

Fifty-first Commencement

May 30, 2026

Video Presentation of the Graduates

Processional - Please stand as the colors are presented

Chyanne Huang, USB President - American Flag
Jerry Yang, Senior Class President - Christian Flag
Faith Ma, Secretary - Cross
Sasha Khmelnitskiy & Hana Lee, Publicists
Antonio Muñoz & Cederick Soktounn, Student Store Managers
Ricky Zhao, International Ambassador

Matthew Du, Valedictorian
Rebekah Sung, Salutatorian & USB Vice-President
Members of the Class of 2026
Faculty
Administration

Welcome and Invocation. Mr. Rick Troia, Principal
Greetings from the FCS Board. Mrs. Vangie Lopez
FCS Concert Choir & Ensemble.Directed by Antonio Solis

Found/Tonight
Music by Lin-Manuel Miranda, Justin Paul and Benji Pasek & arr. Jacob Narverud
Circle of Life
Student Conductor Naomi Shi
Music by Lebohang Morake and Han Zimmer/Elton John & arr. Roger Emerson
The Storm is Passing Over
Music by Charles A. Tindley & arr. Matt and Adam Podd

Senior Address. Alexander Huynh
Awards & Scholarships. Ms. Malia Morris
Academic & College Counselor
Bruch Romanze Op. 85. Rebekah Sung on Viola & Accompanied by Ms. Briana Ung
Senior Address Rebekah Sung
Thank You The Class of 2026
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
Caroline David
Christopher David

Dean Guerrero, Treasurer
Joe Kumar
Thomas Esterly

Vangie Lopez, Secretary
Arun Monteiro
Linda Miller

Leadership Team

Head of SchoolDr. Tricia Meyer
Director of Human Resources Sunitha Abraham
Director of Curriculum & Instruction Karen Behrens
Business Administrator Roz Coffey
Athletic DirectorRick Cosentino
Facilities Manager John Eshelman
Director of Admissions & Records Danielle Gasper
Assistant to the Head of School Shelly Ishida
Early Education DirectorNathaniel Jimenez
Secondary Principal Rick Troia
Elementary Principal Esther So

Secondary Faculty & Staff

Rick Troia, Principal	Patrick Faulkner	Shirley Mohan
R. Nadine Arionus, Vice Principal	Jimmy Fu	Malia Morris
Susan Ande	Christy Hitson	Sherri Prewitt
Katelyn Bañuelos	Max Tien Inman	Antonio Solis
Thomas Bañuelos	Salome Koshy	Berkley Woll
Naomie Bragado	Nick Liston	Kyoko Yuan
Kim Chiolero	Maya Mathews	
Rick Cosentino	Hannah Mercado	
Marie Dawod	Dr. Raymond Meyer	

Special Thanks

Katelyn Bañuelos, Reader
Avalon Chifan & Harbor Light Production Team
Roz Coffey, Video Presentation and Banners
Marie Dawod & Hannah Mercado
John Eshelman & Facilities Department

The Class of 2026

Matthew Enn Du, Valedictorian

Rebekah Daeun Sung, Salutatorian

Debbie Sophia Aceituno

Logan Aguilar

Derek Chung Shun Cheung

Aaron Adam Hamilton

Chyanne Jinxuan Huang

Alexander Thai Huynh

Jane Grace Inman

Sasha Alisse Khmelnitskiy

Lam Ha My

Hana Sophia Lee

Brandon Lessard

Faith Ha-Oun Ma

Sergio Eugenio Montiel

Antonio Armando Muñoz

Esmeralda Muñoz

Kalina Okamura

Kayla Nicole Punzo

Mahima Raja

Isha Rajesh

James Harley Schroeder

Naomi Huei-Sing Shi

Cederick Sektounn

Chenghao Yang

Erru Yang

Larry Yang

Yuqi Zhao

Awards,
Scholarships,
&
University
Admissions

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.

Derek Cheung
Chyanne Huang
Alexander Huynh

Hana Lee
Faith Ma
Naomi Shi

Cederick Suktounn
Rebekah Sung

United Student Body Leadership Service

Debbie Aceituno
Class Council (12th)

Chyanne Huang
Class Council (9th & 10th)
Junior Class President (11th)
USB President (12th)

Alexander Huynh
Freshman Class President (9th)
Student Store Manager (10th)
Class Council (12th)

Sasha Khmelniyskiy
Class Council (11th)
USB Publicist (12th)

Hana Lee
Class Council (9th)
USB Publicist (10th, 11th & 12th)

Faith Ma
Class Council (10th & 11th)
USB Secretary (12th)

Sergio Montiel
Class Council (11th & 12th)

Antonio Muñoz
Class Council (11th)
Student Store Manager (12th)

Kalina Okamura
Class Council (12th)

James Schroeder
Class Council (12th)

Cederick Suktounn
Class Council (9th, 10th & 11th)
Student Store Manager (12th)

Rebekah Sung
Class Council (9th)
USB Treasurer (10th)
USB Student Store Manager (11th)
USB Vice President (12th)

Jerry Yang
Class Council (9th, 10th & 11th)
International Ambassador (11th)
Senior Class President (12th)

Ricky Zhao
Class Council (11th)
International Ambassador (12th)

AP Scholars

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, the highest level award, 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. Additional honors will be earned when the AP scores are released in July.

Scholar

Hana Lee
Cederick Sektounn

With Honor

Sasha Khmelniyskiy
Mahima Raja

With Distinction

Matthew Du
Rebekah Sung

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).

Cederick Sektounn

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:

Cederick Sektounn

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

Soccer

Cederick Sektounn (26)

Volleyball

Alexander Huynh (25)

All-League 2nd Team

Volleyball

Matthew Du (26)

Alexander Huynh (24, 26)

All-League Honorable Mention

Baseball

Hana Lee (24)

Basketball

Cederick Sektounn (25, 26)

Soccer

Derek Cheung (25)

Antonio Muñoz (25)

Volleyball

Matthew Du (24, 25)

Alexander Huynh (23)

Letters

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

Athletic

Baseball

James Schroeder

Basketball

Chyanne Huang

Antonio Muñoz

Isha Rajesh

James Schroeder

Naomi Shi

Cederick Sektounn

Cross Country

Sasha Khmelniyskiy

Cederick Sektounn

Ricky Zhao

Soccer

Derek Cheung

Alexander Huynh

Antonio Muñoz

Cederick Sektounn

Jerry Yang

Tennis

Isha Rajesh

Track & Field

Chyanne Huang

Sasha Khmelniyskiy

Faith Ma

Kalina Okamura

Ricky Zhao

Volleyball

Derek Cheung

Matthew Du

Alexander Huynh

Jerry Yang

Performing Arts

Instrumental Music

Derek Cheung

Chyanne Huang

Alexander Huynh

Naomi Shi

Jerry Yang

Theater Arts

Debbie Aceituno

Alexander Huynh

Susan Lam

Antonio Muñoz

Isha Rajesh

James Schroeder

Cederick Sektounn

Rebekah Sung

Jerry Yang

Vocal Music

Debbie Aceituno

Faith Ma

Kalina Okamura

Isha Rajesh

Naomi Shi

Jerry Yang

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.

Derek Cheung

Hana Lee

Sergio Montiel

Rebekah Sung

National Merit Scholar

Commended -Of more than 1.3 million students who sat for the PSAT/NMSQT, approximately 34,000 students nationwide received the honor of being named National Merit Commended for their outstanding academic promise.

Matthew Du

Sasha Khmelniyskiy

Finalist -Of the approximately 16,000 Semifinalists in the National Merit Scholarship Program, about 15,000 students received the honor of being named National Merit Finalist.

Rebekah Sung

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	Sergio Montiel	Physical Science	Larry Yang
Mathematics	Sergio Montiel	Social Studies	Matthew Du
Music, Instrumental	Chyanne Huang	Studio Art	Cederick Sektounn
Music, Vocal	Naomi Shi	Theater Arts	Alexander Huynh

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

Derek Cheung
Matthew Du
Chyanne Huang
Hana Lee
Faith Ma
Antonio Muñoz
Naomi Shi
Cederick Sektounn
Rebekah Sung

Athletics

Derek Cheung
Matthew Du
Chyanne Huang
Faith Ma
Antonio Muñoz
Naomi Shi
Cederick Sektounn

Christian Service

Matthew Du
Hana Lee
Faith Ma
Naomi Shi

Fine Arts

Derek Cheung
Chyanne Huang
Faith Ma
Naomi Shi
Cederick Sektounn
Rebekah Sung

Leadership

Chyanne Huang
Hana Lee
Faith Ma
Antonio Muñoz
Cederick Sektounn
Rebekah Sung

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.

Debbie Aceituno	Hana Lee	Cederick Sektounn
Derek Cheung	Faith Ma	Rebekah Sung
Matthew Du	Sergio Montiel	Jerry Yang
Sasha Khmelnitskiy	Kalina Okamura	Larry Yang

Thirteen Year Recognition

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

Chyanne Huang	Kalina Okamura	Naomi Shi
Brandon Lessard	James Schroeder	

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.

Matthew Du
Hana Lee

Faith Ma
Antonio Muñoz

Naomi Shi
Cederick Sektounn

California Scholarship Federation Chapter Scholarship

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

Rebekah Sung - \$250

Niles Rotary Club Scholarship

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

Rebekah Sung - \$1,000

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.

Aaron Hamilton - \$3,333

Alexander Huynh - \$3,333

Rebekah Sung - \$3,333

Martyna Withee Scholarship

This scholarship was instituted by Mablon 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.

Rebekah Sung

Matthew Du

University Scholarships - \$2.3 million

Derek Cheung

Santa Clara University

Matthew Du

Carleton College

University of California, Los Angeles

University of California, Riverside

Chyanne Huang

University of San Francisco

Alexander Huynh

University of San Francisco

Sasha Khmelniyskiy

California State Polytechnic University,
SLO

Santa Clara University

Saint Mary's College of California

University of San Francisco

Hana Lee

Loyola University Chicago

University of Illinois, Chicago

Sergio Montiel

Saint Mary's College of California

University of Portland

University of San Francisco

Isha Rajesh

University of California, Merced

James Schroeder

San Jose State University

Saint Mary's College of California

University of California, Merced

University of California, Santa Cruz

University of Portland

University of San Francisco

Naomi Shi

California State University, East Bay

Jessup University

San Jose State University

Cederick Sektounn

Oregon State University

University of Oregon

University Admissions

Biola University

Naomi Shi

California State Polytechnic University, Humboldt

James Schroeder

California State Polytechnic University, Pomona

Chyanne Huang

California State Polytechnic University, San Luis Obispo

Sasha Khmelnitskiy

Ricky Zhao

California State University, Chico

Antonio Muñoz

California State University, East Bay

Alexander Huynh

Sergio Montiel

James Schroeder

Naomi Shi

California State University, Fullerton

Chyanne Huang

Alexander Huynh

Antonio Muñoz

Jerry Yang

California State University, Long Beach

Kalina Okamura

California State University, Northridge

Kalina Okamura

California State University, San Bernardino

Ryan Yang

Carleton College

Matthew Du

Case Western Reserve University

Matthew Du

Columbia University

Rebekah Sung

De Anza

Mahima Raja

Drexel University

Hana Lee

Isha Rajesh

Emory University

Matthew Du

Foothill College

Ryan Yang

Grand Canyon University

Alexander Huynh

Faith Ma

Jessup University

Naomi Shi

Johns Hopkins University

Rebekah Sung

Loyola University Chicago

Hana Lee

New England

Conservatory of Music

Rebekah Sung

Ohlone College

Faith Ma

Susan Lam

Oregon State University

Cederick Soktounn

Rice University

Matthew Du

Saint Mary's College of California

Sasha Khmelnitskiy

Sergio Montiel

James Schroeder

San Diego State University

Derek Cheung

Jerry Yang

San Francisco State University

James Schroeder

San Jose State University

Debbie Aceituno

Derek Cheung

Chyanne Huang

Sasha Khmelnitskiy

Sergio Montiel

Antonio Muñoz

James Schroeder

Naomi Shi

Cederick Soktounn

Jerry Yang

Santa Clara University

Derek Cheung
Sasha Khmelnitskiy

Southern Methodist University

Isha Rajesh

Stanford University

Rebekah Sung

University of Arizona

Hana Lee

University of California, Berkeley

Matthew Du
Rebekah Sung

University of California, Davis

Derek Cheung
Matthew Du
Sasha Khmelnitskiy

University of California, Irvine

Matthew Du

University of California, Merced

Derek Cheung
Matthew Du
Chyanne Huang
Sergio Montiel
Mahima Raja
Isha Rajesh
James Schroeder
Naomi Shi

University of California, Los Angeles

Matthew Du

University of California, Riverside

Derek Cheung
Matthew Du
Hana Lee
Sergio Montiel
Isha Rajesh
James Schroeder
Larry Yang

University of California, San Diego

Matthew Du

University of California, Santa Barbara

Matthew Du

University of California, Santa Cruz

Chyanne Huang
Sasha Khmelnitskiy
Hana Lee
Sergio Montiel
Mahima Raja
James Schroeder
Naomi Shi
Larry Yang

University of Illinois Chicago

Hana Lee

University of Oregon

James Schroeder
Cederick Suktounn

University of Portland

Isha Rajesh

University of San Francisco

Chyanne Huang
Alexander Huynh
Sasha Khmelnitskiy
Sergio Montiel
Isha Rajesh
James Schroeder

University of Southern California

Matthew Du
Jerry Yang

University of the Pacific

Debbie Aceituno
Chyanne Huang
Sergio Montiel
James Schroeder
Cederick Suktounn

Vanguard University of Southern California

Naomi Shi

Westmont College

Hana Lee

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.