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2026

Keck Graduate Institute

Commencement  
Ceremony

Saturday, May 16, 2026 • 2 PM  
Gardiner Spring Auditorium

# Commencement Ceremony

## Welcome

### Dr. Megan Prosser

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

## National Anthem

### Kirun Treinen '26

Master of Science in  
Human Genetics and Genetic Counseling

## Invocation

### Reverend Joel Daniels

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## Board of Trustees Remarks

### Dr. Ross Grossman

Chair, Board of Trustees



## Presidential Remarks

**Dr. Mohamed Abousalem**

President

## Class of 2026 Student Speaker

**Jennalyn Resendez '26**

Master of Science in Applied Life Sciences

## Honorary Degree Recipient and Keynote Speaker

**Dr. Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw**

Founder and Executive Chairperson — Biocon Limited

## Presentation of Graduates

**Dr. Megan Prosser**

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

## Conferral of Degrees

**Dr. Megan Prosser**

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

## Charge to Graduates

**Dr. Mohamed Abousalem**

President



# Message from the President and the Provost

Dear Esteemed Graduates of 2026,

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.

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 who carry the KGI story forward — elevating the institutional brand through your achievements and the way you share how the Institute prepared you with the knowledge and skills necessary to succeed and lead.

We can't wait to see what you do next.

Warmest regards,



**Dr. Mohamed Abousalem**

President



**Dr. Megan Prosser**

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



# Honorary Degree Recipient and Keynote Speaker



**Dr. Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw**

Founder and Executive Chairperson — Biocon Limited

Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw is the founder and executive chairperson of Biocon Limited, a leading global biopharmaceutical company, headquartered in India.

Recognized as a healthcare visionary who pioneered the model of affordable innovation to tackle global health disparities, Mazumdar-Shaw founded Biocon as India's first biotech company in 1978 from her garage. In the nearly five decades since, she has transformed it into a multibillion-dollar global biopharmaceutical company focused on ensuring life-saving medicines are affordable, accessible and available to everyone, regardless of economic status.

Mazumdar-Shaw has consistently been featured on the Forbes' list of The World's Most Powerful Women since 2011, and was also featured in Forbes' 50 Over 50 global list in 2025.

She has several global recognitions, including the Othmer Gold Medal, the Advancing Women in Science and Medicine (AWSM) Award for Excellence, the Order of Australia, Knight of the National Order of the French Legion of Honour, and EY World Entrepreneur of the Year.

Mazumdar-Shaw collaborated with KGI in 2013 for Biocon Academy to introduce its flagship Biocon KGI Certificate Program in Biosciences to address the talent gap in the biotech sector of India. This program offers an 18-week, full-time course at Biocon Academy, which covers the scientific foundations of biotechnology application and provides hands-on training under KGI faculty direction. Since 2014, nearly 900 students have graduated from the program, with a 100% job placement within the first week of completing the program.





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