



COMMENCEMENT

2025



2025

UNIVERSITY OF PUGET SOUND
ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-THIRD
COMMENCEMENT

Sunday, May 11, 2025

2 p.m.

Baker Stadium

Tacoma, Washington



MISSION STATEMENT

University of Puget Sound is an independent, predominantly residential, undergraduate liberal arts college with selected graduate programs building effectively on a liberal arts foundation. The university, as a community of learning, maintains a strong commitment to teaching excellence, scholarly engagement, and fruitful student-faculty interaction.

The mission of the university is to develop in its students capacities for critical analysis, aesthetic appreciation, sound judgment, and apt expression that will sustain a lifetime of intellectual curiosity, active inquiry, and reasoned independence. A Puget Sound education, both academic and cocurricular, encourages a rich knowledge of self and others; an appreciation of commonality and difference; the full, open, and civil discussion of ideas; thoughtful moral discourse; and the integration of learning, preparing the university's graduates to meet the highest tests of democratic citizenship. Such an education seeks to liberate each person's fullest intellectual and human potential to assist in the unfolding of creative and useful lives.

PROGRAM

COMMENCEMENT 2025

PROCESSIONAL*

Audience is requested to stand.

Pomp and Circumstance, Opus 39, No. 1
Composed by Sir Edward Elgar
Edition by Gerard Morris, Professor, Music

Puget Sound Commencement Band
Gerard Morris, Professor, Music; Conductor

Flute/Piccolo
Brianna Babin '27
Lydia Coccione '27
Katy Wade '28

Bassoon
Alex Kirner '26
Olivia Schmick '28

Clarinet
Nat Fernandez '28
Alyx Fezer '27
Alia Kinas '28
Kai Odell '27
Mireia Pujol '26
RJ Rosales '27

Bass Clarinet
Emma Dubowitz '28

Alto Saxophone
Elizabeth Joque '27
Rae Kertzner '26

Tenor Saxophone
Bryan Kuo '27

Baritone Saxophone
Precious Wilson '26

Trumpet
Jack Lighthipe '28
William Smith '27

Horn
Madeline Miller '27
Elliott Schunk '27
Sonny Wong '26

Euphonium
Lila Wright '27

Tuba
Evan Gault '28

Oboe
Casey Hume '28

Trombone
Sara Ponsioen '26

Percussion
Sarah Beacock '26
Carter Fouts '26

STANDARD-BEARERS

Albert Yongook Chang-Yoo '25
Ilsa Marie Teppo DPT'25

**The faculty marshals lead the procession of standard-bearers, graduates, faculty members, and members of the platform party along Commencement Walk into Baker Stadium. The procession begins in G.E. Karlen Quadrangle as the graduates assemble behind their standard-bearers to begin the final walk across campus. After the graduates pass, the faculty then joins the procession.*

WELCOME

Isiaah Crawford
President

AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL

Audience is requested to stand.

*O beautiful for spacious skies,
For amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties
Above the fruited plain!
America! America!
God shed His grace on thee
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea!*

— Sung by Haley C. Storey '25

Katharine Lee Bates
Professor of English, Wellesley College

*O beautiful for patriot dream
That sees beyond the years
Thine alabaster cities gleam
Undimmed by human tears!
America! America!
God shed His grace on thee
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea!*

INVOCATION

Audience is requested to stand.
The Rev. David P. Wright '96
University Chaplain

GREETINGS FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Beth M. Picardo '83, J.D.'86
Chair, Board of Trustees

REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT

Isiaah Crawford

CLASS SPEAKERS

“The Second Best Time to Plant a Tree”
Avi Matan Whinkin DPT '25

“Delusional Enough to Dream”
Kevoni Shanice Neely '25

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR HONORARY DEGREES

Beth M. Picardo '83, J.D.'86

Willie C. Stewart, Sr., Doctor of Education
*Citation: Fred Hamel, Professor and Dean, School of Education; Director, Master of
Arts in Teaching Program*

Speaker Laurie Jenkins J.D.'90, Doctor of Humane Letters

*Citation: Suzanne Holland, Professor, Religion, Spirituality, & Society; John B. Magee
Professor of Science and Values; Director, Bioethics*

CONFERRING OF HONORARY DEGREES

Isiaah Crawford

Candidates hooded by:

Justin Tiehen, Professor, Philosophy; Chair, Faculty Senate

Megan Gessel, Associate Professor, Chemistry; Vice Chair, Faculty Senate

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

“Be and Be Not Afraid”

Speaker Laurie Jenkins J.D.'90

Honorand

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATE DEGREES

Andrew Kerkhoff

Provost

CONFERRING OF DEGREES

Isiaah Crawford

Candidates hooded by:

MAT Fred Hamel, Professor and Dean, Education, and Alisun Thompson,
Assistant Professor, Education

MEd Kimberlee Ratliff, Associate Professor, Education, and Briana Trageser,
Clinical Instructor, Education

MPH Alexandria Drake, Assistant Professor, Public Health, and Benjamin
Lewin, Professor, Sociology & Anthropology and Director, Public Health

MSOT Yvonne Swinth, Professor, Occupational Therapy, and Renee Watling,
Professor and Director, Occupational Therapy

OTD Yvonne Swinth and Renee Watling

DPT Holly Roberts, Associate Professor and Chair, Physical Therapy, and
Karin Steere, Associate Professor, Physical Therapy

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

Andrew Kerkhoff

CONFERRING OF DEGREES

Isiaah Crawford

WELCOME TO THE ALUMNI COMMUNITY

McKenzie M. Ross '06

President, Alumni Council

CHARGE TO THE CLASS OF 2025

Isiaah Crawford

TAKE TIME

Composed by Rob Hutchinson, Professor, Music

Commissioned in commemoration of the installation of President Isiaah Crawford

Poetry by Sr. Stanislaus Kennedy, selected by President Isiaah Crawford

Take time to live – it is what life is for.
Take time for justice – it is the beginning of peace.
Take time to look afresh – it will fill you with surprise.
Take time to search – it is the secret of eternal youth.
Take time to laugh – it is the music to the soul.
Take time to pray – it is the greatest power on earth.
Take time for solitude – it revives the spirit.
Take time with the earth – it speaks of harmony and balance.
Take time at home – it renews the heart.
Take time to sow – it gives perspective on life.
Take time to reap – it brings gratitude.
Take time to heal – it is full of hope.
Take time to love – it is reason for living.
Take time to die – it is part of life.

Performed by Puget Sound Commencement Choir

Steven Zopfi, Professor, Music; Conductor

Miles Bourgeois '26

Wyatt Ethan Logan '25

Cara June Castaldi '25

Teagan McMonagle '28

Lucy Ferguson '27

Tova Leigh Quello Mertz '25

Annie Samantha Hochberg '25

Oscar Norton '28

Branson Hunter Jones '25

Haley C. Storey '25

Benjamin Randall Kerr '25

Natalie Worthy '25

ALMA MATER

Ellena Hart Goulder, Class of 1926

Audience is requested to stand.

Arranged by Rob Hutchinson, Professor, Music

All hail to Alma Mater, the best that can be found.
The spirit of the westland, all hail to Puget Sound!
Her guardian is the mountain beside the silver sea.
We love thee, Alma Mater, all hail, all hail to thee!

— Sung by Natalie Worthy '25

RECESSIONAL

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in place until the procession has left the field.*

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COMMENCEMENT RECEPTION FOR GRADUATES AND GUESTS

*Graduates and their guests are invited to attend the Commencement Reception on the
Event Lawn immediately following the ceremony.*

PLATFORM PARTY

Michael W. Amend '86, Member, Board of Trustees
Mitzi W. Carletti '78, Member, Board of Trustees
Joanna Carey Cleveland, Vice President & General Counsel, Chief of Staff, and
Board Secretary
Isiaah Crawford, President
Sarah Comstock, Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students
Megan Gessel, Associate Professor, Chemistry; Vice Chair, Faculty Senate
Fred W. Grimm '78, Member, Board of Trustees
Fred Hamel, Professor and Dean, School of Education; Director, Master of Arts in
Teaching Program
Lorna Hernandez Jarvis, Vice President for Institutional Equity & Diversity
Suzanne Holland, Professor, Religion, Spirituality, & Society; John B. Magee
Professor of Science and Values; Director, Bioethics
Andrew Kerkhoff, Provost
Kimberly Kvaal, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer
Speaker Laurie Jinkins J.D.'90, Honorand and Commencement Speaker
Victor Martin, Vice President for University Relations
Garrett Milam P'25, Professor, Economics
Sunshine A. Morrison '94, Member, Board of Trustees
Beth M. Picardo '83, J.D.'86, Chair, Board of Trustees
Lyle Quasim '70, Hon. '05, Member, Board of Trustees
McKenzie M. Ross '06, President, Alumni Council
Erin Shagren '88, P'17, Member, Board of Trustees
Willie C. Stewart, Sr., Honorand
Betsy C. Stone '79, P'14, Member, Board of Trustees
Justin Tiehen, Professor, Philosophy; Chair, Faculty Senate
David J. Watson '92, P'25, Member, Board of Trustees
Tim Whittum, Vice President for Enrollment
The Rev. David P. Wright '96, University Chaplain

FACULTY MARSHALS

Amy Spivey, Professor, Physics; Dean of Faculty Affairs (Head Marshal)
Nancy Bristow, Professor, History
Dan Burgard, Professor, Chemistry
Amy Fisher, Professor, Science, Technology, Health, and Society
Rob Hutchinson, Professor, Music
Jung Kim, Professor, Exercise Science
Nick Kontogeorgopoulos, Professor, International Political Economy; Dean of
 Experiential Learning
Hajung Lee, Associate Professor, Religion, Spirituality, and Society
Pierre Ly, Professor, International Political Economy
Alison Paradise, Instructor, Mathematics and Computer Science
Jason Steere, Clinical Assistant Professor, Physical Therapy

HONORANDS

Speaker Laurie Jinkins J.D. '90

Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*

Laurie Jinkins serves the 27th Legislative District in the Washington state House of Representatives, where she made history in 2020 as the first woman and lesbian speaker of the house. She is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Madison and the University of Puget Sound School of Law (later the Seattle University School of Law), as well as Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government. Jinkins began her career litigating child abuse and neglect cases for the state attorney general's office. She then moved into the public health sector, serving as an assistant secretary of health at Washington's Department of Health and senior advisor at the Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department.

Jinkins was first elected to the State House of Representatives in 2011. She has focused her legislative career on a platform of reforming our state's tax code, improving public health and access to health care, ending gun violence, and advancing Washington's recognition that our diversity is our strength. Jinkins is a member of Tacoma Rotary 8, and has been recognized for her community service with numerous awards, including the Tacoma Historical Society's Star of Destiny Award and the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Washington's Legislator of the Year Award.

Willie C. Stewart, Sr.

Doctor of Education, *honoris causa*

Willie C. Stewart, Sr. is a longtime Tacoma education leader and youth advocate. The son of Texas sharecroppers who grew up picking cotton, Stewart was the first person in his family to attend college. He later enlisted in the U.S. Army and spent 30 years in the Army Reserves, where he retired from the Medical Service Corps with the rank of colonel. Stewart began his teaching career in Tacoma in 1960 as the first Black male teacher at Gault Middle School (now closed), soon rising to assistant principal. He moved from there to Lincoln High School as assistant principal and earned a master's degree in education administration at Pacific Lutheran University in 1969. In 1970, he broke barriers as Tacoma Public Schools' (TPS) first Black principal and has since spent over 50 years serving the district in various administrative, elected, and volunteer roles. In 2015, TPS honored Stewart by renaming its Re-Engagement Center the Willie Stewart Academy.

Stewart is a dedicated community servant, volunteering with the Tacoma Athletic Commission, Boys & Girls Clubs of South Puget Sound, the Kiwanis Club, Pierce County Housing Authority, and the Urban Grace Church's weekly breakfast for those experiencing homelessness. He was named Tacoma Peace Laureate in 2019 and in 2024, Stewart was named a Shining Star Community Partner by TPS.

DEGREES AWARDED

HONORARY DEGREE

Speaker Laurie Jinkins J.D. '90

Doctor of Humane Letters

Willie C. Stewart, Sr.

Doctor of Education

GRADUATE DEGREE CANDIDATES

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

MASTER OF ARTS IN TEACHING

Susan Eakin, MAT

Sarah Onalie Espinoza-Alfaro, MAT

Rachel Myung Laske, MAT

Allison Georgiann Locke '24, MAT

Tegan Margrett Eaves Mitchell, MAT

Delaney B. Morse-Lau '24, MAT

Sadie Scout Valentine '24, MAT

Aryanna Marlene Wong '23, MAT

MASTER OF EDUCATION IN COUNSELING

Jesse Bernstein, MEd

Alex Brenner, MEd

Nikia Chanelle Bristol, MEd

Trinity Nicole Carpenter, MEd

Alexis Choy '21, MEd

Nicole Angelica Denning, MEd

Elise Driscoll, MEd

Wayne Keron Francis, MEd

Hannah Jewel, MEd

Garrett Arlo Johnson '21, MEd

Matthew Benjamin Lenett, MEd

Sydney Maes, MEd

Ryan Aurora McLauchlan, MEd

Jessica Michelle Monroy, MEd

Tory Hope Omlin, MEd

Alexia Pagliarini, MEd

Rebecca May Pedersen, MEd

Alina Sampolinski, MEd

Sarah Elizabeth Webber, MEd

PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAM

MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Alyssa Ann Dressor, MPH

Nicole Malia Kimie Hirao, MPH

Ember Reed '23, MPH

Luke Henry Riemann, MPH

Bethany Eilleen Warnick, MPH

SCHOOL OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

Mirian Leyza Barajas, MSOT

Jasmine Marie Blando, MSOT

Grace Ruth Lucille Christian, MSOT

Rebecca Lynn Griffith, MSOT

Ella Dawn Jones, MSOT

Grace Celva Lawton, MSOT

Allie Kiersten Magnawa, MSOT
Hayley Marie O'Donnell, MSOT
Anna Kathleen Oldenkamp, MSOT

Catherine Olivia Polanowicz, MSOT
Elizabeth Virginia Reed, MSOT
Jordan Smith, MSOT

DOCTOR OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

Kaitlyn Nicole Kramer Aus, OTD
Finley Baker, OTD
Dakota Noel Basher, OTD
Leanne Marie Bryant, OTD
Julien Rose Buonanno, OTD
Madison Cate, OTD
Helena Marie Fantz, OTD
Myah Erin Firch, OTD
Caitlynn Rose Flagg, OTD
Rosa Elia Garcia '22, OTD
Brooklyn Paige Haro, OTD
Anna Howes '22, OTD

Sarah Marie Johnson, OTD
Conner Kankelborg, OTD
Jeremy King, OTD
Erin Elizabeth McKaveney, OTD
Molly Minaberry, OTD
Tran Dinh Nguyen, OTD
Deandra Thanh-Tam Pham, OTD
Sarah S Reisinger, OTD
Sara Jane Sacco, OTD
Jenny K Truong, OTD
Anna Louise Wagner, OTD
Gillian Darcy Wahleithner, OTD

POST-PROFESSIONAL

DOCTOR OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

Andee E Spehar MOT'12, DrOT

SCHOOL OF PHYSICAL THERAPY

DOCTOR OF PHYSICAL THERAPY

Jade Noelle Azevedo, DPT
Kathleen Basilio, DPT
Shannon Christina Boyd, DPT
Mimi Chiquet, DPT
Alexander Leng Chung, DPT
Benjamin Joseph Clark, DPT
Jordan Michael Coby, DPT
Maya Murphy Davis, DPT
Kurt Ertel, DPT
Jeffery William Frazier, DPT
Reese Fujimoto, DPT
Darby Ross Hansen, DPT
Ryan Dwain Hedge, DPT
Kellie Wai Lin Hirotsu, DPT
Riley Scout Hollister, DPT
Harrison Lee Lewis, DPT
Kayla Marie Lux, DPT
Mikaela Miele, DPT

Aaron Christopher Mohr, DPT
Alysa Mai Goto Nemoto, DPT
Kaitlyn Thuc-Quynh Nguyen, DPT
Shoma Okita, DPT
Elizabeth Parker, DPT
Joshua Jude Yamashita Paulino, DPT
Olivia Holcomb Saunders, DPT
Madelyn Grace Shorthouse, DPT
Danielle Andrea Spencer, DPT
Jaeger Alexander Steckler, DPT
Behzod Cody Tabesh, DPT
Ilsa Marie Teppo, DPT
Liam Thomas, DPT
Caleb David Travis, DPT
Michial Junior Voltaire, DPT
Avi Matan Whinkin, DPT
Alexandria Mae Winter, DPT
Matthew S Woolery DPT

BACHELOR'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDIES PROGRAM

Sofia Rose Cunningham, B.A.

**Sociology and Anthropology*

Summa Cum Laude

Jaden Ezekiel Francis, B.A.

Sophie Critchfield Holloway, B.A.

Kenovia Neely, B.A.

**Business Administration*

Kevoni Shanice Neely, B.A.

Taj Phillips, B.A.

**Business Administration*

Cum Laude

Nianna Jordan Sarmiento, B.A.

**Communication Studies*

Honors in African American Studies

Honors in Communication Studies

Magna Cum Laude

Shiham Walupupu, B.A.

ART & ART HISTORY DEPARTMENT

Beyulah Anderson, B.A.

Studio Art

Rane Larissa Bjork-Kennedy, B.A.

Studio Art

Olivia Kathryn Brenneman, B.A.

Studio Art

Lio Capellaro, B.A.

Studio Art

Audrey Grey Glaubius, B.A.

Art History

Honors in Art History

Robert Trimble Distinguished Asia Scholar

Magna Cum Laude

Jameson Dwain Hanway, B.A.

Studio Art

Melany Michelle Juarez, B.A.

Art History

Summa Cum Laude

Elizabeth Regan, B.A.

Art History

Cum Laude

Rhae Anya Schulz-O'Neil, B.A.

Studio Art

**Chinese*

Honors in Studio Art

Cum Laude

Bennett Claire Shoemaker, B.A.

Studio Art

Cum Laude

Luke Christian Sloan, B.A.

Studio Art

Cum Laude

Emily Quinn Stober, B.A.

Studio Art

Mariko Uemura, B.A.

Art History

ASIAN STUDIES DEPARTMENT

Mila Alexandra Becker, B.A.

Japanese

Janet Aurelia Christian, B.A.

Japanese

Jacob Cole Endrina, B.A.

Japanese

Joseph Kendzor Johnson, B.A.

**English*

Chinese

Honors in Chinese

Honors in English

Summa Cum Laude

Ellis R Murayama, B.A.

Japanese

Harris Mac Gregor Watson, B.A.

Chinese

Katerina Stephanie Wearn, B.A.

Japanese

**English*

Nieve L Whitehouse, B.A.

Japanese

**History*

Honors in Japanese

Magna Cum Laude

**Additional Baccalaureate Degree*

**Additional Major*

Honors

Malerie Pelipada Williams, B.A.
Japanese

Madeleine Sue Wolff-Gee, B.A.
Chinese
°Sociology and Anthropology, B.A.

BIOLOGY DEPARTMENT

Bennett Donald Allen, B.S.
Natural Science

Summa Cum Laude

Ethan Edward Baker, B.S.
Biology

Aimee Elise Baldwin, B.S.
Biology

Summa Cum Laude

Sofia Rose Benedetti, B.S.
Molecular and Cellular Biology
Cum Laude

Carl Eric Borgquist IV, B.S.
Natural Science

Elizabeth Anne Brown, B.S.
Natural Science

**Environmental Policy & Decision Making*

Sylvia Elizabeth Curry, B.S.
Biology

Honors in Biology

Julia Denali Deak, B.S.
Biology

Summa Cum Laude

Kaia Linh Doan, B.S.
Natural Science

Magna Cum Laude

Amanda Dougherty, B.S.
Natural Science

**Environmental Policy & Decision Making*

Cum Laude

Reisha Jean Foertsch, B.S.
Biology

Lara Elise Franco, B.S.
Biology

Sam Presocia Gerrish, B.S.
Natural Science

Summa Cum Laude

Clara Minh Gibbs, B.S.
Molecular and Cellular Biology

Liv May Hauge, B.S.

Molecular and Cellular Biology

Audrey Josephine Hepenstal, B.S.
Biology

**Neuro Arts*

Lawson Alexander Hunt, B.S.
Biology

Paige Evelyn Laurie, B.S.
Biology

Alice Lee, B.S.
Natural Science

**French and Francophone Studies*

Sara Joy Lovell, B.S.
Natural Science

Lance P Mielke, B.S.
Molecular and Cellular Biology

Summa Cum Laude

Kara Roza Morris, B.S.
Natural Science

Brandon James Nelson, B.S.
Biology

Xander James Nobel Rudolph, B.S.
Molecular and Cellular Biology

Summa Cum Laude

Tanner Prescott, B.S.
Natural Science

Kaushal Raghu, B.S.
Molecular and Cellular Biology

°Spanish Language and Literature, B.A.

Honors in Spanish

Summa Cum Laude

Brita Restad, B.S.
Natural Science

Gavin Patrick Sands, B.S.
Natural Science

Luca Chapman Sciarra, B.S.
Molecular and Cellular Biology

V Solar-Miller, B.S.
Natural Science

°Additional Baccalaureate Degree

**Additional Major
Honors*

Abigail Mary Steward, B.S.
Biology
**Environmental Policy & Decision Making*
Honors in Biology

Nima Minh Taherzadeh, B.S.
Natural Science
Summa Cum Laude

SCHOOL OF BUSINESS & LEADERSHIP

Jake Julius Aigner, B.A.
Magna Cum Laude
Gary Alexander III, B.A.
Sydney Breanne Averill, B.A.
**Economics*
Honors in Business and Leadership
Honors in Economics
Summa Cum Laude
Ethan Thomas Barker, B.A.
Cody Matthew Barth, B.A.
Muhanad Samir Basmeh, B.A.
Erik Bell, B.A.
**German Studies*
Tucker Beauden Berg, B.A.
Mason Robert Binning, B.A.
Cum Laude
Kaila Nicole Mojica Bonawitz, B.A.
Honors in Business and Leadership
Summa Cum Laude
Will Church, B.A.
Nicholas Hugh Derrick, B.A.
Jajaani Tsegaye Gebru, B.A.
Matthew Ryan Hannah, B.A.
Paul Brett Harvey, B.A.
Cum Laude
William Chase Hasten, B.A.
NicoleLiMing Williamson Hindman, B.A.
Makayla Elizabeth Kearney, B.A.
Magna Cum Laude
Kylie Grace Latta, B.A.
Jack LeGore, B.A.
Mackenzie Grace Leith, B.A.
Zoe Libner, B.A.

Elizabeth Yaeko Kam Lin Matsumoto, B.A.
**International Political Economy*
Honors in Business and Leadership
Honors in International Political Economy
Summa Cum Laude
Chaney Lee Matsuwaki, B.A.
Yetzinia Mayorga Esparza, B.A.
Oliver McDaniel, B.A.
Thomas Edward Milton, B.A.
Abdinasir Mohamed, B.A.
Colston John Murphy, B.A.
Honors in Business and Leadership
Summa Cum Laude
Sean William Murphy, B.A.
Cum Laude
Chantal Alejandra Nava, B.A.
Antonio Joseph Negron, B.A.
Ricky P Pheth, B.A.
Will Pohland, B.A.
Honors in Business and Leadership
Summa Cum Laude
Kellen Joesph Reese, B.A.
Riley James Reisner, B.A.
Eston Chase Riebe, B.A.
Khaleel Eliga Robinson, B.A.
Liam Geoffrey Rutledge, B.A.
**Communication Studies*
Brock Andrew Salatino, B.A.
Ryan Saunders, B.A.
Cum Laude
Warren Xavier Sisneros-Barber, B.A.
Isabella Aleksandra Stolley, B.A.
Jennifer Suson, B.A.
Magna Cum Laude

CHEMISTRY & BIOCHEMISTRY DEPARTMENT

Clarke Schmidt Buckenmeyer, B.S.
Chemistry

Silvana Gabrielle Byram, B.S.
Natural Science

Lillian Nicole Casos, B.S.

Natural Science

Joshua Thomas Cunningham, B.S.

Biochemistry

°Studio Art, B.A.

Summa Cum Laude

Kobe Gray Kwan, B.S.

Biochemistry

Honors in Chemistry and Biochemistry

Summa Cum Laude

Marisol Angelina Rivera, B.S.

Natural Science

Ezra Rose Thill, B.A.

Chemistry

Summa Cum Laude

Tenley Thompson, B.S.

Chemistry

**Classics and Ancient Mediterranean Studies*

Katie Jane Wagner, B.S.

Chemistry

COMMUNICATION STUDIES DEPARTMENT

Michael William Barnato, B.A.

Veronica Daviane Brinkley, B.A.

Albert Yongook Chang-Yoo, B.A.

Magna Cum Laude

Tatyana Chapman, B.A.

Hyla Jai Chatham, B.A.

**Business Administration*

Magna Cum Laude

Nickolas Manuel Fernandez, B.A.

Zoe Maya Murphy Fowler, B.A.

Allison Anderson Freck, B.A.

Summa Cum Laude

Hannah Rose Fufa, B.A.

Chiara Nunziata Garcia, B.A.

Pema Norbu Globus, B.A.

Elaine Harken, B.A.

**Neuro Economics*

Honors in Communication Studies

Ryan McAfee, B.A.

**Spanish Language and Literature*

Summa Cum Laude

Emily Louise Nolan, B.A.

Katherine Lynn Patterson, B.A.

Magna Cum Laude

Abigail Jean Schetzslsle, B.A.

Anna Claire Sherwood, B.A.

**Spanish Language and Literature*

Magna Cum Laude

Asher H Wolf, B.A.

Honors in Communication Studies

ECONOMICS DEPARTMENT

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**Business Administration*

Trent Beckman, B.A.

Conor Narvaez Blakeney, B.A.

**Environmental Policy & Decision Making*

Honors in Economics

Magna Cum Laude

Lucas Daniel Calaff, B.A.

Cooper Wittman Clarke, B.A.

Magna Cum Laude

Amarian N Culpepper, B.A.

Valeria Jacobo-Guzman, B.A.

**Latinalo Studies*

Aubrey Kettley, B.A.

**Environmental Policy & Decision Making*

Summa Cum Laude

Noah Adam Lawler, B.A.

Sebastian Quintin Pedersen, B.S.

Abigail Loretta Sanderson, B.A.

Cum Laude

Aidan Sjothun, B.S.

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**Additional Major*

Honors

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

<p>Devon Lenore Fillingner Ashburn, B.A. <i>*Ancient Mediterranean Studies</i> <i>Honors in Greek, Latin, & Ancient Mediterranean Studies</i></p> <p>Rowan James Baiocchi, B.A.</p> <p>Oskar George Batho, B.A. <i>*German Studies</i> <i>Honors in German Studies</i></p> <p>Mary Rose Borgerding, B.A.</p> <p>Lucia Cronin, B.A. <i>*Japanese</i> <i>Cum Laude</i></p> <p>Miles Clyde Cruger, B.A.</p> <p>Raka Bella Custer, B.A. <i>Magna Cum Laude</i></p> <p>Julian Edward Finholm, B.A.</p> <p>Coren Graupensperger, B.A.</p> <p>Emmett Howard, B.A. <i>Honors in English</i> <i>Summa Cum Laude</i></p> <p>Gabrielle Ynes Jett, B.A.</p>	<p>Lily Chun Yan Kinerk, B.A.</p> <p>Ariel Nesta Lauer-Frey, B.A. <i>Honors in English</i> <i>Magna Cum Laude</i></p> <p>Luke Autrey Lofton, B.A. <i>Magna Cum Laude</i></p> <p>Paul Gordon Maturo, B.A.</p> <p>Calvin David Mumma, B.A.</p> <p>Madison Taylor Packwood, B.A.</p> <p>Simon Henry Plotkin, B.A. <i>Cum Laude</i></p> <p>Bentley Hyatt Porter, B.A.</p> <p>Taylor James Rees, B.A.</p> <p>Megan Michelle Riehle, B.A.</p> <p>Aurora Schneider, B.A. <i>*Classics and Ancient Mediterranean Studies</i> <i>Cum Laude</i></p> <p>Maddison Michelle Sellers, B.A. <i>Cum Laude</i></p> <p>Henry Smalley, B.A.</p>
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ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES & SCIENCES DEPARTMENT

<p>Miles Thomas Byrd Adams, B.S. <i>*Natural Science</i> <i>Environmental Policy & Decision Making</i> <i>Honors in Biology</i></p> <p>Kolea Rebecca Caverly, B.S. <i>Earth and Environmental Science</i> <i>Environmental Policy & Decision Making</i></p> <p>Fletcher Crone, B.A. <i>*Religion, Spirituality, and Society</i> <i>Environmental Policy & Decision Making</i> <i>Magna Cum Laude</i></p> <p>Connor Patrick Flannery, B.A. <i>*International Political Economy</i> <i>Environmental Policy & Decision Making</i> <i>Honors in International Political Economy</i> <i>Magna Cum Laude</i></p>	<p>Sara Guillen-Alvarado, B.S. <i>*Natural Science</i> <i>Environmental Policy & Decision Making</i> <i>Cum Laude</i></p> <p>Mikayla Elizabeth Johnson, B.S. <i>*Natural Science, B.S.</i> <i>Environmental Policy & Decision Making</i></p> <p>Gwendolyn Zens Lindberg, B.S. <i>Earth and Environmental Science</i> <i>Environmental Policy & Decision Making</i> <i>Honors in Earth and Environmental Science</i> <i>Summa Cum Laude</i></p> <p>Ryan James Marrone, B.S. <i>*Natural Science</i> <i>Environmental Policy & Decision Making</i></p> <p>Jamys P O'Reilly, B.S. <i>Earth and Environmental Science</i></p>
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EXERCISE SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

Jayson James Barber, B.S.

Dharma Sayaka Dees, B.S.

Shelby Michelle Dilley, B.S.

Emmett Foster, B.S.

**Chinese*

Honors in Exercise Science

Summa Cum Laude

Drew Hideaki Kamihara, B.S.

Magna Cum Laude

Savannah Grace Manley, B.S.

Julia Gabrielle Meyers, B.S.

**Neuro Bioethics*

Claire Elise Mullen, B.S.

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Addison Nicole Reardon, B.S.

Alexander Elijah Renteria, B.S.

Brandon Takumi Watanabe, B.S.

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Phoebe Quinn Crowther, B.A.

**Psychology*

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Massimo Vincenzo DeMaria, B.S.

Natural Science

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Geology

**Environmental Policy & Decision*

Making, B.S.

Summa Cum Laude

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Natural Science

**Environmental Policy & Decision Making*

Honors in Geology

Summa Cum Laude

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Molly Anderwald, B.A.

Spanish Language and Literature

**Economics*

Sofia Kathrin Gaspar, B.A.

Latinalo Studies

Hailey Zahara Matas, B.A.

Spanish Language and Literature

Summa Cum Laude

Aidan Carl Francis Sullivan, B.A.

Hispanic International Studies

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Philip Benjamin Fisher, B.A.

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Benjamin Kaufman, B.A.

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Cum Laude

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Magna Cum Laude

Emmet Douglass O'Connor, B.A.

Moxley Roesler-Begalke, B.A.

Elena Kai Segura, B.A.

Alyssa Amber Shane, B.A.

Honors in History

Summa Cum Laude

William Henry Jay Smith, B.A.

Walter Edward Stackler, B.A.

Honors in History

Summa Cum Laude

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**Additional Major*

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Krishna Eiravati Agrawal, B.A.

Noah Kekoa Candelario, B.A.

**Economics*

Henry Collins, B.A.

Duncan Sleigh Donovan, B.A.

**Chinese*

Eli Fabricant, B.A.

Elroy J Han, B.A.

**History*

Gabriel Heintze, B.A.

**Business Administration*

Evelyn Jacobo-Guzman, B.A.

**Hispanic International Studies*

Emma Maiden, B.A.

Lily Angelina Walker, B.A.

MATHEMATICS & COMPUTER SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

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Computer Science

Summa Cum Laude

Gemma Bertain, B.S.

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Summa Cum Laude

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Mathematics

Jiafeng Gu, B.S.

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**Economics, B.S.*

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Tyler Higashihara, B.S.

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Performance

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Music Composition

Honors in Music

Summa Cum Laude

Ann Samantha Hochberg, B.M.

Music Education

Cum Laude

Benjamin Randall Kerr, B.A.

Music

**Exercise Science*

Honors in Exercise Science

Summa Cum Laude

Wyatt Ethan Logan, B.A.

Music

Haley C Storey, B.M.

Performance

Keola Matthias Tabisola, B.M.

Performance

Alexander Winslow Westervelt, B.M.

Performance

Summa Cum Laude

Natalie Worthy, B.M.

Performance

NEUROSCIENCE PROGRAM

Mika Elena Lopez, B.A.

**Science, Technology, Health, and Society*

Neuro Bioethics

Cum Laude

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**International Political Economy*

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Hayden Chandler Cross, B.A.

Ainsley Liberty Feeney, B.A.

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Logan Pollard, B.S.

Natural Science

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Physics

Ella Lynn Slattery, B.S.

Physics

Honors in Physics

Cum Laude

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Annika Freeling, B.A.

Cum Laude

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**Spanish Language and Literature*

Amelia Kahn, B.A.

Magna Cum Laude

Emma Theresa Loenicker, B.A.

Honors in Politics and Government

Summa Cum Laude

Emily Louise O'Neil, B.A.

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**Hispanic International Studies*

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Ki'ilani Haumea Arruda, B.A.

John Tulper Axelrod, B.A.

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Honors

Parker Cohen, B.A.
Jordi Taylor De La Torre, B.A.

Honors in Psychology
Magna Cum Laude

Emme Kate Eisenman, B.A.

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**Philosophy*

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Zion Alexander Rinker, B.A.

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**Politics and Government*

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Abigail Rose Speer, B.A.

Reese Vetsch, B.A.

Honors in Religion, Spirituality, and Society
Cum Laude

Jake Matt von Haken, B.A.

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, HEALTH, & SOCIETY PROGRAM

Kendall Baldwin, B.A.

Victoria Celeste Bradshaw, B.A.

Owen David Brandt, B.A.

**Environmental Policy & Decision Making*

Bryer Wade Putney-Moore, B.A.

Alyssa Luzelenia Schultz-Chapman, B.A.

Lilia Hope Yatskowitz, B.A.

Honors in Science, Technology, Health, and Society

Magna Cum Laude

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Isabell Alys Baca, B.A.

Magna Cum Laude

Iliana Sarai Barnes Diaz, B.A.

Summa Cum Laude

Andrew Benoit, B.A.

Honors in Sociology & Anthropology
Summa Cum Laude

Maddox Henry Burgess, B.A.

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Henry Elias Martin, B.A.

Katelyn Frances McBride, B.A.

Sara Kaitlin McWhirter, B.A.
**Spanish Language and Literature*
Honors in Sociology & Anthropology
Honors in Spanish
Summa Cum Laude
Vee Tara Mindich, B.A.
Quinn O'Connor, B.A.

Jael Areli Rodas Vasquez, B.A.
**Hispanic International Studies*
Allison Louise Rosenquist, B.A.
Magna Cum Laude
Linnea Cecilia Schott, B.A.
**Communication Studies*
Magna Cum Laude

T H E A T R E A R T S D E P A R T M E N T

Aidan Mullin Bane, B.A.
Cum Laude
Anya Capri Cavender, B.A.
**Communication Studies*
Cum Laude
Julia Alexandra Pearl-Styles, B.A.
**Psychology*
Cum Laude

Elizabeth Prose Proctor, B.A.
Cum Laude
Layne Louis Short-Jacobson, B.A.
**English*
Emma Catherine Smith, B.A.
**International Political Economy*
Honors in Theatre Arts
Magna Cum Laude
Mya Gabrielle Woods, B.A.

Degrees and graduation honors or awards are officially determined and conferred after final grades have been posted. Therefore a student's name in this program does not necessarily indicate the student has completed all requirements.

AWARDS AND HONORS

PRESIDENT'S AWARD FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

This award was established in 2005 by President Emeritus Ronald R. Thomas to recognize the highest order of academic achievement by a graduating senior.

Joshua Thomas Cunningham

OPTIMI

The following students have earned As in every graded class throughout their undergraduate careers at Puget Sound.

Joshua Thomas Cunningham
Lance P. Mielke
Kaushal Raghu

LILLIS FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

This award was established in 2007 through a generous gift from the Lillis Foundation and Charles and Gwen Lillis, parents of Jessica Baker Isaacs '05. The scholarship recognizes two entering first-year students who have demonstrated high academic achievement in high school and the promise of outstanding performance during their undergraduate years and beyond.

Joshua Thomas Cunningham
Gwendolyn Zens Lindberg

MATELICH SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship, established in 2010 through the generosity of George E. Matelich '78 and Susan Matelich, recognizes two entering first-year students who exhibit exceptional drive and focus, as well as promise for outstanding academic and personal achievement while enrolled at Puget Sound.

Ainsley Liberty Feeney
Kaushal Raghu

BUSINESS LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

The Business Leadership Program (BLP) is a highly selective and experiential program within the School of Business and Leadership that focuses on organizational leadership development. The BLP is distinguished by a unique curriculum that integrates special cohort classes, a weekly seminar series, field trips, and a required internship. BLP students also work with business and corporate leaders throughout the Pacific Northwest, who serve as mentors. Upon completion, students receive a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Administration.

Jake Julius Aigner

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Ethan Thomas Barker

Paul Brett Harvey

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COOLIDGE OTIS CHAPMAN HONORS PROGRAM

The Honors Program offers a unique academic experience that emphasizes collaborative learning as its students engage with enduring questions about the nature of human understanding, relations, purpose, and meaning. The program has three principal components: a first-year residence hall living-learning experience, discussion-based courses that satisfy the university's core curriculum requirements, and the public presentation of an approved bachelor's thesis. This four-year experience develops critical and creative thinking, written and oral communication skills, information and quantitative literacy, teamwork and problem solving, while it cultivates an ethos of personal and social responsibility, civic knowledge and engagement, intercultural knowledge and competence, ethical reasoning and action, and lifelong learning.

Named in memory of a former distinguished member of the faculty, this honor is awarded for completion of the program's requirements. Upon graduation, Honors Program graduates are designated Coolidge Otis Chapman Honors Scholars.

Aidan Mullin Bane

Oskar George Batho

Andrew Benoit

Carina Elizabeth Bunch

Connor Patrick Flannery

Skyler Krop Hedblom

Julia Alexandra Pearl-Styles

Aurora Schneider

MORTAR BOARD

This national honor society, which recognizes college seniors for their achievements in scholarship, leadership, and service, creates opportunities for continued leadership development, promotes service to college and university, and encourages lifelong contributions to the global community. This year's graduates were initiated in Spring 2024 in recognition of their exceptional achievements during their first three years at Puget Sound.

Mortar Board began in 1918 as the first national organization honoring senior college women. When the society opened this membership to men in 1975, it maintained its ties to its founders and heritage by changing the preamble to its constitution to include a stronger commitment to the advancement of the status of women. Since 1918, more than 220,000 college seniors have been initiated into the Mortar Board tradition of scholarships, leadership, and service.

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Isabell Alys Baca	Branson Hunter Jones	Taj Phillips
Aimee Elise Baldwin	Melany Michelle Juarez	Spencer Racca-Gwozdzik
Albert Yonggook Chang- Yoo	Aubrey Kettley	Abigail Loretta Sanderson
Miles Clyde Cruger	Annika Beth Laberge- Shusterman	Paige Louise Shinall
Sofia Rose Cunningham	Paige Evelyn Laurie	Ella Lynn Slattery
Joshua Thomas	Gwendolyn Zens Lindberg	Walter Edward Stackler
Cunningham	Silver Lippert	Emily Quinn Stober
Julia Denali Deak	Elizabeth Yaeko Kam Lin	Ezra Rose Thill
Amanda Dougherty	Matsumoto	Reese Vetsch
		Nieve L Whitehouse

PHI BETA KAPPA

University of Puget Sound is one of five private colleges in the Northwest granted a chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, the nation's most distinguished and selective academic honor society. Founded in 1776 at The College of William and Mary, it is the nation's oldest undergraduate honors organization. It takes its name from the initial letters of its motto, Philosophia Biou Kubernetes, "Philosophy (the love of wisdom) is the guide of life." The objectives of liberal learning encouraged by Phi Beta Kappa include not merely knowledge but also intellectual honesty, tolerance, and a broad range of intellectual interests. The society's distinctive emblem, a golden key, is widely recognized as a symbol of academic achievement.

The chapters elect members from candidates for degrees in the liberal arts and sciences, usually from the top 10 percent of the graduating class. In addition to an outstanding record of academic achievement, the stipulations for eligibility adopted in 1952 require that candidates have done at least three-quarters of their work in an area of the liberal arts and sciences, as well as demonstrate a knowledge of mathematics and a foreign language.

Sydney Breanne Averill	Allison Anderson Freck
Aimee Elise Baldwin	Elizabeth Durant Hanson
Iliana Sarai Barnes Diaz	Emmett Howard
Joshua David Bennett	Benjamin Randall Kerr
Andrew Benoit	Kobe Gray Kwan
Joshua Thomas Cunningham	Gwendolyn Zens Lindberg
Julia Denali Deak	Hailey Zahara Matas

Elizabeth Yaeko Kam Lin Matsumoto
Ryan McAfee
Sara Kaitlin McWhirter (nominated '24
as a junior)
Spencer Racca-Gworzdzik

Kaushal Raghu
Alyssa Amber Shane
Johnny Maurice O'Neill Staver
Nima Minh Taherzadeh
Ezra Rose Thill

SIGMA GAMMA EPSILON

The Society of Sigma Gamma Epsilon was founded on March 30, 1915, at The University of Kansas to recognize scholarship and professionalism in the earth sciences. It has for its objectives the scholastic, scientific, and professional advancement of its members and the extension of relations of friendship and assistance among colleges and universities which are devoted to the advancement of the earth sciences. The Puget Sound chapter was established in 2015.

Sam Ernest Dossa
Massimo Vincenzo DeMaria
Paige Louise Shinall
Gwendolyn Zens Lindberg

INTERDISCIPLINARY EMPHASIS PROGRAMS

At the University of Puget Sound, the designation Interdisciplinary Emphasis is distinct from a major or minor, but functions as an enhancement of, or a complement to, any major of a student's choice. The designation reflects the program's multidisciplinary content and interdisciplinary effect, and allows students who choose the designation to cultivate their intellectual autonomy.

INTERDISCIPLINARY EMPHASIS IN HUMANITIES

The Interdisciplinary Humanities Emphasis offers thematic pathways that invite students to consider topics of enduring importance from a variety of humanistic perspectives. Students who complete an IHE pathway master skills of critical and creative thinking and of clear and effective writing through significant interdisciplinary study across the humanities.

Cara Jane Castaldi
Keola Matthias Tabisola

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Julie Christoph, Professor, English; Director, Center for Writing & Learning
Jennifer Hastings, Professor, Physical Therapy
Sunil Kukreja, Professor, Sociology & Anthropology
Aislinn Melchior, Professor, Greek, Latin, & Ancient Mediterranean Studies
Mark Reinitz, Professor, Psychology
Andrew Rex, Professor, Physics
Alexa Tullis, Professor, Biology
Michael Valentine, Professor, Environmental Studies & Sciences
Rand Worland, Professor, Physics

UNIVERSITY OF PUGET SOUND ALUMNI COMMUNITY

As a graduate of University of Puget Sound, you join more than 40,000 living alumni who share memories and a fondness for the university that only one who has walked the paths of campus can know. While Commencement marks an important point in your life, it is the beginning of the next stage of your relationship with Puget Sound. As a member of the Puget Sound Alumni Community, you are entrusted with the care and nurturing of your alma mater. There will be definite benefits for the attention you give the university, but most alumni insist the intangible benefits far outweigh the tangible.

Among the tangible benefits of membership in the Alumni Community are the publications you will receive regularly. The award-winning Arches magazine will keep you informed about your classmates and report the goings-on across campus. Attending fall homecomings and summer class reunions will be part of your future. You will be kept abreast of upcoming events in your area in order to help you remain connected with fellow graduates and other members of the Puget Sound community long after graduation.

Membership in the Alumni Community is automatic, and there are no dues. As a member of the Alumni Community, we ask that you volunteer your time to nurture this wonderful place and those who attend Puget Sound. Many alumni share their talents and expertise with students as mentors and career advisors. Some provide internships to Puget Sound students or volunteer to support prospective and newly admitted students in their local area, showing tomorrow's graduates the value of an investment in a Puget Sound education. Others serve in other roles on the Alumni Council, the leadership body of the Alumni Community. Most importantly, we invite you to remain engaged!

Today's Commencement Ceremony opens the door to new and different opportunities for you to grow your relationship with Puget Sound and with your classmates. These ties to Puget Sound will grow deeper and more fulfilling throughout the years to come. Welcome.

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Bruce L. Titcomb '80, P'13	Partner, KayBru Property Management, Lake Forest Park, Washington
Nicholas D. Vasilius '07	Head of Data & Analytics, Allseas, South Holland, the Netherlands
Erik A. Wallace '96	Internal Medicine Physician, Oak Street Health, Colorado Springs, Colorado
David J. Watson '92 , P'25	Co-Founder and CEO, Tobler Labs, LLC., Los Altos, California
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REGALIA

The academic gowns worn today originated in the universities of the Middle Ages partly as a reflection of the dress of those times, but also because a warm gown and hood were absolutely necessary for scholars and clerics in the unheated buildings. Until after the Civil War, students and faculty in this country wore their caps and gowns daily while in school. In 1894 it was agreed that all robes would be black with hoods of the same material as the gowns. The color border of the hood indicates the academic discipline of the degree awarded. For example, the Doctor of Physical Therapy is green; the Master of Arts in Teaching, light blue; and the Master of Occupational Therapy, teal. The hood lining color indicates the institution at which the degree is earned. The University of Puget Sound hood lining is maroon with a white chevron.

Honorary degrees follow the same discipline color as the earned degrees. Other standard discipline colors often seen are scarlet for theology, purple for law, copper for economics, and cream for social science. The faculty gowns, hoods, and caps reflect the same color coding for their disciplines, although in recent years the black doctoral robes have been embellished with the discipline color on the two front opening panels and the three sleeve bars.

The Oxford cap, or mortar board, is the traditional academic headgear worn in this country, although a number of institutions now have adopted a soft black velvet tam for their doctoral degrees. The color of the cap tassel is generally only black for bachelor's and master's degrees, and most often gold for doctorate.

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President Crawford wears a black gown with maroon velvet, representing Puget Sound. His hood is representative of DePaul University, where he earned both his master's and doctoral degrees. The honorands are wearing the University of Puget Sound maroon-and-white honorand gown, a gift from Mark Charles Pigott, KBE, Hon.'14.

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