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THE CLASS OF

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UCLA SCHOOL OF EDUCATION & INFORMATION STUDIES

Commencement Ceremony

The School of Education & Information Studies at UCLA acknowledges the Gabrielino/Tongva peoples as the traditional land caretakers of Tovaangar (the Los Angeles basin and So. Channel Islands). As a land grant institution, we pay our respects to the Honuukvetam (Ancestors), 'Ahihirom (Elders) and 'Eyoohiinkem (our relatives/relations) past, present and emerging.

PROCESSIONAL

School Faculty and Class of 2025

CALL TO ORDER

Christina A. Christie
Wasserman Dean

GRADUATION SPEAKER

Laila Wheeler

DEAN'S WELCOME

Christina A. Christie
Wasserman Dean

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Muaathah Abdullah
Yuricela Rosas
Laila Wheeler
Christine Zhou

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES

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Interim Chair, Department of Information Studies

Cecilia Rios-Aguilar
Chair, Department of Education

José-Felipe Martinez
Vice Chair for Undergraduate Programs

CONFERRING OF DEGREES AND TASSEL-TURNING

Christina A. Christie
Wasserman Dean

ALMA MATER

Alice Chiang

RECESSIONAL

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Congratulations to the Class of 2025!

Today, we celebrate your hard work, your perseverance, and the journey that has brought you to this special moment. I hope you are proud of how far you have come.

Graduation marks both a culmination and a new beginning. It is a chance to look back on your time at UCLA and all of the ways that you have grown and changed. It is also an opportunity to look ahead — with hope and purpose — to all that lies ahead.

To be sure: Your graduation coincides with a complex moment in human history, when the ground appears to be shifting under our feet and we may feel a desire to lower our sights rather than raise them. My challenge to you: Resist that. I can assure you that your UCLA education has prepared you to meet this moment.

The values you have cultivated at our university — kindness, integrity, curiosity, a commitment to service, and a respect for diverse perspectives — will serve as your foundation as you become leaders in your communities and industries. You are now part of a global network of more than 670,000 Bruins who are shaping the future in bold and meaningful ways. Stay connected to your classmates, your mentors, and this university, which will always be your home.

On behalf of the entire UCLA community, I extend my deepest congratulations to you. We can't wait to see all that you will accomplish.

Go Bruins!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Julio", enclosed within a large, stylized, handwritten letter "J".

Julio Frenk
Chancellor

2025 Commencement Student Marshals

The 2025 School of Education and Information Studies undergraduate student marshals are **Keo Vutheikun** and **Christine Zhou**. Student marshals are selected by the department not only for their academic excellence, but also for their service to the community.

Program includes Fall 2024 and Winter 2025 Graduates, Spring 2025 and Summer 2025 Candidates

Education Studies Minor

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Joscelyn Aileen Alvarado
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Alexis Arellano
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“Thank you, SEIS, for helping me discover my love for research, igniting a passion to help my first-generation Latine community. I’m forever grateful for the faculty, staff and friends I have made along the way!” - Naxely Linda Belmont Perez, Education Studies Minor

“There is a sense of community, and care for community, both within the School and for the broader context, that is unique to SEIS. It was a special and meaningful experience that will follow me far into the future.” - Kriti Beswal, Education Studies Minor

Education Studies Minor (cont.)

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Jennifer Lara
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Mijlah Walker
Amy Wong
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Rui Yu
Jenny Zhu

“A mi mami, wuela, papi y hermanitos,
que dejaron la certeza de su tierra
por un sueño que án no véan,
pero que sembraron con amor y sacrificio.
Mi logro es el reflejo de su lucha.
Los llevo conmigo en cada paso. Los amo.”

“To my mom, grandmother, grandfather, and
little brothers, who left the certainty of their
homeland for a dream they hadn't yet seen,
but which they planted with love and sacrifice.
My achievement is a reflection of their
resilience. I carry them with me every step of
the way. I love you all.”
- Yasmine Bizarro, Education Studies Minor

“I like to think of the Education Department as where the optimists at UCLA reside. Even though I was only an Education minor, each class, professor and discussion with my peers reminded me that there are people in the world who want to see genuine change in the world and are serious about taking action and putting in the work to do so. Grateful to have been part of such an inspiring cohort!” - Oluwadamilola Sujeve Salami, Education Studies Minor

Information and Media Literacy Minor

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Margaret Traut

Kimberly Woo
Sophia Wright

“My time as an SEIS student showed me new ways to look at the world, our education systems, and the media. I will carry these perspectives with me through the rest of my life.”
- Simona Rose Lewis, Information and Media Literacy Minor



Education and Social Transformation Major

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★ George F. Kneller Prize Nominee

◆ Fall 2025 candidate

★ *Summa Cum Laude graduate**

☆ *Magna Cum Laude graduate**

✿ *Cum Laude graduate** *As of Winter 2025

“Social transformation is a journey that begins with self-reflection and community engagement,
all of which are tackled as you move through the major.” - Marisol Mercado

“Education is empowerment.” - Marina Guadalupe Perez

“As an SEIS student, I have discovered how to "say yes." When a daunting opportunity arises,
say yes. When the future feels uncertain, say yes. This motto reminds me to embrace the
unknown and make the most of every moment.” - Maya Siegel

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Hail to the Hills of Westwood

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 heart to Thee
To the blue and to the gold.

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