

ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER
COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY



CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, FRESNO
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SATURDAY, MAY 20, 2023

Congratulations to the class of 2023!



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May 20, 2023

Members of the Graduating Class
Asian American and Pacific Islander Graduation
Celebration

Dear Graduates,

Congratulations! You are the members of the 112th
graduating class of California State University, Fresno!

You are a testament of courage, strength, and excellence!

I applaud you for achieving this major milestone in your
life. Fresno State is proud to have been part of your
educational journey.

You are now part of Fresno State's legacy: With a Fresno
State degree, doors of opportunity will open. A Fresno State degree empowers you to
give back and elevate the quality of life of your family, neighbors, and friends.

When you look back, I know that you will view your time at Fresno State as one of
personal and intellectual growth through hard work and persistence.

Congratulations to you and yours!

Please stay engaged with Fresno State. Wear Fresno State red and join me and our
alumni in making the university the very best it can be!

Go 'Dogs!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Saul Jiménez-Sandoval".

Saul Jiménez-Sandoval, Ph.D.
President



Congratulations

**Asian American and
Pacific Islander
graduating
class of 2023!**

The Division of Administration and Finance wishes you all the best with your future endeavors!

CONGRATULATIONS ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER CLASS OF 2023

from the dean, faculty
and staff of the
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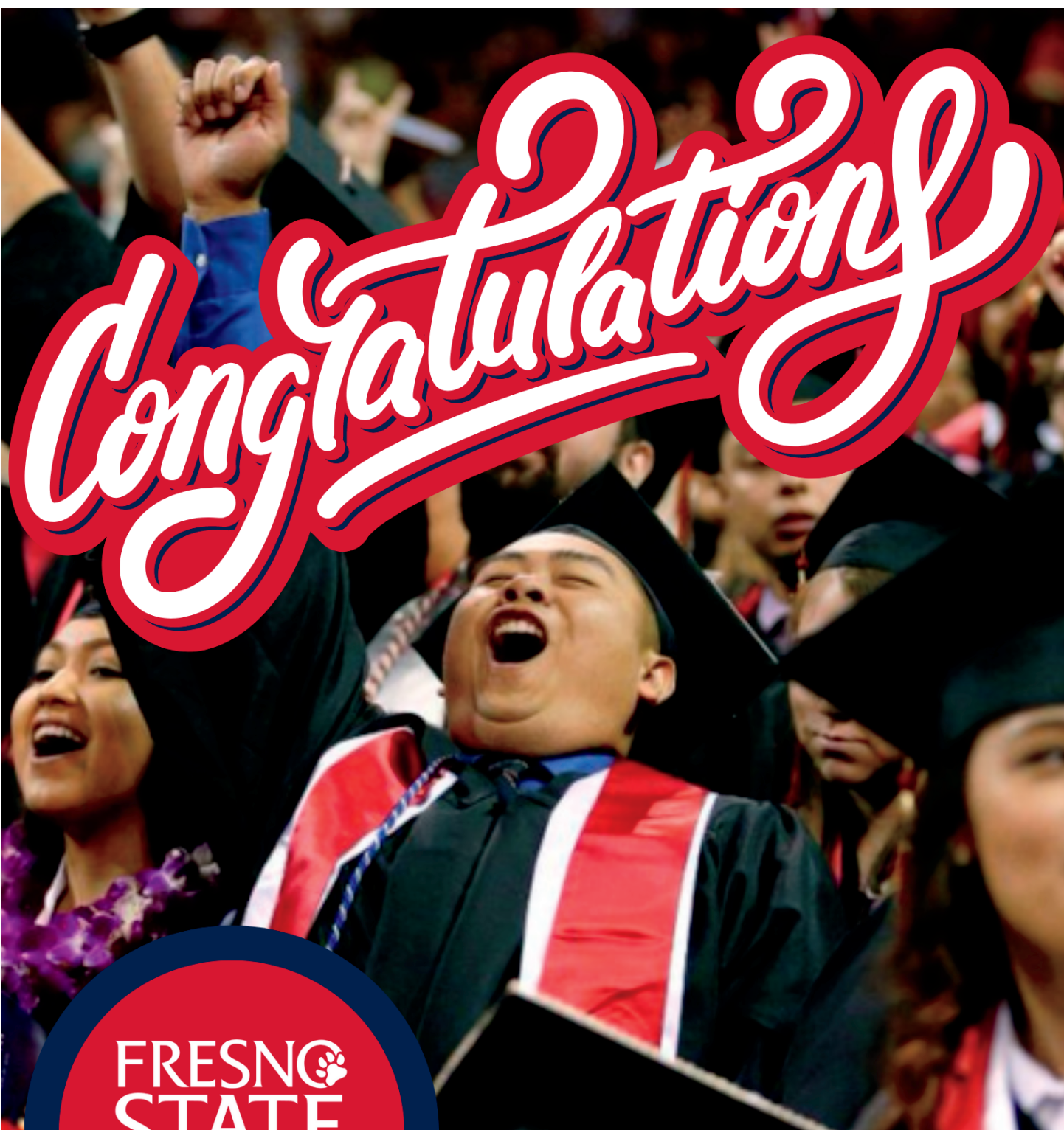


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Class of 2023,
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Congratulations College of Science and Mathematics 2023 Graduates

From the Faculty and Staff of
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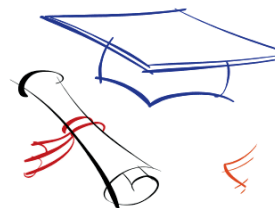
Wishing you well as you enter a new
and exciting phase of your life

Christopher R. Meyer, Dean
Constance Jones, Interim Associate Dean
and the Departments of:

Biology, Chemistry & Biochemistry, Computer Science
Earth and Environmental Sciences
Mathematics, Physics and Psychology

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KEYNOTE SPEAKER WENDA FONG

Wenda Fong began her 40-plus year career in television as the producer and host of her own live, talk show series in Los Angeles. Fong is the producer and director of music and variety specials, awards shows, reality specials, sitcoms, talk shows, documentaries, PSAs, and live events. She holds the dual distinction as being the first person of color and first woman to have produced the Emmy Awards. She has launched productions across the United States and around the world, including China, Canada, Europe and Africa.

In 2001, Fong joined the Fox Broadcasting Company and was with FOX for 13 years. She was its first Executive Director of Creative Development of Diversity and Vice President of Diversity Development. She created, developed and ran its diversity initiatives to increase the employment of diverse writers, directors, producers and actors. In 2002, she was appointed to oversee American Idol,



which became the historical groundbreaking and network television ratings phenomenon. In 2003, Fong was promoted to Vice President of Alternative Entertainment where she supervised all reality series and specials representing thousands of hours of programming including American Idol, So You Think You Can Dance, Hell's Kitchen, MasterChef and The X Factor to name just a few.

Among her community service, Fong is co-founder and chairperson emeritus of CAPE, the Coalition of Asian Pacifics in Entertainment, which began in 1991 and is the largest, longest-running, and most influential organization for Asian American Pacific Islanders in the entertainment industry. She was president of East West Players, the nation's oldest Asian American theatre, and co-founded Asian Americans for Fair Media and served on the board of the Association of Asian Pacific American Artists. She was the co-chair of the Leaders Forum, served on the board of California Humanities, and is co-founder of The ACTION Project. Fong has been a member of the Directors Guild of America since 1980 and is founding co-chair and chairperson emeritus of the DGA Asian American Committee. She is a member of the Producers Guild of America and the Academy of Television Arts and Sciences. Fong received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Asian American Studies from the University of Southern California.

MASTER OF CEREMONIES

MARGOT KIM

Margot Kim co-anchors the evening newscasts, Action News Live at Six and Live at Eleven. She joined the ABC 30 Team in October 2004 when she returned to her hometown. Margot is a seven-time recipient of the National Academy Of Arts and Sciences Regional Emmy Award, earning the honors for her reporting and anchoring. She is also a 2016 honoree of the Girl Scouts of Central California South Women Inspiring Girls award. A graduate of Clovis West High School and the University of California, Irvine, Margot is a proud Fresno native who enjoys serving her community by mentoring youth, volunteering with local charities and organizations and singing the National Anthem at community events.



STUDENT SPEAKER

NICCOLE BALISTA JORGE



Niccole Jorge is an undergraduate student in the College of Science & Math and will graduate Magna Cum Laude as a Biology major with the hopes of going into medical school. She was born and raised in Quezon City, Philippines, and migrated with her family at the age of fifteen to Fresno, California. As a young child, Niccole had a distinct interest and affinity for medicine and biology. Her desire to become a physician started with the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic in the Spring of 2020. While completing her undergraduate degree, Niccole also became a Cardiac Monitor Technician at Community Regional Medical Center, a Level-I trauma center, where she aided other healthcare professionals serving on the frontlines during the pandemic. After graduation, Niccole plans to further develop her clinical skills as a medical scribe at the Emergency Departments of both Community Regional Medical Center and Saint Agnes Medical Center. As a future physician, Niccole is committed to serving the people of the Central Valley.

Congratulations

to the graduating Class of 2023



Central California Asian Pacific Women (CCAPW) supports Fresno State's Asian American and Pacific Islander Graduation Commencement.

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Interim Dean Joy J. Goto and the Division Staff

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CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, FRESNO

2023 AAPI COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

Saturday, May 20, 2023 • TIME • Fresno State Student Recreation Center

Processional.....	2023 AAPI Graduates
Academic Processional.....	Platform Party and Faculty
Introduction.....	Margot Kim
Guest Performance.....	Fresno Gumyo Taiko
Welcome.....	Dr. Saúl Jiménez-Sandoval <i>President, California State University, Fresno</i>
Introduction of Keynote Speaker.....	Dr. Brian Tsukimura
Keynote Speaker.....	Wenda Fong
Asian Faculty and Staff Association Statement.....	Dr. Earl Aguilera
Guest Performance.....	Ntxhais Txuj Ci
Fresno State ASI President Speech.....	Caroline Alvarez
Introduction to Student Speaker.....	Dean Joy Goto
Student Speaker.....	Niccole Balista Jorge
Presentation of Graduates.....	Dr. Mui Vuong and Tony Losongco
Congratulatory Remarks.....	Dr. Bao Johri
Closing Remarks.....	Margot Kim
Recessional.....	Platform Party, Faculty, Graduates



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2023 AAPI COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY PARTICIPANTS

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Gurpreet Kaur Bhogal

Shimel Her Saychou

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Hardik Jain

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Kathy Moua

Lisa Moua

Monish Gowda Nagaraj

Sai Varun Puligilla

Rithish Ramesh

Komal Kaur Sekhon

Wesley Vanthal Sorenson

Feng Kaye Teter

saihemanth thota

Thao Tran

Kaochee Vang

Bao Mai Moua Vue

Jennifer Xiong-Moua

CREDENTIALS

May Choua Lo Vang

UNDERGRADUATE

James Matthew Ramos Alcantara

Blessy Antonio

Jego Angeles Canlas

Mekaella Nicole Capucan

Breann Chun

Asia Christalyn DeMarre

Rajini Eang

Ronisa-Joy Cantorna Ellsworth

Jacklyn Kate Fajardo

He Guiping

Kim Yengleung Her

Sharon Her

Jada Gao Gua Her

Heidi Heredia

Sosoumvannak William Hok

Niccole Balista Jorge

Chetna Radhika Kumar-Naicker

Matthew Rodriguez Kyle

Steven Lee

Hnub Lee

Maika Lee

Yer Lee

Earl Felipe Ligtas

Christmilthina Loeung

Joshua Abcede Logan

Jinwei Lu

Narendra Mannan

Sonja Gueqa Moua

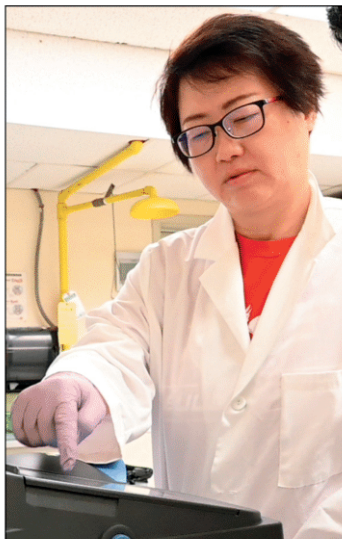
Maxie Moua

Tuong Vi Nguyen

Jerred Anthony Perez

Keyanna Pinto

Karen Pornnang



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Agricultural Education

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JACL is a national membership organization whose ongoing mission is to secure and maintain the civil rights of Japanese Americans *and all others* victimized by injustice and bigotry.

Leaders and members of the JACL also work to promote cultural, educational and social values and preserve the heritage and legacy of the Japanese American community.

For membership information, visit:
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- ◆ Undergraduate and graduate scholarships
- ◆ Internships and fellowships with AAPI leaders in Washington, DC
- ◆ Kakehashi youth exchange to Japan
- ◆ National Youth/Student Council



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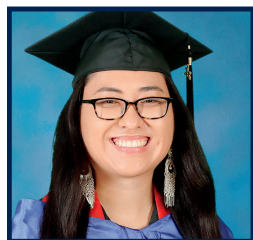
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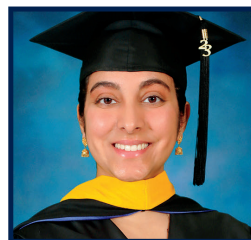
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Feng Kaye Teter
M.S., Geology



Kathy Moua
M.A., Higher Education
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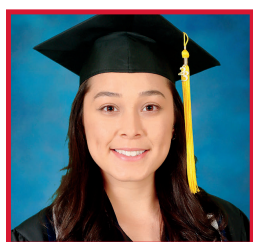
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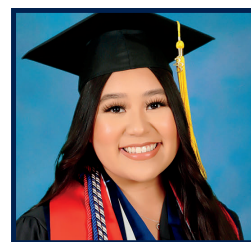
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Jennella Nicole Keahi
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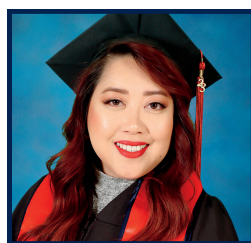
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Sonja Moua
B.A., Animation



Yer Lee
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DOCTORAL

Gurpreet Kaur Bhogal, Ed.D., Educational Leadership

GRADUATE

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Monish Gowda Nagaraj, M.S., Computer Science

Sai Varun Puligilla, M.S., Computer Engineering

Rithish Ramesh, M.S., Computer Science

Wesley Vanthal Sorenson, MPA, Public Administration

Saihemanth Thota, M.S., Computer Science

Thao Tran, M.A., Special Education

Kaochee Vang, M.S., Mathematics

Bao Mai Moua Vue, M.S., Marriage, Family and Child Counseling

Jennifer Xiong-Moua, M.A., Higher Education Administration and Leadership

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Breann Chun, B.A., Psychology

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Heidi Heredia, B.A., Psychology

Sosoumvannak William Hok, B.A., Animation

Niccole Balista Jorge, B.S., Biology

Chetna Radhika Kumar-Naicker, B.S., Psychology

Matthew Rodriguez Kyle, B.S., Biology

Steven Lee, B.A., Sociology

Earl Felipe Lightas, B.S., Kinesiology

Joshua Abcede Logan, B.S., Sports Administration

Jinwei Lu, B.S., Mathematics

Narendra Mannan, B.S., Computer Science

Tuong Vi Nguyen, B.S., Computer Science

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Keyanna Pinto, B.S., Biology

Karen Pornnang, B.A., Sociology

Matthew Rodriguez, B.S.

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Murphy Sean, B.S., Kinesiology Exercise Science

Phorn Sok, B.S., Criminology

Nola Thipannha, B.S., Business Marketing

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Dung Huu Tran, B.S., Biology

Judith O Turner, B.A., Liberal Studies

Lily Vang, B.A., Child Development

Kayleen Nkaujzoo Vang

Sarah Lili Vor, B.A., Liberal Studies

Alexia Nuchi Vue, B.A., Political Science

Jerry Ntxoov Lws Vue, B.S., Civil Engineering

Nuchia Vue, B.S., Kinesiology Exercise Science

Tou Cher Vue, B.S., Civil Engineering

Cindy Xiong, B.A., Criminology and Psychology

Pengsu Xiong, B.A., Game Design

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