

PEPPERDINE



COMMENCEMENT



School of Public Policy

Friday, May Fourteenth, Two Thousand Twenty-One
Ten Thirty in the Morning
Malibu, California



Marshal

ROBERT G. KAUFMAN
*Robert and Katheryn Dockson Professor of
Public Policy
Class of 2016, Caruso School of Law*

Processional

Pomp and Circumstance (Elgar)

Invocation

HATTIE P. MITCHELL
Class of 2012

Pledge of Allegiance

HATTIE P. MITCHELL

National Anthem

KAYTLIN M. WITHERS
Class of 2021, Seaver College

Presiding

RICK R. MARRS
Provost

Student Address

ABIGAIL W. SCOTT
Class of 2021

**Presentation of Distinguished
Alumnus Award**

MATT S. CUTLER
*Director of Development,
School of Public Policy*

VIANEY L. LOPEZ
*Councilmember, District 6, City of Oxnard
Class of 2012*





**Presentation of Candidates
For Graduate Degrees**

PETE N. PETERSON
*Dean, Braun Family Dean's Chair
Senior Fellow, Davenport Institute
for Public Engagement and Civic Leadership
Class of 2007*

Conferring of Degrees

JAMES A. GASH
*President
Class of 1993, Caruso School of Law*

Class of 2020

Class of 2021

Benediction

ANDREA R. MIHAILESCU
State Department Fellow in Residence

The audience will rise for the benediction and be seated during the recessional.

Recessional

*Green Hills and When the Battle's Over
(Scottish Standards)*





ABIGAIL W. SCOTT

Abigail W. Scott displayed an exceptional commitment to the program in the two years she spent at the School of Public Policy. During her time as a student, Ms. Scott worked for the Davenport Institute for Public Engagement and Civic Leadership as a graduate research assistant, where she was responsible for conducting program evaluations and developing recommendations for improving citizen-to-government communication throughout California. She also founded the school's Politics in Public Policy student organization in order to foster constructive political discussion among graduate students.

To broaden her experience in public engagement, Ms. Scott served as an intern at the White House Office of Public Liaison. In this role she built and strengthened coalitions with a variety of constituencies across the country, including faith, veteran, and military family groups and BIPOC communities.

Ms. Scott specialized in state and local policy at the School of Public Policy, earning professional certificates in Advanced Public Engagement for Local Government and in Leading Smart Communities from the Davenport Institute for Public Engagement and Civic Leadership.

Abigail Scott received a bachelor's degree in political science with a specialization in comparative politics from the University of California, Berkeley, in 2019.



VIANEY L. LOPEZ

Vianey L. Lopez has a heart for public service, having spent more than 10 years as a government official. She currently serves as district director for state senator Monique Limón, who represents Santa Barbara County and a portion of Ventura County. Before joining the state government, she served as district scheduler and district director for former US representative Lois Capps in Santa Barbara.

Ms. Lopez was elected to the Hueneme Elementary School District Board in 2012, where she served for six years. As a school board member she advocated for increased parent involvement and the dual-language immersion program. In 2018 she was elected to the Oxnard City Council representing District 6 and was reelected to a four-year term in 2020. As a public servant, Ms. Lopez ensures that the South Oxnard community has a voice on local matters while also advocating for youth, working families, housing, and public safety at a citywide level.

Ms. Lopez is an active member in the community, serving for the past 10 years on the board of directors for the nonprofit Future Leaders of America and as a contributor to other civic organizations.

Vianey Lopez earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from Loyola Marymount University in 2009 and a master of public policy from the Pepperdine University School of Public Policy in 2012.

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SERVICES



Drinking Water

Bottled water will be made available in various locations in Alumni Park.

First Aid

Available at the first aid tent near the entrance of Alumni Park. If an emergency occurs, please ask the nearest usher for assistance.

Lost and Found

Please visit the information tent regarding any lost or found items.



Restrooms

Located behind the bleachers and near the Alumni Park pond.

