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Keck Graduate Institute Commencement Ceremony

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GARDINER SPRING AUDITORIUM

Commencement Ceremony

Welcome

Dr. Megan Prosser

Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs
Dean, School of Health Sciences

National Anthem

Ijeoma Chikezie

Master of Science in Applied Life Sciences

Invocation

Reverend Joel Daniels

Protestant Chaplain, The Claremont Colleges

Board of Trustees Remarks

Dr. Ross Grossman

Chair, Board of Trustees

Presidential Remarks

Dr. Mohamed Abousalem

President

Class of 2025 Student Speaker

Rebecca Herrera

Master of Science in Applied Life Sciences

Keynote Speaker

Dr. John D. Carpten

Chief Scientific Officer;
Irell & Manella Cancer Center Director's Distinguished Chair;
Morgan & Helen Chu Director's Chair of the Beckman Research Institute

Honorary Degree

Robert A. Bradway

Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Amgen

Presentation of Graduates

Dr. Megan Prosser

Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs
Dean, School of Health Sciences

Conferral of Degrees

Dr. Megan Prosser

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Dean, School of Health Sciences

Charge to Graduates

Dr. Mohamed Abousalem

President

Message from the President and the Provost



Dr. Mohamed Abousalem

President



Dr. Megan Prosser

Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs
Dean, School of Health Sciences

Dear Esteemed Graduates of 2025,

It is an honor and privilege to celebrate commencement at Keck Graduate Institute with such a talented and inspiring group of graduates. We hope many of you will agree that KGI is a special place—and each of you has left a mark that will help us elevate excellence together.

We hope you enjoy this special day with family and friends and take time to celebrate how far you have come and what you have achieved. Earning a graduate degree is a true testament to your work ethic, dedication, and passion. The fields you will all join are dedicated to the betterment of the world, and there is arguably no greater gift you can give to this world than to help others.

As you embark on your next journey in life, we hope you will look back fondly on your time here at KGI and not only find that you gathered the skills and experience necessary to succeed in your career, but also made connections and built a network that will support you professionally and personally.

We want to leave you with these three points:

You are the generation who will make a positive impact in applied life sciences, biopharmaceutical processing, business and science, community health administration, genetic counseling, human genetics and genomic data analytics, medical device engineering, occupational therapy, pharmacy, as a physician associate, in research and beyond.

You are the future ethical leaders who will heal and uplift our local and global communities.

You are Beaker Bees, and we can't wait to see what you do next!

Warmest regards,

A stylized blue ink signature of Dr. Mohamed Abousalem.

Dr. Mohamed Abousalem

A stylized blue ink signature of Dr. Megan Prosser.

Dr. Megan Prosser

Keynote Speaker



Dr. John D. Carpten

Chief Scientific Officer; Irell & Manella Cancer Center Director's Distinguished Chair;
Morgan & Helen Chu Director's Chair of the Beckman Research Institute

Dr. John D. Carpten currently serves as Chief Scientific Officer for the City of Hope, where he also serves as Director of the Comprehensive Cancer Center and Director of Beckman Research Institute.

Dr. Carpten's expertise spans a very broad range of research disciplines including genome science, tumor profiling, cancer cell biology, functional genomics, health disparities, and precision medicine. The primary goal of Dr. Carpten's research program is to discover molecular alterations in cancer and to translate these findings into new approaches for prevention, diagnosis, and treatment. His work has impacted our understanding of a variety of cancer types particularly those that disproportionately affect underrepresented groups.

Dr. Carpten has co-authored over 200 peer reviewed publications. He has received numerous awards and was inducted into the AACR Fellows of the Academy in 2021. In October 2021, Dr. Carpten received an appointment from President Joe Biden to serve as Chair for the National Cancer Advisory Board.

Dr. Carpten earned his PhD in molecular genetics from The Ohio State University.

Honorary Degree Recipient



Robert A. Bradway

Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Amgen

Robert A. Bradway is Amgen's chairman and chief executive officer. He became chairman in January 2013 and chief executive officer in May 2012. Bradway served as the company's president and chief operating officer from May 2010 to May 2012, and was appointed to the Amgen Board of Directors in October 2011. He joined the company in 2006 as vice president, Operations Strategy, and served as executive vice president and chief financial officer from April 2007 to May 2010.

Prior to joining Amgen, Bradway was a managing director at Morgan Stanley in London where, beginning in 2001, he had responsibility for the firm's banking department and corporate finance activities in Europe. He joined Morgan Stanley in New York as a health care industry investment banker in 1985 and moved to London in 1990.

Bradway is a member of the board of directors of The Boeing Company, chairing its Governance and Public Policy committee and serving on its Compensation committee. He also serves as a board member of the W. M. Keck Foundation and the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America (PhRMA). In addition, Bradway serves on the board of trustees of the University of Southern California, he is an Emeritus Director of the CEO Roundtable on Cancer, and he is a member of the American Heart Association CEO Roundtable, which is helping the Association meet its goal of improving the cardiovascular health of all Americans.

Bradway holds a bachelor's degree in biology from Amherst College and a master's degree in business administration from Harvard University.



Henry E. Riggs School of Applied Life Sciences

Doctor of Philosophy in Applied Life Sciences

Alexander Burns
Josephine Chu
Jonathan Ruben Felix
Oghenetega Edward Imiruaye
Yi-Chun Lin
Jennifer Maffre

Diandra Martinez
Ana Mena Amores
Noa Park
Kent Young
Zihao Zhang

Master of Business and Science

Manisha Chandel
Waree Changpradith
Devon Cooper
Claudia Gibson
Aman Kushwaha
Claire Manning
Sophie Nguyen
Rebecca Aladi Omachonu
Andrew Parker

Helen Pham
Japkaran Singh
Vaishwik Tank
Pankaj Sudhir Tiwari
Sarah Truxal
Varun Varanasy
Immanuel Victor
Andre Yarcen

Master of Community Health Administration

Alhadj Abdoulaye Abdelhamit Mahamat

Alyssa Aguilar

Henry Chen

Mustapha Ayoola Ishola

Raveena Kaur

Kim Nguyen

Mary Nguyen

Maria Rayas Rivera

Viviana Rosales

Jessica Saint-Fleur

Julie Jane Torres

Christina Vasquez

Master of Engineering in Biopharmaceutical Processing

Victoria Sandra Apodaca

Edgar Baldeon

Mara Girgis

David Guthary

Eduardo Alonzo Hernandez

Sean Ko

Natasha Matti

Emmanuel Mensah

Gopi Patel

Kevin Junior Pizarro Bellido

Nigel Reed

Skyler Alan Santos

Farnoush Sohbati

Ahmed Srass

Leonardo Tavormina



Master of Science in Applied Life Sciences

Khalid Abdullah	Rebecca Noemi Herrera
Kaitlyn Amie Alcala	Nekyla Hill
Arman Aloyan	Matthew Lopez
Adam Brown	Sandy Ying-Ying Lu
Jaylan Brown	Melissa Mendez
Kathryn Buzanski	Michelle Miranda
Victoria Rose Caballero	Kaitlyn Murphy
Jose Carra Hernandez	Jenifer Ngo
Isamar Ceja	Zhane' Ochoa
Kelly Chehadah	Maria Fernanda Perilla Cordoba
Ijeoma Chikezie	Christopher Perucho
Harmanpreet Ghotra	Jenna Sacco
Ravneet Kaur Gill	J'alyc Southern
Nima Golshani	Emma Stepanian
Brissa Gomez Lujan	Aaron JP Thielemann
Demetri Gonzalez	Erick Hiroshi Torres
Kristen Hanlon	

Master of Science in Biopharmaceutical Process Engineering

A.J. Singh Maan

Master of Science in Human Genetics and Genomic Data Analytics

Nneka Akwu	Caroline Park
Janelle Deseo	Dhruvi Patel
Cimone Jackson	Kiana Roberts
Alexis Jimenez	Paulo Joshua Sadoy Tanicala
Emma Nguyen	Joseph Uchytill
Jordyn Niemiec	Emily A. White
Gabriela Victoria Ochoa	Guanqiao Yu

Master of Science in Medical Device Engineering

Lisa Dang
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Abigail Little

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Walaa Shawakha
Farhan Syufriza

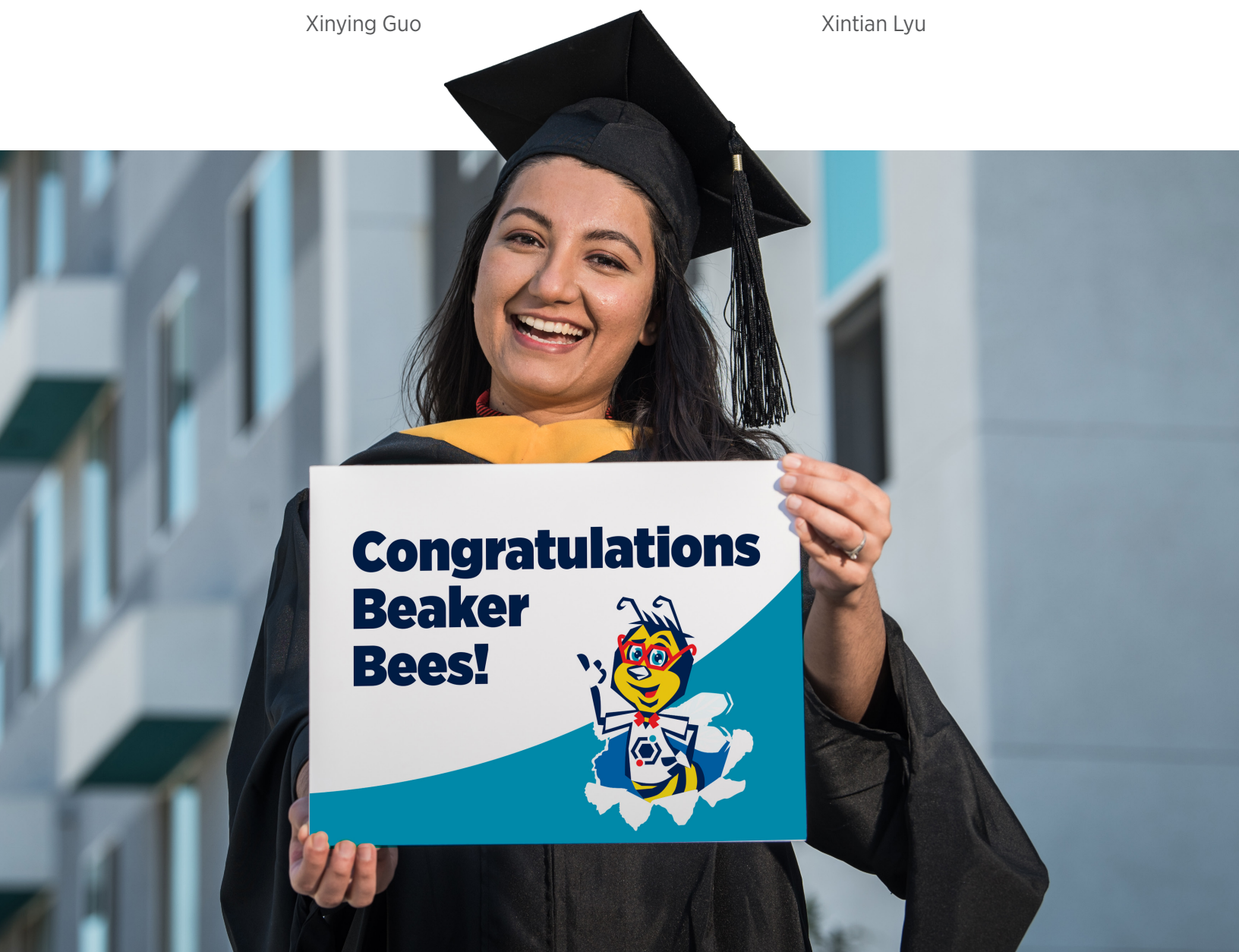
Master of Science in Regulatory Affairs

Anette Shekanino

Master of Science in Translational Medicine

Xinying Guo

Xintian Lyu





School of Health Sciences

Master of Science in Community Medicine

Thien-Nhi Bui
Elizabeth Gonzalez
Maribel Rosales Cortez
Perla Hernandez

Isabel Ortiz
Sharon Parker-Martin
Alejandra Tapia

Master of Science in Human Genetics and Genetic Counseling

Abigail Grace Augustine
Anyia Fields
Sabrina Isabel Fossi
Alexandra M. Fowler
Ryley Hutchison
Morgan Huxell
Arianna Ko
Jessica Lee Norris Kotval
Christina Nguyen
Christina Rivera

Carly Rudnick
Katelin Rugg
Simone Raquel Schwartz-Lombard
Amber Yelvington Sher
Hailee Rae Silva
Paige Marie Stockard
Lynn Vo
Orin Whitby
Kaylin Williams
Lindsey Young

Master of Science in Physician Associate Studies

Maerah Ahmed
Nazanin Alaghemand
Michael Alvarez
Micaela Arambel
Brooke Osborne Boyd
Bryan Brown
Justin Cayas
Jason Chang
Rachel Chater Lea
Michelle Chen
Jacklyn Cupp
Ashley Doan
Christopher James Dominguez
William Fung
Emily Ha
Kellie Alexandra Harrington
Shelby Hart
Kedra Monique Haynes
Makayla Lynne Hughes

Allison Marie Jasper
Clinton Edward Kershaw
Kirill Lipa
Brianna Maldonado
Justin Diguangco Mendoza
Alexander Mohan
Angelina Nguyen
Heather Phuong Nguyen
Andrew Ochoa
Jacqueline Tram On
Sarina S. Patel
Kimberly Pham
Meagan Ponciano
Christian Roy
Jaime Savitz
McKenna Schindler
Alexander Senturia
Sabrina Ann Torres
Melissa Vargas





Occupational Therapy Doctorate

Ini Adebodun	Ashley Jones
Alejandra Arenas	Pearl Daeun Kim
Viviana Avila	Destiny Molina Lim
Maria I. Calderon	Alyssa Linares
Raine Laurente	Bailey Littlefield
Victoria Cisneros	Taran Malhi
Vanessa Cuenca	Hazel Stephanie Martinez
Cheyenne Mia Gamboa	Jerelle Ysobel Tobias Medina
Brooke Geske	Sabrina Nassir
Raymond Gonzalez Martinez	Sarah Rabitoy
Allie Denise Grelle	Isabelle Reilly
Jason Heinrich	Meryll Kim Robles
Ashlyn Henning	Lily Shapiro
Batool Hussain	Roberto Solis

School of Pharmacy

Doctor of Pharmacy

Adrian Alonzo	Shadi Navidi
Dharam Amin	Truc Ngo
Ann-Michelle Arias	Chloe Nguyen
Lizbeth Duran	Stace Nickels
Lobna Fathalla	Stephanie Nwadike
Skai Fu	Prem Patel
Christopher Irving Garcia	Tina Paul
Mikey Gau	Nelson Danilo Salazar Avilez
Antonio Guevara	Ana Santos
Jason Joseph Halfen	Valeriy Shipilov
Dang Her	Christian Denise Tan
Harman Kaur	Tamara Tarposhyan
Abigail Klein	Jocelyn Tran
An Le	Minh Tran
Kristina Lin	Adrienne Uhlyarik
Noreen Lumawod	Chelsea Vang
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Elizabeth Mejia	Bryan Wu
Yashodhan Mirashi	Ying Zhang
Cassie Moua	



Faculty

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Congratulations Graduates

On behalf of the staff and faculty at Keck Graduate Institute, congratulations on completing your degree, and welcome to the KGI alumni community.

Although this portion of your student journey is ending, as you embark on your future careers and studies, KGI will always be with you. You are a member of the KGI family and community for life.

We are proud of you and look forward to seeing everything you accomplish.

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