving as a national model for how libraries can thrive in the knowledge and information economy.

Mr. Bannon serves on the boards of READ Global, Illinois Humanities and the Donors Forum. He is also a member of the 2017 Class of Henry Crown Fellows within the Aspen Global Leadership Network at the Aspen Institute. For its many learning and technology innovations, the Chicago Public Library earned the 2014 National Medal for Museum and Library Science, for which Mr. Bannon accepted the award from First Lady Michelle Obama. With his work at the crossroads of libraries and technology, Brian Bannon has shown the world the value of a life of thoughtful inquiry, service, leadership and care.
Sidney Rittenberg’s commitment to a better, more just world began with his labor-organizing activities in the late 1930s in the American South followed by work with the fledgling post-World War II United Nations’ relief efforts based in Shanghai, China. He worked closely with People’s Republic of China founder Mao Zedong and other leaders of the Chinese Communist Party as a translator and advisor. Despite being twice jailed on spy charges for a total of 16 years, he retained not only his sanity but also his abiding love for the Chinese people. During his first imprisonment, in 1949, he was kept in a completely dark room for one year. Mr. Rittenberg attributes his survival in solitary confinement to a poem by Edwin Markham:

They drew a circle that shut me out  
Heretic, rebel, a thing to flout  
But love and I had the wit to win;  
We drew a circle that took them in.

Mr. Rittenberg recalled hearing this poem from his sister when he was sick as a child. Upon his imprisonment, it came back to him, and he used it to build relationships with the prison guards, managing to convince them to provide him with books and a candle to read by. In 1955 he was released, only to be imprisoned again in 1968 during the Cultural Revolution. During his second prison stay he penned a new Confucian saying: “Man who climbs out on limb should listen carefully for sound of saw.” In November 1977, Rittenberg was released, and in 1980, he moved back to the United States.

Upon his return to the U.S., Mr. Rittenberg taught at The New School in New York; at his alma mater, The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; and for many years as a guest professor in the Pacific Lutheran University Chinese Studies program.

With his wife, Wang Yulin, he started the international consulting firm Rittenberg Associates, which helps American and Chinese companies form relationships and business partnerships. A major international authority on the Chinese government and its emerging policies, he is in demand as a speaker and consultant both for his encyclopedic and personal knowledge of modern Chinese history and for his many connections with influential people in the current Chinese government and its affiliated organizations.

In 2013, the Washington State China Relations Council established an annual award to honor those who have exemplified the noble purpose of bringing our peoples closer together and named it—appropriately enough—“The Sidney.” PLU is honored to present the degree of Doctor of Humane Letters, honoris causa, to Sidney Rittenberg.
Commencement

TACOMA DOME
THURSDAY, MAY 25, 2017, 7:30 P.M.

Posting of the Colors by the Lute Battalion, Reserve Officers’ Training Corps Color Guard

Academic Processional
(Audience is requested to be seated for the procession.)

Processional of Joy, Lawrence J. Meyer (1928-96), Former Professor of Music, PLU
Members of the University Symphony Orchestra
Dr. Jeffrey L. Bell-Hanson, Professor of Music, Conductor

UNIVERSITY MARSHAL Dr. Norris A. Peterson ’75, Professor of Economics
FACULTY MARSHALS Dr. Joanne M. Lisosky, Professor of Communication
Dr. Douglas Oakman, Professor of Religion

Invocation
The Rev. Jen Rude, University Pastor

National Anthem
The Star Spangled Banner
Music: John Stafford Smith (1750-1836)
Text: Francis Scott Key (1779-1843)

Greetings
Dr. Rae Linda Brown, Provost, Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Professor of Music
Dr. Thomas W. Krise, President and Professor of English
Mr. Edward Grogan ’93, Chair, Board of Regents

Faculty Retirements
The Provost

RETIRING FACULTY
Dr. Bryan C. Dorner, Professor of Mathematics
Gail L. Egbers, M.A.L.S., Associate Professor, Library
Dr. Christine L. Hansvick, Professor of Psychology
Dr. Laura F. Klein, Professor of Anthropology
Diane B. MacDonald, J.D., Associate Dean and Professor of Business
Dr. D.W. Sid Olufs, Professor of Political Science
Dr. Leon E. Reisberg, Jolita Hyland Benson Chair in Elementary Education and Professor of Education
Dr. Steven P. Starkovich, Associate Professor of Physics
Dr. Vidya Thirumurthy, Associate Professor of Education
Dr. Fern Zabriskie, Associate Professor of Business
Reflection
Ms. Alaa Alshaibani, Candidate for Bachelor of Science, Psychology

Commencement Address
Mr. Brian A. Bannon ’97

Conferral of Honorary Degree
Mr. Sidney Rittenberg
The President
The Provost
Dr. Joanna Gregson, Chair of the Faculty and Professor of Sociology

Conferral of Degrees
The President
Assisted by Dr. Geoffrey E. Foy, Associate Provost for Graduate Programs and Continuing Education
Dr. Jan Lewis, Associate Professor for Undergraduate Education

Hooded by Dr. Chung-Shing Lee, Dean, School of Business and Professor of Business
Dr. Kevin O’Brien, Dean, Division of the Humanities and Associate Provost of Religion
Dr. Matthew J. Smith, Dean, Division of the Natural Sciences and Associate Professor of Biology
Ms. Carol A. Bautista ’10, Faculty Governance Coordinator
Mr. Kevin A. Berg ’08, Registrar
Dr. Hal DeLaRosby, Director of Academic Advising
Ms. Lisa A. Henderson ’04, ’07, Director of Academic Budget and Planning

Doctoral Candidates Hooded by
Dr. Sheila K. Smith, Dean, School of Nursing and Professor of Nursing
Dr. Teri M. Woo, Associate Dean for Graduate Nursing Programs and Professor of Nursing

Closing Comments
The President

Alma Mater
Music: Dr. Gregory Youtz (b. 1956), Professor of Music
Text: Lt.j.g. Kameron Jacobs ’14, USN (b. 1992)
Graduating seniors who participated in the Choir of the West will lead the singing.

Prayer and Benediction
Pastor Rude

Recessional
(Audience is requested to be seated for the recessional.)

Processional of Joy
Dr. Bell-Hanson, Conductor
For centuries in academic and ecclesiastical processionals, a mace has been carried by the marshal to symbolize the official opening and closing of a formal event. The head of the mace has a descending dove, representative of the harmonious presence of the Holy Spirit within the learning community. At the base of the walnut staff is a silver pine cone, made from a casting of a cone from the PLU campus.

The cradle bears a plaque with 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 of former President and Mrs. William O. Rieke and family, presented at Commencement 1976.
Symbol & Ritual

The Commencement ceremony is a celebration of the Pacific Lutheran University community and all it represents. It opens with the setting of the stage, including banners and symbols representing aspects of the University. The Color Guard of the Lute Battalion of the Army Reserve Officers’ Training Corps initiates the setting of the stage:

The flags of the United States and the State of Washington represent the people the ROTC guards are sworn to protect, and the guards on either side of the flags carry ceremonial rifles to symbolize that protection.

When the Academic Procession begins, the University Marshal carries the PLU Mace, representing the academic authority and independence of the University.

The whole PLU community, in its rich diversity, participates in this celebration. As different groups of the PLU community process into the arena, ceremonial banners are also posted, completing the stage.

Academic Dress

Academic dress has its origins in clerical dress of the medieval church. PLU adheres to the national standards of academic dress established in 1895 and maintained by the American Council on Education.

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

The bachelor’s hood is 3 feet in length; the master’s, 3½ feet; and the doctor’s, 4 feet. Hoods are lined with the colors of the institution from which the individual received his or her degree. The colored velvet border of the hood, which is 2 inches, 3 inches and 5 inches wide for the bachelor’s, master’s and doctor’s degrees, respectively, indicates the faculty or field to which the degree pertains.

The lining of the Pacific Lutheran University hood carries the black and gold institutional colors.

The Centennial Bell

The Centennial Bell is located at the heart of the Pacific Lutheran University campus, across from the Karen Hille Phillips Center for the Performing Arts on the red-brick quadrangle known colloquially as Red Square and officially as Centennial Plaza.

Each year, on the first day of classes, the bell is rung to announce the arrival on campus of the new class and the beginning of the Convocation ceremony opening the new academic year. The ceremonial ringing of a replica of the Centennial Bell is repeated at the time of Commencement to announce the graduation of the class.

The Centennial Bell was dedicated on May 27, 1990, to commemorate the 100th anniversary of Pacific Lutheran University. It was a gift from the 11th President, Dr. William O. Rieke, and his wife, Joanne Rieke. The Centennial Bell and its replica were created by sculptor Tom Torrens, former PLU Artist in Residence.
Ceremonial Banners

**The Luther Rose**  
Also known as the Luther Seal, this is the most recognized symbol of Lutheranism around the world. Martin Luther personally designed this coat of arms and used it from 1520 until his death in 1546. The banner precedes the University Pastors and symbolizes the University’s Lutheran affiliation.

**PLU’s First Seal**  
This seal, with an image of Mount Rainier and the motto “Build for Character,” was Pacific Lutheran College’s first official seal. The 1942 catalog read: “The motto . . . expresses succinctly the aim of the school.” The banner precedes the Chair and other leaders of the PLU Faculty.

**PLU’s Second Seal**  
This seal was adopted when the institution resumed the name and status of a university in 1960; it appears on official university documents from 1960 to 2012. The design incorporates elements that symbolize the University’s heritage and mission, including a “Chi Rho,” an abbreviation of the first two letters of “Christ” in Greek; the book of knowledge; the lamp of learning; and an evergreen tree symbolizing the Pacific Northwest. The banner precedes the President’s Council, made up of the Provost and the Vice Presidents of the University.

**The Crowned Lion of Norway**  
The rampant crowned lion bearing a golden axe with a silver blade on a red background is the central element of the coat of arms of Norway. Dating from the 13th century, it is among the oldest state coats of arms remaining in contemporary use. The banner precedes the Chair and members of the Board of Regents and symbolizes the University’s Norwegian heritage.

**The Rose Window Seal**  
This is the official seal of Pacific Lutheran University. It represents PLU’s historic Rose Window, located in the Ness Family Chapel at the top of the Karen Hille Phillips Center for the Performing Arts. The distinctive Rose Window represents the history and tradition of the institution, speaks to its Lutheran heritage and connects students of today with generations of alumni. The PLU Board of Regents officially adopted this seal on Oct. 14, 2012, replacing one that had been used since 1960. The banner precedes the President and symbolizes the authority of the University.
University Seal

The Pacific Lutheran University Rose Window Seal was officially adopted by the Board of Regents on Oct. 14, 2012, replacing the seal that had been in use since September 1960. The PLU seal appears on all official documents, including the diploma. The Rose Window design is the iconic symbol of the university, and was designed by former Director of Communications Paul Porter in 1975. Porter drew his inspiration for the seal from the 8-foot-diameter stained-glass Rose Window located above the entrance to the Karen Hille Phillips Center for the Performing Arts and acts as a backdrop for the altar in the Ness Family Chapel. The distinctive Rose Window represents the history and tradition of the institution and speaks to its Lutheran heritage, and is seen as a recognizable symbol that connects the students of today with generations of alumni.

The PLU Printer’s Mark

This symbol designed by Pacific Lutheran University alumnus Sam Hosman ’14 features the rhododendron, Washington’s state flower, and heather, the national flower of Norway. It reminds us of our place and our heritage.

Graduation Honors

Candidates receiving graduation honors at Commencement wear the PLU Graduation Honors Cord (a single black, gold and white cord). To earn graduation honors, a student must have a minimum of 64 hours at PLU and a cumulative PLU grade point average of 3.50 for cum laude, 3.75 for magna cum laude and 3.90 for summa cum laude.

Graduation honors, as listed in the Commencement bulletin, have been calculated on the basis of courses completed through January Term 2017. 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 bulletin 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.

Post-Commencement Gathering

Banners will designate divisions and schools.
You may greet graduation candidates and their faculty near the appropriate banners.

Division of Humanities
Departments of English, Languages and Literatures, Philosophy, Religion

Division of Natural Sciences
Departments of Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science and Computer Engineering, Geosciences, Mathematics, Physics

Division of Social Sciences
Departments of Anthropology, Economics, History, Marriage and Family Therapy, Politics and Government, Psychology, Sociology, Social Work

School of Arts & Communication
Departments of Art and Design, Communication and Theatre, Music

School of Business

School of Education & Kinesiology

School of Nursing
Bachelor’s Degrees

**SCHOOL OF ARTS & COMMUNICATION**

**BACHELOR OF MUSIC EDUCATION**

Austin Louis Baduria  
Kristin Michelle Bender  
cum laude  
Joshua Douglas Bozich  
cum laude  
Joseph Arthur Delgado  
Kristi Lynn Eckroth  
Jessica Ruthann Fletcher  
magna cum laude  
Jesus Horacio Gomez  
Timothy S. Hager  
Jordan Marie Hamilton  
Annalise Louise King  
magna cum laude  
Maxfield Ramsay Marcus  
magna cum laude  
Sarah Ashley Martin  
summa cum laude  
Taylor Rose Mills  
magna cum laude  
James T. Philip  
William Bennett Radford  
summa cum laude  
Hannah Marie Austin Rausch  
summa cum laude  
Claire Julia Rehmke  
Annalise Marie Sansburn  
magna cum laude  
Alexandra Rose Steves  
magna cum laude  
Devin Alan Turner  
cum laude  
Aaron Michael Weed  
cum laude  
Alan Spencer Lee Young  
magna cum laude  

**BACHELOR OF MUSIC**

Kathleen Sara Beck  
magna cum laude  

Shayla Kristine Chaykin  
Alexandra Elizabeth Dreher  
summa cum laude  
Angela Cafazzo Froschauer  
cum laude  
Emilio Jose Gonzalez  
Dylan Victor Harm  
Tora Oye Hedges  
magna cum laude  
Miya Simpson Higashiyama  
magna cum laude  
Jennifer Anne Matson  
cum laude  
Mollie Rose Parce  
cum laude  
Nathan Clarence Robe  
Lydia Ellen Robinson  
cum laude  
Elliott John Turner  
summa cum laude  
Sadi Grace Wentz  
Cassandra Romelle Willock  
cum laude  

**BACHELOR OF MUSICAL ARTS**

Antone’a Melody Coleman  
cum laude  
Danielle Marie Heins  
summa cum laude  
Jerard Mikal Mower  
Christopher James Warren  

**BACHELOR OF ARTS IN COMMUNICATION**

Anthony Anderson Aguilar  
Elise Ruth Anderson  
cum laude  
Matthew Robert Aust  
magna cum laude  
Mallorie Denae Ballard  
cum laude  
Christopher Michael Boettcher  
Kendall Marie Buell  

Susanna Samuel Chaudhry  
Jeffrey Alec Dunn  
Margot Emma Fresquez  
Jade Rituale Garcia  
Cara Elizabeth Gillespie  
Jacob Eugene Gleichman  
magna cum laude  
Kaitlyn Taylor Hall  
summa cum laude  
Shelondra Monai Harris  
cum laude  
Chase Kerigan Hyman  
Maxine Rose McDade  
Michelle Elizabeth McGrath  
magna cum laude  
Austin Allan Miller  
Helena Rose Moreno  
Lacey Briann Nicholson  
Angela Marie Nommensen  
cum laude  
Kiana Shanice Norman-Slack  
Jasmine Lynn Palangvah  
Elizabeth Ann Perkins  
cum laude  
Monica Sorina Richardson  
Jonathan Edward Schaub  
Lucas Carl Schaumberg  
Morgan Lindsey Stark  
cum laude  
Leiana Krystie Toribio Tirado  
Christine Truong  
cum laude  
Michael Adam Tryon  
cum laude  
Samuel Justin Van Roon  
cum laude  
Terran Carson Warden  
cum laude  
Kellen Scott Westering  
Brooke Wolfe
**Bachelor of Fine Arts**

Sierra C. Boivin  
Theatre

Jamie Gustilo Dones  
Studio Arts  
magna cum laude

Grant David Hillard  
Theatre

Brandon Austin Hunt  
Studio Arts

Tomás Jaki  
Theatre

Alexandria Lee Jason  
Theatre  
magna cum laude

Rebecca Kay Johnson  
Studio Arts  
magna cum laude

Arianna Paige Keith  
Studio Arts

Jennifer Catherine Kimura  
Studio Arts  
summa cum laude

Amy Michelle King  
Studio Arts  
magna cum laude

Arika Matoba  
Theatre

Angelo Francis Mejía  
Studio Arts

Krista Ann Morford  
Studio Arts

Lisa C. Moxcey  
Studio Arts  
cum laude

Tahle Minde Oestby  
Studio Arts  
summa cum laude

Lianne Elizabeth Qun Tjoelker  
Studio Arts  
magna cum laude

Jacob Pierce Viramontes  
Theatre  
cum laude

Emily Sierra White  
Studio Arts  
cum laude

**School of Business**

**Bachelor of Business Administration**

Phil Abraham  

Clint Daniel Absher  
cum laude

Carlos Diego Aceves de la Cruz  

Frank Kendall Christopher Airey  

Danielle Elaine Aldrich  
summa cum laude

Justin Robert Dyer Allison  
magna cum laude

Terill Dupree Anderson  

Carson David Barnett  

Evan Derek Beck  
magna cum laude

Jordan Mary-Elise Berg  
summa cum laude

Danielle Crystal Bradley  
summa cum laude

Halle Braswell  

Samantha Marie Briggs  

Rachel Michelle Brody  
cum laude

Derek Jerome Chase  

Linda Chawancharoenchai  

Taiki Chida  

Jacob Guy Clements  

Jessie Conden  

Alyssa Lee Conger  
magna cum laude

Casey James Dawes  

Roshel Ann Donwen  

Caitlin Mae Dougherty  
cum laude

Kieran Thomas Doyle  

Shannon Marie Duffy  
magna cum laude

Yingwen Fang  

Samantha Rose Fernald  

Kramer Richard Foreman  

Yongcheng Gao  

Zhakaysa Marie Garrett  
cum laude

Antoinette Danielle Graham  
magna cum laude

Landon Richard Hannold  

Kailey DeLin Harris  

Lucas Raymond Hatton  
cum laude

Marty Lloyd Hescock  
cum laude

Thomas Harry Huddleston  

Marcella Courtney Huse  
cum laude

Patricia Giae Im  
cum laude

Brittany Ann Jesse  

Brett Douglas Johnson  
cum laude

Spencer Edward Johnson  
Ingeborg Jore

Even Clausen Jystad  
magna cum laude

Elisabeth Ann Kinnari  
cum laude

Brock Erick Knapp  
cum laude

Chase Kincaid Knoblauch  

Lee Anthony Larson  

Colin Christopher Laufmann  
summa cum laude

Jennifer Brianne Lewis  
magna cum laude

Andrew William Lodell  

Mark Andrew Loveless  
summa cum laude

Yanbin Lu  

Gracen Kathleen Malich  
magna cum laude

Angelica Maria Martinez Estrada  
cum laude

Thalen Machiko Masada  

Jack Willem Van Der Mey
Connor Reed Mott magna cum laude
Erica Nicole Muller magna cum laude
Hang Diem Nguyen magna cum laude
Isaac Gregory Noles magna cum laude
Troy-Mikal Oliger magna cum laude
Andrew Michael Oord magna cum laude
Matthew James Orcilla magna cum laude
Marika Emy Orlowski magna cum laude
Tyler Morgan Osborn magna cum laude
Tiffany C. Peralez magna cum laude
Kenneth Conner Phillips magna cum laude
Michael Victor Lynn Rigoulot magna cum laude
Tyler James Rixon magna cum laude
Jason B. Salvino magna cum laude
Justyn Ryan Simmons magna cum laude
Kort W. Skoda magna cum laude
Ethan Patrick Smith magna cum laude
Parker James Smith magna cum laude
Alison Marie Brauer Sooter magna cum laude
Kalina Corine Springer magna cum laude
Leah Justice Tappcott magna cum laude
Darian Thiring magna cum laude
Anthony Lee Vellias magna cum laude
Perla Vigil magna cum laude
Rachel Justine Wacker magna cum laude
Jessica Carolee Wagner magna cum laude
Jessica Kuulei Wallace magna cum laude
Amanda Nicole Walls magna cum laude
Jiahui Wang magna cum laude
Emily Rose Weiss magna cum laude
Benjamin Tucker Welch magna cum laude
Alexandra Marie Whipkey magna cum laude
Ida Joan Williams magna cum laude
Tanner James Williams magna cum laude
Peng Ye cum laude
Ricky Jon Young magna cum laude
Danielle Jillane Zembal magna cum laude
Britney Nicole Ekler magna cum laude
Alexis Taylor Engman magna cum laude
Megan Colleen Farris-Mayock magna cum laude
Megan Nicole Fernandes magna cum laude
Ashlee Mae Uson Gallardo magna cum laude
Lauren Jae Gehrke magna cum laude
Jennifer Christine Ghekiere magna cum laude
Summer Madisyn Gilman magna cum laude
Jonathan Martin Griffin magna cum laude
Hailey Elizabeth Grimm magna cum laude
Kelly Myka Gutierrez magna cum laude
Leonardo Gutierrez magna cum laude
Alyssa Ann Habner magna cum laude
Hannah Marie Hansen magna cum laude
Kacey Lynn Hartman magna cum laude
Ashley C. Hasenauer-Ahlers magna cum laude
Sara Holman magna cum laude
Katie Jo Hudson magna cum laude
Karissa Marie Jackson magna cum laude
Sarah Frances Jamieson magna cum laude
Kiersten Ceara Keehnel magna cum laude
Jordan Lynn Kelly magna cum laude
Matthew Neil Kinney magna cum laude
Alina Anela O’kalani Komomua magna cum laude
Sarah Elizabeth Roose magna cum laude
Stephanie Lynn Martin magna cum laude
Beverly Jordan Mason magna cum laude
Lisa Marie Maus magna cum laude
Christina Maxwell magna cum laude

SCHOOL OF NURSING
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

Faiza Sheikh Abu magna cum laude
Therese Marie Ackman magna cum laude
Kylie Anne Adams magna cum laude
Sydney Elaine Anderson magna cum laude
Alexandra Nicole Ashleman magna cum laude
Bethany M. Auld magna cum laude
Stephanie Ann Baker magna cum laude
Rachel Joy Berg magna cum laude
Olivia MaeRuth Budsberg magna cum laude
Meg Abigail Burnett magna cum laude
Emily Morrill Chandler magna cum laude
Keelia Tye Cohoe magna cum laude
Tempest R. Day magna cum laude
Kelsey Margaret Ann Dean magna cum laude
Heather Marie Dixon magna cum laude
Makensie Janel McMullen
cum laude
Jordan Michelle Middleton
cum laude
Takara Jeane Mitsui
cum laude
Andrea Nichole Hernandez Murphy
cum laude
Andrea Nicole Napenias
cum laude
Erik Masaki Nelson
Rachel Thao Nguyen
Leonna Krystlle Olmo
Hannah Elizabeth Opstad
Megan Rebecca Perkins
James Alexander Perryman
magna cum laude
Clarissa Sage Potts
magna cum laude
Megan Lee Reddaway
cum laude
Allison Grace Roth
Emilee Conae Sanchez
cum laude
Alessia Linnea Sarale
magna cum laude
Artissima Ruth Sawatzki
Peyton Nicole Schmidt-Teague
cum laude
Kelsey Ryan Sheridan
Sharmaine Lacsamana Sibayan
cum laude
Jayson Howard Simmons
Nicole Betty Simmons
Angela Charmaine Smith
Wiktoria Anna Srebro
cum laude
Taryn Amanda Tomlinson
cum laude
Ciani Marie Torres
magna cum laude
Victoria Linda Valdez
Katerina Volosevych
cum laude

Victoria Vovk
cum laude
Cameron Abraham Warriner
Aimee Joanne Watanabe
cum laude
Rachel Scout Watanabe
magna cum laude
Helena Irene Williams
Kendra Shay Wilson
Kassidy Caitlyn Wolf
Samrawit Sisay Zeinu
cum laude

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION & KINESIOLOGY
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN KINESIOLOGY

Jessica Christena Babbit
Erika Emma Bakner
magna cum laude
Anela Leana Barber
cum laude
Jennifer Ann Boldra
Dawn Eileen Brown
Thea Pauline Nunez Cady
Morgan Renae Commander
magna cum laude
Hunter Saxson Cosgrove
magna cum laude
Brady Chase Daly
cum laude
Joseph Connor Domek
summa cum laude
Katie Emily Ecklund
Ingrid E. Erickson
Angela Marie Fischer
summa cum laude
Allyson Rose Harris
Lisa Anne Hartwell
summa cum laude
Jeffrey Michael Hendrix
Hannah Taylor Johnson
cum laude

Leah Rae Johnson
Courtney Renee Kelley
Kirsten Rachel Kenny
Allison Jolynn Lance
Beau Stephen Lockmer
cum laude
Sarah Elizabeth Magee
Timothy Gary Mason
Monique Sue Morey
Anna Rose Murnen
Tram Thi Bao Nguyen
Elizabeth Christine Parkhurst
magna cum laude
Somsaron Soomeun Pheth
Jason Ikaika Reveira
Sophie Elizabeth Rockow
Connor Martin Schilling
Sam Chan-Young Song
Jessica Ann Stenberg
summa cum laude
Isak William Visser
Kaelyn Elise Voss
Garth Alan West
Wesley Jason Michael Wynn III
BACHELOR OF ARTS IN EDUCATION

Maridel Agas
Kailey Marie Anglemyer
Jessica Lan Colvin
summa cum laude
Nicole Christine Dandridge
cum laude
Josephine Sera Erberich
cum laude
Karli Victoria Floyd
cum laude
Arriya Cristine Hagen
Amanda Margaret Hartley
Crystal Nadine Harvey
cum laude
Katie Annette Hilliker
Alexa Christine Koll
summa cum laude
Rebecca J. Matthews
Anna Rose Parker
cum laude
Kristin Jane Phillips
cum laude
Arelly Puerto-Montes
magna cum laude
Katy Ileana Scammahorn
Emily Lynn Shearer
Kelsey Marilyn Sherman
magna cum laude
Gemma Lael Smith
magna cum laude
Tara Marie White
cum laude

**College of Arts & Sciences**

**Bachelor of Science**

Rainey Kyle Aberle
Geosciences
magna cum laude

Elizabeth Aguilar
Biology

Alaa Marwan Alshaibani
Psychology

James-Victor Alvarez
Chemistry
cum laude

Sarah Lauren Ameny
Biology
cum laude

Miguel Amezola
Mathematics
cum laude

Katherine Louise Anderson
Geosciences
summa cum laude

Crystal Lynn Asplund
Biology
summa cum laude

Khrizelle Valera Atienza
Chemistry

Taylor Jacob Bauer
Computer Science

Emily Frances Beemsterboer
Mathematics

Travis Eli Bejines
Physics

Victoria Bailey Benson
Geosciences
magna cum laude

Julia Rose Blair
Biology

Devan James Bland
Psychology

Christopher Scott Boe
Computer Science

Angela Julie Boguk
Geosciences
magna cum laude

Rachel Elaine Bowen
Biology

Emily Jane Bower
Computer Science
cum laude

Taylor Amanda Bozich
Biology
summa cum laude

Genevieve Rose Brandt
Biology
summa cum laude

Katie Ann Cameron
Chemistry

Katherine Elizabeth Caspary
Chemistry

Caleb Jameson Chandler
Chemistry
magna cum laude

Stephanie Elizabeth Compton
Biology

Ashley Marie Connors
Biology, Chemistry
summa cum laude

Sierrah Chanel Currier
Mathematics

Leanna Arlene Davis
Mathematics

Matthew Stephen Dennie
Computer Science

Desiree Marie Domini
Mathematics
cum laude

Rebecca Allyson Doud
Chemistry

Daisy Paige Douglass
Biology

Benjamin Paul Driver
Mathematics
summa cum laude

DeVere Anton Dudley
Psychology

George Duma
Biology
cum laude

Egan Arlo Dunning
Computer Science, Mathematics
cum laude

Anna Elizabeth Dye
Biology
cum laude

Stephanie Leigh Eilert
Biology
cum laude
Dalen Rachel Elenzano
Biology

Riley Douglas Manzo-Figgins
Biology

Matthew Robert Fosmire
Mathematics
cum laude

John Benjamin Turner Frazier
Geosciences

Jordan Richard Gahan
Computer Science

Gage David Gibson
Computer Science

Yeah Myung Go
Biology

Jason Gomez
Mathematics

Leahra Gould
Applied Physics

Collin Brenden Greer
Mathematics
cum laude

Olaf Anders Grette
Computer Engineering, Computer Science

Bryan Manuel Gutierrez
Chemistry
cum laude

Benjamin J. Haffly
Mathematics
 magna cum laude

Amber Austin Hailey
Biology

Emily Ann Hanna
Mathematics

Sophia L. Hanson-Richter
Biology

Taylor Jo Hart
Biology

Cody Gale Hartman
Computer Science
cum laude

Tanner James Henderson
Biology

Huy Tuan Hoang
Biology

Joshua Michael Hoare
Biology

Elizabeth Anne Holm
Mathematics

Michael Ryan House
Computer Science

Kenyah Victoria Huskey
Mathematics Education

Quoc Bao Le Huynh
Chemistry

Caleb Aaron Ice
Applied Physics
 magna cum laude

Justin David Janker
Computer Engineering

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Mathematics, Physics
cum laude

Devon Merrill Johnson
Mathematics

Heidi Marina Johnson
Biology

Michelle Rebekah Johnson
Biology

Abigail Marie Kheriaty
Chemistry

Samuel Cedric Kiefer
Mathematics

Sarah Rose Kim
Chemistry

Kristina Mary Kreamer
Psychology

Thomas James Kreamer
Computer Science
 magna cum laude

Misty Dawn Silver Lang
Biology
cum laude

Lauren Rae Larson
Biology

Caleb Daniel LaVergne
Biology

Brandon Tran Le
Biologv

Brandon Robert Lester
Applied Physics
cum laude

John Micheal Lyon
Computer Science

Nathaniel Kyle Mayor
Computer Science

Emily Louise McConnell
Biology

Ashlee Denise McGovern
Chemistry, Mathematics
cum laude

Ryan John Ayers Murdoch
Biology

Shelby Jo Murdock
Chemistry

Michaela Rose Myers
Biology
cum laude

Tiffanie K. Nguyen
Psychology

Andrew Mark Nordlie
Chemistry
cum laude

Benjamin Michael Norton
Psychology

Brandon Lee O'Briant
Mathematics

James Craig Okubo
Chemistry
cum laude

Philip Michael Steven Passantino
Computer Science
cum laude

Justin P. Pennington
Mathematics

Andrew Charles Peppard
Biology

Kyler William Perry
Biology
cum laude

Tanner John Perry
Mathematics Education

Micaela Marie Pierce
Computer Science

Miles Nicholas Radford
Chemistry
 summa cum laude

Courtney Nicole Randall
Mathematics Education
 magna cum laude

Marjorie Lyn Rasmussen
Biology
 summa cum laude

Jeremy Stephan Ravet
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Jesus Ernesto Reyes III  
Computer Engineering

Victoria Noelle Rivera y Laigo  
Biology

Jacqueline M. Robinson  
Biology

Christian Isaac Rude  
Chemistry  
summa cum laude

Hailei V. Schatz  
Financial Mathematics

Grant Douglas Schroeder  
Chemistry

Chloe Skidmore  
Biology, Chemistry  
summa cum laude

Chenae Smith  
Mathematics

Connor Kamm Smith  
Biology  
cum laude

Madeline Isabella Smith  
Chemistry  
summa cum laude

Tiarra Lanee Spraggin  
Financial Mathematics

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Geosciences  
cum laude

Brandon William Tabor  
Chemistry  
cum laude

Quinton Alejandro Teas  
Computer Science

Nina Chan Thach  
Biology  
cum laude

Louann Carol Johnson  
Medical Technology

Devin Michael Tracy  
Mathematics

Blanda Bao Bao Tran  
Applied Physics

Brenna Lee Tsujikawa  
Mathematics

Taylor Lee Underwood  
Biology  
magna cum laude

Tristan Leigh Underwood  
Chemistry  
cum laude

Mekenzie R. Voellger  
Psychology

Andrea Marie Westling  
Biology  
cum laude

Sidney Rochelle Winters  
Biology

Jitkanya Wong  
Chemistry  
magna cum laude

Shailee Rose Woodard  
Psychology  
magna cum laude

Junhao Zeng  
Computer Science

Rodion Andrey Zhuravlev  
Chemistry  
cum laude

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Rainey Kyle Aberle  
Physics  
magna cum laude

Georgia Rae Abrams  
Anthropology

Tessa Kathleen Alcorn  
Anthropology, French  
summa cum laude

Kathleen Ann Allen  
History  
cum laude

Miguel Amezola  
Computer Science  
cum laude

Andrew Robert Ardissone  
History

Anna Justine Babbitt  
Psychology

Maxwell James Bartholomew  
Psychology

Ameryth Marie Bassen  
Biology

Madeline Jane Bassett  
History

Elvia Beltran  
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English/Literature, Studio Arts  
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Anthropology, History

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English/Writing  
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Taylor Amanda Bozich  
Global Studies  
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Psychology  
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magna cum laude

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Studio Arts

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Sociology

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Psychology
| Name                              | Major(s)                                                        | Honors            |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
| Isharrah L. Carter                | Psychology                                                     |                  |
| Shelley Castro Estrada            | Social Work                                                    |                  |
| Chi Kwan Edwin Chan               | Physics                                                        | magna cum laude  |
| Caleb Jameson Chandler            | Computer Science                                               |                  |
| Randy James Cherland              | History                                                        | magna cum laude  |
| Sara Marie Christensen            | Economics, Political Science                                   | magna cum laude  |
| Christine Diane Flores Consulta   | Politics & Government                                          |                  |
| Brian Conwell                     | English/Writing                                                |                  |
| Jessica Ann Crask                 | Social Work                                                    |                  |
| Lydia Marie Craven                | Sociology                                                      |                  |
| Chad Patrick Cummings             | Social Work                                                    | cum laude         |
| Amanda Marie Curran               | Politics & Government, Sociology                               |                  |
| Shane Michael Daggett             | Classical Studies, History                                     |                  |
| Melodie Jane Dahl                 | Sociology                                                      |                  |
| Austin Marie Daly                 | Global Studies, Hispanic Studies                               | summa cum laude  |
| Braden James Decker               | Geosciences                                                    |                  |
| Audrey Sena Grace Deiss           | Anthropology, English/Literature                               | magna cum laude  |
| Chelsie R. DeWald                 | Psychology                                                     | magna cum laude  |
| Tammy Nguyet Anh Ngo Do           | Psychology                                                     | magna cum laude  |
| John Doan                         | Computer Science                                               |                  |
| Jacob Dominguez-Nelson            | Global Studies                                                 |                  |
| Desiree Marie Domini              | Economics                                                      | cum laude         |
| Sharon Kay Dorcy                  | Theatre                                                        |                  |
| Kelsea Elizabeth Dougherty        | Biology                                                        |                  |
| Alexandra Elizabeth Dreher        | German                                                         | summa cum laude  |
| Hannah Rose Eagle                 | Studio Arts                                                    |                  |
| Jamie Lee Elves                   | Psychology                                                     |                  |
| Claire Erickson                   | Sociology, Women’s & Gender Studies                            |                  |
| Tianhua Fang                      | Physics, cum laude                                              |                  |
| Evan James Farley                 | English/Writing                                                |                  |
| Riley D. Manzo-Figgins            | French                                                         |                  |
| Erin Innis Flom                   | English/Literature                                             |                  |
| Rodjane S. Foster                 | Chinese Studies                                                |                  |
| Elizabeth Anne Frerking           | English/Writing                                                |                  |
| Amanda Nicole Fretland-Thomas     | Psychology                                                     |                  |
| Terry Yuk Sing Fung               | Sociology                                                      |                  |
| Savannah Cheyenne Garrett         | Hispanic Studies                                               |                  |
| Kaja Nan Gjelde-Bennett           | Global Studies, Hispanic Studies                               | summa cum laude  |
| Samantha Yasue Glaser             | English/Literature                                             |                  |
| Livia Renata Godaert              | Political Science                                              | summa cum laude  |
| Sarah Kathleen Gordon             | Biology                                                        |                  |
| Haley Jean Gredvig                | Religion, Women’s & Gender Studies                             | cum laude         |
| Garrett Lewis Green               | Anthropology                                                   |                  |
| Collin Brenden Greer              | Economics                                                      | cum laude         |
| Jayme Lynn Greer                  | Computer Science                                               |                  |
| Amber Austin Hailey               | Environmental Studies                                          |                  |
| Allison Cady Hakanson             | Biology, Politics & Government                                  |                  |
| Kaitlyn Taylor Hall               | Hispanic Studies                                               | summa cum laude  |
| Elizabeth Grace Hamre             | Women’s & Gender Studies                                       | cum laude         |
| Elizabeth Cady Yu Louise Handley  | Social Work                                                    | cum laude         |
| Yasmine M Haro                    | History                                                        | cum laude         |
| Lisa Anne Hartwell                | German                                                         | summa cum laude  |
| Katia San Has                     | Biology                                                        |                  |
| Desirae McKinstry Haselwood       | Economics                                                      | cum laude         |
| Austin Ray Hayes                  | History                                                        |                  |
| Elizabeth Jean Henderson          | Religion                                                       | summa cum laude  |
| Jesse Connor Herinckx             | English/Writing                                                |                  |
| Victoria Dean Herzig-Derbin       | History                                                        | summa cum laude  |
| Grant David Hillard               | Psychology                                                     |                  |
| Laura Bryanne Hillis              | Anthropology, Global Studies                                    | summa cum laude  |
| Jessica Thao Ho                   | Religion                                                       |                  |
| Grace Kathryn Hochstatter         | Biology                                                        |                  |
Kyndall Lee Hoff
English/Literature, Women’s & Gender Studies
cum laude

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Religion

Wyatt Martin Hunt
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Anthropology, Biology

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Computer Science
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Anthropology

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Psychology

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Computer Science
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Sociology

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cum laude

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Social Work
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Art

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Psychology
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Social Work
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Biology

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Anthropology, Global Studies
summa cum laude

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Social Work

Phany Leng
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French, Global Studies
summa cum laude

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Chinese Studies

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Environmental Studies

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Savannah Christine Luna
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Politics & Government

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Anthropology

Matthew Jason Macfarlane
Economics, History

Sarah Ashley Martin
German

summa cum laude

Angelica Maria Martinez Estrada
Hispanic Studies
cum laude

Kacie Lyn Masten
Sociology
magna cum laude

Christiano Francis Mazzioitti
History

Emma Katherine McCain
Anthropology

Bayley Sara McComb
English/Writing

cum laude

Kasandra Marie McCown-Dodd
Psychology

Lindsey Dawn McKee
Psychology
cum laude

Bastian James McKeen
Psychology

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Environmental Studies

Theodore R. Miller III
Philosophy, Religion
Colin George Mischel
Scandinavian Area Studies

Abram John Misiluti
Anthropology

Charles Keene Mogen
Economics, History
magna cum laude

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Psychology

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Classical Studies

Chelsey Elaine Murray
History, Politics & Government

Michaela Rose Myers
Religion
cum laude

Sarah Bolton Myers
History
summa cum laude

An Thuy Tam Nguyen
Biology

Hao The Nguyen
Social Work

Tu Minh Nguyen
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History

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magna cum laude

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Politics & Government

Joseph Rafael Perez
Biology
cum laude

Jonathan David Pesis
History

Jacob Brent Pharis
Economics

Aurora Fae Pickering
English/Writing
cum laude

Shanna Christine Postlewait
English/Literature, Hispanic Studies

Sadie Grace Powell
History
cum laude

Cale David Powers
History

Amanda Lynne Pratt
Biology

Charlene H. Quach
English/Writing
cum laude

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Anthropology, Biology
magna cum laude

Olivia Livingston Raymond
Sociology

Reza Onji Refaei
Environmental Studies
magna cum laude

Hanna Carleen Reierson
History
summa cum laude

Cierra Nalani Richards
Individualized
cum laude

Ashleigh Kim Arielle Richie
Psychology

Caris Kimberly Ristoff
Environmental Studies, Global Studies
cum laude

Aron Nyaribo Roberts
Religion

Jennifer Marie Rutledge
Social Work
cum laude

Kendra Chatfield Saathoff
Hispanic Studies, Sociology
summa cum laude

Julianna Kristine Schaus
English/Literature
cum laude

Julian Paul Schoenfeld
Sociology

Nichole Noel Schoenfeld
Psychology

Tyler Elise Schwartz
English/Writing
magna cum laude

Lei Shan
Chinese Studies

Danielle Alexandra Shelffo
History

Joseph Ryan Simpson
English/Literature

Hannah Marie Sinnes
Anthropology

Timothy James Skipworth
Psychology

Luke Bartholomew Smith
Environmental Studies

Mollie Rayeann Smith
Global Studies, Political Science
summa cum laude

Nekelle Lynn Smith
Psychology
magna cum laude

Clayton James Snell
English/Literature, Philosophy

Carli Rose Snyder
History, Women’s & Gender Studies
summa cum laude

Amberlie Kealohilani Michie Sonognini
Social Work
cum laude

Charles Travis Spuhler
History

Joshua Osborne Stevens
German, Hispanic Studies

Kiera Leigh Stevens
Psychology, Theatre
Allison Marina Sullivan
Sociology

Emil Andre Sundby
Psychology

Leah Athena Sweeney
Chinese Studies, Politics & Government

Shiva Thapa
Biology

Makayla Lynn Tolmie
Biology, Environmental Studies

Michael Adam Tryon
Classical Studies

cum laude

Lermey Uong
Biology

Shalyn Kelly Van Beek
Chinese Studies

Stephanie Annalyse Van Bramer
Anthropology

cum laude

Bennon Daniel VanHoof
Political Science

Marc Julien Vetter
Individualized

summa cum laude

Justin Calvin Villanueva
Sociology

Courtney Laine Volta
History

Dylan Charles Ward
History

cum laude

Kaitlin Elizabeth Wardle
Sociology

Kyleigh Renee Wardwell
Psychology

magna cum laude

Kathryn Ann Wee
Theatre

cum laude

Jamie Marie Welch
Theatre

Ingrid Roberts Werner
Economics

Allison Marie Wesson
Sociology

Danielle N. Westbrook
Psychology

summa cum laude

Kelly Marie White
Computer Science, Physics

Jenna Nicole Williams
Art History

magna cum laude

Adam Brian Wilson
Biology

Cansas Eleanor Wilson
Psychology

Brooke Wolfe
Political Science

Ariel Marie Wood
French, Global Studies

cum laude

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Biology

cum laude

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Psychology

Katie Workman
Social Work

Collin Anthony Yadon
Hispanic Studies

Youn Jeong Yoo
Political Science

summa cum laude

Michala Beth Youmans
Hispanic Studies

magna cum laude

Natalie J. Young
History

Melissa Nelson-Zamora
Environmental Studies

summa cum laude

Haley Austin Zepernick
Politics & Government

Fasika Zewdie
Sociology
Graduate Degrees

**School of Business**

**Master of Science in Marketing Research**

- Bei Chen
- Nichole Renee Clifford
- Hansel Hai Doan
- Reynide Shereva Dubreus
- Courtney Erin Flaten
- Jiewen Lin
- Sarah Evangelina McGee
- Nicole Elizabeth Wassynger

**Master of Science in Finance**

- David Matthew Brown
- Robert S. Forbes
- Kevin Grant Johnson
- Andrew Tysseling King
- Nicole Helen Victorine

**Master of Business Administration**

- Beau Christensen Baker
- Jason Scott Borean
- Darre Brenden
- Maurice Anthony Byrd Jr.
- David Joseph Carr
- Jason Daniel Cumiford
- William Reid David
- Endia M. Davis
- Alexander J. Domine
- Charles Christian Dominick
- April Desiree Educalane
- Corey William Gauny
- Christopher M. Hartman
- Scott Michael Hefty
- Daniel James Hockaday
- Shane Michael Jacob
- Gary Adrian Kawamura
- Celine Kleivdal
- Justin Jay Lee
- Dennis Edward Litwin
- William James Lockert
- Gregory Lawrence Majovski
- Graham Louis Malek
- Zachary Scott Martinson
- Morgan Lizbeth McGrath
- Bryce Emerson Miller

**School of Nursing**

**Master of Science in Nursing**

- Rainey Celene Banick Wood
- Hunter Paradis Barrett
- Kaitlyn Anne Bassler
- Brittany Ellen Cooper
- Megan Marie Eliasson
- Katherine L. Foster
- Brooke Lawrence Gillispie
- Jed Chavez Gosnell
- Sheniell Granato
- Sarah Anne Hendricks
- Dafina Ibrani
- Sayali Devdatta Kulkarni
- Emma Kay Miller
- Shanon Alise Molacavage
- Troyce Mark Musick
- Sarah Diane Petosa
- Derek Ryan Quan
- Corey James Ramstein
- Erika Danyelle Smith
- Jordan Nicole Tracy

**School of Education & Kinesiology**

**Master of Arts in Education**

- Daniel Bacon
- Ryan Lawrence Ball
- Dreya Bundesen
- Joseph Keunwoo Chang
- Stacie Downey
- Maricel Grace Fee
- Alyssa Kathryn Flowers
- Lilly Keyosha Gibbs-Churchley
- Brooke T. Gray

**College of Arts & Sciences**

**Master of Arts**

- Marriage & Family Therapy
  - Christina Ann Marie Ake
  - Stavroula Angeliiki Athan
  - Stefanie Rose Benesh
  - Mattie Jean Harrison
  - Jessica Ann Holt
  - David Bradly Jenks, Jr.
  - Jennifer Lynne Kinney
  - April Knight
  - Kelley Katherine Kohlweg
  - Nadezhda S. Kosanovskaya
  - Alexis Aileen Krug-Norem
  - Sharon J. Lee
  - Robin Juliette Loewen
  - Syita Tarre Rodriguez-Blash
  - Naghmeh Shadabi
Honors and Awards

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ALPHA KAPPA DELTA
The international honor society for sociology, Alpha Kappa Delta acknowledges and promotes social and intellectual activities that will lead to improvement of the human condition.

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Rilee H. Kostick
Phany Leng
Sydney F. Otey
Gracen K. Malich
Tyler M. Osborn
Anthony L. Vellias
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ALPHA MU ALPHA
The national marketing honorary for qualified undergraduate, graduate and doctoral marketing students, and marketing faculty that acknowledges outstanding scholastic achievement on a highly competitive basis.

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Amanda N. Walls

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Nicole Wassyrger

ALPHA PSI OMEGA
The national honor society for theatre, Alpha Psi Omega is devoted to supporting student-produced theatre.

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BETA ALPHA PSI
The international honorary organization for financial information professionals, Beta Alpha Psi provides accounting and finance students opportunities for self development and encourages ethical, social and public responsibility.

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Alyssa L. Conger
Patricia G. Im
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Michael V.L. Rigoulot
Tyler J. Rixon

**Beta Gamma Sigma**
The international honor society for AACSB International-accredited business programs, Beta Gamma Sigma, encourages and honors academic achievement in the study of business. It is the highest recognition a business student in an AACSB-accredited program can receive.

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Jordan M. Berg
Danielle C. Bradley
Alyssa L. Conger
Caitlin M. Dougherty
Zhakaysha M. Garrett
Lucas R. Hatton
Marty L. Hescock
Brett D. Johnson
Even C. Jystad
Colin C. Laufmann
Jennifer B. Lewis
Mark A. Loveless
Gracen K. Malich
Angelica Maria Martinez Estrada
Connor R. Mott
Matthew J. Orcilla
Marika E. Orloffski
Michael V.L. Rigoulot
Tyler J. Rixon
Alison M.B. Sooter
Leah J. Tapscott
Emily R. Weiss
Michelle R. Johnson

**Graduate Students**
Jason D. Cumiford
April D. Educalane
Corey W. Gauny
Daniel J. Hockaday
Celine Kleivdal
Graham L. Malek
Zachary S. Martinson
Morgan L. McGrath
Laurel A. Neff
Heather M. O’Mara
Shanda M. Tryon

Pernille von Ubisch
Austen T. Wilson
Jeffrey L. Ytreeide

**Chi Alpha Sigma**
Chi Alpha Sigma recognizes outstanding academic achievement by intercollegiate varsity student athletes.

Clint D. Absher
Therese M. Ackman
Sarah L. Ameny
Anela L. Barber
Megan S. Beyer
Emily J. Bower
Annalise R. Campbell
Morgan R. Commander
Hunter S. Cosgrove
Brady C. Daly
Joseph C. Domek
Desiree M. Domini
Egan A. Dunning
Karli V. Floyd
Jacob E. Gleichman
Cody G. Hartman
Kacey L. Hartman
Desirae M. Haselwood
Lucas R. Hatton
Anna R. Jessen
Brett D. Johnson
Amy M. King
Brandon R. Lester
Beau S. Lockmer
Gracen K. Malich
Takara J. Mitsui
Shana M. Tryon

**International Honors Program**
The International Honors Program is a rigorous alternative to the General Education Program. Rooted in the university’s emphasis on liberal arts education, International Honors consists of interdisciplinary courses that explore contemporary issues and their historical foundations through an integrated, multinational approach.

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Audrey S. Deiss
Alexandra E. Dreher
Anna E. Dye
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Livia R. Godaert
Sophia L. Hanson-Richter
Laura B. Hillis
Emma A. Holm
Casey D. Kaku
Jennifer C. Kinura
Elleson E. Lapp
Molly L. Lindberg
Bayley S. McComb
Charles K. Mogen
Sarah B. Myers
Sydney F. Otey
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Marc J. Vetter
Ariel M. Wood
Shailee R. Woodard

Audrey S.G. Deiss
Elizabeth G. Hamre
Elizabeth J. Henderson
Kydall L. Hoff
Emily H. Khilfeh
Elleson E. Lapp
Kacie L. Masten
Julianna K. Schaus
Carli R. Snyder
Morgan L. Stark
MORTAR BOARD

This national honor society recognizes college seniors for superior achievements in scholarship, leadership and service.

Sarah L. Ameny
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Kaja N. Gjelde-Bennett
Elizabeth Cady Y.L. Handley
Yasmine M. Haro
Lucas R. Hatton
Kirsten R. Kenny
Jennifer C. Kimura
Misty D.S. Lang
Elleson E. Lapp
Angelica Maria Martinez Estrada
Sydney F. Otey
Elizabeth C. Parkhurst
Tyler W. Perry
Marjorie L. Rasmussen
Tyler J. Rixon
Carli R. Snyder
Jessica A. Stenberg
Nina C. Thach
Michael A. Tryon
Stephanie A. Van Bramer
Shailee R. Woodard
Jacynda A. Woodman-Ross

Collin B. Greer
Desirae M. Haselwood
Anna R. Jessen
Charles K. Mogen

PHI ALPHA

The national honor society for social work, Phi Alpha honors academic achievement in the study of social work and promotes humanitarian goals and ideals.

Shelley Castro Estrada
Jessica A. Crask
Chad P. Cummings
Elizabeth Cady Y.L. Handley
Richard A. Jones
Lian M. Kelly
Hannah R. Kubicek
Jennifer M. Rutledge
Amberlie K.M. Sonognini

PHI ALPHAS ETA

The national honor society for history, Phi Alpha Theta brings students and teachers together to promote the study of history.

Victoria D. Herzig-Deribin
Kendall N. Hurley
Matthew J. Macfarlane
Christiano F. Mazzotti
Charles K. Mogen
Sadie G. Powell
Hanna C. Reerson
Carli R. Snyder
Charles T. Spuhler
Dylan C. Ward

Sara M. Berger
Taylor A. Bozich
Danielle C. Bradley
Meg A. Burnett
Emily M. Chandler
Jessica L. Colvin
Morgan R. Commander
Alyssa L. Conger
Ashley M. Connors
Tempest R. Day
Heather M. Dixon
Joseph C. Donk
Alexandra E. Dreher
Benjamin P. Driver
Angela M. Fischer
Kaja N. Gjelde-Bennett
Livia R. Godaert
Kaitlyn T. Hall
Lisa A. Hartwell
Ashley C. Hasenauer-Ahlers
Danielle M. Heins
Elizabeth J. Henderson
Victoria D. Herzig-Deribin
Laura B. Hillis
Emma A. Holm
Anna R. Jessen
Alexa C. Koll
Elleson E. Lapp
Mark A. Loveless
Sarah A. Martin
Stephanie L. Martin
Christina C. Maxwell
Tahle M. Ostby
Sydney F. Otey
Elizabeth C. Parkhurst
Miles N. Radford
William B. Radford
Marjorie L. Rasmussen
Hanna C. Reerson
Tyler J. Rixon
Chloe H. Skidmore
Gemma L. Smith
Madeline I. Smith
Carli R. Snyder
Kalina C. Springer
Jessica A. Stenberg
Leah J. Tapsott
Elliott J. Turner
Marc J. Vetter
Amanda N. Walls
Kyleigh R. Wardwell
Emily R. Weiss
Danielle N. Westbrook
Shailee R. Woodard
Youn Jeong Yoo
Melissa M. Zamora

MU PHI EPSILON

The coeducational international professional music fraternity that recognizes scholarship and musicianship, and the development of a bond of friendship among its members.

Alexandra E. Dreher

OMICRON DELTA EPSILON

The international honor society for economics, Omicron Delta Epsilon recognizes scholastic attainment, honors outstanding achievements and establishes closer ties between students and faculty.

Sara M. Christensen
Desiree M. Domini

Tessa K. Alcorn
Danielle E. Aldrich
Katherine L. Anderson
Sydney E. Anderson
Crystal L. Asplund
Erika E. Bakner
Jordan M. Berg

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GRADUATE STUDENTS
Christina A.M. Ake
Daniel M. Bacon
Kaitlyn A. Bassler
Stefanie R. Benesh
Hansel H. Doan
Rachel M. Hartmeyer
Celine Kleivdal
Graham L. Maleck
Bailey D. Shattuck
Lori L. Teselle-DeLisa
Suzanne L. Warner

PHI KAPPA DELTA
The national honor society for speech and debate that cultivates articulate citizenship through ethical, humane and inclusive communication.

Matthew R. Aust
Kaitlyn T. Hall
Brooke H. Wolfe

PSI CHI
The international honor society in psychology, Psi Chi encourages, stimulates and maintains excellence in scholarship and advances the science of psychology.

Nicole C. Dandridge
Chelsie R. DeWald
Kelly R. Jones
Kristina M. Kremer
Nichole N. Schroeder
Nekelle L. Smith
Danielle N. Westbrook
Shailee R. Woodard
Jacynda A. Woodman-Ross

ROTC
The Army Reserve Officers’ Training Corps provides cadets with the character-building aspects of a diverse, self-disciplined civilian education with tough, centralized leadership development training. Upon completion of the program cadets are commissioned as officers at the rank of Second Lieutenant.

PLU’s Army ROTC Program has been recognized as one of the nation’s top programs with the prestigious MacArthur Award in 2013, 2012 and 2010.

SIGMA TAU DELTA
An international honor society that recognizes high achievement in English language, literature and writing.

Sara M. Berger
Audrey S.G. Deiss
Kyndall L. Hoff
Bayley S. McComb
Charlene H. Quach
Julianna K. Schaus
Clayton J. Snell

SIGMA THETA TAU
The international nursing honor society for students who demonstrate outstanding scholarly achievements, Sigma Theta Tau supports the learning, knowledge and professional development of nurses committed to making a difference in health worldwide.

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS
Sydney E. Anderson
Alexandra N. Ashleman
Rachel J. Berg
Olivia M. Budsberg
Meg A. Burnett
Emily M. Chandler
Tempest R. Day
Heather M. Dixon
Britney N. Ekler
Megan C. Farris-Mayock
Megan N. Fernandes
Lauren J. Gehrke
Kacey L. Hartman
Ashley C. Hasenauer-Ahlers
Sarah F. Jamieson
Matthew N. Kinney
Stephanie L. Martin

James A. Perryman
Alessia L. Sarale
Taryn A. Tomlinson
Ciani M. Torres
Rachel S. Watanabe
Samrawit S. Zeinu

GRADUATE STUDENTS
Rainey C. Banick Wood
Hunter P. Barrett
Katie J. Bates
Katherine L. Foster
Jed C. Gosnell
Sayali D. Kulkarni
Molly J. Martin
Emma K. Miller
Shanon A. Molacavage
Troyce M. Musiek
Derek R. Quan
Jessica G. Wheeler

THETA ALPHA KAPPA
This honor society recognizes academic excellence in the fields of religious studies and theology.

Elizabeth J. Henderson
Michaela R. Myers

DEPARTMENTAL HONORS

HONORS IN CHEMISTRY
Caleb J. Chandler
Ashley M. Connors
Rebecca A. Doud
Bryan M. Gutierrez
Chloe H. Skidmore
Madeleine I. Smith
Jitkanya Wong

HONORS IN GEOSCIENCES
Rainey K. Aberle
Katherine L. Anderson
Victoria B. Benson

SCHOOL OF BUSINESS
DEAN’S AMBASSADORS

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS
Jordan M. Berg
Danielle C. Bradley
Rachel M. Brody
Shannon M. Duffy
Kailey D. Harris
Awards

Rainey K. Aberle
Leadership in Sustainability Award

Tessa K. Alcorn
Anthropology Alumni Award

Alaa M. Alshaibani
Leadership in Living the PLU Mission Award

Crystal L. Asplund
Wang Grant Recipient

Daniel M. Bacon
Excellence in Education Scholar

Kaja N. Gjelde-Bennett
Kelleher Award for Global Studies

Jordan M. Berg
Bob Carroll Undergraduate Scholar

Christopher M. Boettcher
Wang Grant Recipient

Brendon L. Bonnell
Leadership in Vocation Award

Taylor A. Bozich
Leadership in Living the PLU Mission Award; Paul Bellamy Scholar; Whiteneck & Smith Global Peacebuilding Award

Ashley Carrasco
Leadership Through Collaboration Award

Joseph K. Chang
Excellence in Education Scholar

Randy J. Cherland
Leadership Through Innovation Award

Jessica L. Colvin
Cheney Foundation Education Scholar

Ashley M. Connors
Leadership in Sustainability Award

Nicole C. Dandridge
Nan Nockleberg Endowed Education Scholar

Audrey S.G. Deiss
Leadership in Vocation Award

Joseph C. Domek
George Fisher Scholar Athlete

Jeffrey A. Dunn
Apple Award for Best Newspaper, National College Media Association

Marcel G. Fee
Graduate Fellow in Education

Karli V. Floyd
Tobiason Endowed Elementary Education Scholar

Angela C. Froschauer
Mary Baker Russell Scholar

Cara E. Gillespie
Diversity-Justice-Sustainability Fund Grant Recipient; Leadership Through Innovation Award; School of Arts & Communication Dean's Award for Excellence

Jesus H. Gomez
Mary Baker Russell Scholar

Emilio J. Gonzalez
School of Arts & Communication Dean's Award for Excellence

Arriya C. Hagen
Nan Nockleberg Endowed Education Scholar

Kaitlyn T. Hall
School of Arts & Communication Dean's Award for Excellence

Elizabeth G. Hamre
Leadership Through Collaboration Award

Elizabeth Cady Y.L. Handley
John & Aleen Schiller Endowed Scholar

Shelondra M. Harris
Leadership in Social Justice Award; School of Arts & Communication Dean's Award for Excellence

Amanda M. Hartley
Tobiason Endowed Elementary Education Scholar; Wang Grant Recipient

Rachel M. Hartmeyer
Graduate Fellow in Education

Jasmine Hastings
Graduate Fellow in Education

Victoria D. Herzig-Deribin
Peter & Lydia Beckman Scholar

Miya S. Higashiyama
Agnes Berge Smith Scholar

Laura B. Hillis
Anthropology Alumni Award; School of Arts & Communication Dean's Award for Excellence; Wang Grant Recipient

Theodore A.B. Hofrenning
Leadership in Social Justice Award

Emma A. Holm
Anthropology Alumni Award

Thomas C. Horn
Agnes Berge Smith Scholar

Anna R. Jessen
George Fisher Scholar Athlete; Senior Award in Economics

Devon M. Johnson
Leadership Through Mentoring Award

Rebecca K. Johnson
Best of Show, 2017 “Duende” Senior Exhibition; School of Arts & Communication Dean's Award for Excellence
Jennifer C. Kimura
1st Place for Best Work, 2017 “Duende” Senior Exhibition; School of Arts & Communication Dean’s Award for Excellence

Annalise L. King
Agnes Berge Smith Scholar

Aysha K. Kloub
Excellence in Education Scholar; Graduate Fellow in Education

Alexa C. Koll
Cheney Foundation Education Scholar

Chase W. Lamoreaux
Graduate Fellow in Education

Elleson E. Lapp
Anthropology Alumni Award; Leadership in Living the PLU Mission Award; Wang Grant Recipient

Julie E. Leise-Nagel
S. Erving Severtson Forest Foundation Undergraduate Research Fellow

Brandon R. Lester
Lute Career Achievement

Sophia G. Lewis
Agnes Berge Smith Scholar

Kaylie E. Lungberg
Graduate Fellow in Education

Matthew J. Macfarlane
Benson Family Research Fellow in Business & Economic History; Wang Grant Recipient

Daniel J. Magin
Graduate Fellow in Education

Maxfield R. Marcus
Paul Bellamy Scholar; School of Arts & Communication Dean’s Award for Excellence

Sarah A. Martin
Dr. James Holloway Scholar; School of Arts & Communication Dean’s Award for Excellence

Angelica Maria Martinez Estrada
Leadership in Social Justice Award

Bayley S. McComb
Book Club of WA, 2017 Robert D. Monroe Award in Book Arts

Kyle C. Mitchell
Graduate Fellow in Education

Takara J. Mitsui
Athlete of the Year

Ryan M. Nelson
Graduate Fellow in Education

Kiana S. Norman-Slack
Apple Award for Best Newspaper, National College Media Association

Sydney F. Otey
George Fisher Scholar Athlete

Christina Parker
Graduate Fellow in Education

Elizabeth C. Parkhurst
American Kinesiology Association Undergraduate Scholar of the Year, 2017

Kristin J. Phillips
Goodwin & Olson Endowed Education Scholar

Arelly Puerto-Montes
Tobiason Endowed Elementary Education Scholar

Claire J. Rehmk
Agnes Berge Smith Scholar

Kendra C. Saathoff
Leadership in Living the PLU Mission Award

Steven L. Shumaker
Leadership in Vocation Award

Gemma L. Smith
Goodwin & Olson Endowed Education Scholar

Kalina C. Springer
Murray-Danielson Management Award

Jessica A. Stenberg
Society for Health & Physical Educators of America, Major of the Year, 2016

Clayton J. Snell
George E. Arbaugh Scholar

Carli R. Snyder
Peter & Lydia Beckman Scholar

Abby E. Tenhoff
Excellence in Education Scholar; Graduate Fellow in Education

Devin A. Turner
Paul Bellamy Scholar

Elliot J. Turner
Theodore Presser Scholar

Marc J. Vetter
Benson Family Research Fellow in Business & Economic History

Jacob P. Viramontes
School of Arts & Communication Dean’s Award for Excellence

Aimee J. Watanabe
Leadership Through Mentoring Award

Emily S. White
Honorable Mention for Body of Work, 2017 “Duende” Senior Exhibition

Kelly M. White
Leadership Through Mentoring Award; Lute Career Achievement

Tara M. White
Shereen Paff Endowed Special Education Scholar

Cassandra R. Willock
Agnes Berge Smith Scholar

Erika R. Wilson
Society for Health & Physical Educators of Washington, Emerging Leader, 2016

Brooke H. Wolfe
Leadership Through Collaboration Award

Jitkanya Wong
Leadership Through Mentoring Award

Ariel M. Wood
Whiteneck & Smith Global Peacebuilding Award

Jacynda A. Woodman-Ross
Leadership in Social Justice Award

Alan S.L. Young
Theodore Presser Scholar
Thomas W. Krise, President  
Dr. Krise is completing his fifth year as President at PLU. He holds a Bachelor’s degree in History from the United States Air Force Academy, a Master’s degree in Human Resources Management from Central Michigan University, a Master’s in English from the University of Minnesota and a Ph.D. in English from the University of Chicago. A professor of English, he specializes in early Caribbean literature.

Rae Linda Brown, Provost and Senior Vice-President for Academic Affairs  
Dr. Brown is completing her first year at PLU as Chief Academic Officer. She came to PLU from Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles where she served as associate provost for undergraduate education. Dr. Brown received her Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Connecticut and her Master’s and Doctoral degrees from Yale University. She is a noted scholar of Florence Beatrice Price, the first African-American woman to be recognized as a symphonic composer.

Edward W. Grogan, Chair, Board of Regents  
Mr. Grogan ’93 graduated from PLU magna cum laude with a Bachelor’s degree in Business Administration. He founded Summit Financial Group in 2001 which focuses on independent wealth management. He has earned the Certified Financial Planner practitioner, the Chartered Financial Consultant, the Chartered Life Underwriter and the Accredited Investment Fiduciary designations.

Alaa Alshaibani, Student Speaker  
Ms. Alshaibani is a May 2017 candidate for a Bachelor of Science degree with a major in Psychology and minors in French and Sociology. She has earned Dean’s List honors, the Rieke Leadership Award, the Spirit of Diversity Award and many others. She has been a campus leader and spent numerous hours in volunteer work. She was nominated by 14 different faculty and staff members at PLU to be today’s speaker.
Professor Dorner earned a bachelor’s degree in physics at Oregon State University. He spent a year in the Peace Corps in Eldoret, Kenya. He earned another bachelor’s degree in mathematics at OSU, a master’s and Ph.D. in mathematics at the University of Oregon, and then worked briefly in the computer science industry before coming to PLU in 1980. He has been a driving force to incorporate technology into the teaching of mathematics, applying for and receiving grants to purchase software and hardware for this purpose from as early as 1990, long before technology use in teaching was commonplace. He co-founded the Mathlete Coaching Project, in which PLU math students coach local middle school students in preparation for competition in Washington’s Math Olympiad. His intent was to build a community of people who were enthusiastic about mathematics that stretched from PLU down to the elementary schools and included students, parents, teachers and school administrators. He works with South Sound Circles, a group of local teachers and faculty whose mission is to establish “a culture of problem solving by fostering the enjoyment of mathematics among teachers.” For his love of mathematics, his leadership in incorporating technology in a liberal arts environment and his passion for teaching mathematics, we thank Professor Dorner.

Gail L. Egbers, M.A.L.S.
Associate Professor, Library

Professor Egbers joined the faculty as a reference/bibliographic instruction librarian in 1992, bringing a wealth of teaching and academic library experience to PLU. She earned her bachelor’s degree from Midland Lutheran College and her master’s degree from the University of Denver. During her time at PLU she has participated firsthand in the remarkable transformation of a library that was largely a print collection with paper-based services to one that is largely digital collections and services. During her tenure as coordinator of library instruction, she single-handedly built and maintained a vibrant teaching and learning program that supports students and faculty from all over campus, and that continues to this day. She taught courses in the First-Year Experience Program and library instruction classes in just about every discipline. She has a commitment to community service as an active member of her church, Habitat for Humanity, National History Day and a volunteer for a local public radio. She became one of the founding members of the Tacoma Mystery Lovers Book Club. She has published articles on women and historical mystery fiction and has taught a course on Chinese mystery fiction. Her colleagues uniformly comment about how compassionate and caring she is; she is someone who is flexible, adaptable, and willing to try and learn anything.

Dr. Christine L. Hansvick
Professor of Psychology

Professor Hansvick received her Ph.D. in social psychology from the University of Windsor and started at PLU in 1979. She was hired as a combined statistics, social and applied psychologist, and was a triple threat from the beginning! As a social psychologist, Professor Hansvick has always been interested in the behavior of individuals within the context of society. She developed a course in peace psychology, before the field had a name, taking her concerns for a better world into the classroom. Professor Hansvick has now been working on understanding millennials. She spent her last sabbatical researching how this generation of young people approaches the world and has conducted workshops and given presentations synthesizing her findings for others. Most recently, she took on the roles as chair of PLU’s Human Participant Review Board and Psychology Department. In her role as HPRB chair, she redesigned the instructions and procedures to improve the quality of applications and streamline the process. The Psychology Department and Pacific Lutheran University owe Dr. Christine Hansvick a debt of gratitude for 38 years of faithful service.
Professor Laura Klein received her Ph.D. in anthropology from New York University and began her career at PLU in 1979. It is not an exaggeration to say that the Anthropology Department was established because of her. When she came to PLU, it only consisted of a two-person program under the sociology/anthropology/social work department. She made it an independent department in 1984. Since then, she has been the department chair for a total of 20 years and is often referred to as “chair for life.” Professor Klein also helped develop other programs, including Global Studies, Women Studies (now Women’s and Gender Studies), and Freshman Seminar (now First-Year Experience), which have all become focal parts of the PLU curriculum. Some of her featured courses have included Global Perspectives, Native North America, Men and Women in World Cultures, Medical Anthropology, and Anthropological Inquiry. No matter how many times she has taught those courses, she always worked at improving them to keep course material up-to-date. Students also greatly appreciate her guidance and tireless interest in their success and future careers. She is a five-time receptor of the Regency Advancement Award. Professor Klein has never ceased in her tireless dedication of time and energy to make PLU an excellent academic institution.

Diane B. MacDonald, J.D.
Associate Dean and Professor of Business

For the past 32 years, Associate Dean and Professor of Business Law Diane MacDonald has been a warm and talented guide to the profession of business law to nearly every PLU student of business administration. She received her Master of Business Administration from Loyola University and her Juris Doctor with Distinction from John Marshall Law School in Chicago. She is a member of the Washington State Bar Association. Professor MacDonald uses current issues of the day to bring business law to life in context. She received the First Interstate Bank of Washington Award for Excellence in Teaching in 1991 and 1996, and the Wells Fargo Award for Excellence in Teaching in academic year 2009-10 and 2012-13. During her time at PLU, she accepted many leadership roles and contributed greatly to the administration of the School of Business, serving as faculty chair at three different periods and as associate dean twice. She has been a critical resource in maintaining AACSB business school accreditation over many years, learning all of the complexities of the process and investing great efforts to assure successful reaccreditation. Professor MacDonald has been a valued colleague and important contributor to the education of our students and to the development and continuity of the School of Business as an accredited program.

Dr. D.W. Sid Olufs
Professor of Politics and Government

Dr. Olufs earned his B.A. degree from the University of Washington and his M.A. and Ph.D. from Pennsylvania State University. He began work at PLU in 1982. His first decade of teaching was mostly in public administration, and he has watched many former students work in responsible positions in local, state and national government. He has also taught public policy and political philosophy courses, including a long-running course in Environmental Politics and Policy. In the area of research, Dr. Olufs has a long list of publications in the fields of public administration and public policy. This includes four books: The War Against the Common Good co-authored with David Schuman, The Making of Telecommunications Policy, Diversity On Campus co-authored with David Schuman, and Public Administration In The United States co-
authored with David Schuman. He studies and teaches tai chi, and hopes to continue that for many years. In retirement, Dr. Olufs plans to remain active in local politics and spend time pursuing his many other interests including art, photography, cooking and spending time with his grandchildren. His dedication and commitment to all aspects of PLU is longstanding and will be missed. He left an extraordinary legacy to the university in his teaching, research and service.

Dr. Leon E. Reisberg
Jolita Hyland Benson Chair in Elementary Education and Professor of Education

Dr. Reisberg received his bachelor’s degree in education with minors in history and English from the University of Texas, his master’s degree in special education from the University of Arkansas and his doctorate from the University of Kansas with a major in special education and a minor in language development. Throughout his 35 years at PLU, he helped thousands of teachers-to-be help support children with special needs. A model of lifelong learning, Dr. Reisberg held many roles in the education department and the university. These included serving as associate dean of education, dean of instructional resources and vice chair of the faculty. A people person to the core, he liked how these different roles required him to work closely with colleagues across campus. Within the Tacoma community he served on boards and worked in a range of organizations devoted to improving the lives of children. Dr. Reisberg was the university’s choice to be the first Jolita Benson Chair in Elementary Education in 2010. He skillfully used the Benson Chair to conduct research, host well received lectures and increase the education department’s visibility in the community. The Hebrew term “tikkun olam,” meaning “world repair,” is a Jewish concept that highlights a human’s responsibility for fixing what is wrong with the world. Dr. Reisberg embodied tikkun olam throughout his PLU career through his conscientious and caring teaching and presence.

Dr. Steven P. Starkovich
Associate Professor of Physics

Physicist Steve Starkovich is an expert in general relativity, cosmology and dynamical astronomy, having earned his Ph.D. at the University of Victoria. Dr. Starkovich arrived at PLU as a part-time lecturer in physics in 1992. Not many have an entire building to call their own at PLU, but Professor Starkovich does, thanks to his remarkable leadership in co-writing a grant to build a research observatory, which saw “first light” in 2000. Using the fully automated 16-inch Schmidt-Cassegrain reflecting telescope, Dr. Starkovich obtained certification by the Minor Planet Center (MPC) of the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory by specifying asteroid positions to a precision roughly equivalent to the width of a dime at 25 miles. The W. M. Keck Observatory has allowed thousands of Tacoma neighbors to view the wonders of the cosmos at public events, and supports astronomy education and student research ranging from tracking asteroids and imaging Jupiter’s moons to monitoring sunspot activity. Professor Starkovich’s time as an Oregon state legislator built his skill in budgeting and management, and this led to his appointment as provost and dean of graduate studies from 2009-2016. His personal warmth, sense of humor, financial savvy, political acumen, prodigious talent with Excel spreadsheets, and love of baseball history and trivia became legendary at PLU. Professor Starkovich was awarded the PLU Distinguished Service Medal at the end of his tenure as provost. The citation named him as “a university leader of distinction and a strong supporter of faculty governance.”
Dr. Vidya Thirumurthy  
Associate Professor of Education  

Following undergraduate studies in India and 15 years teaching at the preschool, elementary and middle school levels, Professor Thirumurthy received her doctorate in Early Childhood/Elementary Education from the State University of New York. In 2005, she joined PLU’s faculty. As a result of her childhood and academic studies, she developed a deep-seated interest in culture and cognition, culture and play, and social justice in education. She explored the idea that children gain knowledge not simply in the classroom, but through their families and cultures. Her focus was on researching the cultural practices that children bring from home that might facilitate learning later in the classroom. She challenged teachers to design curriculum so that class activities build upon students’ familial and cultural contexts. A Fulbright recipient, she embodied PLU’s commitment to global education. Professor Thirumurthy knew that cross-cultural experiences made students better teachers because it deepened their appreciation for other worldviews. As a teacher, her love and desire to work with young children was unsurpassed. She continually drew on her life experience and scholarship to challenge her students to understand cultural differences. While Professor Thirumurthy’s scholarship and teaching strengthened the Education Department, her life experience and kindness made it a more interesting and humane place to learn and work.

Dr. Fern Zabriskie  
Associate Professor of Business  

Professor Fern Zabriskie came to PLU following an illustrious career in business. After graduating from Connecticut College with a bachelor’s degree in mathematics and psychology, she obtained an MBA from The Wharton School and earned her CPA. She held senior management positions in the areas of information systems, strategic planning, financial accounting, budgeting, financial planning and investor relations. Professor Zabriskie left her corporate career to pursue what she really loved: teaching. She began teaching for PLU while completing her Ph.D. at the University of Washington. Students continually seek her advice and counseling and she has been a mentor to many. She was honored by the university with the Faculty Excellence Award in Advising. Professor Zabriskie introduced many innovations in the classroom to capture the attention and imagination of students trying to learn the debits and credits of accounting. From using Monopoly and the Game of Life to building with Legos, she brought life to a challenging subject. Her belief in the value of service inspired her to design, advocate for and implement the nonprofit leadership minor. An avid and accomplished sailor all her life, Fern recently made another change in her life, switching from sail power to motor power. She recently purchased a mini tugboat named Froggy Tug. PLU wishes her smooth seas as she embarks on her next life ventures.
"The Star Spangled Banner" was recognized for official use by the United States Navy in 1889, and by U.S. President Woodrow Wilson in 1916, and was made the national anthem by a congressional resolution on March 3, 1931, which was signed by President Herbert Hoover.
Alma Mater
of Pacific Lutheran University
composed on the occasion of the 125th anniversary of its founding

Graduating seniors who have participated in Choir of the West will lead the singing.

To mark PLU’s quasquicentennial jubilee, Dr. Gregory Youtz composed the Alma Mater and Lt.j.g. Kameron Jacobs ’14, USN composed the lyrics. Nearly one hundred members of the Choir of the West and University Chorale workshoped the music and the lyrics.
GREETINGS FROM PACIFIC LUTHERAN UNIVERSITY

Congratulations to the graduates of 2016 and welcome to your family and friends. We thank the graduates for learning with us, for challenging us to think in new and different ways, and for their commitment to making the world a better place for all of us and for those who come after us. The founders of PLU envisioned a University of the First Rank, and they would be very proud of the students we celebrate with today.

HILSEN FRA PACIFIC LUTHERAN UNIVERSITY

Gratulerer til de ferdigutdannede studentene av 2017 og hjertelig velkommen til deres familier og venner. Vi vil takke de ferdigutdannede studentene for at de har lært sammen med oss, utfordret oss til å tenke i nye og ulike retninger, og har forpliktet seg til å skape en bedre verden. Grunnleggerne av PLU så for seg et universitet av første rang, og de hadde vært veldig stolte av studentene vi feirer sammen med i dag.

Translation courtesy of Vince Adams ’19.

太平洋路德大学向2017届毕业生致以衷心祝贺, 真诚欢迎你们的家人与朋友参加毕业典礼。感谢你们同我们并肩苦读，开拓思维，携手共创美好世界。太平洋路德大学的创始者们初衷在于打造一所一流大学，而今天的毕业生们，必会使他们感到无比骄傲。

Translation courtesy of Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistant Wang Ying.

SALUDOS CORDIALES DE PACIFIC LUTHERAN UNIVERSITY

Les felicitamos a los graduados de la clase del 2017 y les damos la bienvenida a sus familiares y amigos. Les agradecemos a los graduados por aprender con nosotros, por desafiarnos a pensar de nuevas y distintas formas y por comprometerse a crear un mundo mejor. Los fundadores de PLU imaginaron una universidad de primer rango, y estarían muy orgullosos de los estudiantes con quienes celebramos hoy.

Translation courtesy of Kaitlyn Hall ’17 and Elmer Coria-Islas ’19.
Please note that concessions will be closing at the start of the ceremony.

A special thank you to the Tacoma Dome, our community partner, and to our PLU volunteers for their service.