

COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

DECEMBER 2023



LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Graduating Class of 2023,

We are so proud of and grateful for you. I trust you have experienced the presence and promises of God in this amazing journey.

As you experience these moments, it is our prayer that you will drink deeply of the joy of this season in your life. Just as God instructed the children of Israel to establish monuments to honor His working, so WE mark this moment of accomplishment with you. May we offer three suggestions for having a God-honoring celebration?

- 1. Honor God as the source of your life, gifts, and opportunities. Remember that before the foundation of the world, Jesus ordained this day and by His love made it possible for you to experience His grace and gifts. He has a great future in store for you as well (Eph. 2:8-10).
- 2. Give thanks for your family, friends, and all who have sown into your life with their love and kindness. All of us today are standing on the shoulders of those who went before us. A heart of gratitude is a wonderful thing to cultivate.
- 3. Remember, you are not at the end! This is a milestone, but not the end of the journey. Jesus will continue to grow and develop you as you entrust your life to Him. He will finish what He has started in you (Philippians 1:6). Lean into His future and trust Him as you help transform the world around us.

We are delighted to be part of the story God is writing with your life. As faculty, staff, and administration, we join your family and friends in honoring your accomplishments and we continue praying for you. Thank you for walking faithfully in Christ as you glorify Him with your life.

Tamela Jackson

For His Glory,

John and Pamela Jackson

President and First Lady of Jessup University

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER - SHANNON GROVE

Senator Shannon Grove was born and raised in Kern County, California. She served in the US Army and while stationed in Frankfurt, Germany, she witnessed the fall of the Berlin Wall. Following her service to our nation, Senator Grove established a staffing company where she currently serves as the CEO.

Senator Grove is a leader in her community and amongst her peers in the legislature. After being sworn in to represent California's 16th Senate District in 2018, she was immediately elected Leader of the Senate Republican Caucus. She is the third female to serve in the to leadership post of the Senate Republican Caucus and the first female veteran elected to the California State Legislature where she served in the Assembly from 2010 to 2016.

In 2022, Senator Grove was elected to the 12th Senate District, where she continues to advocate for small business, farmers, and families. She currently lives in Kern County with her husband, Rick. They are the proud parents of five children and ten grandchildren.

As a public servant, a military veteran and a long-standing member of her home church, Senator Grove has dedicated her life to works of service in the name of the Lord. She supports churches across the state and nation and works daily to ensure we continue to have the ability to worship freely in California. She has supported and fought for the most vulnerable members of society and has made it her mission to help those that need it most.

Senator Grove stands side by side with Jessup in their mission to educate transformational leaders for the glory of God. Senator Grove follows this same mission in the legislature and in her community.

JESSUP UNIVERSITY

Today's Commencement ceremony celebrates "What God has done, how awesome His works on our behalf!" (Psalm 66:5). As we celebrate the lives of our graduates, we rejoice at the privilege to share in His work in our history, in our graduates' lives and in the future lives they impact.

William Jessup University has a rich heritage with humble beginnings dating back to the Great Depression era when Eugene Sanderson saw the need for a Bible college in the greater San Francisco Bay Area. He purchased two large houses across from what is now San Jose State University.

During the next five years, he prepared for the future by improving the property and building a chapel that served the faculty and student body for many years. In January of 1939, Sanderson asked William L. Jessup to carry on the vision and start the college. On September 19, 1939, San Jose Bible College was established with a class of just 14 students.

Over the years, the University has been served by five other presidents including Al Tiffin, Woody Phillips, Chuck Boatman, and Bryce Jessup. It was during Dr. Bryce Jessup's tenure that the school became regionally accredited by WSCUC and moved its main campus here in Rocklin in 2004, when the university's name was changed to William Jessup University.

Dr. John Jackson serves as William Jessup University's sixth president. He holds a Ph.D. in Educational Administration and Organizational Studies from the University of California at Santa Barbara. His leadership has been marked with significant growth in numbers and reputation as we have simultaneously expanded facilities and program offerings to fulfill our mission.

In the midst of today's celebration, we pause to reflect. We see God's faithful hand over eight decades. We celebrate the past, are grateful for the present, and are confidently expectant of our future. God is calling us to His future and we are leaning into His call!

JESSUP UNIVERSITY

EXECUTIVE TEAM

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Jennifer Silva Griffin, EdD, Principal, Valley Christian High School, San Jose, CA

John Jackson, PhD, President, Jessup University, Rocklin, CA

Chris Mann, MS, Principal, CPA/CFP, Mann, Urrutia, Nelson CPAs, Roseville and South Lake Tahoe, CA

Christa Proctor, Real Estate Professional, Christa Proctor & Associates, Roseville, CA

GRADUATE COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2023 AT 7:00PM

Processional (all rise)	Candidates and Faculty
"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"	Participants and Audience
Welcome (please be seated) (Prayer & Class Biography)	Dr. John Jackson, President
Presentation of Honorary Doctorate	Vice President of Academic Affairs
Conferral of Honorary Doctorate	Dr. John Jackson
Commencement Address	California State Senator - District 12
Commendation of Class of 2023	Phillip Escamilla, Esq.
Conferral of Certificates and Degrees	Dr. John Jackson
Special Music "Gratitude"	Vocals: Charlotte Jeffries Jessup Music alum Accompaniment: Brandon Pereira, Jessup Music student
	Associate Professor, School of Theology & Leadership, and leitman, Leadership Faculty and Director of Graduate Studies
Prayer of Consecration	Fritz Moga
	Associate Professor, School of Theology & Leadership
Closing	Dr. John Jackson
Recessional (all rise)	Graduates and Faculty

Please join us for a small reception in the Lecture Hall to congratulate our graduates.

GRADUATE STUDENTS & DEGREES

Certificate in Executive Coaching (Graduate)

Chris Mann

Certificate in Executive Coaching (Graduate)

Crystal Shiozawa

Master of Accountancy

Joseph Bruce

Gerard Albert Melara Jr.

Arpine Melkonyan Bruce

Max Christian Mouras

Sheila Reyes

Deepesh Tiwari

Master of Arts in Counseling Psychology

Salima Alim

Daniela Antone

Kelly Louise Barta

Kimberlee Beath

Daylin Ray Boyd

Gina Rebecca Brown

Jenni'fer JMB Chapman

Abby Christine Patneaud

Kallista Marie Dilliner

Emily Frugoli

Ciara Hale

Brady Samuel Kauk

Kamilla Maree Kazel

Johnny Kim

Manasa Mahadevan

Analie Pywtorak

Jenna Ramirez-Kirgan

Kelsey L. Rath

Jessalyn Scotten

Vinnicius de Brito Silva

Tessa Tafarrodi

Jordan West

Jackie Yang

Master of Arts in Education

Kayla Ross-Morales

Master of Arts in Leadership

Karlene Dollie Barnes-Jones

Harry Christian L. Cruz

Lori L. Etchison

Porfirio Garza Jr.

Alyssa Gluck

David Lee

Christina Grace Moe

Taylor Moe

Andrea C. Mullens

Rikki Teona Saunders

Jerome Brandon Williams

Master of Arts in Teaching

Kylie Bender

Mackenzie Benstead

Isabella Marie Bottini

Daniel Bubela

Natalie Carrillo

Katie Carson

Lauren Case

Alyssa Deome

Wendy R. Ewing

Nathan Mark Wardrip Fruin

Garrett Grubaugh

GRADUATE STUDENTS & DEGREES

Annitra Sanchez Guerrero

Jalee Shane Hagans

Michael Lorenzo Hamilton

Kaela Jean Vaughn Hangebrauck

James F. Hansen Michael Kinoshita Alina Korogod Stephanie C. May

Kaleb William Meder

Shawlene Pal

Katelynn B. Pribyl

Abigail Grace Pywtorak
Carlos Anthony Ramos

Hannah Rose Schumacher

Jona Ann Spano

Kathleen Steinkamp

Oksana Vasilivna Sushch

Svetlana V. Sushch

Randie Taylor Shayann Trent

Jeffrey M. Urbanik

Jennifer Joann Worth

Master of Business Administration

Isaac M. Andino

Vardan Baghdasaryan

Anna Barsukova Babak Bordbar Michael J. Bunt

Stephen Chalupka Mia Rose DeVecchio

Sara Louise Scalise-Fasig

Xiaoyin Gui

Suman Reddy Kallem

Weihan Liu

Valeria Zhiamen Loo Tay

David E McCants Ofelya Minasyan Lance Mishleau Erik Mkhitaryan Ryan R. Patrick

Ryan Gregory Phelps

Karli Pierson Arman Piloyan Sarosh Rolwin Pinto Stacy Rea Thomas

Vidwath Mugali Yogananda

Master of Science in Computer Science

Arun Reddy Ammireddy

Boris Bogatyrev Manoj Sai Chava

Gurchetan Singh Johal

Raj Kumar Kasarla Kiran Kumar Kurma

Vandana Pakki

Siva Surya Sri Hari Varma Penmetsa

Navya Pericharla Prasanna Suhas Sane Sunkoju Parameshwari

Deepthi Thatha

Vunnam Chandra Satish

Shixue Zhou

GRADUATE STUDENTS & DEGREES

Master of Science in Kinesiology

Audrey Dahianara Bayze Madison Kimiko Loui Marc Richard Miranda Jr Cesar Tamayo Jorge Joshua Zavala Ramirez

UNDERGRADUATE COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2023 AT 10:00AM

Processional (all rise)	Candidates and Faculty
"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"	Participants and Audience
Welcome (please be seated) (Prayer & Class Biography)	Dr. John Jackson, President
Commencement Address	Shannon Grove
	California State Senator - District 12
Special Awards and Recognitions	Dr. John Jackson
Commendation of Class of 2023	Phillip Escamilla, Esq.
	Vice President of Academic Affairs
Conferral of Certificates and Degrees	Dr. John Jackson
Special Music "Gratitude"	Vocals: Charlotte Jeffries
	Jessup Music alum
	Accompaniment: Brandon Pereira, Jessup Music student
Presentation of Graduates	Dr. Marilyn Williams
	Associate Professor, School of Theology & Leadership, and
	Dr. John A. Gallegos II, Director, Casa Latina
Prayer of Consecration	Fritz Moga
	Associate Professor, School of Theology & Leadership
Closing	Dr. John Jackson
Recessional (all rise)	Graduates and Faculty

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UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS & DEGREES

Bachelor of Arts in Digital Communication & Design

Bit Yan Wong

Bachelor of Arts in English

Leah Marie Carter, Magna Cum Laude

Aziza Grace Leilani Cooper-Hovland, *Magna Cum Laude*

Hailey Megan Freeno, Summa Cum Laude

Danyelle Linda Hermann, Summa Cum Laude

Landon Stewart, Summa Cum Laude

Bachelor of Arts in History

Brandon Springer

Bachelor of Arts in Leadership

Micah William Crowe, Summa Cum Laude

Jaden D Lopez, Summa Cum Laude

Grace Martinelli, Magna Cum Laude

Madyson Noel Mazzola

Kadyn Silva

Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies

Alexandra Banducci, Summa Cum Laude

Katherine Violet Blankenheim

Hiu Ying Chan, Summa Cum Laude

Joseph Mintmier

Emily Lynne Ahern

Kaylee Augusta Winn, Cum Laude

Alexandria Haydt

Bachelor of Arts in Music

Monica Wilberger, Summa Cum Laude

Abigail Klinge, Cum Laude

Bachelor of Arts in Psychology

Isabella Carreiro

Kevin Patrick Cronin, Cum Laude

William Davis, Magna Cum Laude

Izabelle Renee Funderburk, Cum Laude

Nicholas Hadd

Emanuela Gorun, With Distinction

Odalis Patricia Martinez

Maggie Mei-Chi Yiu

Bachelor of Arts in Public Policy

Jayson Alexander Meyers

Bachelor of Arts in Theatre

Erika L. Placencia, Cum Laude

Bachelor of Arts in Visual & Fine Arts

Anneke Elisea De Vries

Bachelor of Arts in Youth Ministry

Gavin Michael Souza

Bachelor of Science in Biology

Kaitlin Barber

Madison Marie Marlow

Emma Faith Pelster, Summa Cum Laude

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS & DEGREES

Bachelor of Science in Business

Christian Alarcon

Brett Butterfield

Elijah David Freeman, Cum Laude

Xiaoyun Hou

Arya Khetarpal, Summa Cum Laude

Trenton J. Lyman

Raquel Mendez, With Distinction

Michael Damien Nusser

Joel Thomas Pelton

Tiffany Van Vranken, Cum Laude

Bachelor of Science in Business Administration

Taylor Duyanovich, With Distinction

Naomi Smith, Cum Laude

Bachelor of Science in Computer Science

Hoang Minh Nguyen

Ashna Kiran Prakash, Magna Cum Laude

Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice

Brandon J. Pope

Bachelor of Science in Exercise Science

Haley Norlie, Summa Cum Laude

Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology

Devyn Bette

Maximo Mateo Moreno

Bachelor of Science in Leadership

Judie Bankett

Bachelor of Science in Mathematics

Juan Crespo Oliva

Bachelor of Science in Psychology

Calvin B. Huckabee

Joey Renee Keller, Summa Cum Laude

Yesenia Martinez-Galindo

Tiffany F. Smith

Jason Louie Timmons

Certificate in Accountancy (Undergraduate)

Alexandr Laptev, With Distinction

Certificate in Healthcare Administration (Undergraduate)

Frais Husbands, With Distinction

Omali A Husbands, With Distinction

Certificate in Project Management (Undergraduate)

Angela Elaine Billings, With Distinction

Judith Marie Rentz, With Distinction

COMMENCEMENT HONORS

UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE CANDIDATE HONORS

Jessup University recognizes exceptional academic performance. Bachelor and Associate degree graduates who have completed at least 60 semester units at Jessup are eligible for the following honors:

Summa cum laude 3.85 to 4.00 GPA Magna cum laude 3.70 to 3.849 GPA Cum laude 3.50 to 3.699 GPA

Bachelor and Associate degree graduates who have achieved at least a 3.75 GPA but who have not completed 60 units in residence with Jessup may graduate "with distinction."

Undergraduate certificates and second bachelor's degrees are only eligible for "with distinction." Jessup GPA (exclusive of transfer) must be 3.75 or above.

All undergraduate honors students wear the gold honor braid, and Latin Honors wear the gold tassel with their regalia.

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

American Marketing Association

American Medical Student Association

Black Student Union **Board Riders Club**

Business Club

Dance Club

Gospel Initiative

History Makers Club

Hiking Club

Kappa Mu Epsilon Kinesiology Club

Latinos Unidos

Pi Sigma Alpha - Alpha Lambda Upsilon

Chapter

Psychology Club Teaching Club

Writer's Block

ALUMNI RELATIONS

For more than 80 years, Jessup University has faithfully educated men and women to become Christ-honoring leaders in their families, workplaces, and ministries in which they serve. Today, many of these graduates are an active part of Jessup's Alumni Relations.

The mission of Jessup Alumni Relations is to provide relevant resources in the lives of Jessup graduates around the world, to foster thriving networks, and to create a culture of generosity that leaves a meaningful legacy to the glory of God.

Class of 2023, welcome to the alumni family. Thank you for being an integral part of the legacy of Jessup. To learn more about Alumni Relations and its related benefits, please go to jessup.edu/alumni.

UNIVERSITY ADVANCEMENT

Thank You

Commencement is a time of celebration, achievement, and gratitude to those who have made it all possible. Thank you to those who have given generously. Because of you, our students are living in Christ, learning in the community, and now for our graduates, leading in culture. To experience a glimpse of your impact, please go to jessup.edu/impact23.

To the Class of 2023 | Welcome to the Jessup Alumni Association

The Office of Alumni Relations goal is to provide resources to you and strengthen our alumni's bond through programs and involvement that meet the needs and interests of its members. We will passionately cultivate participation through various engagement opportunities throughout the university's offerings. If you have any questions, please reach out to alumni@jessup.edu.

The Jessup Fund | Accessible Christ-centered Excellence in Higher Education

Access, innovation, and discipleship are keys to transformation. Through The Jessup Fund, accessible Christ-centered excellence in higher education is made possible by donors like you.

Your support of The Jessup Fund helps meet our annual objectives in scholarship, academic programs and spiritual formation. To learn more, please visit jessup.edu/jessupfund.

PRESIDENT'S CIRCLE MEMBERSHIP | A Ministry of Jessup

Become a President's Circle Member today by giving \$100/month or a special gift of \$1,000 or more to any program, project or initiative at Jessup. As a President's Circle Member, you will receive several benefits and opportunities to engage with our students, faculty and president. To learn more or make a gift today, please go to jessup.edu/giving/pc.

If you have an interest in supporting Jessup or have questions, please contact David Pineschi, Associate Vice President of Advancement at 916-577-1809 or dpineschi@jessup.edu.

THANK YOU TO OUR CHURCH PARTNERS

180 Church - Rocklin, CA

Adventure Christian Church - Sacramento, CA

Antelope Springs Church - Roseville, CA

Arbuckle Community Church - Arbuckle, CA

Auburn Grace Community Church - Auburn, CA

Bayside Church (All Campuses) - Granite Bay, CA

Bayside Church Woodland - Woodland, CA

Bayside Covenant Church in Galt - Galt, CA

Bethesda Church - Elk Grove, CA

Bridgeway Christian Church - Roseville, CA

Centerpoint Community Church - Roseville, CA

Central Christian Church - San Jose, CA

Central Christian Church - Lancaster, CA

Ceres Christian Church - Ceres, CA

Christ Community Church - Carmichael, CA

Christ Community Church - Modesto, CA

Christian Church of Santa Clara - Santa Clara, CA

Christian Church of the Valley - Merced, CA

Christ's Church of Prescott Valley - Prescott Valley, AZ

Church on the Rock - Woodland, CA

Cold Springs Church - Placerville, CA

Compass Community Church - Grass Valley, CA

Concord Bible Church - Concord, CA

Cornerstone Community Church - Manteca, CA

Creekside Christian Church - Elk Grove, CA

Creekside Church - Rocklin, CA

CrossCity Christian Church - Fresno, CA

Crossroads Christian Church - Vacaville, CA

Crossroads Church - Carmichael, CA

Crossroads Community Church - Yuba City, CA

Crosswalk Community Church - Sunnyvale, CA

Destiny Christian Church - Rocklin, CA

Discovery Christian Church - Davis, CA

District Church - El Dorado Hills, CA

Doxa Church - Rocklin, CA

El Camino Baptist Church - Sacramento, CA

Emmaus Church Community - Lincoln, CA

Fairview Community Christian Church - Nicolaus, CA

Family Life Christian Church - Galt, CA

First Baptist Church of Fair Oaks - Fair Oaks, CA

First Baptist Church of Lodi - Lodi, CA

First Baptist Church of Rocklin - Rocklin, CA

First Christian Church - Napa, CA

First Christian Church - Orland, CA

First Christian Church - Pleasant Hill, CA

First Japanese Baptist Church - Roseville, CA

Foothills Church - Cameron Park, CA

Foundations Christian Church - Citrus Heights, CA

GateWay Church of Visalia - Visalia, CA

Glory Bound Fellowship - Burson, CA

Gold Country Church - Auburn, CA

Grace Community Christian Church - Ceres, CA

GraceLife Church - Lincoln, CA

Granite Springs Church - Lincoln, CA

Greenville Southern Baptist Church - Greenville, CA

Groveland Evangelical Free Church - Groveland, CA

Harvest Church - Elk Grove, CA

Harvest Community Church - Roseville, CA

Heights Church - Citrus Heights, CA

Hills Church - El Dorado Hills, CA

Hillsdale Blvd. Baptist Church - Sacramento, CA

Hope Christian Church - Fairfield, CA

Horizon Community Church - Roseville, CA

House of Bread Church - Orangevale, CA

Iglesia Nueva Vida - Woodland, CA

Ignite Community Church - Elk Grove, CA

Impact Community Church - Sacramento, CA

Jesus Culture - Sacramento, CA

THANK YOU TO OUR CHURCH PARTNERS

Journey Christian Church - Tracy, CA

Journey Church - Elk Grove, CA

Lakeside Church - Folsom, CA

Life Community Church - Roseville, CA

LIFEhouse Church - Rocklin, CA

LifePoint Church - Minden, NV

LifePointe Christian Church - Elk Grove, CA

Lighthouse Christian Church - Oceanside, CA

Morello Hills Christian Church - Martinez, CA

Mosaic Christian Church - Rocklin, CA

Mother Lode Church - Lotus, CA

New Hope Christian Fellowship - Vacaville, CA

New Season Christian Worship Center - Sacramento, CA

Northwest Christian Church - Newberg, OR

Oak Hills Church - Folsom, CA

OneLife Church - Orangevale, CA

Petaluma Christian Church - Petaluma, CA

Rancho Murieta Community Church - Rancho Murieta, CA

Real Life Church - Sacramento, CA

Redding Christian Fellowship - Redding, CA

Redeemer Church of Fremont - Fremont, CA

Redeemer Covenant Church - Orangevale, CA

River City Christian - Rancho Cordova, CA

Saratoga Federated Church - Saratoga, CA

Sebastopol Christian Church - Sebastopol, CA

Shasta Way Christian Church - Klamath Falls, OR

Sierra Grace Fellowship - Auburn, CA

Southside Community Church - Sacramento, CA

Spring Valley Church - Rocklin, CA

St. Matthew Lutheran Church - Rocklin, CA

Summit Christian Church - Sparks, NV

Sun Grove Church - Elk Grove, CA

Sun River Church - Rancho Cordova, CA

Sunrise Community Church - Fair Oaks, CA

The Call Church - Pine Grove, CA

The Gathering - San Jose, CA

The Life Center - Orangevale, CA

The Pointe Church - Antelope, CA

The Rock of Roseville - Roseville, CA

The Work of God's Hands Ministry - San Jose, CA

Twin Cities Church - Grass Valley, CA

Upper Room Community Church - Auburn, CA

Valley Christian Church - Lake Berryessa, CA

Valley Christian Church - Concord, CA

Valley Church - Vacaville, CA

Valley Springs Presbyterian Church - Roseville, CA

Valley View Church - Lincoln, CA

Vantage Point Church - Placerville, CA

Venture Christian Church - Los Gatos, CA

Verde Valley Christian Church - Cottonwood, AZ

Vintage Grace - El Dorado Hills, CA

Vintage Park Community Church - Sacramento, CA

Warehouse Christian Ministries - Sacramento, CA

WestGate Church - San Jose, CA

Westside Christian Church - Roseville, CA

Wheatland Baptist Church - Wheatland, CA

Wheatland Christian Church - Wheatland, CA

