

SIMPSON UNIVERSITY
SPRING 2021 COMMENCEMENT



REDDING, CALIFORNIA

MAY 1, 2021

TEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING

COMMENCEMENT

10:00 AM

Invocation Misty Smith, Ph.D.
Dean of Nursing

President's Welcome Norman D. Hall, Ed.D.
President

Opening Hymn: "How Great Thou Art" Led by Kieun Steve Kim and Lauren Dillon

Anthem: "Goodness of God" arr. Ed Kerr
Simpson Chorale
Julia Cushman and Hannah Schumacher, *soloists* (Class of 2021)
Lauren Dillon, *violin*
Scott Dolan, *guitar*
Kieun Steve Kim, *keyboard*

Introduction of Speaker Norman D. Hall, Ed.D.
President

Address: "Congratulations on a Job Well Done" Jim Nielsen
California State Senator, 4th District

Presentation of Graduates Dale H. Simmons, Ph.D.
Provost

Michele Anberg-Espinosa, Ed.D.
Assistant Professor of Education

Conferral of Degrees Norman D. Hall, Ed.D.
President

Choral Benediction: "The Lord Bless You and Keep You" John Rutter
Simpson Chorale

Benediction Sarah Jobson, M.A.
Associate Dean of Campus Life

Recessional

GRADUATE STUDIES

A.W. TOZER THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

Master of DIVINITY

Dominique Georgette McCier
Rontgen Pang

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

Master of Arts in EDUCATION

Ashley Lee Erickson
Theresa Ann Galyean
Fallon M Greenhaw
Eric John Nielsen
Marina Rene Sanchez

UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES

SCHOOL OF DEGREE COMPLETION

Bachelor of Arts in BUSINESS MANAGEMENT

Melvin Earl Hursey III
Darby R. McAllister

Bachelor of Arts in LIBERAL STUDIES

Kimberly Ann Brown
Ashley M. Cervantes
(D) Kylee Fallon Gurwell
(D) Ariel Harris
Norma Jimenez
(D) Kory E. Kammersgard
(D) Rosemary Ann Morales
(D) Jaden Thompson
(HH) Alejandra Torrez
Rachel Marieann Walker

Bachelor of Arts in ORGANIZATIONAL LEADERSHIP

(D) Kendra Marie Caito
Serina Flores
Melissa Anne Iford
Stormy C. King

(D) Jessica Larmour
Dominique Olivier McBroome
Courtney Parrish
(D) Ruby Arellano Perez
Elizabeth Danielle Rodriguez
(D) Jacob Daniel Terrence Shelby
John Troncale
Morgan Adena Watkins

Bachelor of Arts in
PSYCHOLOGY

Elizabeth August
Victoria Raven Chavez
Shawnda Darice Christiansen
Jessica Joyce Espinoza
Lauren Hart
Sarah Maria Knaub
(D) Alexandria Lawson
Grace Alonna Pool
Sarah Holly Spencer
(D) Sheridan Nicole Stroup
(D) Loraine Diane Wisler

UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES

TRADITIONAL UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES

Bachelor of Arts in
BIBLE & THEOLOGY

(M) Cole T. Zimmerman

Bachelor of Science in
BIOLOGY

Gentry Noelle Hoffman

Lily James

Sydney Moorhead

*Hannah Rose Schumacher

Cassidy Grace Word

Bachelor of Arts in
BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Hayden Riley Barnhurst

(M) Ryan Seth Baxter

Layten A. Briggs

Walker Frayne

(S) Melanie Gleason

(C) Esther Gnanadoss

Alexandra Rae Gonzales

Joshua Joseph Hernandez

Caleb Delaine Jacobson

Julianna Lee Keyes

Priscilla Jane Lepe

Dylan Laakea Lum

(M) Shawna Ogata
(S) Nicholas Edward Sanderson
Ivan Sevilla

Joel Jovaun Sterling

Jordan M. Taylor

(S) Olivia Louise Turner

Noah Vickery

Brycen Tyler Wight

Laura Williams

Bachelor of Arts in
COMMUNICATION

Andre Lewis Alvarez

Christian Frank Alvis

Kayla D. Bonomini

(C) Jaykob Bryan Caples

Thomas John Higdon

Victoria Mukisa

(S) Paulina Diaz Segovia

Bachelor of Arts in
CROSS-CULTURAL STUDIES

Beatriz Adriana Cigarroa

(S) Isabel Harris

Tou Brian Mua

Bachelor of Arts in
ENGLISH

Amy M. Bernhard

Bachelor of Arts in
HISTORY

Brandon Banda

Bachelor of Science in
KINESIOLOGY

(M) Steven Brasher
Adrian Ramon Marrufo
(S) Haley Lauren Moebes
(M) Pim Lewis

Bachelor of Arts in
LIBERAL STUDIES

(C) Sam Seiji Nakata
Alexis Rodrigues

Bachelor of Arts in
MATHEMATICS

(S) Liam Bates

Bachelor of Arts in
MINISTRY

Tatum C. Piper

Bachelor of Arts in
MUSIC

Kathryn A. Abercrombie
(S) Mackenzie Alldrin
(S) Julia Reine Cushman
*Hannah Rose Schumacher

Bachelor of Arts in
OUTDOOR LEADERSHIP

Daniel J. Painter

Bachelor of Arts in
POLITICAL SCIENCE

(M) Jessalyn Michelle Lankford

Bachelor of Arts in
PSYCHOLOGY

Ryane Isabella Bradbury
Zackeree Kenneth Caples
(C) Ashley Nicole Collins
(C) Jessilyn Ruth Ellenson
(M) Gabriel Ian Gonzalez

Gabriel Kerrihard

(C) Brooke N. Boontjer
Melanie Joy Robertson
(M) Alyssa Jonell Rude
(S) Lynsey Brooke Sullivan
(S) Susanna Beatrice Talley
Hailey A. Wood

Bachelor of Arts in
SOCIAL SCIENCE

(M) Mallory Knight

Bachelor of Arts in
SPANISH

Marjorie Lynne Young Kennedy

Bachelor of Arts in
WORLD MISSIONS

(C) Landrey A. Moore

Bachelor of Arts in
YOUTH MINISTRY

Christopher Luke Williams

BETTY M. DEAN SCHOOL OF NURSING

Bachelor of Science in
NURSING

(C) Grace Louise Benjamin
(C) Summer Kelly Breidenstein
Caitlin Joy Buyert
(C) Eliana Rose Christenson
Annie Jean Christopherson
(M) Chelsea Alexandra Emily Collier
Ruby Conry
Trevor James Cornelius
Shelby Elise Dreesmann
(M) Jessica Lynn Johnson
(M) Kaylynne Anne Kirkland
Audrey Erica Lohmeyer
(M) Erica Marie Odman
Annapurna Renu Ramesh
(C) Caleigh Rae Roberts
Jessie Mae Slade
Emily Paige Smith
Alyssa Maelee Spurgeon
(C) Erica M. Stark
Richard Michael Tverberg
Shannon Van Deren

ACADEMIC HONORS

With Highest Honors

(Degree Completion)

Alejandra Torrez

With Distinction

(Degree Completion)

Kendra Marie Caito
Kylee Fallon Gurwell
Ariel Harris
Kory E. Kammersgard
Jessica Larmour
Alexandria Lawson
Rosemary Ann Morales
Ruby Arellano Perez
Jacob Daniel Terrence Shelby
Sheridan Nicole Stroup
Jaden Thompson
Loraine Diane Wisler

Summa Cum Laude

Mackenzie Alldrin
Liam Bates
Julia Reine Cushman
Melanie Gleason
Isabel Harris
Mallory Knight
Haley Lauren Moebes
Nicholas Edward Sanderson
Paulina Diaz Segovia
Lynsey Brooke Sullivan
Susanna Beatrice Talley
Olivia Louise Turner

Magna Cum Laude

Ryan Seth Baxter
Steven Brasher
Chelsea Alexandra Emily Collier
Gabriel Ian Gonzalez
Jessica Lynn Johnson
Kaylynne Anne Kirkland

Jessalyn Michelle Lankford

Pim Lewis
Erica Marie Odman
Shawna Ogata
Alyssa Jonell Rude
Cole T. Zimmerman

Cum Laude

Grace Louise Benjamin
Brooke N. Boontjer
Summer Kelly Breidenstein
Jaykob Bryan Caples
Eliana Rose Christenson
Ashley Nicole Collins
Jessilyn Ruth Ellenson
Esther Gnanadoss
Landrey A. Moore
Sam Seiji Nakata
Caleigh Rae Roberts
Erica M. Stark

Key

*Recipient of two degrees

Graduation Honors

C=Cum Laude-GPA of 3.50-3.59

M= Magna Cum Laude = GPA of 3.60-3.84

S= Summa Cum Laude = GPA of 3.85 and above

£ = Bible & Theology Honors Program

D= With Distinction for Degree Completion = 3.80 and above

H= with Highest Honors or Alpha Sigma Lambda for the Top 20% of the Degree Completion graduating class

The preceding names do not constitute an official graduation list. The students listed here were considered candidates for the degree when the program was printed. Students whose names are starred as honors graduates were considered candidates for honors when this program was printed. Some students' final semester cumulative grade point averages are not included and may alter this list.



Senator Jim Nielsen
Senate District 4

Elected to the State Senate in January 2013, Senator Nielsen proudly represents the citizens of Butte, Colusa, Glenn, Placer, Sacramento, Sutter, Tehama and Yuba counties. Senator Nielsen serves as Vice Chair of the Committee on Budget & Fiscal Review, Vice Chair of the Committee on Elections & Constitutional Amendments, Vice Chair of the Committee on Governmental Organization, and Vice

Chair of the Senate Governance & Finance Committee.

The Senator's extensive record of leadership and public service makes him one of California's most recognized advocates for reducing the size and scope of government. Nielsen has proposed hundreds of specific reforms to reform state government regulations and reduce out-of-control state spending. He authored legislation to reform California's welfare system and reduce welfare fraud and co-authored California's landmark Victims Bill of Rights and Marsy's Law.

The Senator has written and spoken extensively on California public policy, his commentaries have appeared in major newspapers across California. He is also a frequent guest on local and national radio and television programs. Various taxpayer organizations and small business advocates have honored Senator Nielsen for his leadership on state budget issues and for his unrelenting fight against profligate government spending.

Jim and Marilyn Nielsen live in Tehama, California. He has two daughters, three sons and three grandchildren.

OPENING HYMN “HOW GREAT THOU ART”

1. O Lord my God, When I in awesome wonder,
Consider all the worlds Thy Hands have made;
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Refrain:

**Then sings my soul, My Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, How great Thou art.
Then sings my soul, My Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, How great Thou art!**

2. When through the woods, and forest glades I wander,
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees.
When I look down, from lofty mountain grandeur
And see the brook, and feel the gentle breeze.
3. And when I think, that God, His Son not sparing;
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;
That on a Cross, my burdens gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin.
4. When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation,
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.
Then I shall bow, in humble adoration,
And then proclaim: "My God, how great Thou art!"

CHORAL BENDICTION “The Lord Bless You and Keep You”

The Lord bless you and keep you:
The Lord make His face to shine upon you,
To shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up the light
Of His countenance upon you,
The Lord lift up the light
Of His countenance upon you,
And give you peace. Amen.

Simpson University, founded in 1921, is a Christian university of liberal arts and professional studies in the historic evangelical tradition. It offers bachelor's degrees through the traditional undergraduate and Degree Completion programs; California Teaching and Administrative Services credentials through the School of Education; and a select number of master's degrees through the School of Education, A.W. Tozer Theological Seminary, and the School of Graduate Professional Studies.

The university began in Seattle, Wash., as Simpson Bible Institute. The school was named after Albert Benjamin Simpson, a Presbyterian minister who founded the Christian and Missionary Alliance. In 1955 the school moved to San Francisco and became Simpson Bible College. Over the years, the college broadened its liberal arts offerings, and in 1969 was accredited by the Western Association for Schools and Colleges. In 1971 it became Simpson College. The school relocated to Redding in 1989, where it has seen significant growth in the size of its campus, its curriculum, and its student body. Capping 15 years of growth, Simpson College and Graduate School became Simpson University in 2004. The university remains committed to its historic emphasis on quality academics, spiritual development, leadership and service.