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Maraming pong Salamat
sa inyong pagdalo sa araw na
ito ng pagtatapos 2024.

<i>Academic Procession*</i>	<p>“Grand March” from <i>Aida</i>, by Giuseppe Verdi (1813-1901) Licensed from Green Hill Music</p> <p><i>Marshals:</i> Professors Sarah Kozinn, Justin Li, Ryan Preston-Roedder, and Stuart Rugg</p>
<i>Land Acknowledgment*</i>	<p>Harry J. Elam, Jr. <i>President</i></p>
<i>Invocation*</i>	<p>The Rev. Dr. Susan E. Young <i>Director of Religious and Spiritual Life</i></p>
<i>Welcome</i>	<p>President Elam</p>
<i>Remarks</i>	<p>Lisa H. Link p'18 <i>Chair, Board of Trustees</i></p>
<i>Remarks</i>	<p>Wendy Sternberg <i>Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of the College</i></p>
<i>Recognition of Election to Emeritus Status</i>	<p>Professors Elizabeth Braker, Maryanne Horowitz, Roberta Pollock, <i>and</i> Eileen Spain</p>
<i>Choral Performance</i>	<p>The Occidental Glee Club <i>Conducted by Désirée LaVertu , Resident Director of Choral & Vocal Activities</i></p> <p>Theodora Aitchison '24, Noe Barraza '27, Audra Baruch '25, Max Brown '25, Willa Caspole '24, Lee Chaloehtiarana '27, Paulson Cheung '24, Sydney Collins '25, Pierre Cozic '24, Christopher Cronk '25, Claire Dao '26, Charlotia de Mita '25, Theo Ellis Novotny '25, Areli Fernandez Orozco '24, Isabel Friedl '25, Ella Gibbs '25, Michael Jacob '24, Hayden Jennings '25, Shelby Kernisant '27, Teo Lennertz '24, Molly Malin '27, Agustin Melgar '25, Kelechi Ogbuokiri '24, Zoe Pedvis '27, Ella Raziel '24, Kate Reinhard '25, Ethan Remez-Cott '24, Day Rhizal '25, Bee Stanton '26, Sabrina Sterns '25, Sarah Sturdevant '24, Elinor Taylor '24, Nick Taylor '25, Maddie Thorpe '26, João Veirano '25, Alyssa Wu '27, and Aaron Zemelman '27</p> <p>“Higher Ground,” Music and Lyrics by Stevie Wonder (b. 1950)</p> <p>People keep on learnin' And soldiers keep on warrin'</p>

I'm so glad I know more than I knew then
Gonna keep on tryin'
'til I reach the highest ground

Teachers keep on teachin'
Preachers keep on preachin'
World just stop sleepin'
'cause it won't be long

(Repeat chorus)

'cause it won't be long
I'm gonna keep on tryin'
You know I'm gonna keep on tryin'
'til I reach it, I'm-a gonna keep on
Higher, won't you take me higher,
Oh my soul!
Keep believin'
'cause it won't be long

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Edward Joseph Ruscha IV

Ed Ruscha was born in 1937 in Omaha, Nebraska, and grew up in Oklahoma City. In 1956, he took Route 66 to California, which would become a central part of his story as an artist. Settling in Los Angeles, he studied art at Chouinard Art Institute (now California Institute of the Arts) and had an early job as a commercial illustrator. In the 1960s, inspired by artists such as Raymond Hains, René Magritte, Jasper Johns, and Kurt Schwitters, Ruscha became a vibrant part of the art scene surrounding Ferus Gallery in Los Angeles.

Ruscha has been living and working in the L.A. area for more than 60 years. Through his innovative approach to painting, drawing, and photography, Ruscha has influenced artists worldwide and is considered to be one of the most important figures in contemporary art today. In early photographic work, Ruscha created documentary images and books full of swimming pools, parking lots, buildings on Sunset Boulevard, gas stations, and many other features of L.A. life. In his paintings and drawings, these same subjects combine with language to poetically evoke the changing fabric of the city through themes of evolution and destruction.

Ruscha's work was the subject of *ED RUSCHA / NOW THEN*, a recent retrospective at the Museum of Modern Art (MoMA) in New York City; the exhibition opened at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art (LACMA) on April 7 and will run through October 6.

Lindy Lauren West '04

Lindy West '04 is an author, producer, and podcaster who writes comedy, memoir, and political analysis. Her writing career at Gawker Media's feminist website, *Jezebel*, established her as an influential voice in the chaotic online media boom of the early 2010s. Her work has also appeared in *This American Life*, *The New York Times*, *The Guardian*, *Cosmopolitan*, *GQ*, *Vulture*, and elsewhere. She is the co-founder of the reproductive rights destigmatization campaign #ShoutYourAbortion.

West graduated from Occidental with honors in English and comparative literary studies. She sang in the Glee Club for two years, wrote occasionally for the *Occidental Weekly*, had a short-lived campus radio show on KOXY, and studied abroad in Brighton, U.K. West credits her Occidental education with her feminist awakening, her commitment to justice, her confidence as a writer, and her deep love of Los Angeles.

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