



COMMENCEMENT 2025

CEREMONY #9

May 21, 2025 | 5 P.M. | Shrine Auditorium

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND LETTERS (2)

Department of Art | Department of Communication Studies | Department of English |
Department of Liberal Studies | Department of Modern Languages and Literatures |
Department of Music | Department of Philosophy |
Department of Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies

CEREMONY PROGRAM

PROCESSIONAL

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

NATIONAL ANTHEM

Performed by the Cal State LA Chamber
Singers

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Stephen M. Trzaskoma
Dean, College of Arts and Letters

WELCOME

Stephen M. Trzaskoma
Dean, College of Arts and Letters

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

Berenecia Johnson Eanes
President

PRESENTATION OF THE 2025 PRESIDENTIAL AWARD TO CHRISTINE DEVINE

Berenecia Johnson Eanes
President

GUEST SPEAKER

Christine Devine
Television News Anchor

BACCALAUREATE HONORS

Katherine Weiss
Associate Dean, College of Arts and Letters

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

Heather Lattimer
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

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CONFERRAL OF DEGREES

Berenecea Johnson Eanes
President

CLOSING REMARKS

Stephen M. Trzaskoma
Dean, College of Arts and Letters

UNIVERSITY HYMN

Performed by the Cal State LA Chamber
Singers

RECESSIONAL

Graduation March Music, Aida,
Grand March

MEMBERS OF THE STAGE PARTY

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**

Patrick K. Day

2025 Presidential Award Recipient

Christine Devine

**Associate Vice President and Dean of
Graduate Studies**

Karin Elliott Brown

President, Associated Students, Inc.

Yahir Flores

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Academic Affairs**

Heather Lattimer

**Interim Vice President and Chief
Financial Officer of Administration
and Finance**

Claudio Lindow

**Associate Vice President for Student
Affairs and Enrollment Management
and Dean of Students**

Blanca Martinez-Navarro

**Interim Vice President for University
Advancement**

Jeff Poltorak

Dean, University Library

Carlos Rodriguez

Dean, College of Arts and Letters

Stephen M. Trzaskoma

Dean, College of Arts and Letters

Katherine Weiss

FACULTY MARSHALS

Grand Marshals

Uziel Colón Ramos

Associate Grand Marshals

Veronica Coates Ahmed

Past Grand Marshal

Marina Cuzovic-Severn

University Banner Carrier

Mohammad A. Auwal

University Banner Carrier Escort

Christopher Harris

College Banner Carrier

Kevin Baaske

College Banner Carrier Escort

Jennifer Masunaga

Hooders

Manuel Aguilar
Sierra Bray
Michael Calabrese
Richard Dean
Christopher Gravis
Linda Greenberg
Phung Huynh
Namhee Lee
Elena Retzer
David Pitt
Beverly Stein
Mu Wu

Faculty Aligner/Seater

Gretchen Angelo
Joseph Potts

NATIONAL ANTHEM

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

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