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A MESSAGE FROM THE CHANCELLOR



Dear Class of 2024:

Please accept my warmest and most heartfelt congratulations on achieving a truly momentous goal in your life. Just a few short years ago, you set your sights on earning a degree. Now, that goal is a reality. I hope you feel a well-earned sense of pride.

Even as numerous forces upended our world, you held firmly onto your dreams and persisted in your studies through challenges none of us could have foreseen or imagined. By necessity, 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.

Moving forward, you will face new opportunities with the potential for great success. I am sure that you will excel because you have the knowledge, skills and connections gained through your California State University education.

Your personal and educational transformation was aided by faculty, who trained you to look at the world with a critical eye and an open mind. Their efforts were supported by the work of your counselors, advisors, librarians, tutors and coaches who created an encouraging environment for you to succeed. All the while, your family, friends, colleagues and loved ones kept you motivated and saw you through your academic journey.

Your accomplishment today fills all of them – all of us – with pride.

You are now part of a network of over four million CSU alumni who are powering the social and economic prosperity of our state – and far beyond. You join fellow alumni who are solving our greatest challenges, educating the next generation, fighting for equality, and creating new opportunities for economic prosperity.

I encourage you to stay connected to the CSU. Use these connections – both to your university and to other CSU alumni – to expand your opportunities and make a meaningful impact on your community and the world. I also encourage you to support the generations who endeavor to follow in your footsteps.

The word we use to commemorate an earned university degree is “commencement.” This is, of course, deliberate. Today is not an end, but rather a beginning. And as you continue on your life’s journey, may your hard work and sacrifices pay dividends far beyond today’s celebration, both in your life and in the lives of those around you.

Congratulations, California State University Class of 2024! I look forward to all that you will accomplish.

Felicidades!

Warmly,

Mildred García

San Diego State University



125TH COMMENCEMENT



A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear Graduate:

On behalf of San Diego State University our half million alumni, congratulations on reaching this milestone achievement! Your degree represents years of focus, hard work and sacrifice in pursuit of a bright future. I am so excited to see what you accomplish going forward.

Along your educational path, you have explored and refined both your interests and your goals. Many have supported you along this journey and helped you to reach this point—family members, friends and loved ones, along with faculty and staff. I extend my sincere gratitude to them, and encourage you to also thank them today for the important roles they have played.

The motivation, tenacity and responsibility you have demonstrated in earning your degree will serve you well as a leader in your career, in your community, and beyond. The Class of 2024 is exemplary, and will propel us toward a brighter future.

This class holds a special place in SDSU's proud alumni tradition, as the class that grows our family of living Aztec alumni to more than half a million. It is truly an exceptional family to join. Extending across the country and the world, the Aztec alumni network offers each of you mentoring, collaboration, and career support. They are leaders who have launched and continue to grow businesses, serve as elected and appointed public officials, advance their professional fields and drive scientific discovery, and who have returned to the classroom to teach the next generations of students. They are also innovators, making creative contributions to the arts and contributing in countless other ways. Embrace and leverage this powerful resource. They are here for you today, and will continue to be here for you every step of your journey.

Whether you are launching into a career or continuing your education after today, please know that SDSU will continue to support you. The university received national recognition this year for enabling social mobility for all its students and graduates. Use the alumni network and SDSU's extensive Career Services, whether it's to help identify and secure that all-important first job or to progress through your career. We are stronger together, and you are an Aztec for life!

For now, I encourage you to pause and soak in this important day. Make it a lifetime memory.

Congratulations,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Adela de la Torre'.

Adela de la Torre, Ph.D.
President

A MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN



Dear Graduates,

I want to take this opportunity to extend my heartfelt congratulations on achieving this tremendous personal milestone. The College of Graduate Studies is extremely proud of all you have accomplished, and is honored to count you among our esteemed graduates.

Today we celebrate you. We also give special thanks to the parents, partners, children, and friends of our graduates for the support that they have provided during your graduate school journey.

As you leave this institution, please remember that the journey doesn't end here. You are now entering the next chapter of your life, and the narrative is yours to write. Some of you will continue your

education, while others will begin their professional careers. Know that you are well prepared to lead in your perspective fields and to pioneer solutions for the grand challenges facing today's society.

In the coming years, I ask that you not forget your professors and other important mentors. They have been with you from the beginning of your graduate school journey, celebrated your accomplishments, and are excited for you to take the next steps in your career. I encourage you to keep us updated on the many achievements you will experience in your careers and personal lives. We will always take great pride in your achievements.

Your hard work has brought you to the finish line of your studies here, and to the start of your professional careers. Always remember why you chose your respective field and the sacrifices that you have made to make this day happen. You are the engines of change, and we are very proud to welcome you as ambassadors for our graduate programs.

On behalf of San Diego State University, I wish you, the class of 2024, a hearty congratulations on your new graduate degree.

Take care and stay in touch,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tracy Love". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Tracy Love, Ph.D.
Dean, College of Graduate Studies



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Graduate Studies



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Graduates and Faculty

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Presentation of Colors and National Anthem

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Recognition and Remembrance

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Closing Remarks and Recessional

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TRADITION
Academic Regalia



Academic Dress

Academic dress, also known as academic regalia, originated in Medieval European universities during the 14th century, when commencement ceremonies were associated with religious ordination. In observance of tradition, all participants in commencement ceremonies wear full academic regalia, consisting of a traditional black gown, hood and mortarboard.

Bachelor's and master's gowns are plain, although sometimes worn with honor cords or stoles. The doctoral gown is trimmed down the front and around the sleeves with bands of velvet, either in black or a color associated with the graduate's field of study. Sleeve styles also vary with the degree: pointed sleeves on the bachelor's gown; short sleeves for the master's; and round, full sleeves for the doctoral robe.

The standard cap worn with academic regalia is the mortarboard in black. Graduates with a bachelor's degree wear a red and black tassel to represent SDSU school colors and graduates with a master's degree wear an all-black tassel. Doctoral graduates wear a tam with a gold tassel.

Postgraduate candidates wear hoods that fit around the neck in front and drape down over the robe in back. The hood lining displays the university colors of red and black. In addition, colored velvet edging on the hood corresponds to the graduate's field of study. The doctoral hood is longer than the master's hood, and trimmed with additional velvet panels.

The Gown

The typical academic gown is black, but some institutions choose colored gowns to signify certain colleges, universities or degrees. Bachelor's and master's gowns are plain, although sometimes worn with honor cords or stoles. The doctoral gown is trimmed down the front and around the sleeves with bands of velvet, either in black or a color associated with the graduate's field of study. Sleeve styles also vary with the degree: pointed sleeves on the bachelor's gown; short sleeves for the master's; and round, full sleeves for the doctoral robe.

The Hood

Graduates holding master's and doctoral degrees also typically wear a hood that fits around the neck in front and drapes down over the robe in back. The hood lining displays colors associated with particular schools. Chevrons in a second color indicate a dual emphasis, while colored velvet edging on the hood corresponds to the graduate's field of study. The doctoral hood is longer than the master's hood and trimmed with additional velvet panels.

The Cap

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TRADITION
Ceremony



Ceremonial Mace

The ceremonial mace, a symbol of university scholarship and integrity since the 11th century, is carried at the head of the academic procession at commencement and other special occasions to signify the importance of the event and the values of the university.

The university's mace was designed and handcrafted for San Diego State University by Michael Rybicki, an alumnus of the Master of Fine Arts jewelry and metalsmithing program.

The mace takes the iconic image of Hepner Hall as its main inspiration. Hepner Hall stands at the historic heart of the campus, and its bell tower and arch are well-loved symbols of the university for students, alumni and the entire San Diego community. A stylized silhouette of the bell tower, made of four curved sheets of sterling silver, sits atop a silver bowl formed by the traditional skill of hand raising — a metalworking method dating back thousands of years. The sleek curves of the tower resting on the hand-hammered bowl represent the blending of SDSU's proud history with its modern and forward-facing scholarship, research and community engagement. These sculptural elements sit atop a turned and carved walnut handle.

Presidential Medallion

The medallion worn by President Adela de la Torre at commencement was designed for her installation as the ninth president of San Diego State University on April 11, 2019. It was designed and created by metalsmith graduate student Rex Arthur Ramos. The nine waves of the medallion represent the past and current nine presidents of SDSU, each bringing a new wave of leadership. The circular shape of the medallion symbolizes a globe while iconic Hepner Hall encompasses this shape, reinforcing SDSU's global influence. SDSU is depicted at the very center of this globe on an abstract map of the local region. The inclusion of the border represents a university with many different cultures, while the coastal line signifies the nature that surrounds SDSU. The contemporary look of the medallion reflects a vision of the future for SDSU guided by President de la Torre.

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1963	John F. Kennedy <i>Doctor of Laws</i>	2005	Andreas Brown <i>Doctor of Fine Arts</i>
1966	Glenn T. Seaborg <i>Doctor of Laws</i>	2005	Ron L. Fowler <i>Doctor of Humane Letters</i>
1968	Edwin O. Reischauer <i>Doctor of Laws</i>	2006	Irwin Jacobs <i>Doctor of Science</i>
1996	Bernard Lipinsky <i>Doctor of Humane Letters</i>	2006	Craig Noel <i>Doctor of Fine Arts</i>
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