



UNIVERSITY *of* PENNSYLVANIA

THE BACCALAUREATE
CEREMONY

IRVINE AUDITORIUM
MAY 12, 2026
4:00 PM



CLASS
of

2026

THE BACCALAUREATE CEREMONY

Baccalaureate is the ceremony during the Commencement Season in which University and student leaders address aspects of the moral life and its relation to liberal education through remarks, speeches, song, and readings from sacred texts. By history and practice the baccalaureate is associated with the bachelor's degree. As such, it is a distinctly undergraduate event.

Historically the Baccalaureate ceremony has religious origins in which a sermon was delivered. Today, however, as a testament to our religiously and culturally diverse student body, readings, and music from a broad range of cultures and traditions make the baccalaureate ceremony one in which a wide constituency of the graduating class may participate.

FLAG BEARERS

*Matthew Fallon, Brandon Fong,
Emily Monfort, & Hina Sako
Class of 2026*

USHERS

Perelman Quadrangle Staff

LISTENING DEVICES AVAILABLE ON REQUEST.



PRELUDE & PROCESSION

Organist, Glenn Bryan

*Assistant Vice President Community Relations
&*

Penn Quartet

WELCOME

Chaz Howard

University Chaplain &

Vice President for Social Equity and Community

LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Carlyle Cornell

Class of 2026

CEREMONY LEADER

Alexandra Oh

Class of 2026

THE SHEHECHEYANU

Madeline Kohn & Remy Rabin

Class of 2026

**THE OPENING VERSE
OF THE QUR'AN**

Mouctar Diarra

Class of 2026

THE BEATITUDES

Hyniff Collins & Sophia Silva

Class of 2026

**READING FROM THE
SRI GURU GRANTH SAHIB**

Mehak Dhaliwal & Jaideep Grewal

Class of 2026

**READINGS FROM BHAGAVAD
GITA AND TATTVÄRTH SÜTRA**

Dev Patel & Mansi Patel

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**A READING FROM THE
DIAMOND SÜTRA**

Stefan Hatch & Achala Kankanamge

Class of 2026

MUSIC

Penn Quartet

CEREMONY LEADER

Ethan Roberts

Class of 2026

REMARKS

President J. Larry Jameson

University of Pennsylvania

CEREMONY LEADER**Charissa Howard***Class of 2026*

**VOCAL PERFORMANCE
“FALLING”****Grace Gramins***Class of 2026*

CEREMONY LEADER**Carson Fisher***Class of 2026*

DANCE PERFORMANCE**Penn Lions**

REMARKS**Vedika Jawa***President, Class of 2026*

**IVY STONE
PRESENTATION****Cormari Brown***Vice President, Class of 2026***Designed by Emily Zhang***Class of 2026*

AFTERGLOW*by Bruce Montgomery, 1964***University of Pennsylvania
Glee Club**

*Shadows grow long on the campus,
Twilight has come again.
Warm copper rays streak the golden haze
As peace settles down on Penn.*

*And soft and low,
In the pale afterglow,
The voices of students ring
With the songs and cheers
Of their fair college years,
The songs they love to sing:*

**“Post jucundam juventutem
Vivat academia.”**

*Sing the praise of college days.
Sing of Pennsylvania!*

RED AND BLUE

*Text by Harry E. Westervelt,
Music by William J. Goeckel*

University of Pennsylvania Glee Club

*Come all ye loyal classmates now,
In hall and campus through,
Lift up your hearts and voices
For the royal Red and Blue.
Fair Harvard has her crimson,
Old Yale her colors too,
But for dear Pennsylvan-i-a,
We wear the Red and Blue.
Hurrah! Hurrah! Pennsylvan-i-a,*

DISMISSAL

Provost John L. Jackson, Jr.
University of Pennsylvania

RECESSIONAL

Penn Band

PRESIDENT JAMESON
INVITES ALL SENIORS TO COLLEGE GREEN
FOR THE CLASS CARNIVAL
AT THE CONCLUSION
OF THE CEREMONY.

