HUMBOLDT STATE UNIVERSITY

COMMENCEMENT FALL 2021

DECEMBER 17 | LUMBERJACK ARENA

Congratulations Graduates!
Message from the Chancellor

Dear Class of 2021:
In this most extraordinary year, I offer my deep admiration, gratitude, and sincere congratulations to a most extraordinary class of graduates.

As numerous forces upended our world, you held your dreams steadily in sight and persisted in your studies through challenges none of us could have imagined. Unlike any other CSU graduating class past or future, you have by necessity developed and demonstrated skills—far beyond your academic work—that will ensure your continued success: resilience, flexibility, resourcefulness, patience, and tenacity. While so much and so many have been lost, your resolve has shown as a symbol of hope and optimism—and you should be proud.

On behalf of the entire California State University community, I am certainly proud to present you to the world as our newest class of CSU alumni, joining an impressive international network now nearly 4 million strong. Together, you will power the recovery of our state and nation, educate our next generation, fight for social justice, and optimism—and you should be proud. Remember the sights, sounds, smells, and activity around the Student Activities Center? There was an energy on every clear day, as well as a sense of camaraderie amongst students. Do you remember the t-shirts and sweatshirts you would wear displaying your pride in your university? Or, do you remember the moments you volunteered your time to help others, in the truest spirit of what it means to be a Lumberjack? Each of those moments is a mark you have left upon this University—forever. As a University, we will forever be better because of you. It is our sincere hope that you will forever be better because of us, too.

You now join one of the largest and proudest groups of people—those who call themselves alumni of Humboldt State University. As you embark on the next steps in your life, please know that we are extremely proud of you and grateful for your commitment to your education and this University. Please continue to do your part to help create a better society and better planet.

Forever Humboldt,

Dr. Tom Jackson, Jr.
President, Humboldt State University

President’s Message to the Graduates

Dear Humboldt Graduates,
There is nothing more meaningful or more significant to a University than celebrating the moment our students complete their degree as Humboldt State University graduates. Congratulations and well done! Do you remember that first day in class? Wondering where classrooms were located and not being sure what to expect? Remember the sights, sounds, smells, and activity around the campus and your peers, to look for opportunities to give back, and to support the future generations who will follow in your footsteps. And as our many months of physical separation begin to come to a close, I hope you will hold in your hearts all of those who have supported you from afar. The faculty who broadened and deepened your understanding of the world. The counselors, advisors, librarians, tutors, coaches, and facilities and support staff who created a nurturing environment of care and growth. Your family and friends, whose belief in you never wavered.

All of these people have been forever impressed by your spirit, determination, and accomplishments. Please count me among them—and I know you will continue to make us proud.

Again, congratulations to the Class of 2021!

Sincerely,

Dr. Joseph I. Castro
Chancellor
Graduate Degrees

College of Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences

Master of Arts — Major in Applied Anthropology
Casey Lynn Dobinna Advisor: Professor Mary L. Scroggin
Tina Maria Fulton Advisor: Professor Marcel Cerven-Rincón
Michelle Hart Advisor: Professor Barbara K. Klessig
Kayla Elen Wiggins Advisor: Professor Barbara K. Klessig

Master of Arts — Major in English
Aaron Alexander Laughlin Advisor: Professor Michael Eldridge

College of Natural Resources & Sciences

Master of Science — Major in Biology
Jessica Che Advisor: Professor Alexander M. Tomescu
Amin Sebastian Cressman Advisor: Professor Amy Sproles

Master of Science — Major in Applied Anthropology
Samantha Maria Diel Advisor: Professor Ethan B. Gahtan
Sabrina Herrick Advisor: Professor Sherry B. Marks
Margaux Karp Advisor: Professor Mark S. Wilson
Kevin Landow Advisor: Professor Joseph Tyburczy
Eric Michael LeBlanc Advisor: Professor Joe Tyburczy
Emma Hatton Levy Advisor: Professor Dawn Goley
Ariah Dawn Mackie Advisor: Professor Amy Sproles
Sarah Jean Mason Advisor: Professor Michael R. Mueller
Franklin David Moltz Advisor: Professor Sean F. Craig
Megan Nibbelink Advisor: Professor Alexander M. Tomescu
Natalie Pedicino Advisor: Professor Amy Sproles
Andres Rafael Rodriguez Advisor: Professor Erik S. Jules
Terilyn A. Stoflet Advisor: Professor Mark S. Wilson
Alexander Strawhun Advisor: Professor Sean F. Craig

Master of Science — Major in Environmental Systems
Samuel Edward Bold Advisor: Professor Malena J. Michalak
Elizabeth Nicole Rice Advisor: Professor Joseph John Lee
Robert Monroe Cowdry Advisor: Professor Mark A. Hemphill-Haley
Galien O’Toole Advisor: Professor Margaret M. Lang
Briannah Profit Advisor: Professor Eileen M. Cashman
Taylor Charles Team Advisor: Professor Melanie J. Michalak

Master of Science — Major in Kinesiology
Patrick John Quinn Advisor: Professor Ethan B. Gahtan
Jessica Danielle Shelton Advisor: Professor Carrie J. Aigner
Karen Belen Villa Advisor: Professor Brandylv J. Vilariol

Master of Science — Major in Social Science (Environment & Community)

Teod Tod Masters Advisor: Professor Vincent F. Essex
Charley Herman Reed Advisor: Professor Cutcha Risking Baldy
Jody Joanne Smith Advisor: Professor Cutcha Risking Baldy
Carrie Tally Advisor: Professor Cutcha Risking Baldy

Master of Arts — Major in Sociology
Juan Anzada Advisor: Professor Jennifer L. Eichstedt
Casey McCallough Advisor: Professor Jennifer L. Eichstedt

College of Professional Studies

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Logan Fox Ashworth Advisor: Professor Ethan B. Gahtan
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Credits

College of Professional Studies

Education Specialist Credential
Rhonda Lynn Downing

Multiple Subject Credential
Marissa M. Brunner
Kaylee Cheyenne LeClair
Savannah Jeanne Webb

Single Subject Credential
Jennifer Bishop

All Colleges Commencement Reception

Recreation & Wellness Building, West Gym

Immediately following the Ceremony

Meet your student’s professors, enjoy light refreshments, and stop by the photo booth. Ushers will help direct you to the gym after the ceremony.

Please note: shuttles will operate until around 6pm.
About the Ceremony

Regalia: Commencement ceremonies at Humboldt State University, like those at most universities in the United States, feature distinctive academic regalia and ornamentation. Upon conferral, the tassel on the cap is moved to the left. The gown’s sleeves indicate the highest degree held—the bachelor’s gown has long pointed sleeves, the master’s has long oblong sleeves, and the doctor’s has very full sleeves with velvet bars. The color of the hood’s silk lining indicates the area of study as well as the institution conferring the degree. The colorful regalia of our faculty attest to the many different universities from which they graduated, as well as the variety of their academic fields.

Ceremonial Mace: An ornamental staff which is typically made of metal or wood, the mace symbolizes authority and is carried by a faculty member who leads the processional and recessional. Humboldt State’s mace was redesigned during its 2013-14 Centennial Year by a team of University craftspeople and artists, including Art Professor Kris Patzlaff and her students; Jennifer Slye Moore, then administrative support coordinator in the Art department; and Art alumnus Roger Durham.

“The entire shape represents a torch, which symbolizes enlightening students through their educational experience at HSU,” Patzlaff explains. The mace is also constructed of sustainable materials, including recycled metal and unleaded enamel. Engraved in silver on the mace is Humboldt State University’s motto: “Phos Aletheia,” Greek for “Light and Truth.”

Music: “Pomp and Circumstance,” composed by Britain’s Sir Edward Elgar in 1901, welcomes graduates to Redwood Bowl. “Light and Truth” (the title is the English translation of Humboldt State’s motto, “Phos Aletheia”) was composed by Valgene Phillips, longtime Professor of Music and administrator at HSU. Professor Phillips passed away in June 2021.

The Graduation Pledge of Social and Environmental Responsibility

The Graduation Pledge of Social and Environmental Responsibility is a Commencement tradition that was started by HSU students in 1987, and has since been adopted by universities worldwide. The Pledge is a personal vow to consider the social and environmental consequences of the decisions that students make after receiving their degree from Humboldt State.

“I pledge to explore and take into account the social and environmental consequences of any job I consider and will try to improve these aspects for any organizations for which I work.”

Grads: take the Pledge at gradpledge.humboldt.edu today!
Health & Safety

In order to best protect the campus community, anyone accessing campus events who is over the age of 12 will be required to show proof of a COVID-19 vaccination or a negative test result within 72 hours.

Regardless of vaccination status or test status, all attendees age 2 and older must wear a mask at all times while on campus except in designated dining areas while actively eating or drinking.

Guest Information

Emergencies: In the event of an unforeseen situation, we ask that you remain calm and seated, and listen for instructions from the platform area. The main exits out of Lumberjack Arena on the 2nd floor are through the east doors in the Hall of Fame, the southeast doors behind the stage, and the southwest doors leading to the hallway.

The University Police Department has tables set up on the first floor of the Kinesiology & Athletics building just inside the main entrance for first aid and emergencies.

There are police officers on duty and an ambulance on site. For emergencies, dial 911. For non-emergency assistance dial (707) 826-5555.

Lost & Found: Lost and found is located at the University Police tables on the first floor just inside the main entrance of the building.

Smoking: Humboldt State, like all California State University campuses, is smoke- and tobacco-free. Smoking is not permitted anywhere, indoors or outdoors, on the HSU campus.

Photographs: Guests are asked not to stand in the aisles or block the view of others for the purpose of taking pictures. A commercial photographer will be taking pictures of all graduates who cross the stage. Proofs of the photographs will be emailed to each graduate at no charge. Photographs may then be ordered, though there is no obligation to do so. Find graduate photos at gradimages.com.

Domestic Animals: Domestic Animals are permitted outside on campus grounds but are not allowed in any campus buildings, with the exception of Service Animals. All animals must be leashed and under the handler’s control at all time.

Sign Language Interpreters: Sign language interpreters will be signing throughout the ceremony on the east side of Lumberjack Arena only. The interpreters will not sign all graduates’ names. However, any requests for graduate names you would like signed will be honored. Please let our ushers know of your needs.

Humboldt State University

Founded: 1913  Colors: Green and Gold
President: Tom Jackson, Jr.  Nickname: Lumberjacks
Academics: 50 Majors  Enrollment: 5,739
11 Graduate Programs  Undergraduate: 5,199
76 Minor Programs  Graduate: 365
4 Credential Programs  Credential: 103
7 Certificates of Study