Commencement Program
Bren Events Center
June 17, 2019
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Congratulations to the Class of 2019!

UC Irvine Paul Merage School of Business Commencement Ceremony

June 17, 2019
9:30 a.m. | Bren Events Center
Enrique Lavernia, PhD, Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor, presiding
Program

PROCESSIONAL
Mace Marshal and Distinguished Alumnus........................................ Reza Sabahi, MBA ’09

ACADEMIC PROCESSION
Platform Party
Advanced Degree Candidates
Baccalaureate Candidates

SPECIAL GUESTS
Enrique Lavernia, PhD, Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor
Stuart McClure, Distinguished Executive Speaker
Brian Hervey, Vice Chancellor for University Advancement and President, UCI Foundation
Golden Graduate Robert Bunyan, MS ’69

FACULTY & SENIOR STAFF ON THE PLATFORM
Eric R. Spangenberg, Dean

(in alphabetical order)

Chris Bauman
Tony Bradford
Machiavelli (Max) Chao
Kim Chatani
Vidyanand Choudhary
John Clarke
Kirsten Daniel
Cristina Del Campo
Courtney Elmes
Thomas Eppel
Mary Gilly
Tony Hansford
Joanna Ho
Jon Kaplan
David Knuff
Leonard Lane
Cornelis Los
Tingting Nian
Gerardo Okhuysen
Jone Pearce
Emile Pilafidis
Mort Pincus
Reza Sabahi
Christopher Schwarz
Devin Shanthikumar
Terry Shevlin
Zheng Sun
John Turner
Alladi Venkatesh
Patricia Wellmeyer
Maia Young
PROGRAM

National Anthem .................................................................................................Presented by Angelica Tan
Master of Professional Accountancy, ’19, The Paul Merage School of Business

Welcome ............................................................................................................ Enrique Lavernia, PhD
Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor, University of California, Irvine

Remarks about Today’s Ceremony ............................................................. Eric R. Spangenberg, PhD
Dean, The Paul Merage School of Business

Distinguished Executive Commencement Speaker ............................. Stuart McClure
CEO and Founder, Cylance

Graduating Student Speakers ........................ Kristina Yosifova, Business Administration ’19
Michelle Quilici, Master of Finance ’19

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES

Conferring of the Degrees .................. Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor, Enrique Lavernia

Doctor of Philosophy Degree Candidates ................................. Terry Shevlin, PhD
Professor of Accounting, Paul Merage Chair in Business Growth &
Associate Dean of Research and Doctoral Program

MBA Degree Candidates ............................................................... Joanna Ho, PhD
Professor of Accounting & Associate Dean of Masters Programs

Master of Professional Accountancy Degree Candidates ............ Patricia Wellmeyer, PhD
Clinical Assistant Professor of Accounting & Academic Director of the MPAc Program

Master of Finance Degree Candidates ............................................ Zheng Sun, PhD
Associate Professor of Finance & Academic Director of the MFin Program

Master of Science in Business Analytics Degree Candidates ............... Joanna Ho, PhD
Professor of Accounting & Associate Dean of Masters Programs

Bachelor of Arts Degree Candidates ............................................. Maia Young, PhD
Associate Professor of Organization and Management & Associate Dean of Undergraduate Programs

CONCLUDING REMARKS AND RECESSIONAL

Dean Eric R. Spangenberg, PhD
(Please remain seated until recessional is completed.)

RECEPTION AT THE PAUL MERAGE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS*

You are welcome to join us in celebration at a light reception in the Merage School courtyard
immediately following the ceremony.

*If attending, please reposition your automobile from the Bren Events Center to the Merage School
parking garage (Social Sciences Parking Structure).

SOCIAL MEDIA

Stay connected! Share your photos, follow and tag us to see Commencement photos and videos.

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With life comes change, and with change comes opportunity. On behalf of everyone at The Paul Merage School of Business, I offer my sincere congratulations to you – and to all those family and friends who have supported you – as you embark on the next phase of opportunity in your life. On this day of celebration, we are all reminded how hard you have worked and how you have grown to enable yourself to take advantage of the opportunities ahead.

This year, the Merage School graduates nearly 850 leaders in business, including those from our Undergraduate business major; our Full-Time MBA, Fully Employed MBA, Executive MBA and Health Care Executive MBA programs; our three Specialty Masters programs in Professional Accountancy, Finance and Business Analytics; and our Doctoral program. Each of you has earned a degree that will continue to pay dividends for the rest of your life.

The Merage School is proud of our part in developing world-ready visionary leaders who will inspire trust, think critically, drive innovation and challenge the status quo. Our rigorous academic programs are taught in a purposefully collaborative setting surrounded by leading global executives from our vibrant and supportive Orange County business community and beyond. We are committed to our vision to be at the forefront of education and research among globally preeminent business schools.

In the constantly evolving environment of a digitally driven world, our world-class research faculty are developing and disseminating the knowledge necessary for business and not-for-profit communities to anticipate and take advantage of emerging challenges. A critical component of economic success is effective and timely business strategies designed to sustain profitable business growth. The Merage School’s strategic plan builds on the strength of the school to deliver educational excellence valuing diversity, collaboration, inclusivity and respect.

Today, you join an elite group of alumni across the globe. I encourage you to return to your alma mater often, whether to seek further enrichment, expand your network or give back to current students seeking your mentorship and support. You have a responsibility as a proud Merage School alum to serve as an ambassador for the School; I hope we have earned your enthusiasm and willingness to do so.

Finally, we at The Paul Merage School of Business thank you for the enrichment you have brought to the School, for the lessons you have taught us and for the opportunity to share in your success on this special day. We are the better for it, and will always continue to strive to be the very best.

Eric R. Spangenberg, PhD
Dean, The Paul Merage School of Business
Stuart McClure leads Cylance as its CEO and visionary for a new approach to threat detection, protection, and response. His leadership sets the strategic direction, operational execution and fiscal investments of the company. McClure is one of the leading experts and practical thinkers in the computer security industry today. With a highly regarded 25-year history in the security industry, McClure has led some of the most notable companies in the space.

Prior to Cylance, McClure was EVP, Global CTO and General Manager of the Security Management Business Unit for McAfee/Intel Security, where he was responsible for a $3 billion consumer and corporate security products business. During his tenure at McAfee, McClure established an elite team of security researchers called TRACE, which frequently discovered zero-day vulnerabilities and emerging threats in embedded and critical infrastructure. Before McAfee, McClure formalized the cybersecurity program at Kaiser Permanente, a $34 billion healthcare company.
Awards for Excellence

FULL-TIME MBA

Joseph W. McGuire Award
Highest Grade Point Average
Garrett Shafer

George W. Brown Award
Overall Academic Excellence and Exceptional Service to The Paul Merage School of Business
Abhay Mathur

Paul and Lilly Merage Visionary Award
Caleb Downey

Dean’s Scholar and Beta Gamma Sigma Award
Hideshi Aoki
Alp Anil Ates
Kapil Kumar Goyal
Katherine Hunt
Niels Holger Ibsen
Adam Kantor

Lauren Rosario
Nicolas Anthony Salvatierra
Garrett Shafer
Lauren Shreve
Jason Tkaczuk

Beta Gamma Sigma Award
Christopher David Badger
Kenichi Handa
Katherine Heartney

William Miller
Joy Mina
Pravat Nanda

EXECUTIVE MBA

Highest Grade Point Average
Jon Frank

Dean’s Scholar and Beta Gamma Sigma Award
Jon Frank
Shamim Imani
Vrushali Joshi

Michelle Kloosterman
Jason M. McBride

Beta Gamma Sigma Award
Tomohiro Matano
Jeremy W. Salles

HEALTH CARE EXECUTIVE MBA

Highest Grade Point Average
Munish Sharma, MD, OD, FAAO

Dean’s Scholar and Beta Gamma Sigma Award
Rahul Bhola, MD
Betha Schnelle
Munish Sharma, MD, OD, FAAO

Beta Gamma Sigma Award
Heather Kubinec
William Wang, MD
FULLY EMPLOYED MBA

Highest Grade Point Average
Marisol Christinson
Edward Kim
Joshua Steven Valdivia

Dean's Scholar and Beta Gamma Sigma Award
Marisol Christinson
Zachary Wayne Cox
Philip Ross Erford
Alexander Lee Hess
Brenton K. Higa
Linda Kang
Edward Kim
Aravind Krishnamoorthy
Helen Chang Low
Morgan Taylor McVey
Eric J. Ruggio
Joshua Steven Valdivia
Emily Koeckhoven Walker

Beta Gamma Sigma Award
Dharmendra Bhanage
Daniel Chen
John Rha
John Dang
Matthew Hoehne
Akhil Kapoor
Luke R. Stephenson
Clinton Treece
Karen Galang Ty

MASTER OF PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTANCY

Highest Grade Point Average
Jeanette Chan-He
Andrew Fox
Ahyoung Park

Dean's Scholar and Beta Gamma Sigma Award
Majid Bouresli
Xuewei Bu
Jeanette Chan-He
Kimberly Do
Andrew Fox
Xinran Guo
Wanjing He
Kaizhen Li
Dejun Meng
Ryan Navarro
Ahyoung Park
Kyle Poppinga
Sisi Shao
Qi Sun
Peng Wang
Amanda Wu

Beta Gamma Sigma Award
Derek Chang
Zixuan Dong
Bing Li
Xueying Li
Kangni Liu
Ke Ma
Aaron Frank Newland
Anthony Nguyen
Josephine Shen
Suha Thabet
Ling Wang
Margaret Yanni

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN BUSINESS ANALYTICS

Highest Grade Point Average
Geetika Jain

Dean's Scholar and Beta Gamma Sigma Award
Nijanth Anand
Pamela Askins
Yan Cheng
Geetika Jain
Ankita Kumari
Wai Phyo
Wen Ya Shen
Yi Zhang

Beta Gamma Sigma Award
Yiting Fu
Xinqi Lin
Lin-Yi Liu
Tiancheng Lyu
Samira Kumar Varadharajan
Qinyu Xia
BACHELOR OF ARTS

Andrew J. Policano Award
Presented to the graduate who best represents the ideals of the Merage School as demonstrated by both academic performance and contributions to the Merage School community.

Vy Le

Chancellor’s Award of Distinction
Presented in collaboration with the UC Irvine Alumni Association, these graduating seniors represent exceptional academic achievement and a commitment to cutting-edge research, leadership and service to UC Irvine.

Vy Le
Julie Lim
Andres Pinedo Oceguera

Exceptional Service Award
Presented to the graduate who demonstrated an extraordinary amount of service to the Merage School and/or on behalf of the Merage School community.

Julie Lim

Phi Beta Kappa**

Carmen Jiying Seto

Cum Laude and Beta Gamma Sigma Award

Magna Cum Laude and Beta Gamma Sigma Award*

Belinda Wei Yin Chen
Emerson Chow
Xuan Deng
Alizee Hache
Taylor Leigh
Kun Li
Susan Mikhail

Kalpita Prabhu
Prakash Singh Sandhu
Shidi Sun
Melissa Tran
Tess Ting-Ting Wang
Yutian Zhang
Chuyue Zhou

** Nominated
* Eligible for Honors at Graduation; will be awarded based on cumulative record at the end of the final quarter
Candidates for Doctor of Philosophy

Esther Bailey
Chair: Terry Shevlin
The Consequences of Pay Dispersion on Employee Perceptions and Productivity

Dominique Braxton
Chairs: Connie Pechmann, Eric Spangenberg
Technology Based Self-Service in Brick and Mortar Retail Stores: A Self Determination Theory Perspective on Consumer Perceptions of Control

Jie Gao
Chair: David Hirshleifer
Investor Overconfidence, Over-extrapolation Bias, Mutual Fund Flow and Performance

John Morton
Chair: Jone Pearce
Diversity’s Dark Side: Dominant Group Blowback to Organizational Diversity Policies

Alexander Ruiz
Chair: Jone Pearce
Unpacking Benevolent Sexism through an Investigation of the Effects of Helping Behaviors on Women

Alexandra Toll
Chair: Gerardo Okhuysen
Engaging Paradoxes in Family Law: How Performing, Belonging, and Organizing Tensions Evolve with the Implementation of a New Case Management System

Kelly Eunjung Yoon
Chair: Connie Pechmann
How Posting Goal-Related Photos on Social Media Affects Consumer Goal Motivation: The Divergent Effects of Photos about Goal Intent versus Goal Pursuit
Candidates for Master of Business Administration

Full-Time MBA

Khushbu Agarwal
Eugene Ahn
Borja Alonso Monforte
Hideshi Aoki
Alp Anil Ates
Samuel D. Atkins
Christopher David Badger
Mario Bernaba
Evan Bollinger
Mark Brookman
Clelia Alexandra Clark
Chirag Dayani
Elizabeth DeLong
Praya Pradana Dharmosetio
Caleb Downey
Katelyn Friesen
Shea Patrick Gallagher
Bogdana Gavrilenko
Kapil Kumar Goyal
Jeffrey Goyer
Apurv Gupta
Niharika Gupta
Maryte Hope Gylys
Kenichi Handa
Wei He
Katherine Heartney
Darren Henderson
Yuan Hu
Pei Fan Hung
Katherine Hunt
Niels Holger Ibsen
Hayato Iwamura
Kyle Jago
Mingoo Kang
Adam Hadley Kantor
Faraz Ahmed Khan
Srikanth Kyatham

Grant Larkin
Max Lechner
Sang Bong Lee
Seung Jun Lee
Jason Luzak
Rui Mao
Abhay Mathur
William Miller
Joy Mina
Vidyasagar Mohan Ram
Matthew Morris
Hannah Mylabathula
Pravat Gourav Nanda
Sriranjeevi Saravana Narayanaswamy
Lorena Niebla
Michael Alexande Niechayev
I-Chuan Ning
Hiroki Ogawa
Aruto Okamura
Reeti Patel
Valentina Polunina
Lauren Elise Rosario
Yash L. Rusconi-Rodrigues
Suyash Sahay
Rohit Saklecha
Nicolas Anthony Salvatierra
Jonathan Kenneth Schilling
Jonggook Seo
Garrett Shafer
Ilsoo Shin
Takuro Shinohara
Lauren Shreve
Nisha Jaibir Singh
Pacifico L. Soldati
Jian Sun
Zhijie Sun
Roxanne Talamayan-Pascua
Lindsay Taylor
Marissa Testa
Chongxian Tian
Jason Tkaczk
Anne Werner
Naofumi Yoshida
Joseph N. Zakaria
Xiaoyu Zhang
Peng Zhang
Jijun Zhang
Eric Zuniga
Candidates for Master of Business Administration

Executive MBA

Rajesh Arora
Rodney N. Arthur
Jyothi Atluri
Anil A. Augustine
Debra Baetz
Kathryn Cranford
Erik Delgadillo
Oswaldo Diaz
Jon Frank
Shamim Imani
Robby O’Bryan Jones
Vrushali Joshi
Michelle Kloosterman
Michelle Marie Lugo
Cecilia Luna Holowko
Anita Majabo Baker
Tomohiro Matano

Jason M. McBride
Greg McCord
Josh Militante
Karen Noblett
Lakshmi Randall
Arlis Reynolds
Amy Roblyer
Joe Rodriguez
Jeremy W. Salles
Umm E. Salma
Jeremy Schwartz
Clint Seader
Denis Solomon
Dieter Trippel
Murthy Vijjapu
Scott William Wollack
Kashif Zubair

Candidates for Master of Business Administration

Health Care Executive MBA

Alireza Amouzadeh
Ahmed Badr
Rahul Bholia, MD
Christine Anne Carlson
Melissa Chang, MD
Ivan Coziahr
Lyndsay Cozort
Valerie M. Dixon
Kyle Fortinsky, MD
Anupam Gupta, MD
Heriberto Guillen, MD

Tony Kamran Khan, DO
Heather Kubinec
Bryan McCann
Betha Schnelle
Munish Sharma, MD, OD, FAAO
Louay Shawesh, MD
John Justin Miciano Sy
Armine Usepyan
William Wang, MD
Lisa Warren, DO
Candidates for Master of Business Administration

Fully Employed MBA

Tabitha Adams
Maclovio Antonio Aguilar
Junaid Ahmed
Mohamed Assad
Behrad Baghbanian
Jonathan R Baker
Dharmendra Bhanage
Brian William Briskey
Brett W. Brown
Andrew Burke
Jennifer Cardenas
Subrina Cariaga
Florencio M. Carlos
Emily W. Chan
Sam Chen
Mmarisol Christinson
Calvin Chu
Andrea Chung
Zachary Wayne Cox
Nestor Wolfgang Crespin
John Dang
Daniel Ukpong David- Jr.
Sarah de Crescenzo
Setareh Derakhshandeh
Brianne Michelle Eaton
Noosha Eftekharian
Philip Ross Erford
Hillary Evans
Johnny W Fambro III
Matthew Ryan Flannery
Anusha Priya Gangapuram
Amit Ghia
George Gold Goodman
Elizabeth Ashley Hartnett
Alexander Lee Hess
Brenton K. Higa
Matthew Hoehne
Lauren Natalie Hogue
Summer Houssainy
Armen Hovanesian
Caitlyn Huynh
Priyanka Jain
Surkhaab Judge
Linda Kang
Akhil Kapoor
Manish Khandelwal
Husam Khoudari
Edward Kim
Aravind Krishnamoorthy
Kevin Kung
Lyman L. Lam
Jeff Law
Aaron Leung
Helen Chang Low
Rose Gabriello Coyle
Hao Mach
Steven Martinez
Hassan Zia Mather
Morgan Taylor McVey
Mandy M Miao
Stephanie Pierre Mitri
Matthew Manuel Montoya
Erica Moreno
Dhyana Kritika Morris
Taylor Nichols
Jingwen Nie
Edwin Ocampo
Ryan Stephen O’Connell
Stephanie Onstot
Civan Orakcilar

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Elijah Park
Mehmet Parlak
Atul Patel
Mehul Suryakant Patel
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Shrey Prajapati
Reaz Rahman
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Seyedehmania Sadaghianpoor
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Scott Shepler
Emma Simon-Aredes
Gundeep Singh
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Luke R. Stephenson
Sean Stringer
Brian Taw
Daniel Tiderman
Devyn Katherine Tran
Karen Galang Ty
Joshua Steven Valdivia
Noel Vonuelos
Emily Koeckhoven Walker
Andrea Weideman
Ryo Yamaki
David Yuchan Yang
Kevin Christian Yenko Young
Trevor Zeller
Candidates for Master of Professional Accountancy

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William Amsbary
Samsun Anika
Christopher Anthony
Mojtaba Bagherzadeh
John Barlow
Catherine Barton
Arthur Basmajian
Majid Bouresli
Xuewei Bu
Rachel Bushrow
Xiaohui Cai
Rusty Caldwell
Jeanette Chan He
Derek Chang
En Ping Chang
Angelina Chen
Si Chen
Siyu Chen
Yumeng Chen
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Yiwen Cui
Kimberly Do
Zixuan Dong
Jing Du
Jamey Etherton
Huaqing Fan
Andrew Fox
Xinran Guo
Shan Guo
Wanjing He
Kimberly Hedges
Peihua Huang
Xiaoyu Huang
Michelle Huynh
Derrick Hwang
Aaron Jatana
Tevin Jeffers

Renxin Jia
Hanrong Jiang
Yiming Jin
Amy Kaul
James Kim
Simona Kurta
Justin Lam
Thien Le
Crystal Lee
Jonathan Lee
Sharon Lenh
William Leonard
Bing Li
Jayue Li
Kaizhen Li
Wenda Li
Qixuan Li
Xueying Li
Xiyue Liang
Jiaqi Lin
Alex Ling
Angela Lou
Bendi Liu
Chen Liu
Kangni Liu
Wan Lam Liu
Xiang Long
Zhuohui Lou
Boyuan Lu
Guangrong Lu
Jingyang Ma
Ke Ma
Li Ma
Jacqueline McGraw
Dejun Meng
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Jared Nassaney
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Ya Gao
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Javaneh Javaheri
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Nguessan Kouadio
Aaron Koubi
Derek Leung
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Ziwen Liang
Warren Lim
Qingyu Liu
Jiasheng Mai
Humam Mansser
Emily Martinez
Emily Myer
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Tianmu Nie
Abel Ortega Jr.
Yuchen Pan
Sixian Qiu
Michelle Quilici Trujillo
Louis Raymond
Harmon Richmond
Antoine Roblin
Xinyi Shen
Vijay Shethna
Evan Shimon
Luis Silva
Siddharth Srikanth
Robert Stiefel
Jonathan Sung
Levina Sutanto
Livia Sutanto
Gabriella Turino
Louri Verchok
Mengqiao Wang
Ning Wang
Xinyue Wang
Yihan Wang
Zitao Wang
Peici Xia
Shiming Xu
Sonia Xu
Zixiang Xu
Yangming Yan
Yaochong Yan
Yidian Yang
Lauren Yi
Jinglin Zha
Chi Zhang
Shiyi Zhang
Zhengming Zhang
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Pablo Barajas Pena
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Daria Bedareva
Anusha Bhat
Abhyudit Bisht
Chaoran Chen
Guanhang Chen
Xi Chen
Xi Chen
Yun-Chu Chen
Yan Cheng
Brianna Chew
Graciela Christina
Shaojie Chu
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Shruhi Desai
Kaitlyn Drake
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Amaya Hawkins
Wen-Ling Hsieh
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Geetika Jain
Dahye Kang
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Ankita Kumari
Chu-ting Lee
Wei-Ping Lee
Liyuan Li
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Xinqi Lin
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Xiaohui Liu
Yuzi Liu
Tiancheng Lyu
Wenjia Ma
Milisha Merchant
Brandon Nguyen
Daniela Orowi ro
Javier Orraca
Maryna Pavlenko
Wai Phyo
Mark Planas
Ignacio Saldano
Wen Ya Shen
Xinran Su
Xin Sui
Xiaoting Sun
Shengxin Tang
Samira Kumar Varadharajan
James Wang
Yu-Fang Wang
Alicja Wilk
Qinyu Xia
Kailun Xu
Haoying Yang
Irene Yang
Shen Yang
Prilliana Yanuar
Pramodhini Yayavaram Somasekhar
Seung Hyun Yoo
Songting Yu
Xinfang Zhang
Yi Zhang
Candidates for Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration

Maria Abrajan Manzanares
Yemima Wiridy Aji
Salahaldeen Ali
Chika Angelina
Alexandra Arellano
Abdullah Arif
Philip Au
Patil Avanesian
Anita Anahis Bachkabakian
Angelica Balbuena
Gurjinder Singh Basran
Valene Rose Basua
Melissa Bautista-Nino
Deric Jackson Beatty*
Brooke Lynn Belt
Sarah Brandenburg
Julian Bridy
Logan Carroll
Ricardo Israel Casillas
Nataly Castellanos
Linel Angela M. Catacutan
Rose Cha
Vicky Chai
Rainey Chak*
Andrew Vincent Chang
Tzu-Yu Chang
Edgar Chavez Maciel
Stephanie Chavez
Ming Yi Cheah
Ethan Edward Chee
Belinda Wei Yin Chen
Bingqing Chen
Chiajo Chen
Ivy Chen
Shannon Chen
Yongyin (Aria) Chen
Zhuyuan Chen
Ziyao Chen
Jessica Cheng
Yuhan Cheng*
Kimberly Sy-Qin Chin
Daewoong Choi
Emerson Chow
Jason Christianson
Sarah Rose Conant
Juliette Cooley
Anthony Cortes
Qijing Cui
Ryan Deck*
Xuan Deng
Harmit Dhanda
Yiwei Ding
Thanh Ngoc Thien Do
Levan Dolidze
Ruoping Dong
Zhuoyan Duan
Rui Fang
Meghan Elizabeth Fodor
Mark Foo Si Xiang
London A. Freeman
Howard Gan
Anna Gevorkyan
Maria Elizabeth Godoy
Lianna Joy Grider
Caroline Rachel Gudijanto
Carmen Guo
Xuan Guo
Monica Gustilo
Alizee Hache
Antoinette Denise Hall
Seyoung Han
Tae Han
Shayna Alexandra Harris-Cheskes
Venezia Harrison
Frida Herrera Lozano
Suzy Hong
Tiger Hong*
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Ying Hu
JuKai Huang
Yijing Huang
Hsin-Yu Hung
Michael George Hyman II
Savianno Iglesias
Vrinda Dilip Jagad
Pattarin Jaroensinsunthorn
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Biubiuia Kempirbaeva
Tiba Khalid
Hyun Ji Kim
Matthew Kim
Sehyun Joseph Kim
Sara Kurian
Sidney Cruz Lacad
Carol Sheng-Ye Lai
Yu-Hua Wendy Lai
Hafsaah A. Lakhany
Emily Lao
Aaron Lau*
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Ryan Mitchell Lebda
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Jasmine K. Lee
Melissa Joy Lee
Samuel Youngtekk Lee
Wu-Fan Lee
Taylor Leigh
Laura Garcia Lemus
Melissa Leong
Emily Leung
Kun Li
Michelle Li
Warrong Li
Huanteng Liang
Julie Lin
Aaric (Shenghao) Lin
Steffi Lin
Yan Ling Lin
Yulan Lin
Olivia Wing Lok*
Angelina Long
Xochitl Amalia Lopez Morales
Alison Hui Yan Lu
Jesus Rigoberto Luis-Mendez*
Xiangtian Luo
Mai Le Tuong Luong*
Kasey Khanh Luu
Andrew Ly
Christopher K. Lyu
Haixiang Ma*
Mingxiaoxiao Ma
Kharla Magpoc
Zhiying Mai
Patrick Mailoa
Shirley Mak
Priya Neela Manke
Liith Martirosyan
Peter Joshua Masado
Madison May
Sammy Mei
Alexa Meyers
Susan Mikhail
Emily Mo
Nohemy Elizabeth Mones
Sean Moore
Nadine Mora
Alyssa Morris
Pablo Munoz
Carlos Francisco Nevarez Jr.
Brandon Michael Newberg
Pauline Ngo
Annette Hudson Nguyen
Huyen Nguyen
Isaac Nguyen
Nhat Linh Nguyen
Stephanie Nguyen
Victor Nguyenbui
Ryan Njotovidijojo
Andres Pinedo Oceguera
Oh Jeong Woo
Calvin Oktavius
Demi Ong
Carlie Ozaki
Priyanka Paintal
Hannah Park*
Kenny Park
Nicolo John Patungan
Hao Peng
William Giovanni Perez Jr.*
Yen Cathy Pham
Sharon Phan
Kalpita Prabhu
Claudia Pratadaya
Amie Prathammas
Giselle Quintana-Reyna
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Monica Anne Reyes
Osvaldo Reyes
Adrian Rios-Alvarez
Elena Rodarte
John Jose Rodriguez
Jennifer Rojas-Muro
Josephine A. Ros
Dylan Sanchez
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History of Commencement

The colorful traditions surrounding academic regalia – gowns, caps, hoods, tassels, and cords – date back to the first European universities. What began in the Middle Ages as clothing worn by clerics to provide warmth in damp, unheated buildings progressed, by the time of Henry VIII of England, to detailed codes of dress prescribed by Oxford University and Cambridge University. In the late 1900s, universities in the U.S. began to assign specific colors to signify the different academic disciplines, and those colors now appear in the trim of graduates’ gowns, the edging of hoods, and sometimes on the tassels of caps. The color white for example, which at Oxford and Cambridge is the white fur trim of baccalaureate hoods, in America was assigned to arts, letters and humanities graduates.

GOWNS

Baccalaureate gowns, usually black, have wide pointed sleeves and are worn closed. Master’s gowns have oblong slit sleeves that open at the wrist and are worn open or closed. Doctoral gowns have bell-shaped sleeves and are worn closed. Holders of the Doctoral degree may wear a velvet facing on the front of the gown and three velvet bars across the sleeve. The velvet may be black or it may be the color appropriate to the subject in which the wearer holds the degree.

HOODS AND TASSELS

Hoods are ornamental folds draped down the back of the shoulders of academic gowns worn by Master’s or Doctoral degree graduates. Master’s degree candidates wear hoods lined with colors that reflect their course of study, such as Business Administration. Doctoral degree hoods have a silk lining with the colors of the institution from which the wearer has graduated. Graduates from the University of California system wear hoods lined with blue and gold, the university’s official colors, as well as colored velvet bands.

The color of the velvet band on the Master’s and Doctoral hood indicates the title of the degree; the band on Master of Business Administration hoods is acetone gold/royal blue. A doctorate recipient, regardless of the field of study, wears dark blue because the title of the degree is Doctor of Philosophy.

At the University of California, Irvine, all graduates wear a duo-color tassel made up of the University’s colors, blue and gold. The year is stamped on the reverse side of the University of California, Irvine, official seal. Undergraduates receiving a degree have their tassel start on the right side and then it is moved to the left. Graduate level degree recipients start the tassel on the left side and it is not moved.

HONORS AND CORDS

UC Irvine baccalaureate graduates, who have received campus-wide Latin honors (summa cum laude, magna cum laude, cum laude), wear gold cords. The Chancellor’s Award of Distinction recipients wear the blue and gold shoulder cord. Those who have received academic unit awards and prizes, or who have been elected to honor societies, wear blue cords.

Graduate candidates receiving the Dean’s Scholar award wear two gold cords and those receiving the Beta Gamma Sigma award wear a blue and gold cord. Silver cords are for shareholders of the Dean’s Leadership Circle.

MACE

From its origins in the Middle Ages, the club shaped staff known as a mace has gradually taken on ceremonial character as a symbol of authority. In an American tradition begun in 1789 by the first Speaker of the House, the U.S. House of Representatives’ mace is one of the oldest symbols of our nation’s government, and is used both to open all sessions of the House and in the inaugural ceremonies for all Presidents of the United States.

The UCI Alumni Association, with the assistance of Associate Vice Chancellor Student Affairs Emeritus Chuck Pieper and Scenic Shop Supervisor Keith Bangs of the Claire Trevor School of the Arts, presented the UC Irvine Mace to the campus on May 12, 2000. While the silver orb at the top of the staff might be the first thing to catch the eye, the staff itself is memorable and unique. Carved from California oak, it is fashioned to resemble the nose of an anteater, the school mascot. The UC Irvine Mace was first carried at the 2000 Commencement ceremonies by the president of the UCI Alumni Association, Deborah Daniel. The Mace is always carried by a distinguished UC Irvine alumnus or alumna and leads the Commencement processional.
About the School

The Paul Merage School of Business develops and equips leaders with critical business and leadership skills needed to succeed through programs that are continually adapted to address the ever-changing social, technological and economic opportunities and challenges in our digitally driven world. We offer four dynamic MBA programs, a Master of Professional Accountancy, Master of Finance, MS in Biotechnology Management, MS in Business Analytics, MS in Engineering Management, PhD and undergraduate business degrees that focus on creative and critical thinking skills, strategic decision-making, leadership, innovation, and collaboration through in-class and on-site experiences with real-world business problems.

While the Merage School is relatively young, it has quickly grown to consistently rank among the top 5% of all AACSB-accredited programs through exceptional student recruitment, world-class faculty, a strong alumni network and close relationships with both individual business executives and global corporations. We combine the academic strengths and best traditions of the University of California with the cutting-edge, entrepreneurial spirit of Orange County in the heart of Southern California’s Tech Coast.

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