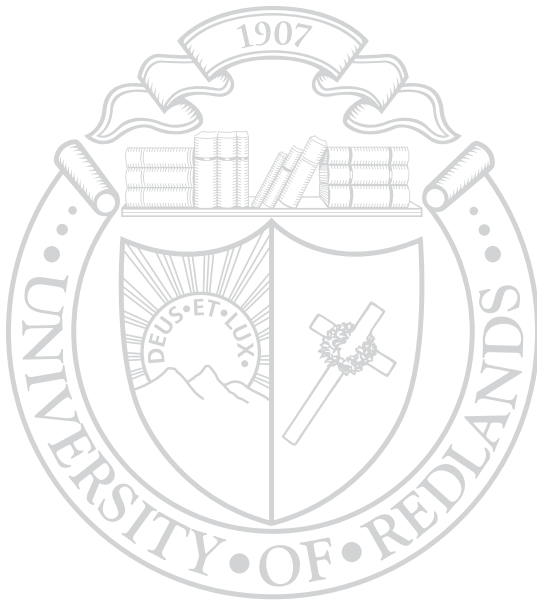




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COMMENCEMENT
CLASS OF 2024

University of Redlands
April 25, 2024





SCHOOL OF EDUCATION COMMENCEMENT

University of Redlands
Redlands, California

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COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

OPENING PROCESSION

Order of the March

University Marshal
Flag Bearers and Standard Bearers
Graduating Class of 2024
Faculty Marshals
Faculty of the University
Administration of the University

CEREMONY

Invocation and Land

Acknowledgment

Rev. John Walsh, M.Div.
Omer E. Robbins Chaplain Emeritus

Welcome

Krista L. Newkirk, J.D.
President, University of Redlands

Congratulations from the Board of Trustees

Jamison J. Ashby '82
Chair, Board of Trustees

Greetings from the Dean

Nicol R. Howard, Ph.D.
Dean, School of Education

Class of 2024 Student Speaker

Mercedes Delgado '24
Master of Clinical Mental Health Counseling

Musical Interlude

Ray Kutcher '24
Kayla Rush '24
*"No One is Alone" from
Into the Woods*

Recognition of Faculty

Adrienne McCormick, Ph.D.
Provost

Conferring of Honorary Degree

Krista L. Newkirk, J.D.
President, University of Redlands
Abdur-Rahman Muhammad
Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters

Commencement Address

Abdur-Rahman Muhammad
Independent Scholar

Presentation of Credential Recipients

Nicol R. Howard, Ph.D.
Dean, School of Education

Conferring of Credentials

Krista L. Newkirk, J.D.
President, University of Redlands

Presentation of Graduate Degree Candidates

Nicol R. Howard, Ph.D.
Dean, School of Education

Conferring of Graduate Degrees

Krista L. Newkirk, J.D.
President, University of Redlands

Presentation of Doctoral Candidates

Nicol R. Howard, Ph.D.
Dean, School of Education

Conferring of Doctoral Degrees

Krista L. Newkirk, J.D.
President, University of Redlands

Benediction

Rev. John Walsh, M.Div.
Omer E. Robbins Chaplain Emeritus

Alma Mater

All join (back cover)

Closing Procession

ABOUT THE SPEAKERS



ABDUR-RAHMAN MUHAMMAD

INDEPENDENT SCHOLAR

HONORARY DOCTOR OF HUMANE LETTERS

Abdur-Rahman Muhammad, an independent scholar based in Washington, D.C., is known for his multifaceted expertise as a historian, journalist, writer, and activist. He is also widely regarded as one of the leading authorities on the life and legacy of civil rights-era black leader, Malcolm X.

Drawing inspiration from the legacy of Malcolm X, Mr. Muhammad would go on to devote over 30 years of his life to understanding the facts pertaining to his assassination. His scholarly contributions have received widespread recognition, most notably his revelation regarding the identity of William Bradley, also known as Al-Mustafa Shabazz, who reportedly fired the first and deadliest shot claiming the life of Malcolm X.

Mr. Muhammad is also featured in the acclaimed Netflix documentary, “Who Killed Malcolm X?” This groundbreaking film played a pivotal role in garnering renewed interest in the investigation into the assassination of Malcolm X, and subsequently led to the exoneration of Muhammad A. Aziz and Khalil Islam, who both served over 20 years for the murder.



MERCEDEZ DELGADO '24

MASTER OF CLINICAL MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING

STUDENT COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

As the daughter of immigrants and a first-generation student, Mercedez Delgado passionately fights for social justice and advocacy within her community and at work. Born and raised in San Bernardino, she's always been aware of the diverse voices and systemic barriers within her community, fostering her passion for creating inclusive and safe spaces.

During her years as an undergraduate at the University of Redlands, Mercedez found herself drawn to psychology. She became a workshop facilitator in San Bernardino's Juvenile Hall, interacting with young minds. This inspired her to pursue a Clinical Mental Health Counseling degree, emphasizing social justice and advocacy.

Mercedez holds a profound dedication to understanding and acknowledging the complex and unique mental health needs of marginalized forensic populations. She aspires to promote healing and equity in her work, and upon graduating, she is prepared to embark on her journey as a mental health therapist for the forensic population, where she will meet them with empathy and compassion.

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CREDENTIAL AND GRADUATE CANDIDATES

Credential Recipients

Administrative Service

Priscilla Alberta Grijalva
Graci Marroquin
Jose F. Patino, Jr.

Preliminary Teaching: Education Specialist

Vanessa Cruz

Preliminary Teaching: Multiple Subject

Scott Bentley
Jennifer Rose Eazell
Gina Kim Krause

Preliminary Teaching: Single Subject

Jesse D. Aranda
Trevor R. Emmons
Madeleine Michelle Simmons
James Curtis Spee

Pupil Personnel Services

Summer Lauren Ardito
Amy Navil Sanchez-Berumen

Master of Arts

Clinical Mental Health Counseling

Nicolette Alyssa Alvarado
Mercedez Delgado
Yanel Fregoso
Riley Lorraine Hammond
Samantha Lynn Hardin
Ebram Naftzger
Amanda Marie Nobles
Jessica Orellana

Sabrina Noralynn Ramos
Karina Romero Luna
Alyssa Kay Smith
Cynthia E. Vega

Counseling and Psychotherapy

Han Bo
Xiao Fu
Ying Lei
Yanru Li
Zheyang Lin
Fangyin Liu
Zixiang Qin
Pingping Su
Yuan Tian
Jiao Wang
Ruijing Xu
Zi Zeng
Ming Zhang
Sun Zhang
Zimeng Zhang
Ruihao Zhao
Wanqun Zheng

Education: Higher Education

Monica Anne Baeza
Bo Dong
Jasmine Guerrero
Melanie Melissa Luine
De'Janay Dominique Mathews
Emily Perez Ortiz
Alicia Christine Reyes
Heaven Gloria Rivera

Education: Learning and Teaching

Ketevan Abesadze
Alexia Aguilar
Naomi Ahumada

Karla P. Alcantara
Natalia Lupita Almanza
Ronica Marie Almanza
Stacy Beatrice Armendariz
Isaac Jonathan Arzate
Delfina Avendano
Julia Grace Balestreri
Jasmine Baltazar
Danielle Eryn Barrios
Rigoberto Beas
Christina Becerra-Luna
Princess Berry
Kendall Skye Reyes
Jacob Ryan Boroc
Wilbert Bucio Ramos
Jessica Ismennia Bucol
Philan A. Burleson
Anna Marie Bustillos
Amilcar Cabral
Daisy Camacho
Gilbert Sebastian Camacho
Sihara Aleida Cano
Guillermina Casarez
Enrique Ezequiel Casas
Taylor Rosemary Cassel
Anissa Mariel Castillo
Stephany R. Castorena
Ibrian A. Cervantes
Fanzana Neashell Marie Chapman
Maribel Chavez
Eddy Daniel Chiang
Blake P. Coker
Giselle Collado
Martin Corral Jr.
Montserrat Corral
Adrienne Coulson
Jackeline Covarrubias
Andrea Cruz
Gabriela Guadalupe Curiel

Maya Rayann Leon Guerrero Curtis
Merianne Damo
Emily A. Davis
Kenadi Alexys Davis
Melanie Ann Davis
Angela De Leon-Rodriguez
Anthony Delgadillo
Rebecca Grace Devove
Vanessa Diaz
Katya Ximena Dominguez Bautista
Stephanie Duarte
Larissa Alejandra Duran
Erin Maria Hudson
Erika Brooke Eklund
Shelby T. Elam
Teresa Espinoza
Alejandra Espinoza Zazueta
Ambar Karina Estrada-Madrigal
Brittany Lynn Eyles
Loredana Fabian
Josh David Figueroa
Isabel Figueroa Parra
Tanja Marie Fisher
Sarah Marie Flowers
Genesis Catalina Ford Sanchez
Frank Fuentes III
Leah Christine Gallegos
Lisset Patricia Galvan
Erin Noelle Gamez
Mark A. Garcia
Nayeli Monzerrat Garcia
Abril Garcia-Plascencia
Rebeca Garcia
Matthew Glover
Maria Guadalupe Gomez
Pricila Gomez
Theodore Raymond Gonzales
Jacob Granado
Anna C. Green

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GRADUATE CANDIDATES

Tracey Ann Greene
Emily Ruth Gregg
Jory Jordan Grinage
Vivian Grace Gutierrez
Jose-Daniel Guzman-Campos
Katelyn Collette Hardy
Miriah Danielle Henderson
Gabriel Ramos Hernandez
Hanna Lilia Hernandez
Lauren Elaine Hollifield
Alejandra Horta
Salbador Ismael Huerta
Ryan M. Hutchins
Jessica Islas
Kaory Jaimez
Hannah B. Jerrier
Andrea Jimenez
Jasmine Elese Johnson
Sara Nicole Karamat
Mena Said Mostafa Kassem
Kalyn Ann Kemp
Liliana Korteland
Amanda Elizabeth La Rue
Selena Ashley Landin
Emersen Lee Larkin
Jessica Larson
Jennifer M. Le
Melissa Kathleen Lebow
Veronica Leyva-Ventura
Emily Sara Liem
Alyssa Elizabeth Lopez
Brianna M. Lopez
Cindy Rebecca Lopez
Monica R. Lopez
Roxana Isabel Lopez
Luis Antonio Lopez Hernandez
Maria Lopez
Teresa Celeste Luna
Sheila Luna-Villagran
Christy Marie Macias

Miguel Macias Ponce
Luis Fernando Mancilla
Denise Martinez
Diana Martinez
Melissa Martinez
Sharon Kavva Mason
Emily Jo Mayfield
Sarah Kinsey McCorkle
Katelyn Rene Medeiros
Fatima G. Min Rivas
Ceiry Stephanie Molina
Alejandro Montenegro Herrera
Shondell D. Moore
Noah Nathaniel Morris
Raymond Morris
Steven Mitchell Nakamura
Angelica Navarro
Zachery Michael Nelson
Jonathan Efrain Pacheco
Miranda Leonor Pacheco
Francisco Palma Jr.
Julia Nicole Peregrina
Jose Manuel Perez
Jonathan Peyecer
Citlalli Montserrat Pineda Martinez
Analia Ponce-Rueda
Gabriela Prado
Elizabeth Dianne Quezada
Dinora A. Quintana
Patrick Quintero Fuentes
Gianna Nathalie Radoi
Monica Ramblas
Anthony Michael Ramirez
Maribel Ramirez
Maritza Y. Ramirez-Molina
Alexandra Eufemia Ramos
Richard Andrew Redd
Sofia Riccobelli
Maria Del Carmen Rivera Medina
Daniel Loren Bryce Robertson

Monica Lizbeth Rodas
Ruby Rodriguez
Samantha Marie Rodriguez
Yuritza Rojas
Carmen Rolon
Judith Romo Padilla
Theresa Ann Schisler
Rebecca Danielle Ruiz
Selina Sherlene Sargento
Carolina Saucedo
Nathan Lamar Scott
Katelyn Elizabeth Shephard
Melanie Dawn Sherif
Timony Laine Sherry
Michael Robert Silva
Joshua Allen Simpson
Kim Thuy Lien Sinh
Jenna Dianne Snowball-Jones
David Anthony Stewart
Benjamin Shebly Sundell
Avery C. Tax
Myra J. Tejeda
Julie Marie Thorig
Briana Rose Rivas
Jessica Leticia Torres
Kealani Marie Torres
Steven Tovar-Contreras
Emma Elisa Trujillo
Brittany Nicole Vardiman
Manuel Ayuxi Vargas
Antonio Vazquez
Paola Lizbeth Vega
Paul Moses Vega
Roxana Velasco
Tina Marie Venner
Anisa Marie Wales
Gillian Leonarda Washington
Arianna Suzanne Werblak
Connor J. Wiedeman
Denisha Wilson-Childs

Courtney Wollam
Veronica Deneen Young
Marcial Chaim Klaas Zaroff-
Hernandez
Jazmin Zepeda Valdez
MacKenzie Shane Parvin
Kiara Michelle Warhop

Education: School Counseling

Consuelo Almanza
Nia F. Bowens-McLeod
Angelica Carvajal
Shienne Patricia Cortas Cay
Merisa Marie Coté
Olivia Diaz
Erika Diaz
Alexis Judith Felix
Elicia Marie Ferguson
Natasha C. Gordon
Cynthia Angelica Ibañez
Adriana Monique Lopez
Melissa Wanda Lopez
Jasmin Martinez
Marissa Eileen Martinez
Kimberly Moreno Huerta
Alexis Moya
Hugo Ramsey Munoz-Escalera
Daniel Efrain Quinonez
Martha Leon Ramirez
Ingrid Pahola Richcreek
Kelsie D. Ryser
Nayali Salazar
Tomas Sandoval
Leslie Thyis Sernaque Falcon
Jennifer Solis
David Sosa
Elise Stamenkovic
Jaqueline Tapia
Aodhan Graeme Thornhill

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DOCTORAL CANDIDATES

Doctorate Leadership for Educational Justice

Iyan Barrera-Sandri

“That’s where I learned really how sex works”: Asian American and Pacific Islander men who are attracted to men supplementation of sexual and romantic education through media

Dissertation Chair, Ann Blankenship-Knox, Ph.D.

Kieshauna R. Choice

Mentorship and the Advancement of Black Women in Higher Education

Dissertation Chair, Ann Blankenship-Knox, Ph.D.

Sara Rene’e Maxima DeMarina

The Dueling Forces of DEI Efforts and Institutional Racism in Higher Education: The Rela

Dissertation Chair, Pauline Reynolds, Ph.D.

Anuradha Job Diekmann

Assessing “Servingsness” at a Private Hispanic-Serving Institution (HSI) through the Lens of Carino (“Care”)

Dissertation Chair, Adriana Alvarado, Ph.D.

Patrisia Macias Gonzalez

Applying John Kingdon’s Three Streams Model Theory and Dietmar Braun and Fabrizio Gilardi’s Policy Diffusion Theory to Washington D.C.’s Universal Pre-Kindergarten Policy Enactment

Dissertation Chair, Ann Blankenship-Knox, Ph.D.

Annette Rene’ Hatch

The Lived Experiences of Women with Obesity Achieving a Post-Secondary Degree

Dissertation Chair, Ann Blankenship-Knox, Ph.D.

Shana M. Higgins

Feminst in a feminized profession: Feminist Leadership in Libraries in Higher Education

Dissertation Chair, Ann Blankenship-Knox, Ph.D.

Jesse Juarez

It's more than just teaching: University Faculty and their Exposure to Student Trauma

Dissertation Chair, Pauline Reynolds, Ph.D.

Denise Lopez

"Échale GANAS (Gathering Aspirational Narratives and Academic Success)": Testimonios in Pláticas on the Transition From Secondary School Into Higher Education for First-Generation Latino Males

Dissertation Chair, Mikela Bjork, Ph.D.

Jeremy Gilbert Perez

21st Century Digital Divide

Dissertation Chair, Adriana Alvarado, Ph.D.

Bruce Rawding

Assessment in the Era of Neoliberalism: Examining the value of Institutionalization of Student Learning Outcomes Assessment at the University Redlands, School of Business & Society

Dissertation Chair, Gregory Hamilton, Ed.D.

Joanna Catherine Vance

*Reimagining Mathematics: Examining the Relationship Between Mathematics Self-Efficacy and STEM *Achievement in Underrepresented K-12 Students through Participation in Community-Based STEM Programs*

Dissertation Chair, Nicol R. Howard, Ph.D.

Juanita Lizette Watkins

The Face of Resistance and Hope: A Autoethnographic Study of the Lived Experience of a Diversity and Equity Officer in Public School Education

Dissertation Chair, Mikela Bjork, Ph.D.

AWARDS AND HONORS

Department of Counseling & Human Services Awards

Alliance for Community Transformation and Wellness Social Justice and Advocacy Award

Presented to a student in the counseling and human services program serving as an example to others with a demonstrated commitment during their academic training to issues of diversity, social justice, and mental health advocacy in their work with students, clients, and patients and service to the campus and Inland Empire community beyond the scope of their student responsibilities.

Jennifer Solis

Dorothy Inghram Endowed Scholarship

Presented annually to a graduate student who shares Dorothy Inghram's passion for educational justice.

Consuelo Almanza

Outstanding Clinical Mental Health Counseling Graduate Student Award

Presented annually to a master's degree candidate in the clinical mental health counseling program who excels in coursework, fieldwork, and research. The recipient has a strong commitment to advocacy in the field of clinical mental health counseling.

Ebram Naftzger

Outstanding Counseling Graduate Student Award

Presented annually to a master's degree candidate in the counseling program who demonstrates exemplary performance in coursework, fieldwork, and overall scholarship. They show tremendous promise of contributing to the counseling profession as evidenced by exceptional leadership, effective collaboration, and a strong commitment to advocacy.

Kimberly Moreno

Department of Teaching & Learning Awards

Alpha Delta Kappa Outstanding Student Award

Presented annually to an undergraduate student who demonstrates a high level of dedication, excellent quality of classwork, and intent to pursue a career in education. Alpha Delta Kappa is an international honorary organization of women educators dedicated to educational excellence, altruism, and world understanding.

Fatima Min-Rivas

Dorothy D. Arthur Endowed Scholarship

Presented annually to a Preliminary Teacher Credential candidate with a strong commitment to education and the potential to become an outstanding classroom teacher.

Scott Bentley

Latanya McIntosh

Angelino Polo

Gilbert L. Brown Jr. Family Endowed Scholarship

Presented annually to one or more students pursuing either their teaching credential or Master's degree in the Department of Teaching and Learning.

Christy Garcia
Steven Gastelum
Katelyn Shephard

Nelson W. Burdett Endowed Scholarship

Presented annually to a Preliminary Teacher Credential candidate who demonstrates a strong commitment to education and the potential to be an outstanding educator.

Hayley Fincher

Stanley Combs Secondary Education Teaching Award

Presented annually to a Single Subject Teacher Credential candidate who best exemplifies the moral and spiritual qualities of poise, humility, and professional attitude of a good teacher.

Andrew Salas

Valorie McLaughlin Endowed Scholarship for Student Teaching

Presented annually to student teachers who demonstrate a passion for teaching.

Lauren Hollifield
Sheila Luna-Villagran
Melissa Martinez
Dinora Quintana

Lois Fair Wilson Endowed Scholarship

Presented annually to a Preliminary Teacher Credential candidate with a strong commitment to education as a profession and the potential to be an outstanding classroom teacher.

Christopher Gonzalez
Kayla Morel

Outstanding Learning and Teaching Graduate Student Award

This award is presented annually to a master's degree candidate who excels in coursework, fieldwork, and research. The recipient of this award shows great promise as a future educator who will positively impact students.

Alexis Martinez

Department of Leadership and Higher Education Awards

Alpha Delta Kappa Outstanding Student Award

Presented annually to a graduate student who demonstrates a strong commitment to education. Recipients of this award demonstrate a high level of dedication, excellent quality of classwork, and intent to pursue a career in education. Alpha Delta Kappa is an international honorary organization of women educators dedicated to educational excellence, altruism, and world understanding.

Sara DeMarina

AWARDS AND HONORS

Gordon C. Atkins Award

Presented annually to a master's degree candidate who exemplifies Gordon Atkins' high standards and lifelong commitment to expanding higher education opportunities for all students, regardless of age.

Alicia Reyes

Outstanding Doctoral Student Award

Presented to an Ed.D. candidate who excels in coursework and research and understands all aspects of educational justice. The recipient shows great promise for a career in education.

Joanna Vance

Outstanding Educational Administration Graduate Student Award

Presented annually to a master's degree candidate in the educational administration program who excels in coursework, fieldwork, and research. The recipient of this award shows great promise as a future administrator who will positively impact students.

Jose Patino

Outstanding Higher Education Graduate Student Award

Presented annually to a master's degree candidate in the higher education program who excels in coursework and research and understands all aspects of higher education. The recipient of this award shows great promise for a career in higher education.

Heaven Rivera

Military Veteran Honors

All military veterans who are participating in Commencement will be honored by the University of Redlands. Students with this honor wear a medallion with red, white and blue ribbons at the ceremony.

Outstanding Faculty Awards

Faculty Excellence in Teaching Awards

Department of Counseling and Human Services

Lesley Davidson-Boyd

Department of Leadership and Higher Education

Melissa Meetz-Hall

Department of Teaching and Learning

William Dolphin



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- Master of Geographic Information Systems
- Executive Master of Geographic Information Systems

Leadership

- Master of Public Policy & Administration
- M.S. in Organizational Leadership
- Doctorate in Leadership for Educational Justice

- M.A. in Higher Education and Student Affairs
- M.A. in Education, School and District Leadership
- Credential: Preliminary Administrative Services Credential

Education & Teaching

- M.A. in Education, Learning and Teaching
- Credentials: Multiple/Single Subject or Mild/Moderate Education Specialist
- Dual: Multiple/Single Subject with Mild/Moderate Education Specialist
- M.A. in Education, Analytics and Learning Design

Professional Tracks

- M.A. in Clinical Mental Health Counseling
- M.A. in Education, School Counseling
- M.S. in Communication Sciences & Disorders

Music

- Master of Music in Multiple Subjects
- Artist Diploma

Theology

- Master of Divinity
- M.A. in Theological Studies
- Doctor of Ministry

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*O, that dear old U of R,
Thy children near and far
Will sing to thee and all thy glories tell;
Where the orange blossoms grow,
And the waters gently flow,
That dear old U of R we love so well.*

*O, that dear old U of R,
Whose emblem shines afar,
Eternal as the hills we love so well;
Where the mountains tall and grand
Like an inspiration stand,
That dear old U of R we love so well.*

*O, that dear old U of R,
The years can never mar,
The memories of thee we love so well;
Where the friendships are so dear
That we leave them with a tear
That dear old U of R we love so well.*

—University of Redlands “Alma Mater”

*Och Tamale gazolly gazump
Deyump deyatty yahoo
Ink damink deyatty gazink
Deyump, deray, yahoo
Wing wang tricky trackey poo foo
Joozy woozy skizzle wazzle
Wang tang orky porky dominorky
Redlands!—Rah, Rah, Redlands!*

—University of Redlands “Och Tamale” cheer

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