



COMMENCEMENT

PACIFIC UNION COLLEGE
ANGWIN, CALIFORNIA

JUNE 13, 2021

Welcome to

PACIFIC UNION COLLEGE

CEREMONY & CELEBRATION

Welcome to Pacific Union College's annual Commencement. We're so glad you could join us in celebrating the hard work and achievements of the students you have entrusted to us. As this year's graduates prepare to begin their busy lives after college, we hope this day will be a moment you and your student will treasure forever.

Sunday, June 13, 2021
Maxwell Commons

(near Paulin Hall)

9:00 A.M. General Commencement
4:00 P.M. Nursing Commencement and Pinning

COMMENCEMENT WILL BE STREAMING LIVE ON OUR WEBSITE AT PUC.EDU.

ABOUT PACIFIC UNION COLLEGE

Founded in 1882, Pacific Union College is an accredited Seventh-day Adventist Christian college where students learn with purpose, rise in faith, and serve with love. PUC has been recognized as a best value college for its diverse student population, strong retention, and high acceptance rates of its graduates into medical school, dental school, and prestigious graduate programs. The college is committed to providing students with an exceptional undergraduate experience focused on outstanding academics and Christian values.

PACIFIC UNION COLLEGE MISSION STATEMENT

Pacific Union College is a Seventh-day Adventist learning community offering an excellent Christ-centered education that prepares its students for productive lives of useful human service and uncompromising personal integrity.

POINTS OF DISTINCTION

- The college prides itself on a long tradition of high acceptance rates to medical and dental schools and graduate programs. Alumni have attended Loma Linda University, UC Davis School of Law, UCLA, Yale, and other prestigious institutions.
- Ranked the most ethnically diverse National Liberal Arts College in America, according to *U.S. News & World Report* (2018-2019), PUC provides a living laboratory for students to practice cultural competence, a highly sought-after talent by employers (Fortune; Forbes).
- PUC ranks number two in the nation for associate degree schools which provide the best return-on-investment after graduation (Payscale.com).
- PUC seniors score well above the national average in Major Field Tests (MFTs), with the department of mathematics ranking in the 99th percentile in 2018.
- PUC graduates work in seven of the 2019 top 10 tech companies for US professionals (LinkedIn).
- PUC is named one of the top six most beautiful colleges in the US (CEOWorld).
- The department of biology houses several first-rate collections, which include a geology and paleontology museum, a vertebrate animal collection, and a herbarium.
- The Herbert Ford Pitcairn Islands Study Center houses the largest collection of Pitcairn artifacts in the world.
- The Albion Field Station serves as a 17-acre satellite campus on the Pacific Coast near Mendocino, Calif.
- PUC has sent over 1,400 student missionaries to serve in countries including Chile, the Czech Republic, Fiji, Kazakhstan, Kenya, the Marshall Islands, and South Korea.
- Students participate in over 30 cultural, academic, and special interest clubs; 11 honor societies; and 11 community outreach programs.
- PUC is one of only 66 NAIA Institutions to achieve gold level Champions of Character Five-Star status, among 249 member schools.
- PUC has over 27,000 graduates out making a difference in our world.
- U.S. News & World Report awarded PUC #10 of their Best Regional Colleges West.
- PUC was ranked #4 of Best Value Schools by U.S. News & World Report.
- EDsmart ranked PUC #10 of the Best Christian Colleges in California.

PACIFIC UNION COLLEGE ADMINISTRATION

Robert A. Cushman Jr., Ph.D.	<i>President</i>
Milbert Mariano, M.F.A.	<i>Vice President for Academic Administration & Academic Dean</i>
Brandon C. Parker, M.B.A.	<i>Vice President for Financial Administration & Chief Financial Officer</i>
Gene Edelbach, M.A.	<i>Vice President for Enrollment, Marketing & Enrollment</i>
J. R. Rogers, M.B.A.	<i>Interim Vice President for Student Life</i>
Kellie J. Lind, B.S.	<i>Vice President for Alumni & Advancement</i>

SENIOR CLASS OFFICERS

<i>President</i>	Justin Jihoon Youn
<i>Executive Vice President</i>	Samantha Taylor Belenson
<i>Social Vice President</i>	Angela Jasmine Wilensky
<i>Religious Vice President</i>	Alexander Noah Ofisa
<i>Financial Vice President</i>	Noelle Nina Cortes Madrio
<i>Class Sponsors</i>	Tara Hargrove, Tammy McGuire, James Wibberding

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

Please remember to wear your mask at all times. If a mask breaks or is lost, extra masks are available for free at the information booth, or by request to any event staff. Do not remove your mask even when cheering.

Please remember to maintain a distance of at least 6 feet from other attendees outside of your family group at all times.

PHOTOS AT COMMENCEMENT

1. Graduates will march down designated aisles to the front of Maxwell Commons before marching to their seats next to their guests. Please remain by your seats during the processional. Close-up photos of the graduates marching in the processional will be possible from your seats.
2. For pictures of your graduate actually receiving their diploma, please rely on the professional photographers from Grad Images (at gradimages.com or (800) 261-2576). Other photographers are not allowed close to the stage or inside the rope boundaries, nor will any photographers be allowed to congregate near the rope boundaries to take pictures.
3. Following the ceremony, graduates and their guests will participate in the recessional together and will be dismissed by members of the Junior class.

HAVE QUESTIONS WHILE YOU'RE HERE?

Our live chat is active and can provide you quick information and answers at puc.edu/graduation.

GENERAL COMMENCEMENT
MAXWELL COMMONS

SUNDAY, JUNE 13, 2021, 9:00 A.M.

Processional	<i>Military March Op. 39</i> EDWARD ELGAR	
Welcome and Invocation		Bradford Newton <i>Executive Secretary, Pacific Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists</i> <i>Chair, Pacific Union College Board of Trustees</i>
Scripture Reading	<i>Matthew 6:26-33</i>	Samantha Belenson <i>Class Executive Vice President</i>
Introduction of Speaker		Robert A. Cushman Jr. <i>President</i>
Commencement Address	<i>Surprise!</i>	Aren Rennecker <i>Youth Director, Southeastern California Conference</i>
Musical Selection	<i>Amazing Grace</i> ARR. MIKE LEWIS	Aaron Baluyot, Alexis Keller, Adrienne Weiss, Rachelle Berthelsen Davis
A Valedictory		Justin Youn <i>Class President</i>
Presentation of Class Gift		Noelle Madrio <i>Class Financial Vice President</i> Angela Wilensky <i>Class Social Vice President</i>
Presentation of Class		Milbert Mariano <i>Vice President for Academic Administration</i> <i>& Academic Dean</i>
Conferring of Degrees		Robert A. Cushman Jr. <i>President</i>
Alumni Welcome		Kellie J. Lind <i>Vice President for Alumni & Advancement</i>
Benediction		Alexander N. Ofisa <i>Class Religious Vice President</i>
Recessional	<i>War March of the Priests</i> FELIX MENDELSSOHN	

REGISTRAR: Jonathan Bradley

KEYBOARD: Martin Reid

COMMENCEMENT MARSHALS: Bryan Ness, Rachelle Berthelsen Davis

Junior class members Fara M. Andrianarijaona and Audry E. Guzman will usher the senior procession.

Please wait to be dismissed from your row by the Junior class.

NURSING COMMENCEMENT AND PINNING

MAXWELL COMMONS

SUNDAY, JUNE 13, 2021, 4:00 P.M.

Processional	<i>Military March Op. 39</i> EDWARD ELGAR	
Welcome and Invocation		Jana Aagaard <i>Pacific Union College Board of Trustees</i>
Scripture Reading	<i>James 2:14-17</i>	Erick Cruz Larios <i>NSA Religious Vice President</i>
Introduction of Speaker		Debra Wallace <i>Associate Professor of Nursing</i>
Commencement Address	<i>Think Big, Start Small, Act Now</i>	Shana Ruggenberg <i>Director of Master's Entry Program in Nursing, Betty Irene Moore School of Nursing, UC Davis</i>
Musical Selection	<i>What a Friend We Have in Jesus</i> CHARLES C. CONVERSE, ARR. DAVID RITTER	Natalie Fode, Alexis Keller
Significance of the Pin:	Associate Degree Baccalaureate Degree	Sarah Onsoe, <i>NSA President 2021</i> Ceasar Dayahan, <i>NSA President 2020</i>
Presentation of Class		Milbert Mariano <i>Vice President for Academic Administration & Academic Dean</i>
Conferring of Degrees		Robert A. Cushman Jr. <i>President</i>
Presentation of the Pin:	Associate Degree Baccalaureate Degree	Sandra Ringer, <i>Assistant Professor of Nursing</i> Tamara Tirado, <i>Professor of Nursing</i>
Alumni Welcome		Kellie J. Lind <i>Vice President for Alumni & Advancement</i>
Benediction		Kevin Mendoza <i>BSN Graduate</i>
Recessional	<i>War March of the Priests</i> FELIX MENDELSSOHN	

REGISTRAR: Jonathan Bradley

KEYBOARD: Martin Reid

COMMENCEMENT MARSHALS: Katrina Blue, Robin Vance

Junior class members Guadalupe Gomez and Grace Mynt will usher the senior procession.

Please wait to be dismissed from your row by the Junior class ushers.

PACIFIC UNION COLLEGE

CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

JUNE 2021

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE

Caleb Almocera	Health Sciences
(Cum Laude)	
Regan Kathleen Andel	Early Childhood Education
Bruno Caramel de Oliveira	Art (Photography)
*Christopher James Cline	Emergency Services
Martin Christian Corpus	Health Sciences
Emely Franchesca Dalla-Tor	Health Sciences
*Jade McKenzie Deruelle	Health Sciences
Brittany Michaela Diep	Health Sciences
Kelly Chee Dixon	Early Childhood Education
Ronni Nicole Ferris	Emergency Services
Sephora Julia Fidel	Health Sciences
†Victoria Joe Gabardi	Health Sciences
(Summa Cum Laude)	
Braden Royce Ibarra	Health Sciences
(Summa Cum Laude)	
Miguel Angel Machuca	Health Sciences
(Cum Laude)	
Noelle Nina Cortes Madrio	Engineering
(Cum Laude)	
Isabella Reane Malan	Health Sciences
(Cum Laude)	
Annaleslie Mata	Music
*Venessa Simamora	Health Sciences
Elisabeth Shea Unsworth	Health Sciences
(Magna Cum Laude)	
Angela Jasmine Wilensky	Health Sciences
(Summa Cum Laude)	
†Justin Jihoon Youn	Health Sciences
(Summa Cum Laude)	

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

Rachelle Marie Bautista Abello	Nursing
(Cum Laude)	
Aby Kyla De Guzman Anacay	Nursing
(Cum Laude)	
Karina Lauren Ayhuan	Nursing
Mel Banagan, Jr.	Nursing
Emily Marie Barron	Nursing
(Cum Laude)	
Bianca Dayrit Bautista	Nursing
Charles Conan Sy Belandres II	Nursing
Katelyn Marie Bingham	Nursing
Myriah Ann Bivin	Nursing

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Elizabeth Renee Borchik	Nursing
†Megan Alyse Bothwell.....	Nursing
(Summa Cum Laude)	
Evleena Christin Bouit.....	Nursing
(Magna Cum Laude)	
Amanda Kimberly Briggs.....	Nursing
Tiffany Dawn Brown.....	Nursing
(Magna Cum Laude)	
Kirbie Nicole Buccellato.....	Nursing
Lizbeth Cadenas.....	Nursing
Ma. Selena Cassandra Small Caoile.....	Nursing
Joanna Alexandra Cervantes.....	Nursing
Christopher Chang.....	Nursing
Anastasia Crampton.....	Nursing
David Crespo.....	Nursing
Erick Cruz Larios.....	Nursing
Brenda Mary Anne Curcio.....	Nursing
Katie Marie Dalessi.....	Nursing
(Cum Laude)	
*Zoe Danner.....	Nursing
(Cum Laude)	
Ashley Concepcion Del Pilar.....	Nursing
(Cum Laude)	
Christine Dooley.....	Nursing
Vinezza Lorettae Doyle.....	Nursing
Kayla Lynn Everhart.....	Nursing
Jeremy Lozano Famorcan.....	Nursing
Elisabeth Lynn Fortino.....	Nursing
McKenna Freier.....	Nursing
Carl-Michael Gagui.....	Nursing
Kaitlyn Giang.....	Nursing
Hannah Diana Guerrero.....	Nursing
Ivan A. Gutierrez.....	Nursing
Krystin Paige Hamrick.....	Nursing
*Jenna Han.....	Nursing
Ernesto Hernandez.....	Nursing
Abigail Dominique Hidalgo.....	Nursing
(Cum Laude)	
Josephine Esosa Igbineweka.....	Nursing
Sabrina Kalaveras.....	Nursing
Vincent L. Kantala.....	Nursing
Navjot Kaur.....	Nursing
Ashley Rose Klekar.....	Nursing
*Tammy Pang Lee.....	Nursing
Alley Grace Lehmann.....	Nursing
Cameron J. Lehmann.....	Nursing
Oscar Lopez-Bucio.....	Nursing
Jewel Mae Maglalang.....	Nursing
Charize Giann L. Malana.....	Nursing
(Cum Laude)	
Ariana Martinez.....	Nursing
Dylan Michael McColley.....	Nursing
(Cum Laude)	
Sofia Damaris Mejia Molina.....	Nursing

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John Virgil Cachapero Mesia	Nursing
Sheena Marie Mixon	Nursing
Jamie Marie Mojica	Nursing
Joseph Dominic P. Mondares	Nursing
Chinemerem Ndu	Nursing
Jamie Nelson	Nursing
*Ryan L. Nolasco	Nursing
Aaron B. Oania	Nursing
Naiala Oliveira da Silva	Nursing
Sarah Christine Onsoe	Nursing
(Cum Laude)	
Kaila-Leilani Reyes Paga	Nursing
Luis Angel Pena	Nursing
Vitoria Pierini de Souza	Nursing
Mark Shou M. Radana	Nursing
(Cum Laude)	
Paulina Maria Rapolla	Nursing
Serafina Ream	Nursing
(Cum Laude)	
Jeffrey Rickard	Nursing
Talita Quecada Rizziolli	Nursing
Carlie Annette Rocha Marquez	Nursing
Nikki M. Roquiza	Nursing
Nichole Marie Rose	Nursing
Avielle Angelica Porcalla Sales	Nursing
Rachel Sayo	Nursing
Hannah Schneider	Nursing
Sara Shirakh	Nursing
Yosia W. Simbolon	Nursing
Jeanine Louise Stefani	Nursing
Kayla Celine Tecson	Nursing
Genesis Tejeda	Nursing
Angela Thapa	Nursing
*David Jonathan Thomas	Nursing
Briana Valenzuela	Nursing
*Danni Marie Welch	Nursing
(Cum Laude)	
Kristen Kaiulani Mei-Ling Wong	Nursing
Allison Jean Young	Nursing

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Rebeca Sarai Alejo Vega	Spanish Studies
David Arriaza	Business Administration
Hannah Kaye Beachboard	English (Education)
Isaiah Byun	Theology
(Magna Cum Laude)	
Bruno Caramel de Oliveira	Graphic Design
Josette Elizabeth DeTour	Film
Kelly Chee Dixon	Communication
Micoh Dave Reyes Dumayag	Theology
*Spencer Kelly Dunbar	History (American History)

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- Bethany Marie Erb..... English (British and American Literature)
 Honors Project: *The Novel Pre-Medical Student: Justifying a Health Humanities Major for Use at Pacific Union College*
 (Summa Cum Laude)
- Sephora Julia Fidel..... Language and Culture Studies (Spanish)
- Isabel Gillian Grace McMillan..... History (American History)
 Honors Project: *A Nation's Identity Redefined Through the Lens: The Farm Security Administration & The Redefining of the American Consciousness.*
 (Cum Laude)
- Michala Cinteely Medema..... Language and Culture Studies (Spanish)
 (Cum Laude)
- Hunter Mostoufi..... History (American History)
- Alexander Noah Ofisa II..... Theology
- Karla Melanie Ramos..... Spanish Studies
 (Cum Laude)
- Carlos Alberto Salido..... Theology
- Jonathan Alexander Santos..... Theology
- Sarah Alexandra Tanner..... English (British and American Literature)
 Honors Project: *"Crucified Wild Beasts": Pain, Animality, and Affect in St. Mawr and To A God Unknown.*
 (Summa Cum Laude)
- *Esteban Yin..... Spanish Studies

BACHELOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

- Luis Fernando Diz Cota..... (Management)
- Gloriel Moriah Francis..... (Management); (Marketing)
 (Cum Laude)
- Rachel Marlene Hall..... (Management)
- Alyssa Monique Hidalgo..... (Healthcare Management)
- Chanikarn Phoemphon..... (Accounting)
 (Magna Cum Laude)
- Amy Linette Ramos..... (Management)
 (Cum Laude)
- Ana B. Orozco..... (Management)
- Elisabeth Shea Unsworth..... (Healthcare Management)
 (Magna Cum Laude)
- *Shane Wright..... (Accounting)

BACHELOR OF FINE ART

- Sebastian Oliver Anderson..... Graphic Design
 Honors Project: *The Origin and Cultural Impact of the Blackletter Style.*
 (Summa Cum Laude)
- Hann Shawn Lai..... Film
 (Cum Laude)
- Desiree Joanne Mansilla..... Graphic Design
 (Cum Laude)
- Nephtali Marin..... Film
 (Cum Laude)
- Caleb James Pudewell..... Graphic Design
- Dylan Spencer Siok..... Film

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

*Vanessa Akoth Siprose Opee.....	Chemistry (Biochemistry)
De'Rajae Malik Austin	Exercise Science
Aaron Timothy Evanado Baluyot.....	Biochemistry
(Cum Laude)	
Valerie Josefa Barraza	Chemistry
Samantha Taylor Belenson.....	Biology
(Cum Laude)	
Andrew Biswas.....	Exercise Science
†Taylor Anne Bothwell.....	Biomathematics; Global Development Studies
(Summa Cum Laude)	(Biomathematics)
*Kuahiwi Matthew Po'okela Brede	Communication
Eduardo Camacho.....	Chemistry
(Summa Cum Laude)	
Michael Jonathan Camacho.....	Physical Education (Teacher Education)
*Catherine Chen	Communication
*Christopher James Cline.....	Emergency Management
Martin Christian Corpus.....	Exercise Science
Jordon Michaela Cowen	Biochemistry
Jayla Cruse.....	Health Communication
(Magna Cum Laude)	
Emely Franchesca Dalla-Tor	Exercise Science
Samuel D'Autruche	Music (Music Specialist)
Rediet Tsegaye Degefa.....	History, Political Studies, and Ethics
Cliff Andrew De Guzman.....	Biophysics
Honors Project: <i>The Deposition and Expulsion of Bioaerosols Formed by Respiratory Events and Their Suppression.</i>	
(Magna Cum Laude)	
Carl John Yanga De Pano	Liberal Studies
*Oliyad Dibisa	Chemistry
Caite Dion.....	Psychology
Cayla Dulay	Exercise Science
Nesreen Magdi Elsaadi	Health Communication
(Summa Cum Laude)	
Wayne Engelstad.....	Physical Education (Teacher Education)
*Rowena Castanar Fabro	Psychology
Natalie Jayne Fode.....	Music
(Magna Cum Laude)	
Sydney Shea Foliente.....	Liberal Studies
(Cum Laude)	
†Victoria Joe Gabardi.....	Biology
Honors Project: <i>Psychobiotics: Paving the Road to Happiness from the Gut to the Brain.</i>	
(Summa Cum Laude)	
Krysthel Mae Gamayo.....	Early Childhood Education
(Magna Cum Laude)	
Lewis Anikin Govea.....	Music
Jean-Carlos Gutierrez.....	Management for Medical Professionals
(Cum Laude)	
*Kelsey T. Hadfield	Biophysics
(Cum Laude)	
*Caroline Hogan	Environmental Studies

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Ervin Jackson	Biochemistry
Honors Project: <i>From Soulfood to Serotonin: A Biochemical Study on the Relationship Between Soulfood and Serotonin Production.</i>	
Hailey Rose Noelle Johanson	Communication (Marketing Communication)
Honors Project: <i>What She Died of, What She Knew, What She Saw, and What Made Her Tremble: Redefining Humanity in Toni Morrison's Beloved.</i>	
(Cum Laude)	
Claire Catherine Keenan	Exercise Science
(Cum Laude)	
Hannah YoungEun Kim	Biology
(Cum Laude)	
* † Cedric Kwon	Management for Medical Professionals
(Summa Cum Laude)	
Patrick John Lambeth II	Biophysics
*Tori Kealani Lee.....	Biology
(Summa Cum Laude)	
*Nicholas Lira	Physical Education (Teacher Education)
Jessica Lopez Flores.....	Health Communication
Paul Daniel Madla.....	History, Political Studies, and Ethics
(Cum Laude)	
Noelle Nina Cortes Madrio	Biomathematics
Honors Project: <i>Mathematical Modeling of the COVID-19 Outbreak in California.</i>	
(Cum Laude)	
Isabella Reane Malan.....	Exercise Science
(Cum Laude)	
Martin Branden Chiong Mangahas.....	Chemistry
Monarc Manlongat	Biophysics
(Cum Laude)	
Hewitt Matanari.....	Emergency Management
Kenneth Graeme Earl Yanga McKelvie	Management for Medical Professionals
Honors Project: <i>Telehealth: The Future of Healthcare after COVID?</i>	
(Magna Cum Laude)	
Michala Cinteely Medema.....	Health Communication
(Cum Laude)	
Katherine Mogollon Cabellos.....	Psychology
(Magna Cum Laude)	
†Alex Christian Nelson.....	Emergency Services (Paramedic)
Honors Project: <i>How to Save a Life.</i>	
(Summa Cum Laude)	
Victoria Ellen Nichols.....	Psychology
(Cum Laude)	
Katerinne Leonor Perez De Leon.....	Early Childhood Education
Carlos Alberto Piedra.....	Exercise Science
Amy Linette Ramos.....	Global Development Studies (Business)
(Cum Laude)	
Karla Melanie Ramos.....	Liberal Studies
(Cum Laude)	
Amy Merary Robles	Exercise Science
Honors Project: <i>A Comparison of Perceptions of Nutritional Values and Behaviors Between Native Mexicans and Mexican Immigrants to the United States.</i>	
(Magna Cum Laude)	
Antonio Isaias Robles	Biology
Honors Project: <i>Macro-invertebrates and Fishes Sheltering in the Burrows of the Indo-Pacific Rock-boring Urchin Echinometra mathei.</i>	

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Adriana Janelle Sainsbury	Emergency Management
Marcus Shackford	Aviation
(Magna Cum Laude)	
Angela HyunA Shin	Biophysics
Diana Sohn	Biology
(Cum Laude)	
Jae Young Sohn.....	Biology
Woorin Song.....	Chemistry
(Cum Laude)	
Brenai Shavon Stockton.....	Psychology
Kim Ruth Thompson	Liberal Studies
(Cum Laude)	
Jessica Dung To.....	Chemistry
Daniel Thien Khang Tran.....	Biology
(Cum Laude)	
Lily Tran	Biochemistry
Honors Project: <i>Urea: The Ultimate Moisturizing Ingredient.</i>	
(Summa Cum Laude)	
†Emma Elyse Tyner.....	Biochemistry
Honors Project: <i>Dopaminergic Modulation of Cognitive Functions in Parkinson's Disease.</i>	
(Summa Cum Laude)	
†Adrienne Gina Rowland Weiss.....	Chemistry
Honors Project: <i>Cellular Respiration Explained Through an Adventure Story.</i>	
(Summa Cum Laude)	
Angela Jasmine Wilensky	Health Communication
(Summa Cum Laude)	
Marc-Christopher Williams	Psychology
Morgan Williamson	Liberal Studies
Joseph Joowaon Yang	Biophysics
(Cum Laude)	
Joseph David Yankee.....	Biology
(Cum Laude)	
†Justin Jihoon Youn	Management for Medical Professionals; Global
(Summa Cum Laude)	Development Studies (Business)
Miriam Yu.....	Management for Medical Professionals
(Magna Cum Laude)	

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

Franche Lei Garcia Aguinaldo.....	Nursing
Amanda Christine Alonzo.....	Nursing
(Cum Laude)	
Rebecca Gabrielle Annuzzi.....	Nursing
(Cum Laude)	
Amanda Carmela Ardizzone	Nursing
(Cum Laude)	
Marisa Isabela Avalos	Nursing
Deyanira Jasmine Barba.....	Nursing
(Cum Laude)	
*Elizabeth Jean Barefield.....	Nursing
*Neil Christian Bensan.....	Nursing
(Cum Laude)	
*Ivly Cabouet.....	Nursing

Sharlene De La Cruz Carig	Nursing
Rox Carloyz Monegas Carvajal.....	Nursing
Daniela Ceja-Paniagua.....	Nursing
Lemuel Francis Constantino	Nursing
(Cum Laude)	
Cesar Anthony Dayahan.....	Nursing
Alvin Carl Tamayo de Guzman.....	Nursing
*Giovanni Dominguez.....	Nursing
*Jacob Jeffrey Enriquez.....	Nursing
(Cum Laude)	
Quinton Lee Fisher	Nursing
Jessica Flores.....	Nursing
(Cum Laude)	
Natalie Jayne Fode.....	Nursing
(Magna Cum Laude)	
Matthew Michael Foulston.....	Nursing
Marygold Fritz	Nursing
Kellie Furia.....	Nursing
Amy Elisabeth Harrington.....	Nursing
*Alexia Witney Hernandez.....	Nursing
*Katelyn Christina Johnson.....	Nursing
Joshua Young Kyu Joo	Nursing
Alexis Keller.....	Nursing
(Magna Cum Laude)	
*Hazel Gabrielle Labaco.....	Nursing
Megan Marquez.....	Nursing
(Summa Cum Laude)	
Kevin Emmanuel Mendoza.....	Nursing
(Cum Laude)	
Courtney Michelle Miller.....	Nursing
Keysa Miranda.....	Nursing
(Cum Laude)	
Caleb B. Moktan.....	Nursing
*Katherine Munoa	Nursing
LaToya Okon.....	Nursing
*Antonia Palos.....	Nursing
Ynna Mikaela Pangilinan.....	Nursing
*Adriana Micala Particelli.....	Nursing
Amelia Duma Putnam.....	Nursing
Jade Marie Quan.....	Nursing
(Cum Laude)	
*Elizabeth Madrid Ramirez.....	Nursing
*Elizabeth Michelle Rocha.....	Nursing
Jaime Romero.....	Nursing
Kacey Nicole Sargent.....	Nursing
Cyril Sarmiento.....	Nursing
Christopher Yuel Thomas.....	Nursing
Duyen Nguyen Thanh Trinh.....	Nursing
(Cum Laude)	
Christian Allen Yambao Trinidad.....	Nursing
Joseph Weismann.....	Nursing
Christine Jennifer Woodlief.....	Nursing

BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK

Abraham Garrido	Social Work
Annaleslie Mata	Social Work
Nolan Nalupta	Social Work

MASTER OF ARTS

Michele Hipolito	(Secondary)
Kim Ruth Thompson	(Elementary)

MINORS

*Vanessa Akoth Siprose Opee.....	History
Regan Kathleen Andel.....	Physical Education
Evleena Christin Bouit.....	Spanish
Eduardo Camacho.....	Biology
Rediet Tsegaye Degefa.....	Public Relations and Journalism
Luis Fernando Diz Cota.....	Italian
Nesreen Magdi Elsaadi	History
†Bethany Marie Erb.....	Chemistry
Hailey Rose Noelle Johanson.....	English
Patrick John Lambeth II.....	Chemistry
Paul Daniel Madla.....	Communication
Nephtali Marin.....	French
Annaleslie Mata.....	Communication
Hewitt Matanari.....	Chemistry
Isabel Gillian Grace McMillan.....	English; German
Hunter Mostoufi.....	German
Angela Jasmine Wilensky.....	Spanish
Miriam Yu.....	Communication

ACADEMIC PROCESSION

Banner Bearers	2021 Class Officers
Platform Party	Student Association Officers
Commencement Marshals	Master of Arts in Teaching
Faculty Department Representatives	Graduating Class of 2021 & 2020

SIGNIFICANCE OF THE ACADEMIC BANNERS

The eight banners used in the graduation procession and displayed during the ceremony represent the college seal and the seven areas of study at PUC. Each banner incorporates either the torch or the book—elements of PUC's college seal. The colors and the other symbols employed in each banner represent the academic fields.

- ~ APPLIED ARTS: *Symbols*—Torch and Symbol for Constructing
Colors—Maroon, Orange, and Green
- ~ FINE ARTS: *Symbols*—Torch and Spiral (symbolizing the golden mean)
Colors—Gold Yellow, Crimson, and White
- ~ HUMANITIES: *Symbols*—Book and Quill Pen
Colors—Light Blue and Citron
- ~ NATURAL SCIENCES: *Symbols*—Book and Symbol for the Four Elements
Colors—Green and Gold Yellow
- ~ PROFESSIONAL STUDIES: *Symbols*—Torch and Scroll
Colors—Burnished Gold, Silver Gray, and Apricot
- ~ RELIGION: *Symbols*—Cross and Book
Colors—Scarlet and Purple
- ~ SOCIAL SCIENCES: *Symbols*—Torch and Globe
Colors—Citron and Sage Green

ABOUT MAXWELL COMMONS

D. Malcolm Maxwell was the nineteenth president of PUC, and the first alumnus to serve in that role. He had the longest tenure—18 years—of any president of the college. Maxwell passed away in 2007, but his legacy and the impact he had on PUC continue to live on. He is remembered for his energy, passion, and commitment to higher education, and it is in this spirit Maxwell Commons was named.

SIGNIFICANCE OF ACADEMIC REGALIA

Caps and gowns worn in formal academic convocations in American colleges and universities are the descendants of the everyday attire worn in the universities of medieval Europe.

Three basic types of gowns are worn: bachelor's gowns have long, pointed sleeves; master's gowns have long, closed sleeves; and doctorate gowns have full sleeves with velvet bars. The bars may be black to indicate any doctoral degree, or the color of the particular degree, e.g. dark blue for doctors of philosophy.

The part of the regalia that tells the most about the degree is the hood. Hoods for all degrees are lined with satin in the colors of the academic institution conferring the degree. The edging or trim of the hood is a wide velvet band, the color of which in bachelor's and master's hoods indicates the academic area in which the degree is earned. The wide, velvet edging of the doctoral hood indicates the particular kind of degree held, e.g. dark blue for Ph.D., light blue for Ed.D., and green for M.D. The length of the hood reflects the level of the degree represented.

Some universities include stoles specific to their university. PUC graduates have the option of adding the college's stole to their regalia. PUC's stole is green with the college's seal in gold. Graduates who have participated in the Adventist Colleges Abroad and World Missions programs wear white and light gray stoles respectively with the flag of each country in which they studied or served.

The mortarboard or beret is worn with all degrees. The tassel should be black or the color appropriate to the subject, with the exception of the doctor's cap that may have a tassel of gold.

STUDENT ROBE COLORS

M.Ed., M.A.T., B.S., B.A., B.F.A., B.Mus., B.B.A.	Black
A.S.	Navy
A.S. in Nursing	White

TASSEL COLORS REPRESENTING FIELDS OF STUDY

Arts, Letters, and Humanities	White
Business and Office Administration	Burnished Gold
Communication	Silvery Gray
Education, Liberal Studies	Light Blue
Emergency Services, Management, and Paramedic	Green
Engineering	Orange
Exercise Science, Physical Education	Sage Green
Health Sciences	Salmon Pink
Journalism	Crimson
Music	Pink
Nursing	Apricot
Psychology	Gold
Religion, Theology	Scarlet
Social Work	Citron
Sciences	Gold Yellow
Visual Arts	Brown

HONOR CORDS & MEDALLIONS

- ~ Seniors graduating Summa Cum Laude have attained a G.P.A. of 3.90 or above and wear three gold cords.
- ~ Seniors graduating Magna Cum Laude have attained a G.P.A. of 3.75-3.89 and wear two gold cords.
- ~ Seniors graduating Cum Laude have attained a G.P.A. of 3.5-3.749 and wear one gold cord.
- ~ Honors Program graduates wear blue, white, and gold cords.
- ~ Maxwell Scholars wear a medallion with green and gold ribbon.
- ~ Officers of the Senior Class wear a gold stole.
- ~ Student Association Senators wear a medallion with gold ribbon.
- ~ Officers of the Student Association wear a medallion with green and yellow ribbon.
- ~ Veterans, reservists, and active duty military personnel wear a red, white, and blue cord.
- ~ Members of the International Honor Society in Business, Management, and Administration (Sigma Beta Delta) wear a medallion with forest green ribbon.
- ~ Members of the Order of the Sword & Shield National Honor Society (Omicron Sigma Sigma) wear blue and gold honor cords.
- ~ Members of the International Honor Society in English (Sigma Tau Delta) wear black and red honor cords.
- ~ Members of the International Honor Society in History (Phi Alpha Theta) wear red and blue cords.
- ~ Members of the International Honor Society in Music (Pi Kappa Lambda) wear gold and white honor cords.
- ~ Members of the Communication National Honor Society (Lambda Pi Eta) wear red and white honor cords.
- ~ Members of the PUC Nursing Honor Society wear apricot and green honor cords.
- ~ Members of the Psychology National Honor Society (Psi Chi) wear a double gold cord with blue and gold tassels.
- ~ Members of the Social Work National Honor Society (Phi Alpha) wear a medallion with blue and gold ribbon.

SIGNIFICANCE OF THE NURSING PIN

Florence Nightingale is the first nurse known to have been presented with a professional nursing pin, awarded by Queen Victoria for her outstanding patient care to soldiers during the Crimean War.

The Associate of Science graduates' pin is in the form of a Greek cross, which has become a symbol of unselfish nursing service given with professional knowledge and skill. The lamp in the center of the pin symbolizes the relief of suffering by nurses who give love, caring, and healing.

The Bachelor of Science graduates' pin has three circles surrounded by a laurel wreath. Within the inner circle is a flaming torch denoting Christ as the light of the world, and an open book which represents the book of life and the wisdom of the scriptures. The next circle contains the motto of the college, "They shall be all taught of God," and the outer circle identifies the college name, Pacific Union College. The wreath signifies the achievement of the victors of the baccalaureate nursing program.

CLASS VITA

<p style="text-align: center;">GRADUATES</p> <p>Men96</p> <p>Women.....167</p> <p>Total Graduates.....263</p> <p style="text-align: center;">DEGREES</p> <p>Associate.....98</p> <p>Bachelor.....169</p> <p>Master.....2</p> <p>Minors.....19</p> <p>Total Degrees.....281</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">TEACHING CREDENTIALS</p> <p>Elementary.....3</p> <p>Secondary.....1</p> <p>Dual Elementary & Secondary...1</p> <p>Early Childhood Education...4</p> <p style="text-align: center;">LARGEST DEPARTMENTAL GROUPS</p> <p>Nursing & Health Sciences...159</p> <p>Business Administration.....16</p>	<p>Communication.....15</p> <p>Chemistry.....13</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ACADEMIC DISTINCTION & HONORS</p> <p>Summa Cum Laude.....18</p> <p>Magna Cum Laude.....16</p> <p>Cum Laude.....55</p> <p>With Honors.....16</p> <p>Maxwell Scholar.....9</p>
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GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATIONS REPRESENTED

USA

Arizona.....3	Georgia.....1	New York.....3	Wisconsin.....1
California.....225	Hawaii.....5	Oregon.....3	
Colorado.....3	Maryland.....2	Tennessee.....1	
Florida.....1	New Hampshire.....1	Texas.....1	

INTERNATIONAL

Brazil.....2	Hong Kong.....1	South Korea.....1	
Canada.....3	Malaysia.....1	Thailand.....1	
Ethiopia.....1	Philippines.....1	Vietnam.....2	

RETURNED STUDENT MISSIONARIES & TASK FORCE WORKERS

David Arriaza.....Pohnpei	Jamie Nelson.....Pohnpei
Taylor Anne Bothwell.....Pohnpei	Carlos Alberto Piedra.....Brazil
Emely Franchesca Dalla-Tor.....Brazil	Antonio Isaias Robles.....Palau
Sydney Shea Foliente.....Fiji	Morgan Williamson.....Fiji
Nephtali Marin.....Brazil	

STUDENT ASSOCIATION OFFICERS

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SPECIAL RECOGNITION

EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR

SARA KAKAZU, associate professor of English at Pacific Union College, holds a B.A. in English from Walla Walla College (now Walla Walla University), an M.A. from Western Washington University, and a Ph.D. from University at Buffalo, SUNY. Sara has been teaching at PUC in the English department and Honors program since 2008. She has been chairing the English Department since Fall 2019. She has served on several campus committees including the Rank and Tenure Committee and the Academic Freedom Taskforce. Sara has presented research at the College English Association, NeMLA, and the International Conference on Narrative. Her teaching and research interests include nineteenth-century American literature, early American literature, and African American literature, with particular focus on women's, captivity, slave, encounter, and travel narratives. She also teaches creative nonfiction and poetry.

GENERAL COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER



AREN RENNACKER serves as Youth Director for the Southeastern California Conference. Before that he served as youth and young adult pastor at two churches in Southern California. Aren graduated from PUC in 2011 with his bachelor's degree in PR/Journalism, and completed his master's degree in Theological Studies from La Sierra University in 2017. Aren's passion is to empower both youth and youth leaders to experience the Gospel in new and relevant ways. Aside from ministry, Aren also enjoys basketball, stories, and a fresh bowl of oatmeal. He married his lovely wife Paige in 2020.

NURSING COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER



SHANA RUGGENBERG is the director for the Master's Entry Program in Nursing (MEPN) at the Betty Irene Moore School of Nursing at UC Davis. As director, she provides leadership in program administration, leads MEPN curriculum development efforts, supports faculty in providing outstanding interprofessional education, and teaches courses in the nursing program. Dr. Ruggenberg has significant experience in perinatal nursing, healthcare leadership, and higher education. Prior to her role at UC Davis, she was a member of the nursing faculty at Pacific Union College for 19 years, the last 11 of those years serving as Department Chair. She earned her associate and bachelor's degrees in nursing

from Pacific Union College, her master's degree from University of California at Los Angeles, and her doctorate in education from the University of San Francisco.