

2017 *Commencement*

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2017

Commencement 2017 “Find Your Purpose”

December 15, 2017

9 am

College of Education

College of Fine Arts and Production

College of Humanities and Social Sciences

College of Science, Engineering and Technology

College of Theology

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, EdD

Vice President of Student Affairs

Dean of Students/University Pastor

GRAND CANYON UNIVERSITY VIDEO

PRESIDENT GREETING

Brian Mueller, MAEd

President and CEO, Grand Canyon University

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Dr. Rick Rigsby

Motivational Speaker and Author

STUDENT SPEAKER

Nick Ahadzadeh

Bachelor of Arts in Government

College of Humanities and Social Sciences

PRAYER FOR CLASS OF 2017

Nathan Carpenter

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Commencement 2017 “Find Your Purpose”

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2 pm

Colangelo College of Business

College of Nursing and Health Care Professions

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FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE PLEDGE (pg. 37)

For our Nursing Students

STUDENT SPEAKER

Mary Shamoon

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

College of Nursing and Health Care Professions

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COMMENCEMENT KEYNOTE SPEAKER

RICK RIGSBY



Dr. Rick Rigsby is President and CEO of Rick Rigsby Communications. Through motivational speaking, corporate coaching, books and social media outlets, Rick encourages and empowers audience members to become great people who do great things.

The San Francisco native is a former award-winning journalist, who followed a television news career with six years of graduate school—culminating with a PhD from the University of Oregon.

A college professor for two decades, Rick spent most of those years at Texas A&M University, where he also served as character coach and chaplain for the Aggies football team.

Dr. Rigsby now devotes his full attention to empowering people worldwide—from presenting leadership principles in Nigeria to speaking to Fortune 500 companies in the Americas, Europe and Canada. In high demand among educational, business and service organizations and a favorite among professional sports organizations including the National Football League and Professional Golf Association, Rick offers common-sense wisdom to those desiring to rise to greater levels of excellence.

Throughout his three decades in broadcasting and academe, Rick Rigsby has received numerous commendations and awards, including being named a two-time recipient of the prestigious Outstanding Teaching Award by Texas A&M University's College of Liberal Arts.

In addition to academic publications, Dr. Rigsby is the author of “Lessons from a Third Grade Dropout” —the story of timeless common-sense wisdom learned from his father.

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.

GRADUATE CANDIDATES BY COLLEGE

Colangelo College of Business 9

College of Education13

College of Fine Arts and Production15

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College of Science, Engineering and Technology25

College of Theology27

*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 Science in Accounting

Gabrielle Albin
Noor Ali
Isaac W. Batu
Skye Biasetti^Δ
Brianna Blinzler***
Luis A. Carranza***
Alondra Castaneda Quintana
Danielle Chandler
Danielle Civitello^Δ
Robert Constas
Amanda E. Der
Giovani B. Diaz***
Samantha Fickel
Maria Ibett Garcia^Δ
Jennifer Garcia Bañuelos^Δ
Sean R. Harrity
Chase Haught
Danitra R. Haynes^Δ
Austin Hernandez
Mackenzie R. Jordan***
Logan B. Klein**
Sebit P. Kueth
Beth M. Livingston***
Matthew Locke
William D. McFarland**
Brandon McNeil
Meghan R. Metzger***
Jennifer R. Mick*
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Ziyun Qin**
Spencer H. Saing**
Khadim Seye
Antonio A. Squieri
Kamryn K. Tokuda**
Christine Tran^Δ
Cassandra E. Uebelacker***
Samantha I. White**
Jeremie Wilson
Corey Winheim
Jared Wright

Bachelor of Science in Applied Business Information Systems

Jeanne Barconey

Bachelor of Science in Business Administration

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Mico Asister
Mackenzie M. Bowlin
Abigail J. Burton
Sydney V. Cons*
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Velma S. Dearing
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Alexander Flower**
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Kayleigh Nielsen
Jeanette Ogaz
Andres Ortega
Mary Jane Portillo
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Karina D. Robinson
Ingrid Rodriguez*
Isaac J. Ware*
Eric Wilber**
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Jamel Williams*
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Bachelor of Science in Business Information Systems

Ilyas Myngatov
Austin Ochoa

Bachelor of Science in Business Management

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Zachary L. Argenbright
Cameron Beadle
Brandice Beane
Cortney N. Beatty***
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Alyssa J. Gentry***
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Megan Hall
Hollie Halula**
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Ping-Yen Hsieh**
Lindsey Hundley
Amanda N. Johnson***
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Jordan Kortman
Kelsi LaRue†
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Lauren Mahoney***
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Bachelor of Science in Hospitality Management

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Bachelor of Science in Marketing

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Christopher Diaz**
Zenus E. Dismukes
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Blakely Fraasch***
Jenna Freed^Δ
Caleb Furrier***
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Shelby L. Greer^Δ
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Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Education

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Megan D. Owings^{***}
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Bachelor of Science in Educational Studies

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Angelica S. Garcia^{*}
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Bachelor of Science in Secondary Education

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Sierra N. Jones[◊]
Caitlin McCombs[◊]
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COLLEGE OF FINE ARTS AND PRODUCTION

DEGREE CANDIDATES

Bachelor of Arts in Communications
and Theatre

Ashley M. Romantic**

Bachelor of Arts in Dance Education

Rio W. Bandstra**
Jessi Miles*

Bachelor of Arts in Digital Design

Matthew J. Muldoon**
Alexandra M. Smenos
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Bachelor of Arts in Digital Design
and Digital Film

Fabiola Martinez

Bachelor of Arts in Digital Film

Esmeralda Acosta***
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Bachelor of Arts in Music Education

Bill Miller***
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Bachelor of Arts in Theatre

Stacy A. Smith

COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEGREE CANDIDATES

Bachelor of Arts in Communications

Sydnee M. Akers**
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Megan A. Blazauskas
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Bachelor of Science in Business Administration and Psychology

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COLLEGE OF NURSING AND HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONS

DEGREE CANDIDATES

Bachelor of Science in Athletic Training

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Sarah Lazzell
Zachary Martindale
Alisha Ramirez***
Shelby A. Roberson**
Alexander R. Stanley**
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Jordan White**

Bachelor of Science in Health Care Administration

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Chenoa Anger***
Mohammad Barakat
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Leah A. Bradshaw***
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Anthony Caballero*
Ariana Castaneda*
Melissa K. Chan*
Paige Cooper
Kylie Davis*
Jazmin R. Dixon*
Danica Dotson
Del Frost**
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McKenzie Jones
Kaylin Kidd†
Kristina Krawczyk***
Carlie R. Macy^Δ
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Viridiana Morales Garcia***
Taryn Nelson***
Quynh-Patty Nguyen
Fabiola Pierre Charles***

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Victoria Smith

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Darrian J. S. Aceves***
Suzanne J. Adrian***
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Gabriel Alexander-Peters*
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Riley Arnold***
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Madeline Cooper**
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Kramer Erb**
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Bryanna Esplana**
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Jessica E. Perez***
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Cum Laude, Magna 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, Magna Cum Laude or Summa Cum Laude. An undergraduate student's GPA on Nov. 3, 2017, 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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The colleges would like to acknowledge all faculty for their dedication and expertise in enabling our students to excel as effective future leaders.

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I will respect at all times the dignity and religious belief of the patients under my care, holding in confidence all personal information entrusted to me and refraining from any action, which might endanger life or health.

I will endeavor to keep my professional knowledge and skills at the highest level and to give loyal support and cooperation to all members of the health team.

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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 regarding GCU's mission statement, visit gcu.edu/mission.

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.

Baccalaureate graduates of Grand Canyon University wear the black gown without the hood. The academic colleges are represented by the color of the tassels which hang from the mortarboards. Gold and silver cords indicate that the wearer is graduating with honors.

Faculty and staff who march in the commencement ceremonies wear gowns and hoods appropriate for their academic achievements. While not an exhaustive list, the following are some of the colors that may be seen on their hoods:

Arts, Letters, Humanities	white	Music	pink
Business	drab	Nursing	apricot
Education	light blue	Public Administration (MPA), Government, Justice Studies	peacock blue
Fine Arts	brown	Public Health	salmon pink
Math, Science, Technology	science gold	Religion	scarlet

Those who hold the PhD degree may choose either the color of their discipline or PhD blue, a royal blue.



THE OFFICE OF ALUMNI RELATIONS WELCOMES THE CLASS OF 2017 ALUMNI!

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 2017!

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