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FRIDAY, MAY 15, 2026

TODAY WE HONOR OUR DORNSIFE GRADUATES
FROM THE DISCIPLINES OF

AMERICAN STUDIES AND ETHNICITY	LINGUISTICS
ANTHROPOLOGY	MASTER OF SCIENCE IN APPLIED BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS
ART HISTORY	MASTER OF SCIENCE IN APPLIED PSYCHOLOGY
BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES	MASTER OF SUSTAINABILITY MANAGEMENT
CHEMISTRY	MATHEMATICS
CLASSICS	MIDDLE EAST STUDIES
COMPARATIVE LITERATURE	NEUROSCIENCE
EARTH SCIENCES	PHILOSOPHY
EAST ASIAN AREA STUDIES	PHYSICS AND ASTRONOMY
EAST ASIAN LANGUAGES AND CULTURES	POLITICAL SCIENCE AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
ECONOMICS	PSYCHOLOGY, SOCIAL SCIENCES, COGNITIVE SCIENCE
ENGLISH	QUANTITATIVE AND COMPUTATIONAL BIOLOGY
ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES	RELIGION/ARCHAEOLOGY
FRENCH AND ITALIAN	SLAVIC LANGUAGES AND LITERATURES
GENDER AND SEXUALITY STUDIES	SOCIOLOGY
HISTORY	SPATIAL SCIENCES
HUMAN BIOLOGY	
INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES	
LATIN AMERICAN AND IBERIAN CULTURES	

ALUMNI PARK, UNIVERSITY PARK CAMPUS

WELCOME

EMILY HODGSON ANDERSON
COLLEGE DEAN OF UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION

JAMES S. BULLOCK
DEAN

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

DEXTER HOLLAND
USC DORNSIFE
ALUMNUS,
BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES '88
MOLECULAR BIOLOGY '89 AND '17

PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS

A MESSAGE FROM DEAN BULLOCK

Dear Graduates,

The USC Dornsife community is proud of the rigorous academic journey you have completed to arrive at this moment. You have earned a degree, but you have done more than grow intellectually. You have also developed the skills and mindset to be a leader in any career or endeavor you choose to pursue. As scholars well-versed in the letters, arts and sciences, I am confident that you will find great success and personal enrichment while seizing opportunities in the years ahead.

The friendships you have made and the experiences you have accumulated here will stay with you forever — and I hope you revisit them often. Know that as an alumnus of USC Dornsife, you will always be a valued member of our Trojan Family. Please keep us informed of your ongoing achievements (alumni.usc.edu). By staying connected with us, we can build together an even stronger and more vibrant academic community.

Congratulations and best of luck in the new adventures that await.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James S. Bullock". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line above the first name.

JAMES BULLOCK

DEAN, USC DORNSIFE COLLEGE OF LETTERS, ARTS AND SCIENCES

HONORS RECOGNITION

FULBRIGHT U.S. STUDENT PROGRAM

VALERIE ARONHALT
Political Science and
International Relations

ELOISE BENCKE
Philosophy

HUDSON BISHOP FEY
History

ELLA RAE PETERCHAK
Spatial Sciences

ANGELA WU
Political Science and
International Relations

NSF GRADUATE RESEARCH
FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

AIKO ABO DOMINGUEZ
Biological Sciences

NATHAN DERHAKE
Mathematics

PHI BETA KAPPA
UNDERGRADUATE AWARD

MAGDALENA ALBRIGHT
American Studies and Ethnicity

CARSON CHIVERS
Psychology, Social Sciences,
Cognitive Science

HELEN HIGHLAND
Chemistry

RANAY SAH
History, Political Science and
International Relations

DANE SPRAGUE
Economics

PHI KAPPA PHI STUDENT
RECOGNITION AWARD

ISSAY MATSUMOTO
History

RACHAEL SOMERS
Philosophy

KATIE BRADSHAW
English

UNIVERSITY OUTSTANDING
TEACHING ASSISTANT AWARD

HALEY HSU
Political Science and
International Relations

ANTONIO MARIA CLEANI
Philosophy

CHARLES C. LEHNEN
Biological Sciences

USC DISCOVERY SCHOLAR PRIZE

SARA EYASSU
Environmental Studies

VANESSA LIU
Philosophy

MENGSHI LIU
Earth Sciences

JASON TOLIAO
Neuroscience

HENGXUAN WANG
Middle East Studies

USC DORNSIFE SCHOLARS

FATEMA BHAIJI
English

QUINN CHOW
Biological Sciences

KATIE JACK
Neuroscience

MINA JUNG
Neuroscience

ZIQING LEI
Political Science and
International Relations

VANESSA LIU
Philosophy

AMY NAM
History

ISAIAH RINGO
Psychology, Social Sciences,
Cognitive Science

RANAY SAH
History, Political Science and
International Relations

AYLA SEDDIGHNEZHAD
Human Biology

USC GLOBAL SCHOLAR PRIZE

VALERIE ARONHALT
Political Science and
International Relations

ELOISE BENCKE
Philosophy

SABA DANESHMAND
Neuroscience

ZAC HARDIMAN
Economics

LEAH NWIZUGBO
Political Science and
International Relations

USC STEVEN & KATHRYN SAMPLE
RENAISSANCE SCHOLAR PRIZE

TINGYO CHANG
History

CARSON CHIVERS
Psychology, Social Sciences,
Cognitive Science

ASHA DUKKIPATI
Neuroscience

HALLE HUNT
Psychology, Social Sciences,
Cognitive Science

ALYSSE QUIN
Environmental Studies

NICOLE JIALE YU
Philosophy

MARIA CAROLINA ZENSEN SIMOES
RELIGION/ARCHAEOLOGY
PHD ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

ZAINA UJAYLI
American Studies and Ethnicity

SAIF KHAN
Biological Sciences

NSF GRADUATE RESEARCH
FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

SIDDHARTH SRIKANTH
Mathematics

DEPARTMENT HONORS

ANTHROPOLOGY

SAMANTHA COLTMAN
PEYTON DACY
ANI KASABYAN
MARY MCCABE
CHEVRON MCKENZIE
GERARDO MITRE
JOANNA MORENO
ALEJANDRA SANTANA CONCEPCION
JOSHUA SHIN
SHAUNIK KUMAR VAID
QI WANG
SUE YUAN

SOCIOLOGY

KAYLANA DESTINY KANIAUPIO
ELEANOR MOORE
ZHEYU PEI

ECONOMICS

SYDNEY HURTER
NAMRATHA VAISHWAVI KASALANATI
ALEJANDRA REYES-PEREZ
SHOTARO SETO

ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES

CLAIRE SILVERSTEIN
OLIVIA SILVESTRI

HISTORY

TINGYO LILY CHANG
MINSEO CHO
EMMA GARCIA
ISABEL JANSEN-MONTOYA
NIKKI MEHL
DANIELA ROCHA ACOSTA
MARIA CAROLINA ZENSEN SIMOES

MIDDLE EAST STUDIES

HENGXUAN WANG

RELIGION/ARCHEOLOGY

ARIEL GILMORE

Welcome to the Dornsife Alumni Family!

Congratulations, Class of 2026! Today, you join the largest part of the Trojan Family — our lifelong and worldwide alumni community. Your time at Dornsife has shaped you, challenged you, and prepared you for the exciting journey ahead.

Though your student days may be ending, your connection to USC Dornsife lasts a lifetime. We invite you to stay engaged, build your Trojan network, and continue making a difference in the world. Make the most of your Trojan Family by updating your contact information on our [**New Graduate Email Update**](#) form.

Today is a remarkable achievement, made possible by the dedication of our students, faculty, staff, families, and friends. We are proud of you and excited to see the impact you will make.

Visit our [**Welcome Dornsife Alumni**](#) website to discover events, career and networking resources, and life hacks for the Class of 2026.

Congratulations and Fight On!

For pictures, stories and video from commencement,
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