

Northwestern

WEINBERG COLLEGE
OF ARTS & SCIENCES



CONVOCATION

Saturday, June 14, 2025

Welsh-Ryan Arena | Evanston, Illinois

PROCESSIONAL

Faculty and Student Marshals

Music performed by Millar Brass Band

WELCOME

Adrian Randolph,

Dean of the Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences

CONVOCATION ADDRESS

Junta Nakai '04

RECOGNITION OF ACADEMIC HONORS

PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS

CLOSING REMARKS

Dean Adrian Randolph

NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY ALMA MATER

Led by members of the Undertones

RECESSIONAL

Junta Nakai graduated from Northwestern in 2004 with a major in economics. As Vice President at Databricks, a Silicon Valley-based AI company, he heads global cybersecurity, public sector, and financial services. Additionally, he sits on the firm-wide sustainability steering committee. Outside of tech, he is a co-founder of Brooklyn Kura, America's largest craft sake brewery. Before joining Databricks, Junta spent 14 years at Goldman Sachs, where he held various leadership positions within the equities division. Junta lives in New York with his wife and two children.

STUDENT MARSHALS

Student Marshals are selected by their department or program and have the honor of carrying the banner of their major during the procession.

Samuel A. Rappin, Ad Hoc
Festus Nanghambe, African Studies

Elliot Frances Oppenheim,
American Studies

Madeline Grace Howard,
Anthropology

Samantha Jane Kliss, Art History

Isabella Imani Curls Bartling,
Art Theory and Practice

Sanjana Rajesh, Asian
American Studies

Hamnah Naveed Malik, Asian
Languages and Cultures

Sophia V. Bonfigli, Biological
Sciences

Kineyshi Kerly Fils-Esperant,
Black Studies

Yixuan Shi, Chemistry

Lauren Elizabeth Kelley, Classics

Madeline Davis Friedman,
Cognitive Science

Claire Emiko Doyle, Comparative
Literary Studies

Ethan Joshua Pineda, Computer
Science

Gulsimo Osimi, Data Science

Shailen Chugh, Earth and
Planetary Sciences

Austin Benedetto, Economics

Natalia Tapia-Moreno, English

Sara Jia-Ling Yen, Environmental
Policy and Culture

Athena GoingSnake,
Environmental Sciences

Juliet Ava Burks, French and Italian

Morgan Elizabeth Willison, Gender
and Sexuality Studies

Madeleine Claire Teresa Williams,
Geography

Brock Dean Tweedy, German

Sophia Ayomide Akinboro, Global
Health Studies

Jovana Lakic, History

Yung Chi Li, Integrated Science

Alexander Willem Sudmann,
International Studies

Jonathan Mazor, Jewish Studies

Nicole Lorena Medina, Latina and
Latino Studies

Noah Francis Coyle, Legal Studies

Isaiah Joseph DeLeon, Linguistics

Sharon Lin, Mathematical Methods
in the Social Sciences

Cam Elisabeth Kennedy,
Mathematics

Asiyah Mardiyah Arastu, Middle
East and North African Studies

Uju Kim, Neuroscience

Yuan-Ho Chin, Philosophy

Alyssa Amy Matthews, Physics

Shanthan Timothy Benjamin-Webb,
Political Science

Molly Christina McCarthy,
Psychology

Callie Maria Stolar, Religious Studies

Joshua John Jerisha, Science in
Human Culture

Christopher Skawiniak, Slavic
Languages and Literatures

Maddie Olivia Kerr, Sociology

Elena Isabel Ostolaza Dewar,
Spanish

Yecheng Wang, Statistics

UNIVERSITY ALMA MATER

Hail to Alma Mater!
We will sing thy praise forever;
All thy sons and daughters
Pledge thee victory and honor.
Alma Mater, praise be thine,
May thy name forever shine!
Hail to Purple! Hail to White!
Hail to thee, Northwestern!

*Quaecumque sunt vera,
Proba, justa, mera
Omnia haec dona
Praebes nobis bona,
Alma Mater cara,
Benedicta, clara,
Celsa in honore
Nostro et amore!*