PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE
To The Graduates

Dear graduate,

Congratulations! You did it – and we could not be more proud of your accomplishments. Today marks a milestone in your life and sets you on a path for an exciting and fulfilling future.

Earning a degree takes dedication and determination in the best of times. For more than two years, you had to overcome challenges never before seen in our lifetime. And, through it all, you showed amazing perseverance and resilience.

I am continually inspired by the creative thinking and work our students do to spark innovation, creativity and discoveries. As you embark on the next chapter of your lives, I know you will continue to work hard, take risks and ask questions.

Today, you join our more than 57,000 alumni who have gone on to be leaders in their communities and fields. Whether you are entering the workforce, going to graduate school or planning something else, I hope you will make use of this valuable network and remain connected to our campus.

On behalf of all of us at California State University San Marcos, congratulations again on this monumental achievement.

The world is waiting for you! Go Cougars!

Sincerely,

Ellen J. Neufeldt, Ed.D.
President
Academic Regalia and Ceremony

The caps and gowns worn by graduates and faculty are based on costumes used in universities of the 14th and 15th centuries, particularly at Oxford and Cambridge in England. This academic dress has been used in the United States from colonial times and was standardized by an 1895 Intercollegiate Code of Academic Costume. Like the military of medieval times with its pages, squires and knights, the academic world has long had three basic grades of dignity and achievement. These are undergraduates, bachelors and masters (or doctors).

The distinction between masters and doctors is comparatively recent; both imply the right to teach. Black is the most common color for academic gowns. There is no trimming on the gowns for bachelor’s or master’s degrees. For the doctoral degree, the gown is faced down the front with black or colored velvet and with three bars of the same across the sleeves. The color in the master’s costume is restricted to the hood worn around the neck and down the back. This is edged with velvet or a color that indicates the subject area of the degree received and is lined with silk of the colors of the institution that granted the degree.

Doctors have a larger and more open hood lined, like the master’s hood, with the colors of the degree-granting institution and trimmed with the light blue color that signifies the education discipline. As noted above, gowns have black or colored velvet on the sleeves and the front. Usually doctors will wear a gold tassel on their cap. In recent years, some universities have broken away from the traditional scheme and allowed their doctors to wear brighter, more original costumes; for instance, Yale’s blue with black trim and Harvard’s crimson and black.

Candidates for bachelor’s degrees do not usually wear hoods.

Academic Honors

California State University San Marcos recognizes students who have attained distinction by the awarding of Latin honors.

There are three distinctions of Latin Honors:

- **Summa Cum Laude** (with highest praise) requires a grade-point average of 3.9 to 4.0.
- **Magna Cum Laude** (with great praise) requires an average of 3.7 to 3.89.
- **Cum Laude** (with praise) requires an average of 3.5 to 3.69.

Honors designees wear a gold cord.

Class champions/student philanthropists wear a blue and white cord.

Academic Mace

Following a long history as an article of war, by the 14th century the mace became a symbol of authority and pageantry that was used in processions by city mayors and other dignitaries. Academic institutions included the mace as an emblem of order and authority in ceremonial occasions. The first recorded use was at the University of Vienna in 1385.

The California State University San Marcos mace is mounted on stage whenever degrees are granted or when the faculty is assembled in formal academic dress.

Cal State San Marcos is unusual in that it has two ceremonial maces. The first is an informal mace that recognizes the special relationship the campus has with the Takeout, the Luiseño name for mountain lion. This mace was carved in wood by a member of the Luiseño tribe and is ornamented with beads. The student body president or a chosen representative carries the informal mace in the commencement recessional.

The chair of the Academic Senate or a chosen representative carries the formal mace while leading the faculty in the commencement recessional. The formal mace is made of walnut and brass. It bears the official seal of the university and is inscribed with the date the campus was founded. It was donated by the Cal State San Marcos Alumni Association in May 1998.

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Juanita Page Cooke

Carol Lazier grew up in Northern California, attended UCLA and Foothill College, worked as a dental hygienist, and moved to the San Diego area where she raised her three children in Poway. Lazier believes that education provides the foundation for a successful life. The challenges of the application process, and finding the right college for her children, motivated her to co-found Explore Solutions, a 501c3 that has provided comprehensive college and career information to high school students since 2006. She is likewise an enthusiastic supporter of CSUSM for its impressive community involvement, innovative real-world curriculum and inclusivity. Lazier supports the ACE Scholars program, School of the Arts and opens her home to fundraising events for the university. In 2014, she extended her support of the University of California San Diego, Rady School of Management by underwriting the Lazier Family Chair for Social Innovation and Impact.

Her other main area of philanthropy is the arts. Lazier and her second husband, Dr. James Merritt, who were both San Diego Opera board members, were instrumental in preventing the closure of the San Diego Opera in 2014 and led its financial recovery and renewal as a community resource. She has served on the boards of the San Diego Museum of Art and the San Diego Symphony.

Lazier has also contributed to Moores Cancer Center, Jacobs Medical Center UCSD and Palomar Health. Her philanthropy has received national recognition. In 2015, Lazier was named Philanthropist of the Year by the Association of Fundraising Professionals and in 2017 she received a National Opera Trustee Recognition Award from Opera America. She currently serves on the board of Opera America, San Diego Opera and Interfaith Community Services.

Cooke was part of the team of National Institutes of Health researchers, led by Christian B. Anfinsen, who conducted groundbreaking and seminal research on protein folding in the 1950s and ’60s. Anfinsen went on to win the 1972 Nobel Prize in Chemistry for the findings. Cooke contributed significantly to Anfinsen’s work while in his lab at NIH and was a co-author on two of the publications cited in his Nobel Prize acceptance lecture.

As a Black woman born in Virginia in 1931, she diligently pursued her dreams of a career in science and graduated with a degree in biochemistry from Bennett College in North Carolina in 1952. She began working at the NIH soon after and was hired at work in Anfinsen’s lab from 1958 until the late 1960s. She went on to head the Office of Special Concerns at the NIH’s National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute.

Cooke, who died last year, was never awarded a doctorate for her foundational contributions to the field of protein folding. But she has had immeasurable influence on many generations of scientists who have followed in her footsteps to the threshold between the worlds of biology and chemistry.
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David Barajas
Adam Bedolla
Dara Consuelo Bonds
Daniel Cano
Chavez
Victoria Esperanza Dominguez
William Branson Dyke
Brian Jay Estrada
Edgar J. Garcia
Joel Reiner
Raymond William Nelson
Colin A. Patrick
Garrett Joseph Ruht
Yuruan R. Quiñones
Danielle Anne Sennar
Jayde Michael Siewerting
Ryan James Trinity
Ryan Lee VanClief
Alessandra Dolores Villa
Xiongzhang Xu

Bachelor of Science
BIOCHEMISTRY
Andres Rosa Arango
Alma Aula Dogra
Jason Baustista
Cole R. Bever
Juliana Christine Cossio Capitulli
Marta Patricia Chacón
Sara Michelle Collins
Jennifer Cox
Sarah K. Ellen
John C. Humphries
Kwanne Olivia Jansen
Kristina Rae Jones
Marc S. LaGoy
Junho Lee
Lauren M. Jouni

Bachelor of Science
BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES
Bachelor of Science
Master of Science
BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES
Madison J. Conte
Alex González
Nicolete M. Gordon
Luis A. Hernández, Jr.
Lindsey Kortes
Carlos C. B. Lees
Theresa A. Yde
Jorge L. Pietrana
Christian R. Preston Rubio
Michael L. Rhoney
Carla L. Sanders
Lydia R. Stiffler
Hannah D. Suarez
Juliana M. Weber
Halley M. Voltz
Bachelor of Science
BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES
Hamid Sadjadi-Arfaei
Adrienne Aguilar
Jazmínque Aguilera
Baker Al Rawi
Eileen Alba
Andrea C. Alvarado
Thaly Álvarez
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Sachin Haridas Apte
Amanda M. Arenas
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Gillian Leigh Berg
Power Timothy Berry
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Carson Michael Bunch
Jazmínque Bunagaga
Phyllis Alexa Burt
Liliane M. Empeno Cabucagan
Jose Callebien
Jacobo Kolos Cato
Amanda Paige Cano
Jazmínque Coloma Caperton
Carly C. Corby
Kristen Joseph Carter
Melisa Castil
Jae-Hyun Chang
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Edwin Cepedes
Mía Chaffin
Chihyang Chou
Crecez Caterino Cordero-Barr
Carlos Francisco Coroza
Alajiah Christine Corras
Kaylin Elisabeth Cox
Jenesia Alvez Cruz
Lauren Day
Isriel Marcelo Cumbacub
Jacob Michael Cuccia
Jessica Maria Cupa
Karen Casas
Ida Libby Cordero De Carvalho
Victoria Alves De Lira
Ornar Alexander De Leon
Miguel Luna Del Val
Erik Diaz-Segovia
Abigail Dixon
Nicole Driscoll
Jarrel Marie Duval
Jayna Cekeli Echadi
Virgin D. Edmondson
Andrea Berenée Elsässer
Quinn Enquist
Jackson H. Fan
Juan Manuel Fajardo
Rukia Farid
Yasmine Céleste Felipe
Sierra Mae Fitzgerald
Julia Alexey Flores
Tori Cato
Claudia Irene Garcia
Savana Madayel Gemus
Jaylin S. Glazier
Zakeley R. Goddard
Cindy Gamez
Edisardo A. González
Beverly Andrea González
Ivan G. González
Jenny González González
Alexis Sophia Graham
Ariel Gregory
Katya Yesheh Guerrero
Dana-Niao Guoshun
Curt Alphonso Guirado
Juliana Guiterrez
Tupac Amaru Gutierrez
Yokimi Cristal Hagen
Sarah Kimiko Hansen
Katarina Jenna Haskell
Miranda Leigh Herrera
Shane Hendel
Tanner Rose Hildebrand
Celine J. Holtquist
Branka Violet Holley
Cameron James Holt
Bradley Thomas Hunter
Lydia N. Hurley
Vanessa Elise Jacinto
Mania Sara Jalili
André Ildefonso Jameison
Gabrielle Jennings
Sergio Felipe Jeronimo
Sarina Clare Johnson
Lauren M. Jones

COLLEGE OF
SCIENCES, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING,
AND MATHEMATICS

Friday, May 20, 2022 | 9:00 a.m.

VOCALIST
Lauren Jouni

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS
Dr. Carl Kemnitz, Provost & Vice President for Academic Affairs
Dr. Ellen J. Neufeldt, President

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS
Conferring of Honorary Doctorate Degree

GREETINGS FROM THE FACULTY
Dr. André Kündgen, Faculty Grand Marshal

UNIVERSITY AWARDS
Presented by Dr. Jackie Trischman, Dean

SPECIAL REMARKS
Madison Fay Wagner

CONFERRING OF
MASTER’S DEGREES

CONFERRING OF
BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

CONCLUDING REMARKS
Dr. Carl Kemnitz, Provost & Vice President for Academic Affairs

RECESSION OF GRADUATES
“Pomp and Circumstance March No. 1”
Sir Edward Elgar
Bachelor of Arts

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COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES, ARTS, BEHAVIORAL AND SOCIAL SCIENCES
CEREMONY (2) Friday, May 20, 2022 | 6:00 p.m.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS
Dr. Carl Kemnitz, Provost & Vice President for Academic Affairs

SPECIAL REMARKS
Dr. Andre Kündgen, Faculty Grand Marshal

UNIVERSITY AWARDS
Presented by Dr. Elizabeth Matthews, Provost & Vice President for Academic Affairs

MAGNA CUM LAUDE
CUM LAUDE
SUMMA CUM LAUDE
COMMENCEMENT 2022

Saturday, May 21, 2022 | 9:00 a.m.

VOCALIST
Abigail Penuelas

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS
Dr. Carl Kemnitz, Provost & Vice President for Academic Affairs
Dr. Ellen J. Neufeldt, President for Academic Affairs

GREETINGS FROM THE FACULTY
Dr. Allison B. Scheer-Cohen, Faculty Grand Marshal

UNIVERSITY AWARDS
Presented by Dr. Bennett Cherry, Interim Dean

SPECIAL REMARKS
Rachael Lafenhagen

CONFERING OF MASTER’S DEGREES

CONFERING OF BACALAUREATE DEGREES

CONCLUDING REMARKS
Dr. Carl Kemnitz, Provost & Vice President for Academic Affairs

RECESSION OF GRADUATES
Presented by Dr. Nathan M. Baskin

COMMENCEMENT 2022 | MAGNA CUM LAUDE

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María Guadalupe González Zeledón
Kevin Michael Gordon
Jamar D. Goss
Adam Robert Cruse-Martinez
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Blayton Anthony Cisneros
Anthony Jacob Guerrero
Juan Alberto Guillen
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Alfonso Ortiz
Nicolas Antonio Rosas
Sahara Bowhan
Lucie Ruiz
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Gabriel Zaman
Patrick Zapata
Richard Zawoek
Zori Zavodnik
Derrico Zayden
Regina Zelinka
Danielle Zerillo
Levi Michael Zingara
Samantha Zylick •
COMMENCEMENT 2022 | 1:30 p.m. CEREMONY (1)

VOCALIST
Grace Davis

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS
Dr. Carl Kemnitz, Provost & Vice President for Academic Affairs
Dr. Ellen J. Neufeldt, President for Academic Affairs
GREETINGS FROM THE FACULTY
Dr. Allison Schear-Cohan, Faculty Grand Marshal
UNIVERSITY AWARDS
Presented by Dr. Jennifer Ostergren, Dean

SPECIAL REMARKS
Fernanda Hernandez Garcia

CONFERRING OF DOCTORATE AND MASTER’S DEGREES

CONFERRING OF BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

CONCLUDING REMARKS
Dr. Carl Kemnitz, Provost & Vice President for Academic Affairs

RECESSIONAL OF GRADUATES
“Pomp and Circumstance March No. 1”
Sir Edward Elgar

COMMENCEMENT 2022 | 5:30 p.m. CEREMONY (2)

VOCALIST
Ceremonies and Entertainment

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS
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CONCLUDING REMARKS
Dr. Carl Kemnitz, Provost & Vice President for Academic Affairs

RECESSIONAL OF GRADUATES
“Pomp and Circumstance March No. 1”
Sir Edward Elgar

COMMENCEMENT 2022 | 8:00 p.m. CEREMONY (3)

VOCALIST
Ceremonies and Entertainment

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS
Dr. Carl Kemnitz, Provost & Vice President for Academic Affairs
Dr. Ellen J. Neufeldt, President for Academic Affairs
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CONCLUDING REMARKS
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“Pomp and Circumstance March No. 1”
Sir Edward Elgar
Pomp and Circumstance March No. 1, "RECESSIONAL OF GRADUATES"

Dr. Carl Kemnitz,

CONCLUDING REMARKS

BACCALAUREATE DEGREES AND MASTER'S DEGREES

CONFERRING OF DOCTORATE

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SPECIAL REMARKS

Presented by Dr. Jennifer Ostergren,
Dean

UNIVERSITY AWARDS

Dr. Ellen J. Neufeldt,
President

Provost & Vice President

Dr. Carl Kemnitz,

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WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Dr. Carl Kemnitz, Provost & Vice President for Academic Affairs

Dr. Ellen J. Neufeldt, President

GREETINGS FROM THE FACULTY

Dr. Alison Schae-Cohan, Faculty Grand Marshal

UNIVERSITY AWARDS

Presented by Dr. Jennifer Ostergren, Dean

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION, HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Saturday, May 21, 2022 | 6:00 p.m.
CEREMONY (2)

CONFERENCING OF DOCTORATE AND MASTER’S DEGREES

CONFERENCING OF BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

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RECESSIONAL OF GRADUATES

"Pomp and Circumstance March No. 1, "Sir Edward Elgar"
Dear graduate,

Please accept my warmest and most heartfelt congratulations on achieving a truly momentous goal in your life. You set your sights on earning a degree; and now, that goal is a reality. That is a wondrous accomplishment, and I hope you feel a well-deserved sense of pride.

I hope you are filled with a sense of kinship and gratitude, as well. So many people have given so much to enable your success: faculty who illuminated your academic path; counselors, advisers, librarians, coaches and support staff who fostered an encouraging environment; family, friends, mentors and colleagues who gave their time and treasures to facilitate your journey. As you celebrate your success, please remember to celebrate their support as well.

Unlike any other graduating class, your university experience has been shaped in extraordinary ways by more than two years of a global pandemic. During those years, you have developed and honed attributes that will benefit you for a lifetime. Your resilience and adaptability will become career strengths. Your creativity and resourcefulness will define you. Your courage and determination are, in my eyes, already legendary. While it might have been different than the college experience you envisioned when you started your journey, these years have made you sharper, tougher, brighter and more purpose-driven than ever before.

With this rite of passage we call “commencement,” you will join a dynamic, global network of more than 4 million California State University alumni. They are a remarkable force for good, and I am certain that your addition will multiply their contributions to our communities, to our state and to the world. I ask that you use the knowledge, skills and personal qualities you have developed to work for justice, to seek opportunities to foster equity, and to always uplift and empower others. Stay connected to your campus and look for ways to give back. Support future generations who aspire to follow in your footsteps.

As you step boldly into your future, I know I speak for every member of the California State University community when I express our collective pride in your perseverance and success. Your resolve shines as a symbol of hope and optimism. Again, congratulations, class of 2022!

Sincerely,

Jolene Koester
Interim Chancellor

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