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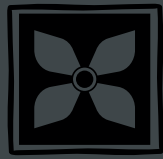
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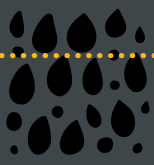
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2026 Commencement Speaker

Natasha Laitila



Natasha Laitila is a public servant and community advocate who was born and raised in South Tacoma. Her most recent role was at the Washington State Department of Commerce, supporting programs focused on economic stability and opportunity for Washington residents, including work connected to Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and workforce development initiatives.

A graduate of Pacific Lutheran University, Natasha earned her degree in Political Science and Women's and Gender Studies in 2016. After graduation, she served for two years in AmeriCorps and has worked across all three branches of the Washington state government, including both the House and the Senate.

Natasha is currently running for State Representative, Position 2, in Washington's 29th Legislative District. She will graduate in June from the Evans School of Public Policy and Governance at the University of Washington with an MPA.

2026 Student Speaker

Areli Arauja Ruiz



Areli Arauja Ruiz is a candidate for degrees in Political Science and Global Studies, with a concentration in Transnationalism and Consequences, and minors in Pre-Law and Criminal Justice. Hailing from both Oaxaca, Mexico, and Tacoma, Washington, Areli credits PLU as her professional launchpad and a space where she felt truly seen. She emphasizes the impact of programs like PLUS 100 and the mentorship of Dra. María Chávez, which helped her overcome imposter syndrome and recognize that her identity is a strength. Her fondest memory of her PLU experience was participating in the D.C. Semester program, where she interned with LULAC and later MALDEF, experiences that reaffirmed her commitment to immigration law. Following graduation, Areli plans to work as a paralegal for a nonprofit organization in Seattle while preparing for the LSAT, with the ultimate goal of becoming an attorney and serving as a congresswoman.

Commencement

OLSON AUDITORIUM
FRIDAY, MAY 22, 2026, 3:00 PM

Academic Processional

(Audience is requested to be seated for the processional)

“Processional of Joy”

Lawrence J. Meyer (1928-96), Former Professor of Music, PLU
University Symphony Orchestra (Pre-recorded)

UNIVERSITY MARSHAL	Michael J. Halvorson, Benson Family Chair in Business and Economic History, Professor of History
FACULTY MARSHALS	Bradford Andrews, Associate Professor of Anthropology Brenda Llewellyn Ihssen, Professor of Religion

Invocation

The Rev. Jen Rude, University Pastor

Greetings

Joanna Gregson, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs, Professor of Sociology
Allan Belton, President

Faculty Retirements

Stephanie Johnson, Dean of the College of Liberal Studies, Professor of English
FACULTY RETIREES

Tamara R. Williams, Professor of Hispanic and Latino Studies

Reflections

PLU STUDENT SPEAKER

Areli Arauja Ruiz

Commencement Address

Natasha Laitila

Conferral of Degrees

Allan Belton, President

Bridget Yaden, Associate Provost for Undergraduate Programs, Professor of Hispanic and Latino Studies

Closing Comments

Allan Belton, President

Prayer and Benediction

The Rev. Jen Rude, University Pastor

Recessional

(Audience is requested to be seated for the recessional)

“Processional of Joy”

University Symphony Orchestra (Pre-recorded)

College of Liberal Studies After Ceremony Celebration

Immediately following the Commencement Ceremony

This event is open to all College of Liberal Studies graduates, their families, and special guests.

Foss Field

Pacific Lutheran University

Pacific Lutheran University serves approximately 2,700 students through academically rigorous liberal arts and professional programs on a 156-acre woodland campus in Parkland, Washington. Founded in 1890 by Norwegian immigrants, PLU is a private university affiliated with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, committed to preparing students for lives of thoughtful inquiry, service, leadership, and care. PLU offers a range of pathways across more than 40 undergraduate majors, as well as graduate and accelerated programs, including a nationally-recognized nursing program.

At PLU, students learn in a highly personalized environment, with small class sizes and regular interaction with faculty. All classes are taught by faculty, fostering meaningful mentorship and collaborative learning. The university enrolls a diverse student body, with nearly half identifying as students of color and many first-generation college students, with students coming from 33 states and 37 countries.

Rooted in Lutheran higher education, PLU emphasizes the concept of vocation, encouraging students to explore

life's big questions and pursue work that is both fulfilling and impactful. PLU seeks to blend the classroom and community, facilitating unique learning experiences through undergraduate and graduate research, professional practice, internships, and community collaborations in the region and around the world.

The first American university to hold study away classes on all seven continents simultaneously, PLU is recognized for its leadership in global education, earning the prestigious Senator Paul Simon Award for Campus Internationalization. PLU is also named among the Best Colleges in the West for 2026 by The Princeton Review and earned the 2025 NWCCU Beacon Award for Excellence in Student Achievement and Success.

Campus life includes more than 50 clubs and organizations, 40+ intramural leagues, 12+ music ensembles, and over 100 concerts and theatre performances each year, alongside 18 NCAA Division III varsity teams. PLU also hosts an Emmy Award-winning MediaLab and a MacArthur Award-winning detachment of Army ROTC.

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.

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 a set stage, including banners and symbols representing aspects of the University.

When the Academic Procession begins, the University Marshal carries the PLU Mace, representing the academic

authority and independence of the University. The University Marshal is followed by the Graduates, the Faculty, and the distinguished members of the Platform Party.

The whole PLU community, in its rich diversity, participates in this celebration.

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.

Hoods are lined with the colors of the institution from which the individual received their degree. The colored velvet border of the hood 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.

All cultural heritage adornments and objects of cultural significance are also welcome as approved regalia for ceremonies.

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 of the new class on campus 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.

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 that acts as a backdrop for the altar in the Ness Family Chapel. The distinctive Rose Window represents the history and tradition of the institution, speaks to its Lutheran heritage, and is seen as a recognizable symbol that connects the students of today with generations of alumni.

Graduation Honors

Undergraduate Degree 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 32 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 2026. 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.

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 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."



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 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 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 symbolizes the authority of the University.

DOCTOR OF EDUCATION

Thomas William Mark Adams
 Kevin Martin Alfano
 Jennifer Lynn Appel
 Jonathan Bell
 Mel Boyd
 Julie Fairall
 Chad Joseph Honig
 Melissa Jean Kaasa
 Deserae Jean Kuring
 Paul Robert Marquardt
 Lainey Mathews
 David Kaina McColgan
 Melissa Marie Munson-Merritt
 Lysandra D. M. Ness
 Bernadette Cecile Ray
 Iva Scott
 Julie Ann Shultz-Bartlett
 Brent Douglas Whitmarsh

DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE

Matthew Richard Anderson
 Elizabeth Margaret Cardozo
 Cathy S. Elder
 Reya Marie Grossmann
 Ellie R. Hendrickson
 Carly Hodgman
 Ameena Hoosein
 Kendra Lyn Hoyt
 Deborah Paula Lim
 Marisa Dianna Mack
 Bonface Maina Muniu
 Alexandra Kate Rose
 Shukri Nur Salah
 Cecily Eunjung Stone
 Anna-Marie Caitlyn Elizabeth Welle
 Jamie Anne Wilson

MASTER OF ARTS

Marriage & Family Therapy

Tuka Almusawi
 Emily Ballew
 Flannery Blair
 Freda Chana Edwards-Rock
 Chrissandra Ann Galipeau
 Sara Udem Hale
 Lexy Hansen
 Sarah Hayes
 Alyssa Marie Hilliker
 Kylie Holt
 Alexandra Joy Jacobson
 Audrey Merete Huan Xiang Johnson
 Jack B. Johnson
 Anika Grace Teredesai Karp
 Maya Maher Kattan
 Anastasha Nicole Moreno
 Whitley Marie Prater
 Ashley Raburn

Priscilla Johnson Schwab
 Stephanie Shunk
 Chrysta Storm

MASTER OF ARTS IN EDUCATION

John Barrett Bollen
 Kyle Johann Bradshaw
 Maribel Consuelo Brady
 John K. Bush II
 Jesus Del Rosario Cardenas
 Kate Marie Cendejas Thun
 Nathaniel Edge
 Blake Jun Evert
 Jazmin R. Garcia Hernandez
 Suzanne Rochelle Harmon
 Braeden A. Hemphill
 Shannon Haiey Jex
 Kelly EG Johnson
 Synterra Nylece Jones
 Abigail Roucepha Kahl
 Sean Patrick Kierce
 Heather K. Kovacs
 Drew Edward Kraft
 Blake M. Leahy
 Tristan Joy Leder
 Cameron Michelle Lee
 Oliver Mayberry
 William C. Maze Jr.
 Meghan Jane McKay
 Gerrit R. Minnema
 Bryan Joseph Mundell
 Calvin Lynn Pederson
 Darwin Dion Peters II
 Hannelore Ruth Schreder Peters
 Madeline Pimentel Diaz
 Miguel Angel Plancarte Ceja
 Titus P. Powers
 Nataly R. Reynoso
 Marisol Angelina Rivera
 Kaytlynn Ivy Summer Storm Smith
 Naomi Tanner Smith
 Darek Allen Solomon
 Audrey Elayne Williams
 Evelyn Zuniga Morales

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Marquesa Allen
 Abigail Marie Brown
 Owen Patrick Brummel
 Cedar Graham
 Brandin J. Groat
 Gregory James Hamilton
 Connor J. Kaczkowski
 Ethan Z. Keintz
 Racquel Darlene McCullough
 Seamus Christopher Miller
 Jessica Nimtz
 Prestin D. Reed

Mahayla Rae Richardson
 Cole Patrick Sargent
 Isabella Paulina Solorzano
 Kenneth W. Sullivan
 Keagan Graham Turner
 Jonelle White

MASTER OF FINE ARTS
Creative Writing

Sharina Renee' Tanoy Black
 Gloria D. Bromberg
 Eric Callahan
 Krista Lee Hanson
 Kerry J. Heckman
 Timothy Carl Johansson
 Keana Marie Aguila Labra
 Myrna C. G. Mibus
 Tiffany Pate
 Marnie Ritchie
 Martin Alejandro Salgado
 Milosz Konstanty Szyszka
 Travis Timmons
 Cheryl Jean Waitkevich

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

Jude Joseph Pasion Aguno
 Laki Ali
 Claudia Kix Bintingier
 Payton Hanna Brose
 Judy Ann Caberto Cabico
 Jenni Chang
 Adriana Pachuca Cruson
 Allison L. Dubbs
 Madison D. Emery
 Adam Haley
 Alexia Hang
 Tosha R. Hollingsworth
 Tran Thuy Truc Huynh
 Naomi Kayaro Jumba
 Oredolapo Oyindamola Kartchner
 Leanne Patrice Kehoe
 Madison Elizabeth Martz
 Huma Mohsinuddin Munshi
 Jackline Mukami Muriithi
 Monica O'Neil
 Aaron Lee Powell
 Bellul Samson
 See Thao
 Jessika Noelle Wynn
 Johanna Zamora

MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK

April Apo'l Abrizado
 Valeria Alvarez
 Mariah Anderson
 Ashley Marie Blackwell
 Audrey Lisa Bonn

Pushpa Chandwaney
Gabrielle Duncan Cleveland
Tiffany May Cooney
Lisa Lyn D'Andrea
Logan Andrew Denen
Brandon James Ducusin
Sanna M. Gambish
Zoneice Laleitha Grose
Hailey A. Guerrero
Gracie Marie Hansen
Sara Elaine Hellums
Karalee L. James
Leah Livingston
Maria Elena Lozano
Levander Eldon Maertens
Alondra Lizeth Mendoza Saavedra
Alyssa Murphy
Ilania Rhiannon Pacatte
Lilyanna Angeli Reed
Rowan Anthony Reininga
Rebeca Geraldin Salinas Flores
Victoria Christine Schultz
Ariana Camille Tiangco
Kathryn Margaret Tower
Rayleah Trice
Krystal Leigh VonGnatensky
Derricka Watson Dockery

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Naufal Kamran Alavi
 Economics
summa cum laude
Paige N. Almanza
 Chemistry
Maxwell David Anderson
 Global Studies, Hispanic Studies
cum laude
Arelí Arauja Ruiz
 Global Studies, Political Science
magna cum laude
Sofia Maryam Arif
 English, Psychology
summa cum laude
Garrett Eugene Armbruster
 Earth Science
Keren Ashley Asanji Madison
 Biology
cum laude
Sara Angela Atwood
 Criminal Justice
Jonathan Kawika-Likeke Bacos
 Criminal Justice
cum laude
Fay D. Ballerino
 English/Writing
Olivia Hope Benitez
 Psychology
Christopher Jaiden Brice
 Computer Science
Skye Marie Brist
 Environmental Studies

Reina Lei Domingo Buen
 Computer Science
Pearl Desiree Sampilo Bull
 English
Rowan Corisse Burk
 English
magna cum laude
Karla Isabel Calixto
 Hispanic Studies
magna cum laude
Keaton McClain Calvert
 Physics
magna cum laude
Angel A. Campos-Ramos
 History
Adia Marie Carei
 Psychology
magna cum laude
Abigail Jewell Francis Carr
 Religion
magna cum laude
Presley Cheryl Clark
 Studio Arts
summa cum laude
Rachel Elizabeth Cowman
 History
summa cum laude
Gabriel J.W. Davis
 Interdisciplinary Studies
Wyatt Avery Davis
 Criminal Justice
Margaret Birkeland Dobbins
 Environmental Studies
cum laude
Anelia Mae Ankova Draper
 Environmental Studies
Cristina Elguero-Mateo
 Criminal Justice
Kennedy Ann Elias
 Biology, Environmental Studies
Karsen Elizabeth Ferreira
 History, Religion
magna cum laude
Susanne Finn-Taulango
 Interdisciplinary Studies
cum laude
Calvin R. Fisk
 Earth Science
Ava Theresa Foley Helton
 Economics
magna cum laude
Colby Jess Frazier
 Criminal Justice
Autumn Olivia Freeman
 Environmental Studies
summa cum laude
Chloe Adele Froeschner
 Studio Arts
summa cum laude
Taylor Mackenzie Galbreath
 Psychology
cum laude

Brennan Garate-Flores
 Criminal Justice
cum laude
Constantina Maria Gianoulas
 Interdisciplinary Studies
summa cum laude
Savannah Goble
 Psychology
Abbey Joan Goetz
 English
magna cum laude
Raven Socorro Gonzales
 Religion
Kyle Wayne Gough
 Music
Katherine Margaret Gunter
 History
summa cum laude
Brianna Nicole Haddenham
 Gender, Sexuality & Race Studies,
 Psychology, Religion
Anna Haneda
 Economics
magna cum laude
Kevin Bridger Hanis
 History
Kristen Nicole Hewett
 English
magna cum laude
Katelyn Marie Hight
 Political Science
summa cum laude
Bryan Scott Hockmuth
 Economics
cum laude
Justice Rose Holmes
 Studio Arts
Emmett Holt
 Sociology
cum laude
Corina Lee Houseworth
 Studio Arts
summa cum laude
Micheal E. Hughes
 English/Writing
summa cum laude
Sabrina Rose Humphrey
 Earth Science
Perla A. Ibarra Corral
 Psychology
Damaris Kaylene Ibrahim
 Interdisciplinary Studies
cum laude
Donovan Malik Jefferson
 Biology
cum laude
Andrew James Chapman Johnson
 Political Science
cum laude
Morghana Johannah Jolley
 English
magna cum laude

Laneeka Lorene Jones

English
magna cum laude

Grace Elizabeth Karns

Criminal Justice
cum laude

Lereena Jae Kerley

Criminal Justice

Hannah Day Khatter

Philosophy
magna cum laude

Pradeep Felix Krishna

Biology

Adi Chang Ping Kung

English/Writing, Religion

Erika Marie Tomiko LeBlanc

Political Science
summa cum laude

Amanda Leigh Lee

Gender, Sexuality & Race Studies,
History

Luana Elizabeth Le'Iato

Economics, Environmental Studies

Jaquie Nileen León

English
magna cum laude

Natalia Marie Leuzzi

Psychology
magna cum laude

Gus Maxwell Livermore

History, Religion
cum laude

Ashley Arled Lopez Mora

Hispanic Studies, Political Science
summa cum laude

Kendall Deanne MacDonald

Gender, Sexuality & Race Studies,
Psychology, Sociology
summa cum laude

Katherine Beatrice Marchant

Psychology
summa cum laude

Issabella Rose Marchio

Environmental Studies
summa cum laude

Jackson Henry Matthews

Psychology

Ellen Julia Maxfield

Environmental Studies
summa cum laude

Benjamin Kirk McCarthy

English
cum laude

Xyonia Lea McDonald

Chinese Studies

Katelyn Noelle McDougal

English
cum laude

Emmalee McKenzie

Biology

Melanie Viktorovna Mikshanskaya

Psychology, Religion
summa cum laude

Michael John Miller

History
magna cum laude

Katherine Judith Moloney

Art History, Studio Arts
magna cum laude

Nataly Denise Morales

Psychology
cum laude

Destinie Morales Gonzalez

Gender, Sexuality & Race Studies,
Hispanic Studies
cum laude

Sophia Helen Muir

Global Studies, Hispanic Studies
magna cum laude

Davine Mwithiga Mungai

Computer Science, Sociology

Shiori Nakayama

Computer Science
summa cum laude

Gairet Eugene Nason

Environmental Studies, Geosciences

Richard Nguyen

Environmental Studies
cum laude

Jessica Corrine Nichols

History
summa cum laude

Maryjane Marie Norton

Gender, Sexuality & Race Studies

Adalia Rosi Olmos

Criminal Justice
summa cum laude

Gracielle Anne Osera

Biology

Michelle Lynn Owen

English, Gender, Sexuality & Race
Studies

Ashlee Rose Owens

Psychology
cum laude

Meadow Lee Payne

Criminal Justice

Lyra Leavella Pennington-Davis

Criminal Justice, Studio Arts
magna cum laude

Dominic Joseph Perasso

Psychology

Cooper Garthwaite Perez

History, Theatre
cum laude

Emma Marie Peters

Sociology
summa cum laude

Alex Joy Petrovic

Psychology

Lorianne Kanani Price

Environmental Studies

Joseph Michael Quenga Jr.

Physics
cum laude

Ashna Sophia Ram

Criminal Justice
cum laude

Jaylene Ramirez Velazquez

Hispanic Studies
magna cum laude

Jaci Rae Raugust

Criminal Justice

Nirvana Reyes Aguirre

Sociology
cum laude

Nattalie Robatty-Llerena

Hispanic Studies, Psychology
magna cum laude

Beverly Rachel Romero

Psychology

Josue Raziell Rosas-Villarreal

Criminal Justice

Mia Meiyu Ruhoff

Chinese Studies, English
summa cum laude

Derek Victor Ruymann

Criminal Justice

Kurtis A. Sacksteder

Economics

Josie Mae Sanders

Religion
cum laude

Merret Mundorff Schaeperkoetter

Biology
cum laude

Stella Zoé Schena-Gordon

Political Science

Emma Shepard

Gender, Sexuality & Race Studies
summa cum laude

Patrick Lee Shephard

English/Literature

Ciera Pualani Simmonds

Gender, Sexuality & Race Studies
summa cum laude

Katlyne Annice Smith

History
summa cum laude

Marissa Marie Smith

Biology
cum laude

Sarah Gabriella Smith

Psychology
cum laude

Alisa Sokolova

Economics
magna cum laude

Robert Allen Ray Spicer

Psychology

cum laude

Nya Simone Spivey

Gender, Sexuality & Race Studies,

Global Studies

magna cum laude

Aj William Stepina

Biology

Mau Salota Tanielu

Criminal Justice

Sunny Marie Taylor

Criminal Justice

summa cum laude

Savannah Rose Thacker

Interdisciplinary Studies, Psychology

Dylan James Thompson

History

cum laude

Bridget Helen Tillery

History, Interdisciplinary Studies

summa cum laude

Jon Erik Tolo

Physics

magna cum laude

Leah Alizabeth Turner

Criminal Justice

cum laude

Madison Sergent

Physics

Dayana Valencia Soto

Hispanic Studies, Psychology

Logan James VanDenburg

Biology, Philosophy

summa cum laude

Joshua Robert Vetsch

Sociology

Taezha Kea-Marie Watson

Gender, Sexuality & Race Studies

summa cum laude

Jack Williams

Physics

Tyler Mekhi Williams

Criminal Justice

Catherine Elizabeth Winford

Chinese Studies, English

summa cum laude

Jaleigha Kevonna Winstead-Jackson

Psychology

cum laude

Solveig Thya Wolter

History

summa cum laude

Allen Deion Yee

Psychology

cum laude

Madison Elizabeth Zantello

Music

Rorie Leigh Zurfluh

Criminal Justice

summa cum laude

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN COMMUNICATION

Darius Anthony Myles Chaffin

Greysen Morris Dagsaan-Phillips

Chloe Adele Froeschner

summa cum laude

Miram Joy Greer

Kiana Monét Gutierrez

Lola Lillian Cuixia Hengst

magna cum laude

Abby Marie Jackson

magna cum laude

Andrew James Chapman Johnson

cum laude

Lance Bajeta Maligaya

magna cum laude

Issabella Rose Marchio

summa cum laude

Eric William Pommer

Adrian Restrepo

cum laude

Tiffany Sharron Riffey

magna cum laude

Sarah L. Rushing

summa cum laude

Benjamin Paul Lucky Shjerven

cum laude

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN EDUCATION

Ashawna-Leigh Mealaha'ole Bicoy

cum laude

Kaleonahe Kalehuawehe

'Ualanakilame'ekupa'amekahaku

Bukoski

Blake J. Clausen

cum laude

Ahmira Marie Elyard-Jaeger

summa cum laude

Addisen Deighann Hering

summa cum laude

Joshua Michael Holder

Amari Prince Jackson

Jaden Judah Lash

cum laude

Maddison Nicole Mcknight

summa cum laude

Kayla Marie Ong

summa cum laude

Zina Ben-hail Palma Rosales

magna cum laude

Shaoraina Ann Powell

cum laude

Emma Prynne-Nance

summa cum laude

Gillian Hunter Renzullo

magna cum laude

Kristen Nicole Ronning

summa cum laude

Sarah L. Rushing

summa cum laude

Brianne Salgado

cum laude

Tyson Howard Shea

Sydney Shae Sparks

magna cum laude

Emalee Rae Wheaton

Taylor Lynne Wiggins

summa cum laude

Kalaiakea Aaron Yap

Iana Roman Zlipca

magna cum laude

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN KINESIOLOGY

Chana Erlinda Alonzo Miguel

Carson Tyler Burke

Jordan Ann Freer

Kekoa Hedeki Kaninau Ho'okala

Meyers

Saisha Morales

Braeden

Kamanaonapu'uwaiikahenapū

Samura

Rutger Owen Youch

BACHELOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Suhaib Hussein Ali

cum laude

Melody Nemenzo Ammons

magna cum laude

Mattias John Anderson

magna cum laude

Tobias Andrade

cum laude

Jonah Andrews

magna cum laude

Miguel Angel Bautista-Buys

Rochne Beecham

Coraima Y. Birrueta Samayoa

Audrey Blais

Julian Brown

Jaimee Ellen Cagle

Karissa Elisabeth Kim Capps

Vanessa Isabel Carrillo Retana

Joseph Michael Chastain

magna cum laude

Marqesse Miguella Christinia

Kayla Marie Contreras

Alexander Coope

Elizabeth Alexia Cruz Aguilar

Andrei Cruz Gonzalez

Alexie Ann Hailiopia Ayako

Domingo

Jalen Jermaine Edwards

Jase Kekoaui Okuhama Ellamar

Suli Elizabeth Fa'alogu

Caleb Gienger
cum laude
Salina Saluse Gonzales
Mackinley Robert Hepper
Christopher Lowell Scott Hess
cum laude
Hoda Jalalediny
magna cum laude
Hayden Earl Kaiser
cum laude
Kaia Grace Kidd
magna cum laude
Carmen Nicole Kiewert
magna cum laude
Kseniya Konstantinovna Korrell
Seth Douglas Kramer
Logan Adam Krum
Yaritzel Leal
cum laude
Declan Chase Long
Braeden Wise Lundberg
Soraya Isabel Martinez
Bella Grace McGill
Daniele Giuseppe Meloni
cum laude
Christopher Ray Moreno
Hiro Nagahama-Sequera
magna cum laude
Miles Thomas Nash
summa cum laude
Keelie-Anne Sayuri Ohta
cum laude
Gabriel Thomas Ortiz
Marcus Andreas Otto
summa cum laude
Gabrielle Agaletaua Paopao
cum laude
Lucio Penalzoa Jr.
magna cum laude
Brody Legrand Phinney
Dirk Steven Plakinger
magna cum laude
Danielle Elise Poulin
Jacob Ryan Prewett
cum laude
Chase Jeffrey Pringle
cum laude
Liam M. Rasmus
Logan David Ready
Mark Ruprecht
magna cum laude
Kurtis A. Sacksteder
Brettalene Castro Santos
Jacob Eric Schuh
cum laude
Myha Anne Sirianni
magna cum laude
McKinsey Sissel
cum laude
Alisa Sokolova
magna cum laude

Kai Jacob Sorensen
magna cum laude
Ian Andrew Tiedeman
Sally Bernadette Timo
cum laude
Joseph Ryan Todaro
cum laude
Steve O. Ukpoma
Xianjue Zhang
Daniel A. Zimmer
summa cum laude

BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS

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Studio Arts
magna cum laude
Presley Cheryl Clark
Theatre
summa cum laude
Axel Johan Ericson
Studio Arts
magna cum laude
Addison Grace Keller
Theatre
cum laude
Kiana Lee Kendall
Theatre
cum laude
Kasey Nicole Fusayo Kindzerski
Studio Arts
magna cum laude
Erika Marie Tomiko LeBlanc
Theatre
summa cum laude
Kyra McCloud
Theatre
cum laude
Oscar Carl Erik Oberg
Theatre
Makayla I. Sterbick
Studio Arts
magna cum laude

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magna cum laude
Evelina A. Bozhko
cum laude
Benjamin Noble Coats
James D. Gibson
summa cum laude
Sabien Lawrence Kinchlow-McConnaughey
Kade Elisha Levien
summa cum laude
Emily Rose Morse
summa cum laude
Evan Nakanishi
summa cum laude

Marisa Hanul Robbins
cum laude
Josie Mae Sanders
cum laude
Claire Joy Schwartz
Cassidy Vernon Stanhope
Courtney Lynn Stark
cum laude
Anna Lucille Tangedahl
summa cum laude
Mariana Vargas
cum laude

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Janelle Ann Barlow
summa cum laude
Janelle Vichana Chin
Jude Faith Forrest Hornby
cum laude
Sabien Lawrence Kinchlow-McConnaughey
Kaitlynn Cory Koehn
Paulina Helene Kormos
cum laude
Marisa Hanul Robbins
cum laude
Jenea Ruth Staples
Anna Joy Yee

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Biology
Marlouie Lacuesta Aguilar
Applied Physics
cum laude
Naufal Kamran Alavi
Applied Mathematics
summa cum laude
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Physics
cum laude
Layne Manuel Barton
Biology
Yonatan Getaneh Bayeh
Computer Science
cum laude
Quinn Richard Bieber
Chemistry
cum laude
Peter Jack Binstock
Biology
Gavin Alexander Bonham
Computer Science
Michael William Brown
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Meghan Rose Buchanan
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summa cum laude

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Chemistry, Physics

summa cum laude

Keaton McClain Calvert

Computer Science

magna cum laude

Abigail Jewell Francis Carr

Mathematics

magna cum laude

Anna Elizabeth Chaffee

Mathematics Education

magna cum laude

Morgan Choate-Deeds

Applied Physics

Alexander John Chu

Biology

Steven T. Chu

Biochemistry

cum laude

Michael Angelo Diaz Cortes

Biology

Morgan Jean Dlh

Biology

magna cum laude

Connor G. Douglas

Biology

Olivia Judine Gaebe

Biology

Paola Monique Garcia

Biology

Nancy Joanna Garcia Rodriguez

Psychology

Jaquelin Guzman

Applied Physics

Biniam Gebrewold Hailu

Applied Mathematics, Computer
Science

summa cum laude

Toby Hartson

Biology

cum laude

Joseph Gerald Haugen

Biology

cum laude

Christian Kamakaala-Kenichi Hirata

Biology

summa cum laude

Ina Hong

Biology

magna cum laude

Angela Itzel Jimenez

Psychology

Nour Kaleia

Psychology

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Biology

Megan Elizabeth Landes

Biology

summa cum laude

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Applied Physics

magna cum laude

Andrew Park Lee

Applied Mathematics, Computer

Science

magna cum laude

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Biology

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Science

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Psychology

summa cum laude

Ellen Julia Maxfield

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summa cum laude

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Computer Science

summa cum laude

Shiori Nakayama

Applied Physics

summa cum laude

Randy Van Nguyen

Computer Science

magna cum laude

Cody Dean Nutter

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cum laude

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Mathematics

cum laude

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Biology

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Biology

Gabriel Earl Sanders

Computer Science

summa cum laude

Jannah Ruth Moral Santonil

Psychology

Yuta Shimazu

Data Science

magna cum laude

Lydianna Hope Smith

Psychology

magna cum laude

Marissa Marie Smith

Psychology

cum laude

Koen Maklane Solis

Applied Physics

cum laude

Sovanda Son

Computer Science

Allison Grace Tattar

Biology

cum laude

Ashley Marie Teague

Psychology

Benjamin Thompson

Chemistry

cum laude

Vivian Leakena Tra

Biology

James L. Tran

Psychology

Bryant Truong

Computer Science

cum laude

Emi S. Wada

Biology

summa cum laude

Abigail L. Winkler

Biology

summa cum laude

Marvin Noel Wocheslander

Computer Science

Viktoria Lyn Yeager

Psychology

summa cum laude

Lia Nichole Zabolski

Biochemistry

cum laude

Emiliano Zuniga

Biology

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Markus Larry Guieb Apolonio

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magna cum laude
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cum laude
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cum laude
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Malak Amad Al-Jumaili
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 Sarah Taleb Al-maly
cum laude
 Felicia Lynn Rene Alvarez-Wagner
magna cum laude
 Holden Minjoon Lane Anderson
magna cum laude
 Michelle Lee Andresen
summa cum laude
 Jennifer Nicole Arnold
cum laude
 Rodelyn Baba
cum laude
 Shelby Lynn Babin
cum laude
 Haley Clara Barnesson
cum laude
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magna cum laude
 Angelo Pecaso Baylon
magna cum laude
 Jenna Christina Maria Becia
summa cum laude
 Samantha Beese
summa cum laude
 Emilee Faith Bell
cum laude
 Sara Margaret-Jean Bender
magna cum laude
 Blanche Marri Macabenta Berg
 Thomas Akshay Blaszczak
magna cum laude
 Blaire John Aristt T. Bobila
cum laude
 Olivia Annalore Boehm
magna cum laude

Annika Renee Bostrom
magna cum laude
 Kyra Anne Bovenkamp
summa cum laude
 Lauren Lee Bridston
magna cum laude
 Brianna Irene Brum
cum laude
 Mason Ryan Burkhart
cum laude
 Myra Delle Cabrera
summa cum laude
 Emily Amanda Cacallori
summa cum laude
 Kaitlin M. Carlson
summa cum laude
 Jacky Chan
summa cum laude
 Sokhak Chanh Chau
cum laude
 Vanessa Alexia Chavez Zamudio
cum laude
 Yamina Chibi
cum laude
 Rebecca Jihyun Chin
magna cum laude
 Myong Keun Chung
magna cum laude
 Mara Ann Clay
magna cum laude
 Vania Elizabeth Colin-Magana
magna cum laude
 Samantha Contino
summa cum laude
 Stephanie Cramer
magna cum laude
 Jessica Lynn Cromis
summa cum laude
 Tavarria K. Cunningham-Joseph
cum laude
 Dylan Trung-Hieu Dang
summa cum laude
 Jennifer Marie Davison
summa cum laude
 Chelsea Breanne Day
summa cum laude
 Naomi Delean
cum laude
 Suweyda Harbi Diriye
magna cum laude
 Micah Magtoto Dizon
magna cum laude
 Emily Eaton
cum laude
 Jhovana Escamilla
cum laude
 Geniveve De La Luz Espinoza
magna cum laude
 Eleni Getnet Fentie
cum laude
 Tia Susan Flora
magna cum laude

Jordan Michael Flynn
cum laude
 Sabrina Marie Foley
magna cum laude
 Katelyn Elizabeth French
magna cum laude
 Olivia Joyce Gabelein
summa cum laude
 Emma Megan Gassman
summa cum laude
 Kristina Gattozzi
summa cum laude
 Baila Goldshmid
magna cum laude
 Nazar Y. Golub
magna cum laude
 Yajaira Gonzalez-Aparicio
cum laude
 Paola Gonzalez-Rodriguez
summa cum laude
 Autumlace Grasman
summa cum laude
 Jennifer McPhate Green
magna cum laude
 Paige Elizabeth Gregory
cum laude
 Alicia Lei Gwerder
cum laude
 Anne Margarette E. Haines
cum laude
 Therese Christine Hansen
magna cum laude
 Connor Hanson
 Lara Jasmine Hartwig
magna cum laude
 Tasha Julia Hartwig
summa cum laude
 Ashley Lynn Harvey
summa cum laude
 Karlie Jaidyn Hatch
magna cum laude
 Natalie Ann Hedlund
magna cum laude
 Genaya Candace Lenae Herbert
summa cum laude
 Johnny Hernandez-Perez
summa cum laude
 Cassandra Hicks
summa cum laude
 Savannah Jade Highfill
cum laude
 Kate Patricia Hildenbrand
magna cum laude
 Claire Elisabeth Hindman
cum laude
 Riley S. Hoffman
magna cum laude
 Lottie Lisa Hoover
magna cum laude
 Maria Guadalupe Huante Tapia
cum laude

Alexandra Gloria Huapaya
cum laude
Anna Maria Teresa Huffman
summa cum laude
Madeline Mary Huynh
summa cum laude
My-Phi Thi Huynh
summa cum laude
Jevon Ryan Hernandez Ignaco
summa cum laude
Kalila Lea Jackson-Sinha
cum laude
Jessica Whitney Jacobs
summa cum laude
Ellen Jajewski
summa cum laude
Ramatoulie Jallow
cum laude
Viola Ann M. Jimiera
cum laude
Jonathan Jin
cum laude
Bailey Ann Johnson
cum laude
Kelsey Jones
magna cum laude
Melinda Jukic
Melina Karadzic
magna cum laude
Manpreet Kaur
magna cum laude
Navjot Kaur
summa cum laude
Stephanie B. Kemp
cum laude
Magdalene Kihara
Isabelle Joy Kilgallon
cum laude
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summa cum laude
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magna cum laude
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magna cum laude
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summa cum laude
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summa cum laude
Kristopher Wyatt Lanser
summa cum laude
Naomi Ellen Larson
summa cum laude
Chuc Ngo Minh Le
magna cum laude
Irene Lee
Laura Elizabeth Lee
magna cum laude
Nicole Shima Napeahi Lemon
cum laude
Ahna Lisa Lenderman
summa cum laude

Clara Lagoni Lepolo
cum laude
Esther Jieun Lim
cum laude
Kana Lin
cum laude
Cassandra Rose Lindgren
cum laude
Emily Loehmer
summa cum laude
Stacy Elizabeth Long
magna cum laude
Noelani Isabel Lopez Alvarado
Maria Isabel Lunder
Heather Luong
magna cum laude
Jaime Lynch
magna cum laude
Rhona Skye MacHaffie
summa cum laude
Damaris Mamburiani Maina
cum laude
Marc Lorenzo Mabunga Malate
magna cum laude
Jeffrey M. Maloney
magna cum laude
Elisabeth A. Mandyna
cum laude
Alexia Yzavelle Mangubat
magna cum laude
Kylie Martin
magna cum laude
Cara Beth Mathison
summa cum laude
Javeria Mazhar
summa cum laude
Olivia Cheryl McBride
summa cum laude
Yesenia Lizeth McBride
summa cum laude
Hannah M. McDonald
magna cum laude
Tyler David McDowall
magna cum laude
Alexis McGuinness
magna cum laude
Sarah Elizabeth McIntyre
cum laude
Danait Mehari
cum laude
Amanda Renee Meyer
magna cum laude
Jackson Reed Moore
cum laude
Sarah Megan Moran
summa cum laude
Michele (Mike) Morelli
summa cum laude
Claudia Aria Morse
magna cum laude
Gilbert Kimuhu Muiruri
summa cum laude

Estefani Alejandra Muniz Rodriguez
Elida Muratbegovic-Sehovic
cum laude
Tracy Tabu Mwangoti
magna cum laude
Bailey Yuka Nagai
cum laude
Virginia Arthur Neff
magna cum laude
Nhu Tran Quynh Nguyen
summa cum laude
Thy Nguyen
magna cum laude
Vincent Viet Nguyen
magna cum laude
Emily Rose Oden
cum laude
Claudia Elizabeth Oliveira
cum laude
Precious Sharda' Oliver-Millsaps
cum laude
Mari Kimiko Oyer
Savannah K. Paeth
summa cum laude
Adrian Alexander Palomares-Gutierrez
magna cum laude
Jasleen Kaur Pamma
summa cum laude
Martina Isabel Callelero Pangilinan
magna cum laude
Chasty Maureen Pascua
cum laude
Ericka Liliana Perry Rodriguez
magna cum laude
Amanda Joy Peters
magna cum laude
Andrew D. Phillips
magna cum laude
Thien Huu Phu
magna cum laude
Audrey R. Poirot
magna cum laude
Kendra Maris Powell
summa cum laude
Madison Marie Pritchard
cum laude
Anastasiia Pupkova
summa cum laude
Gabriel Alexander Pygott
cum laude
Hannah Ruth Meyer Quiton
summa cum laude
Zachary Andrew Rector
magna cum laude
Christian Hugo Renteria
cum laude
Mary Pearl Veloso Repunte
summa cum laude
Hayden Zane Reskey
summa cum laude
Colin Edward-George Ries
summa cum laude

Marguelle Rios
magna cum laude
Samantha Jo Rivard
cum laude
Regina Roberts
summa cum laude
Abigail Synclaire Romine
summa cum laude
Kaitlyn Victoria Ronsse
magna cum laude
Katherine Anne Ruiz
cum laude
Jason Edwin Sabol
magna cum laude
Kloe Amina Salazar
summa cum laude
Kriz Anne S. Sales
magna cum laude
Rachel Montgomery Sandland
magna cum laude
April Aracely Sandoval-Garcia
magna cum laude
Sybrina Nicole Schley
magna cum laude
Jessica Alyce Scholl
magna cum laude
Ava Score
summa cum laude
Clayton Brian Secora
magna cum laude
Emily Michael Shaw
cum laude
Ciera Pualani Simmonds
summa cum laude
Deneeka Mae Smith
cum laude
Manvir Singh Sohal
magna cum laude
Anissa M. Somoza
cum laude
Anida Molina Sou
magna cum laude
Lucy Spiro
summa cum laude
Michaela Dania Springs
cum laude
Hallie Ann Steffensen
magna cum laude
Claire Mina Steiner
magna cum laude
Brittanie A. Summers
magna cum laude
Angel Rita Swamy
cum laude
Tamber S.S. Sylvestal
magna cum laude
Kelsi Syverson
magna cum laude
Faailo Tali
cum laude
Ahlam Tamraysa-Hassan

Tyler Hiromi Tanaka
summa cum laude
Winly Tang
cum laude
Mitra Ashti Tate
cum laude
Catarina Papagni Claxton
cum laude
Gabrielle Marie Thomas
cum laude
Erin Alicia Tracer
cum laude
Rachel Treves
cum laude
Emmanuel J. Treviño
magna cum laude
Nicole Lynn Tross
cum laude
Tamdin Tso
cum laude
Charmidale De Leon Tuazon-Walker
magna cum laude
Kaitlyn Marie Tyler
Manaia Vaifale
cum laude
Aaron Ronald Valley
summa cum laude
Alessandra Guerrero Valmonte
cum laude
Anne Pauline Delima Velasco
cum laude
Janis Nicole Malabed Villaflores
magna cum laude
Sierra Esguerra Vivar
magna cum laude
Taytum M. von Melville
summa cum laude
Anna Vu
magna cum laude
Christine Leona Wagner
Nicole L. Wagner
summa cum laude
Marden D. Warner
magna cum laude
Joan Njeri Warui
cum laude
Sarah Nicole Wehrer
magna cum laude
John Theo Weldon
cum laude
Cassidy Wells
summa cum laude
Dillon Scott Wells
summa cum laude
Tiara Curilan Wetzal
magna cum laude
Melissa R. White
magna cum laude
Tiffany Whitford
magna cum laude
Rebecca Shea Williams
summa cum laude

Mackenzie Kristin Wolfe-Harrington
summa cum laude
Ella Ann Midori Wong
cum laude
Lois Yoo

BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK

Karla Isabel Calixto
magna cum laude
Eric Adam Canel
magna cum laude
Jordan Canevari
cum laude
Ashley Castaneda Guzman
cum laude
Nathan Alexander Fowler
summa cum laude
Raven Socorro Gonzales
Maddison Alexis Hendrix
cum laude
Ciara Destiny Iton
summa cum laude
Landon Regan Walker Karnes
cum laude
David Anthony Madrigal
Lance Bajeta Maligaya
magna cum laude
Jordan Sky Miller
magna cum laude
Ella Michelle Ramirez
magna cum laude
Jaylene Ramirez Velazquez
magna cum laude
Emanuel Ruiz
cum laude
Yailyn Gabriela Salais-Arenas
Emma Shepard
summa cum laude
Kathleen Alexis Swankowski
cum laude

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Congratulations to the graduates of 2026 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.

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Gratulerer til de ferdigutdannede studentene av 2026 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.

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Les felicitamos a los graduados de la clase del 2026 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.

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We inquire.

With a sense of purpose, rooted in tradition.

We critically question, reflect and reform.

Because we're PLU...

We serve.

Seeking justice, loving our neighbors, engaging the world – sustainably.

Because we're PLU...

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Leadership that listens.

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Pacific Lutheran University organizes its programs into four colleges: the College of Health Professions, the College of Liberal Studies, the College of Natural Sciences, and the College of Professional Studies.

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Kinesiology
Marriage and Family
Therapy
Nursing
Social Work

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Anthropology
Chinese & Chinese Studies
Economics
English
French & Francophone
Studies
Gender, Sexuality & Race
Studies
Global Studies
Hispanic & Latino Studies
History
Holocaust & Genocide
Studies
Individualized Major
Master of Fine Arts
Native American &
Indigenous Studies
Philosophy
Political Science & Pre-Law
Publishing & Printing Arts
Religion
Sociology & Criminal
Justice

COLLEGE OF NATURAL SCIENCES

Biology
Chemistry
Computer Science
Data Science
Earth Science &
Environmental Studies
Mathematics
Physics
Psychology
STEM Education Minor

COLLEGE OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

Business
Communication, Media &
Design Arts
Education
Innovation Studies
Music, Theatre & Dance