



GOLDEN GATE UNIVERSITY

COMMENCEMENT

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April 27, 2025

*Associate, Baccalaureate, Master, and
Doctoral Degrees for Graduates of the Class of 2025*

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WELCOME

Barbara Mendelson, BS '84, Past Chair, Golden Gate University Board of Trustees

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

Dr. David J. Fike, President, Golden Gate University

STUDENT SPEAKERS

*Nana Akua Akyeabea Ampere, Master of Laws in International Business and Finance Law
Melanie Abuyan Short, Bachelor of Arts in Law Studies*

PRESENTATION OF HONORARY DEGREE

Dr. David J. Fike, President, Golden Gate University

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

California Treasurer Fiona Ma, CPA, MS Taxation '93

STUDENT & FACULTY AWARDS

Dr. Bruce Magid, Provost, Golden Gate University

AWARDING OF DIPLOMAS

*Dr. David J. Fike, President, Golden Gate University
Robert Shoffner, Executive Director, Ageno School of Business
Mark Yates, Dean, School of Law
Dr. Rocco Lamanna, Executive Director, Braden School of Taxation and School of Accounting
Dr. Joaquin Gonzalez, Dean, GGU Worldwide
Dr. Nate Hinerman, Dean, School of Undergraduate Studies*

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION WELCOME

Golden Gate University Alumni Association

RECESSIONAL

BIO: Fiona Ma is California's 34th State Treasurer and the first woman of color and the first CPA to hold the position. Treasurer Ma has been a licensed CPA in California since 1992 and holds a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting from the Rochester Institute of Technology, a Master's Degree in Taxation from Golden Gate University, and an MBA from Pepperdine University.

Message from the President

Dear Golden Gate University Graduates,

Congratulations on this extraordinary milestone! Today, you join the proud ranks of GGU alumni—a community that has stood as a beacon of leadership, ambition, and resilience for over a century.

Golden Gate University has long been synonymous with workforce development in the San Francisco innovation economy. From our beginnings educating the California Gold Rush workers in downtown San Francisco to our current role as a remote-first university guided by Bay Area scholar practitioners, GGU has prepared graduates to excel in times of transition and opportunity, not just locally but globally. Just as those first students pursued knowledge while building California's future, you have balanced your own complex lives—working, studying, and dreaming—to reach this moment.

The workplace you enter today is one in transition. But you are ready. The skills you have cultivated here—critical thinking, adaptability, and a commitment to lifelong learning—are not just academic achievements. They are the tools that will allow you to lead, innovate, and create meaningful change. Whether you advance in your current career, pivot to a new path, or redefine your field, you continue a legacy of perseverance that is uniquely GGU.

You are now part of a global network of GGU graduates who have consistently demonstrated that education is the most powerful catalyst for personal and professional transformation. From tech innovators in Silicon Valley to social entrepreneurs in emerging markets, GGU alumni have proven that practical education coupled with passionate purpose can reshape industries and communities.

As you move forward, remember that your success is not just a personal triumph, but a testament to the resilience of everyone who supported you—your families, your instructors, and all of us at GGU who believe in the potential of every student.

We are proud of all that you have accomplished. Congratulations, Class of 2025. You are the leaders, innovators, and changemakers our world needs.

With admiration and best wishes,
Dr. David J. Fike
President
Golden Gate University

Message from the Board Chair

Dear Class of 2025,

On behalf of the Board of Trustees of Golden Gate University, it is my great honor to congratulate you on reaching this extraordinary milestone. Today, you stand on the threshold of a new chapter, joining a legacy of nearly 70,000 graduates who, like you, have embraced the call to lead, innovate, and drive meaningful change in their communities and beyond.

Your graduation comes at a time of profound transformation—not just for you personally, but for Golden Gate University and the world around us. As San Francisco takes bold steps to address challenges and create a brighter future for all its residents, GGU is embracing this same spirit of reinvention. Our mission, deeply rooted in access and opportunity, has never been more relevant. From humble beginnings as a literary reading group in the San Francisco Central YMCA—when only one in two thousand men had a college education—to an institution that now enrolls over 5,000 students from around the world, GGU continues to break barriers and expand pathways to success.

This year, we celebrated another remarkable milestone: the graduation of our first cohort of 300 GGU graduates from China—trailblazers who completed our fully online Master's degrees delivered in Mandarin and who, like you, exemplify the power of education to transform lives. You now join them as part of a global network of GGU alumni who are shaping industries, championing equity, and leading with purpose.

As you step forward, I encourage you to carry the values of resilience, curiosity, and service that have defined your journey at GGU. Continue to challenge conventions, forge new opportunities, and remain lifelong learners. Wherever your path takes you, remember that Golden Gate University will always be your home—a place that believes in your potential and celebrates your success.

Congratulations, Class of 2025! We can't wait to see how you make your mark on the world.

With pride and best wishes,
Melinda A. Dunn, MBA '81
Chair, Board of Trustees
GGU Board of Trustees

Introduction

Golden Gate University, a private nonprofit university, has been helping adults achieve their professional goals by providing undergraduate and graduate education in accounting, law, taxation, business, and related areas since 1901.

GGU traces its origins to an evening lecture series started by the San Francisco YMCA during the California Gold Rush.

The first degree-conferring program of the university started in 1901, with the formation of California's first evening law school. By offering classes at night, Golden Gate University made legal studies available to the working adult.

Today, Golden Gate University is a leader in graduate and undergraduate education in law, accounting, taxation, business and related professions. As always, GGU emphasizes hands-on learning taught primarily by professionals practicing in the field or with substantial professional experience.

During its long and often colorful history, GGU has consistently been a pacesetter:

- Opened the first night school in San Francisco. Initially begun in the mid-1850's, it became the YMCA Night School (1881), the YMCA Evening College (1894), Golden Gate College (1923), and finally Golden Gate University (1972).
- Started the first evening law school in California (1901), which was the third law school to open in Northern California. The Law school is accredited by the American Bar Association.
- Survived two major earthquakes, the 1906 quake that destroyed its building, and the 1989 Loma Prieta, which caused extensive damage to the east wing of the main campus in San Francisco.
- Began the West Coast's first four-year accounting program (1908). Golden Gate University counts among its alumni several winners of the Elijah Sells award for outstanding performance on the national CPA exam.
- Initiated Northern California's first evening program for students seeking an MBA degree (1950).
- Offered the first evening program in the Bay Area for students seeking the master of public administration degree.
- Was a leader in bringing the case-study method of instruction and the scholar/practitioner concept to the classroom, which is now widely used in business schools throughout the world.
- One of the top degree-conferring institutions for graduate-level degrees in taxation.
- Innovated military base programs from the 1960s through the 1990s - a spirit that continues today in the programs offered to our veterans and active duty students with online degree programs and participation in the Yellow Ribbon Program.

Academic Costume

The origins of academic dress date back to the 12th and 13th centuries, when universities were taking form. Students and teachers wore long gowns and hoods for protection against the cold of unheated buildings. During the 14th century, Oxford and Cambridge prescribed a definite academic dress. The European universities followed; however, their academic dress had a great diversity of specification and color. American colleges and universities opted for a definite system for all institutions to use. In 1895, representatives of American schools codified standards for academic dress with the establishment of the Intercollegiate Dress Code.

THE GOWN: The flowing gown comes from the twelfth century. Traditionally it is black for all degrees. The bachelor's gown is relatively simple, with long, pleated front panels, and intricate shirring across the shoulders and back. The gown is worn closed and distinguished by its long, pointed sleeves. The master's gown is also relatively simple. It has a very long sleeve, oblong in shape, with an arc cut out of the bottom of the front. The gown may be worn open or closed. Gowns for doctoral degrees may also be worn opened or closed. The sleeves are bell shaped and carry five-inch-wide velvet panels all the way to the bottom of the garment. Three horizontal velvet bars are stitched on the upper arm of the sleeves. This velvet trimming may be either black or the color distinctive of the academic discipline to which the degree refers.

THE CAP: When Roman law freed slaves, they won the privilege of wearing a cap. The academic cap is a sign of freedom of scholarship and the responsibility and dignity with which scholarship endows the wearer. Old poetry records the cap of scholarship as square to symbolize the book. The cap worn almost universally in academic processions is the Oxford cap, better known as the mortarboard. The tassel may either be black or reflect the scholarly subject, although only doctoral degree recipients may have gold thread. A different style cap, the Cambridge cap, resembles a large beret also known as a tam.

THE HOOD: The hood is the most distinguishing feature of all academic costumes. Originally, it seems to have had three uses: As a head covering, as a shoulder cape, or, when hung from the shoulder, as a bag in which alms could be collected. The size and shape of the American hood marks the college degree of the wearer. The hood's outside is bordered with velvet of the proper width to indicate the degree and the proper color to indicate the department or field of study. The shape of master's hood and doctoral hood is similar, the former being three and one-half feet in length and the latter four feet. The respective widths of the velvet borders are three inches for the master's and five inches for the doctoral hoods. The covered lining inside the hood is the official color of the institution conferring the degree. Thus, the lining for the GGU hood is blue.

Colors

For all academic purposes, the colors associated with the different disciplines are as follows:

Master of Arts	White
Doctor or Master of Business Administration	Tan
Executive Master of Public Administration	Peacock Blue
Master of Accountancy or Master of Science	Golden Yellow
Doctor of Jurisprudence, Master of Laws or Master of Law Studies	Purple

Honors at Graduation

Honors are awarded to associate, bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degree graduates who have maintained cumulative grade point averages in their Golden Gate University degrees.*

Associate Degrees:

High Honors 3.750 – 4.000GPA

Honors 3.500 – 3.749 GPA

Bachelor's Degrees:

Summa Cum Laude 3.900 – 4.000 GPA

Magna Cum Laude 3.750 – 3.899 GPA

Cum Laude 3.500 – 3.749 GPA

Master's Degrees:

Highest Honors 4.000 GPA

High Honors 3.900 – 3.999 GPA

Honors 3.800 – 3.899 GPA

Law Doctoral Degrees:

Highest Honors 4.000 GPA

High Honors 3.900 – 3.999 GPA

Honors 3.800 – 3.899 GPA

All graduates who are awarded honors status wear a golden rod (yellow) honor cord with their regalia. GGU graduates who have served in the military wear a red, white, and blue cord with their regalia. GGU graduates who are international students wear a navy cord with their regalia.

*Honors are based on GPA as of fall 2024. Honors status will be finalized once degrees are conferred.

Outstanding Student Awards

Edward S. Ageno School of Business

Master of Arts in Counseling Psychology

Claire Kathleen Yaeger

Master of Arts in Industrial-Organizational Psychology

Tina L. Taylor-Barreto

Master of Business Administration

Julia Katarzyna Krupa

Executive Master in Public Administration

John Mark Pisco Lirac

Master of Science in Advanced Financial Planning

Peter Imhof

Master of Science in Business Analytics

Venkatesh Gunji

Master of Science in Finance

Sakshi R. Jain

Master of Science in Financial Analytics

Karla Guisela Interiano Castaneda

Master of Science in Financial Planning

Clyde Daryl Slappey

Master of Science in Human Resource Management

Malvika Sharma

Master of Science in Information Technology Management

Andrew George Atkin

Master of Science in Project Management

Fulya Karadeli

Bruce F. Braden School of Taxation

Master of Science in Taxation

Leslie Marquart

School of Accounting

Master of Science in Accounting Data and Analytics

Mika Matsumura

School of Law

Doctor of Jurisprudence

Ryan Z. Hansen

Master of Law Studies

Leslie Elaine Moore

Master of Laws in Taxation

Kirsten Kjellander

GGU Worldwide

Doctor of Business Administration

David Schirrmacher

Master of Laws in International Business and Finance Law

Nana Akua Akyeabea Ampere

Alder Karingal Delloro

School of Undergraduate Studies

Bachelor of Arts in Law Studies

Alexis Elias Rodriguez

Bachelor of Science in Accounting

Malik Houenou

Bachelor of Arts in Management

Valeria Rodriguez Barrera

Bachelor of Science in Business

Alyssa Angelina Aguirre

Bachelor of Arts in Psychology

Annette Valenzuela Schultz

Bachelor of Science in Data Analytics

Patrick Phu-Khanh Tran

Outstanding Service to Campus Life Award

Sonam Darshanlal Tejwani

Master of Business Administration, Business Analytics Concentration

Outstanding Service to the Community Award

Fulya Karadeli

Master of Science in Project Management, Information Technology Management Concentration

Conferral of Degrees

Edward S. Ageno School of Business

Doctor of Business Administration

Lori Rae Chelemedos	Abdallah Harb	Piradee Nganrungruang
Ningze Fu		

Executive Master of Public Administration

Luis Aguilar *	Victor Garibay †	Ernesto Olivares †
Kyler Bakhtiari **	John Koeller **	Jordan Matthew Pauley †
Alexander Chow *	John Mark Pisco Lirac *	Graciela Rodriguez *
Colleen Alexis Courtney *	Manh Toan Ngo *	Luisa Yvette Santos *
Justin Erickson †	Marianne Novak †	

Executive Master of Public Administration with a concentration in Digital Technology & Security

Abigail Ablanida Modino *

Executive Master of Public Administration with a concentration in Law Enforcement & Security

Christopher Stephen Forbes **	Joshua S. Thompson **
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Master of Arts in Counseling Psychology

Otilia Alas **	Denise Avon Dillon *	Lixia Liu
Shaheed Allie **	Aranya Edmonds *	Jamila A. Meadows
Lauren Alpanian *	Douglas Diontay Gaffney, Jr. **	Ryan Patrick Miller †
Eliseo Amezcua *	Antoinette M. Gibson	Madelyn Morris *
Crystal Anayat *	Dereck Glover **	Kahmara Penn *
Eniola Olaniyi Asowo **	Masille T. Graham †	Francisco Javier Pérez De Jesus *
Jonathan M Blackman *	Lilly Ann Gronendyke *	Jorene K. Pierre
Laurel Lee Penaranda Cane **	Ronda R. Hart *	Yakov Plaut *
Jennefer Guardado Cerna	Juliette Lida Hirt *	Nancy Ann Pullen *
Monique Cisneros *	Paige Hurt **	Michael W. Reid †
Ann Cooper **	Bryan Paul Kiyoshi Iriye **	Gillien H. Riley *
Clinton A. Cretcher *	Tiffany L. Jackson	Alexander O. Sebastian *
Scott Lawson Cross *	Marc Kate *	Vanessa Orantes Serratos *
Raquete Maria Crotti	Aarti A. Lata	Aleksandr Strener *
Clay David *	Elsa A. Ledesma Huapaya	Anisa Sulaiman
Courtney Danielle Davis *	Yi Shan Lee	Christine Michiko Takamoto **

Master of Arts in Counseling Psychology, cont.

Rahsheeda Antoinette Thomas *	Bernadette Teresa Torres *	Madison Wiseman *
Gregory A. Thompson †	Leah M. Veloso *	Claire Kathleen Yeager *
Trevor Dawson Thompson †		

Master of Arts in Industrial-Organizational Psychology

Carlos E. Alvarado Morales	Randall Patterson Dunevant **	Jessica Mansano de Aguiar
Mark N. Anderson †	Karalyssa A. Epidendio *	Kenitra R. Newman **
Paul Beasley **	Alfred Gerald Gaddy II †	Shaheem Osborne †
Lelah Ben-Ron †	Alyssa Joy Graff *	Julianna Daisy Perez *
Moksha Rupesh Bhavsar *	Divya Gunwani *	Kenneth Raymond Radford *
Malcolm Bugeja	Alliyah Jena' Johnson †	Perri Ridder **
Marc Douglas Cooper **	Meghana Koshe	Shruti
Mariam Dawood **	Laksha Bharat Maheshwari	Robert Kofi Tanye **
Carmen Dianna Roberson *	Johann Malasig	Tina L. Taylor-Barreto **
Dhruvi Smita Harshad Doshi	Jimmy Dario Maldonado †	Jasmine Falacknaz Zamani †
Michael D. Duncan †	Mark Mallari **	

Master of Business Administration

Richa Arya	Alex A. Lewis	Natasha Orzeck-Byrnes *
Brandon Edward Crouse *	Matthew McDonald **	Ran-Ran Qin *
Lejoya P. Fails †	Gwendolyn Mihok Garcia *	Chelsey Quinn *
Lauren Frka *	Nirvi Mistry	Bharath Kumar Ramanathan *
Houston Wesley Garcia *	Shikhar Mohan	Shweta Harishankar Sharma *
Julia Katarzyna Krupa *	Nnamdi Nwokoro	Michael Ter-Zakhariants †

Master of Business Administration with a concentration in Adaptive Leadership

Delaina Calvetti †	Lina La *
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Master of Business Administration with a concentration in Business Analytics & Finance

Anupam Jain

Master of Business Administration with a concentration in Business Analytics

Tabassum Arshad *	Bhavana Mamidiseti *	Boopesh Shanmugam
Priyashi S. Bagga	Maria Merina	Mohammed Hassanuddin Shuib
Simran Gandhi	Arjit Nanda	Zohaib Siddiqui *
Sneha Gogia *	Poonam	Sonam Darshanlal Tejwani *
Rohit Kandhoul	Gunashree Pradeep Kumar	Harsheeth Vijay R
Sathish Kumar *	Aradhya Sanjay Sawant	

Edward S. Ageno School of Business, cont.

Master of Business Administration with a concentration in Entrepreneurship

Luke Jenkins ^{*†}

Bryan L. Thompson ^{*†}

Micah D. Wells ^{*†}

Master of Business Administration with a concentration in Finance

Jordan Batchelor ^{*†}

Eric Lee Crump ^{*†}

Satyam Sanjeev Jha

Connor M. Crossey [†]

Hudson C. Jamison [†]

Natacha Ouedraogo Bouda ^{*}

Master of Business Administration with a concentration in Industrial-Organizational Psychology

David Ballard [†]

Shubham Gupta ^{*}

Simran Thakur

Justine Francisco ^{*}

Justin Ryan Honch [†]

Master of Business Administration with a concentration in Information Technology Management

Fabina Muhammed

Anirudh Sharma

Hamidou Zoungrana [†]

Master of Business Administration with a concentration in Marketing

Patricia Anderson ^{*}

Linda .A Irshid [†]

Master of Business Administration with a concentration in Project Management

Michael Anthony Allen [†]

Asad Haqmul ^{*}

Craig Douglas Stager ^{*†}

Gokcenur Aslan ^{*}

Kunle Oyewole [†]

Phong P. Tran ^{*}

Brenda Nohemy Garcia ^{*}

Tianna Sjosten ^{*}

Master of Business Administration with a concentration in Public Administration

Antonio S. Montano [†]

Master of Science in Advanced Financial Planning with a concentration in Estate Planning

John R. Borum II

Peter Imhof ^{*}

Michael Strassmann ^{*}

Pedro M. Campos

Master of Science in Advanced Financial Planning with a concentration in Financial Life Planning

Joseph Kuo

Austin Harold Lewis

Joshua M. St Laurent

Master of Science in Advanced Financial Planning with a concentration in Taxation

Jason Alexander Terhune

Cindy Verduzco

Master of Science in Business Analytics

Jayson Birmingham ^{*†}

Puneeth Kumar Gowda Chandra

Kiran Chandrashekar Achari

Venkata Sai Deepthi Chinta ^{*}

Akshay Colaco

Akshay Danthi

Ritwik Deshmukh ^{*}

Surya Prakash Dommeti ^{*}

Pranith Gandham ^{*}

Rupesh Ganja

Vijay Kumar Garapati

Uttam Gogineni ^{*}

Rajitha Gujja

Anjan Kumar Gundinapalya Jayaramaiah

Venkatesh Gunji ^{*}

Ilika Hajela ^{*}

Sean Holmes ^{*†}

Sangameshgouda Horapeti ^{*}

Hrushikesh Sudhir Jadhav

Nishtha Mukesh Jain

Sung Keum ^{*†}

Hisham Kochirikunnu

Nishchal Krishnappa

Samara Simha Reddy Lingareddy

Yingjuan Ma

Ngoc Gia Han Mac ^{*}

Jaswanthkumar Macharla

Hamsaveni Mani

Vignesh Prabhu Muthuraman Usha

Ajay Sanjay Patil

Aryaman Umesh Pillay

Sai Teja Rekha

David A. Smarsh ^{*†}

Aparna Sreelakshmi Amon ^{*}

Ranga Sumanth ^{*}

Sylvester Ronith Reagan

Master of Science in Business Analytics with a concentration in Management

Naga Surya Kusumanjali Devi Badampudi ^{*}

Dupre Domio [†]

Angelica Hamilton

Master of Science in Business Analytics with a concentration in Marketing

Venkata Gopinag Challa ^{*}

Devavrat Sehwat

Master of Science in Finance

Swapnil Ashokbhai Arya ^{*}

Amy Elizabeth Conner ^{*†}

Sakshi R. Jain ^{*}

Leung Lee

Thomas MacPherson ^{*†}

Warren Edward Meneses ^{*}

Ankita Parakh ^{*}

Daine Ramirez [†]

Harjot Singh Wadhawan

Jonathan Smith [†]

Kakala P. Tukuafu

Shachi Upadhyay

Mithilesh Kedar Vairagade

Master of Science in Finance with a concentration in Technical Analysis

Christopher E. Barnes ^{*†}

Master of Science in Financial Analytics

Christopher E. Barnes ^{*†}

Darshan Chauhan

Mrunali Vinod Deshmukh ^{*}

Bhavana Narayan Hegde ^{*}

Karla Guisela Interiano Castaneda ^{*}

Gurnoor Marwa

Priscilla Medepalli

Eldor Ruziev

Himansi Vajubhai Sojitra ^{*}

Khishigbaatar Umaakhan

Renny Wonnenberg ^{*}

Master of Science in Financial Planning

Joseph Conrad Leroux III ^{*†}

Michael Podesta [†]

Clyde Daryl Slappey ^{*}

Taylor N. Truan ^{*†}

Shannon Michelle Vingo

Edward S. Ageno School of Business, cont.

Master of Science in Human Resource Management

John Vincent Aiken *
Christian Allen †
Pariss D. Bedlington *
Vanessa Botelho Fleury *
Channing D. Burgess * †
Gerardo S. Carr †
Brandon Eugene Carter *
Shreya Chakrapani *
Kimberly Allison Davis

Rashan Gonzalez †
Darion J. Henry †
Diana Ochoa *
Sara Jalali *
Keara Lynn Jones-Smith * †
Leif M. Kamrud *
Sepideh Kiazal *
Aqsa Khan Lindberg *
Gayathri Madhavan *

Maya Catherine Elizabeth Moncrieff
Monica Angela Morse
Rocio Navas Mir
Janvi Riteshbhai Patel
Aliko Alejandro Publico * †
Malvika Sharma *
Sherry Guadalupe Velazquez *
Daeun Yoon *

Master of Science in Information Technology Management

Russell E. Adams †
Madhukar Allapureddy *
Tyler Reece Allen * †
Andrew George Atkin *
Suresh Banoth *
Varun Bathula *
Rahulreddy Bobbala *
Govardhan Reddy Chitteti *
Shirisha Choutakuri *
Arun Kumar Chunchu
Edgar Alejandro Cousin †
Dhrasti Mitesh Dalwadi *
Shweta Dangwal *
Myriam Djibrilla Modi
George Robert Engleheart * †
Evelyn Gyamfua Frimpong * †

Harshini Sai Gottimukkala *
Phillip A. Griffiths * †
Vinay Babu Gundela *
Roshan Karki * †
Swathi Katta *
Niraj Khatri *
Konda Sadwik Reddy *
Venkata Manoj Kota
Sreenag Kuna *
Zeba Altafhusein Ladiwala *
Khang V. Le * †
Jeremy Kenneth Lumsden * †
Bhanu Prasad Marella
Bianca D. Meneses †
Jesse R. Moore * †
Sai Nikhil Muduthanapalli *

Kannal Mozhi Mutharasu *
Vishnu Vardhan Reddy Nalla *
Niranjan Nowpada *
Manisha Amrutbhai Patel *
Satyasesha Uday Pavan Petta *
Potla Donesh Reddy
Baby Swathi Ramiseti *
Hari Venkata Siva Sai Kumar Rowtu *
Mohamed El Hawal Oyolola Salami * †
Lavanya Salla *
Thejaswi Samadi
Adil Rahman Shaik *
Arpana Sharma *
Kusuma Sri Sai Swaroopa Vakkalanka *
Michael Nathaniel White, Sr. †

Master of Science in Leadership

Daniela Yanguas Sandoval

Master of Science in Project Management

Maryam Abedi *
Juan Carlos Becerra Jr. * †
Swetha Dhoka Chandraprakash
Amisha Rajesh Chavan
Onyinye Ezike †

Uzoma Rufus Hojo * †
Beniwende Georges Kabre *
Andrew Tsatsu Kofi Kwawu †
Richa Lal *
William M. Montanaro †

Abhirup Nag Chowdhury
William C. Redd II †
Vyoma Bhadreshkumar Shah *
Nishee Nayanbhai Viroja *

Master of Science in Project Management with a concentration in Information Technology Management

Ramadevi Adoni
Jerome Bambrick †
Raunak Rajendra Bhurewar *
Srikanth Chunduru
Yokesh Gunasekaran
Haowen Hsueh *

Mehul Pravin Jikadra
Christopher Dennie Jones II †
Fulya Karadeli *
Neelakshi Kataria *
Maithreye Manjunath *
Zubair Ahmed Mirza

Akanksha Singh
Quenton Lee Smith †
Gregory M. Spruell †
Madhuri Tummala
Qi Zhang *

Bruce F. Braden School of Taxation

Master of Science in Taxation

Ademar Inacio Almeida Filho
Elliot Bibaje
Matthew Phillip Briggs *
Ning Cai *
Ulises Carmona
Weijia Chen
Sara Collins *
Lu Dai
Hinna Dogra
Tyler Dryden
Jeffery Engstrom
Sarah Gastineau
Gregory Walter Getzinger
Henry Lincoln Godsey IV *
Raul Guzman
Martha E. Hadaway
Adam Paul Hollen
Yang Hu
Lisa J. Hunt
Vinoja Johnthasan
Radhika Kabra

Amir Kadiric *
Nikoleta Kalinowska *
Jeff Kijanka *
Alyssa Lemieux *
Amanda Yang Li *
Lisa Li
Man Li
Ying Cui Li
Rachel D. Evarts
Bithyah Lin *
Leslie Marquart *
David Brian Mathews *
Jameson Y. Matsuda *
Connor R. Mott
Steven Alexander Mulford-Vargas
Matthew Multop *
Christian Ortiz Arciga
Philip Oliver Thomas Overly
David Lu Pham
Jake Michael Chua Pinawin
Casey Pisano

Brian Kristopher Proctor
Megan Alyssa Rampersad
Kassandra Reed
Erica Riddle
Sarah Jayne Robertson
Ailyn S. Rodriguez
Deyna Cheree Rouse
John Schulte *
Bikramjit Singh *
Wiley Stephens *
Mohamad Saa'dy Jose Sultan Al-Tamimi
Stephanie Szu
Mien Ta
Phoenix Kunsel Thakur
Tetyana Volodymyrivna Tishchenko
Marry Tseng
Qi Wang *
Amy Chen Wu
Angelica M. Zito

Master of Science in Taxation with a concentration in Technology & Analytics

Emil Sydykov *

Elena Xu Chen



GGU Worldwide

Doctor of Business Administration

Smrite Bhatia
Veena Jadhav

Gus George Lazopoulos

David Schirmmacher

Global Master of Management

Shun Ge
Peiyu Leng
Qiong Li

Miaomiao Pan
Yunfeng Shao

Jixiang Sheng
Xianjin Wang

Master of Business Administration

Junjie Ai
Jerome Fredrick Babu *
Lianlian Ban
Tianling Bian
Guihua Cai
Haiqing Cai
Haoyang Cai
Lijuan Cai
Qun Cai *
Yan Cai
Li Cao
Mingchun Cao
Qing Cao
Rasanpreet Chadha *
Beibei Chen
Hua Chen
Hua Chen
Jing Chen
Jingxian Chen
Juan Chen
Lingyan Chen
Pengduo Chen
Qi Chen
Run Chen
Shushu Chen
Song Chen
Tingting Chen
Xialing Chen
Yan Chen
Zuliang Chen
Liu Cheng *
Quach Nguyen Chi *

Ping-Lin Chiang
Tsun Mei Chow
Jiaxian Cui
Song Cui
Xingyi Cui
Xuan Cui
Jie Dai *
Wan Deng *
Harshini Dindigala
Feng Ding
Yingjun Ding
Boyang Dong
Chenxin Dong
Yuning Dong
Melisha Dsilva
Liwen Du
Yixue Du *
Ji Fan
Jiaxin Fan
Luyi Fan
Yu Fan
Jie Feng
Sasha Joyce Francis
Moyan Fu
Sneha Gali
Lang Gao
Muyao Gao
Pengfei Gao
Shumin Gao
Tengfei Gao
Wei Gao
Yin Gao

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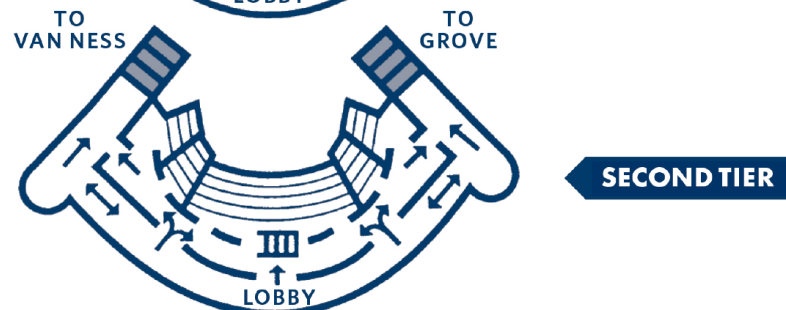
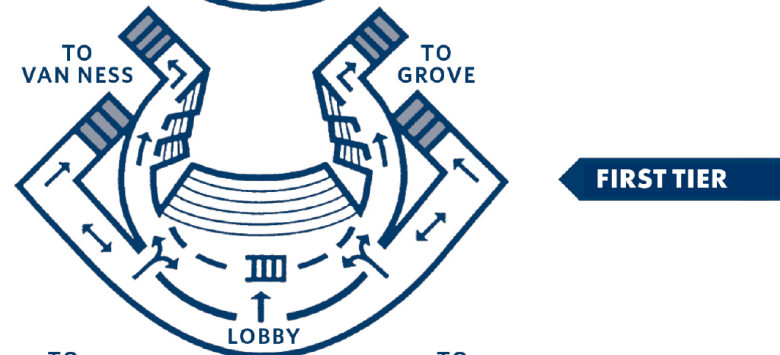
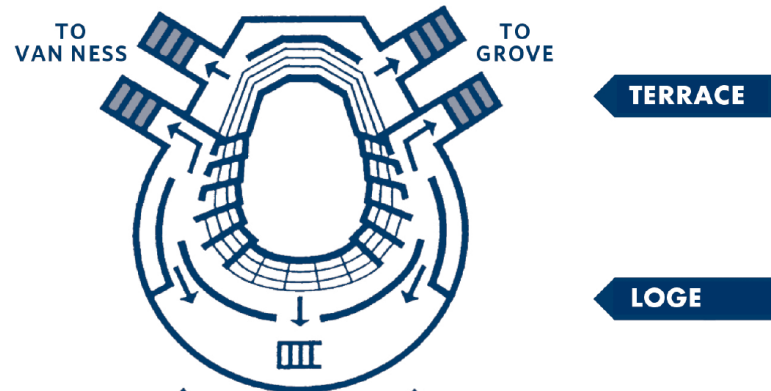
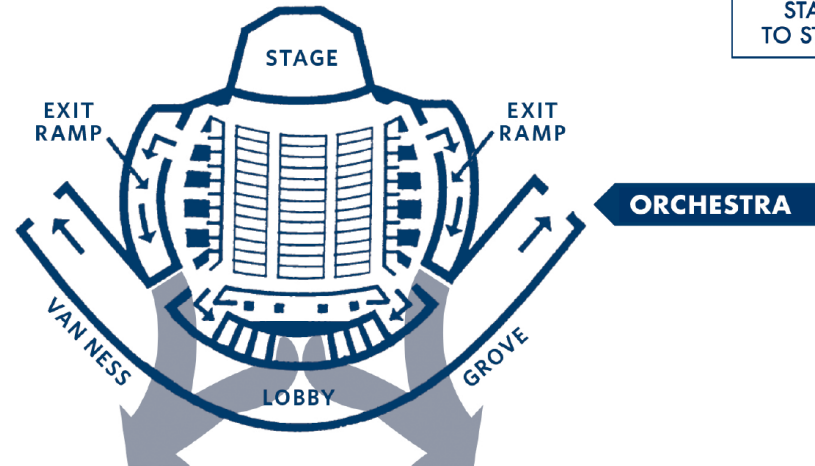
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