

University of La Verne

Commencement Ceremonies

Friday, the Twenty-sixth of May

Saturday, the Twenty-seventh of May

Two Thousand Twenty-Three

Ortmayer Stadium

La Verne, California



*Honoring the Graduating Class of
Two Thousand Twenty-Three*

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President's Message



Dear Graduates,

On this momentous occasion, we gather in celebration to honor you and your accomplishments as graduates of the University of La Verne.

Your hard work and commitment to succeed have showcased the best of our institutional values that have been the core of our educational foundation for more than 130 years. As you reflect on your experiences as students, it is my hope you recognize that you are now ready to become the future leaders of the world, dedicated to solving problems, living with purpose, supporting others, and advocating for social justice.

Your collective voices, identities, and personal values distinguish you as esteemed alumni of the University of La Verne. You have the wonderful opportunity to enhance the communities in which you live, both personally and professionally.

Let me be among the first to congratulate you for your significant achievement in graduating from the University of La Verne. You now join the ranks of more than 89,000 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 cheering your success as fellow Leos for life.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Devorah Lieberman". The ink is dark and the signature is fluid and elegant.

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 focused on learning and career paths in education.

Over the next three decades, enrollment surged, campus facilities multiplied fourfold, and the Board of Trustees became independent of church control. In the 1960s, the college awarded its first master's degree, and it conferred its first doctorate in 1979. In 1969, the college 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 separate campus for the College of Law was established in Ontario in 2000.

The University of La Verne has renovated or newly constructed more than half of its buildings in the past decade, creating a dramatic change to the look of its central campus. Some of the larger projects included 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, 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 Residence Hall, and the Abraham Campus Center, form a burgeoning student village on the south side of campus. In recent years, the university opened the Randall Lewis Center for Well-Being and Research and 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.

And just last year, the university celebrated launching the university's fifth college, the College of Health and Community Well-Being. A new physical location for the college is coming and will be part of the new University of La Verne's Education and Innovation Corridor in Ontario, which will also include the Randall Lewis Center for Entrepreneurship, Innovation, and Social Impact and reorganized and renamed College of Law and Public Service.

Today, the university has locations throughout California and offers a robust range of programs online. It continues to grow regionally and nationally, while honoring its profound history with each new class. More than 89,000 proud alumni share a deep-rooted connection to the University of La Verne and to its mission and values.

Mission

The University of La Verne offers a distinctive and relevant educational experience to a diverse population of traditional-age, adult, and graduate learners, preparing them for successful careers and a commitment to lifelong learning across the liberal arts and professional programs.

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, think critically, 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.

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. The University of La Verne's colors are orange and green. All candidates receiving degrees today will wear those colors. On undergraduate, 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 signifies the type of degree held by the wearer. The sleeves of the three types of gowns have different lengths and cuts. Bachelor's gowns are cut shorter and have wide sleeves. Master's gowns are longer on the body and have longer, closed sleeves. In addition, the sleeves of the doctoral gowns 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, although some use other colors.

Opinions differ concerning the origin of the caps worn in academic ceremonies, and one view is that the "mortar board" represents the books 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. Bachelor's tassels are green unless they receive school honors. These additional colored tassels vary by title and come in white, silver, and gold. Master's tassels are black. Doctoral tassels come in either black or gold. Additionally, the University of 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 the University of La Verne.

College of Law

CEREMONY ONE - NOON, MAY TWENTY-SIXTH

ORDER OF THE COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

President Devorah Lieberman, Presiding

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| Invitation to Commencement | Kelly Fragiaco |
| Processional, <i>Pomp and Circumstance</i> | George Woo, Accompanist |
| National Anthem | Taylor Murphy |
| Invocation | Zandra Wagoner |
| Trustee Welcome | Board of Trustee Representative |
| President's Address | Devorah Lieberman |
| Introduction of Commencement Speaker | Kevin Marshall |
| Commencement Address | Lisa Rogan |
| Introduction of Student Speaker | Placido Gomez |
| Student Speaker | Claudia Alvarado |
| Dean's Award | Kevin Marshall |
| Conferral of Degrees and Presentation of Doctoral Degrees | Devorah Lieberman and Roy Kwon |
| President's Charge to Graduates | Devorah Lieberman |
| Spirit Bell | Claudia Alvarado, Gabriel Eredia, Jeffrey Torres, Zachary Mejia |
| Closing | Roy Kwon |
| Alma Mater | Taylor Murphy |
| Recessional | |

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

Lisa M. Rogan

SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE



The university welcomes Lisa M. Rogan as commencement speaker for the College of Law.

The Honorable Lisa M. Rogan, JD '01, was appointed to the San Bernardino Superior Court in 2013 by former governor Jerry Brown. She is currently the supervising judge of the Rancho Cucamonga District and the High Desert District, which includes Victorville, Barstow, Needles, and Big Bear courts as well as the assistant presiding judge

for San Bernardino County. She served first as judge, then supervisor of the Victorville Courthouse, and in 2018 was transferred to Rancho Cucamonga as supervisor.

Prior to her appointment, Rogan served as a deputy district attorney for the San Bernardino County District Attorney's Office for twelve years, serving from the 2001 to 2013 as a prosecutor, where she was given responsibility for gang murder prosecutions, and later promoted to supervisor. She served in law enforcement for 15 years and graduated as Top Female Cadet for the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department. She was also appointed first female sergeant for the City of Pomona Police Department.

After serving, she enrolled in the University of La Verne College of Law and graduated in 2001 as valedictorian. She then became an adjunct professor of law for the University of La Verne College of Law from 2005 to 2009.

DEGREE CANDIDATES

College of Law

JURIS DOCTOR

SUMMA CUM LAUDE

Claudia Dominique Alvarado
Christian Daniel Amos
Felix G. Martinez

MAGNA CUM LAUDE

Howard Gan
Jim Palmer
Phoenisha-Alexzandria
Lovelei Schuhmeier
Amanda Webber

CUM LAUDE

Maria Fernanda Flores
Yvette Christina Gonzalez
Sandra Habib
Michael Andrew Jurado
Talia Clara Olague
Almendra Cecil Quispe

RITE

Katerina Agoopi
Andrea Alcazar
Arusyak Azizyan
Jocelyn Badillo
Elizabeth Marie Bohrisch
Kyle Aaron Burkett
Alissa Arianna Colvin
Adam Coria
Estrella Corral
Arega Eissaghlian

Gabriel Andrew Eredia
Julina Connie Galanesi
Alyssa Gurdon
Mallorie Sianai Jones
Jasmine Kaur
Shant C. Martirosian
Jasmine Mei
Zach L. Mejia II
Christopher Nazareth Nalbantian
Phuong Phuong Nguyen
Crystal Michelle Nuñez
Christopher Perez
Arlyn Giselle Plancarte
Jasmine RaNique Robinson
Daniel Jerald Rubalcava
Anika Sinani
Alexis Cheyenne Sweet
Jeffrey Torres
Natalie Tsaturyan
Katheryn Luzaida Valle
Heidi Maria Vega
Vic Vera
Carey Marie Villarreal-Durbin
Irie Ty Yee

Joining us on stage today to celebrate our graduates are the following accomplished jurists representing various local and regional stakeholders. On behalf of our students we thank you for your willingness to participate in today's ceremony, and more importantly, for the continued mentoring support you continue to give our students as they journey into the legal profession:

Kareem Aref

President, Western San Bernardino County Bar Association

Alejandro Barraza

President, Asian Pacific American Lawyers of the Inland Empire

The Hon. Candice Garcia-Rodrigo '06

San Bernardino County Superior Court

Daniella Hernandez

President, Hispanic Bar Association of the Inland Empire

Albert Maldonado

Past President, Hispanic Bar Association of the Inland Empire

The Hon. Aruna Rodrigo '06

San Bernardino County Superior Court

The Hon. Lisa Rogan '01

San Bernardino County Superior Court

Thomas Sone

Public Defender, San Bernardino County

The Hon. Christian Towns

San Bernardino County Superior Court

College of Arts and Sciences

CEREMONY TWO - SIX IN THE EVENING, MAY TWENTY-SIXTH

ORDER OF THE COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

President Devorah Lieberman, Presiding

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| Invitation to Commencement | Sean Dillon |
| Processional, <i>Pomp and Circumstance</i> | George Woo, Accompanist |
| National Anthem | Taylor Murphy |
| Invocation | Zandra Wagoner |
| Trustee Welcome | Board of Trustee Representative |
| President's Address | Devorah Lieberman |
| Introduction of Commencement Speaker | Shannon Mathews |
| Commencement Address | Ted Mitchell |
| Presentation and Conferral of Honorary Degree <i>Ted Mitchell</i> | Devorah Lieberman and Roy Kwon |
| Conferral of Degrees | Devorah Lieberman and Roy Kwon |
| Introduction of Student Speaker | Hou Ung |
| Student Speaker | Jennifer Salaiza |
| Presentation of Bachelor Honors Degrees | Elaine Padilla |
| Presentation of Bachelor Rite Degrees | Ian Lising |
| President's Charge to Graduates | Devorah Lieberman |
| Spirit Bell | Jennifer Clarke |
| Closing | Roy Kwon |
| Alma Mater | Taylor Murphy |
| Recessional | |

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

Ted Mitchell

HONORARY DOCTORATE RECIPIENT - DOCTOR OF HUMANE LETTERS

PRESIDENT OF THE AMERICAN COUNCIL ON EDUCATION



The university welcomes Ted Mitchell as commencement speaker for the College of Arts and Sciences.

Ted Mitchell is the President of the American Council on Education, the major organizing body for all the nation's higher education institutions. Dr. Mitchell and his team work closely with Congress, the executive branch, and the private sector to develop policies and innovative practices that serve America's post-secondary learners.

Prior to joining the American Council on Education, Dr. Mitchell served as the Under Secretary of Education under President Barack Obama's administration. He was responsible for higher education policy, White House initiatives focused on Historically Black Colleges and Universities and minority-serving institutions, and federal student aid. In that role, Ted and his team restored Pell grants for incarcerated adults, created the College Scorecard, and restored billions of dollars to students who had been defrauded by for-profit colleges and universities.

Dr. Mitchell previously served in a variety of higher education leadership roles. Some of which include a professor at Dartmouth College, dean and vice chancellor at UCLA, president at Occidental College, and a member of the Stanford University board of trustees. Dr. Mitchell has also been a leader in K-12 education, serving as the president of the California State Board of Education and leading the New Schools Venture Fund: a venture philanthropy firm focused on technologies that improve educational outcomes for low-income students. Throughout his career, Dr. Mitchell has worked to build an educational system that serves the goals of excellence, equity, and social justice. He serves on the boards of Coursera, TIAA, Khan Academy, GED, and Credential Engine.

DEGREE CANDIDATES

College of Arts and Sciences

UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE CANDIDATES

SUMMA CUM LAUDE

Matthew George Ball*
Mariana Brana*
Summer Irelynn Chase*
Yulissa Delmar Chavez
Kevon Scott Churchill
Selena Marie Cordar*
Tara Renae Francis*
Elias Ned Gennaoui*
Scheradyn Dylan Hall
Vicente Antonio Molina Kim
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Chase Adam Siffert
Litzzy V Silva*
Sahibaan Sondh
Nicholas Jospeh Tuzzolino

MAGNA CUM LAUDE

Jason Amezquita
Nadia Angeline
Mitchell Reese Calderilla*
Jessica Maria Castro
Naidely Coria
Carla Galdamez

Anthony Vincent Guarrera
Cassandra Kay Harris*
Darcelle Jones-Wesley
Ryan Anthony Konrad
Kristina Elaine Lambert
David-Daniel Lara
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Vania Medina
Andrea Victoria Molina Martinez
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CUM LAUDE

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Jeffrey Jonathan Carrion
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Aleena Marissa Maestas
Yu Ying (Claire) Ng

College of Health and Community Well-Being

CEREMONY THREE - NINE IN THE MORNING, MAY TWENTY-SEVENTH

ORDER OF COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

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| National Anthem | Taylor Murphy |
| Invocation | Zandra Wagoner |
| Trustee Welcome | Board of Trustee Representative |
| President's Address | Devorah Lieberman |
| Introduction of Commencement Speaker | Kathy Duncan |
| Commencement Address | Kim Burchiel |
| Presentation and Conferral of Honorary Degree <i>Kim Burchiel</i> | Devorah Lieberman and Roy Kwon |
| Conferral of Degrees | Devorah Lieberman and Roy Kwon |
| Introduction of Student Speaker | Luci Martin |
| Student Speaker | Rose Dhaliwal |
| Presentation of Doctoral Degrees | Jerry Kernes |
| Presentation of Master Degrees | Kathy Duncan |
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COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

Kim Burchiel

HONORARY DOCTORATE RECIPIENT - DOCTOR OF HUMANE LETTERS

PRESIDENT-ELECT OF THE SOCIETY OF NEUROLOGICAL SURGEONS
AND UNIVERSITY OF LA VERNE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEMBER



The university welcomes Kim Burchiel as commencement speaker for the College of Health and Community Well-Being.

Dr. Kim Burchiel is the president-elect of the Society of Neurological Surgeons, the oldest neurological society in the world aimed at advancing the quality of care of neurosurgical patients by promoting excellence in education and research.

He also serves as the John Raaf Professor and Chairman Emeritus of the Department of Neurological Surgery at Oregon Health & Science University (OHSU) and is the head of the Functional Neurosurgery Division in the OHSU School of Medicine. Burchiel earned his undergraduate degree from the University of California, Davis and his medical doctorate from the UC San Diego. He completed his residency in neurological surgery at the University of Washington in 1982 and served as faculty from 1981 to 1988.

Burchiel has an extensive track record in health science leadership. He is past chairman of the American Association of Neurological Surgeons and Congress of Neurological Surgeons' Joint Section on Pain, and past president of the American Board of Pain Medicine, Society of University Neurosurgeons, and the Western Neurosurgical Society. He was director and vice-chairman of the American Board of Neurological Surgery and the past president of the Society of Neurological Surgeons. Currently, he is a member and chairman of the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education Residency Review Committee for Neurological Surgery.

Clinical interests include deep brain stimulation for movement disorders and other conditions, and the surgical treatment of pain, particularly trigeminal neuralgia. He has published over 300 peer-reviewed articles and chapters, and his five published textbooks.

DEGREE CANDIDATES

College of Health and Community Well-Being

DOCTOR OF PSYCHOLOGY

Matthew Steven Alcala

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The university welcomes James Kvaal as commencement speaker for the LaFetra College of Education.

James Kvaal was confirmed as the U.S. Department of Education Under Secretary on September 14, 2021. Dr. Kvaal leads the department's work on higher education, student financial aid, and career and adult education. He works to build an inclusive higher education system that helps all students graduate and live a fulfilling life. His work has led to millions of borrowers receiving student loan forgiveness, more affordable repayment plans for future students, and stronger safeguards against future unaffordable loans.

Earlier in his career, Dr. Kvaal served in the White House under former presidents Bill Clinton and Barack Obama, including more than three years as deputy domestic policy adviser to Obama. He was the policy director on Obama's 2012 campaign, a co-chair of the Biden-Harris campaign education advisory committee, and the deputy lead of President Joe Biden's Department of Education transition team.

Dr. Kvaal has also served as Deputy Under Secretary at the Department of Education and as a professional staff member in the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives. Immediately prior to joining the Biden administration, Dr. Kvaal was president of The Institute for College Access & Success, a research and advocacy nonprofit dedicated to affordability and equity in higher education.

Dr. Kvaal taught at the University of Michigan's Ford School of Public Policy, and he graduated with honors from Stanford University and Harvard Law School.

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Sustainability Factors in Inland Southern California Health Collaboratives

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A Qualitative Narrative Case Study Exploring the Lived Experiences of African American Women Who Encounter CBP When Re-Entering the U.S.

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A Qualitative Case Study That Explores Law Enforcement Supervisor's Emotional Intelligence and Its Influence on Law Enforcement Self-Efficacy

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A Case Study of Positive Behavioral Interventions And Supports Implementation in A Continuation High School Setting

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AB 130 Policy Implementation: District Leadership Practices & Processes

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Students and Their Resiliency in Completing the HiSET High School Equivalency Exam: A Critical Latinx and Platica Approach

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The Relationship Between School Climate and College and Career Readiness: A Quantitative Analysis of Protective Factors, Internal Assets, and the California College and Career Indicators

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School Social Workers' Perception of Preparedness in Facilitating Tiered Interventions Using the Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS) Framework

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The university welcomes Susan Rubio as commencement speaker for the College of Business and Public Management.

California State Senator Susan Rubio was first elected to the state senate in 2018 and represents nearly one million residents in Senate District 22, covering both Los Angeles County and parts of San Bernardino County.

Prior to her appointment, Senator Rubio served as a public-school teacher for seventeen years at Baldwin Park and Monrovia schools and served as a school administrator for three years. She served thirteen years as a Baldwin Park councilwoman.

Senator Rubio has spearheaded groundbreaking policy initiatives and legislation focused on domestic violence, created the largest affordable housing trust in the state, and is a strong education advocate including in building teacher training and support systems.

She is the first Latina chair of the Senate Insurance Committee and is Senate Assistant Majority Whip. She is chair of the Senate Select Committee on Domestic Violence and member of the Select Committees of the Asian Pacific Islander Affairs; Mental Health; and California, Armenia and Artsakh Mutual Trade, Art and Cultural Exchange. She is also a member of various committees including those on energy, utilities, communications, health, transportation, governmental organization, and rules. In addition, she is a member of the Latino Legislative Caucus, Legislative Jewish Caucus, Los Angeles Caucus, San Gabriel Valley Caucus, and Legislative Women's Caucus.

Born in Juarez, Mexico, Senator Rubio is the proud daughter of a former bracero farm worker and housekeeper. She attended East Los Angeles College and then earned her bachelor's and master's degrees in education from Azusa Pacific University.

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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, true, For its mem-'ries will lin- ger for aye.
Ev-'ry heart beat a lin- 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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