

GRAND CANYON UNIVERSITY

FIND YOUR PURPOSE

2015
COMMENCEMENT

FRIDAY, DEC. 11, 2015

COMMENCEMENT 2015 “Find Your Purpose”

December 11, 2015

SPECIAL PRELUDE MUSIC

GCU Critical Mass

PROCESSIONAL OF ADMINISTRATION AND FACULTY

Pomp and Circumstance No. 1

Recorded by

GCU Thundering Heard Pep Band

NATIONAL ANTHEM

GCU Critical Mass

INVOCATION

Tim Griffin, MA

Vice President of Student Affairs

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GRAND CANYON UNIVERSITY 2015 VIDEO

PRESIDENT GREETING

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COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Erik Wahl

Graffiti Artist, Author, Entrepreneur and Philanthropist

GREETINGS FROM THE DEAN

Sherman Elliott, PhD

Dean, College of Humanities and Social Sciences

STUDENT SPEAKER

Jennifer Smestad

Bachelor of Arts in Communications Graduate Candidate

College of Humanities and Social Sciences

PRAYER FOR CLASS OF 2015

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COMMENCEMENT KEYNOTE SPEAKER



ERIK WAHL

Erik Wahl, an internationally recognized graffiti artist, is a number-one, best-selling author and entrepreneur. Erik redefines the term “keynote speaker.” Pulling from his history as both a businessman and an artist, he has grown to become one of the most sought-after corporate speakers available today. Erik’s on-stage painting seamlessly becomes a visual metaphor to the core of his message, encouraging organizations toward profitability through innovations and superior levels of performance. His list

of clients includes AT&T, Disney, London School of Business, Microsoft, FedEx, Exxon Mobil, Ernst & Young and XPrize. Erik has even been featured as a TED presenter. The responses received have been nothing short of incredible with standing ovations to prove it.

Erik’s best-selling business book “UNTHINK” was hailed by Forbes Magazine as THE blueprint to actionable creativity and by Fast Company Magazine as provocative with a purpose.

Erik’s understanding of vision was originally born in the school of disappointment. After an eight-year career as a partner in a corporate firm, he became frustrated by the lack of innovative thought and corresponding profits he saw in business. So he set out to challenge companies to change their way of thinking, while simultaneously pursuing his own individual passions. He rediscovered his love for art, and he now plays in the business world by working through his art.

In the past 10 years, he has shared his incredible message with the largest and most influential companies in the world, leaving behind his prized artwork as a reminder of his passion for breakthrough thinking. He’s the Warhol of Wall Street, the Renoir of ROI, the Picasso of Productivity, the Jobs of... well, having a job.

He is Erik Wahl—graffiti artist, author, entrepreneur and philanthropist.

SPECIAL MUSIC



CRITICAL MASS

Vocal ensemble, Critical Mass, is a traveling ministry team that represents the music department, the College of Fine Arts and Production and Grand Canyon University. Members are selected through an annual audition open to all music majors. They perform a wide variety of all a cappella music. The ensemble performs on campus and is on the road throughout the year representing GCU at churches, schools, special events and other venues throughout Arizona.

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*May he give you the desire of your heart and
make all your plans succeed.*

—Psalm 20:4

COLANGELO COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

DEGREE CANDIDATES

Bachelor of Arts in Communication & Bachelor of Science in Sports Management

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Bachelor of Science in Forensic Science

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COLLEGE OF THEOLOGY

DEGREE CANDIDATES

Bachelor of Arts in Christian Studies

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Robin B. Cox
Christopher Davis
Ryan A. Fields**
Jacob Hensley
Samuel M. King*
Sara R. Porter**
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Zach D. Sharp
Austin K. Staheli
Fernando A. Velasco-Hollinger***

Bachelor of Arts in Christian Studies & Bachelor of Science in Psychology

Nicole L. Amstutz***

HONOR/AWARD DESCRIPTIONS

Bachelor students whose names appear in the program are candidates for the degrees listed, which will be conferred subject to completion of requirements.

*Cum Laude, **, Summa Cum Laude: Graduation with Honors*

Undergraduates completing 60 or more hours of resident work at Grand Canyon University and having a grade-point average (GPA) of 3.4 or higher for all course work completed at GCU, may qualify to receive recognition: Cum Laude, ** or Summa Cum Laude. An undergraduate student's GPA on Sept. 7, 2015, determines eligibility for honor cords and recognition at the commencement ceremony.

Transfer students may not graduate with an honor higher than that to which their GPA at GCU would qualify them. Second degree and graduate students are not eligible for honors.

Undergraduate students who qualified have been awarded gold "honor cords" to be worn during the commencement ceremony.

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This recognition represents the highest scholarship honor awarded by GCU. Criteria are established by the faculty and the honor is bestowed each year at graduation. The required criteria consist of a cumulative and GCU GPA of at least 3.9, with no more than 12 transferable hours.

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Undergraduate students who have earned less than 60 credits of resident work at GCU and have a grade point average of 3.5 or higher for all coursework completed at GCU may qualify to receive the recognition of University Honors. Qualified students have been awarded silver "honor cords" to be worn during the commencement ceremony.

SPECIAL THANKS

The colleges would like to acknowledge all faculty for their dedication and expertise in enabling our students to excel as effective future leaders.

We'd like to say thank you to everyone who contributed, volunteered and assisted with the commencement ceremonies. Your hard work and support is greatly appreciated!

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WE BELIEVE the Bible, in the Old and New Testament Scriptures to be inspired, the only infallible, true and authoritative Word of God.

WE BELIEVE that there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We believe in God the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and Earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

WE BELIEVE in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God. For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. Being fully God and perfect man He performed miracles and lived a sinless life.

WE BELIEVE Jesus Christ suffered a vicarious and atoning death through the shedding of His blood. He was buried and on the third day was resurrected in His body; after which He ascended to be seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end.

WE BELIEVE that mankind was originally created in the image and likeness of God, and free from sin. Through the temptation of Satan, they transgressed the command of God and fell from their original righteousness, whereby all people have inherited a sinful nature that is opposed to God, and are thus under condemnation. As soon as they are capable of moral action, they become actual transgressors.

WE BELIEVE that for salvation of lost and sinful people, the regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential. We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a godly life. We believe that the Holy Spirit is fully God and is worshipped and glorified with the Father and Son. He divinely inspired the scriptures, convicts the world of sin, righteousness and judgment, leads Christ's church in truth and is the Teacher and Comforter sent by Jesus Christ.

WE BELIEVE that salvation comes through Jesus Christ alone; that salvation involves the redemption of the whole person and is offered freely to all who exercise faith in Jesus Christ. We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost; those who are saved unto the resurrection of the living and those who are lost unto the resurrection of damnation.

WE BELIEVE in the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ as one holy catholic and apostolic church, Christ's body and bride ministering reconciliation to a lost world. As ambassadors for the Kingdom of God and the church, we affirm that evangelism and engagement in societal issues are both part of our Christian duty; both are necessary expressions of our doctrines of God and humanity, our love for our neighbor and our obedience to Jesus Christ.

WE BELIEVE the message of salvation proclaimed by Christ's church is an indictment upon every form of alienation, oppression and discrimination, denouncing evil and injustice wherever it exists by lovingly ushering in the good news that Christ reconciled the world to Himself.

VISION STATEMENT

Grand Canyon University is the premier Christian university educating people to lead and serve.

MISSION STATEMENT

Grand Canyon University prepares learners to become global citizens, critical thinkers, effective communicators and responsible leaders by providing an academically challenging, values-based curriculum from the context of our Christian heritage.

Since 1949, Grand Canyon University has been helping students find their purpose and achieve their potential by preparing them to pursue their chosen career, advance in their current career or re-career into a different field. As a Christian university, GCU also encourages students to find their purpose in Christ, with an emphasis on applying Christian values and ethics to their studies and to the workplace.

GCU offers online and campus-based degree programs within a dynamic learning environment for both traditional students as well as working professionals. Our classes are appropriately sized for each content area and offer engaging interaction with classmates as well as individual attention from instructors who care about student success.

GCU is experiencing an exciting time of campus expansion that includes new dorms, classrooms, student recreation centers, parking structures and a newly upgraded 7,000-seat arena. The arena is home to our men's and women's basketball teams and also hosts other events such as concerts and world-renowned Christian speakers.

As a regionally accredited university, GCU offers the most experienced leadership in delivering degree programs online. Students work in an innovative digital classroom, connect with full-time faculty and enjoy complete access to our vibrant Phoenix campus community, while studying at the times that work for their schedule and still enjoying a close connection with classmates via online discussions. For more information, visit gcu.edu

THE UNIVERSITY MACE

In medieval times, a mace was a hand-to-hand combat weapon. In about the year 1400 A.D., a mace evolved from a weapon to a ceremonial instrument used by academicians in rituals such as commencement and inaugurations. The oldest known ceremonial mace was that of the Faculty of Common Law on University of St. Andrews in Scotland, used in 1438.

The mace is carried at the head of the procession and placed in a special stand, thus signifying the formal onset of the ceremony.

GCU's ceremonial mace is a hand-crafted walnut staff combined with a specially sculpted medal seal. When the Grand Canyon College

seal was adopted in 1950, two of its major components were the cactus and the cross. The saguaro cactus rises from its desert setting to signify the intellectual opportunity for Grand Canyon University students, counteracting the arid mental state of uneducated man. The cross stands prominently on the horizon as a guide for spiritual enlightenment. Between the outer circle representing the earth and inner circle representing the wheel of progress, the name of the university, its location and the year it was chartered are inscribed.

ACADEMIC REGALIA

The doctorate (from Latin, docere, to teach) was the first known academic degree and was granted by the University of Bologna in the 1100s. Originally, doctor's and master's degrees were almost synonymous, while "bachelor" referred to entering a course of study rather than completing a level of work.

Beginning at Harvard in 1642, American universities followed British traditions in both the conferring of degrees and the design of academic costumes or "regalia." While some common practices were observed, it was not for some 200 years that a uniform code was established.

Regalia consists of gowns and hoods. The distinguishing marks of the gowns indicate the level of scholastic achievement of the wearer. Those who hold doctorates wear gowns that have a facing of velvet on the bell-shaped sleeves. While neither the master's nor bachelor's gowns have trimmings, both are distinguished by the cut of the sleeves. The master's gown is noted by its long sleeve which drapes freely to the wrist; the bachelor's gown has a pointed sleeve.

Hoods, designed to display the school's colors, as well as the type of degree and area of study, are worn around the neck and flowing down the back. The color of the lining inside the hood – the chevron – represents the colors of the wearer's alma mater. The color and width of the velvet edging on the hood indicates the degree and field of study.

Arts, Letters, Humanities	white	Education	light blue
Math and Sciences	gold	Religion	scarlet
Business	drab	Public Health	salmon pink
Music	pink	Public Administration	peacock blue
Fine Arts	brown	Nursing	apricot



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At Grand Canyon University, you're a Lope for life. As you continue to pursue your purpose, you can still stay connected to our campus community. We invite you to join a local alumni chapter, where you can network with fellow GCU grads and stay connected to your Lope roots. We also host alumni events throughout the year and offer plenty of opportunities to get involved!

Don't forget to share your stories and accomplishments, from career achievements to personal milestones.

Congratulations Class of 2015!

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