

### COMMENCEMENT

# Forty-fourth Commencement *June 1, 2019*

### Prelude

Video Presentation of the Graduates

Processional - Please stand as the colors are presented

Thelma Mendoza, USB Vice President – <b>Cross</b> Evan Dickerson, USB Head Chaplain – <b>Bible</b> Jacqueline-Sylvia Anders, USB Publicity Officer – Light of Christ Jessica Velazquez, USB President Nicholas Leong, Senior Class President – <b>Christian Flag</b> John Sanguinetti, USB Treasurer – <b>American Flag</b> Juliana Abraham, Senior Class Council Christy Fong, Senior Class Council Hamza Naeem, Senior Class Council Brandon Yip, Valedictorian Madison Forsythe, Salutatorian and Senior Class Council <b>Members of the Class of 2019</b> Faculty Administration
Welcome and InvocationCheryl Troia, Principal
Greetings from the FCS BoardVangie Lopez
Commencement AddressEvan Dickerson, Chaplain
Living Water Vocal Ensemble "He Never Failed Me Yet"Darryl Guzman, Director

By Robert Ray Sondra DeBarr, Accompanist Awards & Scholarships.....Cheryl Troia, Principal Thank You.....Class of 2019 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

### **Board Members**

Rev. Terry Inman, Chairman Raymond Santos, Vice Chairman Lidia Aguilera Ephraim Cadaing Drew Evans

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# Leadership Team

Head of School	Dr. Tricia Meyer
Chief Operations Officer	-
Teacher Coach/Education Technology Specialist	
Assistant to the Head of School	AnnMarie Dutra
Facilities Director	John Eshelman
Registrar	Danielle Gasper
Early Education Director	Janine Sagherian
Secondary Principal	Cheryl Troia
Elementary Principal	Richard Troia

# Administrative Staff

Secondary Principal	Cheryl Troia
Vice PrincipalNau	dine Arionus
Athletic DirectorAna	lrew Edgerly

# Secondary Faculty & Staff

Katelyn Banuelos Thomas Banuelos Marie Dawod Sarah Drake Paige Ellis Jimmy Fu Jaime Garcia Julie Garcia Christopher Gomez Terry Gregory Rev. Darryl Guzman Dr. Shawn Handran Christy Hitson Marsha Hoyt Caroline Jeyadoss Carissa Johnson Deborah Knott (1948 - 2018) Andrew Kollen Hesed Lee Frances Lin Nick Liston Denise Lum Letitia Martinez-Chinn Maya Mathews Dr. Raymond Meyer Malia Morris Rebecca Naber Jason Pérénon Jennifer Petty Cassia Sollitt Lynne Sparling David Stockman Silvia Suchec Caitlin Walsh Amy Werkheiser Melanie Williams

### The Class of 2019

### Brandon Yip Valedictorian

Juliana Marie Abraham Jacqueline-Sylvia Mercedes Anders Breanna Kelli JoAnne Bean Leah Kathleen Brown Carlo Salvador Cardenas Jialiang Chen YunLing Chen Zhi Chen Ioshua Cherian Isabella Grace Chiolero Westin Michael Coffey Evan Markee Dickerson Christy Janine Fong *Iiance Gao* Chase Robert Gomez Benjamin Levi Harris Mingshan He Xufei Hua Yanheng Jiang Ruhani Kapoor Nicholas Lawrence Leong Kaijing Li Milena Lizette Lopez Nicholas Alexander Lopez Nhat Minh Luong Dingchen Ma

### Madison Spencer Forsythe Salutatorian

Maxwell Guan Mei Thelma Alicia Mendoza Hamza Farrukh Naeem Priya Narain Tammy Thu Nguyen Mark Christopher Bune Rapiz Bryan Emmanuel Rios John Robert James Sanguinetti Yen-Ning Shao Abigail Stockinger Xiaohan Tao Albert James Tiangco Jessica Raquel Velazquez Zhuoyi Wang Yarong Wei Xiaolong Wen Alexander Malcolm Wiley Austin Jordan Woo Huize Xu Muhan Yan Jiachen Yu Wing Wai Yuen Qianlong Zhang Jiayi Zhao Yanhao Zhu

# Commendations

At FCS, we believe that 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." At Baccalaureate, the graduates were 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 mentoring. The cohort finished in the top 20% of the graduating class.

Carlo Cardenas Evan Dickerson

John Sanguinetti Austin Woo Brandon Yip

# Top Ten Students

Juliana Abraham Carlo Cardenas Jialiang (Jenny) Chen Madison Forsythe Maxwell Mei Mark Rapiz Xiaohan (Sharon) Tao

Brandon Yip Jiachen (Henry) Yu Jiayi (Viki) Zhao

# United Student Body Leadership Service

Juliana Abraham Class Council (12<sup>th</sup>) Jacqueline-Sylvia Anders Publicity Officer  $(12^{th})$ Carlo Cardenas Class President (10<sup>th</sup>) Jialiang (Jenny) Chen International Ambassador (11<sup>th</sup>) Evan Dickerson Chaplain  $(12^{th})$ Class Council (10<sup>th</sup>) Christy Fong Class Council (12<sup>th</sup>) Madison Forsythe Class Council (10th, 11th & 12th) Nicholas Leong Class President (12<sup>th</sup>)

Nicholas Lopez Class Council (12<sup>th</sup>) Thelma Mendoza Vice President (12<sup>th</sup>) Class President (11<sup>th</sup>) Hamza Naeem Class Council (12<sup>th</sup>) John Sanguinetti Treasurer (12<sup>th</sup>) Jessica Velazquez President  $(12^{th})$ Technology Specialist (11<sup>th</sup>) Class Council (9<sup>th</sup>) Brandon Yip Secretary (11<sup>th</sup>) Class Council (10<sup>th</sup>)

Alabama A&M University Chase (Bubba) Gomez

American University Yarong (Michelle) Wei

#### Arizona State University, Tempe Jiance (Jerry) Gao Priya Narain

Yen-Ning (Anna) Shao Xiaohan (Sharon)Tao

Baylor University Yanheng (Regan) Jiang

Binghamton University Yarong (Michelle) Wei

**Biola University** *Evan Dickerson* 

#### California Baptist University Juliana Abraham Carlo Cardenas Hamza Naeem John Sanguinetti Jessica Velazquez

Alexander Wiley

California College of the Arts Madison Forsythe

California Institute of the Arts Wing Wai (Olivia) Yuen

California Lutheran University Juliana Abraham Hamza Naeem John Sanguinetti California Northstate University Joshua Cherian

California Polytechnic State University, Pomona Carlo Cardenas Dingchen (Milly) Ma Xiaohan (Sharon)Tao

California State Polytechnic University, San Luis Obispo Carlo Cardenas Mark Rapiz

California State University, Bakersfield *Jiance (Jerry) Gao* 

California State University, Channel Islands Christy Fong

California State University, East Bay Juliana Abraham Carlo Cardenas Christy Fong Nicholas Lopez Hamza Naeem Albert Tiangco

California State University, Fresno Qianlong (William) Zhang

California State University, Fullerton Madison Forsythe California State University, Los Angeles *Madison Forsythe* 

California State University, Monterey Bay Nicholas Leong Nicholas Lopez

California State University, Northridge *Madison Forsythe* 

California State University, Sacramento Jiance (Jerry) Gao

Chapman University Mingshan (Kathy) He

Chinese University of Hong Kong YunLing (Chloe) Chen

Clark University Kaijing (David) Li Zhuoyi (Leo) Wang

Corban University Thelma Mendoza

Drexel University Priya Narain

École Hôtelière de Lausanne, Switzerland Jacqueline-Sylvia Anders

George Fox University Nicholas Leong Thelma Mendoza John Sanguinetti

Gettysburg College Mingshan (Kathy) He

Gonzaga University Nicholas Leong Thelma Mendoza Priya Narain John Sanguinetti

Gordon College Evan Dickerson

#### Grand Canyon University

Breanna Bean Westin Coffey Chase (Bubba) Gomez Benjamin Harris John Sanguinetti Alexander Wiley

Humboldt State University Nicholas Leong Nicholas Lopez

Linfield College John Sanguinetti

Loyola Marymount University Carlo Cardenas Ruhani Kapoor

Maryland Institute College of Art Wing Wai (Olivia) Yuen

Miami University, Oxford Yanheng (Regan) Jiang

Michigan State University Yanheng (Regan) Jiang Jiayi (Viki) Zhao

Oregon State University Yen-Ning (Anna) Shao Parsons School of Design Wing Wai (Olivia) Yuen

Pennsylvania State University, Altoona Xiaolong (Ricardo) Wen

Pennsylvania State University, Harrisburg Mingshan (Kathy) He Jiayi (Viki) Zhao

Pennsylvania State University, Lehigh Valley Priya Narain

Pennsylvania State University, University Park Jiayi (Viki) Zhao

Pepperdine University Ruhani Kapoor

Point Loma Nazarene University Juliana Abraham Carlo Cardenas John Sanguinetti Jessica Velazquez

Pratt Institute Wing Wai (Olivia) Yuen

**Purdue University** Xufei (Eddie) Hua Jiayi (Viki) Zhao

Rochester Institute of Technology Wing Wai (Olivia) Yuen

Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology Jiayi (Viki) Zhao Rutgers University Xiaolong (Ricardo) Wen

Saint Mary's College of California Juliana Abraham Carlo Cardenas Ruhani Kapoor Dingchen (Milly) Ma John Sanguinetti

San Diego Christian College Alexander Wiley

San Diego State University Madison Forsythe Ruhani Kapoor Mark Rapiz

San Francisco State University Juliana Abraham Christy Fong Nicholas Lopez Hamza Naeem

San Jose State University Juliana Abraham Carlo Cardenas Christy Fong Madison Forsythe Hamza Naeem Priya Narain Xiaohan (Sharon) Tao

Santa Clara University Ruhani Kapoor Maxwell Mei

Sarah Lawrence College Jialiang (Jenny) Chen Priya Narain

Savannah College of Art and Design Wing Wai (Olivia) Yuen

School of Visual Arts Wing Wai (Olivia) Yuen

#### Seattle Pacific University Isabella Chiolero

Nicholas Leong Thelma Mendoza Jessica Velazquez

#### Seattle University Thelma Mendoza

Sonoma State University Jiance (Jerry) Gao

**Syracuse University** Xufei (Eddie) Hua Yanheng (Regan) Jiang Priya Narain

The Ohio State University Jiayi (Viki) Zhao

**Trinity College** Mingshan (Kathy) He

#### University of Arizona Dingchen (Milly) Ma Yen-Ning (Anna) Shao Xiaohan (Sharon) Tao

### University of California, Davis

Juliana Abraham Maxwell Mei Mark Rapiz Brandon Yip Jiachen (Henry) Yu Jiayi (Viki) Zhao

#### University of California, Irvine Carlo Cardenas

Carlo Cardenas Jiayi (Viki) Zhao

#### University of California, Merced

Ruhani Kapoor Maxwell Mei Thelma Mendoza Priya Narain Xiaohan (Sharon) Tao

University of California, Riverside Carlo Cardenas YunLing (Chloe) Chen Mingshan (Kathy) He Maxwell Mei Priya Narain Xiaohan (Sharon) Tao Yarong (Michelle) Wei Brandon Yip Jiachen (Henry) Yu

University of California, San Diego Brandon Yip Jiayi (Viki) Zhao

University of California, Santa Barbara Jialiang (Jenny) Chen Joshua Cherian Maxwell Mei Mark Rapiz

### University of California, Santa Cruz

Juliana Abraham YunLing (Chloe) Chen Joshua Cherian Madison Forsythe Mingshan (Kathy) He Yanheng (Regan) Jiang Kaijing (David) Li Dingchen (Milly) Ma Maxwell Mei Xiaohan (Sharon) Tao Yarong (Michelle) Wei Jiayi (Viki) Zhao University of Connecticut Jialiang (Jenny) Chen

University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign Xiaohan (Sharon) Tao

University of Massachusetts, Amherst Mingshan (Kathy) He

University of Miami Dingchen (Milly) Ma

University of Nevada, Las Vegas Jacqueline-Sylvia Anders

University of Oregon Thelma Mendoza Yen-Ning (Anna) Shao

University of Portland Thelma Mendoza

University of San Diego Ruhani Kapoor Priya Narain

#### University of San Francisco

Juliana Abraham YunLing (Chloe) Chen Yanheng (Regan) Jiang Ruhani Kapoor Thelma Mendoza Hamza Naeem Xiaohan (Sharon) Tao Yarong (Michelle) Wei Jiachen (Henry) Yu

University of Texas, Dallas Xiaohan (Sharon) Tao

University of the Pacific Nicholas Leong Priya Narain

University of Washington Jialiang (Jenny) Chen Jiayi (Viki) Zhao

University of Wisconsin, Madison Xiaohan (Sharon) Tao

Western Oregon University John Sanguinetti Westmont College Isabella Chiolero John Sanguinetti

Wheaton College Isabella Chiolero

Whittier College Thelma Mendoza Hamza Naeem

Whitworth University John Sanginetti

Willamette University Thelma Mendoza John Sanguinetti

Worcester Polytechnic Institute Jialiang (Jenny) Chen

## Awards

### Letters

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

### Fine Arts

Instrumental Music

Carlo Cardenas Madison Forsythe Nicholas Leong Nicholas Lopez Jessica Velazquez Jiayi (Viki) Zhao *Theater* Leah Brown Isabella Chiolero Evan Dickerson Abigail Stockinger Albert Tiangco *Vocal Music* Juliana Abraham Jacqueline-Sylvia Anders Breanna Bean Leah Brown Isabella Chiolero Evan Dickerson Xufei (Eddie) Hua Yanheng (Regan) Jiang Kaijing (David) Li

#### Vocal Music

Milena Lopez Thelma Mendoza Bryan Rios Abigail Stockinger Albert Tiangco Jessica Velazquez Xiaolong (Ricardo) Wen Muhan (Chloe) Yan Jiachen (Henry) Yu Jiayi (Viki) Zhao

### Athletics

Baseball Carlo Cardenas Westin Coffey Chase (Bubba) Gomez Nicholas Leong John Sanguinetti Alexander Wiley

Westin Coffey Evan Dickerson Chase (Bubba) Gomez Nicholas Leong Nicholas Lopez John Sanguinetti

Basketball

*Softball* Juliana Abraham Yen-Ning (Anna) Shao *Tennis* Leah Brown Isabella Chiolero

Cross Country

Thelma Mendoza

Soccer

Jacqueline-Sylvia Anders Breanna Bean Carlo Cardenas Westin Coffey Chase (Bubba) Gomez Eddie Hua Nicholas Leong Nicholas Lopez Thelma Mendoza Hamza Naeem Bryan Rios John Sanguinetti Jessica Velazquez Austin Woo

#### Volleyball

Breanna Bean Christy Fong Jessica Velazquez

# 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 1<sup>st</sup> Team Baseball Chase (Bubba) Gomez John Sanguinetti Alexander Wiley

> *Basketball* Chase (Bubba) Gomez John Sanguinetti

*Soccer* Carlo Cardenas John Sanguinetti All-League 2<sup>nd</sup> Team Baseball Carlo Cardenas Westin Coffey Nicholas Leong

*Basketball* Chase (Bubba) Gomez Evan Dickerson

Soccer Carlo Cardenas Chase (Bubba) Gomez Nicholas Leong All-League Honorable Mention Baseball Carlo Cardenas Westin Coffey Nicholas Leong

*Basketball* Chase (Bubba) Gomez Nicholas Lopez John Sanguinetti

Soccer

Chase (Bubba) Gomez Xufei (Eddie) Hua Nicholas Leong Thelma Mendoza

Softball Yen-Ning (Anna) Shao

Track & Field Joshua Cherian Nicholas Leong John Sanguinetti

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### High School Athlete of the Year

Selected by a vote of high school coaches, all-league honors, captain status, GPA strength, team award recognition, multi-sport play and Christ-like character in word and deed are all factors in this award.

John Sanguinetti

### Thirteen Year Recognition

Recognizes students and families who have partnered with the FCS community for all of compulsory education.Juliana AbrahamLeah BrownNicholas LeongJacqueline-Sylvia AndersIsabella ChioleroJohn SanguinettiBreanna BeanWestin Coffey

### 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	John Sanguinetti	Social StudiesCarlo Cardenas
Computer Science	Maxwell Mei	Studio Art, DesignWing Wai (Olivia) Yuen
Drama	Evan Dickerson	Studio Art, DrawingJuliana Abraham
Instrumental Music	Nicholas Leong	Vocal MusicEvan Dickerson
Mathematics	Mark Rapiz	

### 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 Carlo Cardenas Madison Forsythe Kaijing (David) Li Xiaohan (Sharon) Tao	Athletics Carlo Cardenas Isabella Chiolero Nicholas Leong Thelma Mendoza John Sanguinetti Jessica Velazquez	Christian Service Carlo Cardenas Isabella Chiolero Evan Dickerson John Sanguinetti Jessica Velazquez
Fine Arts	Leadership	
Carlo Cardenas	Carlo Cardenas	
Isabella Chiolero	Isabella Chiolero	
Evan Dickerson	Nicholas Leong	
Madison Forsythe	Thelma Mendoza	

John Sanguinetti

Jessica Velazquez

### President's Education Award, Gold

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

Jialiang (Jenny) Chen YunLing (Chloe) Chen Joshua Cherian Madison Forsythe Nicholas Leong

Nicholas Leong

Jessica Velazquez

Dingchen (Milly) Ma Maxwell Mei Xiaohan (Sharon) Tao Jessica Velazquez Xiaolong (Ricardo) Wen Brandon Yip Jiachen (Henry) Yu Jiayi (Viki) Zhao

# 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 vear.

Juliana Abraham	Joshua Cherian	Brandon Yip
Carlo Cardenas	Dingchen (Milly) Ma	Jiayi (Viki) Zhao

#### Highest Honors - Six Semesters

Isabella Chiolero John Sanguinetti

### **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 three 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 these exams.

Juliana Abraham Joshua Cherian	Xiaohan (Sharon) Tao Xialong (Ricardo) Wen	Brandon Yip
<b>With Honor</b> Madison Forsythe	<b>With Distinction</b> Maxwell Mei Mark Rapiz	<b>National AP Scholar</b> Maxwell Mei

### National Merit Scholar

**Commended** - Of more than 1.6 million students who sat for the PSAT in October, only 34,000 received the honor of being named National Merit Commended. Maxwell Mei

### 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, Christ like attitude and behavior. This award is accompanied by a prize of \$300.

Carlo Cardenas	Thelma Mendoza
Isabella Chiolero	Bryan Rios
Evan Dickerson	John Sanguinetti

# Scholarships

### Niles Rotary Club Scholarship

Granted by the local Niles Rotary Club to seniors who show an exceptional commitment to leadership through community service. Jacqueline-Sylvia Anders - \$1,000 Dingchen (Milly) Ma - \$1,000

### California Scholarship Federation Chapter Scholarship

Given to California Scholarship Federation members who have best fulfilled CSF's motto of "Scholarship for Service." Dingchen (Milly) Ma - \$750

### 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.

Isabella Chiolero - \$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 achievement. Thelma Mendoza - \$10,000

# College & University Scholarships - \$3.8 million

#### Juliana Marie Abraham

- California Baptist University
- California Lutheran University
- Point Loma Nazarene University
- Saint Mary's College of California
- University of San Francisco

#### Carlo Salvador Cardenas

- California Baptist University
- Loyola Marymount University
- Saint Mary's College of California

### Jialiang (Jenny) Chen

- Sarah Lawrence College
- Worcester Polytechnic Institute

### YunLing (Chloe) Chen

- University of California, Riverside
- University of San Francisco

#### Isabella Grace Chiolero

- Seattle Pacific University
- Westmont College

### Evan Markee Dickerson

- Biola University
- Gordon College

# College & University Scholarships

#### Madison Spencer Forsythe

• California College of the Arts

### Chase (Bubba) Robert Gomez

- Alabama A&M University
- Grand Canyon University

### Benjamin Levi Harris

• Grand Canyon University

### Yanheng (Regan) Jiang

• Baylor University

### Ruhani Kapoor

- Loyola Marymount University
- Pepperdine University
- Saint Mary's College of California
- Santa Clara University
- University of San Diego
- University of San Francisco

### Nicholas Lawrence Leong

- George Fox University
- Seattle Pacific University

#### Maxwell Guan Mei

• University of California, Riverside

#### Thelma Mendoza

- George Fox University
- University of Oregon

### Hamza Farrukh Naeem

- California Baptist University
- California Lutheran University

#### Priya Narain

- Drexel University
- University of the Pacific

### John Robert James Sanguinetti

- California Baptist University
- California Lutheran University
- George Fox University
- Gonzaga University
- Grand Canyon University
- Linfield College
- Point Loma Nazarene University
- Saint Mary's College of California
- Western Oregon University
- Westmont College
- Whitworth University
- Willamette University

### Xiaohan (Sharon) Tao

- Arizona State University, Tempe
- University of Arizona
- University of San Francisco

### Jessica Raquel Velazquez

- California Baptist University
- Point Loma Nazarene University
- Seattle Pacific University

### Alexander Malcolm Wiley

• San Diego Christian College

#### Wing Wai (Olivia) Yuen

- Maryland Institute College of Art
- Parsons School of Design
- Savannah College of Art and Design

### Jiayi (Viki) Zhao

• Michigan State University

Special Thanks Elice Leong, Senior Media Show Randy Benitez, Sound Engineer Will Davi & Rob Antonio, Lighting Jimmy Fu, Reader Darryl Guzman & Paige Ellis, Rehearsal Directors Secondary Office Support Team Facilities Department 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.

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