

# Forty-ninth Commencement

*June 1, 2024*

Prelude

Video Presentation of the Graduates

Processional - Please stand as the colors are presented

Caleb Emmett, USB President - **American Flag**  
Matthew Pizzi, Senior Class President - **Christian Flag**  
Qiyue (Alex) Chen, International Ambassador - **Cross**  
Kristen Fu, Head Treasurer  
Diego Muñoz, Student Store Manager  
Naaz Nijjar, Secretary  
Nadia Widjaja, Publicist  
Neil Makur & Justin M. Wu, Valedictorian  
Ricky D. Fong, Salutatorian

## **Members of the Class of 2024**

### **Faculty**

### **Administration**

Welcome and Invocation. . . . . Dr. Raymond Meyer, Principal

Greetings from the FCS Board. . . . . Mr. Sean Jiang

In Meeting We Are Blessed. . . . . FCS Chamber Singers

*Composed by Troy Robertson*

Matthew Pizzi, Cajon

Directed by Mr. Jacob Woll

Senior Address. . . . . Nadia Widjaja

Awards & Scholarships. . . . . Ms. Malia Morris

Academic & College Counselor

Senior Thank You

Awarding of Diplomas. . . . . Dr. Tricia Meyer

Head of School

Prayer for the Graduates. . . . . Rev. Tim Inman

Chairman of the Board

Lead Pastor, Harbor Light Church

Presentation of Graduates. . . . . Rev. Tim Inman

Recessional

Send Off for Graduates. . . . . Sherry Miller Employee Plaza

*FCHS Traditional Jazz Band*

*Graduate Photo Spot*

*Faculty Goodbye*

## Board Members

*Rev. Tim Inman, Chairman*

*Raymond Santos, Vice Chairman*

*Juliana Brightwell*

*Thomas Esterly*

*Dean Guerrero, Treasurer*

*Sean Jiang*

*Vangie Lopez*

*Melvin Easley, Sr., Secretary*

*Sabithya Onukuri*

*Jo-Anne Sevilla*

## Leadership Team

*Head of School..... Dr. Tricia Meyer*

*Director of Human Resources..... Sunitha Abraham*

*Director of Curriculum & Instruction.....Karen Behrens*

*Assistant to the Head of School.....AnnMarie Dutra*

*Facilities Manager.....John Eselman*

*Director of Admissions & Records.....Danielle Gasper*

*Early Education Director.....Nathaniel Jimenez*

*Secondary Principal..... Dr. Raymond Meyer*

*Elementary Principal.....Melanie Williams*

## Secondary Faculty & Staff

*Dr. Raymond Meyer, Principal*

*R. Nadine Arionus, Vice Principal*

*Daniel Adams*

*Katelyn Bañuelos*

*Thomas Bañuelos*

*Naomie Bragado*

*Kim Chiolero*

*Marie Dawod*

*Paige Ellis*

*Patrick Faulkner*

*Jimmy Fu*

*Brenda Haak*

*Christy Hitson*

*Jerome Hsu*

*Caroline Jeyadoss*

*Frances Lin*

*Nick Liston*

*Maya Mathews*

*Hannah Mercado*

*Shirley Mohan*

*Malia Morris*

*Jason Pérénon*

*Sherri Prewitt*

*Edward Quirley*

*Micah Shyu*

*Briana Ung*

*Jenn Virgen*

*Berkley Woll*

*Jacob Woll*

*Kyoko Yuan*

*Di Zhang*

# *The Class of 2024*

*Neil Makur, Valedictorian*  
*Justin M. Wu, Valedictorian*  
*Ricky D. Fong, Salutatorian*

*Gitu Ararsa*  
*Aidan Daniel Dinh Di Bower*  
*Qiyue Chen*  
*Joshua Deepak*  
*James Christian Donnelly*  
*Caleb John Emmett*  
*Zilong Fang*  
*Kristen Allison Fu*  
*Amita Gowda*  
*Jennifer K. He*  
*Abigail Tin Lok Ho*  
*Thuwunna Min Htut*  
*Amber Chia-I Huang*  
*Jasmin Fahmida Iqbal*  
*Samaiah Sidney Johnson*  
*Howard Hau Yan Kam*  
*Herman Yuhao Koh*  
*Aixin Li*  
*Yifan Li*

*Jiaman Lu*  
*Mathai Kallumpurath Mathews*  
*Eric Armando Mendoza*  
*Austin H. Mo*  
*Diego Santiago Muñoz*  
*Naaz Nijjar*  
*Matthew Aaron Pizzi*  
*Shanmukh Prabhala*  
*Hannah Grace M. Raboca*  
*Aiden Valentino Sanchez*  
*Adriel Micah Magwa Sta. Maria*  
*LongZhou Tang*  
*Sean Loc Hun Tsui*  
*Srivant Surya Varanasi*  
*Nadia Christina Widjaja*  
*Nicholas E. Wright*  
*Ethan Luke Wroten*  
*Chengzhi Yang*  
*Alexander Yeocheon Yoon*

## *Commendations*

At FCS, we believe every student is made in the image of God. We also believe every student makes an impact on the school community. The graduates are wearing cast metal pins of antique nickel and white enamel decorated with the formal school logo and engraved with the word “Commendation.” Each graduate is recognized with individualized expressions prepared by advisory teachers to draw attention to the students as unique contributors who together make Fremont Christian School a place where we build relationships, where we inquire and grow, where we love one another.

## *Merit Scholars*

These students attended FCHS as our merit scholar cohort, receiving a four-year renewable scholarship. They were chosen by their teachers for academic performance, contributions to the school, and character. The cohort received tailored guidance navigating the college search and application process through local university campus visits, special topics gatherings, and peer monitoring.

<i>Caleb Emmett</i>	<i>Amita Gowda</i>	<i>Naaz Nijjar</i>	<i>Nadia Widjaja</i>
<i>Ricky Fong</i>	<i>Neil Makur</i>	<i>Matthew Pizzi</i>	<i>Alexander Yoon</i>

## *United Student Body Leadership Service*

<i>Qiyue (Alex) Chen</i> <i>International Ambassador (12<sup>th</sup>)</i>	<i>Naaz Nijjar</i> <i>USB Secretary (12<sup>th</sup>)</i>
<i>Caleb Emmett</i> <i>USB President (12<sup>th</sup>)</i> <i>USB Chaplain (9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, &amp; 11<sup>th</sup>)</i>	<i>Matthew Pizzi</i> <i>USB Senior Class President (12<sup>th</sup>)</i> <i>USB Student Store Manager (11<sup>th</sup>)</i>
<i>Kristen Fu</i> <i>USB Head Treasurer (12<sup>th</sup>)</i>	<i>Shanmukh Prabhala</i> <i>USB Student Store Manager (10<sup>th</sup>)</i>
<i>Howard Kam</i> <i>USB Freshman Class President (9<sup>th</sup>)</i>	<i>Nadia Widjaja</i> <i>USB Publicist (12<sup>th</sup>)</i>
<i>Diego Muñoz</i> <i>USB Student Store Manager (12<sup>th</sup>)</i> <i>USB Junior Class President (11<sup>th</sup>)</i>	

*College &  
University  
Admissions*

# College & University Admissions

## Academy of Art University

- *Nadia Widjaja*

## Arizona State University

- *Herman Kob*
- *Justin Wu*

## ArtCenter College of Design

- *LongZhou (Joe) Tang*

## Baylor University

- *Ricky Fong*
- *Mathai Mathews*

## Bethel University, Minnesota

- *Mathai Mathews*

## Boston University

- *Neil Makur*

## California Baptist University

- *Abigail Ho*
- *Jasmin Iqbal*
- *Mathai Mathews*
- *Ethan Wroten*

## California College of the Arts

- *Aidan Bower*

## California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo

- *Ricky Fong*
- *Adriel Sta. Maria*
- *Justin Wu*

## California State Polytechnic University, Pomona

- *Joshua Deepak*
- *Amita Gowda*
- *Justin Wu*

## California State University, Bakersfield

- *Gitu Ararsa*

## California State University, Chico

- *Diego Muñoz*

## California State University, Dominguez Hills

- *Nicholas Wright*

## California State University, East Bay

- *Amita Gowda*
- *Amber Huang*
- *Samaiah Johnson*
- *Nadia Widjaja*
- *Chengzhi (Alex) Yang*
- *Alexander Yoon*

## California State University, Fullerton

- *Thuwunna (Suwon) Htut*

## California State University, Long Beach

- *Justin Wu*

## California State University, Monterey Bay

- *Samaiah Johnson*

## California State University, Northridge

- *Abigail Ho*
- *Diego Muñoz*

## California State University, Sacramento

- *Nicholas Wright*

## California State University, San Marcos

- *Nicholas Wright*

## Carnegie Mellon University

- *Kristen Fu*
- *Neil Makur*

## Case Western Reserve University

- *Neil Makur*

## Chapman University

- *Austin Mo*

## Concordia University Irvine

- *Ethan Wroten*

## Cornell University

- *Justin Wu*

## Florida Institute of Technology

- *Shanmukh Prabhala*

## George Fox University

- *Eric Mendoza*
- *Hannah Raboca*
- *Ethan Wroten*

## Gonzaga University

- *Eric Mendoza*

## Grand Canyon University

- *Mathai Mathews*
- *Nicholas Wright*

## Loyola Marymount University

- *Qiyue (Alex) Chen*
- *Samaiah Johnson*
- *Sean Tsui*
- *Alexander Yoon*

## Mount Holyoke College

- *Yifan (Sophia) Li*

## Northeastern University

- *Herman Kob*
- *Yifan (Sophia) Li*

## Northwest University

- *Eric Mendoza*

# College & University Admissions

## Occidental College

- *Herman Koh*

## Oregon Institute of Technology

- *Mathai Mathews*

## Pace University

- *Howard Kam*

## Point Loma Nazarene University

- *Ethan Wroten*

## Pratt Institute

- *LongZhou (Joe) Tang*

## Purdue University, Fort Wayne

- *Shanmukh Prabhala*

## Purdue University

- *Mathai Mathews*
- *Sean Tsui*
- *Justin Wu*

## Reed College

- *Caleb Emmett*

## Rice University

- *Neil Makur*

## Rutgers University

- *Zilong (Zeno) Fang*
- *Neil Makur*
- *Shanmukh Prabhala*

## St. Mary's College of California

- *Caleb Emmett*

## San Diego State University

- *Ricky Fong*
- *Naaz Nijjar*
- *Justin Wu*

## San Francisco State University

- *Aidan Bower*
- *Amita Gowda*
- *Amber Huang*
- *Samaiah Johnson*

## San Jose State University

- *Gitu Ararsa*
- *Aidan Bower*
- *Joshua Deepak*
- *Ricky Fong*
- *Amber Huang*
- *Abigail Ho*
- *Matthew Pizzi*
- *Adriel Sta. Maria*
- *Nicholas Wright*

## Santa Clara University

- *Ricky Fong*
- *Amita Gowda*
- *Herman Koh*
- *Naaz Nijjar*
- *Sean Tsui*
- *Nadia Widjaja*
- *Justin Wu*

## Seattle Pacific University

- *Eric Mendoza*

## Sonoma State University

- *Abigail Ho*
- *Samaiah Johnson*
- *Diego Muñoz*

## Stony Brook University

- *Thuwunna (Suwon) Htut*
- *Neil Makur*
- *Shanmukh Prabhala*

## Texas A & M University

- *Justin Wu*

## The Ohio State University

- *Zilong (Zeno) Fang*
- *Justin Wu*

## The Pennsylvania State University, Penn State

- *Justin Wu*

## University of California, Berkeley

- *Kristen Fu*
- *Neil Makur*
- *Austin Mo*

## University of California, Davis

- *Ricky Fong*
- *Kristen Fu*
- *Neil Makur*
- *Austin Mo*
- *Nadia Widjaja*

## University of California, Irvine

- *Qiyue (Alex) Chen*
- *Austin Mo*
- *LongZhou (Joe) Tang*

## University of California, Los Angeles

- *Neil Makur*

## University of California, Merced

- *Qiyue (Alex) Chen*
- *Joshua Deepak*
- *Ricky Fong*
- *Amita Gowda*
- *Abigail Ho*
- *Howard Kam*
- *Herman Koh*
- *Yifan (Sophia) Li*
- *Jiaman (Lucy) Lu*
- *Austin Mo*
- *Shanmukh Prabhala*
- *Mathai Mathews*
- *Nadia Widjaja*
- *Alexander Yoon*

# College & University Admissions

## University of California, Riverside

- *Qiyue (Alex) Chen*
- *Ricky Fong*
- *Kristen Fu*
- *Jennifer He*
- *Abigail Ho*
- *Herman Koh*
- *Yifan (Sophia) Li*
- *Jiaman (Lucy) Lu*
- *Austin Mo*
- *Shanmukh Prabhala*
- *Justin Wu*

## University of California, San Diego

- *Yifan (Sophia) Li*

## University of California, Santa Barbara

- *Kristen Fu*
- *Neil Makur*
- *Justin Wu*

## University of California, Santa Cruz

- *Qiyue (Alex) Chen*
- *Joshua Deepak*
- *Caleb Emmett*
- *Zilong (Zeno) Fang*
- *Ricky Fong*
- *Jennifer He*
- *Yifan (Sophia) Li*
- *Jiaman (Lucy) Lu*
- *Austin Mo*
- *Sean Tsui*
- *Nadia Widjaja*
- *Justin Wu*

## University of Colorado, Boulder

- *Shanmukh Prabhala*

## University of Denver

- *Sean Tsui*

## University of Illinois, Chicago

- *Aidan Bower*

## University of Illinois, Urbana - Champaign

- *Zilong (Zeno) Fang*
- *Herman Koh*
- *Neil Makur*

## University of Maryland, College Park

- *Justin Wu*

## University of Michigan - Ann Arbor

- *Neil Makur*

## University of Minnesota, Twin Cities

- *Qiyue (Alex) Chen*

## University of Portland

- *Eric Mendoza*

## University of Redlands

- *Austin Mo*

## University of Rochester

- *Kristen Fu*

## University of San Diego

- *Caleb Emmett*

## University of San Francisco

- *Aidan Bower*
- *Caleb Emmett*
- *Nadia Widjaja*

## University of Texas at Austin

- *Neil Makur*

## University of Toronto

- *Qiyue (Alex) Chen*

## University of Washington, Seattle

- *Kristen Fu*
- *Justin Wu*

## University of Washington, Tacoma

- *Qiyue (Alex) Chen*

## University of Wisconsin - Madison

- *Justin Wu*

## Westmont College

- *Ethan Wroten*

## William Jessup University

- *Jasmin Iqbal*
- *Ethan Wroten*



*Awards &  
Scholarships*

# Awards

## Letters

Letters are given to qualifying students who perform and compete in school music, theater, or athletic programs.

## Fine Arts

### *Drama*

Qiyue (Alex) Chen  
Howard Kam  
Nadia Widjaja

### *Instrumental Music*

Joshua Deepak  
Caleb Emmett  
Ricky Fong  
Amita Gowda  
Neil Makur  
Mathai Mathews

### *Instrumental Music (cont'd)*

Eric Mendoza  
Matthew Pizzi  
Shanmukh Prabhala  
Longzhou Tang  
Nadia Widjaja  
Chengzhi Yang

### *Vocal Music*

Aidan Bower  
Qiyue (Alex) Chen  
Caleb Emmett  
Abigail Ho  
Thuwunna Htut  
Jasmin Iqbal  
Howard Kam  
Mathai Mathews  
Diego Muñoz  
Hannah Raboca

## Athletics

### *Baseball*

Caleb Emmett  
Diego Muñoz  
Nicholas Wright

### *Basketball*

Qiyue (Alex) Chen  
Jasmin Iqbal  
Hannah Raboca  
Nicholas Wright  
Ethan Wroten

### *Soccer*

Aidan Bower  
Qiyue (Alex) Chen  
Caleb Emmett  
Samaiah Johnson  
Mathai Mathews  
Eric Mendoza  
Diego Muñoz  
Hannah Raboca  
Sean Tsui  
Ethan Wroten

### *Tennis*

Abigail Ho  
Naaz Nijjar

### *Track & Field*

Samaiah Johnson

### *Volleyball*

Thuwunna (Suwon) Htut  
Jasmin Iqbal  
Shanmukh Prabhala  
Hannah Raboca  
Longzhou (Joe) Tang  
Sean Tsui  
Ethan Wroten

# Awards

## All-League Players

*Awarded by the Bay Area Conference/Bay Counties League, these athletes are selected by a vote of league coaches for outstanding play in the league.*

### All-League MVP

Caleb Emmett - *Baseball (24)*

### All-League 1<sup>st</sup> Team

#### *Baseball*

Caleb Emmett (23)  
Diego Muñoz (23, 24)

#### *Basketball*

Qiyue (Alex) Chen (24)  
Jasmin Iqbal (22, 23, 24)

#### *Soccer*

Caleb Emmett (23, 24)  
Eric Mendoza (24)  
Hannah Raboca (22)  
Ethan Wroten (23, 24)

#### *Track & Field*

Samaiah Johnson (24)

#### *Volleyball*

Thuwunna (Suwon) Htut (24)  
Ethan Wroten (24)

### All-League 2<sup>nd</sup> Team

#### *Baseball*

Nicholas Wright (24)

#### *Basketball*

Hannah Raboca (24)

#### *Soccer*

Samaiah Johnson (22)  
Diego Muñoz (23, 24)  
Ethan Wroten (22)

#### *Volleyball*

Ethan Wroten (23)

### All-League Honorable Mention

#### *Baseball*

Nicholas Wright (23)

#### *Basketball*

Qiyue (Alex) Chen (23)  
Hannah Raboca (23)

#### *Soccer*

Qiyue (Alex) Chen (23)  
Caleb Emmett (22)

#### *Volleyball*

Jasmin Iqbal (22, 24)  
Hannah Raboca (24)  
Ethan Wroten (22)

# Awards

## Silver & Cardinal Shield

*Chosen by a vote of the faculty and administration from all eligible nominees, the Silver & Cardinal Shield Award honors students who have shown broad commitment to the school through exemplary involvement, academic achievement, and Christ-like behavior. They are creative, collaborative, critical thinkers. They value community with people and treat others with compassion. This award is accompanied by a prize of \$500.*

Qiyue (Alex) Chen  
Ricky Fong

Kristen Fu  
Howard Kam

Eric Mendoza  
Nadia Widjaja

## High School Athlete of the Year

*The Athlete of the Year award is the highest honor given by the Athletic Department to the athlete who best fulfills all the qualities of the Warrior Athlete. The Warrior Athlete has a winning attitude (Col. 3:23). The Warrior Athlete works hard (1 Peter 4:1). The Warrior Athlete is respectful (Titus 3:1). The Warrior Athlete is always prepared to play or practice (Matt. 24:44). The Warrior Athlete raises the level of teammates' play (Ps. 133:1). The Warrior Athlete consistently obeys instruction (Heb. 13:17). The Warrior Athlete helps create solutions (Phil. 4:13).*

Hannah Raboca

Ethan Wroten

## Daugherty Award

*The Daugherty Award was established in recognition of former FCS Superintendent Larry Daugherty, who, acting as a mentor and teacher with spiritual maturity and professional knowledge, successfully coached Varsity Boys' Basketball to annual success leading FCS to the state basketball championships. In his honor, the Daugherty Award recognizes an accomplished athlete who demonstrated the fruits of the Spirit found in Galatians 5:22-23. For their contributions to the athletic culture and atmosphere on the respective teams and for building team morale on and off the field:*

Qiyue (Alex) Chen

## President's Education Award, Gold

*Sponsored by the U.S. Department of Education, this award recognizes academic excellence. To receive this award, students must maintain a grade point average of 3.5 or higher and score in the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile or greater in English or Math on a nationally recognized test.*

Qiyue (Alex) Chen  
Joshua Deepak  
Caleb Emmett  
Ricky Fong  
Kristen Fu  
Amita Gowda  
Jennifer He  
Amber Huang

Samaiah Johnson  
Howard Kam  
Herman Koh  
Yifan (Sophia) Li  
Neil Makur  
Mathai Mathews  
Eric Mendoza  
Austin Mo

Naaz Nijjar  
Shanmukh Prabhala  
Sean Tsui  
Nadia Widjaja  
Ethan Wroten  
Justin Wu  
Alexander Yoon

# Awards

## Thirteen Year Recognition

*Recognizes students and families who have partnered with the FCS community for all of compulsory education.*

Joshua Deepak  
Ricky D. Fong

Howard Hau Yan Kam  
Neil Makur

Nadia Christina Widjaja  
Nicholas E. Wright

## FCS Outstanding High School Student

*Chosen by academic department faculty, one award in each subject area is given to a student for their superior academic achievement, commitment to academic integrity, and academic curiosity.*

**Bible** ..... Nicholas E. Wright  
**English** ..... Yifan (Sophia) Li  
**Mathematics** ..... Sean Loc Hun Tsui  
**Music, Instrumental** ..... Matthew Aaron Pizzi  
**Music, Vocal** ..... Qiyue (Alex) Chen  
**Science, Physical** ..... Austin H. Mo

**Social Studies** ..... Ethan Luke Wroten  
**Studio Art, Drawing** ..... Longzhou Tang  
**Theater Arts** ..... Howard Hau Yan Kam  
**STEM** ..... Neil Makur & Justin M. Wu  
**Humanities** ..... Ricky D. Fong & Nadia C. Widjaja

## ACSI Distinguished Christian High School Student

*The Association of Christian Schools International honors the top 10% of seniors in five areas. The recipients of this award are selected by the faculty and administration.*

### Academics

Qiyue (Alex) Chen  
Caleb Emmett  
Kristen Fu  
Howard Kam  
Neil Makur  
Eric Mendoza  
Matthew Pizzi  
Hannah Raboca  
Nadia Widjaja  
Ethan Wroten

### Athletics

Qiyue (Alex) Chen  
Caleb Emmett  
Eric Mendoza  
Hannah Raboca  
Ethan Wroten

### Christian Service

Caleb Emmett  
Howard Kam  
Eric Mendoza  
Hannah Raboca  
Ethan Wroten

### Fine Arts

Qiyue (Alex) Chen  
Caleb Emmett  
Kristen Fu  
Howard Kam  
Neil Makur  
Eric Mendoza  
Matthew Pizzi  
Nadia Widjaja

### Leadership

Qiyue (Alex) Chen  
Caleb Emmett  
Kristen Fu  
Matthew Pizzi  
Nadia Widjaja

# Awards

## California Scholarship Federation Lifetime Membership

*Lifetime Membership in the California Scholarship Federation is awarded to students for consistent and superior scholarship and service. To earn this status, students must have earned membership for at least four semesters, one of which must be in their senior year.*

Caleb Emmett  
Ricky Fong

Kristen Fu  
Amita Gowda

Naaz Nijjar  
Shanmukh Prabhala

### Highest Honors - Six Semesters

Caleb Emmett  
Amita Gowda

Naaz Nijjar  
Shanmukh Prabhala

## AP Scholar

*The AP program bestows distinction on high school students who have demonstrated college level achievement through the AP program, beginning with those who receive scores of 3 or higher out of a possible 5 on three or more AP exams. The distinction of AP Scholar with Honor requires an average score of 3.25 or higher out of a possible 5 on all AP exams taken and scores of 3 or higher on four or more of the exams. The AP Scholar with Distinction requires an average score of at least 3.5 on all AP exams taken and scores of 3 or higher on five or more exams. The highest level for the AP Scholar awards is the National AP Scholar, for which a student must receive an average score of 4 or higher out of a possible 5 on all AP exams taken and scores of 4 or higher on five or more of these exams. Additional honors will be earned when the 2023 AP scores are released in July.*

Jennifer He  
Naaz Nijjar

Shanmukh Prabhala  
Nadia Widjaja

### With Honor

Amita Gowda

Sean Tsui

### With Distinction

Kristen Fu  
Yifan (Sophia) Li

Neil Makur  
Austin Mo

Justin Wu

## National Merit Scholar

**Commended** - *Of more than 1.6 million students who sat for the PSAT NMSQT, in October 2022, approximately 34,000 received the honor of being named National Merit Commended.*

Austin Mo

Justin Wu

**Finalist** - *Of more than 1.6 million students who sat for the PSAT NMSQT, in October 2022, approximately 15,000 received the honor of being named National Merit Finalist.*

Neil Makur

# *FCHS Scholarships*

## **Niles Rotary Club Scholarship**

*Granted by the local Niles Rotary Club to seniors who show an exceptional commitment to leadership through community service.*

Neil Makur - \$1,000

Naaz Nijjar - \$1,000

## **California Scholarship Federation Chapter Scholarship**

*Given to a California Scholarship Federation member who has best fulfilled CSF's motto of "Scholarship for Service."*

Kristen Fu - \$500

## **Leroy Cloud Scholarship**

*The Fremont Christian School Board designates scholarship funds in honor of the school's founder, Rev. Leroy Cloud. This award is given to one senior applicant who demonstrates Christ's indwelling presence, shows spiritual maturity to the community, and plans to attend a Christian college or university.*

Ethan Wroten - \$2,000

## **Martyna Withee Scholarship**

*This scholarship was instituted by Mahlon Withee, a former United States government scientist and instructor at Fremont Christian School. His desire was that Christian students be encouraged in the pursuit of scientific study. This scholarship has a potential value of \$10,000.*

Kristen Fu

Neil Makur

Naaz Nijjar

## **The Vangie and Mike Lopez Scholarship**

*The Vangie and Mike Lopez Scholarship can be used for continuing education beyond high school. This may include trade school, specialty training school, community college, or a four-year college or university. The scholarship was initiated to reward and encourage students who have been active and positive contributors to the Fremont Christian School community.*

Caleb Emmett - \$2,000

Thuwunna Htut - \$2,000

Ethan Wroten - \$2,000

Kristen Fu - \$2,000

Neil Makur - \$2,000

# *College & University Scholarship - \$3.2 million*

## **Aidan Bower**

- *California College of the Arts*
- *University of Illinois, Chicago*

## **Caleb Emmett**

- *St. Mary's College of California*
- *University of San Francisco*

## **Zilong (Zeno) Fang**

- *University of California, Santa Cruz*

## **Ricky Fong**

- *Baylor University*
- *Santa Clara University*

## **Kristen Fu**

- *University of Rochester*
- *University of Washington, Seattle*

## **Amita Gowda**

- *Santa Clara University*

## **Thuwunna (Suwon) Htut**

- *Stony Brook University*

## **Jasmin Iqbal**

- *William Jessup University*

## **Samaiah Johnson**

- *California State University, East Bay*
- *California State University, Monterey Bay*

## **Howard Kam**

- *Pace University*

## **Yifan (Sophia) Li**

- *Mount Holyoke College*

## **Neil Makur**

- *Boston University*
- *Stony Brook University*
- *Rice University*
- *Western Reserve University*

## **Mathai Mathews**

- *Baylor University*
- *California Baptist University*
- *Grand Canyon University*
- *Oregon Institute of Technology*
- *Purdue University, Fort Wayne*

## **Eric Mendoza**

- *George Fox University*
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**T**he attire worn by the graduates and the faculty on the occasion of these Commencement Exercises has historic roots in medieval times. Dressed as they are in cap and gown, the graduates and their teachers form part of a long tradition which dates back to Paris and Bologna, to Oxford and Cambridge.

The precise origins of several parts of the academic garb are not easy to discover. However, since medieval students enjoyed the status of clerics during their university years, one is hardly far wrong in asserting that their attire found its inspiration in the clerical dress of medieval times. The gown seems to be an adaptation of the robe of friar or priest; the hood, of the monk's or friar's cowl; and the mortarboard cap of today, the end product of curious evolution, recalls the skull cap of days when tonsured heads needed protection against the drafts of medieval classrooms.

Academic attire began to appear quite generally on United States campuses in the late 1890's. Since that time, its use has become universal for solemn academic functions, and its pattern highly uniform.

**THE GOWN.** The gowns are three in number and styling. That of the bachelor is a yoked, closed-front garment, with long, pointed sleeves; that of the master is cut to be worn open in front, and its sleeves are long and closed, slit cut just above the elbow to allow the forearm to protrude. The gown of the doctor is also worn open and has full bell-shaped sleeves. Only the doctor's gown is trimmed with velvet panels down the front and three velvet bars on each sleeve.

**THE HOOD.** The hood at first seems to have been worn over the head and was attached to the gown. When the skull cap was introduced, the hood was retained, but detached and worn much as it is today. Each degree (bachelor, master, doctor) has a right to a hood, which varies in length and, in the case of the doctor's, also in pattern. The bachelor's hood is three feet long; the master's hood, three and one-half; the doctor's hood, four, with wide panels on each side.

The color or colors with which the hood is lined are those of the college or university which granted the wearer's degree. The colored velvet binding or edging of the hood, in different widths for bachelor, master, doctor, is a key to the faculty granting the degree.

**THE CAP.** The mortar board has become the universally accepted style in United States colleges and universities. Many European institutions still retain distinctive forms of academic headdress—for example, the University of London's tam-o'-shanter cap.

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