

INDIANA UNIVERSITY NORTHWEST  
FIFTY-SEVENTH  
**COMMENCEMENT**



**THURSDAY, MAY 11, 2023**

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# FIFTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT

## INDIANA UNIVERSITY NORTHWEST

Thursday, May 11, 2023  
10 a.m.

### **PAMELA WHITTEN, President of Indiana University, Presiding**

PROCESSIONAL	Indiana University Brass Quintet
<i>THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER</i>	Led by Despina Liaskos Alumna, Indiana University Northwest
WELCOME AND INTRODUCTORY REMARKS	President Whitten  Ken Iwama Chancellor, Indiana University Northwest
CONFERRAL OF HONORARY DEGREE (A biography of the honoree is printed on page 5.)	President Whitten
ALUMNI INDUCTION CEREMONY	Jacqueline Renee Bell Bachelor of Science, Criminal Justice Class of 2023  Ms. Liaskos
PRESENTATION OF THE CLASS	Chancellor Iwama
STUDENT ADDRESS	Takisha Stanford Bachelor of Science, Business Administration Class of 2023
CHARGE TO THE CLASS	President Whitten
INTRODUCTION OF GRADUATES	Kenneth Schoon Professor Emeritus of Science Education
CONFERRAL OF DEGREES	President Whitten
<i>HAIL TO OLD I.U.</i>	Led by Ms. Liaskos
RECESSIONAL	Indiana University Brass Quintet

### ***THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER***

O! say, can you see by the dawn's early light,  
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming,  
Whose broad stripes and bright stars through the perilous fight,  
O'er the ramparts we watched, were so gallantly streaming?  
And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air,  
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there;  
O! say, does that Star-Spangled Banner yet wave,  
O'er the land of the free, and the home of the brave?

### ***HAIL TO OLD I.U.***

Come and join in song together,  
Shout with might and main;  
Our beloved Alma Mater,  
Sound her praise again.

#### ***Chorus***

Gloriana, Frangipana,  
E'er to her be true;  
She's the pride of Indiana,  
Hail to old I.U.!

—Joe T. Giles, Class of 1894

# SCHOOLS AND PROGRAMS

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Micah Pollak, *Associate Dean*

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Crystal Shannon, *Interim Dean*  
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Mica Redden, *horn*

Nate Berry, *trombone*

John Paul Powers, *tuba*

## SPECIAL THANKS

Tamara S. Davis, *Dean, Indiana University School of Social Work*

# COMMENCEMENT TRADITIONS

Today we celebrate the fifty-seventh Commencement exercises of Indiana University Northwest, representing the culmination and proud recognition of our graduates' academic achievements. The ceremony is rich in academic tradition and protocol and includes a Commencement address by the president, remarks by other speakers, the conferral of degrees, and the induction of graduates into the IU Alumni Association.

## ACADEMIC ATTIRE

All candidates for degrees and those who hold these degrees, including university officials, faculty, and visiting dignitaries, are attired in traditional caps and gowns.

### Caps

Candidates for degrees wear square caps (called mortarboards) adorned with tassels that reflect the school from which they are graduating. These tassel colors, which are largely standard across the United States, are:

- Arts and Sciences—White
- Business and Economics—Drab
- Dental Education—Lilac
- Education—Light Blue
- Health Professions—Kelly Green
- Labor Studies—Nile Green
- Nursing—Apricot
- Public and Environmental Affairs—Peacock Blue
- Social Work—Citron

### Gowns

The gowns for bachelor's and associate degree recipients have a closed front and open sleeves. The master's degree gown has extremely long, closed sleeves, from which the arms extend through a slit at the wrist; the end of the sleeve is square, with an arc cut away just above the bottom. The doctoral gown has velvet panels down the front and voluminous bell-shaped sleeves, on which there are three velvet bars.

### Hoods

Master's degree candidates wear hoods, which are not actually head coverings but stoles, edged in velvet and lined in satin, which flow down the wearer's back. The color of the velvet edging reflects the academic discipline; the satin lining reflects the institution granting the degree. Thus, Indiana University hoods are lined in cream and crimson. Doctoral hoods, worn by many faculty members, use the same system of color symbolism but are longer and wider than master's hoods.

### Honor Cords

Indiana University is proud of all of its graduates, and is especially proud of those who have excelled academically. Candidates who are graduating with distinction, high distinction, and highest distinction are entitled to wear honor cords (sometimes called fourragères) pinned to the left shoulder of the gowns. In addition, on some campuses, qualified students are entitled to wear gold medallions indicating that they are graduating with honors. The requirements for graduating with honors are different for each school.

#### *Honor Cords for Honor Societies*

Graduates who are members of nearly 60 nationally recognized honor societies may wear their societies' honor cords or medallions during Commencement.

#### *Honor Cords for Veterans and Service Members*

Graduating students who have served or are currently serving in the U.S. Armed Forces wear red, white, and blue cords.

## THE HISTORY OF ACADEMIC ATTIRE

The academic costume of today has a history of nearly eight centuries. Students in the medieval universities of Paris, Bologna, Oxford, and Cambridge organized themselves into guilds; their usual

garb, a long gown, was probably necessary for warmth in the unheated buildings. Scholars, who were generally members of church orders, wore these robes along with hoods to protect their shaved heads. Later, they wore skullcaps to protect their heads, and the hood developed into a cape that they could pull over their heads for extra protection in unpleasant weather. As additional universities were founded, their faculties adapted distinctive forms of the gown and hood for bachelors (apprentices of arts), masters (teachers), and doctors (teachers who had completed postgraduate studies), which were marked mostly by differences among the hoods. These differences were regulated by strict rules; tailors who departed from the authorized design could be punished. Finally, when caps and hats came into fashion in the fifteenth century, the hoods became ornamental, draped over the shoulders and down the back.

The academic hat was adapted from the headgear worn by ordinary people and began as a symbol of the master's degree. It took various forms: some caps were stiff and some were soft; some were square and some were round with a tuft in the center. The modern tassel is an elaboration of the tuft, and the mortarboard style comes to us from Oxford.

When academic costume came to America in 1754, styles were quite varied. In Europe, they still are, but in the United States, standardized rules for academic regalia were enacted in 1895 with the passage of the Intercollegiate Code (updated in 1932 and 1959). The code, created by an intercollegiate commission, prescribed the cut, style, and materials of the gowns and the colors that were to represent the different fields of learning.

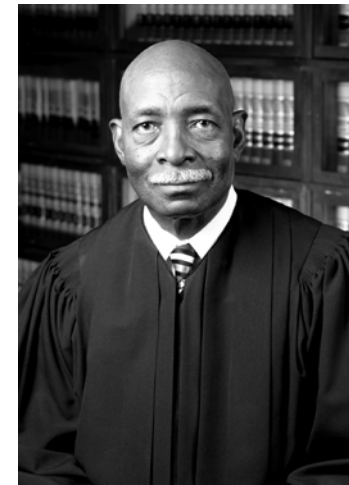
# HONORARY DEGREE CANDIDATE

## THE HONORABLE ROBERT D. RUCKER

Robert Rucker was the 105th justice of the Indiana Supreme Court. He was appointed to the post by Indiana Governor Frank O'Bannon in 1999 and served as an Indiana Supreme Court justice until his retirement in 2017.

Born in Canton, Georgia, Rucker grew up in Gary. He supported his education at Indiana University Northwest by working in the local steel mills. His college education was interrupted by his service in the Vietnam War with the First Cavalry Division of the U.S. Army, where he was awarded the Bronze Star Medal and the Purple Heart. Rucker returned to IU Northwest and earned a Bachelor of Arts in 1974. He then attended Valparaiso University, earning a Doctor of Jurisprudence in 1976. He also holds a Master of Laws degree from the University of Virginia School of Law.

Before joining the Indiana Supreme Court, where he was the second African American justice to serve, Rucker served as a judge on the Indiana Court of Appeals, to which he was appointed in 1991 by Governor Evan Bayh. He was the first African American appellate judge in Indiana. While on the Court of Appeals, he served as vice chair of the Indiana Commission for Continuing Legal Education.



As a lawyer, Rucker served on the boards of directors of the Indiana Trial Lawyers Association and the Northwest Indiana Legal Services Organization. He also served as a deputy prosecuting attorney for Lake County, Indiana, and as the attorney for the city of Gary. He had a general legal practice in East Chicago, Indiana.

Rucker authored more than 450 majority opinions and issued more than 100 dissents during his tenure on both the Court of Appeals and the Supreme Court. During his long and distinguished career, he was known for his dedication to increasing diversity in the legal profession. He appointed numerous women and lawyers of color to serve on various boards and commissions. He consistently hired lawyers of color to serve as law clerks on the Court of Appeals and the Supreme Court.

In recognition of Rucker's lifetime of contributions to Northwest Indiana and to the legal profession, in 2010, the Lake County, Indiana, Commissioners named the courthouse in downtown Gary, home to several Lake County Superior Courts, the Robert D. Rucker Courthouse.

Rucker's past and present memberships include the American Bar Association, the Indiana Judges Association, the Indiana State Bar Association, and the Marion County Bar Association. He is a fellow of the Indianapolis Bar Foundation and a previous Lake County Judicial Nominating Commission chair. He has also served as chair of the National Bar Association's Judicial Council. His many honors include Valparaiso University's Outstanding Alumni Achievement Award and being named a Sagamore of the Wabash by Indiana Governor Eric Holcomb.

William J. Lowe, professor of history and former chancellor of Indiana University Northwest, says, "Justice Rucker's experiences up through his graduation at IU Northwest were early markers of the commitment and persistence that he would demonstrate in a legal career characterized by demanding standards and achievements that are accurately described as historic for the state of Indiana. As a scholar, a distinguished jurist, and an engaged citizen, Justice Rucker opened the door for opportunity, equity, and inclusion, to enhance and improve the lives and prospects for those least advantaged in our society."

# GRADUATE AND UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE RECIPIENTS

This Commencement program should be regarded as a preliminary document, pending confirmation of all degrees. It includes lists of graduates whose degrees have been conferred in fall 2022 and degree candidates for the 2023 spring and summer terms. Degrees will be conferred after the completion of all requirements is verified.

## College of Arts and Sciences

### BACHELOR OF APPLIED SCIENCE

Angel Blankenship  
Eric Diaz  
Jayla H. McCann  
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Lauren Elizabeth Walls  
*With Distinction*

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*With Distinction*  
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Biology  
Carli Jurnee Anderson  
Political Science  
Angelina Andrade  
Psychology  
Nicole Jaimie Anteck  
Psychology  
Lorena Arciga  
History  
Moirra Ashlock  
History  
Nicholas P. Bibeau  
Political Science  
*With Distinction*  
Jordan L Bowen  
English  
Gregory D Buchanan  
Political Science  
History  
Madison Renée Byers  
Anthropology  
Micheal Anthony Chabes II  
Psychology

Madison Elizabeth Cheeseman  
Psychology  
*With Distinction*  
Destinie Briana Chops  
Psychology  
Darnice Collier  
Sociology  
Amanda Joy Cook  
Psychology  
Emileishka De Jesus Delbrey  
Spanish  
Alexis S Ezell  
Psychology  
Mireya Isabel Felix  
Political Science  
Julia Ann Ferguson  
Psychology  
Angela N Fisher  
Sociology  
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Psychology  
Alexa Gaitan  
Psychology  
Mackenzie Faith Gesbeck  
Psychology  
Aislinn Gonzalez  
Psychology  
Belen Gonzalez  
Psychology  
Kaitlyn N Grubbe  
Psychology  
Siriany Illiana Guzman  
Political Science  
Christina Kaye Hairston  
English  
*With Distinction*  
Islam Mohammed Hamed  
Psychology  
Matthew Lawrence Hanlon  
Sustainability Studies  
Heather René Harwood  
Anthropology  
Kayla-Ann W. Haynes  
Psychology  
*With Highest Distinction*

Angelina Marie Hernandez  
Political Science  
Zachary Alan Hicks  
Psychology  
Nascha Halona Hladek  
Psychology  
Faith Hood  
Psychology  
Jack Henry Huber  
Political Science  
*With Highest Distinction*  
Cara A Hubster  
Psychology  
Milene Hurtado  
Spanish  
Hya Jaber  
Psychology  
Ryan James  
Psychology  
Bionca Jimenez  
Psychology  
Maya Arsala Khan  
Psychology  
Aikaterini Koufou  
Biology  
Alaina Lundy  
History  
Ryan Madi  
History  
*With Distinction*  
Elizabeth Magers  
History  
*With High Distinction*  
Aasia Naseem Malik  
Sociology  
Denise Louise Maragos  
History  
*With Distinction*  
Aline Marquez Alvarez  
Psychology  
Andrea Martinez  
Spanish  
R'reon Melton  
Psychology  
Chloe' LaShay Meredith  
Psychology  
Tatiana Caroline Mireles  
English  
*With Highest Distinction*  
Mutia Morris  
Anthropology  
Ciera Ashley Moulesong  
English

Kayla Patricia Jean Nichols  
English  
Amber Ondo  
Psychology  
Fernando Perez  
Philosophy  
*With High Distinction*  
Brianna Judith Plemons  
Psychology  
Cynthia S. Quiroz  
Political Science  
Tye Jada Riddle  
Psychology  
Emily Russell  
Psychology  
Jennifer Kay Salyer  
Psychology  
Mary Ellen Sanchez  
Psychology  
Sydney Grace Sarver  
English, French  
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Psychology  
Jessica Schlimgen  
Psychology  
Kaja Damari Sims  
Psychology  
Hannah Siska  
English  
*With Highest Distinction*  
Mariana Lisette Soriano  
Psychology  
*With High Distinction*  
Daniel B. Suprenant  
History  
Shanee Maggie Tolbert  
Psychology  
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Sociology, Anthropology  
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Melena Monique Trujillo  
English  
Amaya Nicole Wagner  
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Camille Alexandra Walls  
Psychology  
Hunter Winicky  
Psychology  
*With Distinction*  
Silvana C Zamudio  
Psychology

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*With Distinction*  
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Binaca D. Hernandez  
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Tamitra Danielle Tate  
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*With Distinction*  
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Sabrina L. Thormann  
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Chemistry  
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Tiffany Anne Barham  
Actuarial Science  
Nicholas P. Bibeau  
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*With Distinction*  
Arianna Marie Brown  
Geology

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Computer Information Systems  
*With Distinction*

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Psychology

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Nibal Fares  
Biology  
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Computer Information Systems  
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Geology

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Neuroscience

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Biochemistry  
*With High Distinction*

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Informatics

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Computer Information Systems

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Biology/Geology Environmental  
Science  
*With Distinction*

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Geology  
*With High Distinction*

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*With Highest Distinction*

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Biology

Haylee Anne Thomas  
Biology

Alejandro Torres  
Informatics  
*With Distinction*

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Actuarial Science, Mathematics  
*With Highest Distinction*

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French  
*With High Distinction*

Nivya Varghese  
Biochemistry  
*With Highest Distinction*

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Bethany Zilligen

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Cassandra Winn

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Shelby Carter

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Floyd Keith Iddings III  
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Amy L. Rakoczy  
Fine Arts

Serena Morgan Schreiber  
Communication

Krystal Renee Watson  
Communication

Louis Williams Jr.  
Communication

Cheyenne Yates  
Communication

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Yuna Choi  
*With High Distinction*

Kristopher L. Kritikos  
*With High Distinction*

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Alejandra Cecilia Mosqueda  
*With Distinction*

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Business Administration  
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Business Administration

Joshua Banhart  
Business Administration

Ciara Barnett  
Business Administration

Jazzamin Benjamin  
Business Administration

Bojan Bilbija  
Business Administration

Joshua Boudreau  
Business Administration

Dade Brown  
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*With Distinction*

Walker Brummett  
Business Administration

Javier Campos  
Business Administration

Gina Chapa  
Accounting/Finance

Gregory Charles  
Accounting/Finance

Abria Cooper  
Business Administration

Edward Davies  
Business Administration

Glorija Deleva  
Accounting/Finance  
*With High Distinction*

Kibra Devine  
Business Administration

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Accounting/Finance  
Business Administration

Michael Alexander Fritcher  
Business Administration

Julyssa Gonzalez  
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# INDIANA UNIVERSITY NORTHWEST

## MISSION STATEMENT

We are Indiana University in Northwest Indiana, a diverse body of faculty, staff, and students committed to inclusivity, academic excellence, and student success. We provide high-quality undergraduate and graduate education by engaging our communities and performing innovative research and creative activities. We offer the advantages of a large university while providing personalized attention within a supportive campus community.

## ABOUT IU NORTHWEST

As one of seven IU campuses statewide, IU Northwest provides personal, affordable, and life-changing education in a high-quality academic environment that values diversity, inclusiveness, scholarship, and cultural and regional partnerships.

Our more than 3,100 students collaborate and solve problems, which is a powerful, adaptable preparation for ethical leadership and success throughout a satisfying life and career.

After this Commencement, IU Northwest will have conferred more than 29,000 degrees.

IU Northwest serves the most diverse student body of any IU campus.

Learners of all ages and backgrounds, including many first-generation students who are the first in their families to attend college, pursue their IU degrees at IU Northwest while balancing a variety of other work and life responsibilities. Most IU Northwest graduates remain in Northwest Indiana to live and work, and many attain prominent positions in business, government, education, industry, the arts, health professions, and other vital community sectors. IU alumni contribute significantly to the economic, social, and cultural quality of life in the region, and IU Northwest is proud to have played a role in preparing them to meet those responsibilities.

The campus is organized into five degree-granting academic units: the College of Arts and Sciences,

the College of Health and Human Services (which includes the School of Nursing, the School of Public and Environmental Affairs, and the Division of Social Work), the School of the Arts, the School of Business and Economics, and the School of Education. IU Northwest is also the host site for the Indiana University School of Medicine—Northwest—Gary, the only medical school in Northwest Indiana.

Students at IU Northwest have access to more than 70 undergraduate, graduate, and preprofessional degrees in business, health and human services, arts and sciences, education, public and environmental affairs, and continuing studies.

Master's degrees include business administration, clinical counseling, computer information systems, educational leadership, elementary and secondary education, English, liberal studies, management, public affairs, social work, and nursing (nursing administration, nursing education, and family nurse practitioner).

Evening and weekend classes, nearly hundreds of online course offerings, and study abroad options serve IU Northwest's diverse student body. Small class sizes (14:1 student-to-faculty ratio) ensure personal attention from a distinguished faculty of teaching scholars.

Community-based engagement is central to the IU Northwest academic mission and to the campus's relationship with Northwest Indiana's citizens and stakeholders. Students have many hands-on learning opportunities that support regionally focused research and service projects related to schools, economic development, child welfare, environmental sustainability, and other critical issues. The relationship on campus between the College of Health and Human Services and the IU School of Medicine—Northwest—Gary creates innovative professional synergies that allow medical students to work collaboratively with undergraduate and graduate students in other disciplines, and with local professionals and organizations to help address the region's health concerns.

IU Northwest features an outstanding faculty whose dedication and expertise provide an important academic resource for Northwest Indiana. Through research that is often focused specifically on issues of regional importance, and through communication of that research through published articles, books, presentations, and various forms of community outreach, IU Northwest faculty help to advance the quest for an improved quality of life in the region.

While Indiana University's history in Northwest Indiana dates back to 1922, the present campus was established in 1959. Since then, IU Northwest has grown from a single structure to a 43-acre campus featuring more than a dozen buildings. Its latest addition, the 126,300-square-foot Arts and Sciences Building, features state-of-the-art classrooms and learning labs for all students, as well as studio spaces for ceramics, painting, drawing, digital media, and photography, a 500-seat professional mainstage theatre, and a 100-seat black box studio theatre.

IU Northwest offers students, faculty, staff, and community members a socially and aesthetically vibrant campus atmosphere. More than 60 student organizations, intercollegiate athletics, the Shadows and Echoes Sculpture Garden, gallery exhibits, theatre performances, and a variety of community programs create a dynamic environment for individualized learning and contribute substantively to Northwest Indiana's cultural fabric.

IU Northwest continues to pursue its mission of community-based engagement with the residents, businesses, and stakeholders of Northwest Indiana—and its mission to serve as an active educational partner and resource for the region. The university remains committed to exploring new and innovative ways to meet the needs and support the aspirations of its students, faculty, staff, alumni, and community members.



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