

Fiftieth Commencement

May 31, 2025

Prelude

Video Presentation of the Graduates

Processional - Please stand as the colors are presented

Daniel Tian-Fu Lo, USB President - **American Flag**
Daniel Tobiah Levi Hsu, Senior Class President - **Christian Flag**
Johanna Ha-Eun So, USB Vice-President - **Cross**
Jaxen Thomas Bernetsky, USB Treasurer
Brandon Ken Fung, Student Store Manager
Ianna Mazel Estabillo Ordonez, Secretary
Cami Eeseul Ramnarine, Publicist
Elena Ann Chow & Daniel Tobiah Levi Hsu, Valedictorian
Johanna Ha-Eun So, Salutatorian

Members of the Class of 2025

Faculty

Administration

Welcome and Invocation. Dr. Raymond Meyer, Principal

Greetings from the FCS Board. Mr. Thomas Esterly

Illuminare His. FCS Chamber Singers

Composed by Elaine Hagenberg

Directed by Mr. Jacob Woll

I Love You / What a Wonderful World. FCS Chamber Singers

arr. Craig Hella Johnson

Directed by Mr. Jacob Woll

Senior Address. Micah Chin-Sell

Awards & Scholarships. Ms. Malia Morris

Academic & College Counselor

Reflections. Rev. Tim Inman

Senior Thank You

Awarding of Diplomas. Dr. Tricia Meyer

Head of School

Prayer for the Graduates. Rev. Tim Inman

Chairman of the Board

Lead Pastor, Harbor Light Church

Presentation of Graduates. Rev. Tim Inman

Recessional

Send Off for Graduates. Sherry Miller Employee Plaza

FCHS Traditional Jazz Band

Graduate Photo Spot

Faculty Goodbye

Board Members

Rev. Tim Inman, Chairman

Solomon Henry, Vice Chairman

Juliana Brightwell

Thomas Esterly

Dean Guerrero, Treasurer

Sean Jiang

Hannah Johnson

Melvin Easley, Sr., Secretary

Arun Monteiro

Sabithya Onukuri

Leadership Team

Head of School Dr. Tricia Meyer

Director of Human Resources Sunitha Abraham

Director of Curriculum & Instruction Karen Behrens

Assistant to the Head of School AnnMarie Dutra

Facilities Manager John Eshelman

Director of Admissions & Records Danielle Gasper

Early Education Director Nathaniel Jimenez

Secondary Principal Dr. Raymond Meyer

Elementary Principal Esther So

Secondary Faculty & Staff

Dr. Raymond Meyer, Principal

R. Nadine Arionus, Vice Principal

Katelyn Bañuelos

Thomas Bañuelos

Karen Behrens

Naomie Bragado

Kim Chiolero

Rick Cosentino

Marie Dawod

Patrick Faulkner

Jimmy Fu

Christy Hitson

Max Tien Inman

Caroline Jeyadoss

Nick Liston

Maya Mathews

Hannah Mercado

Shirley Mohan

Malia Morris

Jason Pérénon

Sherri Prewitt

Micah Shyu

Briana Ung

Berkley Woll

Jacob Woll

Kyoko Yuan

Special Thanks

Harbor Light Production Team

John Eshelman & Facilities Department

Roz Coffey, Video Presentation and Banners

Jimmy Fu, Reader

Marie Dawod & Hannah Mercado, Senior Thank You

The Class of 2025

Elena Ann Chow, Valedictorian

Daniel Tobiah Levi Hsu, Valedictorian

Johanna Ha-Eun So, Salutatorian

Jaxen Thomas Bernetsky

Junlin Chen

Alan Cheng

David John Cherian

Micah Josiah Chin-Sell

Matthew Isaiah Christopher

Kaiwen Deng

Brandon Ken Fung

Emma Hebert

Ethan Timothy Ho

Tyler Ho

Jared Jackson

Daniel Tian-Fu Lo

Kayla To Ly

Ianna Mazel Estabillo Ordonez

Avani Avelar Patel

Kevin Qin

Cami Esseul Ramnarine

Noah Root

Sabana Kaur Sangha

Shreyas Talasila

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.

Micah Chin-Sell

Daniel Tobiah Hsu

Kayla Ly

Ethan Ho

Daniel Lo

Sahana Sangha

United Student Body Leadership Service

Jaxen Bernetsky

USB Treasurer (12th)

Alan Cheng

Class Council (10th)

David Cherian

USB Chaplain (11th)

Class Council (12th)

Elena Chow

Class Council (11th & 12th)

Brandon Fung

Class Council (10th & 11th)

USB Student Store Manager (12th)

Emma Hebert

Class Council (9th & 12th)

Daniel Tobiah Hsu

Class Council (10th)

USB Senior Class President (12th)

Daniel Lo

Class Council (9th)

USB Chaplain (10th)

USB Junior Class President and USB

Chaplain (11th)

USB President (12th)

Kayla Ly

Class Council (9th, 10th, 11th, & 12th)

Ianna Ordonez

Class Council (9th & 11th)

USB Secretary (12th)

Cami Ramnarine

USB Publicist (12th)

Noah Root

Class Council (10th & 12th)

Sahana Sangha

Class Council (9th, 10th, 11th, & 12th)

Johanna So

USB Freshman Class President (9th)

USB Sophomore Class President (10th)

USB Vice President (11th & 12th)

*University
Admissions*

University Admissions

Arizona State University, Tempe

- *Jared Jackson*

Baylor University

- *Johanna So*

Biola University

- *Avani Patel*

California Baptist University

- *Brandon Fung*
- *Daniel Tobiah Hsu*
- *Avani Patel*

California State Polytechnic University, Pomona

- *Kaiwen Deng*
- *Jared Jackson*
- *Johanna So*

California State Polytechnic University, San Luis Obispo

- *Elena Chow*
- *Jared Jackson*

California State University, Bakersfield

- *Shreyas Talasila*

California State University, Chico

- *Shreyas Talasila*

California State University, East Bay

- *Jared Jackson*
- *Johanna So*
- *Shreyas Talasila*

California State University, Fresno

- *David Cherian*

California State University, Fullerton

- *Ianna Mazel Ordonez*
- *Shreyas Talasila*

California State University, Long Beach

- *Johanna So*

California State University, Los Angeles

- *Shreyas Talasila*

California State University, Monterey Bay

- *Micah Chin-Sell*
- *Shreyas Talasila*

California State University, Northridge

- *Shreyas Talasila*

California State University, Stanislaus

- *Emma Hebert*

Chapman University

- *Sahana Sangha*

Claremont McKenna College

- *Daniel Lo*

Concordia University, Chicago

- *Avani Patel*

Concordia University Irvine

- *Avani Patel*

George Fox University

- *Avani Patel*

Grand Canyon University, Traditional Campus

- *Kayla Ly*
- *Cami Ramnarine*

Hawaii Pacific University

- *Kevin Qin*

Loyola Marymount University

- *Jared Jackson*
- *Sahana Sangha*

Menlo College

- *Kayla Ly*

Northwest Nazarene University

- *Cami Ramnarine*

Pepperdine University

- *Jared Jackson*
- *Daniel Lo*
- *Johanna So*

Purdue University

- *Tyler Ho*

St. Mary's College of California

- *Ianna Mazel Ordonez*
- *Sahana Sangha*

San Diego State University

- *Tyler Ho*

San Francisco State University

- *Alan Cheng*
- *Jared Jackson*

San Jose State University

- *Alan Cheng*
- *Daniel Tobiah Hsu*
- *Jared Jackson*
- *Ianna Mazel Ordonez*
- *Johanna So*
- *Shreyas Talasila*

University Admissions

Santa Clara University

- *Daniel Tobiah Hsu*
- *Sabana Sangha*

Sonoma State University

- *Micah Chin-Sell*
- *Emma Hebert*
- *Shreyas Talasila*

University of California, Berkeley

- *Daniel Lo*

University of California, Davis

- *Elena Chow*
- *Jared Jackson*

University of California, Irvine

- *Johanna So*

University of California, Merced

- *Kaiwen Deng*
- *Brandon Fung*
- *Tyler Ho*
- *Daniel Tobiah Hsu*
- *Jared Jackson*
- *Kayla Ly*
- *Kevin Qin*
- *Cami Ramnarine*

University of California, Riverside

- *David Cherian*
- *Micah Chin-Sell*
- *Kaiwen Deng*
- *Brandon Fung*
- *Tyler Ho*
- *Daniel Tobiah Hsu*
- *Jared Jackson*
- *Daniel Lo*
- *Kevin Qin*
- *Cami Ramnarine*
- *Johanna So*
- *Shreyas Talasila*

University of California, San Diego

- *Kaiwen Deng*
- *Tyler Ho*

University of California, Santa Barbara

- *Johanna So*

University of California, Santa Cruz

- *David Cherian*
- *Elena Chow*
- *Kaiwen Deng*
- *Tyler Ho*
- *Jared Jackson*
- *Daniel Lo*
- *Kayla Ly*
- *Kevin Qin*

University of San Francisco

- *Kayla Ly*
- *Ianna Mazel Ordonez*
- *Sabana Sangha*

University of the Pacific

- *Kayla Ly*
- *Ianna Mazel Ordonez*

University of Washington, Seattle Campus

- *Daniel Lo*

Westmont College

- *Daniel Tobiah Hsu*

William Jessup University

- *Avani Patel*

*Awards &
Scholarships*

Awards

Letters

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

Performing Arts

Instrumental Music

David John Cherian
Brandon Ken Fung
Cami Eeseul Ramnarine
Noah Root
Johanna Ha-Eun So
Shreyas Talasila

Theater Arts

Micah Josiah Chin-Sell
Brandon Ken Fung
Ianna Mazel Ordonez

Vocal Music

Emma Hebert
Daniel Tobiah Hsu

Athletics

Baseball

Daniel Tian-Fu Lo
Ianna Mazel Ordonez
Noah Root

Basketball

Brandon Ken Fung
Tyler Ho
Daniel Tian-Fu Lo
Noah Root
Johanna Ha-Eun So

Cross Country

Emma Hebert
Tyler Ho
Daniel Tobiah Hsu
Kayla To Ly
Sahana Kaur Sangha

Soccer

Jaxen Thomas Bernetsky
Brandon Ken Fung
Ianna Mazel Ordonez
Noah Root
Shreyas Talasila

Track & Field

David John Cherian
Matthew Isaiah Christopher
Emma Hebert
Tyler Ho
Daniel Tobiah Hsu
Kayla To Ly
Sahana Kaur Sangha

Volleyball

Brandon Ken Fung
Ianna Mazel Ordonez

Awards

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 1st Team

Baseball

Noah Root (24)

Soccer

Noah Root (25)

Shreyas Talasila (25)

All-League 2nd Team

Baseball

Noah Root (23)

Soccer

Jaxen Thomas Bernetsky (25)

Brandon Ken Fung (25)

Track & Field

Emma Hebert (24)

Tyler Ho (23)

Daniel Tobiah Hsu (23)

Kayla To Ly (24)

All-League Honorable Mention

Basketball

Daniel Tian-Fu Lo (24)

Ianna Mazel Ordonez (23, 24)

Johanna Ha-Eun So (24)

Soccer

Shreyas Talasila (23)

Awards

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 \$250.

Daniel Tobiah Hsu
Daniel Tian-Fu Lo

Ianna Mazel Estabillo Ordonez
Avani Avelar Patel

Cami Eeseul Ramnarine
Johanna Ha-Eun So

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).

Daniel Tobiah Hsu

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:

Johanna Ha-Eun So

Daniel Tian-Fu Lo

President's Award for Academic Excellence

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 85th percentile or greater in English or Math on a nationally recognized test.

Alan Cheng
David John Cherian
Micah Josiah Chin-Sell
Elena Ann Chow
Kaiwen Deng
Brandon Ken Fung

Ethan Timothy Ho
Tyler Ho
Daniel Tobiah Levi Hsu
Daniel Tian-Fu Lo
Kayla To Ly
Ianna Mazel Estabillo Ordonez

Cami Eeseul Ramnarine
Noah Root
Sahana Kaur Sangha
Johanna Ha-Eun So

Awards

Thirteen Year Recognition

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

Alan Cheng
Matthew Isaiah Christopher

Brandon Ken Fung
Kayla To Ly

Ianna Mazel Estabillo Ordonez

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.

Bible Daniel Tobiah Hsu
English Daniel Tobiah Hsu
Mathematics Daniel Tian-Fu Lo
Music, Instrumental Johanna Ha-Eun So

Music, Vocal Brandon Ken Fung
Social Studies Elena Ann Chow
Theater Arts Ianna Mazel Estabillo Ordonez
Humanities Micah Josiah Chin-Sell

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

Micah Josiah Chin-Sell
Elena Ann Chow
Brandon Ken Fung
Daniel Tobiah Hsu
Daniel Tian-Fu Lo
Ianna Mazel Estabillo Ordonez
Cami Eeseul Ramnarine
Noah Root
Sahana Kaur Sangha
Johanna Ha-Eun So

Athletics

Elena Ann Chow
Brandon Ken Fung
Daniel Tobiah Hsu
Daniel Tian-Fu Lo
Ianna Mazel Estabillo Ordonez
Noah Root
Sahana Kaur Sangha
Johanna Ha-Eun So

Christian Service

Daniel Tobiah Hsu
Daniel Tian-Fu Lo
Cami Eeseul Ramnarine
Johanna Ha-Eun So

Fine Arts

Micah Josiah Chin-Sell
Brandon Ken Fung
Daniel Tobiah Hsu
Daniel Tian-Fu Lo
Ianna Mazel Estabillo Ordonez
Cami Eeseul Ramnarine
Noah Root
Johanna Ha-Eun So

Leadership

Elena Ann Chow
Brandon Ken Fung
Daniel Tobiah Hsu
Daniel Tian-Fu Lo
Ianna Mazel Estabillo Ordonez
Cami Eeseul Ramnarine
Noah Root
Sahana Kaur Sangha
Johanna Ha-Eun So

Awards

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.

Kayla To Ly
Sahana Kaur Sangha

Highest Honors - Six Semesters

Johanna Ha-Eun So

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 2023 AP scores are released in July.

Alan Cheng
David John Cherian
Elena Ann Chow

Brandon Ken Fung
Tyler Ho
Daniel Tian-Fu Lo

Johanna Ha-Eun So

With Honor

Kaiwen Deng

With Distinction

Daniel Tobiah Hsu

FCHS Scholarships

Niles Rotary Club Scholarship

Granted by the local Niles Rotary Club to seniors who show an exceptional commitment to leadership through community service.

Elena Ann Chow - \$1,000

California Scholarship Federation Chapter Scholarship

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

Johanna Ha-Eun So - \$250

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.

Johanna Ha-Eun So - \$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.

Cami Eeseul Ramnarine

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.

Elena Ann Chow - \$3,333

Avani Avelar Patel - \$3,333

Johanna Ha-Eun So - \$3,333

University Scholarship - \$2.2 million

Brandon Fung

- *California Baptist University*

Emma Hebert

- *Sonoma State University*

Daniel Tobiah Hsu

- *California Baptist University*
- *Santa Clara University*
- *Westmont College*

Jared Jackson

- *Arizona State University*
- *Loyola Marymount University*
- *University of California, Davis*

Daniel Lo

- *Pepperdine University*

Kayla Ly

- *University of the Pacific*

Ianna Mazel Ordonez

- *University of San Francisco*
- *University of the Pacific*

Avani Patel

- *California Baptist University*
- *Concordia University, Irvine*
- *George Fox University*

Kevin Qin

- *Hawaii Pacific University*

Cami Ramnarine

- *Northwest Nazarene University*
- *University of California, Merced*

Sahana Sangha

- *Chapman University*
- *Loyola Marymount University*
- *Saint Mary's College of California*
- *University of San Francisco*

Johanna So

- *Baylor University*
- *California Polytechnic State University, Pomona*
- *California State University, East Bay*
- *Pepperdine University*
- *San Jose State University*
- *University of California, Irvine*
- *University of California, Merced*
- *University of California, Riverside*
- *University of California, Santa Barbara*

Shreyas Talasila

- *Sonoma State University*

The 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.