

2026 CAL STATE LA COMMENCEMENT

MAY 18-20, 2026 SHRINE AUDITORIUM

CEREMONY #3 | May 18 | 5 p.m.

College of Natural and Social Sciences (3)

Department of Anthropology | Department of History | Department of Latin American Studies | Department of
Political Science | Department of Psychology

CEREMONY PROGRAM

PROCESSIONAL	Pomp and Circumstance Marches Op. 39, Composed by Sir Edward Elgar
NATIONAL ANTHEM	Performed by the Cal State LA Wind Ensemble and Chamber Choir
LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT	Stephen M. Trzaskoma Dean, College of Arts and Letters Interim Dean, College of Natural and Social Sciences
WELCOME	Stephen M. Trzaskoma Dean, College of Arts and Letters Interim Dean, College of Natural and Social Sciences
PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS	Berenecea Johnson Eanes University President
GUEST SPEAKER	Billie Jean King Sports Icon and Equality Champion
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UNIVERSITY HYMN

Performed by the Cal State LA Wind Ensemble
and Chamber Choir

RECESSIONAL

Performed by the Cal State LA All Star Alumni
Band

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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