Forty-eighth Commencement

June 3, 2023

Prelude

Video Presentation of the Graduates

Processional - Please stand as the colors are presented

Joshua Rayan, USB President - **American Flag** Zhuxuan (Helen) Yao, Senior Class President - **Christian Flag** Stephen Lo, Head Chaplain and Salutatorian - **Bible** Harsha Rajkumar, Valedictorian Melody Zhang, Salutatorian

Members of the Class of 2023 Faculty Administration

Welcome and Invocation	Dr. Raymond Meyer, Principal
Greetings from the FCS Board	Mrs. Vangie Lopez
Senior Address	Edward Yuan
In Meeting We Are Blessed	FCS Chamber Singers Ethan Wroten, Cajon Directed by Mr. Joseph Castro
Senior Address	Stephen Lo
Awards & Scholarships	Ms. Malia Morris Academic & College Counselor
Senior Thank You	C
Awarding of Diplomas	Dr. Tricia Meyer Head of School
Prayer for the Graduates	Rev. Terry Inman Chairman of the Board Lead Pastor, Harbor Light Church
Presentation of Graduates	Rev. Terry Inman
Recessional	
Send Off for Graduates FCHS Traditional Jazz Band Graduate Photo Spot Faculty Goodbye	Sherry Miller Employee Plaza

Board Members

Rev. Terry Inman, Chairman Raymond Santos, Vice Chairman Juliana Brightwell Drew Evans

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Leadership Team

Head of School	Dr. Tricia Meyer
Chief Operations Officer	Thomas Bean
Director of Curriculum & Instruction	Karen Behrens
Assistant to the Head of School	
Facilities Manager	John Eshelman
Director of Admissions & Records	Danielle Gasper
Early Education Director	Nathaniel Jimenez
Secondary Principal	Dr. Raymond Meyer
Elementary Principal	

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Shirley Mohan Malia Morris Jason Pérénon Micah Shyu Briana Ung Jenn Virgen Berkley Woll Kyoko Yuan

The Class of 2023

Harsha Rohan Rajkumar Valedictorian

Stephen Lo Melody Serena Zhang Salutatorians

Viola Arishvara Ruth Arroyo Alexandria Bantugan Christina Diane Bean Joshua Cardenas Aaron Chang

Nicholas James Diec

Troy Frazier Ting Ting Gu

Carl Oskar Hetland Liam Joseph Higgins Iris Yuke Huang Paul Kimio Kanaya

Ashley Kiang Shuo Liu Stanley Lo Victoria Madrie Gabriel Mercado Adriana Nassar

Matthew Nguyen

Aaron Xavier Núñez Tobin James O'Connell Alessandra Pusceddu Daniel Faith Raboca Joshua Rayan

Joshua Rag Samuel So Jiaqi Sun

Hanna Beat Tanaka

Justin Wang

Jonathan Yuen Wong

Yeqi Wu Margaret Xi Zhuxuan Yao Edward Yuan Marilyn Yuan Faith Zachariah

Zimo Zeng Catherine Zhang Amy Ding Zhao

Commendations

At FCS, we believe every student is made in the image of God. We also believe every student makes an impact on the school community. The graduates are wearing cast metal pins of antique nickel and white enamel decorated with the formal school logo and engraved with the word "Commendation." Each graduate is recognized with individualized expressions prepared by advisory teachers to draw attention to the students as unique contributors who together make Fremont Christian School a place where we build relationships, where we inquire and grow, where we love one another.

Merit Scholars

These students attended FCHS as our merit scholar cohort, receiving a four-year renewable scholarship. They were chosen by their teachers for academic performance, contributions to the school, and character. The cohort received tailored guidance navigating the college search and application process through local university campus visits, special topics gatherings, and peer monitoring.

Matthew Nguyen

Tobin O'Connell

Hanna Tanaka

Faith Zachariah

United Student Body Leadership Service

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Christina Bean
     USB Secretary (12<sup>th</sup>)
Iris Huang
     Class Council (12th)
Shuo (Sunny) Liu
     Class Council (12th)
Stanley Lo
     Class Council (11th & 12th)
Stephen Lo
     Head Chaplain (12th)
     International Ambassador (12<sup>th</sup>)
     Chaplain (9^{th}, 10^{th}, \mathfrak{S}^t 11^{th})
Adriana Nassar
     USB Vice President (12th)
     Class Council (9^{th}, 10^{th}, \mathfrak{G}^{th})
Daniel Raboca
     Class Council (11th & 12th)
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Joshua Rayan
   USB President (12th)
   Junior Class President (11th)
   Sophomore Class President (10<sup>th</sup>)
   Class Council (9th)
Hanna Tanaka
   USB Treasurer (12th)
   Freshman Class President
Margaret Xi
   Publicist (12th)
Zhuxuan (Helen) Yao
   Senior Class President (12<sup>th</sup>)
   Class Council (11th)
Faith Zachariah
   Publicist (11th & 12th)
   Class Council (9th & 10th)
Catherine Zhang
   Student Store Manager (12<sup>th</sup>)
Amy Zhao
   Class Council (12th)
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Arizona State University

- Faith Zachariah
- Catherine Zhang
- Amy Zhao

Auburn University

• Joshua Rayan

Azusa Pacific University

- Viola Arishvara
- Christina Bean
- Carl Oskar Hetland
- Daniel Raboca

Biola University

• Viola Arishvara

Boston University

- Yeqi (Katy) Wu
- Zimo (James) Zeng

California Baptist University

- Ruth Arroyo
- Carl Oskar Hetland
- Paul Kanaya

California College of the Arts

• Ting Ting (Rena) Gu

California Institute of Technology

• Stephen Lo

California Lutheran University

• Ruth Arroyo

California Polytechnic State University, Humboldt

- Gabriel Mercado
- Marilyn Yuan

California State Polytechnic University, Pomona

- Aaron Chang
- Hanna Tanaka
- Catherine Zhang

California State University Maritime Academy

• Aaron Chang

California State University, Chico

Aaron Chang

California State University, East Bay

- Christina Bean
- Nicholas Diec
- Ashley Kiang
- Gabriel Mercado
- Catherine Zhang

California State University, Fresno

Ashley Kiang

California State University, Fullerton

- Viola Arishvara
- Aaron Chang
- Carl Oskar Hetland
- Ashley Kiang

California State University, Long Beach

Joshua Rayan

California State University, Los Angeles

- Aaron Chang
- Faith Zachariah

California State University, Monterey Bay

• Christina Bean

California State University, Northridge

- Alexandria Bantugan
- Ashley Kiang
- Daniel Raboca

California State University, Sacramento

- Ashley Kiang
- Gabriel Mercado

California State University, San Bernardino

Ashley Kiang

California State University, San Marcos

Viola Arishvara

Chapman University

• Iris Huang

Claremont McKenna College

• Stanley Lo

Concordia University

• Viola Arishvara

Cornerstone University

Joshua Rayan

Duke University

• Harsha Rajkumar

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University

Samuel So

Fordham University

• Melody Zhang

Fresno Pacific University

• Christina Bean

George Fox University

- Stanley Lo
- Samuel So
- Faith Zachariah

Georgia Institute of Technology

• Melody Zhang

Illinois Institute of Technology

• Samuel So

Life Pacific University

• Christina Bean

Marquette University

- Edward Yuan
- Marilyn Yuan

Maryland Institute College of Art

• Ting Ting (Rena) Gu

Northeastern University

• Yeqi (Katy) Wu

Oral Roberts University

• Christina Bean

Otis College of Art and Design

• Ting Ting (Rena) Gu

Ottawa University

Joshua Rayan

Pacific University, Oregon

Stanley Lo

Pennsylvania State University

- Yeqi (Katy) Wu
- Zimo (James) Zeng

Pepperdine University

- Stanley Lo
- Zhuxuan (Helen) Yao
- Edward Yuan
- Marilyn Yuan
- Faith Zachariah

Purdue University

- Joshua Rayan
- Melody Zhang

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

- Jiaqi (Anita) Sun
- Edward Yuan

Saint John's University, Manhattan Campus

• Hanna Tanaka

Saint Mary's College of California

- Alexandria Bantugan
- Christina Bean
- Ashley Kiang
- Adriana Nassar

San Diego State University

- Matthew Nguyen
- Catherine Zhang

San Francisco Conservatory of Music

• Marilyn Yuan

San Francisco State University

- Alexandria Bantugan
- Christina Bean
- Aaron Chang
- Nicholas Diec
- Ashley Kiang
- Gabriel Mercado
- Daniel Raboca
- Joshua Rayan

San Jose State University

- Aaron Chang
- Carl Oskar Hetland
- Ashley Kiang
- Gabriel Mercado
- Matthew Nguyen
- Joshua Rayan
- Samuel So
- Hanna Tanaka
- Edward Yuan
- Marilyn Yuan
- Faith Zachariah
- Catherine Zhang

Santa Clara University

- Stanley Lo
- Edward Yuan
- Marilyn Yuan
- Catherine Zhang

School of Art Institute of Chicago

- Ting Ting (Rena) Gu
- Hanna Tanaka
- Amy Zhao

Sonoma State University

• Alexandria Bantugan

The American Musical and Dramatic Academy

• Ting Ting (Rena) Gu

The George Washington University

• Edward Yuan

The University of Texas at Austin

• Margaret Xi

Tufts University

• Melody Zhang

University of Arizona

- Samuel So
- Hanna Tanaka

University of California, Berkley

• Harsha Rajkumar

University of California, Davis

- Shuo (Sunny) Liu
- Stanley Lo
- Stephen Lo
- Harsha Rajkumar
- Justin Wang
- Yeqi (Katy) Wu
- Margaret Xi
- Edward Yuan
- Zimo (James) Zeng
- Amy Zhao

University of California, Irvine

- Stephen Lo
- Harsha Rajkumar
- Yegi (Katy) Wu
- Melody Zhang

University of California, Los Angeles

- Stephen Lo
- Harsha Rajkumar

University of California, Merced

- Alexandria Bantugan
- Aaron Chang
- Carl Oskar Hetland
- Iris Huang
- Ashley Kiang
- Stanley Lo
- Stephen Lo
- Gabriel Mercado
- Harsha Rajkumar
- Zhuxuan (Helen) Yao
- Catherine Zhang

University of California, Riverside

- Aaron Chang
- Iris Huang
- Paul Kanaya
- Stanley Lo
- Stephen Lo
- Daniel Raboca
- Harsha Rajkumar
- Jiaqi (Anita) Sun
- Justin Wang
- Zhuxuan (Helen) Yao
- Catherine Zhang
- Amy Zhao

University of California, San Diego

- Shuo (Sunny) Liu
- Stephen Lo
- Melody Zhang
- Amy Zhao

University of California, Santa Barbara

- Shuo (Sunny) Liu
- Stanley Lo
- Stephen Lo
- Harsha Rajkumar
- Justin Wang
- Melody Zhang

University of California, Santa Cruz

- Iris Huang
- Stanley Lo
- Stephen Lo
- Harsha Rajkumar
- Joshua Rayan
- Jiaqi (Anita) Sun
- Justin Wang
- Margaret Xi
- Catherine Zhang
- Amy Zhao

University of Chicago

• Justin Wang

University of Colorado, Boulder

Samuel So

University of Hawaii at Hilo

• Troy Frazier

University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

- Zimo (James) Zeng
- Melody Zhang

University of Massachusetts

• Edward Yuan

University of Massachusetts, Amherst

• Jiaqi (Anita) Sun

University of Michigan, Dearborn

• Zimo (James) Zeng

University of Minnesota, Twin Cities

• Amy Zhao

University of Oregon

• Edward Yuan

University of Pennsylvania

• Melody Zhang

University of Pittsburgh

- Yeqi (Katy) Wu
- Edward Yuan

University of Portland

- Ruth Arroyo
- Daniel Raboca
- Faith Zachariah

University of Rochester

• Faith Zachariah

University of San Francisco

- Christina Bean
- Ting Ting (Rena) Gu
- Ashley Kiang
- Faith Zazhariah

University of Southern California

• Melody Zhang

University of the Pacific

• Ting Ting (Rena) Gu

University of Toronto

• Zimo (James) Zeng

University Washington

- Yeqi (Katy) Wu
- Edward Yuan

University of Waterloo

• Zimo (James) Zeng

University of Wisconsin - Madison

• Zimo (James) Zeng

Virginia Commonwealth University

Melody Zhang

Westmont College

- Ruth Arroyo
- Stephen Lo

Wheaton College

Samuel So

Whitman College

• Stanley Lo

Whittier College

• Ruth Arroyo

William Jessup University

• Ruth Arroyo

Xavier University

• Ruth Arroyo

Awards & Scholarships

Letters

Letters are given to qualifying students who perform and compete in school music, theater, or athletic programs.

Fine Arts

Drama

Daniel Raboca

Instrumental Music

Aaron Chang Iris Huang

Shuo (Sunny) Liu

Gabriel Mercado

Adriana Nassar

Tobin O'Connell

Instrumental Music (cont'd)

Joshua Rayan

Samuel So

Zhuxuan (Helen) Yao

Marilyn Yuan

Zimo (James) Zeng

Vocal Music

Ruth Arroyo

Christina Bean

Carl Oskar Hetland

Shuo (Sunny) Liu

Stephen Lo

Daniel Raboca

Jiaqi (Anita) Sun

Faith Zachariah

Athletics

Baseball

Joshua Cardenas

Troy Frazier Stanley Lo

Stephen Lo

Harsha Rajkumar

Basketball

Viola Arishvara Joshua Cardenas

Troy Frazier

Carl Oskar Hetland

Paul Kanaya

Stanley Lo

Stephen Lo

Samuel So

Soccer

Paul Kanaya

Shuo (Sunny) Liu

Victoria Madrie

Jonathan Wong

Yeqi (Katy) Wu

Tennis

Daniel Raboca

Yeqi (Katy) Wu

Faith Zachariah

Track & Field

Matthew Nguyen

Harsha Rajkumar

Volleyball

Christina Bean

Carl Oskar Hetland

Iris Huang

Paul Kanaya

Adriana Nassar

Joshua Rayan

Hanna Tanaka

Justin Wang

All-League Players

Awarded by the Bay Area Conference/Bay Counties League, these athletes are selected by a vote of league coaches for outstanding play in the league.

All-League MVP

Troy Frazier - Baseball (23)
Pitcher of the Year (22)
Stanley Lo - Basketball (23)
Stephen Lo - Basketball (22)

All-League 1st Team

Baseball Joshua Cardenas (23)

Basketball

Stanley Lo (22) Stephen Lo (23) Samuel So (23)

Tennis

Yeqi (Katy) Wu (20, 22, 23)

Volleyball

Paul Kanaya (23) Justin Wang (23) All-League 2nd Team

Basketball
Carl Oskar Hetland (23)

Soccer

Shuo (Sunny) Liu (23) Jonathan Wong (23) Yeqi (Katy) Wu (22)

Tennis

Faith Zachariah (23)

Volleyball

Hanna Tanaka (22) Justin Wang (22) All-League Honorable Mention

Baseball

Joshua Cardenas (22)

Basketball

Viola Arishvara (20, 22) Joshua Cardenas (23) Stephen Lo (20)

Soccer

Paul Kanaya (23)

Volleyball

Carl Oskar Hetland (22, 23) Iris Huang (23)

Silver & Cardinal Shield

Chosen by a vote of the faculty and administration from all eligible nominees, the Silver & Cardinal Shield Award honors students who have shown broad commitment to the school through exemplary involvement, academic achievement, and Christ-like behavior. They are creative, collaborative, critical thinkers. They value community with people and treat others with compassion. This award is accompanied by a prize of \$500.

Stephen Lo Tobin O'Connell Margaret Xi Adriana Nassar Edward Yuan Faith Zachariah

High School Athlete of the Year

The Athlete of the Year award is the highest honor given by the Athletic Department to the athlete who best fulfills all the qualities of the Warrior Athlete. The Warrior Athlete has a winning attitude (Col. 3:23). The Warrior Athlete works hard (1 Peter 4:1). The Warrior Athlete is respectful (Titus 3:1). The Warrior Athlete is always prepared to play or practice (Matt. 24:44). The Warrior Athlete raises the level of teammates' play (Ps. 133:1). The Warrior Athlete consistently obeys instruction (Heb. 13:17). The Warrior Athlete helps create solutions (Phil. 4:13).

Troy Frazier Stephen Lo Yeqi (Katy) Wu

Daugherty Award

The Daugherty Award was established in recognition of former FCS Superintendent Larry Daugherty, who, acting as a mentor and teacher with spiritual maturity and professional knowledge, successfully coached Varsity Boys' Basketball to annual success leading FCS to the state basketball championships. In his honor, the Daugherty Award recognizes an accomplished athlete who demonstrated the fruits of the Spirit found in Galatians 5:22-23. For their contributions to the athletic culture and atmosphere on the respective teams and for building team morale on and off the field:

Carl Oskar Hetland

President's Education Award, Gold

Sponsored by the U.S. Department of Education, this award recognizes academic excellence. To receive this award, students must maintain a grade point average of 3.5 or higher and score in the 85^{th} percentile or greater in English or Math on a nationally recognized test.

Christina Bean Matthew Nguyen Tobin O'Connell Aaron Chang Daniel Raboca Iris Huang Harsha Rajkumar Paul Kanaya Shuo (Sunny) Liu Joshua Rayan Stanley Lo Jiaqi (Anita) Sun Stephen Lo Justin Wang Victoria Madrie Yeqi (Katy) Wu Gabriel Mercado Margaret Xi

Zhuxuan (Helen) Yao Edward Yuan Marilyn Yuan Faith Zachariah Zimo (James) Zeng Catherine Zhang Melody Zhang Amy Zhao

Thirteen Year Recognition

Recognizes students and families who have partnered with the FCS community for all of compulsory education.

Christina Bean Tobin O'Connell Jonathan Wong

Matthew Nguyen Hanna Tanaka

FCS Outstanding High School Student

Chosen by academic department faculty, one award in each subject area is given to a student for their superior academic achievement, commitment to academic integrity, and academic curiosity.

BibleCarl Oskar Hetland	Music, Vocal Carl Oskar Hetland
Computer Science Justin Wang	Science, Physical Melody Zhang
English Melody Zhang	Social Studies
Mathematics Stephen Lo	Theater Arts Daniel Raboca
Music, Instrumental Zhuxuan (Helen) Yao	

ACSI Distinguished Christian High School Student

The Association of Christian Schools International honors the top 10% of seniors in five areas. The recipients of this award are selected by the faculty and administration.

Academics	Athletics	Christian Service
Christina Bean	Christina Bean	Stanley Lo
Shuo (Sunny) Liu	Shuo (Sunny) Liu	Stephen Lo
Stanley Lo	Stanley Lo	Faith Zachariah
Stephen Lo	Stephen Lo	
Daniel Raboca	Hanna Tanaka	
Hanna Tanaka	Zhuxuan (Helen) Yao	
Margaret Xi	Faith Zachariah	
Zhuxuan (Helen) Yao		
Faith Zachariah		

Fine Arts Leadership

Melody Zhang

Christina Bean
Shuo (Sunny) Liu
Stephen Lo
Daniel Raboca
Hanna Tanaka
Zhuxuan (Helen) Yao
Christina Bean
Shuo (Sunny) Liu
Stanley Lo
Stanley Lo
Daniel Raboca
Hanna Tanaka
Hanna Tanaka
Margaret Xi

Melody Zhang Zhuxuan (Helen) Yao Faith Zachariah

California Scholarship Federation Lifetime Membership

Lifetime Membership in the California Scholarship Federation is awarded to students for consistent and superior scholarship and service. To earn this status, students must have earned membership for at least four semesters, one of which must be in their senior year.

Christina Bean Samuel So Yeqi (Katy) Wu Adriana Nassar Hanna Tanaka Amy Zhao

Highest Honors - Six Semesters

Samuel So Hanna Tanaka Yeqi (Katy) Wu

AP Scholar

The AP program bestows distinction on high school students who have demonstrated college level achievement through the AP program, beginning with those who receive scores of 3 or higher out of a possible 5 on three or more AP exams. The distinction of AP Scholar with Honor requires an average score of 3.25 or higher out of a possible 5 on all AP exams taken and scores of 3 or higher on four or more of the exams. The AP Scholar with Distinction requires an average score of at least 3.5 on all AP exams taken and scores of 3 or higher on five or more exams. The highest level for the AP Scholar awards is the National AP Scholar, for which a student must receive an average score of 4 or higher out of a possible 5 on all AP exams taken and scores of 4 or higher on five or more of these exams. Additional honors will be earned when the 2021 AP scores are released in July.

Paul KanayaJoshua RayanFaith ZachariahShuo (Sunny) LiuJiaqi (Anita) SunZimo (James) ZengMatthew NguyenEdward YuanCatherine Zhang

With Honor

Margaret Xi Marilyn Yuan

With Distinction

Iris Huang Harsha Rajkumar Melody Zhang Stanley Lo Justin Wang Amy Zhao

Stephen Lo Zhuxuan (Helen) Yao

National Merit Scholar

Commended - Of more than 1.6 million students who sat for the PSAT NMSQT, in October 2021, approximately 34,000 received the honor of being named National Merit Commended.

Shuo (Sunny) Liu Margaret Xi Melody Zhang Stephen Lo Zhuxuan (Helen) Yao Amy Zhao

Harsha Rajkumar

Finalist - Of more than 1.6 million students who sat for the PSAT NMSQT, in October 2021, approximately 15,000 received the honor of being named National Merit Finalist.

Justin Wang

Scholarships

California Scholarship Federation Chapter Scholarship

Given to a California Scholarship Federation member who has best fulfilled CSF's motto of "Scholarship for Service."

Adriana Nassar - \$500

Jason Keith Silveira Memorial Scholarship

The Jason Keith Silveira Scholarship was established in loving memory of a Fremont Christian School alumnus. The scholarship is awarded to a student based on academic merit and financial need.

Samuel So

Leroy Cloud Scholarship

The Fremont Christian School Board designates scholarship funds in honor of the school's founder, Rev. Leroy Cloud. This award is given to one senior applicant who demonstrates Christ's indwelling presence, shows spiritual maturity to the community, and plans to attend a Christian college or university.

Paul Kanaya - \$2,000

Martyna Withee Scholarship

This scholarship was instituted by Mahlon Withee, a former United States government scientist and instructor at Fremont Christian School. His desire was that Christian students be encouraged in the pursuit of scientific study. This scholarship has a potential value of \$10,000.

Samuel So Jiaqi (Anita) Sun Amy Zhao

The Vangie and Mike Lopez Scholarship

The Vangie and Mike Lopez Scholarship can be used for continuing education beyond high school. This may include trade school, specialty training school, community college, or a four-year college or university. The scholarship was initiated to reward and encourage students who have been active and positive contributors to the Fremont Christian School community.

 Viola Arishvara - \$1,500
 Christian Bean - \$2,000
 Adriana Nassar - \$2,000

 Ruth Arroyo - \$1,500
 Paul Kanaya - \$1,500
 Amy Zhao - \$1,500

College & University Scholarship - \$3.6 million

Viola Arishvara

- Azusa Pacific University
- California State University, Fullerton
- California State University, San Marco
- Concordia University

Ruth Arroyo

- University of Portland
- Whittier College
- Xavier College

Alexandria Bantugan

• Saint Mary's College of California

Christina Bean

- Azusa Pacific University
- University of San Francisco

Ting Ting (Rena) Gu

- California College of the Arts
- Maryland Institute College of Art
- Otis College of Art and Design
- School of Art Institute of Chicago
- The American Musical and Dramatic Academy

Carl Oskar Hetland

• California Baptist University

Paul Kanaya

• California Baptist University

Ashley Kiang

• Saint Mary's College of California

Shuo (Sunny) Liu

• University of California, San Diego

Stephen Lo

• Westmont College

Adriana Nassar

• Saint Mary's College of California

Daniel Raboca

- Azusa Pacific University
- California State University, Northridge
- University of Portland

Harsha Rajkumar

- Duke University
- University of California, Berkeley

Joshua Rayan

• Ottawa University

Samuel So

- Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
- George Fox University
- Illinois Institute of Technology
- University of Arizona
- Wheaton College

Jiaqi (Anita) Sun

• University of Massachusetts, Amherst

Hanna Tanaka

- Saint John's University, Manhattan Campus
- School of the Art Institute of Chicago
- University of Arizona

Zhuxuan (Helen) Yao

- Loyola Marymount University
- Pepperdine University

Edward Yuan

- Magis Campus Resident Scholarship
- Marquette University
- Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
- Santa Clara University
- University of Oregon

Marilyn Yuan

- Marquette University
- Pepperdine University
- San Francisco Conservatory of Music

Faith Zachariah

- Arizona State University
- George Fox University
- Pepperdine University
- University of Portland
- University of Rochester
- University of San Francisco

Catherine Zhang

- Arizona State University
- Santa Clara University

Melody Zhang

• University of Southern California

Amy Zhao

- Arizona State University
- School of the Art Institute of Chicago
- University of Minnesota, Twin Cities

he attire worn by the graduates and the faculty on the occasion of these Commencement Exercises has historic roots in medieval times. Dressed as they are in cap and gown, the graduates and their teachers form part of a long tradition which dates back to Paris and Bologna, to Oxford and Cambridge.

The precise origins of several parts of the academic garb are not easy to discover. However, since medieval students enjoyed the status of clerics during their university years, one is hardly far wrong in asserting that their attire found its inspiration in the clerical dress of medieval times. The gown seems to be an adaptation of the robe of friar or priest; the hood, of the monk's or friar's cowl; and the mortarboard cap of today, the end product of curious evolution, recalls the skull cap of days when tonsured heads needed protection against the drafts of medieval classrooms.

Academic attire began to appear quite generally on United States campuses in the late 1890's. Since that time, its use has become universal for solemn academic functions, and its pattern highly uniform.

THE GOWN. The gowns are three in number and styling. That of the bachelor is a yoked, closed-front garment, with long, pointed sleeves; that of the master is cut to be worn open in front, and its sleeves are long and closed, slit cut just above the elbow to allow the forearm to protrude. The gown of the doctor is also worn open and has full bell-shaped sleeves. Only the doctor's gown is trimmed with velvet panels down the front and three velvet bars on each sleeve.

THE HOOD. The hood at first seems to have been worn over the head and was attached to the gown. When the skull cap was introduced, the hood was retained, but detached and worn much as it is today. Each degree (bachelor, master, doctor) has a right to a hood, which varies in length and, in the case of the doctor's, also in pattern. The bachelor's hood is three feet long; the master's hood, three and one-half; the doctor's hood, four, with wide panels on each side.

The color or colors with which the hood is lined are those of the college or university which granted the wearer's degree. The colored velvet binding or edging of the hood, in different widths for bachelor, master, doctor, is a key to the faculty granting the degree.

THE CAP. The mortar board has become the universally accepted style in United States colleges and universities. Many European institutions still retain distinctive forms of academic headdress—for example, the University of London's tam-o'- shanter cap.

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