



# COMMENCEMENT 2025

## CEREMONY #8

**May 21, 2025 | 1 P.M. | Shrine Auditorium**

### **COLLEGE OF NATURAL AND SOCIAL SCIENCES (3)**

Department of Geography, Geology, and Environment | Department of Mathematics  
Department of Sociology

### **COLLEGE OF ARTS AND LETTERS (1)**

Department of Television, Film, and Media Studies  
Department of Theatre and Dance

## **CEREMONY PROGRAM**

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#### **PROCESSIONAL**

Pomp and Circumstance Marches  
Op. 39, Composed by Sir Edward Elgar

#### **NATIONAL ANTHEM**

Performed by the Cal State LA Chamber  
Singers

#### **LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

René Vellanoweth  
Dean, College of Natural and Social Sciences

#### **WELCOME**

Stephen M. Trzaskoma  
Dean, College of Arts and Letters

#### **PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS**

Berenecia Johnson Eanes  
President

#### **CONFERRAL OF HONORARY DOCTOR OF FINE ARTS TO JO KOY**

Jose Antonio Vargas  
CSU Board of Trustees

Berenecia Johnson Eanes  
President

#### **GUEST SPEAKER**

Jo Koy  
*Actor, stand-up comedian*

**BACCALAUREATE HONORS**

Allison McCurdy  
Associate Dean, College of Natural and  
Social Sciences

Katherine Weiss  
Associate Dean, College of Arts and Letters

**PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR  
DEGREES**

Heather Lattimer  
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

**MASTER'S DEGREE CANDIDATES**

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Graduate Studies

**PRESENTATION OF BACHELOR'S  
DEGREE CANDIDATES**

Michelle Hawley  
Associate Vice President and  
Dean of Undergraduate Studies

**CONFERRAL OF DEGREES**

Berenecea Johnson Eanes  
President

**CLOSING REMARKS**

René Vellanoweth  
Dean, College of Natural and Social Sciences

Stephen M. Trzaskoma  
Dean, College of Arts and Letters

**UNIVERSITY HYMN**

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Singers

**RECESSIONAL**

Graduation March Music, Aida,  
Grand March

**MEMBERS OF THE STAGE PARTY**

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**President of the University**

Berenecea Johnson Eanes

**Chair of the Academic Senate and  
Bearer of Mace**

Andre Avramchuk

**Vice President for Student Affairs and  
Enrollment Management**

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Karin Elliott Brown

**President, Associated Students, Inc.**

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<b>Associate Dean, College of Natural and Social Sciences</b>	Robert Nissen
<b>Interim Vice President for University Advancement</b>	Jeff Poltorak
<b>Dean, University Library</b>	Carlos Rodriguez
<b>Dean, College of Arts and Letters</b>	Stephen M. Trzaskoma
<b>CSU Board of Trustees</b>	Jose Antonio Vargas
<b>Dean, College of Natural and Social Science</b>	René Vellanoweth
<b>Dean, College of Arts and Letters</b>	Katherine Weiss

## FACULTY MARSHALS

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### Grand Marshals

Daphne Liu  
College of Natural and Social Sciences

Uziel Colón Ramos  
College of Arts and Letters

### Associate Grand Marshals

Luoman Bao  
College of Natural and Social Sciences

Veronica Coates Ahmed  
College of Arts and Letters

### Past Grand Marshal

Michael Hayes  
College of Natural and Social Sciences

Marina Cuzovic-Severn  
College of Natural and Social Sciences

### University Banner Carrier

Luis Nuño  
College of Natural and Social Sciences

### University Banner Carrier Escort

Robert Weide  
College of Natural and Social Sciences

### College Banner Carrier

Debasree Raychaudhuri  
College of Natural and Social Sciences

Rachel Pearl  
College of Arts and Letters

### College Banner Carrier Escort

Karyn D. Lawrence  
College of Arts and Letters

### Hooders

College of Natural and Social Sciences

Andre Aguilar  
Louis Edgar Esparza  
Melisa Hendrata  
Michel Krebs  
Debasree Raychaudhuri  
Tanya Sanabria  
Meredith Zhang

### Hooders

College of Arts and Letters

Mercedes Chavez  
Dalila Droege  
Carolyn Dunn  
Ligiah Villalobos

### Faculty Aligner/Seater

Joseph Potts  
College of Natural and Social Sciences

## **NATIONAL ANTHEM**

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Oh, say can you see,  
By the dawn's early light,  
What so proudly we hailed,  
At the twilight's last gleaming?  
Whose broad stripes and bright stars,  
Through the perilous fight,  
O'er the ramparts we watched,  
Were so gallantly streaming.  
And the rocket's red glare,  
The bombs bursting in air,  
Gave proof through the night,  
That our flag was still there.  
Oh say does that star spangled banner yet wave,  
O'er the land of the free, and the home of the brave.

## UNIVERSITY HYMN

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All hail to thee, our alma mater dear!  
We sing with faith and pride thy praises far and near.  
We dedicate our lives to truth and peace and right,  
To give the world the torch of freedom's light.  
Hail, All Hail!

– Marian Crowell Bessette, '49