



UNIVERSITY OF PORTLAND



SATURDAY, MAY THE FOURTH, TWO-THOUSAND AND TWENTY-FOUR



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PRELUDE

University of Portland Wind Symphony Patrick C. Murphy, D.M.A. Conductor

Kevin Liu '25 and Caprice Damon '26 *Conducting Associates*

Aurora Borealis – Rossano Galante Four Noveletten, Op.52—Samuel Coleridge-Taylor Chinese Sights and Sounds—Yuan-kai Bao



MARSHALS Bruce N. Weitzel, Ph.D. Bahram Andrangi, Ph.D.



PROCESSIONAL

British Eighth—Zo Elliot
Under the Flag of Glory—Junichi Naito
Castles in Europe – James Reese Europe
March of the Women—Ethel Smyth
American Red Cross March – Louis Panella
English Folk Song Suite—Ralph Vaughan Williams



 $\begin{array}{c} {\sf WELCOME}\\ {\sf David\ C.\ Mengel,\ Ph.D.}\\ {\it Provost} \end{array}$



INVOCATION

The Reverend Daniel J. Parrish, C.S.C., Ph.D. *Pamplin School of Business, Associate Professor*



AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL

Aidan Broderick '24, Claire Lang '24, Henry Lee '24, Stella Martin '24, Erin McKibbin '24, Emma Wheatcroft '24, Anna Yrjanson '24

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GREETINGS FROM THE BOARD OF REGENTS Thomas D. Arndorfer Chair, Board of Regents

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COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS Kay D. Toran '64, '12 Hon.



CONFERRING OF DEGREES
College of Arts & Sciences
School of Nursing & Health Innovations
Pamplin School of Business
Donald P. Shiley School of Engineering
School of Education



CHARGE TO THE CLASS Robert D. Kelly, Ph.D. University President



BENEDICTION
The Reverend Timothy R. Weed, C.S.C., Ed.D.
Associate Director for Campus Ministry



ALMA MATER



CLOSING David C. Mengel, Ph.D. *Provost*



RECESSIONAL Fanfare and Ceremony—Darren Jenkins Halcyon Hearts—Katahj Copley

Guests are requested to remain seated during the processional and recessional.

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

Kay Toran

President/Chief Executive Officer and Board Member, Volunteers of America Oregon Portland, Oregon

Every iteration of Kay Toran's long career—starting in social work and moving into the realm of policy work—has been in service to her community. Right now, as the longstanding president and CEO of Volunteers of America Oregon, she leads a 300+ member staff that offers direct professional services to at-risk children and families and finds resources for the unhoused, services for those battling addiction, and job programs for those re-entering society after a period of incarceration. "We get lives back on track," she says. She credits her parents with teaching her the importance of giving back to one's community. Owners of a hair salon and barbershop (now the oldest African-American owned business in the entire state of Oregon), her parents regularly piled the kids in the Nash Ambassador and drove to Salem, where her dad gave haircuts and job training to individuals at the Oregon State Penitentiary, and her mom visited a mental health facility and offered support. (The kids were promised a chili dog and Dairy Queen on the way home for good behavior.) Kay eventually brought her parents' expectations to her studies. At University of Portland, she got interested in psychology and sociology, and she learned she

loved to think through thorny problems (which she now ties to her interest in macro-level policy work). After securing a master of social work at Portland State University and earning a place on their faculty, Kay's career took her into many different rooms of public office. She was the director of affirmative action for Republican Governor Victor Atiyeh; administrator of Oregon's purchasing division; and director of the Department of Child and Family Services (Oregon's child welfare office). "We have to live what we believe," she says. These public-facing positions were not easy. During certain high-profile conflicts, her family was her bedrock. Her UP classmates from the Class of 1964 also offered support. Eventually, Kay decided to give back to the University of Portland community by serving on UP's Board of Regents. UP awarded her an honorary doctorate for her leadership in 2012, though UP is hardly alone in its feelings of appreciation for Kay. There is a "City of Portland Day of Appreciation for Kay Toran" on the books. University of Portland is immensely grateful to Kay Toran—proud mother of two and grandmother of three—for sharing her leadership, grace, compassion, and wisdom with the University of Portland community.

College of Arts & Sciences Valerie S. Banschbach, Ph.D., Dean

Master of Arts

Brianna Marie Mike Miyama Hillsboro, Oregon Major: Communication

School of Nursing & Health Innovations Joane T. Moceri, Ph.D., R.N., Dean

Doctor of Nursing Practice

Jolly Daniel

"Implementing a Virtual Rehabilitation Education Program for Patients with Total Knee Replacements" Portland, Oregon

Narcy Maneja Foraker

"Examining the Impact of Palliative Care Education for Healthcare Workers in a Rural Oncology Clinic" Hillsboro, Oregon

Christine Dawn Gallagher

"Provider Footcare Education: Improving Provider Confidence and Knowledge" Silverton, Oregon

Kyla Bryn Lindberg"Palliative Care Education for Support Staff in a Medical Oncology Clinic Portland, Oregon

Maria Rena Neeley

"Implementing a Cannabis Use Disorder Identification Test-Revised (CUDIT-R) Screening Tool in a University Health Center" Lacey, Washington

Maria Gusenkov Reebs

"Implementing the Edmonton Symptom Assessment Scale (ESAS) at an Integrative Medicine Clinic" Tigard, Oregon

Fangxin Ye

"Improving Early Childhood Development Screening at a Primary Care Practice' Portland, Oregon

Dr. Robert B. Pamplin Jr. School of Business Administration Michael L. DeVaughn, Ph.D., Dean

Master of Business Adminstration

Amal Fahad Alkhalifah

Vancouver, Washington

Christopher Charles Austin

Fontana. California

Souma Dibantoma Badombena-Wanta

Hillsboro, Oregon

Danielle Lynn Christensen

Portland, Oregon

Lakelin Caide Roger Conrad

Wichita, Kansas

Peter John Earnshaw

Lake Oswego, Oregon

Erin Ursula Floyd

Portland, Oregon

Jake Ryan Holcroft Yorba Linda, California

Alexander Patrick Hortsch Portland, Oregon

Talyn Ashlee Jackson

Gardnerville, Nevada

Sonia Ivette Jimenez

Woodburn, Oregon

Boris Kaidanov

Portland, Oregon

Courtney Marlene Klatt Windsor, Colorado

Daniel Armando Lopez

Pico Rivera, California

Christopher Lee Morzenti

Dunsmuir, California

Kyara Lily Pagkatipunan

Portland, Oregon

Jordan Albert Phippen

Tigard, Oregon

Daniel Joseph Racle

Kendall, United Kingdom

Karin Hansen Sharp

Sherwood, Oregon

Benjamin Raymond Tribelhorn

Portland, Oregon

Master of Business Administration

in Nonprofit Management

Nicholas James Denley

McMinnville, Oregon

Lara-Zuzan Golesorkhi

Portland, Oregon

Meghan Kathleen McClain

Portland, Oregon

Tsering Dolkar Sherpa Happy Valley, Oregon

Meranda Sutch

Ridgefield, Washington

Master of Science

Moumita Bhowmick

West Bengal, India Major: Operations & Technology Management

Byde Kevin Clawson

Castro Valley, California Major: Operations & Technology Management

Natasha Lynn Harris

Vancouver, Washington Major: Operations & Technology Management

Aarti Hinge

Pune Maharashtra, India Major: Operations & Technology Management

Zachary E Lum

Pearl City, Hawaii Major: Finance

Tatiana Marin

Wilsonville, Oregon Major: Operations & Technology Management

Gerardo Meza

Vancouver, Washington Major: Operations & Technology Management

Areej Mulla

Abu Fatira, Kuwait Major: Operations

& Technology Management Hieu Thi Nguyen

Beaverton, Öregon

Major: Operations & Technology Management

Dehlila Hoa Nguyen

Portland, Oregon Major: Operations

& Technology Management

Sarah C Nickel

Portland, Oregon Major: Operations & Technology Management

Gian Louis Olsen

Portland, Oregon Major: Operations & Technology Management

Jessica She

Beaverton, Oregon Major: Operations & Technology Management

Derron Michael Williams

Clarendon, Jamaica Major: Finance

Cheng Zhang

Portland, Oregon Major: Operations & Technology Management

Donald P. Shiley School of Engineering Brian C. Fabien, Ph.D., Dean

Master of Biomedical Engineering

Christopher Lee Davis Portland, Oregon

Thien Thanh Huynh Camas, Washington

Master of Engineering

Marcelo Chaves Azeredo Beaverton, Oregon

Timothy William Townsend Portland, Oregon

School of Education

John L. Watzke, Ph.D., Dean

Doctor of Education

Isaac Gabriel Cardona

"Exploring the Impact of Policies and Principal Perceptions on Student Discipline Portland, Oregon

Trista Christine Casey

"Examining Teacher Retention in Catholic Private Schools in the Pacific Northwest' Wilsonville, Oregon

Lisa Ann Ditto

"Educator Perspectives on District Strategies for the Sustained Implementation of Equity-based Multi-tiered Systems of Support" Wilsonville, Oregon

Ann Marie Harts "Female STEM Secondary Educator Persistence after the COVID-19 Pandemic: Investigating Resilience and Thriving" Portland, Oregon

Michelle Ann Heuberger

"Elementary Teacher Beliefs about Mathematics and Instructional Practices" Stayton, Oregon

Angela Giuliano Hubbs

"A Quantitative Examination of Education Service Districts' Communities of Practice' Portland, Oregon

Beverley Deanne Lyseng

"Social and Emotional Competencies in Relation to School Leadership in Alberta' Edmonton, Alberta

Randall Dean Lyseng "Perceptions and Lived Experiences of Social and Emotional Skill Development in Pre-Service Teachers Enrolled in a Specialized SEL Program" Edmonton, Alberta

Susannah Maria Malarkey

"An Investigation of the Relationship Among Teacher Perceptions of Self-Efficacy in Implementing Culturally Responsive Teaching, Collective Efficacy, and Student Achievement Data, Disaggregated by Race" Portland, Oregon

Erin Lee Porter

"Using Visual Representations and Drawing Through Story to Build Third Graders' Conceptual Understanding of Multiplication and Division: An Action Research Study' Portland, Oregon

Nicole Elizabeth Soriano

"Exploring Perspective Transformation in Relation to Culturally Responsive Pedagogy in Teacher Education Programming" Portland, Oregon

Bradford William Thompson

"The Dissipative Structure of Educational Engagement: A Systems-Based Model of Unique Psychosociocultural Engagement Archetypes in Contemporary American Education" Portland, Oregon

Rev. Timothy Robert Weed, C.S.C.

The Cryptic Idea of the Catholic University: Student Perceptions of Catholic, Holy Cross Mission" Portland, Oregon

Stacia E L W Wilson "Teacher Well-Being: A Study on the Factors that Influence Teacher Professional Well-Being and Flourishing" Salem, Oregon

Master of Arts

Leo Hibi

Irvine, California Major: Education

Master of Arts in Higher Education & Student Affairs

Benjamin James Case

Portland, Oregon

Alexandra Rose Hallinan

Portland, Oregon

Taylor Dominique Miller-Lim

Lafayette, Colorado

Ryan Eric Peterson

Lake Forest Park, Washington

Kili Rain Robins

Portland, Oregon

Jorge Aaron Salazar

Portland, Oregon

Brandon J Salazar-Ramos

Portland, Oregon

Taylor Rose Sipila

Portland, Oregon

Aradia Elenor Webb

Portland, Oregon

Master of Arts in Teaching

Julia Jean Beck

Palmer, Alaska

Macy Morgaine Bruneel Goderich, Ontario

Lisa Bui

San Jose, California

Erin Paige Buttner

Albuquerque, New Mexico

Sydney Noel Caleen

Scappoose, Oregon

Molly Cartwright Mercer Island, Washington

Ian Cockburn

Portland, Oregon

Frances Linn Conable

Portland, Oregon

Monica Clare Daschel

Vancouver, Washington

Hayley DeArmond

Hillsboro, Oregon

School of Education

John L. Watzke, Ph.D., Dean

Leif Christian Ericksen Portland, Oregon

Chisom Gabrielle Ezechukwu Seattle, Washington

Sierra Bianca Faoro Portland, Oregon

Valerie Carman Garcia Ennis, Texas

Edelmira Moncerrath Garfias Hillsboro, Oregon

Lannie Mitsuko Hisashima Haiku, Hawaii

Hadley Holden Beaverton, Oregon

Sophia Deegan Kartsonas Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Molly Kathleen Keegan Portland, Oregon

Monika Kelly Blaine, Washington

Karen Kim San Ramon, California

Sarah Elizabeth Leach Bellevue, Washington

Brian Michael Longtin Portland, Oregon

Kirstin Ruth Lovely Beaverton, Oregon

Abigail Marie Luft Powell, Ohio

Grace Felisa Manthey Portland, Oregon

Valarie Jeanne Marrs Portland, Oregon

Gwen McNeirPortland, Oregon

Damien Gabriel Miles-Paulson Portland, Oregon

Tortiana, Oregon

Sean Michael Patterson Avon, Ohio

Simon Erik Petersen Portland, Oregon

Laurel Alexa Poncé Olympia, Washington

Eva Marie Ellen Preskey Happy Valley, Oregon

Reevkah Rubin Portland, Oregon

Dominic John Scott Warren, Ohio

Frances Anne Smyth Portland, Oregon

Haley Elizabeth Vick Vancouver, Washington

Sophia M Vigeant Portland, Oregon

Camryn Tracie Villanueva Portland, Oregon Alexandra Tapley Wahl Aubrey, Texas

Christine Anna Webb Portland, Oregon

Alena Willbur Portland, Oregon

Mary Elise Devine Wright Juneau, Alaska

Master of Education

Jenelle Emi Li Fei Aoki Spokane, Washington

Tracie Leigh Bonica Hillsboro, Oregon

Chantelle Marie Borle Sturgeon County, Alberta

Gidget Bouchard Edmonton, Alberta

Lacey Marie Brockhoff Saint Albert, Alberta

Gemmna Rose Cowan Brookings, Oregon

Rachel Renee Crawfis Gaylord, Michigan

Serena Kaur Delhon Edmonton, Alberta

Cassandra Dey Camrose, Alberta

Cori Marianne Fraser Edmonton, Alberta

Jonathan Adam Hemphill Edmonton, Alberta

Sarah Howden

Fort Saskatchewan, Alberta

Stefanie Lara Kaiser Sherwood Park, Alberta

Rachel Caroline Malsam Parker, Colorado

Laurel Velazquez Osorio Portland, Oregon

Darryl Thomas Paziuk Morinville, Alberta

Kailey Anne Pollitt Edmonton, Alberta

Antonia May Sartorelli Edmonton, Alberta

Ronald Scott Thompson Edmonton, Alberta

Amber Unruh-Atcheson Edmonton, Alberta

Shelley Bel Yu Edmonton, Alberta

The University's History

A Brief History of the University

Tradition has it that when Reverend Alexander Christie was appointed Archbishop of Portland in 1898, he had a vision for a university. While traveling aboard a ship along the Willamette River, Christie noticed a large brick building atop Waud's Bluff. When he learned that it was the site of the defunct Portland University founded by the Methodist Episcopal Church in 1891, Christie decided to purchase it (with financial assistance from the Congregation of Holy Cross) for the school of his vision. He named it "Columbia University" after the mighty river, and when it opened its doors on September 5, 1901, it was staffed with priests from the archdiocese. Christie realized that his school needed more support, so he approached the Congregation of Holy Cross's Indiana Province, and the following September they assumed ownership. Christie's vision had special meaning to the C.S.C.s. In 1841 several members of their order traveled from France to Indiana, where they founded the University of Notre Dame. Their success assured Christie that his own vision would one day be realized. In 1925, the College of Arts and Sciences was founded. In the 1930s, the University's name was changed to the University of Portland, the St. Vincent Hospital School of Nursing joined the University as the College of Nursing, and the

School of Business was created. In 1948, the School of Engineering was created, followed by the Graduate School in 1950 and the School of Education in 1962. In 1967 the Congregation of Holy Cross order transferred ownership of the University to a lay Board of Regents.

Today, UP is Oregon's largest private and the state's only Catholic university. It also is Oregon's only comprehensive university with schools of business, education, engineering, nursing, a College of Arts and Sciences, and a graduate school. There are more than 40 undergraduate programs and 30 minors, as well as 18 graduate programs, and more than 1,300 courses. For 28 consecutive years, the University has earned a top-10 ranking by US News & World Report in the "Regional Universities – West" classification, including the number 1 spot in the 2022 rankings. For nine consecutive years, UP has been the top Oregon school in Kiplinger's Personal *Finance* annual ranking of best values in private universities. And for three consecutive years, Bloomberg Businessweek has named University of Portland the top school in Oregon for "return on investment" in a state-by-state ranking of schools providing graduates with the most return for the price of their education.

The University's Mission and Alumni

The University's Mission

The University of Portland, an independently governed Catholic university guided by the Congregation of Holy Cross, addresses significant questions of human concern through studies of the arts, sciences, and humanities. As a diverse community of scholars dedicated to excellence and innovation, we pursue teaching and learning, faith and formation, service and leadership in the classroom, residence halls, and the world. Because we value the development of the whole person, the University honors faith and reason as ways of knowing, promotes ethical reflection, and prepares people who respond to the needs of the world and its human family.

The University's Alumni

"Our students are destined to live in the business and problems of the world. So they should not be made to live a type of life that they would have to abandon when they leave our institution. They should be trained in such a way that they may be everywhere what they were in school."

~Blessed Basil Moreau

As our University of Portland alumni family grows with each graduation class, your new journey begins. The joy, successes, and challenges you may encounter will ebb and flow. Your lived experience may take you to faraway places or keep you near The Bluff. UP alumni are leaders in community, service, teaching, and faith who impact the world around them. No matter where life takes you, our UP community is always present. As newly minted alumni, you are integral to that feeling of one community that is connected, not merely by our proximity, but by our care for one another.

Coat of Arms/Chain of Office/Memorial Mace/ Christus Magister Medal

The Coat of Arms

The historic green shield of the University of Portland bears a silver cross moline and crossed anchors. Beneath the cross and anchors are six wavy bars of silver and blue, and an open book with gold clasps. This is an adaptation of the arms of the Congregation of Holy Cross and the city of Portland. The motto, Veritas vos liberabit ("The truth will set you free") is on an escroll under the shield. Flanking the coat of arms are oak and laurel, symbols of strength and success.

Chain of Office

The President's Chain of Office is the symbol of unity the university forges from its diverse communities. Six medallions represent the major constituencies of the University: the State of Oregon, the Alumni, the Students, the Faculty, the Congregation of Holy Cross, and the Board of Regents. Tying them together is the heptagon displaying the symbol of the City of Roses and Mt. Hood. Rising over Mt. Hood is the Morning Star, symbolic of Mary, Mother of the Word Incarnate, patroness of the University. The heptagon is also representative of the Trivium and the Quadrivium, the curricula of the medieval university. At the bottom of the chain is the Coat of Arms of the University of Portland. The connecting links are cast in the shape of roots and branches of the rose.

The Brother Godfrey Vassallo, C.S.C., Memorial Mace

The ceremonial mace is a traditional emblem at institutions of higher learning in academic processions. At the University of Portland, a mace made of polished myrtle wood with bronze trim was commissioned in honor of Brother Godfrey, who served as Grand Marshal for many years. It was used for the first time at the 75th commencement in 1977. The cross at the top symbolizes the founding of the University as a Christian institution. Metal plates bear the names of all University of Portland presidents and the name of the mace.

The Christus Magister Medal

The Christus Magister Medal is awarded annually to men and women of international distinction. Recipients have evinced a vigorous spiritual life and an accomplished career that has significantly advanced knowledge, been of inimitable service to humanity, and been an inspiration and consolation to the world. It is the University's highest honor, conferred upon those whose lives have illustrated and enhanced the University's mission.

Academic Dress and Procession

The history of academic dress dates back to the Middle Ages when many of the scholars were also clerics and wore the costume of the monastic orders. In 1321, the University of Cambridge adopted specific styles and color combinations for its faculties. American colleges and universities desired to adopt a standard code of academic dress, and at a conference held at Columbia University in 1895, representatives from various institutions adopted a code and regulations governing academic dress for colleges and universities in the United States. The standards continue to be followed by the American Council on Education.

The costumes worn today are all traditional and their colors, trimmings, and patterns interpret the degree, the field of learning, and the institution that conferred the degree. The type of degree (bachelor's, master's, doctor's) is indicated by the width of the velvet edging and the length of the hood, the doctor's hood being the longest and of fuller shape than the others. The color of the velvet edging denotes the field of learning and the colors of the lining denote the school which conferred the degree.

The color of the tassel, worn on the left side of the mortar-board, also indicates the field of study and is gold for those with doctor's degrees. The colors you will see today in the hoods and gowns of our faculty represent the various fields of learning:

white, Arts, Letters and Humanities; drab, Business; light blue, Education; orange, Engineering; brown, Fine Arts; purple, Law; lemon yellow, Library Science; pink, Music; apricot, Nursing; dark blue, Philosophy; golden yellow, Science; scarlet, Theology.

The academic procession is led by the Marshals, faculty members appointed by the Provost. A traditional order of procession is followed: First come the candidates for degrees according to the order in which the degrees are to be conferred, then members of the faculty, and finally, the honorary degree recipients and the members of the platform party, followed by the President and Chair of the Board of Regents of the University. The order is reversed for the recessional.

Brevia

Hymns

America, The Beautiful

O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties
Above the fruited plain!
America! America!
God shed His grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood,
From sea to shining sea!

Alma Mater



