David Walsh will announce the procession of students by department.

David Walsh:

Welcome to the USC Dana and David Dornsife College of Letters, Arts and Sciences Group 4 Commencement Ceremony. We will begin with the procession of faculty and graduates led by USC Dornsife Vice Dean George Sanchez. Today, we recognize:

- Doctor of Philosophy
- Master of Arts
- Master of Science
- Masters in Visual Anthropology
- Master’s in Human Behavior

And bachelor’s degree candidates from the departments of:

- Geography
- American Studies and Ethnicity
- Health and Humanity
- Anthropology
- Sociology
- Economics
- Psychology
“Welcome Faculty, Students, Families, and Guests. It is wonderful to be here with all of you to celebrate the accomplishments of the Class of 2012.

“My name is George Sanchez. I am the USC Dornsife Vice Dean for College Diversity and Strategic Initiatives and professor of American Studies and Ethnicity and History.

“First, I want to acknowledge the faculty who are with us today, especially the departmental representatives seated on the platform and those serving as marshals and readers for today’s ceremony:

- From American Studies and Ethnicity: Macarena Gomez-Baris, Javon Johnson and Juan de Lara
- From Anthropology: Nancy Lutkehaus
- From Economics: Simon Wilkie and Michael Sproul
- From Spatial Science: Jennifer Swift
- From Masters in Human Behavior: Ernest Greene and Viviane Seyranian
- From Psychology: David Lavond, Steven Lopez, Frank Manis
- And from Sociology: Amon Emeka and Lynne Casper
• “And I would like to acknowledge special guests:
  o Robert Rasmussen, Dean of the USC Gould School of Law
  o Rebecca Brown, Professor of Law
    (presenting diploma cover to daughter Rachel Zolensky, major American Studies)
  o Ted Berger, Professor of Biomedical Engineering
    (presenting diploma cover to daughter Kimberly Berger, major Psychology)
  o Janet Oldak, Professor of Dentistry
    (presenting diploma cover, with Solomon Oldak, to daughter Noa Oldak)
  o Solomon Oldak, Professor of Electrical Engineering from California State Polytechnic University, Pomona

• “Thank you to all of the department coordinators who have worked so hard all year long to make sure that today is a wonderful experience for all of us. We truly appreciate all of the effort that you put into making today happen.

• “I would now like to recognize a number of graduates who have received special honors and are in attendance here today. Graduates, please stand when I call your name.
- The Group 4 Flag and Banner Bearers. Flag and Banner Bearers are nominated by their department for their academic achievement, extracurricular accomplishments and community involvement.
  - Lauren Ige, Majors Economics, Minors in International Relations and Business Law
  - Noa Oldak, Major Anthropology, Minors in English, Human Rights, and Spanish

- USC Renaissance Scholars. Renaissance Scholars are students whose majors and minors are from widely separated fields of study. The Renaissance Scholar prize winner is:
  - Julie Guerin, Majors in Psychology and Neuroscience, Minor Art History
  - Noa Oldak, Major Anthropology, Minors in English, Human Rights, and Spanish
USC McNair Scholars. The McNair Scholars Program prepares high-achieving USC undergraduates for research experiences and graduate school programs.

- Josephine Chou, Major Psychology
- Christelle (pronounced Crystal) Williams, Major Psychology
- Vannesssa Sanchez-Gonzales, Majors in Sociology and Psychology
- Karina Casillas, Majors in American Studies and Ethnicity and Policy, Planning and Development
- Paul Franklin Young, Majors in Sociology and Psychology
- Roland Zapata, Majors in American Studies and Ethnicity and Psychology
- Nathaniel Gonzalez, Majors in Sociology, Psychology and Philosophy, Minor Photography

“The USC Dornsife Scholars. Dornsife Scholars are selected based on their academic achievements across all spheres of knowledge that address basic questions of human value and vital social challenges facing the nation and the world. The Dornsife Scholar Prize winner is:

- Nicole Cruz, Majors in Psychology and Italian, Minor Chemistry
• Commencement remarks (5 minutes)
INSTRUCTIONS TO THE AUDIENCE AND GRADUATES:

“Our ceremony begins with all the PhD graduates, all the Masters graduates, all the Graduate Certificate graduates and concludes with Undergraduates by department. Each group will be directed when to stand and come forward to the platform for the presentation of their diploma folders.

“Friends and family: please do not approach the stage. Remember that this is an important day for all of the people around you as well. And please understand that we must keep the aisles clear for everyone’s safety.

“We have contracted a photographer today to take professional photos of each of our graduates. Proofs will be available within 24 hours. A notification will be emailed to the address provided on the back of the information card that all graduates filled out prior to the start of the ceremony. You can also find information about ordering photos inside of your program.

“Graduates, please return to your seats after exiting the stage. Graduates, friends, and family, please note that the ceremony is not complete until all of our graduates have been recognized.
"Dr. Nancy Lutkehaus will now present the candidates for the Doctor of Philosophy degree."

- **Lutkehaus reads PhD names**
  - READ:
    - the student’s first and last names
    - their major

- **George Sanchez to present each graduate with a Commencement folder (pause for photo each time).**

**LUTKEHAUS**

"I will now present the candidates for Masters degrees with their Commencement folders”

- **Lutkehaus to read Masters graduates names**
  - READ:
    - the student’s first and last names
    - their major

- **George Sanchez to present each graduate with Commencement folder (pause for photo each time).**

**LUTKEHAUS - when finished reading Master names say:**

“... when finished reading Master names say:”

- **Lutkehaus reads names**
  - READ:
    - the student’s first and last names

- **George Sanchez to present each graduate with Commencement folder (pause for photo each time).**
LUTKEHAUS – when finish reading Masters in Visual Anthropology names say:

"Dr. Ernest Greene will now present the candidates for Master’s in Human Behavior degrees with their Commencement folders”

- Lutkehaus returns to seat
- Greene reads names
  - READ:
    - the student’s first and last names

- George Sanchez to present each graduate with Commencement folder (pause for photo each time).

GREENE – when finish reading Master names say:

“Dr. Jennifer Swift will present the candidates for Graduate Certificate degrees with their Commencement folders”

- Greene returns to seat
- Swift to read Graduate Certificate candidate names
  - READ:
    - the student’s first and last names
    - their major

- George Sanchez to present each graduate with Commencement folder (pause for photo each time).
"We will now present the candidates for Bachelors degrees with their Commencement folders. I will present the Geography candidates first."

- **Swift reads names**
  - **READ:**
    - the student’s first and last names
    - major (if different from your department)
    - minor(s)

**SWIFT – when finish reading Geography names say:**

“Dr. Macarena Gomez-Barris will present the American Studies and Ethnicity graduates”

- *NOTE: Special diploma cover presentation:*
  - **1st student in American Studies**
    - Rebecca Brown presents diploma cover to daughter Rachel Zolensky
  - **1st student in Anthropology**
    - Janet and Solomon Oldak present diploma cover to daughter Noa Oldak
  - **1st student in Psychology**
    - Ted Berger presents diploma cover to daughter Kimberly Berger
FACULTY:

1. Read:
   - the student’s first and last names
   - if they have a double major
     (do NOT read major if same as your department)
   - any minor

2. Introduce the next faculty and department (below).

Dr. Macarena Gomez-Barris, Associate Professor of American Studies and Ethnicity

Who will introduce

Dr. Nancy Lutkehaus, Professor of Anthropology

Nancy Lutkehaus say:

“I will now present the Health and Humanity candidates”

When you are finished reading Health and Humanity names, announce

“I will now present the Anthropology candidates”

Who will introduce

Dr. Amon Emeka, Assistant Professor of Sociology

Who will introduce

Dr. Simon Wilkie, Chair of Economics

Who will introduce

Dr. Frank Manis, Professor of Psychology

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CLOSING REMARKS – George Sanchez:

"On behalf of the University of Southern California and the USC Dana and David Dornsife College of Letters, Arts and Sciences, CONGRATULATIONS Class of 2012!

I know that I speak for all of us on stage when I say that it has been a true privilege to participate in your education, and your professors are so happy today to celebrate this accomplishment with you.

Students, join me in taking a final moment to express great thanks to the friends, parents, spouses and partners, children and all those who have given both in spirit and in dollars to make your education possible. Thank you!

On behalf of USC Dornsife, I wish each and every one of you tremendous success in your future endeavors—personal, intellectual, and professional. Do keep your connections with USC Dornsife vibrant, so that we may continue to celebrate your achievements as members of the Trojan Family.

The celebration will continue at department receptions which begin immediately at the sites listed on the back of your program. We will conclude our program here with a formal recessional led by the faculty. Guests, please remain in your seats until the graduates have recessed out of the tent.

Congratulations and Fight On!"