

WHITTIER COLLEGE
BACCALAUREATE: LIVING GRATITUDE

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2013 BACCALAUREATE: LIVING GRATITUDE PROGRAM

PROCESSIONAL

Hymn to Joy

By Ludwig Van Beethoven, arr. Jeanne Cotter
Performed by Stephen Cook, D.M.A.

WHITTIER SCHOOL SONG

Friends Forever

Words by Margaretha Lohmann, Professor of Music
Directed by Stephen Cook, D.M.A.

*Hail to thee, dear Whittier,
Home of friends forever;
Thou art virtuous, Whittier,
In thy high endeavor.*

*Now we charge thee, Whittier,
Home where peace and truth are nourished.
Grant to youth thy spirit till hopes and dreams have
fully flourished.*

*Forward ever, Whittier;
Falter never, Whittier;
Friends forever, Whittier;
Alma mater, Whittier.*

INVOCATION

Mohamed Faal '13

WELCOME

Jeanne Ortiz, Ph.D.

Vice President and Dean of Students

ANTHEM

Dream with Me

By David Foster
Performed by Vocé

RESPONSIVE READING

Brianne Kamaladin '13

Let us give thanks for our time together
Let us celebrate our going forth
Let us give thanks for our Alma Mater
Let us celebrate the places we will go.
Let us give thanks for our learning community.

Let us celebrate wisdom and friendship.
Let us give thanks for the questions we've asked.
Let us celebrate inquisitiveness.
Let us give thanks for the wonder of words.
Let us celebrate their bonding power.
Let us give thanks for grounding traditions.
Let us celebrate the promise of hope.
Let us give thanks for our time together.
Let us celebrate our going forth.

FACULTY ADDRESS

Doreen O'Connor-Gomez, Ph.D.
Professor of Spanish
Director of the Whittier Scholars Program

READING: ECCLESIASTES 3:1-8

Channing Franklin '13

GRADUATES EXPRESSING GRATITUDE

Jacob Novick '13
Jordan Vega '13

THEN AND NOW: A CELEBRATION OF OUR GRADUATES

Jeanne Ortiz, Ph.D.

SHARING THE LIGHT OF LEARNING

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

Charlotte Borst, Ph.D.

Vice President for Academic Affairs and
Dean of Faculty

Devin Iimoto, Ph.D.

Professor of Chemistry

BENEDICTION

Rosemary Carbine, Ph.D.

Visiting Assistant Professor of Religious Studies
Director of Fellowships

RECESSIONAL

Wide Open Spaces

By John Jarvis

Performed by Stephen Cook, D.M.A.

HISTORY OF WHITTIER COLLEGE

Established by the Religious Society of Friends in the 1880s, Whittier College and the town of Whittier were named in honor of prominent Quaker poet and abolitionist leader John Greenleaf Whittier. Though the College has operated as a secular institution since the 1940s, an appreciation for Quaker values permeates the campus community—in particular, belief in freedom of conscience, integrity, justice, and internationalism strongly influence its ethos, coupled with abiding respect for the individual and a longstanding commitment to diversity of thought, culture, and ideas. Humanistic and pre-professional education is integrated here, reflecting the College's desire that its members be socially responsible citizens.

THE MISSION OF WHITTIER COLLEGE

Whittier College is a residential four-year liberal arts institution that prepares students from diverse backgrounds to excel in a complex global society. Through challenging, integrative courses, taught by accomplished professors, students learn to make connections across disciplines, understand cultural perspectives, and integrate learning with practical application. Inspired by our Quaker heritage, a Whittier education equips students to be active citizens and effective communicators who embrace diversity and act with integrity.

ABOUT THIS EVENT:

Baccalaureate is a tradition that has been in existence at Whittier College for more than 100 years. As each student enters Whittier College, he or she participates in a time-honored practice known as the Light of Learning Ceremony, during the President's Convocation. Baccalaureate serves as a bookend to Convocation, offering graduating seniors and their families the opportunity to celebrate the accomplishments of the class and give thanks in a community gathering. Members of the Whittier College faculty and Board of Trustees are present, and the event is both uplifting and enjoyable.

*Cover: Image of a student holding a candle during the New Student Convocation, Light of Learning Ceremony.
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