

University of La Verne

Virtual Commencement Ceremonies

Saturday, the Thirtieth of January
Two Thousand Twenty-One



*Honoring the Graduating Classes of
Spring Two Thousand Twenty and
Winter Two Thousand Twenty-One*

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 selamat datang স্বাগত
bienvenidos
 欢迎光临 آمد خوش
willkommen
 Καλώς ἦλθατε Hoan nghienh
benvenuto 환영합니다
WELCOME!
Welkom bem-vindo
bienvenue Ласкаво просимо Aloha
 ようこそ 歡迎光臨
hos geldin Bienvenidos
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President's Message



Dear Graduates,

On this momentous occasion, we gather as one community to celebrate your achievement as graduates of the University of La Verne.

Though faced with unprecedented challenges, your hard work and dedication to succeed showcase the best of the institutional values that have been the core of our university for 130 years. As you reflect on your experiences as students, it is my hope that you recognize you have developed the skills necessary to become future leaders of the world. Go forward as distinguished alumni of the University of La Verne dedicated to solving problems, living with purpose, supporting others, and advocating for social justice.

Congratulations, graduates! You now join the ranks of more than 85,000 alumni worldwide who hold meaningful careers in nearly every field and sector, in each state of the union, and in 66 countries. We look forward to staying in touch and seeing you bring forth a better tomorrow for us all.

Sincerely,

Devorah Lieberman

Devorah Lieberman, PhD
President

History

The University of La Verne was founded in 1891 as Lordsburg College by members of the Church of the Brethren. Both the college and the agricultural community were renamed La Verne in 1917, and the 1920s and 1930s found three-quarters of the student body in teacher education.

Over the next three decades, campus facilities multiplied fourfold and the Board of Trustees became independent of church control. Ultimately, enrollment surged during this time. In the 1960s, the college awarded its first master's degree, and it conferred its first doctorate in 1979. In 1969, La Verne began offering degree programs off campus, and the following year it opened its College of Law.

In 1977, the college was renamed the University of La Verne. The university founded its first regional campus in Orange County in 1981, and its San Fernando Valley campus opened in 1983. A decade later, campuses in Ventura, San Bernardino, and Riverside counties followed, and a separate campus for the College of Law was established in Ontario in 2000. Continuing the trend of improving services to students, La Verne developed the Central Coast, Bakersfield, and Victorville campuses.

The University of La Verne has renovated or newly constructed more than half of its buildings in the past 10 years, creating a dramatic change to the look of its central campus. Some of the larger scale projects include a remodeled Sports Science & Athletics Pavilion, the Johnson Family Plaza, the Sara and Michael Abraham Campus Center, Vista La Verne Residence Hall, a five-level parking structure, and the Campus West athletics

complex, which is home to our baseball and softball teams. In 2018, the central campus opened a new residence hall named Citrus Hall and a dining hall known as The Spot, which, together with Vista, The Oaks, and the Abraham Campus Center, form a burgeoning student village on the south side of campus. Last academic year, the university celebrated the opening of both the Randall Lewis Center for Well-Being and Research as well as the Ludwick Center for Spirituality, Cultural Understanding, and Community Engagement. The centers offer unique spaces for students, faculty, staff, and the community to collaborate, engage in dialogue, and discover their well-being both mentally and physically.

With its 130th academic year under way, the university continues to grow regionally and nationally, while honoring its profound history with each new class. More than 85,000 proud alumni share a deep-rooted connection to the University of La Verne, and to its mission and values.

The university is looking toward the future with a Master Plan for 2030. The Master Plan will focus on the future facility and technology needs of the university, both of which are integral components in continuing to foster the highest-rated, holistic learning experience for our students. Their academic achievements, social responsibility, commitment to improving our local, regional, and global communities, and respect for humanity and the planet help to sustain and promote the growing academic reputation of the University of La Verne.

Mission

It is the mission of the University of La Verne to provide opportunities for students to achieve their educational goals and become contributing citizens to the global community.

The university accomplishes these goals by offering high-quality degree programs to both traditional-aged and adult learners; by providing liberal arts and professional programs from undergraduate to doctoral levels; and by delivering programs to students at the La Verne campus as well as regional campuses and satellite class locations throughout California.

The university provides a student-centered, values-based, and diverse learning environment. It takes pride in offering small class sizes in a highly personalized setting. The university encourages effective teaching, research, scholarly contributions, and service to the greater community by sharing its academic, professional, and individual resources.

Values

The University of La Verne shares four core values that promote a positive and rewarding life for its students through fostering a genuine appreciation and respect for:

ETHICAL REASONING

The university affirms a value system that actively supports peace with justice, respect of individuals and humanity, and the health of the planet and its people. Students are reflective about personal, professional, and societal values that support professional and social responsibility.

DIVERSITY AND INCLUSIVITY

The university supports a diverse and inclusive environment where students recognize and benefit from the life experiences and viewpoints of other students, faculty, and staff.

LIFELONG LEARNING

The university promotes intellectual curiosity and the importance of lifelong learning. It teaches students how to learn, to think critically, to be capable of original research, and to access and integrate information to prepare them for continued personal and professional growth.

CIVIC AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The university asserts a commitment to improving and enhancing local, regional, and global communities.

College of Law

CEREMONY ONE - NINE IN THE MORNING, JANUARY THIRTIETH
ORDER OF THE COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY
President Devorah Lieberman, Presiding

Invitation to Commencement	Kevin Marshall
Invocation	Zandra Wagoner
Trustee Introduction	Jonathan Reed
Trustee Welcome	Frank Lizarraga
Introduction of University President	Jonathan Reed
President's Address	Devorah Lieberman
Introduction of Commencement Speaker	Kevin Marshall
Commencement Address	David Goldstein
Conferral of Degrees	Devorah Lieberman and Jonathan Reed
Introduction of Student Speaker	Kevin Marshall
Student Speaker	Jessica McCauley
Announcement of Dean's Award	Kevin Marshall
Charge to Graduates	Devorah Lieberman
Closing	Jonathan Reed
Alma Mater and Spirit Bell	

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

David M. Goldstein, Esq.

ATTORNEY



The university welcomes David Goldstein as the keynote speaker for the Virtual Ceremony for the College of Law.

Goldstein has been an attorney for 36 years. He earned his undergraduate degree from the University of California, Santa Barbara in 1982 and the juris doctor degree from the University of San Diego College of Law in 1984. He also received a Master of Arts in Criminal Justice degree from Claremont Graduate School in 1989.

Goldstein began his career as a Deputy District Attorney with the County of San Bernardino and continued his career as a Deputy Public Defender, also in San Bernardino County. He was a founding member of the county's Public Defender's Death Penalty Defense Unit. Goldstein later opened a private law practice in Rancho Cucamonga and has tried hundreds of criminal, civil, and administrative cases. Goldstein currently administers the County of San Bernardino conflict panel which represents indigent individuals who are charged with a criminal offense when the Public Defender has a conflict.

He is a regular participant in local legal clinics seeking to bridge the gap in legal services for those who are economically or otherwise challenged. Goldstein has been an adjunct professor of law at the University of La Verne since 1989, helping aspiring lawyers to learn legal analysis, criminal law, California criminal practice, trial advocacy, and criminal procedure.

DEGREE CANDIDATES

College of Law

SPRING 2020

JURIS DOCTOR

SUMMA CUM LAUDE

Kelcey Hoffman
Jessica McCauley
Irene Pinon

MAGNA CUM LAUDE

Kathryn Cartmel
Heather Razook
Viktoriya Shalunova

CUM LAUDE

Emerson Bryant-Tabone
Danielle Finney
Willie Radford
Irma Rodriguez
Maryam Shafizadeh
David Weber

RITE

Afsaneh Afzalnia
Jiovanna Aguirre
Uchechukwu Alozie
John Baldwin
Johanna Boktor
BreAnna Bolanos
Evelyn Bonilla
Michael Bruckner
Vania Caro
Micah Carter
Tiffany Coronel
Lauren Cosgrove
Paige DeRogatis
Michael Diaz
Edgar Diaz-Niesta
Evan Dotta
Brian Escalona
Jacob Vander Feer
Milan Foston
Sunny Gallo
David Gonzalez

Vasu Goyal
Daniel Gramling
Geneva Gregory
Natalie-Nojoud Haddad
Jacob Haghazadeh
Grace Harding
Julie Harris
Joshua Hopps
Sandra Hwang
Victoria Jackson
Shontel Johnson
Bijal Joshi
Zunaira Kerr
Justyne Lewallen
Helen Lole
Jorge Luzuriaga
Ta'Nekeo Marcus
Andrea Marquez
Jonathan Marty
Rejo Mathew
Holliann Morro
Mher Najaryan

Constance Nyers
Tyler Oldham-Monroe
Jose Pacheco
Priscilla Parada
Samuel Perez
Jocelyn Portales
Andy Ruiz
Mary Rynaski
Marina Saad
Juanmanuel Sanchez
Priscilla Soules
Heather Syracuse
Mohammad Tabel
Peggy Tapia
Gina Thomson
Mikeo Tretola
Mario Valladares
Brian Walker
Tracy Wash II
Jacklyn Williams
Monika Zadori

LaFetra College of Education

CEREMONY TWO - ELEVEN IN THE MORNING, JANUARY THIRTIETH

ORDER OF THE COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

President Devorah Lieberman, Presiding

Invitation to Commencement	Kimberly White-Smith
Invocation	Zandra Wagoner
Trustee Introduction	Jonathan Reed
Trustee Welcome	Deborah Proctor
Introduction of University President	Jonathan Reed
President's Address	Devorah Lieberman
Introduction of Commencement Speaker	Kimberly White-Smith
Presentation and Conferral of Honorary Degree <i>Ana Guerrero</i>	Devorah Lieberman, Jonathan Reed, Kimberly White-Smith, assisting
Commencement Address	Ana Guerrero
Conferral of Degrees	Devorah Lieberman and Jonathan Reed
Introduction of Student Speaker	Kimberly White-Smith
Student Speaker	Brian Train
Charge to Graduates	Devorah Lieberman
Closing	Jonathan Reed
Alma Mater and Spirit Bell	

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

Ana Guerrero

HONORARY DOCTORATE RECIPIENT - DOCTOR OF HUMANE LETTERS

CHIEF OF STAFF, OFFICE OF LOS ANGELES MAYOR



The university welcomes Ana Guerrero as the keynote speaker for the Virtual Ceremony for the LaFetra College of Education.

Guerrero serves as Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti's chief of staff. She directs all aspects of the Office of the Mayor and acts as the primary driver of his agenda to make Los Angeles the safest and most livable, prosperous, and well-run city in America.

Guerrero has worked alongside Garcetti since his election to the City Council in 2001. She was appointed as his Council Office chief of staff in 2008, after serving as district director and deputy chief of staff. Upon his election as mayor in 2013, she was named chief of staff. Guerrero's career as an organizer began in 1990 with the Sonoma County Faith Based Community Organizing Project, where she organized low- and middle-income families around such issues as job creation and affordable housing. She came to Los Angeles in 1995 to become lead organizer of the United Neighborhoods Organization, overseeing a campaign that helped more than 5,000 immigrants become naturalized, politically active citizens.

Her work as chief of staff has put Guerrero at the center of several transformative moments in Los Angeles history—among them the successful movement to lift the minimum wage to \$15 an hour, the Measure M campaign to fund a historic expansion of public transportation, the creation of L.A.'s landmark Green New Deal, and bringing gender equity to City Hall's powerful boards and commissions. She is vice chair of the C40 Cities Climate Leadership Group Board of Directors and is board chair of the Needmor Fund. Guerrero is an immigrant from Mexico and is the daughter of farm workers.

DEGREE CANDIDATES

LaFetra College of Education

SPRING 2020

DOCTOR OF EDUCATION

Brandi Michelle Ball

High School General Education Teachers as Co-Teachers, Collaborators, and Co-Learners with Special Education Teachers: A Phenomenological Study

Sherry Lynn Berwick

Teacher Perceptions of How the Role of Peer Mentors Transforms Freshmen Failure to Success: A Qualitative Study

Seema Kaur Sidhu Bhagat

A Phenomenological Study: The Impact of the Implementation of the Puente Project on High School Puente Teachers

Josette Christine Brown

Exploring Barriers and Motivators on the Career Paths of African American Women in Executive Leadership in Nonprofit Organizations

Kelsey Elise Elizabeth Brown

Silver Bullet or Trojan Horse?: A Phenomenological Exploration of Universal Design for Learning and Teachers' Sense of Self Efficacy in an Inclusive Classroom

Patricia Bernadette Caldani

Differences in Faculty Members Perceptions of Diversity Climate

Hassan Damerji

Technology Readiness Impact on Artificial Intelligence Technology Adoption by Accounting Students

Michael Charles Alexander Davis

The Role of Mentorship Increasing the Number of Female Coaches in NCAA Division 1 Women's Soccer Programs

Wendolly Arthlene Escobar

Investing in Family Engagement: Understanding Public-Private Partnerships as a Means of Funding High-Quality Early Childhood Education

Michele Crncich Hodge

Transformational Leadership Among Superintendents and its Role in Principal Job Satisfaction

Carolyn Tami Hoffman

The Impact of Teacher Utilization of the Capturing Kids' Hearts Process on 7th Grade Student Success in General Education Math

Lauran Matthew Robert Hood

Teacher Perceptions of Student Feedback as a Tool for Reflection

Crystal C. Kallik

Is a Two-Year Degree Required to Achieve Wage Growth? Assessing the Wage Impact of Employed Non-Completers at California Community Colleges

Kitty Chu Louie

An Exploration of Simms and Marzano's (2019) Evidence-Based Instructional Strategies in Building Literacy Skills for Dually Identified Students

Wei Luo

Study of Inequality of Educational Opportunity in the Most Economically Developed Cities in China Through PISA Performance GAP Analysis Between Shanghai and China (Beijing-Shanghai-Jiangsu-Guangdong)

Russhell Lynn Martinez-Ortega

California Teacher Association's (CTA) Stakeholders Experience of the Implementation and Challenges of Positive Behavior Intervention and Support (PBIS) in Relation to Assembly Bill 420 and Assembly Bill 1729 in the Classroom

Andrea Luz Mendoza

Creating Coherence in Educational Change Through Communication Framing

DEGREE CANDIDATES LAFETRA COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Marisol Morales

Engaging Sameness: A Phenomenological Study of the Community Engagement Experiences of Latinx Students at a Hispanic Serving Institution

Ghada Paul Mouawad

Student Privacy in a Digital Age

Jennifer Jean Prince

Relationship of Principal Positivity with Teacher Job Satisfaction and Staff Morale

Jose Alonso Ramirez

High School Professional Learning Communities in California High Schools: The Significance of the Principal's Leadership Behaviors

Rohan Christopher Reid

The Critical Success Factors and Leadership Behaviors Required for Successful Deployment of Lean Process Improvement in a Managed Care Health Plan: A Delphi Study

Lieselott Ann Reinhart

An Examination of the Lived Experiences of Allies in Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer Organizations

Adriana Rodriguez-Jovel

English Language Learners: Attributes and Characteristics that Motivate Students to Continue with Their High School Diploma

Jonathan Arthur Schultz

Understanding the Attitudes, Skills, and Behaviors Community College Students want their Academic Counselors and Advisors to Exhibit

Carole J. Sielaff

The Relationship Between Time Developing As a Leader and School Leaders' Self-Efficacy Moderated by Perceived Supervisory Support

Ambika Saletore Silva

Exploring Reasons Why Community College Mathematics Instructors Do Not Teach Distance Education Courses

Dustin Jay Silva

Affective Domain and Its Impact on Community College Success in Math

LaTanya Strange

Building Resilience in African American Males with the Rites of Passage Process

Serina M. Strange

Where Do We Fit? A Phenomenological Study of African American Female Principals in the 21st Century

Moses Alonza Thomas

Female African American Ordained Ministers in the Southern Baptist Convention: A Phenomenological Study

Omar Javier Torres

Determining the Degree to Which Participation in Dual Credit and Advanced Placement Programs During High School Affects Completion and Success Rates of Community College Graduates

Veronica J. Valenzuela

The Exploration of Employers', Educators', and Students' Perceptions Regarding the Influence of Soft Skills for Transitioning into the Workforce

Nakia Rene Wilson

Middle and High School Classified Staff Perspective on African-American Family Engagement: A Phenomenological Study

MASTER OF ARTS

TEACHING - MULTIPLE SUBJECT

Justine Alberre
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Briseño
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Tanya Besler Eveleth
Sage Michelle Kaysen
Jennifer Mary Koski
Ashley Marie Macaskill
Jessica Esmeralda Marroquin
Noelle Maryne
Lori Ann Smith
Kristin Leanne Volk

TEACHING - SINGLE SUBJECT

Nicole Anderson
John William Bowman
Courtney Ann Britt
Megan Elizabeth Garcia-Gamble
Meaghan Leanne Grubbs-Powell
Kyle Stephen Guillemet
Casey Elderkin Hamilton
Che Hsuan Kuo
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MASTER OF EDUCATION

EDUCATION LEADERSHIP

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MASTER OF SCIENCE

CHILD DEVELOPMENT

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CHILD LIFE

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Ashley Diana Walker

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Joshua Ethan Levy
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Janeyle Zhade Thomas
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Alma Guadalupe Cortez
Cassandra L. Dean
Suzanne Catherine DeLong
Angelica Farias
Hannah Elizabeth Gorton
Vicky Kurkjian
Taylor Jeanne Marotta
Maria Guadalupe Avila Morales
Kyle Jeffrey Riddle
Mindy Aleece Rumbo
Ronda Joyce Seitz
Cassidy Rae White
Nylina Lawanda
Watson-Nascimento

CUM LAUDE
Erika Jasmin Adame
Kimberly Laricsa Assaf-Castellon
David Avila
Jenny Ann Becerra

Sofia Flores Borbon
Justice Hope Borden
Mary Angela Cardoza
Diana Cota
Laura Creech
Ekaterina Fischmann
Bridget Sinclair Gabriel
Aliyah Jordan Haffner
Veronica Isabel Jimenez
Marycarmen Landa
Emily Jessica McCrillis
Holly Victoria Nichols
Nancy Christine Powers
Monica Renee Rosas
Thomas Donald Sedlak

RITE
Beatriz Alvarez
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Kathleen Joy Autwell
Jamie Stephanie Avila
Susana Garza Beltran
Stephanie Ann Bess
Jana R. Brassfield
Kelsey Nicole Brouillard
Tanner Jay Browning
Kaylie R. Cardona
Yesenia Carrasco
Linda Mendoza Ceja
Austin Wyatt Cenicerros-Uribe
Abigail Cullumber
Bryce John Dettorre
Raymundo Frank Diaz
Elizabeth Dominguez
Alyssia Michelle Dutton
Kendall Marie Ebert
Montserrat Fernandez
Kimberly Guadalupe Figueroa
Taylon Thomas Fischer
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Samantha Chelsea Gonzalez
Barbara Jane Gordon

Amanda Laneé Grantham
Allison Camille Hall
Amanda Elaine Hart
Alyssa Jasmine Hawara
Madisyn Tayler Jacobs
Aileen Jimenez
Amanda Lee Jimenez
Garrett Cole Johnston
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Amanda Lyn Krupka
Haley Michele Light-Pineda
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Michelle Natalie Medina
Diane Montano
Aileen Ortega
Shelby Chiemi Pelley
Carolina Peña
Juanita Estefany Gutierrez Perez
Rebecca Michelle Ramos
Clara Marie Razo
Makenzie Ann Renee Robison
Chloe Ann Ross
Vivian Louise Sanchez
Robbie Scott Satterfield
Hannah Vawn Schultz
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Nitika Sharma
Breanna Rodriguez Soboleski
Shanti Elizabeth Taylor
Rachyl Lyn Theriault
Raquel Isabelle Torres
Diana J. Ulibarri
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Gloria Vallarta
Kenneth Walter, Jr.
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Misty Blue Wylie
Sirui Xu
Graciela Zamudio

*Honors Program Graduate

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DEGREE CANDIDATES LAFETRA COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Amanda Maria Zepeda
James Blase Zontek
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CHILD DEVELOPMENT

Yesenia Carrasco
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Justine Victoria Greene
Juanita Estefany Gutierrez Perez
Rebecca Michelle Ramos

CHILD DEVELOPMENT - INTEGRATED

Rukti Islam

EDUCATIONAL STUDIES

Jessica Argelander
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Amanda Lyn Krupka
Marycarmen Landa
Nylina Lawanda
Miriam Martinez
Holly Victoria Nichols
Shelby Chiemi Pelley
Carolina Peña
Kyle Jeffrey Riddle
Makenzie Ann Renee Robison
Monica Renee Rosas
Chloe Ann Ross
Mindy Aleece Rumbo
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Daisy Lyons Whitenack
Misty Blue Wylie Taylor
Jeanne Marotta
Watson-Nascimento
Nestor Emmanuel Gazca Zuniga

WINTER 2021

DOCTOR OF EDUCATION

Ryan Thelu Bui

The Impact of Emotional Intelligence on Leadership Effectiveness
in Vietnamese American Leaders

Robert B. Coad

Leadership Strategies School Psychologists Use when Responding
to School Crisis Events

Isabel Orejel

Culturally Responsive Pedagogy Disposition of K-9 Schoolteachers
and their Perceptions of Teacher Efficacy

Mercedes Santoro

Naturally Trauma-Informed: A Mixed Methods Case Study of
Trauma-Informed Care Training for Frontline Parks and Recreation
staff Working in Urban After-School Programs

MASTER OF ARTS

TEACHING - MULTIPLE SUBJECT

Brianna Carolina Ascencio
Julia Ann Baca
Douglas Ray Bender Jr.
Esther Jerin Choi
Jacqueline Jenniah Lopez Crisp
Katelyn Denae Davis
Diana Friend
Audrey Elizabeth Gaudette
Lori Lynn De Gennaro
Lourdes Nicole Gonzalez
Hannah Kathleen Haus
Thor Erikson Heydman
Carol Marie Hinostro
Savannah K. Keegan
Emily Ann Lamb

Riley Danielle Leal
Amanda Castillo Lechuga
Kimberly Michelle McDonough
Cara Breanne Orlinsky
Brittany Lorraine Ortega
Reyna Ortiz
Brent G. Pattison
Frances Nicole Paz
Denise Prado
Philip Michael Rubio
Denise Alexandria Vasquez

TEACHING - SINGLE SUBJECT

Alex Anthony Arellano
Vincent Bauer
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Breanna Nicole Horne
Mackenzie Suzanne Jessip

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Tyler William Perri
Dylan Forrest Peruti
John Justin Pierce
Ashley Ann Pruett
Raeleen Monique Tellez
Evan Michael Williams

MASTER OF EDUCATION

**EDUCATION LEADERSHIP
WITH PAS CREDENTIAL**
Deleesa Herrera Kiamco
Stephanie Joanne Liu

SPECIAL EMPHASIS
Sondra Roxanne Becker
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Suzanna M. Bratzler
Ellen M. Burke
Rhonda Michelle Burke
Crystal Monique Castañeda
Stephanie Collins
Kevin Takeshi Cooper
Noah Gregory Cornell
Mischa Holt Dais
Sierra Rose Dasher
Daniela Loreta Davis
Andrew Thomas Estrada
William Edward Ferguson
Dewayne Dylan Gatti
Erika Francisca Gonzales-Zamora
Jacqueline Euan Gonzalez
Sharon Anne Gutiérrez
Megan Lorene-Jaske Hill
Brooks Glenn Iwamoto
Lorena Johnston
Courtney Elizabeth Seale Josa
Caleb John Kellogg
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Marc Ian Kraidman
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COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

Camila Chavez

CO-FOUNDER AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF
THE DOLORES HUERTA FOUNDATION



The university welcomes Camila Chávez on behalf of Dolores Huerta as the keynote speaker for the Virtual Ceremony for the College of Arts and Sciences.

Chávez is the co-founder and executive director of the Dolores Huerta Foundation (DHF). From the DHF headquarters in Bakersfield, Chávez oversees training for low-income community members in the areas of leadership and organizing skills specific to civic and electoral participation so that they can become catalysts for change in their own communities.

The ideals of non-violence, selfless motivation and personal responsibility were instilled in Camila by her parents Richard Chávez and Dolores Huerta. Camila grew up at the United Farm Workers headquarters of La Paz where those same ideals were reinforced through the actions of people like her uncle Cesar E. Chavez.

Under Camila's leadership, the Dolores Huerta Foundation has accomplished some major victories including, but not limited to: the establishment of over 40 DHF grassroots community organizations in six communities in Kern and Tulare Counties which are working on neighborhood improvements and community projects; the development of a youth leadership program; a successful campaign for just wages which resulted in a wage increase for farm workers in Southern Central Valley in 2005; the Defeat of Propositions 73, 85, and 4 which would have amended the California Constitution to impede women's reproductive rights; the defeat of an anti-immigrant resolution proposed in the Bakersfield City Council in September 2007; the establishment of the first micro-lending pilot project targeting farm workers in the Central Valley; and the implementation of a teen pregnancy prevention campaign.

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Academic Regalia

The caps, gowns, and hoods worn in all academic ceremonies today are modified versions of clothing worn in medieval times. The priests and monks who taught in the early universities — Bologna, Paris, Oxford — wore gowns and hoods to their lectures, probably for warmth in the damp, unheated halls where classes were held.

Today's modern hoods are more colorful than those worn in earlier times. Hood linings carry the colors of the degree-granting institution. La Verne's colors are orange and green. All candidates receiving degrees today will wear those colors. On master's and doctoral hoods, the color of the hood facings represent the academic discipline in which the degree has been granted — white for arts, letters or humanities; golden yellow for science; brown for commerce or business; light blue for education; turquoise for public administration; and salmon for health administration.

Another distinguishing element is the length of the gown. The variation in length indicates the type of degree held by the wearer. The sleeves of the three types of gowns have different lengths and cuts. In addition, the sleeves of the doctoral robes have three horizontal velvet stripes, and the gown itself has a vertical facing in velvet down the front. Most American institutions have adopted black gowns, but some use other colors.

Opinions differ concerning the origin of the caps worn in academic ceremonies. One view is that the "Mortar Board" is adapted from the wooden square used by masons. Another view maintains that it represents the book carried by scholars. The tassels worn on the caps vary in color. In some institutions, they represent the degree held by the wearer, but in most cases they are black. La Verne follows the tradition that the tassel is worn on the right side of the cap until after the degree has been conferred. At the close of today's ceremonies, the university president will request that all graduating students move their tassels from right to left to symbolize their transition from candidates to graduates and alumni of La Verne.

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There's a dear fa- vored spot That shall ne'er be for-
Al- ma Ma- ter, to you each a- lum- nus is

got, For its mem- 'ries will lin- ger for aye.
true, Ev- 'ry heart beat a tri- bute of love.

Near the moun- tains it lies, 'Neath the blu- est of
As it goes but to give and in ser- vice to

skies: 'Tis La Verne, with its friends true and gay.
live, For the tru- est and no- blest a- bove.

In La Verne, we be- lieve, and a por- tion we
How we cher- ish your lore, And your em- blems a-

leave Of our- selves that shall ne- ver de- part;
dore, We'll be faith- ful and loy- al to you.

For what e'er may be- tide there a joy will a-
With the shield of the right There is cour- age and

bide In a dear fa- vored spot in each
might Al- ma Ma- ter La Verne, we are

1. heart. 2. true to you.

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