

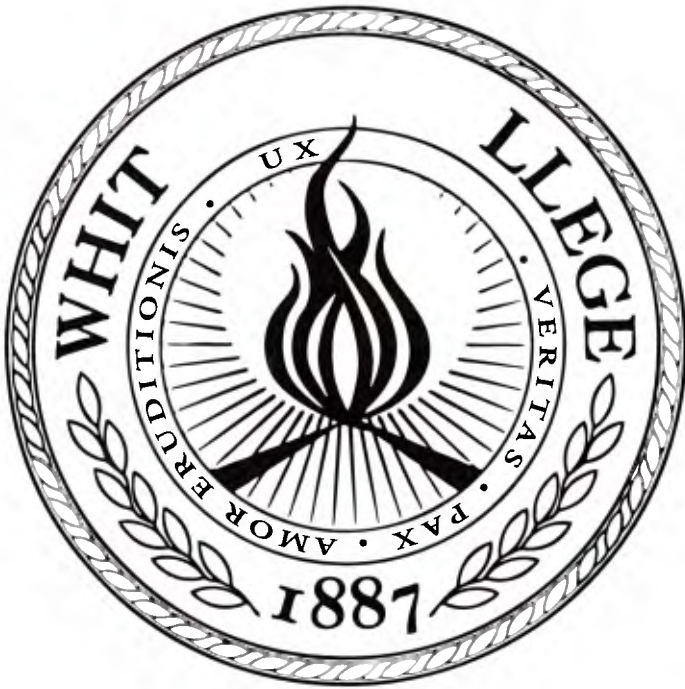
WHITTIER COLLEGE
SPRING HONORS CONVOCATION

APRIL 12, 2013



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2013 SPRING HONORS CONVOCATION
A CELEBRATION OF SCHOLARSHIP AND SERVICE



PROGRAM

PROCESSIONAL

Brass Ensemble

WELCOME AND REMARKS

Sharon D. Herzberger, Ph.D.
President of the College

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

"The Undisciplined Life"
Elizabeth Sage, Ph.D.
Associate Professor of History

TEACHING EXCELLENCE

Charlotte G. Borst, Ph.D.
Vice President for Academic
Affairs and Dean of Faculty

PRESENTATION OF THE 2013 HARRY W. NERHOOD TEACHING EXCELLENCE AWARD

Brian Reed, Ph.D.
Professor of Theatre and
Communication Arts

CONVOCATION MUSIC

Vocé
Stephen Cook, D.M.A.,
Associate Professor,
Dream With Me by David Foster

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATE AND UNDERGRADUATE FELLOWSHIPS

Charlotte G. Borst, Ph.D.

DEPARTMENT AND PROGRAM OUTSTANDING STUDENT AWARDS

Charlotte G. Borst, Ph.D.

THE ROBERT M. TRESER SOPHOMORE LEADERSHIP AWARD

Hollie Almeria
Representing Omicron Delta Kappa

STUDENT SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP AWARDS

Jeanne Ortiz, Ph.D.
Vice President and Dean of Students

PRESIDENTIAL AWARDS

Sharon D. Herzberger, Ph.D.

KEY TO THE COLLEGE, MARILYN VEICH AWARD, AND THE RICHARD B. HARVEY AWARD

David Raygoza
President, Associated Students of
Whittier College Senate

RECESSIONAL

Brass Ensemble

*Everyone is invited to join the faculty in
the lobby for refreshments.*

*A special thank you to Vocé for their partic-
ipation in tonight's program.*

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

GRADUATE FELLOWSHIPS

Carnegie Junior Fellows Program

Poonam Narewatt, nominee

Fulbright U.S. Student Program

Matthew Anson, finalist
Deyla Curtis, nominee
Joshua De Bets, finalist
Brienne Kamaladin, nominee
Joseph Larrea, nominee
Mario Obando, finalist
Amber Orozco, nominee
Kristina Shaw, awardee
Meghan Wolf, nominee

Mitchell Scholarship

Poonam Narewatt, nominee

Teach for America

Brienne Kamaladin, finalist
Jacob Novick, awardee

UNDERGRADUATE FELLOWSHIPS

Don '50 and Virginia Baurand Fellowship in Chemistry

Tammy Le

Center for Collaboration with the Arts Mellon Fellowship

Adam Lubliner
Agustin A. Mares
Kara Mavers
Alexa Pegues

DAAD Undergraduate Scholarship

Jose Guadalupe Gutierrez

Education Reform Now Summer Advocacy Fellow

Karen Montufar-Federico

Gilman International Scholarship

Ridwan Aksad
Ajita Harrison
Brytnee Miller
Angela K. St. Pierre

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

UNDERGRADUATE FELLOWSHIPS

HHMI-SMART Fellowship

Ivette Alonso
Hope Cohen
Molly Cunningham
Nathan Kleponis
Zach Ouderkerken

Fletcher Jones Undergraduate Fellowship

Alyssa Fluss
Jonathan Gregg
Andrew Jimenez
Marissa Meyer
Patrick Hoguet Norton
Hayden Schmidt

Keck Undergraduate Fellowship

Jennifer Jennings
Julia Elizabeth Marino
Amiya Moretta
Melanie Joanne Pong
Carlee Shults
Claribel Solorio
Angela K. St. Pierre

Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship

Mikel Guereca
John Paul Paniagua
Kenia Saldana
Jaimis Ulrich
Faraz Zaerpoor

National Association of Student Personnel Administrators Undergraduate Fellowship Program

Gabriela Arana
Wiliama Sanchez

Richard M. Nixon Fellowship

William Hougan

Richard M. Nixon Presidential Inauguration Fellowship

Daniel Jacob Kulick
Carlee Shults

James R. Parks Prizes

Cody H. Allman
Lauren S. Ho
Bryson K. Kihara
William O'Malley
Christopher H. Sekiguchi

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

James R. Parks Fellowship

Joseph De La Torre

Janet L. Roberts '64, M.D. Fellowship in Biology

Brianna Ahn

Sarah Meuwissen

Research Experiences for Undergraduates (REUs) and Internships

Tino Alvarez, Inroads Internship

Anastasia Bergara, Worcester Polytechnic Institute

REU in Industrial Mathematics and Statistics

Breann De Santiago, Summer Internship Program,

John Hopkins University Division of Pulmonary & Critical Care Medicine

Andrew Jimenez, NIH/NIDDK STEP-UP

Vicki Mercado, Pepperdine University, REU in Biology

Mario Obando, UC Irvine Summer Research Fellowship

Tiffany Reyes, Texas A&M

REU in Image and Signal Analysis

Carlee Shults, NSF-HERO Program

Clark University Graduate School of Geography

Udall Scholarship

Melanie Joanne Pong, nominee

Whittier Fellowship for Underrepresented Students in the Sciences

Juan Carlos Garcia

Samantha Rodriguez

Yao Yuan Sze Fellowship in Kinesiology

Alexa Wright

WHITTIER AWARDS IN PROSE & POETRY

PROSE

First Place - Jessica Miller

"Allen's Day Off"

Second Place - Elizabeth Reitzell

"Peaches on Adderall"

Third Place - Victor Vargas

"3 Fables and a Resurrection"

POETRY

First Place - Jessica Miller,

"Fragments of Now"

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Second Place - Harriet Enenmoh,
"Blackholes"

Third Place - Carsen West,
"Brother, Sister"

Honorable Mention

Harriet Enenmoh - "Maybe"
Jessica Miller, - "Inside a Bottle"
Elizabeth Reitzell - "If Man Reads Braille then She is Mute
and He is Blind"

DEPARTMENTAL AWARDS

HUMANITIES DIVISION

ART AND ART HISTORY

Outstanding Students in Studio Art

Davis Gerber
Katie Jenkins-Moses

Outstanding Student in Art History

Elizabeth Dollmeyer

ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE

Outstanding Graduates in English

Joshua De Bets
Christina Gunning
Charlotte San Juan

Scholarly Writing Prizes in English

First Place - Joshua De Bets
"On the Lips of Whispering Men: The Quest for Authority
and Truth in *Lord Jim*"

Second Place - Christina Gunning
"What do We Do With the Children? Victorian Attitudes
towards Childhood in *Treasure Island* and Peter and
Wendy?"

Third Place - Jessica Miller
"Dangerous Dualisms in H.G. Wells' *The Island of Dr.
Moreau*"

First-Year Student Writing Prizes

First Place - Rachel Tegenkamp,
"Sugar, SPICE, and Everything Nice: Ingredients to
Blending Feminism and Pop Music"

DEPARTMENTAL AWARDS

Second Place - Collin McDowell,
"H.O.B.I.T.: A Comprehensive Plan for Preventing
Genocide"

Third Place – Katherine Lazo
"Choice of Eternity"

HISTORY

Outstanding Graduates in History

Mario Obando
Gema Ramila
Stephen Santos
Meghan Wolf

Paul Moore '68 and Allison Moore-Smith Teaching Scholarship Recipients

Hannah Colvin

MODERN LANGUAGES AND LITERATURES

The Martin Ortiz '48 Award for Academic Excellence in Spanish

Erin Bartholomew
Jessica Meza

The Tara Molloy Service and Leadership Award in Spanish

Lizeth Felix Sanchez

Outstanding Student in Chinese

Joseph Larrea

Outstanding Student in French

Sheila Sierra

MUSIC

Outstanding Performance in Music

Marisol Gomez
Crystal Lam

Outstanding Creativity in Music

Kelli Miyahira
Jillian Ralls

Outstanding Potential in Music

Michael Willrich

DEPARTMENTAL AWARDS

Outstanding Leadership in Music

Xenia Arriola

Outstanding Scholarship in Music

Anna Cornejo

Stella Gordon

PHILOSOPHY

Outstanding Students in Philosophy

Jessica Miller

Natalie Smythe

RELIGIOUS STUDIES

C. Milo Connick Award for Outstanding Scholarship in Religious Studies

Martin Palacios

THEATRE AND COMMUNICATION ARTS

Outstanding Student in Theatre

Veronica Love

NATURAL SCIENCES DIVISION

BIOLOGY

Outstanding Students in Biology

Natalie Hole

Margaret Steele

Outstanding Contribution to the Biology Department

Manuel Cruz

Outstanding Contribution in Research

Hena Garcia

Natalie Hole

Akosua Nkwantabiisa

CHEMISTRY

The W. Roy Newsom Award in Chemistry

Carolyn Mukai

Pedro Perez

Undergraduate Research Award in Chemistry

Miles Kubota

Gustavo Quintana

DEPARTMENTAL AWARDS

ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE

Outstanding Graduate in Environmental Science
Amanda Edwards

ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES

Outstanding Graduate in Environmental Studies
Amber Orozco

MATHEMATICS

Pyle Mathematics Prize
Outstanding Graduate in Mathematics
Lane White

SOCIAL SCIENCES DIVISION

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Outstanding Student in the Accounting Concentration
Glenn Lam

Outstanding Graduate in Business Administration
Michael Olmstead

Outstanding Student in the Finance Concentration
Alexandra Coon

Outstanding Student in the International Business Concentration
Michael Olmstead

Outstanding Student in the Management Concentration
Ramon Bueno

Outstanding Student in the Marketing Concentration
Taylor Ayres

John A. Murdy Writing Award
Taylor Ayres

Richard T. Clawson Service and Leadership Award
Paige Richmond

ECONOMICS

Outstanding Graduate in Economics
Lizeth Felix Sanchez

DEPARTMENTAL AWARDS

EDUCATION AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

Outstanding Academic Achievement in Education
Chelsea Pomfret

Outstanding Service in Education
Cristina Alcaraz
Stephanie Carmona
Jacob Novick

Outstanding Academic Achievement in Child Development
Miriam De Dios

Outstanding Research in Child Development
Christine Verduzco

Outstanding Service in Child Development
Nicholas Delgado

KINESIOLOGY AND NUTRITION SCIENCE

Outstanding Student in Kinesiology and Nutrition Science
Aiko Araki

POLITICAL SCIENCE

Ben G. Burnett/Pi Sigma Alpha Award for Outstanding Academic and Leadership Contributions by a Senior
Kathryn Jenkins-Moses
Poonam Narewatt
Meghan Wolf

PSYCHOLOGY

Outstanding Students in Psychology: Academics
Michelle Kilpatrick
Parker Longwell
Lynnea Palazzolo
Joshua Perese

Outstanding Students in Psychology: Scholarship
Hollie Almeria
Ashley Terich
Kimberly Welch

SOCIOLOGY, ANTHROPOLOGY, AND SOCIAL WORK

Charles J. Browning Prize in Sociology
Alyssa Hillegaart

DEPARTMENTAL AWARDS

Outstanding Students in Sociology

Rachel Few
Alyssa Hillegaart

Outstanding Student in Sociological Praxis

Sean Kerr

Outstanding Student in Anthropology

Alexandra Bassett

Outstanding Student in Social Work

Rufus Osby

Outstanding Student in Field Education in Social Work

Stephanie Carmona
Cristina Alcaraz

Outstanding Contribution to the Social Work Profession

Rufus Osby

INTERDISCIPLINARY PROGRAMS

GENDER AND WOMEN'S STUDIES

Outstanding Students in Gender and Women's Studies

Brenda Juarez
Gema Ramila
Elizabeth Uribe

GLOBAL AND CULTURAL STUDIES

Outstanding Contribution to the Major

Dylan Conroy

WHITTIER SCHOLARS PROGRAM

Outstanding Students in the Whittier Scholars Program

Chelsea Pomfret
Katie Reynolds

WHITTIER COLLEGE WRITING PROGRAM

Outstanding Service to the Writing Program

Yamila Perez
Allison Rohrer

SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP AWARDS

Broadoaks Service to Children and Families Award-
Christine Verduzco

Robert M. Treser Sophomore Leadership Award
Tino Alvarez

Student Life Leadership Awards
Alyssa Barrios
Wiliama Sanchez

Student Life Community Service Awards
Amanda Edwards
Rebecca Raya
Victoria Savage

Student Life Diversity Awards
Damaris Dubon
Brianne Kamaladin

Student Life Emerging Leader Awards
Tino Alvarez
Andrew Tejada

ALIANZA DE LOS AMIGOS

Leadership Award
Amber Orozco

Academic Achievement Awards
Mario Obando
Joshua Perese

PRESIDENTIAL AWARDS

Award for Inspiring Faculty-Student Collaboration on Research, Scholarship, and Creativity
Recipient to be Announced

Award for Outstanding Advising of First-Year Students
Recipient to be Announced

ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF WHITTIER COLLEGE

Key to the College Award
Recipient to be Announced

Marilyn Veich Award
Recipient to be Announced

Richard B. Harvey Award
Recipient to be Announced

DEAN'S LIST - SPRING 2012

Ameena Ahmed	Leandro Fefer
Tyler Aisner	Alex Flores
Anthony Akkawi	Alyssa Fluss
Melanie Al-Amir	Craig Frantz
Steph Alcala	Emily Frazier
Hollie Almeria	Apollonia Galvan
Ivette Alonso	Michelle Gamboa
Tino Alvarez	Zachary Garrett
Victoria Anderson	Sophia Genovese
Stephanie Angus	Gregorio Giorgi
Aiko Araki	Max Goldman
Marielle Askew	Angelica Gonzalez
Rosalie Atkinson	Anne Goodman
Taylor Ayres	Raymond Goyena
Katie Back	KaeLee Gramley
Emily Baeza	Paula Gras
Charlotte Bailey	Cameron Greene
Dana Barraco	Tyler Greenup
Alex Bassett	Faith Grimes
Grace Battista	Jose Guadalupe Gutierrez
Robert Becerra	Kimberley Hallsted
Edward Beckerman	Adrienne Hamada
Stephanie Bergstrom	Ajita Harrison
Matt Birkenseer	Kathryn Harrod
Caitlin Bourgaize	Mark Hausmann
Viviana Bravo	Emily Hederson
Nicole Buehlmaier	Nicole Hitchman
Julianne Bull	Lauren Ho
Justin Burdno	Melanie Hogleund
Clarissa Burquez	Natalie Hole
Tyler Butler	Richard Hoover
Melissa Campos	Jennifer Huchim
Kyle Catino	William Hunter
Kristen Chikami	Ali Jackman
Megumi Chou	Courtney Jackson
Erica Clifford	Katie Jenkins-Moses
Alana Cloud	Corey Jensen
Dylan Conroy	Dane Kawamoto
Kevin Curbelo	Rachel Kenny
Deyla Curtis	Duncan Ketel
Sara Czworniak	Umair Khushnood
Melissa Davidson	Bryson Kihara
Karri Davis	Andrew Kim
Miriam De Dios	Haley Kleine
Breann De Santiago	Robert Alexander Kondo
Ellie Demis	Kelsey Kwong
Justin Dennis	Joe Larrea
Taylor Dimier	Acadia Larsen
Nanahene Djan	Tammy Le
Josh Dredge	Lorna LeBrasseur
Marvin Dubon	Candace LeFlame
Jaclynn Eck	Daniel Lee
Anna Edwards	Esther Leon
Jonathan Elvins	Nicole Leon
Brandon Epstein	Erica Lespron
Brianna Esparza	Rina Lila
Chad Evenrud	Kristina Little

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Jessica Littlefield	Katie Reynolds
Silvester Matthew Lopez	Meg Rich
Adam Lubliner	Lynne Saladin
Monique Machiz	Charlotte San Juan
Megan Maguire-Marshall-	Elizabeth Sanchez
George Malhiot	Julie Sanchez
Jason Manalili	Stephen Santos
Melissa Manzanares	Torie Savage
Julia Marino	Hannah Schaffer
Alex Marshburn	Christopher Schommer
Jessica Martin	Chris Sekiguchi
Maddie Martinet	Amy Sepersky
Leslie Martinez	Nigora Sharipova
Kara Mavers	Terrileigh Shepherd
Liam McAloon	Emily Shimamoto
Daniel McQuade	Carlee Shults
Tanya McQueen	Sheila Sierra
Drew Menez	Jennica Rae Simbol
Vicki Mercado	Tamara Skoric
Cristine Meza	Jamie Slingluff
Jessica Miller	Daniel Smith
Elizabeth Montgomery	Lindsey Soderstrom
Alyssa Morgan	Frida Soria
Kelsea Moriarty	Helene Sparangis
Laura Mosedale	Angela St. Pierre
Carolyn Mukai	Margaret Steele
Noelle Navarro	Kelly Stinefelt
Carolyn Newswanger	Aidyn Sturr
Daria Neymark	Garrin Taga
Carol Nguyen	Hayley Tama
Lauren Nico	Alexa Tanen
Akosua Nkwantabiisa	Renee Tellez
Kate Normand	Claire Thomas
Mario Obando	Brenda Thompson
Meg Oka	Tiffany Tsui
Morgan Oliver	Daisy Uribe
Amber Orozco	Avinash Vakil
Michele Ortega	Peter Van Lier
Matthew Osherow	Sarah Varela
Zachary Ouderkerken	Christine Verduzco
Martin Palacios	Claudio Vildosola
Lynnea Palazzolo	Kallia Wade
Melanie Peel	Trevor Wegman
John Pellarin	Kimberly Welch
Josh Perese	Carlyn Werderman
Brittney Perez	Megan Wessel
Yamila Perez	Kristin Williams
Kelsey Phillips	Jeffrey Wilson
Ricardo Pitones	Adam Wohlsen
Maria Pizana	Meghan Wolf
Chelsea Pomfret	Nicole Yamasaki
Jillian Ralls	Faraz Zaerpoor
Linnet Ramirez	Lucie Zahradnickova
David Raygoza	Leah Zawalnicki
Elizabeth Reitzell	
Erik Rempen	

DEAN'S LIST - FALL 2012

Alyssa Acosta
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Brianne Ahn
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Cristina Alcaraz
Krystal Anderson
Aiko Araki
Matthew Aranda
Amanda Argueta
Xenia Arriola
Rosalie Atkinson
Taylor Ayres
Katie Back
Charlotte Bailey
Becca Baker
Nikil Balakrishnan
Jonathan Barber
Dana Barraco
Erin Bartholomew
Alex Bassett
Grace Battista
Lily Baxter
Edward Beckerman
Derek Blankenship
Amanda Blazey
Jordan Boeder
Talya Breen
Dana Brems
Thomas Brook
Mackenzie Brown
Ramon Bueno
Julianne Bull
Alyssa Canchola
Stephanie Carmona
Marguerite Castaneda
Kristen Chikami
Erica Clifford
Hannah Colvin
Casey Connorton
Halley Cook
Anna Cornejo
Ian Cromwell
Sara Czworniak
Karri Davis
Miriam De Dios
Joseph De La Torre
Breann De Santiago
Josh DeBets
Christina Dedios
Nicholas Delgado
Ellie Demis
Justin Dennis
Katrinya Dillard
Nanahene Djan
Elizabeth Dollmeyer
Amanda Edwards
Brianna Esparza
Laura Freeze
Karlo Galvez
Lauren Gelgur
Sophia Genovese
Gregorio Giorgi
Max Goldman
Sarah Gonzalez
Anne Goodman
Stella Gordon
Bo Gould
Courtney Grana
Sam Granberry
Jonathan Gregg
Faith Grimes
Nicholas Guerrero
Christina Gunning
Jose Guadalupe Gutierrez
Priscilla Gutierrez-Galvan
Kimberley Hallsted
Adrienne Hamada
Kathryn Harold
Mark Hausmann
Brittany Hedderson Moses
Frederik Hejgaard
Zoe Hemenway
Marcus Hensing
Isaiah Hernandez
Gavin Herr
Eric Hinwood
Lauren Ho
Natalie Hole
Jennifer Huchim
Grant Humphreys
Rachel Inouye
Ali Jackman
Katie Jenkins-Moses
Corey Jensen
Alexandra Jimenez
Andrew Jimenez
Brenda Juarez
Alexa Kallen
Dane Kawamoto
Bryce Keen
Bryson Kihara
Jennifer Killian
Michelle Kilpatrick
Heidi Koeger
Sarachristine Koffi
Vishal Kolar
Takuo Koyama
Kelsey Kwong
Jessica Laycock
Emily Le

DEAN'S LIST - FALL 2012

Tammy Le	Irma Rivera
Nicole Leon	ReyAnn Rivera
Austin Li	Allison Rohrer
Amanda Lindemann	Jasmine Romero
Rosemary Llewellyn	Jose Romero
Robert Loakes	Megan Rosebraugh
William Lovely	Patrick Rubalcava
Adam Lubliner	Kenia Saldana
Randy Lukas	Charlotte San Juan
Alberto Luna	Alex Sanchez
Gudmundur Magnusson	Elizabeth Sanchez
Scott Margiotta	Gabriel Sanchez
Joel Marin	Julie Sanchez
Jessica Martin	Alfredo Santacruz
Ashling Massoumi	Stephen Santos
Liam McAloon	Torie Savage
Samantha Mellano	Hayden Schmidt
Alyssa Mendez	Christopher Schommer
Albert Mercado	Chris Sekiguchi
Sabrina Mercado	Terrileigh Shepherd
Vicki Mercado	Emily Shimamoto
Marissa Meyer	Carlee Shults
Cristine Meza	Jennica Rae Symbol
Jessica Miller	Tamara Skoric
Kelli Miyahira	Frida Soria
Adriana Moore	Daniel Soto
Alyssa Morgan	Helene Sparangis
Jeffrey Morgan	Nick Stanton
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Patrick Norton	Tiffani Tejada
Willie O'Malley	Ashley Terich
Meg Oka	James Thornton
Morgan Oliver	Ryan Trantum
Michael Olmstead	Tiffany Tsui
Michele Ortega	Jaimis Ulrich
Rufus Osby	Avinash Vakil
Mackenzie Packard	Trevor Van Dyke
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Brian Phung	Samantha Woehl
Christopher Polsi	Nicole Yamasaki
Chelsea Pomfret	Nicole Yoshihara
Joanne Pong	Donny Young
Zachary Rager	Faraz Zaerpoor
David Raygoza	Lucie Zahradnickova
Cody Reese	Noah Zeko
Caroline Reimer	Andreina Zepeda

ACADEMIC REGALIA

The history of academic costume and ceremony dates from 12th and 13th century Europe and the medieval universities of Bologna, Paris, Oxford, and Cambridge. Originally, the university was an association of “masters of arts” and the degree was the step taken to become a full member. The new master was admitted to begin teaching; the word “Commencement” described that rite of passage.

The most common articles of daily attire then were long flowing gowns and cloaks, with hoods attached for headwear; subsequently, hats became prominent. In England, details of scholars’ apparel and occasions for use were strictly prescribed by university statutes.

The origin of the Oxford “mortarboard” cap is a mystery. It may well have evolved from forcing the rather square-shaped, outdoor biretta over the close-fitting, indoor skull cap commonly worn by university scholars in medieval times.

American academic regalia is an inheritance primarily from Britain. The 1895 Intercollegiate Code provides the fundamental regulation. Gowns for all three degree levels are basic black and similar in shape, although sleeve patterns differ. Doctoral gowns are faced with velvet, with three bars per sleeve. The black mortarboard cap is common to all degrees.

The hood is the most distinctive feature of academic dress. The color and style distinguish degree level, college or university, and discipline, although proliferation of fields and institutions does not always allow easy identification. Hoods are all black, and they become longer and wider with more advanced degrees. All are lined inside with silk in the academic colors of the institution that conferred the degree.

The outer velvet trim on the hood, which becomes broader with the higher degrees, indicates the academic discipline. The white border for arts and letters emanates from the fur trim of the Oxford and Cambridge bachelor of arts degree. Red is the traditional color of the Church, and scarlet indicates theology. The royal purple of King’s Court signifies the law. Green, the color of medicinal herbs, stands for medicine. Golden yellow indicates science, for through research untold wealth has been given to the world. Oxford pink indicates music. Russet brown for forestry is a tribute to the old-time dress of English foresters. Blue, the color of wisdom and truth, represents philosophy and is used on the trim for most academics who hold the doctor of philosophy degree, regardless of which discipline they studied in the arts and sciences.

THE MACE

During the Middle Ages, the mace was carried into battle by churchmen who were forbidden by church law to bear edged weapons. The mace was later carried before the king by his bodyguard and eventually became the symbol of authority. A mace is now commonly used by governments and by institutions of higher learning in ceremonial processions.

