



COMMENCEMENT

Azusa Pacific University

SPRING 2026

Graduate
Commencement
Ceremony

God First Since 1899

Message from the President

Mensaje del Presidente

Adam J. Morris, PhD



Welcome to Azusa Pacific University's Spring 2026 Commencement. Today represents a remarkable personal and professional achievement along your educational journey. The resilience and persistence you have displayed to reach this milestone are inspiring. The APU Board of Trustees, faculty, and staff join our graduates, their families, and friends in celebrating all that this day holds.

We pray your Christ-centered academic experience has prepared you to serve and lead with confidence and a commitment to keep *God First* in every area of your life. We eagerly anticipate the impact each of you will have in a needy world. Please know that you will remain in our hearts and prayers and we look forward to continuing to serve you long into the future. May you experience God's peace and blessings on this special occasion. Congratulations, and welcome to the Cougar alumni family.

Message from the Board Chair

Mensaje de la Lider del Cuerpo de Directores

Lucie Moore, JD



On behalf of the women and men who serve as trustees of Azusa Pacific University, I join with President Morris in welcoming you to this celebration of academic accomplishment with today's awarding of degrees.

Although today marks a finish line of sorts, it is properly called a "commencement" because this is also very much a beginning for each graduate. As we reflect on the inspiring commitment demonstrated by each student and their family to get here, we also look forward to what is to come for you, our graduates. As you walk across the stage to receive your diploma, our thoughts and prayers go with you as you leave APU and go on to do great things for Christ and His Kingdom. Congratulations, graduates!

Graduate Commencement Ceremony

Ceremonia de Graduación de Post-Licenciaturas

The Second Day of May, Two Thousand Twenty-Six

Presiding

Adam J. Morris, PhD, *President, Azusa Pacific University*

Doors Open

Video Presentation

National Anthem

Presentation of the Colors by the APU ROTC Color Guard

Processional*

Azusa Pacific University Herald Trumpeters

Pomp and Circumstance, Number One — Trio, composed by Edward Elgar,
performed by the APU Wind Ensemble

Welcome and Opening Remarks

Adam J. Morris

Invocation

Louise Huang, PhD, *Vice Provost for Academic Services*

Scripture Reading

Renee Pozza, PhD, RN, CNS, FNP-BC, *Dean, College of Nursing and Health Sciences*

Address

William Whitney, PhD, MFT, *Executive Director, Institute for Faith, Leadership, and Service*

Presentation of Degree Candidates and Diplomas

Anita Fitzgerald Henck, PhD, Provost, and Adam J. Morris

Benediction

Matthew Elofson, PhD, *Vice Provost for Academic Effectiveness;*
Interim Dean, School of Business and Management

Closing Remarks and Moving of the Tassel**

Adam J. Morris

**Audience will remain seated during the processional.*

Audiencia, por favor manténganse sentados y sentadas durante la marcha procesional.

***At the completion of the ceremony, there will be a celebratory pop of streamers.*

Al concluir la ceremonia, celebraremos denotando serpentinas.

Commencement Speaker

Orador de la Graduación

William B. Whitney, PhD



William B. Whitney, PhD, is executive director of Azusa Pacific's Institute for Faith, Leadership, and Service, and is an associate professor in the School of Behavioral Sciences. He earned a PhD in Theology from Fuller Theological Seminary, a Master of Studies in Theology from the University of Oxford, and a Master of Science in Marriage and Family Therapy from Fuller Theological Seminary, and is completing a PhD in Positive Developmental Psychology at Claremont Graduate University. His teaching and research focus on the

integration of Christian theology, positive psychology, human development, virtue science, and culture. He is coauthor of *The Integration Journey* (IVP Academic, 2024) and *Theology for Psychology and Counseling* (Baker Academic, 2022), both of which explore how Christian faith can inform and enrich psychological research and clinical practice. His scholarship has been supported by the John Templeton Foundation, the Lilly Endowment, and the Louisville Institute. As an educator and licensed marriage and family therapist, he is dedicated to work that supports the flourishing of individuals, families, and communities through spiritual formation, character development, and service.

Program Notes

Notas del Programa

Participation in the commencement ceremony does not necessarily indicate completion of a degree program. The student must meet all university requirements before a degree is conferred. Photographs are being taken of individual graduates. Family and friends are invited to take pictures in designated areas.

University History

Historia de la Universidad

Azusa Pacific University, one of the largest Christian universities in the nation today, began on March 3, 1899, when a group of women and men passionate about creating a place for Christian education gathered to form the Training School for Christian Workers. It became the first Bible college on the West Coast geared toward preparing men and women for ministry and service. Led by President Mary A. Hill, the school grew to an enrollment of 12 in its first term.

The early years of growth saw the school relocate and change leadership several times. Following mergers with three Southern California colleges, the school moved in 1946 to Azusa, where it resides today. After several name changes, the college achieved university status in 1981 and became Azusa Pacific University.

Under the leadership of President Adam J. Morris, PhD, APU offers 59 bachelor's degrees, 34 master's degrees, 35 certificates and credentials, and 7 doctoral programs at the university's main campus in Azusa, several regional locations, and online. The university holds accreditation from the WASC Senior College and University Commission as well as 14 other specialized accreditations.

More than a century after its founding, Azusa Pacific serves as a comprehensive Christian, evangelical university, dedicated to supporting God First and excellence in higher education by preparing disciples and scholars to advance the work of God in the world.

University Presidents

Presidentes de la Universidad

Mary A. Hill 1900-01

Anna Draper 1901-03

Bertha Pinkham Dixon 1903-04

Matilda Atkinson 1904-09

William P. Pinkham 1909-19

Eli Reece 1919-23

Lowell H. Coate 1923-24

George A. McLaughlin 1924-27

Ray L. Carter 1927-31

David H. Scott 1931-36

B.C. Johnson 1936-37

William Kirby 1937-39

Cornelius P. Haggard 1939-75

Paul E. Sago 1976-89

Richard E. Felix 1990-2000

Jon R. Wallace 2000-19

Paul W. Ferguson 2019-21

Adam J. Morris 2022-Present

Academic Regalia

Regalia Académica

As the faculty enter commencement, they display a variety of academic regalia inherited from universities of the 12th and 13th centuries. Academic life as we know it began in the Middle Ages, first in the Church and then in the guilds. The teaching guild was the Guild of the Master of Arts, where the Bachelor was the apprentice of the Master and the dress was the outward sign of privilege and responsibility. Principal features of the academic regalia are the gown, cap, and hood. Early on, universities set rules to preserve the dignity and meaning of academic dress. American universities agreed on a system in 1895, and in 1932 the American Council on Education presented a revised code. In 1959, the council appointed a committee on academic regalia and ceremonies, and since 1960 the revised code has guided the latest developments.

The Gown: Although it originally may have been worn as protection against the cold of unheated buildings, today the gown is symbolic of scholarship, because it covers any dress of rank or social standing underneath. It is black for all undergraduate degrees, with pointed sleeves for a bachelor's degree; long, closed sleeves with a slit at the arm or wrist for the master's degree; and full-bell double sleeves for the doctoral degree. Bachelor's and master's gowns have no trimming, but the doctoral gown is faced down the front with velvet and has three velvet bars on the sleeves. All Azusa Pacific University undergraduate and doctoral gowns are adorned with a patch bearing the university seal.

The Cap: When Roman law freed a slave, that person won the privilege of wearing a cap, so the academic cap is a sign of freedom of scholarship and the responsibility and dignity that scholarship endows upon the wearer. Old poetry records the cap of scholarship as square to symbolize a book. In the 15th century, some caps were stiff, some soft, some square, and some round with a tuft in the center—the tassel used now is an elaboration of the tuft. Though some institutions still use the round cap, most have adopted the mortarboard style, which comes from Oxford. A different style, the Cambridge cap, resembles a large beret and is appropriate for doctoral degrees only. The color of the tassel may denote the discipline; those holding doctoral degrees are entitled to wear metallic-gold tassels.

The Hood: The hood, which drapes over the back of the gown, carries the greatest symbolism. Its length, width, trim color, and lining color denote the wearer's discipline and highest academic achievement. All Azusa Pacific University master's hoods are adorned with a patch bearing the university seal. The hood's trim color denotes the discipline represented by the degree, and the lining color designates the university or college from which the degree was granted. The colors associated with the different disciplines are as follows:

Agriculture: Maize

Arts, Letters, Humanities: White

Business and Commerce: Drab

Economics: Copper

Education: Light Blue

Fine Arts: Brown

Forestry: Russet

Journalism: Crimson

Law: Purple

Library Science: Lemon

Medicine: Green

Music: Pink

Nursing: Apricot

Pharmacy: Olive Green

Philosophy: Dark Blue

Physical Education: Sage Green

Physical Therapy: Teal

Public Administration:

Peacock Blue

Science: Golden Yellow

Social Work: Citron

Speech: Silver Gray

Theology: Scarlet

The Presidential Chain of Office

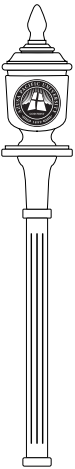
La Cadena Presidencial de Oficina



The Presidential Chain of Office is a symbol of the President's commitment to Azusa Pacific University. The President wears this for all official ceremonies.

The Mace

Maza Ceremonial



Originally a weapon of offense used in medieval warfare by a king or a great noble, the mace has been refined into a symbolic device used on ceremonial occasions. As an academic symbol, the mace dates back to 16th-century England, where Queen Elizabeth I presented a replica of her own royal mace to the University of Oxford in 1589. She ordered that it be used in all ceremonies to represent the royal presence and the authority granted to the university to issue degrees under the royal insignia. King Charles I made a similar gift to Cambridge University in 1625. Since that time, it has been customary for European, and now American, colleges and universities to use ceremonial maces during graduation exercises.

The protocol for using the mace requires that it be carried into the ceremony by the chief academic officer or another person selected for special recognition, as it is the emblem of authority vested in the administration and faculty of the university to grant degrees. During the ceremony, the mace is placed in a stand on the platform to indicate that the ceremony is in formal session.

APU Gate

El Portón de APU



Introduced at the fall 2013 orientation for new undergraduate students, the gate now marks a rite of passage for all undergraduate, professional, and graduate students at APU as they process through the gate to celebrate the culmination of their academic journey. Designed in-house and forged off-site, the gate features a bronze university seal. This sacred tradition serves as a tangible reminder to "begin with the end in mind."

Further, the gate encourages all students to consider the next chapter in their unfolding journey and walk with confidence into the preferred future to which God calls them as difference makers.

The Seal

El Sello



The seal has ancient roots dating back to the fifth millennium. Use of the seal was particularly widespread in Elam, Syria, and Egypt. Throughout history, the seal has assumed varied meanings, but the primary intent has always been for identification purposes.

The university seal identifies Azusa Pacific University as an institution built on Four Cornerstones: Christ, Scholarship, Community, and Service. These four components define why APU exists.

Christ-Centered—Belief in Christ is central to all that we think and do, and who we are. It is this understanding of God’s love that informs all our pursuits: academic, service, and community. *Colossians 1:15-18*

Transformational Scholarship—We are called to scholarship permeated by our Christian faith. We are committed to teaching excellence. The liberal arts are central in the curriculum, for we are dedicated to the education of the whole person. At the same time, we value the role of professional offerings that prepare students for specific careers. *Proverbs 4:5-9*

Life-Giving Community—We believe in community. We are a richly diverse people who value the worth of each individual. Our mission is to encourage, equip, and enable each student to fulfill his or her great potential, and in turn encourage, equip, and enable others. *Romans 15:5-7*

Sacrificial Service—Service is at the heart of our local and international outreach, missions, and service-learning endeavors. Our students often find these experiences to be among the greatest of their lives. *Romans 12:9-13*

MISSION STATEMENT

Declaración de Propósito

Azusa Pacific University is an evangelical Christian community of disciples and scholars who seek to advance the work of God in the world through academic excellence in liberal arts and professional programs of higher education that encourage students to develop a Christian perspective of truth and life.

Candidates for the Master's Degree

Candidatos para el Diploma de Master's

Martina Abdelmalak

Master of Social Work

Kimberly Georgina Aguiar

Master of Social Work

Maribel Marie Aguilar

Master of Arts in Clinical Psychology

Sulimoni Willie Ahfook

Master of Arts in Pastoral Studies

Martha Aikiriza

Master of Science in Nursing: Nursing Education

Osasere Triumphant Aimiwu

Master of Science in Nursing:
Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner

Tanisha D. Alarapon

Master of Arts in Clinical Psychology:
Marriage and Family Therapy

Gabriela Alcalá

Master of Social Work

Monica C. Aleman

Master of Arts in Teaching English
to Speakers of Other Languages

Daniel Alonzo

Master of Arts in Education: Educational Counseling

Jessica F. Alva

Master of Science in College Counseling
and Student Development

Adriana Alvarado

Master of Arts in Education:
Educational and Clinical Counseling

Finesse Unique Alvarado

Master of Arts in Clinical Psychology

Michelle Alvarado

Master of Social Work

Josue Daniel Alvarez

Master of Social Work

Heidy Marie Amador-Diaz

Master of Social Work

Vicente Andrade

Master of Arts in Education:
Educational and Clinical Counseling

Jocelyn Anguiano

Master of Social Work

Roxana Antonio

Master of Arts in Education: Educational Counseling

Armando Arguello

Master of Science in College Counseling
and Student Development

Kayly Melissa Arreaga De Leon

Master of Social Work

Lisette Arroyo

Master of Arts in Education: Educational Psychology

Lori Madison Ashkine

Master of Science in Nursing: Family Nurse Practitioner

Andrea Atayde

Master of Arts in Education: Educational Counseling

Melissa Louise Axline

Master of Science in Nursing: Nursing Education

Hailey Fajayan Ayala

Master of Arts in Clinical Psychology

Mariama Umeh Bah

Master of Science in Nursing:
Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner

Ripudamini Bajaj Bhatia

Master of Business Administration

Steven William Ballinger

Master of Science in College Counseling
and Student Development

Alex Barajas

Master of Science in College Counseling
and Student Development

Jocelyn Becerra

Master of Social Work

Martha Emilie Bellin

Master of Arts (Theological Studies):
Theology and Ethics

David Lawrence Benavides

Master of Science in Nursing: Family Nurse Practitioner

Jacob Noah Bennett

Master of Business Management

Audray Bentley

Master of Science in Counseling Psychology

Josette Ann Raguero Black

Master of Science in Nursing: Healthcare
Administration and Leadership

Charlese Dominique Stroom Blair

Master of Arts in Teaching English
to Speakers of Other Languages

Brittany Lauren Bohne

Master of Arts in Education:
Educational and Clinical Counseling

Marisa Danelle Bolinger

Master of Social Work

Amanda Lauren Boyd

Master of Social Work

Kristen Haley Brodeur

Master of Arts in Education: Special Education

Taylor Nikkole Burdette

Master of Science in Nursing: Family Nurse Practitioner

Karla G. Burner
Master of Arts in Modern and Contemporary Art History

Karla Ruby Cambron
Master of Business Management

Malenda Aurelia Campos
Master of Arts in Education: Educational Counseling

Giovanna Candanedo
Master of Social Work

Madison Marie Candelaria
Master of Social Work

Maria Cano
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Nicolette Jolie Cantarella
Master of Arts in Education: Educational and Clinical Counseling

Leenyque Leshawn Carbin
Master of Social Work

Onika S. Cardenas
Master of Arts in Pastoral Studies

Teresito Carlos
Master of Arts in Education: Teaching

Danielle Carlton
Master of Arts in Clinical Psychology

Valerie Sue Alms Case
Master of Social Work

Erika Castillo
Master of Arts in Education: Learning and Technology

Marilyn Castillo
Master of Public Health

Celeste Irene Castro
Master of Social Work

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Master of Science in College Counseling and Student Development

Wendy Ceja
Master of Arts in Education: Learning and Technology

Tabatha Inez Cerda
Master of Arts in Education: Educational and Clinical Counseling

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Master of Arts in Clinical Psychology: Marriage and Family Therapy

Tajza Jayde Chatman
Master of Arts in Leadership

Sebastian Jose Chavarria
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Master of Social Work

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Master of Social Work

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Michelle Sunyoung Chin
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Emily Dominguez

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Luke Tyler Donn

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Ashley Marie Luu
Master of Science in Biotechnology

Stephanie Luu
Master of Science in Biotechnology

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Marriage and Family Therapy

Amanda Mansour
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Melissa Marin
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Robert Steven Marrone
Master of Arts in Physical Education

Briana Alexandra Martin
Master of Arts in Education: Educational Psychology

Neil Terence Martin
Master of Science in Nursing: Family Nurse Practitioner

Christina Nicole Martinez
Master of Social Work

Rio James Martinez
Master of Music in Performance: Voice

Edgar Guadalupe Martinez Zambrano
Master of Arts in Education: Special Education

Karen Martins de Paula
Master of Music in Conducting

Offiong Elsie Mbeke-Ekanem
Master of Science in Nursing: Family Nurse Practitioner

Trevor Cain McBrayer
Master of Arts in Education:
Educational and Clinical Counseling

Kristin Lee McDonald
Master of Arts in Strategic Communication

Christopher Thomas Allen McReynolds
Master of Arts in Education: Learning and Technology

Michelle Mendoza
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