



2024 Commencement

May 4, 2024

Message from the President

Dear Graduates,

Congratulations on reaching this very special milestone in your life. I am grateful that we are together today to celebrate your academic accomplishments at Golden Gate University. The resilience and dedication you have demonstrated throughout your time at GGU is remarkable. Many of you started your academic studies during an unprecedented global pandemic, but you have successfully emerged on the other side. Completing your degrees should bring you immeasurable pride as you join the community of more than 70,000 GGU alumni worldwide. The relationships you formed during this journey, with classmates, faculty, staff, alumni, and others, are meaningful. I encourage you to stay connected to them as lifelong resources.

The word commencement means more than just a ceremony where degrees or diplomas are conferred—it also means “a beginning or start.” Many of you already had jobs that you effectively managed while studying and balancing family and other personal responsibilities. Yet, today is the beginning of a new and greater chapter—a chapter filled with doors that will now be opened by the preparation and degrees you have achieved at this university. Be confident that because of your hard work and diligence, you are prepared for impact, and you are poised for success. The GGU family is extremely proud of your persistence that has culminated in today's celebration. Each of you represents the very best of our past, present, and future. Please know that our relationship does not end today. I expect to see you come back to campus, consistently connect with other alumni, partner actively with faculty and staff to educate and inspire students, and give generously in support of your alma mater. You are GGU, and we are so proud of you.

Dr. David J. Fike
President
Golden Gate University

Message from the Board Chair

Dear Golden Gate University Class of 2024,

On behalf of the Board of Trustees of Golden Gate University, it is my honor to extend heartfelt congratulations to you on your impending graduation. This milestone represents years of dedication, hard work, and perseverance, and we are immensely proud of your accomplishments.

For over 120 years, Golden Gate University has been a beacon of opportunity, empowering busy professionals to pursue world-class degrees from the heart of San Francisco and beyond. Our original framework has guided and shaped the development of new innovative programs that further enhance access and opportunity for working adults. I am confident that the education you have received has equipped you with the knowledge and skills necessary to achieve your life goals.

As you begin your next chapter, I encourage you to continue pursuing your passions, embrace new opportunities, and strive for excellence in everything you do. As an alumnus of Golden Gate University, you join more than 70,000 diverse and dynamic networks of individuals who are making a positive impact in the world. I do not doubt that you will carry on this proud tradition and serve as ambassadors for our beloved university.

Once again, congratulations on this remarkable achievement. May your future be filled with success, happiness, and fulfillment. Golden Gate University will always be here to support you in your endeavors, and we look forward to hearing about your continued achievements in the years to come.

Melinda A. Dunn, MBA '81
Chair
GGU Board of Trustees

May 4, 2024

*Baccalaureate, Master,
and Doctoral Degrees*

*For Graduates of
Class of 2024*

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.

Program

MUSICAL PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL

WELCOME

Melinda A. Dunn, MBA '81, Chair, Golden Gate University Board of Trustees
Dr. David J. Fike, President, Golden Gate University

STUDENT SPEAKERS

Danika Waddell, Master of Science in Advanced Financial Planning
Alex Rodriguez, Bachelor of Arts in Law Studies

PRESENTATION OF HONORARY DEGREE

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

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Janiece Evans-Page, EMBA '91

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
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

CONFERRING OF DEGREES

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

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION WELCOME

Golden Gate University Alumni Association

RECESSIONAL

Janiece Evans-Page is the CEO of Tides, leading the organization as it seeks to broaden the reach of its impact and deepen its commitment to social change. She is a purpose-driven leader, changemaker, and intrapreneur with 25+ years of leading business and social impact initiatives that deliver economic and societal/community value. Throughout her career, Ms. Evans-Page has served as the inaugural Chief Sustainability & Diversity Officer at Fossil Group, Head of Fossil Foundation, and VP and General Manager of HP's Imaging and Printing Attach Organization, which she launched and grew into a \$600 million+ global enterprise. A Bay Area native, Ms. Evans-Page is well-established in the community and has received numerous awards as an influential woman in Bay Area business.

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

Honors at Graduation

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

Associate's 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 3.90 – 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.

Outstanding Student Awards

Edward S. Ageno School of Business

**Executive Master of
Business Administration**
Marleen Bush

**Master of Arts in Counseling
Psychology**
Saddiq Jami-Williams

**Master of Arts in
Industrial-Organizational Psychology**
Starr Vermeulen

**Master of Business Administration
with a concentration in
Business Analytics**
Charles Rhys Thieriot
Giancarlo Villafañá

**Master of Science in Advanced
Financial Planning**
Mila Coffey
Danika Waddell

**Master of Science in
Business Analytics**
Samruddhi Mahesh Mistry

**Master of Science
in Financial Planning**
Triston Navarro

**Master of Science in
Project Management**
Preet Shah
Katryn Wang

Master of Science in Leadership
Alika Alejandro Publico

Bruce F. Braden School of Taxation

Master of Science in Taxation
Guillame Montpetit

School of Accounting

**Master of Science in Accounting Data
and Analytics**
Rozmin Abdul Rauf Wangde

GGU Worldwide

Master of Business Administration
Ronak Banka
Niladri Prasad Rath

School of Undergraduate Studies

Bachelor of Science in Accounting
Mario Venegas

Bachelor of Arts in Management
Sheila Lavender

**Bachelor of Arts in Organizational
Leadership & Human Skills
Development**
Joseph Samuel Guerrero

Bachelor of Arts in Psychology
Elena Shilova

Bachelor of Science in Data Analytics
Jessika Rutledge

Outstanding Service to Campus Life Award

Mike Chong Lau

Master of Science in Accounting Data & Analytics with a concentration in Advanced Analytics for Accountants

Outstanding Service to the Community Award

Ravi Manubhai Parmar

Master of Science in Business Analytics

Faculty Awards

Full-time Faculty Awards

Judith E. Browning Award for Outstanding Teaching

Dr. Tom Woolridge

Outstanding Research Award

Donald Felipe

Walt Stevenson Award for Outstanding Service

Lance Robins

Jeffrey Yergler

Conferral of Degrees

Edward S. Ageno School of Business

Doctor of Business Administration

Michael John Becker	Pavel Kinchak	Carl Rowland
Vincent Thomas Canobbio	Colm Martin	

Bruce F. Braden School of Taxation

Master of Science in Taxation

Diana Akhmerova *	Yuri Kanai	Guillame Montpetit **
Tanya Blanco **	Alvin Tze Heng Koo *	Preston Lonnie Osbourn II **
Alexander Cameron	Meiling Ma	Neha Pabla
Kathryn Grace Jereza Cole †	Valeria Macon-Johnson	Yue Aileen Ren
Paulina Flores	Bernadeth Jacob Marshall †	Heidi Gamal Salama †
Gina Gunn †	Lalitkorn Martino *	Nonye D Ubachunwa
Elizabeth Hernandez *	Tanner McDonald	

Edward S. Ageno School of Business

Executive Master of Public Administration

Kokou Afelete Akagbe **	Kenya Hermenia Kennedy	Jordan Matthew Pauley †
Brittany A Burgo	Suni Lopez †	Changwei Yu-Scott *
Marleen Bush *	Nicholas L Lyons †	
Jezel Cipria Huston **	Marianne I Novak †	

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

Kriti Jijja *

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

Christian Fru Chifor †	Raul Miranda †	Perry W. Yuen *
Scott Henry Dole *	Kevin Patillo	

Edward S. Ageno School of Business

Executive Master of Public Administration with a concentration in Urban Innovations

Tiaka Hyatt-Geter *	Kyung Jung Keum **
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Master of Arts in Counseling Psychology

Subrina Ambereen Ahmad	Saddiq Jami-Williams **	Alanah Renee McClain
Etelvina Anderson **	Xuong Hin Lay	Kaley S. Raczyla
Greg Baquix	Erin Lundy *	Christopher Mark Shafer **
Farigol Bineshpour *	Anisha S Karur *	Michelle M Solis *
Elizabeth Anne Bottoms *	Jaskirat Kaur	Swami Varadan *
Jennefer Guardado Cerna	Jasleen Kaur *	Sheila K Walker *
Joanne Cohen *	La Tasha Knighten *	Eric Yunck
Arabelle Flores *	Parnika Mandeep Bajaj *	
Joshua Todd Griffith V. *	Chitra Mahesh *	

Master of Arts in Industrial-Organizational Psychology

Anisha Agarwal *	Sheila Renée Lilley *	Rhyllie Raige Ventura
Teyana Brown *	Eugene Moon	Agnes Wong *
Travis Sintelle Carpenter †	Shelvina Shayal Singh **	Isabelle Williams *
Alireza Darvishahmadi *	Starr Vermeulen *	

Master of Business Administration

Sedric Applewhite **	Jerry Ngai	Miriam Leticia Garrido Serrato **
Stephanie Lauren Benjamin *	Joanne Parker **	Kent Wong *
Gerally Flores Ingles †	Pramit Roychowdhury **	

Master of Business Administration with a concentration in Adaptive Leadership

Nhi Nguyen Le Hien *	Md Mahabubul Hoque *	Hoang Thi Bich Lien *
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Master of Business Administration with a concentration in Adaptive Leadership & Human Resource Management

Dennis Brabante Burgos *

Master of Business Administration with a concentration in Business Analytics

Prathamesh Bramhapurekar *	Chantal Marie Sosa	Giancarlo Villafaña **
Sonia Singh Mathfallu *	Charles Rhys Thieriot *	

Edward S. Ageno School of Business

Master of Business Administration with a concentration in Entrepreneurship

Amanda Nicole Tillis ^{**†}

Master of Business Administration with a concentration in Finance

Glyne Johnson

Jhanvi Vipul Shah

Master of Business Administration with a concentration in Finance and Business Analytics

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Master of Business Administration with a concentration in Human Resource Management

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

Natelegi Cabral-Evins [†]

Tareka Irizarry [†]

Master of Business Administration with a concentration in Information Technology Management

Divya Bhanushali ^{*}

Deshawn J. Smith

Master of Business Administration with a concentration in Marketing

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Master of Business Administration with a concentration in Project Management

Paul Jimenez ^{*}

Master of Business Administration with a concentration in Public Administration

Zandre Patrice Dumas [†]

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

Mila Coffey ^{*}

Danika Waddell ^{*}

Edward S. Ageno School of Business

Master of Science in Business Analytics

Dung Bui

Devi Parvati Chitra

Shibani Das

Lee Kuo ^{**†}

Samruddhi Mahesh Mistry ^{*}

Ravi Manubhai Parmar ^{*}

Antony G Scott

Jeffrey Shea ^{*}

Samhitha Machagowdanahalli Subbaraju

Nathan John Toronto

Ryan Winston ^{*}

Master of Science in Finance

Zachariah Thomas Fredericksen [†]

Master of Science in Financial Analytics

Vaishnavi Bhat

Shriya Subrahmanya Bhat Burde ^{*}

Isaiah Thomas Servando Custado ^{**†}

Daniel Tude Tavares Dantas ^{*}

Yiting Lu ^{**†}

Gurnoor Marwa

Ravindhar Mittapally

Teerayut Prangprasart ^{*}

Nikita Prashant Sarda ^{*}

Master of Science in Financial Planning

Triston Navarro ^{**†}

Master of Science in Human Resource Management

Diana Mae Anderson ^{**†}

Renee Barkus

Jennifer Lourdes Diaz-Romero ^{*}

Alexandra Edlin ^{*}

Alexander David Andrew Enciso

Gregory Fillebrown [†]

Arturo Galarza

Leonard Jackson [†]

Jose Andres Merlos ^{**†}

Christopher Michael Thomas ^{**†}

Eugene Moon

Randy D Tapley JR ^{*}

Brian B Woods ^{**†}

Master of Science in Information Technology Management

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Umesh Kumar Gandla ^{*}

Pragya Gupta ^{*}

Kit Man Lam ^{**†}

Sai Chandra Nakka ^{*}

Shamili Pesaramili

Surabhi Sathvika ^{*}

Akanksha Singh ^{*}

Sarada Tadepalli ^{*}

Master of Science in Leadership

Shameka Bolds

Alika Alejandro Publico ^{**†}

Master of Science in Leadership with a concentration in Human Resource Management

Patricia Lyn Sherard ^{**†}

Edward S. Ageno School of Business

Master of Science in Leadership with a concentration in Project Management

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Master of Science in Project Management

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

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Preksha Sangvikar ^{*}
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Preet Shah ^{*}
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School of Accounting

Master of Science in Accounting Data & Analytics

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Master of Science in Accounting Data & Analytics with a concentration in Advanced Analytics for Accountants

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Adiyadulam Nergui ^{*}

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Master of Science in Accounting Data & Analytics with a concentration in CPA Applied Accounting

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Master of Business Administration

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Master of Business Administration with a concentration in Business Analytics

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Master of Business Administration with a concentration in Marketing

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Bachelor of Arts in Management

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Teresa D Williams-DeBoe [†]
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Bachelor of Arts in Management with a concentration in Human Resource Management

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Bachelor of Arts in Management with a Minor in Psychology

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Bachelor of Science in Business with a concentration in International Business

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