2024 Commencement Ceremony

Saturday, May 11, 2024 3 P.M.
Gardiner Spring Auditorium
Program

Welcome
Ross Grossman
Chair, Board of Trustees
Keck Graduate Institute

National Anthem Singer
Joanna Cruz, PharmD
School of Pharmacy and Health Sciences

Invocation
Father Joe Fenton
Catholic Chaplain
The Claremont Colleges

Opening Remarks
Sheldon Schuster, PhD
President and Professor
Keck Graduate Institute

Class of 2024 Student Speaker
David Paine, MS
Henry E. Riggs School of Applied Life Sciences

Keynote Speaker
Karen Tumulty
Associate Editor and Political Columnist
Washington Post

Honorary Degree
Sue Wessler, PhD
Presentation of Henry E. Riggs School of Applied Life Sciences Graduates
Angelika Niemz, PhD
Associate Dean of Faculty and Professor

Presentation of School of Pharmacy and Health Sciences Graduates
Gail Orum-Alexander, PharmD, BCGP
Associate Dean, Academic Affairs

Conferral of Degrees
Megan Prosser, PhD
Vice President of Academic Affairs, Dean, School of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, Dean, Henry E. Riggs School of Applied Life Sciences, Professor

Oath of a Pharmacist
Gail Orum-Alexander, PharmD, BCGP
Associate Dean of Academic Affairs, Professor of Clinical and Administrative Sciences

Charge to Graduates
Sheldon Schuster, PhD
President and Professor
Keck Graduate Institute
Dear Esteemed Graduates of 2024,

We gather today to celebrate your achievements and the success you have earned through your hard work and commitment to learning. You have built a base of knowledge and experience to sharpen and expand the skills that will guide you in your future endeavors and help you lead the transformation and growth of healthcare and the life sciences.

Together, with your new network of passionate and committed colleagues, you are tasked with fulfilling the goal that stands as the foundation of what we do at Keck Graduate Institute: to advance healthcare, biotechnology, and life sciences through science and technology that benefits our communities and world. You have become the embodiment of this aspirational goal, and I am filled with a profound sense of confidence, pride, and admiration for each of you.

Over the years, I've witnessed the changes that have taken place within our campus walls—transformations that mirror the growth and development each of you has undergone. In your brief time at KGI, you've not only learned from our rigorous science-based curricula, but you have also honed your skills and embraced the values of leadership, creativity, and community that are the hallmarks of KGI and what makes this school a special place of learning and personal growth.

I extend my deepest gratitude to you, the graduates of 2024, for enriching our campus life with your diverse perspectives and talents. As you embark on your next chapter, remember that although the challenges you face may be daunting, the tools and network you have built are formidable. Never stop learning, exploring, and striving to realize your potential to make our world a better, healthier, and more peaceful place.

Thank you for the indelible mark you have left on our school and for the friendship and consideration you have given me. Though my tenure as president is coming to an end, my admiration for you and my hopes for your future will endure. Together, we stand as the core of the KGI family and community.

Congratulations on this momentous day. Go forth with courage and confidence, and may your lives be filled with success and fulfillment.

Warmest regards,

Sheldon M. Schuster

SHELDON M. SCHUSTER, PHD
PRESIDENT AND PROFESSOR, KEGG GRADUATE INSTITUTE
Keynote Speaker

KAREN TUMULTY
ASSOCIATE EDITOR AND POLITICAL COLUMNIST
WASHINGTON POST

Karen Tumulty is an associate editor and columnist for The Post. In her previous role as a national political correspondent for the newspaper, she received the Toner Prize for Excellence in Political Reporting. She joined The Post in 2010 from Time magazine, where she had held the same title. During her more than 15 years at Time, Tumulty wrote or co-wrote more than three dozen cover stories. She also held positions with Time as congressional correspondent and White House correspondent. Before joining Time in 1994, Tumulty spent 14 years at the Los Angeles Times, where she covered a wide variety of beats. During her time there, she reported on Congress, business, energy and economics from Los Angeles, New York and D.C. Tumulty is a native of San Antonio, where she began her career at the now-defunct San Antonio Light. Tumulty holds a bachelor of journalism from the University of Texas at Austin and an MBA from Harvard Business School.
Class of 2024
Henry E. Riggs School of Applied Life Sciences

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN APPLIED LIFE SCIENCES

Uchechukwu Love Anyaduba
Terezie Cernosek
Jonalyn Decastro
Jason Lee

Dhruv Patel
Ross Steinberg
Tristan Yuepheng Yang

MASTER OF BUSINESS AND SCIENCE

Suzanna Abraham
Vahe Akopyan
Susana Liz Asencios-Lopez
Krithika Balakrishnan
Ashley Barraza
Kusha Bidasaria
Sorinna Buo
Sophia Ysabe Carigo
Hannah Chum
Lohini Reddy Gangireddy
Wyatt Hennig

Deborah Omosalewa Ife-Tugbiyele
Andrew Jones
Karina Lalwani
Hannah Rosenthal
Edith Ruiz
Alazae Serrano
Pavithra Shekhar
Beatrice Smith
Nicole Tan
Mayur Upparapalli
Brigitte Vazquez

MASTER OF ENGINEERING IN BIOPHARMACEUTICAL PROCESSING

Thelma Calvo Polanco
Sharon Chiang
Samuel Claesson
Chloe Lopez
Nicole Morales

Miriam Rodriguez
Nahir Rojas Rivera
James Ruddle
Madhumitha Senthilkumar
MASTER OF SCIENCE IN APPLIED LIFE SCIENCES

John Ayad
Gerard Beltran
Kylie Bernardi
Matthew Chan
Chelsea Chang
Yoonseo Choi
Christyl Dawson
Kimberly Garcia
Guarina Garcia-Delgado
Briana Hammond
Kimberly Hernandez-Ventura
Claudine Ignacio
Victoria Jefferson
Skylar McCarty
Coby McElrath
Nicholas McGuire
Alicia Morales
Carlissa Ogilvie
David Paine
Jinhyun Park
Jessica Paz
Kassandra Phan
Paola Pinto Umana
Nicole Polizzotto-Mason
Genesis Ramos
Blake Robinson
Andres Felipe Romero-Camelo
Victoria Ross
Jessica Saint-Fleur
Sabrina Smadi
Cameryn Smith
Elizabeth Tantribeau
Julissa Tellez
Dustin Tran
Ramzi Tweini
Princess Mae Valois
Ivan Vega
Ashwin West
Alexis Wilson
Kymber Yamamoto
Robert Younes
Aliyah Young
MASTER OF SCIENCE IN HUMAN GENETICS AND GENOMIC DATA ANALYTICS

Nathaniel Bach
Gelaney Ann Cabico
Diego Espinosa
Sierra Noguera
Liana Sarkisyan
Alisar Shanklin
Larah Siouffey

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN MEDICAL DEVICE ENGINEERING

Mohd Islam
Emiko Ito
Matthew Kirschenbaum

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN TRANSLATIONAL MEDICINE

Hannah Ceballos
Louis Izuagie
Beomhyeok Lee
Eric Perez
Xiaoqun Tao
Shunyu Yao

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN REGULATORY AFFAIRS

Diana Knobler
Ranveer Kundi
Class of 2024
School of Pharmacy and Health Sciences

DOCTOR OF PHARMACY

Dana Abdulla                     Harrison Luu
Syed Ahmed                      Vivian Mao
Sergey Arzumanyan               Iris Mejia
Melissa Avina                    Jolia Mikhail
Samreen Bhullar                  Marvy Mikhail
Rosa Cecilio                    Emily Minoda
Neil Chaudhari                   Noheli Navarro
Raymond Ching                    Alexander Padilla
Richard Chong                    Reekesh Patel
Caly Chu                        Marjan Qubadi
Joanna Cruz                     Anurima Rai
Benjamin Dang                   Vahe Ratavousian
Joseph E. De Los Reyes          Kristian Refuerzo
Rizza Anabel De Luna            Rossellini Renolo
Rashmi Delvadia                 Heather Anne Robles
Kevin Doan                      Andrea Roman
Steven Doan                     Basma Saadallah
Nicole Flores                   Christina Shum-Zhou
Haykoushek Gevorgyan            Andrew Sparacino
Lindsey Graham                  Bailey Tang
Calib Hale                      Hermenegildo Torres
Genevieve Kua                   Lana Tran
Vy Le                           Paulina Tran
Felicia Lee                     Stephanie Vargas
MASTER OF SCIENCE IN HUMAN GENETICS AND GENETIC COUNSELING

Arika Akin
Rachel Alfredirudayaraj
Juliana Askren
Kelsey Bawden
Autumn Bess
Amanda Brusca
Chloe Chatwin
Jordan Chillinsky
Abigail Chisholm
Ofir Feuer
Sydney Fraser
Sarah Hardy
Amanda Higa
Lucy Holt
Erin Jahahn
Reem Kasfy
Sabrina Niselman
Amber Schreiber
Kristina Sobko
Isabella Strawn

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN COMMUNITY MEDICINE

Elie Ashkar
Grace Avila
Mariel Bautista
Clarissa Blanco
Adriana Carchipulla
Alyssa Carrillo
Jessica Garrett
Delilah Ghannadi
Arturo Gonzalez
Carolyn Ho
Jayde Hubbard
Rhiannon Breanna Imbeah
Summer Jordan
Mireya Lopez
Ana Gabriela Lopez-Mondragon
Sabrina Lugo
Nayely Ortega
Yanely Ortega
Jose Palacios
Jessica Pelayo-Aguirre
Kiana Perez
Stephanie Pineda
Morgan Poole
Samantha Quinones
Christine Ramirez
Valeria Restrepo
Annajulia Santa-Elena
Usman Syed
Sadat Zaman
Gina Zambrano
Sabrina Zamora
Ezekiel Zuniga
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On behalf of the staff and faculty at Keck Graduate Institute, congratulations on completing your degree, and welcome to the KGI alumni community. Although this portion of your student journey is ending, as you embark on your future careers and studies, KGI will always be with you. You are a member of the KGI family and community for life. We are proud of you and look forward to seeing everything you accomplish.

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