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# **2024 COMMENCEMENT**



# COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

Friday, June 14, 2024

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## PROCESSIONAL

### NATIONAL ANTHEM ANNEMARIE VERKUYLEN

## WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

BRIAN KITE  
DEAN, UCLA SCHOOL OF THEATER, FILM AND TELEVISION

## RECOGNITION OF MARSHALS

BRIAN KITE

## CLASS OF 2024 STUDENT REMARKS

ADRIAN CLARK  
DEPARTMENT OF THEATER UNDERGRADUATE  
  
SAYESHA CHAUDHARY  
DEPARTMENT OF FILM, TELEVISION AND DIGITAL MEDIA UNDERGRADUATE

## INTRODUCTION OF COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

BRIAN KITE

## KEYNOTE ADDRESS

TARELL ALVIN MCCRANEY  
ARTISTIC DIRECTOR, GEFEN PLAYHOUSE

## RECOGNITIONS

## CONFERRAL OF THE DEGREES

BRIAN KITE

## CLASS OF 2024 DEPARTMENT OF THEATER MUSICAL PERFORMANCE "UNWRITTEN"

BY NATASHA BEDINGFIELD, DANIELLE BRISEBOIS AND WAYNE RODRIGUES

PERFORMED BY  
CASSIDY AMBERG, ROSE ANAYA, DAVIDE COSTA, GARY EASTON, CHLOE JOHNSON, TRENT LAWSON,  
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IZZY ROTH, MAYA VALENCIANO, ANNEMARIE VERKUYLEN AND IRIS ZIETLOW

## ALMA MATER WES LIEBERMAN

## FINAL REMARKS

BRIAN KITE

## RECESSIONAL



# LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

MICHAEL V. DRAKE, M.D.



Congratulations, UCLA Class of 2024! It is my honor to join your family, friends, and the entire University of California community in celebrating you and your many accomplishments.

I hope you will always take great pride in what you have achieved at the University of California, and in being a part of the UC family for life. I wish you the best of luck in whatever comes next.

When NASA's Lucy mission launched three years ago, it was the first spacecraft sent to explore a population of asteroids orbiting in tandem with Jupiter. A plaque inside the craft bears the bilingual poem, "Sunriders," by former U.S. Poet Laureate Juan Felipe Herrera – an alumnus of UCLA. This poem captures the essence of the discovery and knowledge-creation you have been engaged in during your higher education. It reads:

Lucy carried us  
tumbling through planetesimal trails                      love saved us  
who will we be?  
compassion  
science  
humanity –  
Light

Bruins, we are proud of you. I know you will make the world a better, brighter place. Fiat lux – let there be light!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael V. Drake". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a stylized "M" and "D".

**MICHAEL V. DRAKE, M.D.**  
P r e s i d e n t

# LETTER FROM THE CHANCELLOR

GENE D. BLOCK



Members of the Class of 2024, congratulations! You did it!

Graduating from college is an incredible achievement, and it offers us a special opportunity to reflect on your years of diligence and hard work. Your time here has undoubtedly been filled with challenges, growth, and unforgettable experiences. You faced truly unique circumstances as a class — including navigating the COVID-19 pandemic — and your resilience in the face of adversity and compassion for one another has been truly inspiring. I hope you are proud of all that you have accomplished, both as learners and as people.

Graduation also offers us a chance to look ahead — with excitement, curiosity and optimism — to the future that is about to unfold. The world urgently needs your creativity and passion. UCLA values of integrity, empathy, open-mindedness and a commitment to excellence will serve you well as you enter this next chapter of your lives.

I want to reassure you that your connection to UCLA does not end here. As alumni, you remain Bruins, and you will always have a home here. Whether you find yourself continuing your education or exploring new paths, know that our community is here to support you every step of the way. Take advantage of the resources and support services available to you as UCLA alumni and remember that you are part of a vast network of Bruins who are making a difference in the world.

On behalf of the entire UCLA community, I extend my heartfelt congratulations. We can't wait to see all that you will accomplish. May your futures be filled with continued success, fulfillment and limitless opportunities. And remember, once a Bruin, always a Bruin.

A handwritten signature of Gene D. Block in black ink. The signature is written in a cursive style, with the first name 'Gene' and last name 'Block' clearly visible.

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**GENE D. BLOCK**

C h a n c e l l o r



# LETTER FROM THE DEAN

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BRIAN KITE



As we mark the close of this chapter in your lives, it's important to reflect on the incredible narratives you've woven, the groundbreaking research you've conducted, the evocative art you've created, and the innovative solutions you've engineered. Amidst a complex world, your resilience and adaptability have shone brightly. You've made an indelible impact on our institution and extended communities through your relentless pursuit of excellence.

On a journey that presented unique global challenges, you rose to champion equity, shared stories that amplified marginalized voices, and leveraged your talents to address the pressing issues of our era. Your dedication and creativity in navigating these turbulent times fill me with immense pride. Class of 2024, you are truly change-makers poised to shape a better world.

Though some memories on campus may eventually grow distant, remember that the Bruin spirit remains ever vibrant. Stay connected, uplift each other, and continue to draw strength from our extensive and supportive alumni network. We eagerly anticipate celebrating your future triumphs.

Congratulations, TFT Bruins. You did it!

Warmly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brian Kite". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a horizontal line extending from the end of the name.

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**BRIAN KITE**  
D e a n

# KEYNOTE ADDRESS

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TARELL ALVIN MCCRANEY  
*Artistic Director, Geffen Playhouse*



Tarell Alvin McCraney is Artistic Director of Geffen Playhouse. In this role, he is responsible for identifying, developing, and programming new works and re-envisioned classics. He sets the strategic artistic course for the Geffen's Gil Cates and Audrey Skirball Kenis Theaters. McCraney is an award-winning writer, producer, and educator, best known for his acclaimed trilogy, *The Brother/Sister Plays*. His script *In Moonlight Black Boys Look Blue* is the basis for the Oscar-winning film *Moonlight* directed by Barry Jenkins, for which McCraney and Jenkins also won a Best Adapted Screenplay Oscar. He is an ensemble member at Steppenwolf Theatre and a member of Teo Castellanos D-Projects in Miami, a graduate of New World School of the Arts, The Theatre School at DePaul University, and the David Geffen School of Drama at Yale. He received an honorary doctorate from the University of Warwick. He was recently Co-Chair of Playwriting at the David Geffen School of Drama, where he remains on faculty. He is an associate at the Royal Shakespeare Company, London, and a member of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences (Writers Branch).



# CHANCELLOR'S MARSHALS

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ANJELICA HYMEL

## THEATER

ADRIAN CLARK

BENJAMIN MICHAEL GURIEN SUSSKIND

# DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

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## FILM, TELEVISION AND DIGITAL MEDIA

### Degree Conferred

BRANDON ROBERT GREEN

*Dissertation Title: The Artist's Code: Technology and the Optimization of Creativity in Hollywood*

### Degree Candidates

ZAMA DUBE

*Dissertation Title: Visualizing the Wake: A Black Feminist Grammar for Visual Dissent in the African Diaspora*

BRITTANY JUDITH GREEN

*Dissertation Title: Bingeing Difference: Netflix, Advocacy, & Disability*

KRISTA SHANITA JONES

*Dissertation Title: More Than Just a Kiss: Finding the Black Sexual Image in Classical Hollywood Cinema 1929-1941*

YUNYI LI

*Dissertation Title: One World, One Dream: Infrastructure, Building Asia, and the Olympic Games in Tokyo and Beijing*

ZIZI LI

*Dissertation Title: Specters of the Influencer Ecosystem: Labor and/as Infrastructure on the beyond Digital Platforms*

# DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

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## THEATER

### Degree Conferred

YUN-PU YANG

*Dissertation Title: The Eroticism of Peking Opera Kunsheng from the 1880s to the 1980s*

IYANNA HAMBY

*Dissertation Title: Returning to the Vessel: Archival Opacities and Fabulating Black Futures Post Reconstruction to Present*

### Degree Candidates

VABIANNA SANTOS

*Dissertation Title: Concentric Eden*

# MASTER OF FINE ARTS

## FILM, TELEVISION AND DIGITAL MEDIA

### Degrees Conferred

YUXIN CHA

ZAHIDA PIRANI

MICHAEL PLEWA

### Degree Candidates

MARION ADOU

RUBY ROSE BADEN

BRIDGETTE BARON

HADEN BESWICK-HALE

HARRY BIRCH

GARRETT BOUDREAUX

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TAIGE SHI

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# MASTER OF FINE ARTS

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## THEATER

### Degree Conferred

EVA ZAPATA

### Degree Candidates

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MARIE FUCILE

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MICHELLE JOO

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# MASTER OF ARTS

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KAYLA MACENZIE SLOAN

KYLA YEIN



# BACHELOR OF ARTS

## FILM, TELEVISION AND DIGITAL MEDIA

### Degree Candidates

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SAQQARA (LUX) CARROLL  
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# PAST HONOREES

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## COMMENCEMENT SPEAKERS

1990	June Wayne
1991	Bella Lewitzky
1992	Jack Valenti
1993	James Earl Jones
1994	Peter Guber
1995	Quincy Jones
1996	Debbie Allen
1997	Warren Littlefield
1998	John Frankenheimer
1999	Annette Bening
2000	Joe Roth
2001	Eva Marie Saint
2002	Martha Coolidge
2003	Terry Semel
2004	Sherry Lansing
2005	Fay Kanin
2006	George C. Wolfe
2007	Larry Gelbart
2008	Colin Callender
2009	Oliver Stone
2010	Peter Guber
2011	U.S. Senator Barbara Boxer
2012	Ron Meyer
2013	Cathy Schulman
2014	Jane Fonda
2015	Kevin Beggs
2016	Channing Dungey
2017	Ava DuVernay
2018	Carl Franklin
2019	Pierce Brosnan
2021	Nilo Cruz
2022	Troy Kotsur
2023	Gina Prince-Bythewood

## ALUMNI AND HONOREES

2000	Army Archerd
2001	Louis J. Horvitz
2003	Moctesuma Esparza
2004	Gregory Nava
2005	Geoffrey Gilmore
2007	Gene Reynolds
2008	Fred Roos
2009	Ellen Geer
2010	Felicia D. Henderson
2010	John Rando
2011	Charles Burnett
2011	Mariska Hargitay
2012	Shirley Jo Finney

2012	Penelope Spheeris
2013	Dustin Lance Black
2013	Kristin Hagg
2014	Wendy C. Goldberg
2014	Darren Star
2015	Donna Deitch
2015	Sarabeth Grossman
2016	Robert L. Friedman
2016	Gina Prince-Bythewood
2017	Justin Lin
2017	Michael Stuhlbarg
2018	Judy Kaye
2018	Allison Anders
2019	Julie Dash
2019	George Takei
2020	Patricia Cardoso
2022	Amy Aniobi
2023	Rachel Hauck

## COMMENCEMENT DEDICATION

2012	Gilbert Cates
2015	Samuel Goldwyn, Jr.

## UCLA MEDAL

1985	Carol Burnett
2009	Haskell Wexler, A.s.c.
2017	Peter Guber

## CHANCELLOR'S MEDAL

1993	James Earl Jones
1994	Francis Ford Coppola
1995	Quincy Jones
1996	Neil Simon
1998	Edie Wasserman
2002	Kirk Douglas
2005	Sir Anthony Hopkins
2006	Samuel Goldwyn, Jr.

## DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

2017	Nadja Swarovski
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# ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

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“Hail to the hills of Westwood  
to the mighty sea below;  
Hail to our alma mater,  
she will conquer every foe.  
For we’re loyal to the Southland,  
her honor we’ll uphold,  
We’ll gladly give our hearts to thee,  
to the Blue and to the Gold.”

– Jeane Emerson ’29

# WELCOME NEW UCLA TFT ALUMNI!

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FRIDAY, JUNE 14, 2024

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- Join UCLA One, UCLA's dynamic online platform for mentorship and learning about the latest job and training opportunities.

We eagerly look forward to celebrating your accomplishments in the days, months, and years ahead. Congratulations and welcome!

Warm regards,



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