

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 <i>Assistant Vice President Community Relations & Penn Quartet</i>
WELCOME	Chaz Howard <i>University Chaplain & Vice President for Social Equity and Community</i>
LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT	Carlyle Cornell <i>Class of 2026</i>
CEREMONY LEADER	Alexandra Oh <i>Class of 2026</i>
THE SHEHECHEYANU	Madeline Kohn & Remy Rabin <i>Class of 2026</i>
THE OPENING VERSE OF THE QUR’AN	Mouctar Diarra <i>Class of 2026</i>
THE BEATITUDES	Hyniff Collins & Sophia Silva <i>Class of 2026</i>
READING FROM THE SRI GURU GRANTH SAHIB	Mehak Dhaliwal & Jaideep Grewal <i>Class of 2026</i>
READINGS FROM BHAGAVAD GITA AND TATTVÄRTH SÜTRA	Dev Patel & Mansi Patel <i>Class of 2026</i>
A READING FROM THE DIAMOND SÜTRA	Stefan Hatch & Achala Kankanamge <i>Class of 2026</i>
MUSIC	Penn Quartet
CEREMONY LEADER	Ethan Roberts <i>Class of 2026</i>
REMARKS	President J. Larry Jameson <i>University of Pennsylvania</i>

CEREMONY LEADER	Charissa Howard <i>Class of 2026</i>
VOCAL PERFORMANCE “FALLING”	Grace Gramins <i>Class of 2026</i>
CEREMONY LEADER	Carson Fisher <i>Class of 2026</i>
DANCE PERFORMANCE	Penn Lions
REMARKS	Vedika Jawa <i>President, Class of 2026</i>
IVY STONE PRESENTATION	Cormari Brown <i>Vice President, Class of 2026</i>
	Designed by Emily Zhang <i>Class of 2026</i>
AFTERGLOW <i>by Bruce Montgomery, 1964</i>	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 <i>Text by Harry E. Westervelt, Music by William J. Goeckel</i>	University of Pennsylvania Glee Club
	<i>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,</i>
DISMISSAL	Provost John L. Jackson, Jr. <i>University of Pennsylvania</i>
RECESSIONAL	Penn Band

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