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GOLDEN GATE UNIVERSITY
SCHOOL OF LAW

CLASS OF
2021
COMMENCEMENT



*Friday, the Fourteenth of May
Two Thousand Twenty One
Twelve O'Clock PM*

Program

DEAN'S GREETING

Eric C. Christiansen
Dean and Professor of Law

PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

Dr. David J. Fike
President

INCOMING DEAN'S GREETING

Colin Crawford
Dean and Professor of Law

STUDENT SPEAKER

Emilio A. Rodriguez
JD Program Class of 2021

INTRO TO KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Jyoti Nanda
Professor of Law

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Associate Justice Mary I. Yu
Washington Supreme Court

PAUL S. JORDAN ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
Service and Contribution

Jessica R. Cook
JD Program Class of 2021

J. LANI BADER AWARD
Academic Excellence

Michael R. Sly
JD Program Class of 2021

ROSE ELIZABETH BIRD AWARD
Professionalism and Integrity

Susann M. Bradford
Gabriel A. Flesher
Sheyla X. Jarquin
JD Program Class of 2021

DEAN'S AWARD FOR SCHOLARSHIP
AND LEADERSHIP

Marthea Alley-Caliz
Alison Chan
JD Program Class of 2021

FACULTY TEACHING AND
SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

Eric C. Christiansen
Dean and Professor of Law

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AWARDS

GRADUATE SLIDE PRESENTATION

Program (CONT.)

CONFERRAL OF DEGREES

Dr. David J. Fike
President

Scientiae Juridicae Doctor (SJD)

Master of Laws (LLM) in Environmental Law

Master of Laws (LLM) in United States Legal Studies

Master of Laws (LLM) in Intellectual Property Law

Master of Laws (LLM) in Estate Planning, Trust & Probate Law

Dual Master of Laws (LLM) in Taxation & Estate Planning, Trust & Probate Law

Master of Laws (LLM) in Taxation

Doctor of Jurisprudence (JD)

VIDEO CONGRATULATIONS AND REMARKS – LAW FACULTY

Michele Benedetto Neitz
Professor of Law

FAREWELL AND CLOSING

Eric C. Christiansen
Dean and Professor of Law

Golden Gate University School of Law and the Class of 2021 wish to recognize the 2021 Graduation Committee for its hard work, enthusiasm, and dedication in helping coordinate Commencement and other graduation events.

The 2021 Graduation Committee members are:
Daniella M. Crisanti, Thomas V. Johnson,
Maria J. Lopez, and Allyson M. McCain.

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TAXATION CANDIDATES**

Trang Luong
Yingtong Chen

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Natalie Romero ✚
Sonum Saeed
Loren Salama □
Stephanie Alexis Sanchez ✚
Nikia Schultz ✚
Keesha D. Scott-Hogan □◇

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 Michael Angelo Tata ◆▲❖○□
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 Katherine A. Torpey ❖●
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 Gabriella Zheleznyak ❖

Key to JD Candidates

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| ❖ Top GPA | * <i>Race, Gender, Sexuality, & Social Justice Law Journal</i> |
| * Highest Honors | □ Environmental Law and Justice Clinic (ELJC) |
| ◆ Honors | ❖ Pro-Bono Tax Clinic |
| ▲ Jesse Carter Society | * Pro-Bono Honor Society |
| ❖ Honors Lawyering Program (HLP) | * Veterans Legal Advocacy Center (VLAC) |
| ■ JD/MBA | ❖ Women's Employment Right's Clinic |
| ① 1st STEP | ■ Mock Trial Graduates |
| ● <i>Golden Gate Environmental Law Journal</i> | ✕ Moot Court Board |
| ○ <i>Golden Gate University Law Review</i> | ▸ Fellowship Program |
| ▼ <i>Tax & Estate Planning Review</i> | |

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Robert Calhoun Award for Outstanding Professor

Helen Chang

Justice Jesse W. Carter Faculty Scholarship Award

Paul Kibel

Paul S. Jordan Achievement Award for Service and Contribution

Jessica R. Cook

J. Lani Bader Award for Academic Excellence

Michael R. Sly

Rose Elizabeth Bird Award for Professionalism & Integrity

Susann M. Bradford

Gabriel A. Flesher

Sheyla X. Jarquin

SPECIAL AWARDS

ALI CLE Scholarship and Leadership Award

Allyson M. McCain

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Silvia E. Chairez-Perez

Jon H. Sylvester Award for Diversity and Leadership

Silvia E. Chairez-Perez

Dean's Award for Scholarship and Leadership

Marthea Alley-Caliz

Alison Chan

Gregory Allen Egertson Award for Outstanding Staff Member

Heather Varanini

Honors Lawyering Program Outstanding Student Award

Marja-Leena Aaltonen

Susann M. Bradford

International Academy of Trial Lawyers Student Advocacy Award

Olivia G. Wheat

Law Journal Award for Dedication and Excellence

Michael A. Tata

Susann M. Bradford

Most Significant Contribution to the Litigation Center Award

Keenan McLean Webb

Outstanding Achievement in Public Interest Law Award

Geber E. Penate

Lynne Saxton Memorial Award

Susann M. Bradford

ACADEMIC AWARDS

Academic Excellence in Corporate and Commercial Law

Joseph C. Daniels-Salamanca

Alexandra J. Minnick

Academic Excellence in Criminal Law

Marthea Alley-Caliz

Michael A. Tata

Academic Excellence in Environmental Law

Susann M. Bradford

Academic Excellence in Family Law

Jude Diebold

Karla M. S. Lancaster

Academic Excellence in Intellectual Property Law

Joseph C. Daniels-Salamanca

Grotius Award for Academic Excellence in International Law

Jieun Park

Academic Excellence in Labor and Employment Law

Alexandra J. Minnick

Academic Excellence in Litigation

Michael R. Sly

Academic Excellence in Tax Law

Matthew R. Parkins

Leslie Rose Excellence in Advocacy

Susann M. Bradford

Jessica R. Cook

Justice D. M. Tecson

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Allyson M. McCain

Outstanding LLM in Estate Planning Student Award

Lauren Disston

Outstanding LLM in Taxation Student Award

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Outstanding LLM in US Legal Studies Student Award

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