Stanford University

133rd Commencement
2024 BACCALAUREATE

SATURDAY, JUNE 15, 2024, 10:00 A.M.
FROST AMPHITHEATER

To preserve the spirit of this special service, please turn off all cell phones, and hold applause until the end.
PROCESSIONAL
MEMBERS OF THE BAY BRASS

WELCOME
THE REV. DR. T. L. STEINWERT
Dean for Religious & Spiritual Life

STANFORD UNIVERSITY
INDIGENOUS LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT
MADELEINE KINGSLAND
Pala Band of Mission Indians
Human Biology, ’24

GATHERING
THE REV. DR. T. L. STEINWERT
Dean for Religious & Spiritual Life

MOMENT OF SILENCE
In Memory of Deceased Students
Buddhist Singing Bowl
ANNANDA BARCLAY
Higher Education Chaplain Fellow

CHAPLAIN KENNETH NACARIO LEE
Universal Enlightenment and Flourishing Chaplain Associate

CHAPLAIN DAVID PATIÑO
Universal Enlightenment and Flourishing Chaplain Associate
POETIC REFLECTION

On Making Mistakes
by Neil Gaiman

EASHA NANDYALA
English, ’24

JACK JOSEPH SCALA
Biology (Biochemistry and Biophysics), ’24

MUSICAL REFLECTION

Wanting Memories
By Ysaye Maria Barnwell

STANFORD TALISMAN

Wanting Memories, first performed by Sweet Honey in the Rock, is a song about the journey from mourning the loss of a loved one to the acceptance and celebration of that person’s life and how they impacted our own.

POETIC REFLECTION

For Those Who Have Far to Travel
by Jan Richardson

HANNAH MARIA BASALI
Political Science, ’24

MICHAEL AMRIT CHHAY
Aeronautics & Astronautics, ’24

BACCALAUREATE ADDRESS

VARUN SONI
Dean of Religious and Spiritual Life,
University of Southern California
A BLESSING FOR OUR GRADUATES

DR. AMINA DARWISH
Associate Dean for Religious & Spiritual Life and Advisor for Muslim Life

RABBI LAURIE HAHN TAPPER
Associate Dean for Religious & Spiritual Life and Campus Rabbi

THE REV. DR. COLLEEN HALLAGAN PREUNINGER
Associate Dean for Religious & Spiritual Life and Director of Student Engagement

THE REV. DR. SAKENA YOUNG-SCAGGS
Senior Associate Dean for Religious & Spiritual Life and Pastor of Memorial Church

DRUMMING BLESSING

Tatsumaki
By Hiroshi Tanaka

STANFORD TAIKO

*Tatsumaki* means “whirlwind” in Japanese. This energetic song evokes a whirlwind through the intense melodies and motions of the performers. It succeeds in bringing out both the forceful and beautiful aspects of nature through powerful and graceful movements.

RECESSIONAL

MEMBERS OF THE BAY BRASS

Acknowledgment of musical compositions: Johann Sebastian Bach, Edward Elgar, Giovanni Gabrieli, George Frideric Handel, Johann Pezel, Samuel Scheidt
WHAT IS BACCALAUREATE? Baccalaureate at Stanford is a celebratory gathering for graduating seniors, graduate students and professional students, as well as their families and friends. It is a time to acknowledge the spiritual contribution to the education of the whole person, and it is organized under the auspices of the Office for Religious & Spiritual Life.

VARUN SONI is the dean of religious and spiritual life at the University of Southern California, where he teaches courses in the School of Religion, the Marshall School of Business, and the Chan Division of Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy, and where he served as the inaugural vice provost of campus wellness and crisis intervention. He is the first Hindu in American history to serve as chief religious or spiritual leader of a college or university. Born in India and raised in the United States, he holds degrees in religion from Tufts University, Harvard University, the University of California, Santa Barbara, and the University of Cape Town, as well as a law degree from the University of California, Los Angeles.

HANNAH OO, ’24, from Battle Creek, MI, is graduating with a B.S. in Biology (Biochemistry/Biophysics track, with Honors) and minors in Creative Writing (Prose Track) and Spanish. At Stanford, she continued her passion of figure skating through Stanford Club Figure Skating, and she worked in Laura Dassama’s lab (ChEM-H) studying bacterial sterol transport proteins. Hannah served as Co-President of Stanford Myanmar Student Association and Undergraduate Coordinator for Stanford Vaccine Crew. She also volunteered with Dialekt language tutoring and served as Engagement Officer for Stanford Club Sports Executive Council. After graduation, Hannah will be working as a clinical research coordinator at UCSF before matriculating into medical school to fulfill her dream of becoming a doctor. In the meantime, she is grateful for the dreams she has fulfilled at Stanford. These include a quarter abroad in Madrid, residency with her best friends in the beautiful Jerry House during her senior year, and study sessions at Arrillaga Family Dining Commons where, ‘the coffee is free and the vibes are good.’

The flowers on the dais are in memory of undergraduate students who would have graduated with the Class of 2024, but died before receiving their degree, and for advanced degree candidates who died since the last Baccalaureate was held.

Tinotenda Nyandoro, Economics ’24
Sarah Ida Raphaelle Muller, Visiting Student Researcher, Classics
CEREMONY PARTICIPANTS

OFFICE FOR RELIGIOUS & SPIRITUAL LIFE
The Rev. Dr. T. L. Steinwert, Dean; Dr. Amina Darwish, Associate Dean for Religious & Spiritual Life and Advisor for Muslim Life; Rabbi Laurie Hahn Tapper, Associate Dean and Campus Rabbi; The Rev. Dr. Colleen Hallagan Preuninger, Associate Dean and Director of Student Engagement; The Rev. Dr. Sakena Young-Scaggs, Senior Associate Dean and Pastor of Memorial Church; The Rev. Annanda Barclay, Chaplain Fellow; Kenneth Lee, Universal Enlightenment and Flourishing Chaplain Associate; David Patiño, Universal Enlightenment and Flourishing Chaplain Associate; The Rev. Glen Davis, Chaplain Affiliate; Rabbi Jessica Kirschner, Chaplain Affiliate; Fr. Xavier Lavagetto O.P., Chaplain Affiliate; Z.M. Rebecca D. Nie, Chaplain Affiliate

UNIVERSITY OFFICIALS ON STAGE
Richard Saller, President; Jenny Martinez, Provost; Lanier Anderson, Interim Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education; Patrick Dunkley, Vice Provost for Institutional Equity, Access and Community; Stephanie Kalwayan, Vice Provost for Academic Affairs; Jonathan Levin, Dean of Graduate School of Business; Arun Majumdar, Dean of School of Sustainability; Bernard Muir, Director of Athletics; Megan Pierson, Chief of Staff; Debra Satz, Dean of School of Humanities and Sciences; Richard H. Shaw, Dean of Undergraduate Admission and Financial Aid; Martin Shell, Vice President and Chief External Relations Officer; C. Matthew Snipp, Vice Provost for Student Affairs and Vice Provost for Faculty Diversity and Engagement; Jennifer Widom, Dean of School of Engineering; Howard E. Wolf, Vice President for Alumni Affairs and President, Stanford Alumni Association

BACCALAUREATE GUEST SPEAKER
Varun Soni

STUDENT SPEAKER
Hannah Oo

SENIOR CLASS PRESIDENTS
Hannah Maria Basali, Michael Amrit Chhay, Easha Nandyala, Jack Joseph Scala

NATIVE AMERICAN CULTURAL CENTER
Madeleine Kingsland

STANFORD ASSOCIATED RELIGIONS
Fr. Dominic DeLay, O.P., Sister Gloria Marie Jones and Teresa Pleins, Catholic Community at Stanford; Dr. Travis Stevens and Coryl Lassen, Episcopal Lutheran Campus Ministry; Erica Lawry and Steve Lawry, Parakaleo Christian Ministries

STANFORD TAIKO
Class of ’24: Elena Atluri, Lavender Chen, DJ Maceda, Liam Ramos

STANFORD TALISMAN
Class of ’24: Nour Mary Aissaoui, Nolawi Ayelework, Brett Chy, Gareth Cockcroft, Star Dobry, Bené Farrell, Symphony Koss, Jason Lazar, Joe Paavola, Sam Howell Petersen, Henry Shen, Justin Thach, Jessica Van, Jasmin Zazaboi

MEMBERS OF THE BAY BRASS
Adam Luftman, Scott Macomber, Kevin Rivard, Jeffrey Budin, Peter Wahrhaftig

MARSHALS
Chief Undergraduate Baccalaureate Marshal: C. Matthew Snipp
Chief Graduate Baccalaureate Marshal: Ken Hsu
Marshals: Maxwell Asante, Christina Cusack, Bernadette deRafael, Adam Petty, Cassandra Volpe Horii, Ruth Yamawaki, Kashi Zabaleta Hinojosa