

FRESNO PACIFIC UNIVERSITY
Commencement

May 10, 2025



Welcome, everyone, to this joyous day!

Commencement is a time to look both back and forward—more so now than ever as we conclude our celebration of Fresno Pacific University's 80th year.

Eight decades ago, a group of Mennonite Brethren visionaries established Pacific Bible Institute to plant a place in Central Valley soil where their young adults could grow in faith and knowledge. Today we stand gratefully in the shade of trees we did not plant. We honor the countless individuals who created our rich history by eagerly cultivating a fruitful future.

Commencement represents the culmination of academic achievement as students, faculty, staff, family and friends come together to celebrate the dreams of students fulfilled.

Our graduates have been transformed in mind and spirit during their time here. The *Fresno Pacific Idea* calls learning, "a journey toward deepened meaning and faith growing out of creative encounter with Christ and the world." You are prepared to serve others through sacrificial love, making a difference in communities both near and far.

Graduates, look around at the multitude cheering you on—today and in all your future endeavors! Savor the moment, reflect on your journey and thank all who supported you along the way. As you leave this place, remember, "The Lord is the one who goes ahead of you; He will be with you. He will not fail you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed" (Deuteronomy 31:8).

Congratulations again on achieving this significant milestone.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "André" followed by a stylized, cursive flourish.

André Stephens, Ph.D.
President, Fresno Pacific University

80 Years of Faith – Wisdom – Service

This academic year Fresno Pacific University proudly celebrates its 80th anniversary, marking eight decades of transformative impact and endless possibilities. This significant milestone highlights the university's unwavering commitment to Christ-centered education and its profound legacy of empowering students. Through dedication to academic excellence and spiritual growth, Fresno Pacific continues to nurture leaders who are equipped to make a difference in the world. As we honor our past, we look forward to a future filled with even greater achievements and opportunities, staying true to our mission of shaping lives for service and leadership.



Honorary Doctorate for Edmund Janzen

In today's morning ceremony, Fresno Pacific University will bestow an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters upon a distinguished leader, scholar and servant of Christ—Edmund Janzen.

For decades, Edmund has exemplified a life dedicated to faith, scholarship and service. As a professor, mentor and administrator, he has shaped generations of students, guided faculty with wisdom and strengthened the mission of Christian higher education. Edmund served as the fifth president of Fresno Pacific from 1975 to 1985. His deep commitment to the integration of faith and learning has left an indelible mark on this institution and the global Anabaptist community. Edmund's influence extends beyond the classroom. Through his leadership in biblical education and his steadfast dedication to the church, he has helped bridge the worlds of academia and ministry, always pointing others toward Christ-centered excellence. His legacy is one of integrity, humility and an unwavering commitment to truth and service.



Speaker Biography

Aaron Box, MBA, brings a wealth of experience and a deep commitment to his role as national director of the U.S. Conference of Mennonite Brethren Churches. Aaron most recently served as senior pastor of North Park Community Church in Eugene, OR, beginning his ministry more than 20 years ago as a youth pastor in Darmstadt, Germany, and later serving as youth pastor and interim lead pastor at Seaside (OR) Christian Church. He has also been project manager for Stadia Church Systems and a co-founding pastor of Restore Community Church. His extensive volunteer work includes membership on the USMB Leadership Board and the executive committee of Harlow Neighbors Association. Aaron earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Bible/Theology and Youth Ministry from Multnomah University and a Master of Business Administration with a management concentration from Bushnell University. He and wife Jennifer have two children and reside in Eugene.

Commencement Information

Commencement is a significant event for our graduates and we thank you for helping us maintain an appropriate spirit of celebration and dignity throughout the ceremony.

- In consideration of those around you, please turn off all cell phones.
- Parents and caregivers with young children are asked to see that they do not interfere with the enjoyment of others.
- Family and friends who wish to take photographs or videos must do so from their seats.
- The inclusion of a student's name in the program does not guarantee the student is fully qualified to graduate.

Please see an usher if you need assistance during the ceremony.

Fresno Pacific University | May 10, 2025 | 10:00 a.m.

Undergraduate Commencement Program

Ringing of the Bell

Darrell Blanks, M.A.
Clinical Associate Professor, Education
Chair, Faculty Senate

Processional

Welcome

André Stephens, Ph.D.
President

Invocation

Quentin Kinnison, Ph.D.
Dean, School of Arts and Sciences

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 3:14-21, NLT

Cyinna Drotos, M.A.
Assistant Director, Department of Student Development

Special Music

Concert Choir
Jeffrey Wilson, D.M.A., Conductor
Walter Saul, D.M.A., Keyboard

Speaker Introduction

André Stephens, Ph.D.
President

Commencement Address

Aaron Box, MBA
National Director, U.S. Conference
of Mennonite Brethren Churches

Congregational Hymn

"May the Mind of Christ My Savior"
By Kate B. Wilkinson

Concert Choir
Jeffrey Wilson, D.M.A., Conductor
Walter Saul, D.M.A., Keyboard

Nickel Excellence in Teaching Award (NETA)

Presented by **Alison R. Noble, Ph.D.**
Provost/Senior Vice President, Academic Affairs

Harold Haak Award

Presented by **Alison R. Noble, Ph.D.**
Provost/Senior Vice President, Academic Affairs

Honorary Doctorate

Presented to **Edmund Janzen, MTS**

Presented by

André Stephens, Ph.D.
President

Joshua Wilson, J.D., M.A.
Chair, Board of Trustees

Congratulations from the Board Chair

Joshua Wilson, J.D., M.A.
Chair, Board of Trustees

Presentation of Graduates

Alison R. Noble, Ph.D.
Provost/Senior Vice President, Academic Affairs

Conferring of Degrees

André Stephens, Ph.D.
President

Distribution of Diplomas

André Stephens, Ph.D.
President
Joshua Wilson, J.D., M.A.
Chair, Board of Trustees

Benediction

Brian Davis, M.A.
Campus Chaplain

Recessional

Postlude

Walter Saul, D.M.A., Keyboard

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Graduate Commencement Program

Ringing of the Bell

Darrell Blanks, M.A.
Clinical Associate Professor, Education
Chair, Faculty Senate

Processional

Welcome

André Stephens, Ph.D.
President

Invocation

Doug Bartsch, M.A.
Clinical Assistant Professor of Education and
Administrative Services, Program Coordinator

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 3:14-21, NLT

Nichole Mosqueda
Member, Board of Trustees

Special Music

Concert Choir
Davis Maga (MA '25), Conductor
Walter Saul, D.M.A., Keyboard

Speaker Introduction

André Stephens, Ph.D.
President

Commencement Address

Aaron Box, MBA
National Director, U.S. Conference
of Mennonite Brethren Churches

Congregational Hymn

"May the Mind of Christ My Savior"
By Kate B. Wilkinson
Concert Choir
Jeffrey Wilson, D.M.A., Conductor
Walter Saul, D.M.A., Keyboard

Seminary Service Award

Presented by Alison R. Noble, Ph.D.
Provost/Senior Vice President, Academic Affairs

Congratulations from the Board Chair

Joshua Wilson, J.D., M.A.
Chair, Board of Trustees

Presentation of Graduates

Alison R. Noble, Ph.D.
Provost/Senior Vice President, Academic Affairs

Conferring of Degrees

André Stephens, Ph.D.
President

Distribution of Diplomas & Hooding

André Stephens, Ph.D.
President
Joshua Wilson, J.D., M.A.
Chair, Board of Trustees

Benediction

Jordan Ringhofer, M.A.
District Minister, Pacific District Conference
of Mennonite Brethren Churches

Recessional

Postlude

Walter Saul, D.M.A., Keyboard

2025 GRADUATES

School of Graduate and Professional Studies

Master of Arts

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Tyler Dean Bowser
Adan Garcia
Eric Manuel Garza
Valerie Leanne Goodall
Ryan Michael Martens
Kristina Marie Smith
Justin Kyle Witt

APPLIED BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS

Jennifer Altamirano
Heiddy Arellano
Rianna Cisneros
Cassidy Monique Fernandez
Jasmine Ortiz Gutierrez
Madilyn Erin Hernandez
Courtney Hill
Deserai Denise Lee
Angela A Mejia
Katelyn Gloria Mejia
Ashley Nicole Moreno
Melanie Ocejo
Irene Julie Patino
Nancy Fernanda Ramirez
Maribel Rodriguez
Melva Leeann Weikle
Carson

CHRISTIAN MINISTRY

Melissa Orique

DUAL SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY/SCHOOL COUNSELING

Juan Manuel Alvarado
Ruth Elizabeth Carmona
Daisy Janellie Cruz
Jocelyn Rodriguez
Vanessa Smith
Hanan Sweis
Meredith Renee Villagrana
Alyssa Warren

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY

Monica Alexander
Devon Pennell Crocker
Courtney Michelle Ellis
Erica Telfor Evans
Elizabeth Cruz Goodman
Kimberly Rose Herbert
Kate Follin Houk
Inna Ivanov
Amanda Jayne Lyons
Jeannette Ashley Martinez
Michael James Newkirk
Victoria Angelica Soto
Cavec Isaiah Vazquez

MATHEMATICS EDUCATION

Nathaniel Ray Bryan
Sheena Marie Dixon
Megan Rose Edlund
Christian Alberto Flores
Julie Ann Flores
Katherine Franco
Geena Marin Gallardo
Kimber Hardin
Benjamin Edward Manuszak
Desiree Moran
Dani Elizabeth Munoz
Gustavo Razo

Andrea Lynn Rojas
Aaron Jonathon Thron
Valisity Vargas
Katie Wadley

MINISTRY, LEADERSHIP AND CULTURE

Rocio Estrella Claros
Cherish Michelle Hamilton
Jadine Kuwahara
Lisa A. Lindeman
Jamie Marie Mack
Gabriel Anthony Orozco
Terrance Samuels

NEW TESTAMENT

Yuya Ono

READING AND LANGUAGE ARTS

Paulette Alatraste
Tiffany Arellano
Amy Lyn Arnold
Jordyn Marie Bradley
Yuliana C Ceballos
Heather Michelle Doyle
Jonathan Eugene Fuchs
Tabitha Marie Fynaut
Nohemi Garcia
Tuwanda Marie Harris
Holly Suzanne Hurd
Brook Lynette Justin-Silveira
Kayla Michelle McCalvy
Nou Moua
Rosa Navarro Macias
Alejandra Orozco Bedolla
Charla Jenell Pierson
Amezugbe
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Clara J. Silva
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Iris J Villalva Navarrete
Janette Zamudio

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Aria Alvarez
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Byanca Arredondo
Jacqueline Aviles Rodriguez
Davion Baker
Marissa Angelica Belmontes
Amy Ruth Bullock
Yosimi Santoy Calderon
Crystal Campos
Chloe Juliauna Cardenas
Roxanne Castro
Ariana Cervantes

Sandy Chavez-Lopez
Eva Anai Davalos
Shae Michal Davis
Anjelica Nichole Edwards-Bravo
Rocio Carmina Enriquez
Paola Helen Espinoza
Kassandra Gallegos
Anthony Garcia
Eddie Garcia
McKayla Aaron Garcia
Uyen Isaac Garza
Julie M Gomez
Lucerito Gomez
Nely Gomez Adame
Cristina González
Cinthia Gonzalez Marmolejo
Agustin Guerrero
Josue Guerrero
Esmeralda Judit Gutierrez
Patricia Hernandez
Chloe Ann Holmes
Crystal Felix Huaracha
Jesus Isaguirre
Biriana Isidoro
Sehar Jabeen
Mackenzie Rae Jacobsen
Sylvie Ann Khal
Esmeralda Magdalena Lara- Leal
Adilene Leon
Juliette Katherine Leon
Erik Ryan Longoria
Desiree Lopez
Cecilia Martinez
Julio Martinez
Kayla Larissa Medrano
Breanne Mendez
Jordan Murphy
Dulce Maria Navarro Troncoso
Maricruz Ochoa
Leslie Ornelas
Creighton Noah Page

Maya Michelle Peña
Mónica Angelique Requejo
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Monserrat Rivas
Justin Robinson
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Roman Josias Romero
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Claire Patricia Selna
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AND INFORMATION
TECHNOLOGY**

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Nathan Alexander Felix
Kennon Abel Garcia
Pearl Annette Garcia
Serena Gill
Jaimee Goforth
Maria Antoinette Gomes
Jessica Gutierrez
Lexie Yris Guzman
Faith Heath
Hayley Hernandez
Jessica Marie Hernandez
Mayra Hernandez
Shirley Hernandez
Paula Melinda Hinojos
Heather Marie James
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Estela Rose Lopez
Kailey Lopez
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Isabelle Magana
Kathryn Evett Martinez
Adrianna Nicolle Martinez-Melgoza
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Faith Menendez
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Phua Morales
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Megan Noelle Putler
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Marissa Marie Rivas
Austin Roam
Jessica Rachelle Rodriguez
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Jaimee Lynn Sanders

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Emily Grace Skot
Melanie Eryn Silva
Mandi Kathlene Smith
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Alondra Tamayo
Amanda Trippe
Lisa Vang
Magali Lorena Vidal de Rosas
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Alondra Lisette Ponce Veloz

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Ledree Demaree Arellano
Derek Anthony Arenas
Ericka Hilda Bautista
Sarah Jane Cochran
Jennifer Lara-Umana
Ariana Rae Fridlund
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Briana Karli Rosiles
Rylan James Tinsley
Taylor Wallace
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Tori Nicole Cronin
Tiffany Catherine Day
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Perry Inthalangsy
Michael Lee Kruger
Victoria Leal
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Erin L Lowry
Fanny Garcia Maldonado
Claire Alexis Martineau
Michaela C Mendoza
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Humberto Osuna
Aaron Christopher Pfitzer
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Luis Alberto Ramirez
Gabriela Velarde
Mayra Robles Garcia
Kasey Saeteurn
Kaylah Chermon Salinas
Mia Santos
Crystal Scott
Isaiah M Silva
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Ariel Vang
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Kaitlynn Elizabeth Vryhof
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Master of Business Administration

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Lovejot Kaur Dhatt
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Gagandeep Kaur
Avery John Lewis
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Rueben Charles Pauley
Mackenzie Jaren Ross
Danielle Puder
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Jeremy Gregory Torres
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Master of Divinity

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Master of Science

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Brook Linnea Naples
Princess Pearl Centeno Ortiz
Hetalben Patel

Kuljeet Kaur Sanghera
Rashvinder Sra
Xiong Mee Vang
Ka Yeng Vang
Andrew Villegas
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Master of Social Work

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Michelle Lynn Booker
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Esmeralda Castro
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Vidal Espinoza
Mario Alexis Flores
Itzeel Franco
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Leanna Amanda Healy

Irania Iliana Hernandez
Alexa Islas
Jennifer Elizabeth Jantzen
Libertad Esmeralda Lopez
Ariatne Jezmin Mellado Ortiz
Mykah Mitchell
Eliseo Acosta Montes
Alexis Maria Luz Moreno
Dominique Michelle Munoz
Alexis Liberty Navarro
Norma Negrete-Sandoval
Kayla June Nena Paguio
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Bachelor of Arts

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION - GENERAL EMPHASIS

Micah Barkenhagen
Fatima De Jesus Cortez

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Connor Semone

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Ben Cronau
Magna Cum Laude

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Summa Cum Laude

Arelí Jimenez

Citlali Edith Mendez-Mendoza
Summa Cum Laude

Johnathan Michael Nichols

Samantha Jean Snow
Magna Cum Laude

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Faith Madrid Aguiar
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Alfredo Albarran

Elijah Joseph Burrell
Summa Cum Laude

Marcos Calix
Summa Cum Laude

Florencia Carranza
Nayalee Keyla Castillo Cortes

Jessica Cervantez
Summa Cum Laude

Xai Chang

Heather M Dukes
Cum Laude

Nina Foroughi
Summa Cum Laude

Noah Alexander Garza
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Trenity R Jones

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Helena Neufeld Kubik
Briana Martinez
Helena Miller

Isabel Mendez
Jessica Marie Mendez
Kyle Oliphant

Ashley Nicole Ortiz
Magna Cum Laude

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Thomas Aurelio Perez III
Summa Cum Laude

Evan Purslow
Summa Cum Laude

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Akhayla K Rogers

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Summa Cum Laude

Debra Sylvester
Summa Cum Laude

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Magna Cum Laude

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BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION - HEALTHCARE ADMINISTRATION

Cynthia Allen

Anna Heu
Summa Cum Laude

Elizabeth Lopes
Cum Laude

Clelia M. Marroquin

Gustavo Quiroz
Cum Laude

Alicia Michelle Rodriguez
Summa Cum Laude

**BUSINESS
ADMINISTRATION -
MANAGEMENT**

Ryan Stuart Abbott
Cum Laude

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Ramirez
Magna Cum Laude

Riley Freeman Creech
Summa Cum Laude

Tomás Escobar Franco
Cum Laude

Kevin Yahir Gil Gonzalez

Lizbeth Gonzalez-Lopez

Koutarou Matsumaru

Botond Peter Navratil
Summa Cum Laude

Brenden Anthony Olsen Jr

Daimy Qiona Paula

Julie Ramirez
Magna Cum Laude

Alicia Rodriguez
Summa Cum Laude

Bryan Joshua Trujillo

**BUSINESS
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MARKETING**

Macey Mieko Aoki-Chance
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Summa Cum Laude

Emmalynn Grace
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Samuel Cooper
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Kevinjit Singh Garcha
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Ravi Nelson
Cum Laude

**BUSINESS
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- ORGANIZATIONAL
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Kenneth Baker

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Anahi Espinoza
Cum Laude

Elizabeth Garcia

Cassandra Gonzalez
Summa Cum Laude

Tami Lynn Jensen
Summa Cum Laude

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Cameron J. Sanchez
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**BUSINESS
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PROJECT MANAGEMENT**

Yvonne Cienna Anaya
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Immunique Dixon

Miguel Jesus Solorio
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Matthew Vass

**BUSINESS
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- SOFTWARE
DEVELOPMENT**

Adrian Nieto-Garcia

**EARLY CHILDHOOD
DEVELOPMENT**

Shady Akins

Guadalupe Arevalo
Summa Cum Laude

Shonnie C Bear

Madison Alexandria
Bennett
Cum Laude

Shannon Leigh Black
Summa Cum Laude

Tessa Blackwell
Summa Cum Laude

Kali Marie Bolden

Sayra Bracamontes
Magna Cum Laude

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Maria G Castellanos
Ramirez

Crystal Chemara Childs

Chrystal Cid

Jahaira Coa

Yuridia Contreras Garcia

Desiree Cook
Magna Cum Laude

Haley Amelia Davis
Cum Laude

Clementina Diaz

Salina Rios Diaz

Karen Dominguez
Summa Cum Laude

Irene Duran
Cum Laude

Kailee Chavez Enciso

Diamond Marie Escamilla
Summa Cum Laude

Jocelin Arizbeth Razo-
Estrella
Summa Cum Laude

Araceli Eugenio

Dennis Oliver Evans Jr.

Adrianna Fagundes

Samantha Leticia Flores-
Cisneros

Clementina Garcia

Kalvin Javier Garcia
Summa Cum Laude

Nichole Marie Garcia

Norma Garza
Summa Cum Laude

Camille Lee Gonzales
Summa Cum Laude

Julia Guadalupe Gonzalez

Liliana Gonzalez
Magna Cum Laude

Yalitza Andrei Gonzalez

Angela Gonzalez
Magna Cum Laude

Jeanette Gonzalez

Tanishia Ann Haney
Magna Cum Laude

Haley Higgins
Cum Laude

Tanisha Rene Hightower
Summa Cum Laude

Annabel Ibal
Summa Cum Laude

Daphne Sherell Jenkins
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Ayana Lopez

Candy Lopez
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Martha Lopez

Ruby Melissa Lopez
Summa Cum Laude

Stephanie Lopez

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Nancy Cristina Maciel
Ceja

Mirella Martinez

Allison McKenna

Maryjane Mercado

Jackeline Vega Montes

Sarah Negrette
Summa Cum Laude

Courtney Shaun Nelson

Crystal Oballe-Alvarez

Colby Jack Orndoff
Cum Laude

Kassandra Nicole Padron

Sarah Parker
Summa Cum Laude

Tiffany Perez

Chelsea Pittman

Haylee Poole

Margarita Rita Quintanilla

Rosalita Ramirez

Karen Emily Ramirez-
Madrigal

Sabrina Yxcel Ramos
Magna Cum Laude

Lina Rapalo

Tanisha Reynolds
Summa Cum Laude

Kari Marie Ring
Magna Cum Laude

Ashley Rivera

Esmeralda Hernandez
Rubio
Summa Cum Laude

Sandy J Rubio

Yajaira Salazar Lopez
Summa Cum Laude

Yolotli Yesenia Sandoval
Magna Cum Laude

Marisol Santos
Magna Cum Laude

Ashton Smith
Summa Cum Laude

Kathleen M. Tempesta

Melissa Urtaza

Brittney Velasquez

Tylor Wiggins

Britnie West Willems
Summa Cum Laude

Crystal Anita Zendejas

**HEALTHCARE
ADMINISTRATION**

Leticia Alvarez Rocha

Gabriela Alexandra
Whitford

SOCIAL WELFARE

Lizet Alvarez
Magna Cum Laude

Heather Ann Bales

Karina Aydye Blancas

Paola Centeno

Ray Ezekiel Davila
Magna Cum Laude

Tillie Nicole Delongpre
Gricelda Gamboa
 Magna Cum Laude
Yulisa Lopez
 Magna Cum Laude
Dulce Michelle Marquez
 Cum Laude
Tia Mayfield
 Cum Laude
Margaret-Anne Ortiz
Guadalupe D Sanchez-Navarrete
Myra Sanchez
SOCIAL WORK
Antonio Alarcon
Eugene A. Canel
Christina Chacon
 Summa Cum Laude
Joana Cisneros-Avila
Linda Renee Danley
 Magna Cum Laude
Diana L Delgado
 Summa Cum Laude
Jennifer Ann Durbin
 Magna Cum Laude
Kristyn Franklin
 Summa Cum Laude
Stacey Fritz
 Summa Cum Laude
Dayana Michelle Galvez
Griselda Gamboa
 Magna Cum Laude
Maria Isabel Garcia
 Cum Laude

Soledad Garcia Rosales
Vanessa Gomez
 Cum Laude
Miguel Angel Gonzalez
Consuelo Campos Guzman
 Summa Cum Laude
Jennifer Elizabeth Jantzen
Danyelle Jones
Isabella Marquez Salas
 Summa Cum Laude
Michelle Martinez-Martinez
 Summa Cum Laude
Tiffany Nash
 Summa Cum Laude
Nicole Navarro
Adriana Parra
Rochelle Lee Parrish
Ericka Pruitt
Araceli Ramos
Cristina Rangel
Angel Reyna
 Magna Cum Laude
Brenda Rodriguez
 Summa Cum Laude
Denee Ilesha Eiko Roman
Ashley Nicole Ruiz
 Magna Cum Laude
Isabella Salas
Luis Fernando Santos Aquino
Lizbeth Lucia Silva

Alyssa Monique Solis
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Academic Attire

American academic dress has its origin in the garments worn at medieval British universities, particularly Oxford. From the three items of academic attire—the cap, gown and hood—it may be possible to distinguish the institution from which the wearer graduated, the field of learning in which the degree was earned and the level of the degree.

The Cap

The black mortarboard is standard at most colleges and universities. Its distinguishing feature is the color of the tassel which varies by discipline.



The Gown

The gown is normally black, although the chief officers of many universities wear colored gowns, and many institutions have authorized optional doctoral gowns that embody the institution's colors. The level of the degree held is indicated by the gown's cut. The bachelor's gown is relatively simple and may be recognized by its long, pointed sleeves. The master's gown is somewhat fuller, and its sleeves, which reach nearly to the wearer's knees, are square at the ends. The gown for the doctor's degree is more elaborate: cut rather full, it has velvet panels that reach down the front and around the neck of the gown. The sleeves are bell-shaped and decorated with three horizontal velvet bars.



The Hood

In the United States the hood is the most distinctive feature of academic attire. Used originally as a cowl, as a shoulder cape and as a container in which to collect alms, it is now worn at the back suspended from the shoulders. The length of the hood and the width of the velvet border indicate the level of the degree held. The inner lining of the hood is colored with the official colors of the institution conferring the degree, while the color of the border indicates the field of learning in which the degree was earned.



Ethnic Sashes

Ethnic sashes are worn over the commencement gown to represent a student's ethnicity. Eligibility for an ethnic sash is open to any student who associates with a shared inherited ancestry.



Cords and Stoles

Colored cords and stoles are also worn over the commencement gown and are used to denote various achievements, affiliations and honors. Their colors and styles have specific meanings and can vary between institutions.

Colors Worn by Fresno Pacific University Graduates

The following is a list of the hood and tassel colors established by the Intercollegiate Code to represent departments of learning:

Bachelor's Degrees (tassels)

Biblical and Religious Studies - scarlet
 Biology - golden yellow
 Business Administration - drab
 Chemistry - golden yellow
 Christian Ministry and Leadership - scarlet
 Communication - white
 Computer Information Systems - golden yellow
 Criminology - citron
 Early Childhood Development - white
 English - white
 Environmental Science - golden yellow
 Environmental Studies - white
 Graphic Design - white
 Health Care Administration - salmon pink
 History - white
 Intercultural Studies - white
 Kinesiology - sage
 Liberal Arts - white
 Liberal Studies - white
 Mathematics - golden yellow
 Music - pink
 Nursing - apricot
 Philosophy - dark blue
 Political Science - citron
 Pre-Health Science - golden yellow
 Pre-Law - citron
 Psychology - golden yellow
 Social Science - citron
 Social Work - citron
 Social Welfare - citron
 Sociology - white
 Spanish - white
 Studio Art - white
 Theater - brown

Master's Degrees (hoods)

Administrative Services - light blue
 Applied Behavior Analysis - light blue
 Business Administration - drab
 Christian Ministry - white
 Community Leadership and Transformation - white

Divinity - scarlet
 Kinesiology - sage
 Marriage and Family Therapy - light blue
 Mathematics Education - light blue
 Ministry, Leadership and Culture - white
 New Testament - white
 Nursing - apricot
 Reading and Language Arts - light blue
 School Counseling - light blue
 School Library and Information Technology - light blue
 School Psychology - light blue
 Special Education - light blue
 Sport Administration - sage
 STEM Education - light blue
 Strategic and Organizational Leadership - drab
 Teaching - light blue
 Theology - white

Colors for students earning a personalized degree vary with the subject studied.

Members of the Board of Trustees wear a doctoral gown with a cord of orange and blue, the university colors.

Latin Honors

Latin Honors for Spring 2025 are based upon work completed at FPU. Honors recognized at commencement ceremonies are calculated from the cumulative grade point average (GPA) as of the prior completed semester. Honors listed in the printed commencement program are provisional since grading may not be complete and will be reevaluated at the time of degree conferral. All awardees must have completed at least 39 units at Fresno Pacific University.

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| Summa Cum Laude | 3.90-4.00 GPA |
| Magna Cum Laude | 3.70-3.89 GPA |
| Cum Laude | 3.55-3.69 GPA |

The Fresno Pacific Idea

The *Fresno Pacific Idea* reflects the university's interpretation of what it means to be a community of learners committed to a distinctive vision of Christian higher education. The *Idea* serves as a center for reflection and action and as a guide for forming a vision of the future. Rooted in the past and continuously re-shaped by the present, the *Idea* provides a foundation for the university's understanding of itself and of the mission to which it is called.

In pursuing this mission, the university affirms the significance of knowledge which is a foundation for wisdom and virtue. As a Christian liberal arts community, Fresno Pacific University is an integral part of the mission of the church. From this Christian and liberal arts center, the university seeks to engage members of its community in a collaborative search for knowledge and experience which lead toward a perceptive and creative relationship with God, humanity and the natural world. On this foundation, the university seeks to build and to extend the Kingdom of God by enabling persons to serve church and society.

The *Fresno Pacific Idea* articulates the university's primary identity, its vision of community and its relation to the larger world. The parts of the *Idea* are not mutually exclusive, but complementary. Together, they form an organic whole.

Fresno Pacific University is a Christian University

Fresno Pacific University seeks to be a collegium centered upon Christ and His church. It is committed to the ideals of God's

Kingdom and to the perspective of the liberal arts in which integration of faith, learning and action is a primary goal.

With others in the Anabaptist-Mennonite and believers' church tradition, the university encourages voluntary acknowledgment of the sovereignty of God, of the triumph of God's Kingdom, of the presence of God's Spirit in the life of the church and of the Lordship of Christ in all of life.

As an extension of the educational mission of the Mennonite Brethren Church, the university affirms the authority of the Bible over all matters of faith and life; the church as a community of redeemed people; a life of discipleship leading to holiness, witness and service; the call to serve Jesus by ministering to human need and alleviating suffering; the practice of reconciliation and love in settings of violence, oppression and injustice; and the development of spiritual maturity through disciplines such as prayer, study and meditation.

All authentic knowledge and experience are unified under God. All aspects of reality are understood to be parts of a larger whole. There is no contradiction then between the truth of revelation, of scholarly investigation and of action. The university encourages members of the Fresno Pacific community toward a reflective and critical perspective on the nature of humanity and its relation to the world. Thus the liberal arts enlarge the foundation for life-long learning and for advanced study in a discipline or profession. The university affirms that wisdom grows out of commitment to Christian faith and the

integrative perspective of the liberal arts. Both are essential to developing a wholistic view of God, self and the world.

Since education is understood to be a life-long process, university programs include a variety of academic and professional undergraduate, graduate and nondegree programs. Each program builds on the integrative foundation of the liberal arts, encouraging thoughtful reflection on those beliefs and values that contribute to personal and societal wholeness. The intersection of Christian belief, the liberal arts and an ethic of service provides an educational perspective that leads to an examined understanding of God, self and the world that unites theory with practice.

Fresno Pacific University is a Community of Learners

Fresno Pacific University recognizes the importance of the interpersonal dimension of the learning process. The university believes that community grows out of common commitments and that learning is the result of interaction between persons, ideas and experiences. Thus the university seeks to provide settings in which individuals can achieve such interaction within a community committed to learning and service. It believes that as individuals become more responsible with and accountable to, one another, they are better able to understand themselves and to make thoughtful commitments to God, the church and the world.

The university seeks to accept each member of the community as unique, with purpose and value. Ethnic and religious identity is affirmed as a basis for respectful pluralism.

While acknowledging individual differences, the university also holds to the believers church expression of community as a body that transcends individualism and those cultural, national and ethnic boundaries which separate and alienate.

Believing that the Gospel transcends the limitations of all cultures and ideologies and that inclusiveness enriches community, Fresno Pacific University welcomes those of different cultural, national, ethnic and religious backgrounds to participate in its educational experience.

The university invites those from other church traditions, both as faculty and students, to enter into dialogue and faithful practice with those in the Anabaptist and believers church tradition in following Christ and in sharing the university's mission. In keeping with its voluntaristic church tradition, the university affirms the community formed as individuals relate to God and does not discriminate against students who cannot freely and honestly make such a commitment. The university encourages persons to serve across cultures and throughout the world as compassionate disciples of Christ and as constructive members of society.

The university believes that knowledge and understanding are formed in community; that learning takes place through dialogue and discourse between people who have different experiences and perspectives and that such wisdom begins with humility. These understandings join teachers and students as partners in a mutual search for truth and wholeness.

The university's belief in community expresses itself in patterns of leadership

and governance that are servant oriented and participatory and which lead toward consensual decision making.

The university seeks to carry out its educational mission through faculty, students, staff and board who participate in church and society, share a mutual respect for educational goals and community standards and are committed to enhancing the quality of the educational experience for all its members.

Fresno Pacific University is Prophetic

Fresno Pacific University believes that to be prophetic is to serve the church and society by engaging in dialogue with and critique of contemporary culture and practice. The university encourages informed reflection on personal, institutional and societal values which contribute to developing a vision for wholeness, justice and reconciliation. It offers leadership to the church and the world by enabling persons to extend perceptive, creative and skillful responses to current issues; to illuminate darkness with light and dispel ignorance with wisdom and understanding. It seeks to bring an integrative, Christian ethic and perspective to present day thought and experience and to a common search for the better way.

Fresno Pacific University understands learning to be a journey; a journey of exploration, reflection and transformation; a journey toward deepened meaning and faith growing out of creative encounter with Christ and the world. The university believes that such learning may be nurtured through many different modalities and in many different settings and that it should be encouraged to continue throughout life.

Thus the university values imaginative, experimental and innovative ways of engaging students and faculty in the process of learning even as it seeks to remain faithful to its core values and identity.

Fresno Pacific University is a deliberate and continuing attempt to realize the vision expressed in the *Fresno Pacific Idea*. The *Idea* gives the university reason for existence, courage for growth and stimulus for adventure.

May The Mind Of Christ My Savior

That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith. Eph. 3:17

Kate B. Wilkinson, 1859-1928

ST. LEONARDS

A. Cyril Barham-Gould, 1891-1953



1. May the mind of Christ my Sav-ior Live in me from day to day,
2. May the Word of God dwell rich-ly In my heart from hour to hour,
3. May the peace of God my Fa-ther Rule my life in ev-ery-thing,
4. May the love of Je-sus fill me, As the wa-ters fill the sea;
5. May His beau-ty rest up-on me As I seek the lost to win,



By His love and power con-troll-ing All I do and say.
So that all may see I tri-umph On-ly through His power.
That I may be calm to com-fort Sick and sor-row-ing.
Him ex-alt-ing, self a-bas-ing, This is vic-to-ry.
And may they for-get the chan-nel, See-ing on-ly Him.

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