

COMMENCEMENT

CALVIN UNIVERSITY CLASS OF 2021

THE TWENTY-SECOND OF MAY TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-ONE



CLASS OF 2021 COMMENCEMENT

LMCU BALLPARK

A MOMENTOUS OCCASION

Class of 2021,

Congratulations! This occasion marks a significant moment for you—the culmination of your hard work and dedication. You have not only achieved your degree, but you have cultivated lifelong friend-ships, grown in your faith, and made this community richer and fuller through your presence.

You have also learned some life lessons, especially during the pandemic season in which you are finishing your time at Calvin, on what it means to persevere. Throughout Calvin's 145-year history, students have endured trials of many kinds, many of them personal and unspoken, and others experienced together in community. During your time at Calvin, you have undoubtedly faced both personal and community-wide trials. And over the past 15 months, the whole world as a global community has gone through one of these trials together.

While we lament the losses of this season, I encourage you to take time to celebrate the ways you both individually and in community grew over the past 15 months—how you adapted, innovated, and ultimately persevered. And as you move through this season into the next, remember the words of Hebrews 12:1–3, which serve as a reminder that you are not alone when you go through trials of many kinds. Be encouraged by those who have gone before you and those who are walking alongside you, none greater than Christ.

"Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart."

As students, you have deeply blessed our campus community, and as alumni, you will indelibly shape the world. Do not grow weary, but persevere as Christ's agents of renewal in the world.

Blessings on the road ahead,

Michael K. Le Roy President

COMMENCEMENT

ORDER OF CEREMONY

PRELUDE Ballpark Medley

PROCESSIONAL Sine Nomine

WELCOME Michael K. Le Roy, PhD, president

OPENING PRAYER Mary S. Hulst, PhD, university pastor

* OPENING SONG

Rejoice in All Your Works

* Please rise in body or spirit.

Ralph Vaughan Williams, arr. by Alfred Reed

Wendell Kimbrough, arr. Greg Scheer

Rejoice in All Your Works



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Rejoice in All Your Works

Translation, not for singing

Literal Translation - Spanish Alégrate en todas tus obras

Toda boca que clama por comida, cada pulmón que anhela respirar, todo ojo que busca luz en la oscuridad: toda la creación te busca para respirar y alimentarse; de la bondad de tu mano estamos satisfechos.

Coro:

¡Oh alégrate en todas tus obras, rey del cielo, rey de la tierra! Cada criatura que has hecho declara su alabanza. Nos regocijamos en todo lo que has hecho, Dios, todo lo sustentas con tu gracia; con la montaña, el cielo y el mar, te cantamos alabanzas.

Todo árbol que tiene sed de lluvia, cada ave que busca su nido, todo corazón que espera alegrarse: toda la creación te busca por su aliento y alimento; de la bondad de tu mano estamos satisfechos.

¡Que las meditaciones de mi corazón y la canción en mis labios se unan con el coro de la creación para alabar al Dios que hizo todas las cosas, al Espíritu que las sostiene, y al Hijo que reina sobre toda la creación! Literal Translation - Korean 기뻐하소서 (시편 104편)

양식을 위해 부르짖는 모든 입과, 호흡을 갈구하는 모든 허파, 어둠 속 빛을 찾아 헤메는 모든 눈— 이 모든 피조물이 주를 우러러 봅니다. 주께서 주시는 호흡과 양식을 바라며. 주의 선하신 손으로부터 우리는 만족됩니다.

후렴: 기뻐하소서, 오 하늘과 땅의 왕 되신 주여! 주의 행하신 모든 일들로 인해 기뻐하소서. 주께서 만드신 모든 피조물이 주를 찬양합니다. 은혜로 만물을 붙드시는 하나님이여! 우리도 주의 지으심을 인해 기뻐하며, 산과 하늘과 바다와 함께 노래하며 주를 찬송합니다.

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나의 마음의 묵상과 나의 입술의 노래가 온 세상 만물의 화답과 함께 만물을 지으신 성부, 만물을 붙드시는 성령, 만물을 다스리시는 성자 하나님을 찬양합니다.

INTRODUCTION OF STUDENT SPEAKER

Sarah A. Visser, PhD, vice president, Student Life

STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT REMARKS

"The Gifts of Hindsight" Claire S. Murashima '21, student body president

SCRIPTURE READING

Colossians 3:16–17 Adelaide E. Nyanyo '21, graduate

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

"High Calling Work" William P. Robinson, PhD, president emeritus, Whitworth University

LITANY FOR COMMENCEMENT

Led by Bruce A. Los, chair, Board of Trustees and Jeremiah W. Brooks '21, graduate

Leader:	Almighty God, we cannot know how many prayers you are answering on this glad day. But we know this: great is your faithfulness.	
Student:	Holy Spirit, we cannot know, either, how many new prayers you are kindling in this graduating class. But we know that your love is broader than the measure of our minds.	
Leader:	Lord, we come to you in joy at what these students have accomplished, but we also come to you keenly aware of how deeply we need to rely on your providence, not our own plans.	
Student:	Lord, we come to you with joy, but some of us find ourselves wrestling with	

Student: Lord, we come to you with joy, but some of us find ourselves wrestling with uncertainties, too. So teach us to trust you. Refine the questions and prayers we carry within us. Remind us that there is no shadow of turning with you.

Leader:	Even as we praise you for your constancy, though, let us thank you for the ways that Calvin has changed. Let us thank you for the beginning of this school's story, when it was a small seminary for the sons of Dutch immigrants []
Student:	and let us thank you for your mercies in the present moment, as Calvin University honors students who have studied at the Grand Rapids Campus, at the Handlon Campus, and in digital classrooms across the globe.
Leader:	We thank you for making us one community. And we thank you because you have made us, without regard for gender or passport, your siblings.
Student:	Jesus, there is a wideness in your mercy. May we, then, not turn inward but instead follow you into the whole world, which you hold in your hands.
Leader:	God of all centuries, give your church a thousand tongues in which to praise your name.
Student:	God of every second, call us by name. Be Thou our vision.
All:	Amen.

CONFERRAL OF DEGREES

Cheryl K. Brandsen, PhD, provost Michael K. Le Roy, PhD, president

PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS

CHARGE TO THE GRADUATES

Michael K. Le Roy, PhD, president

* CLOSING SONG

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Dutch

Aan God de Vader zij de eer, aan God de Zoon voor immermeer, aan God de Geest die troost en leidt zij lof nu en te allen tijd.

English

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

French

Gloire à Dieu, notre Créateur; gloire à Christ, notre Rédempteur; gloire à l'Esprit Consolateur! Louange et gloire à Dieu, Sauveur.

German

Gott Vater, dem sei ewig Herr, Gott Sohn, der ist der einig Herr, und dem Tröster, Heiligen Geist, von nun an bis in Ewigkeit.

Japanese

たたえよ主の民 御使いとともに 恵みにあふれる 父・子・聖霊を

Korean

만복의 근원 하나님 온 백성 찬송드리고 저 천사여 찬송하세 찬송 성부 성자 성령

Mandarin

颂赞上主万福之源; 颂赞基督救赎恩洪; 颂赞圣灵,我保惠师; 崇敬至尊三一真神。 阿们,阿们。

Navajo

Bóhólníihii baa dahohniih, 'Éí baa 'ahééh danohsinii, Nihookáá' diné nohlíinii Chánahgo bich'i' dahohtaal.

Portuguese

A Deus, supremo benfeitor. Ao FilhoIeterno, Deus deIamor. Ao Santo Deus consolador, Ó anjos eIhomens dai louvor.

Spanish

A Dios, el Padre celestial, al Hijo, nuestro Redentor, al eternal Consolador unidos todos alabad.

Dutch: Ambrose (340–397) tr. J. W. Nordholt, P.D.; English: Thomas Ken, 1709, P.D.; French: Théodore Monod (1836–1921), P.D.; German: Martin Luther, 1543 P.D; Japanese: Reita Yazawa ©2012 Faith Alive Christian Resources; Korean: The United Methodist Hymnal Committee © 2001 The United Methodist Publishing House, admin. The Copyright Company; Mandarin: Jiang huimin, tr. and adapt. 2002; Navajo: source unknown; Portuguese: Sarah Poulton Kalley, 1861, © Imprensa Metodista; Spanish: tr. Used by permission. CCLI # 400063.

RECESSIONAL Calvinite March

The Calvinite March offers an energetic musical flourish that culminates with the melody of Calvin's Alma Mater, evoking its concluding affirmation, "Calvin, Calvin, God has been thy guide. Dear alma mater, thy strength He shall provide. Be loyal, ever, to the faith of old; God's name and honor we ever shall uphold."

The audience is requested to remain seated during the recessional until trustees, faculty, and graduates have exited.

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STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT Claire S. Murashima

Claire Murashima is a third-generation Calvin graduate from Orange County, California, and Chapel Hill, North Carolina. She is passionate about advocating for the needs of underrepresented communities. At Calvin, Claire has served as senator, vice president, and student body president on Student Senate; an orientation leader; the co-host and producer of the official podcast from *Chimes*; and the president of Calvin Dance Marathon. She leaves a legacy of starting Dance Marathon at Calvin, which has raised over \$75,000 for the Helen DeVos Children's Hospital since 2017. Claire is graduating today with a BA in Marketing Management, and she plans to pursue a career in journalism.



COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER William P. Robinson

Bill Robinson is president emeritus of Whitworth University in Spokane, Washington. While there, he worked closely with his friend and colleague, Calvin President Michael Le Roy. Since 2010, after serving 24 years as a college president, Bill's work-life has consisted of speaking, consulting, writing and service on boards, including that of Princeton Theological Seminary which he chaired from 2013–2017. In 2014, Bill served as interim president of The Council for Christian Colleges & Universities (CCCU) and in 2015 was awarded the Senator Mark O. Hatfield Leadership Award, CCCU's highest recognition. In 2010, a second edition of his book *Leading People from the Middle: The Universal Mission of Mind and Heart* was released. In February 2009, *Incarnate Leadership* was published by Zondervan (Harper Collins). Bill and his wife, Bonnie, a professional musician, live in Spokane, Washington.

HIGHLIGHTS

FROM THE PAST FOUR YEARS

The Calvin LifeWork program launches. The innovative, co-curricular program equips students with practical skills that complement their classroom experience.

> Calvin advances its commitment to sustainability with President Michael Le Roy signing Second Nature's Presidents' Climate Commitment.

For the fourth consecutive year, Calvin wins the MIAA Commissioner's Cup, an award given to the top athletics program based on its cumulative performance in the league's 20 sports for men and women.

Calvin is one of 13 institutions nationwide to be awarded a Beckman Scholars Program, a prestigious award recognizing places that excel in providing undergraduate research opportunities for students.

2018-2019

2017–2018

Off-Campus Programs celebrates its 50th anniversary of sending students abroad. The Institute for International Education ranks Calvin as a top-five baccalaureate institution for total number of students who study abroad.

StreetFest, a service-learning opportunity that occurs during Calvin's first-year student orientation program, celebrates its 25th anniversary. The Calvin Institute of Christian Worship establishes the Ministry Leadership Cohort, a two-year program for students who show potential for leadership in the local church.

Calvin launches the de Vries Institute for Global Faculty Development. The university is now home to 12 Centers and Institutes which promote thought and action in key areas of education and culture. An \$11 million gift to the institute follows in 2020. As part of Vision 2030, Calvin College changes its name to Calvin University on July 10. The first cohort of students in the Calvin Prison Initiative completes their requirements to earn a bachelor's degree. Calvin is the first institution in Michigan to offer a full bachelor's degree to inmates.

> The Class of 2020 becomes the first class to complete degrees at Calvin *University*.

Following its inaugural year as a university, Calvin debuts as #3 out of 157 schools in the Midwest Regional Universities category as ranked in U.S. News & World Report.

> Calvin launches graduate programs in Geographic Information Science (GIS) and Media and Strategic Communication (MSC), with more graduate programs launching in fall 2021.

2020-2021

2019–2020

Calvin creates an associate provost position to focus on extending Calvin's mission to reach new populations through the Calvin Global Campus. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, beginning March 16, Calvin University moves all classroom instruction online for the remainder of the spring semester. In-person classes resume in fall 2021.

Calvin men's basketball wins both contests with Hope in the Rivalry's centennial year. Calvin breaks ground on its School of Business building. The new 15,000-square foot building is expected to be ready for fall 2022 classes.

A \$1.2 million U.S. Department of Education grant puts Calvin on a path to be the first university in Michigan to offer a Comprehensive Transition and Postsecondary Program for students with intellectual disabilities.



EDUCATIONAL FRAMEWORK

The mission of Calvin University is to equip students to think deeply, to act justly, and to live wholeheartedly as Christ's agents of renewal in the world.

Calvin's educational framework is derived from that mission. It articulates a frame that ensures integrated, coherent, holistic programs and practices in which students learn and develop. The framework names university-wide goals that ground the institution's curricular and co-curricular activities. It attempts to answer the question, "What are the enduring characteristics or qualities of thinking, doing, and being that mark a Calvin University graduate?"

The four primary components of the educational framework will be projected on the ballpark's big board prior to today's ceremony.

CANDIDATES

FOR DEGREES AND CERTIFICATES 2021

The multi-colored flower arrangement that includes an iris flower as a focal point on the platform is in loving memory of the life of student Iris Jones, March 8, 1999 — August 19, 2020. Iris is remembered by the Calvin community for her joy, leadership, and determination, and for the way her kindness impacted the lives of many.

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NEW PATH TO ACHIEVEMENT

Ready For Life Academy

For the first time in the history of Calvin, students from the Ready for Life program are being presented with four-year certificates. The Ready for Life Academy (RFLA) is a partnership between Calvin University and the Ready for Life organization. The RFLA offers postsecondary education certificate programs for students with intellectual and developmental disability. Students in the RFLA can earn a Life and Career Studies or Comprehensive Postsecondary Education Certificate from Calvin University.



LATIN SEAL

The Latin heart-in-hand seal became the official emblem of Calvin University in 1933, but it emerged as early as 1910 in the university yearbook. However, the words *prompte et sincere* (promptly and sincerely) along with the image of an outstretched hand offering a heart surfaced four centuries earlier in the writings of the reformer John Calvin. He used the image to seal his letters in the 1540s. The motto *prompte et sincere* appears on his portrait dated 1566. The adoption of the words *Cor meum tibi offero Domine prompte et sincere* (My heart I offer, Lord, promptly and sincerely) and image together stand as the insignia of the university today, inspiring the Calvin community to practice the university's mission of thinking deeply, acting justly, and living wholeheartedly as Christ's agents of renewal in the world.

ACADEMIC REGALIA

The ceremonial costumes worn by faculty and graduates for Commencement have their roots in the Middle Ages, when European scholars wore robes, hoods, and caps to stay warm in unheated classrooms. Universities eventually adopted them as official everyday classroom uniforms to discourage "excess in apparel." As the custom spread across Europe and into other areas, style differences emerged to designate each scholar's institution, level of education, and (in the United States) field of study.

Today, the costume is reserved for ceremonial occasions. Faculty, staff, and students now wear regalia to honor the significance of this milestone in students' lives. Gown and hood styles tell us something about each wearer's degree.

Students receiving the bachelor's degree today wear plain black gowns with pointed sleeves. The master's gown (also black) has oblong sleeves, open at the wrist, with a longer base hanging down from the wrist opening. The doctor's gown has bell sleeves, velvet facing, and three velvet bars on each sleeve. Though black is the traditional color and always appropriate for a doctoral gown, many professors wear the distinctive colors and styles of the universities that granted their degrees.

The longer the hood, the more advanced the degree. Master's and doctor's hoods have satin linings in the colors of the institution where the degree was earned. The velvet edging color represents the wearer's discipline. Though blue signifies philosophy and is therefore appropriate for any PhD (doctor of philosophy), universities in the United States also use these colors:

- White for arts and letters
- Light blue for education
- Drab (tan) for business
- Purple for law and political science
- ${\boldsymbol{\cdot}}$ Red for theology
- Gold for sciences
- Pink for music
- Crimson for communications
- Copper for economics
- Orange for engineering
- Brown for fine arts
- Apricot for nursing
- Green for physical education
- Salmon for public health

The flat cap, or mortar board, was originally worn by early medieval clergy and later adopted by medieval students and artists. The soft cap worn by some doctors was first adopted by monks to keep their tonsured heads warm.

In recent years, some students and faculty wear a kente cloth (a ceremonial woven stole with origins in 12th century Ghana) to honor African culture and/or leadership in the center for intercultural student development.

HONORS DESIGNATIONS

Legacy Honors Medallions

These gold medallions with a maroon and gold ribbon are worn by students who have fulfilled the requirements to graduate with honors in their discipline. Requirements include the completion of six honors courses, a directed honors project, and a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher.

Collegiate Scholars Medallions

These gold medallions with a maroon ribbon are worn by students who have fulfilled the requirements to graduate with distinction. Requirements include the completion of four advanced academic or community engagement activities and a cumulative GPA of 3.65 or higher.

Latin Honors Cords

These maroon and gold cords are worn by students who have earned one of the following Latin honors designations: *cum laude* – minimum 3.65 GPA, *magna cum laude* – minimum 3.8 GPA, *summa cum laude* – minimum 3.95 GPA

FLAGS OF COUNTRIES

The international flags projected on the ballpark's big board prior to today's Commencement ceremony include the 31 countries of citizenship represented by the Class of 2021 graduates. The flags celebrate the multicultural community of learners at Calvin University and serve as a visual reminder that diversity and inclusion is a core institutional value. Calvin strives to be a welcoming community for all, and the university rejoices in the ways that cultural diversity helps prepare students to be global citizens who bear witness to the biblical vision of the Kingdom of God.

PRESIDENTIAL AWARD FOR EXEMPLARY TEACHING



Professor Kumar Sinniah

Professor Kumar Sinniah (chemistry) is the 2021 recipient of the Presidential Award for Exemplary Teaching, Calvin University's highest teaching honor. The award was established in 1993 by a donor in honor of George Tinholt, a former member of the Calvin Board of Trustees.

Kumar joined Calvin's chemistry faculty in 1995—and his courses and research projects have been raved about by students ever since. While Kumar has taken time away from campus to serve as a visiting professor at institutions such as the University of Michigan, University of Maryland, and University of Cambridge, his heart has always brought him back to his students at Calvin.

It is his personal investment in the lives of his students, alumni say, that sets Kumar apart as a foundational person in their undergraduate studies and post-graduate careers.

Nicole Michmerhuizen '14, a postdoctoral researcher at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, credits Kumar with providing her hands-on research experience and forecasting its importance to her post-graduate endeavors.

"Professor Sinniah recognized the importance of a strong undergraduate research experience to my future career as a graduate student and scientific researcher," Michmerhuizen explains. "It was only because of my relationship with him and my work in his group that I was able to attend the Annual Biophysical Society meeting in both 2013 and 2014. These meetings exposed me to the wider realm of biological science and I now know how rare these experiences are for undergraduates."

Michmerhuizen notes that the conferences were also opportunities to meet with other Christians in biophysics, and that Kumar was her model for cultivating a professional Christian community.

Outside of Calvin, Kumar serves regularly as a reviewer for proposals submitted to the M.J. Murdock Charitable Trust, the National Science Foundation, and the Fulbright Scholar Program.

APPRECIATION

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MUSIC

Prelude: Anne Tuuk '75, organist

Processional/Recessional: Calvin University Wind Ensemble; conducted by Tiffany Engle, associate professor of music

Opening/Closing Songs: Liz Canfield, Saara Spitzer, Carlos Lemagne, Noah Zeyl, and Luke DeVries; led by Paul Ryan, worship pastor