Stanford University

132nd Commencement

2023 BACCALAUREATE

SATURDAY, JUNE 17, 2023, 10:00 A.M.
FROST AMPHITHEATER

To preserve the spirit of this special celebration, please turn off all cell phones, and refrain from applause until the end of the ceremony.
PROCESSIONAL
MEMBERS OF THE BAY BRASS QUINTET

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

STANFORD UNIVERSITY
INDIGENOUS LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT
PAISLEY HEMOLELE SUILAN RICHARDS
(Kanaka Maoli)
Human Biology, ’23

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

MOMENT OF SILENCE
In Memory of Deceased Students
Buddhist Singing Bowl
THE REV. DR. SAKENA YOUNG-SCAGGS
Senior Associate Dean and Pastor of Memorial Church
POETIC REFLECTION

*Turning to One Another*
by Margaret J. Wheatley

**ECY KING**
Symbolic Systems, ’23

**GRANT SHEEN**
Symbolic Systems, ’23

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

*Here We Are*
by John Corrado

**ALISON COHEN**
Political Science, ’23

**NICOLÁS ALEJANDRO GARCÍA**
Economics, ’23

BACCALAUREATE ADDRESS

*Finding Awe*

**RABBI ANGELA WARNICK BUCHDAHL**
Senior Rabbi, Central Synagogue, New York City
STUDENT ADDRESS

LUSCIANA GOMEZ
Biology, ’23

A BLESSING FOR OUR GRADUATES

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

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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.

ANGELA WARNICK BUCHDAHL serves as the senior rabbi of Central Synagogue in New York City, a flagship Reform synagogue, dubbed the first “mega-shul” by the Wall Street Journal. Buchdahl is the first woman to lead Central in its 180-year history. Born in Seoul, Korea, to a Korean Buddhist mother and a Jewish-American father, Buchdahl graduated from Yale University and went on to become the first Asian American ordained as a cantor and rabbi by the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion.

Rabbi Buchdahl has been nationally recognized for her innovations in leading worship, which draw large crowds in the congregation’s historic Sanctuary and to livestreamers in more than 100 countries. In 2014, President Barack Obama invited Rabbi Buchdahl to share blessings and light the menorah for the White House Hanukah Party. She has been featured on the Today Show, NPR, PBS and Newsweek’s “America’s 50 Most Influential Rabbis.” Rabbi Buchdahl and her husband Jacob have three children.

LUSCIANA GOMEZ, ’23, is graduating with a BS in biology. This fall, she will begin the coterminal master’s program in Community Health and Prevention Research before applying to dental school. In her free time, she loves to perform stand-up comedy and plan her future dental reality TV show. Lusciana can usually be found in the anatomy lab or at her nearest Chipotle. She will always be grateful to the friends and mentors she met at Stanford.

The flowers on the dais are in memory of undergraduate students who would have graduated with the Class of 2023, but died before receiving their degree, and for advanced degree candidates who died since the last Baccalaureate was held.

Jonathan San Miguel, Physics
Oscar Danilo Sura Jr., Computer Science
CEREMONY PARTICIPANTS

OFFICE FOR RELIGIOUS & SPIRITUAL LIFE
The Rev. Dr. T. L. Steinwert, Dean
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. Glen Davis, Chaplain Affiliate
Rabbi Jessica Kirschner, Chaplain Affiliate

UNIVERSITY OFFICIALS ON STAGE
Marc Tessier-Lavigne, President; Persis Drell, Provost; Stacey Bent, Vice Provost for Graduate Education & Postdoctoral Affairs; Susie Brubaker-Cole, Vice Provost for Student Affairs; Deborah Cullinan, Vice President for the Arts; Patrick Dunkley, Vice Provost for Institutional Equity, Access and Community; Stephanie Kalfayan, Vice Provost for Academic Affairs; Jonathan Levin, Dean of Graduate School of Business, Arun Majumdar, Dean of Stanford Doerr School of Sustainability; Lloyd Minor, Dean of School of Medicine; Kathryn Moler, Vice Provost and Dean of Research; Bernard Muir, Director of Athletics; Megan Pierson, Chief of Staff; Debra Satz, Dean of School of Humanities and Sciences; Richard Shaw, Dean of Undergraduate Admission and Financial Aid; Martin Shell, Vice President and Chief External Relations Officer; Matt Snipp, Vice Provost for Faculty Diversity and Engagement; Stephen Streiffer, Director of Stanford Linear Accelerator Center; Jennifer Widom, Dean of School of Engineering; Howard Wolf, Vice President for Alumni Affairs and President, Stanford Alumni Association

BACCALAUREATE GUEST SPEAKER
Rabbi Angela Warnick Buchdahl

STUDENT SPEAKER
Lusciana Gomez

SENIOR CLASS PRESIDENTS
Alison Cohen, Nicolás Alejandro García, Ecy King, Grant Sheen

NATIVE AMERICAN CULTURAL CENTER
Paisley Hemolele Suilan Richards

STANFORD ASSOCIATED RELIGIONS
Fr. Dominic DeLay, O.P., Sister Gloria Marie Jones; Dr. Travis Stevens, Episcopal Lutheran Campus Ministry; Jeremy Ragent, Hillel; Erica Lawry and Steve Lawry, Parakaleo Christian Ministries; Denise-Margaret Thompson, IVGrad Fellowship

STANFORD TAIKO
Class of ’23: Mayumi Kuze
Alyssa Loyless, DJ Maceda, Miggy Silva, Caroline Wang, Dylan Win, Kangrui Xue

STANFORD TALISMAN
Class of ’23: Madison Ambrose, Marie Bland, Miracles Darby, Matthew Heafy, AJ Nadel, Uma Phatak, Paisley Richards, Justin Thach
Gareth Cockroft, Francesca Fernandes, Maya Green, Samantha Howell Petersen, Sameer Jha, Symphony Koss, Abhi Kumar, Gabriela Lipson, Audithio Nag, Joseph Paavola, Sofia Pesantez, Henry Shen, Lavi Sundar, Houston Taylor, Kyra Teigen, Jessica Yan, Jasmin Zazaboi

MEMBERS OF THE BAY BRASS QUINTET
Joseph Brown, Jeffrey Budin, Adam Luftman, Kevin Rivard, Zachariah Spellman

MARSHALS
Chief Baccalaureate Marshal: Susie Brubaker-Cole
Marshals: Angela Amarillas, Annanda Barclay, Shalini Bhutani, Kenny Carter, Christine Gibo, Darrell Green, Jason Mildwurm, Alex Prasadi, Donnovan Somera Yisrael, James Tarbox, Ruth Yamawaki, Kashi Zabaleta Hinojosa, MJ Zhou Qin