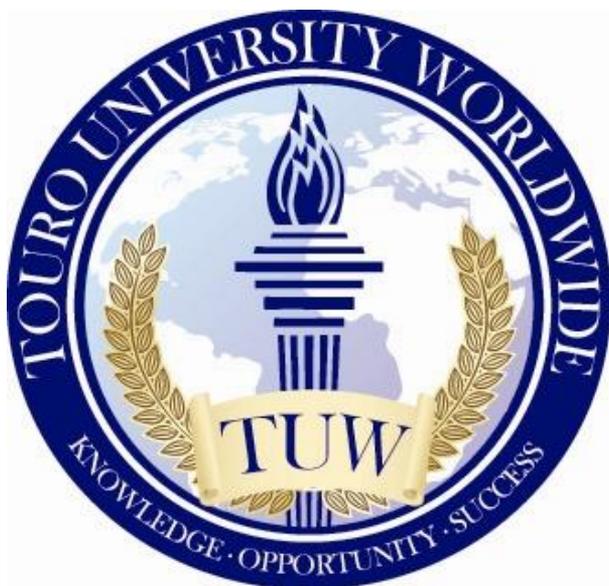


# COMMENCEMENT



# 2016



FIFTH ANNUAL  
COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

**TOURO UNIVERSITY WORLDWIDE**



*Sunday, June Fifth  
Two Thousand Sixteen  
Two O' Clock*

Cypress Community Center  
Cypress, CA



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### ***MISSION***

The mission of Touro University Worldwide (TUW) is to offer online degree programs to serve the needs of adult learners (service to society), professionals (intellectual pursuit), and the underserved (social justice). TUW is committed to its doctoral, graduate, bachelor and associate degree programs to support this mission. The mission is also shared through the campus-based undergraduate education programs at Touro College Los Angeles Division which serves a specific student body. Together, the campus based and online programs contribute to the achievement of the overall Touro core values driving this mission to provide opportunities for those who are underserved, provide service to society and achievement of the overall Touro University Worldwide student success.

### ***HISTORY OF THE TOURO COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY SYSTEM***

In 1790, George Washington visited the Touro Synagogue in Newport, Rhode Island, and spoke eloquently of democracy, ethics, equal opportunity and the American ideal. Little did he know how far his words would carry. Washington's vision inspired Isaac and Judah Touro, leaders in colonial America, to pioneer their family's efforts to enrich the lives of all people, regardless of creed or color, through educational opportunities, spiritual outreach, and vocational enterprise. The Touro family began providing major endowments for universities, the first free library in North America, independent health facilities across the United States, and communities in Israel.

In 1970, in the tradition established by the early Jewish-American leaders for whom it is named, Dr. Bernard Lander founded Touro College to strengthen the Judaic tradition and serve the broader community with compassion and dignity. Chartered by the Board of Regents of the State of New York, the College welcomed its first 35 students in the Liberal Arts and Sciences in 1971.

From humble beginnings, Dr. Lander built a flourishing institution that reaches across the country and the world. Touro is currently enrolling over 18,000 students a year in a broad range of disciplines, including business, law, social work, Jewish Studies and technology. Each decade has ushered in a wave of new academic and professional programs designed to give students an advantage in an increasingly competitive world:

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### **The 1980s**

The Jacob D. Fuchsberg Law Center and the School for Lifelong Education opened, as well as a college for recent immigrants. The latter would eventually evolve into the New York School of Career and Applied Sciences (NYSCAS).

### **The 1990s**

Touro University California, Touro University International, and the School of Health Sciences were established, introducing colleges of osteopathic medicine, pharmacy, health sciences, and education. Touro expanded its undergraduate offerings with new campuses in Brooklyn and Manhattan.

### **The New Millennium**

Since 2000, the Touro network has grown to include international sites in Paris and Berlin, as well as coastal campuses in Los Angeles, Orange County, and Miami. In 2004-5, the new Touro University Nevada launched programs in osteopathic medicine, nursing, occupational therapy, and education. Between 2007-2009 the College of Osteopathic Medicine and the College of Pharmacy opened in Harlem, and in 2011 New York Medical College, in Valhalla, NY, became part of the Touro family.

In 2010, when Dr. Alan Kadish took over as president of Touro following Dr. Lander's esteemed tenure, he renewed our commitment to ensure that even as we grow, each campus, every program, and all of our students are held to the standard set for us over 220 years ago.

Touro is a system of non-profit institutions of higher and professional education. Touro College was chartered in 1970 primarily to enrich the Jewish heritage, and to serve the larger American and global community. Approximately 18,000 students are currently enrolled in its various schools and divisions. Touro College has 29 branch campuses, locations and instructional sites in the New York area, as well as branch campuses and programs in Berlin, Jerusalem and Moscow. New York Medical College; Touro University California and its Nevada branch campus; Touro University Worldwide and its Touro College Los Angeles division; as well as Hebrew Theological College in Skokie, Ill. are separately accredited institutions within the Touro College and University System. For further information on Touro College, please go to:

<http://www.touro.edu/news/>

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## ***HISTORY OF TOURO UNIVERSITY WORLDWIDE***

The Touro College and University System has a long track record of offering high quality online degree programs in professional fields at the Bachelor, Master, and Doctorate levels. Touro University International (TUI) was founded in 1998 by Dr. Yoram Neumann and Dr. Edith Neumann and was the first university in the world to offer a regionally accredited PhD program online with no residency requirements. Government and military students had exceptional participation. Drs. Neumann, the founders, led TUI for 11 years (1998-2009). At that time, TUI had graduated 14,000 proud alumni. From no courses in 1998, TUI offered more than 50,000 course registrations in 2009. In 2007, TUI was sold to a private equity group.

Touro University Worldwide (TUW) was founded in 2008 by Dr. Bernard Luskin to replace the void that the sale of TUI had created. Drs. Neumann, the founders of TUI, returned to Touro in July 2012 and assumed the leadership of Touro University Worldwide. The mission of online education at Touro University Worldwide is to offer professional degree programs to serve the needs of adult learners (service to society), professionals (intellectual pursuit), and the underserved (social justice).

### CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!

To be an educated person is to be caught up in a world of ideas. Many people have helped you navigate through this world. Faculty and staff who have taught and guided you, family members who have supported you, and friends you've made here, are all part of your success. The course of your life has been changed through your experiences at Touro University Worldwide and we are all proud to have taken this journey with you.



Welcome to the ranks of Touro University Worldwide alumni who have gone out into the world and made a difference. Knowledge is empowerment and I am confident that you have the necessary skills to build a successful future. You now go forward with new knowledge, charged with helping to make our world a better place. Marian Wright Edelman once said, "Service is the rent we pay for living on this earth." I would add that those who are educated are uniquely positioned to serve others and there is no greater joy.

Graduates, you may feel uncertain about your next steps. That is to be expected. But I urge you to "trust in the you of now," as the saying goes, and I am confident you will find your path. The challenges and triumphs of your student years have prepared you for future accomplishments, and it is now time to take your ideas out into the world. I wish you great success, happiness, and prosperity. Whether you're pursuing a career or furthering your education, it is time to declare yourself to the world.

Your greatest accomplishments are yet to come!



Dr. Yoram Neumann  
Chief Executive Officer  
Touro University Worldwide

# PROCESSIONAL ORDER

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“Pomp and Circumstance March no. 1”  
Composed by Sir Edward Elgar

Faculty Marshals  
Commencement Candidates  
Faculty Representatives

## **PLATFORM PARTY**

**Yoram Neumann, Ph.D**

*CEO, Touro University Worldwide  
Touro College Los Angeles*

**Aldwin Domingo, Ph.D**

*Director of the School of Psychology  
Touro University Worldwide*

**Edith Neumann, Ph.D**

*Provost & Chief Academic Officer  
Touro University Worldwide  
Touro College Los Angeles*

**Adriana Reza, Esq.**

*Director of Educational Effectiveness  
General Studies and Business Programs  
Touro University Worldwide*

**Shelia Lewis, Ph.D**

*Assistant Provost of Quality Insurance  
Director of the School of Business  
and Management  
Touro University Worldwide*

**Kaleena Prate, MS, LMFT**

*Assistant Director of the MFT Program  
Touro University Worldwide*

**Michael Hamlin, Ph.D**

*Dean of Touro College Los Angeles  
Touro College Los Angeles*

**Arnie Dahlke, Ph.D**

*Director of Industrial and  
Organizational Psychology Program  
Touro University Worldwide*

**Godwin Igein, Ph.D**

*Director of Program Review  
Director of the General Education Program  
Touro University Worldwide*

**Donna Lynn Daniels-Guzman**

*Valedictorian  
Touro University Worldwide*

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## **ATTENDING FACULTY**

**Karen Savlov, Psy.D**

*IOP, MFT, and Business Programs  
Touro University Worldwide*

**Jennifer Whitmon, DHSC**

*Health and Human Services and Business  
Programs  
Touro University Worldwide*

**Carrie Hammond, MA, LMFT**

*MFT Program  
Touro University Worldwide*

**Jeff Jafari, MSc**

*Business Programs  
Touro University Worldwide*

# COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

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**Convening of the Fifth Annual Commencement of  
Touro University Worldwide**

*Dr. Shelia Lewis, Master of Ceremonies*

**National Anthem**

*“The Star Spangled Banner”*

*Performed by Laura Cerna*

**Welcome**

*Dr. Shelia Lewis*

**Recognition of Platform Party**

*Dr. Yoram Neumann*

**Commencement Address**

*Dr. Yoram Neumann*

**Valedictorian**

*Donna Lynn Daniels-Guzman*

**Presentation and Investiture of Graduates**

*Dr. Edith Neumann*

**Hooding Ceremony**

**Conferring of Academic Degrees**

*Dr. Yoram Neumann*

**Closing Remarks**

*Dr. Yoram Neumann*

**Academic Recessional**

*"Coronation March"*

*by Giacomo Meyerbeer*

*The audience is requested to remain seated for the recessional of the  
platform party, faculty, and graduates.*

*Please join us immediately following the ceremony for a light dessert reception.*

## COMMENCEMENT CANDIDATES

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### **ASSOCIATE DEGREE IN GENERAL STUDIES**

*TerryAnn Hart, magna cum laude*

*Eric Ahene Nunoo*

*Patricia Paden, summa cum laude*

### **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT**

*Eli Smith, Jr., magna cum laude*

*Trevor Scott Myers, summa cum laude*

*Yosef Rosenbluth, summa cum laude*

*Batchimeg Yondongombo, magna cum laude*

### **MASTER OF ARTS IN INDUSTRIAL AND ORGANIZATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY**

*Amanda Cherie, summa cum laude*

*Christopher James Griffin, summa cum laude*

*Marlene Sosa, summa cum laude*

### **MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**

*DuWanda Beacham, magna cum laude*

*Rajani Dahal, magna cum laude*

*Marina Davidashvilly, summa cum laude*

*Fredrick B. Frowner, summa cum laude*

*Andrea E. Garcia, summa cum laude*

*Amandeep Momi, magna cum laude*

*Sarah Nahum, magna cum laude*

*Ferdinand Ngangue, magna cum laude*

*Romual Perard, summa cum laude*

*Jennifer Helaine Sabin, summa cum laude*

*Evan Seltzer*

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*Lisa Shurley, magna cum laude*

*Marc A. Thompson, summa cum laude*

*Mary Williams, cum laude*

*Nikayla A. Yates, magna cum laude*

## **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN HEALTH SCIENCES**

*Noemi Arce Romero, magna cum laude*

## **MASTER OF ARTS IN MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY**

*Jennifer Jones-Phillips, magna cum laude*

*Maxine Angela Kuesters, summa cum laude*

*Tai Nicole Maddox, summa cum laude*

*Jeffrey Edward Quessenberry, summa cum laude*

*Vanessa Ramirez, summa cum laude*

*Sharon Shenker, summa cum laude*

*Vivian A. Singleton, magna cum laude*

*Kelli Wall, summa cum laude*

## **MASTER OF SCIENCE IN HEALTH SCIENCES**

*Maureen Bartlebaugh, summa cum laude*

*Roger T. DeCoster, summa cum laude*

*Moses Win, summa cum laude*

## **BACHELOR OF ARTS IN PSYCHOLOGY**

*Gina Denise Hunter, summa cum laude*

*Alexander Weiss, magna cum laude*

## **MASTER OF ARTS IN PSYCHOLOGY**

*Kimberly B. Cox, magna cum laude*

*Cherell Crowell*

*George Allen Mitchell, Jr., summa cum laude*

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*Aries Sanders, summa cum laude*

*Jessica Spivey, summa cum laude*

**MASTER OF ARTS IN MEDIA & COMMUNICATION  
PSYCHOLOGY**

*D. Dawn Maxwell, summa cum laude*

**DOCTOR OF PSYCHOLOGY IN HUMAN AND  
ORGANIZATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY**

*Mohamadou M. Amar, summa cum laude*

*Donna Lynn Daniels-Guzman, summa cum laude*

*Disclaimer: Names listed are not an official record of degrees awarded by TUW nor limited to individuals participating in the 2016 Commencement exercises.*

## *School of General Studies*

### **ASSOCIATE DEGREE IN GENERAL STUDIES**

*Stephen Allenbach\*\**  
*Andrew Barnes\*\**  
*Justin Boudiere*  
*Miguel Calderon\**  
*Alberto Castilleja\*\**  
*Israel Corella*  
*Angela DiCostanzo\**  
*Dario Gonzalez\**  
*Christopher Harper*  
*TerryAnn Hart\*\**  
*Kayla Henriquez\*\*\**  
*Marie Jocelyn\*\*\**  
*Shanique Miller*  
*Edward Mills\**  
*Trevor Scott Myers\**  
*Eric Ahene Nunoo*  
*Patricia Paden\**  
*Shaun Parker\**  
*Sunil Ramdas*  
*Erin Schroeder\**  
*Maurice Thomas*  
*David Yitzhakov\*\**

## *School of Business and Management*

### **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT**

*Shane Akery\*\**  
*Raphael Benizri\*\**  
*Cheryl Bernath\*\**  
*Jacob Engelberg\**  
*Melvin Gangstad\**  
*Abigail Gerson\*\**  
*Deanna Godfrey*  
*Ebony Jones*  
*Meir Krausz\**  
*Aaron Leach\*\*\**  
*Jacob Milch\**  
*Trevor Scott Myers\**  
*Irungu Naantaanbuu\*\*\**  
*Charles Ochonma\**  
*Christopher Pierce\**  
*Katiria Rodriguez\**  
*Yosef Rosenbluth\**  
*Brittany Rowland*  
*Bayla Silver\**  
*Eli Smith, Jr.\*\**  
*Ilana Yarmak\**  
*Batchimeg Yondongombo\*\**

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**MASTER OF ARTS IN  
INDUSTRIAL AND  
ORGANIZATIONAL  
PSYCHOLOGY**

*Leah Aharoni\**  
*Rosanne Arnet\**  
*Natalie Arroyo\*\*\**  
*Catherine Bardo\**  
*Lydie Benjamin\**  
*Steven Bernstein\**  
*Shawn Bigham\*\**  
*Judah Blumenthal\*\**  
*Emily Boileau\*\**  
*Seth Borkowski\*\**  
*Kimberly Bryson\**  
*Sandra Marie Burrowes\**  
*Jeisson Cardona\**  
*Amanda Cherie\**  
*Brian Cravo\**  
*Lindsay Dayan\**  
*Stephanie Dowell\**  
*Christopher Gonzalez\*\**  
*Christopher James Griffin\**  
*Nadia Hawatmeh\**  
*Mark Hayes-Curry\*\*\**  
*Shakia Henderson*  
*Lesley Kaplan\**  
*Shoshana Klein\**  
*Jeff Lichtfuss\*\*\**  
*Rena Lunzer*  
*Kimberly Manherz\**  
*Julie Manning\*\**  
*Michaela McTurk\**

*Dennis Moore\*\**  
*Olga Moreno\**  
*Erica Morgan\**  
*Alberto Pellot\*\*\**  
*Laura Popowych\*\**  
*Stephanie Sadler\**  
*Rivka Schwarzbaum\**  
*Catherine Joan Sidoti\**  
*MariaLucrecia Sondon\**  
*Marlene Sosa\**  
*Michael Tubens\*\**  
*June Walker\*\**

**MASTER OF BUSINESS  
ADMINISTRATION**

*Na'Tyna Arnold*  
*Leisa Baldwin-Rodriguez\**  
*DuWanda Beacham\*\**  
*Alan Bell\*\**  
*Andrew Bevington\**  
*Rachel Bickford\**  
*Linda Boateng*  
*Michael Braun\*\**  
*Xenia Brown*  
*Tim Brundle\**  
*Richard Budke\**  
*Anthony Cepeda\*\**  
*Herschel Chaitoff*  
*Lakeya Cooper\**  
*Rajani Dahal\*\**  
*Marina Davidashvilly\**  
*Linor Elya\**  
*Hannah Farkas\**

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Harriet Fenner\*  
Fredrick B. Frowner\*  
Robert Fuchs  
Andrea E. Garcia\*  
Moshe Genack  
Rachel Gershonowitz\*  
Yaakov Ginsparg\*  
Stuart Halpern\*  
Mike Harris\*\*  
Ron Hirschhorn\*  
Chaim Homnick\*  
Celestine Ishiekwene\*  
Linda Onome Ishiekwene\*  
Sarah Kessler\*  
Eli Korn\*  
Menachem Lazar  
Shari Lemoine\*  
Kimberlee MacVicar\*  
Giliane Menos\*  
Amandeep Momi\*  
Naiomy Mota\*  
Sandra Munoz\*\*\*  
Sarah Nahum\*\*  
Ferdinand Ngangué\*\*  
Scottie Nicholson\*  
Christopher Pellot\*  
Romual Perard\*  
Sasha Pol\*\*  
Shlomo Ressler\*  
Roy Reynolds\*  
Leslie Robinson\*  
Sherryanne Robinson\*\*  
Daniel Rose\*

Jennifer Helaine Sabin\*  
Evan Savage\*  
Frida Savage\*  
Christopher Schwartz\*\*\*  
Evan Seltzer  
Joe Sharp\*  
Lisa Shurley\*\*  
Alia Smith\*\*  
Renee Sohn\*  
Dina M. Thompson\*  
Marc A. Thompson\*  
Martin Torrents\*  
Tetyana Tyniv\*  
Robin Uzzle\*\*  
Nathaly Vargas\*\*  
Candice Velez\*\*\*  
Haya Mouchka Vidal\*  
Yelena Volis  
Judah Weinberger\*  
Elisheva Weinberger\*  
Dov Weinschneider\*\*  
Mary Williams\*\*\*  
Tiffany Wilson  
Nikayla A. Yates\*\*  
Nathaniel Yuan\*  
Naftali Yudkowsky\*\*

## **School of Health and Human Services**

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**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN  
HEALTH SCIENCES**

*Noemi Arce Romero\*\**

**MASTER OF ARTS IN  
MARRIAGE AND FAMILY**

**THERAPY**

*Aviva Abish\**

*Daniel Acosta\**

*Katayoun Afshani\**

*Nicol Kanani Yuk Wan Aiu\**

*Randolph Beasley\*\*\**

*Elizabeth Berman\**

*Joshua Burnstein\**

*Michael Dear\**

*Rasha Duchman\*\**

*Efraim Eshaghian\*\**

*Yehudis Festinger-Sashitzky\**

*Avi Friedman\**

*Naomi Gillean*

*Vernal Gladstone*

*Shanice Harris\*\*\**

*Jennifer Jones-Phillips\*\**

*Maxine Angela Kuesters\**

*Candice Lancaster\**

*Francesca Lane\*\*\**

*Natanel Lauer\**

*Nechama Lever\**

*Audrey Lindsey\*\**

*Tai Nicole Maddox\**

*Melissa Malerba\**

*Lauren Mclennon\*\*\**

*Melissa Micucci-Gomez*

*Samara Miller\*\*\**

*Aryeh Minkin\**

*Ro'Candace Ze'Shima Iona Murray\**

*Jonathan Nash\**

*Mark Owen\**

*Jeffrey Edward Quessenberry\**

*Navid Rafailmehr\**

*Vanessa Ramirez\**

*Sharon Shenker\**

*Kim Simmons\*\**

*Vivian A. Singleton\*\**

*Rosalyn Soils*

*Toney Stephenson\*\*\**

*Kelly Tanaka\**

*Kelli Wall\**

*Sarah Wikler\**

**MASTER OF SCIENCE IN HEALTH  
SCIENCES**

*Jose Balignasay\**

*Maureen Bartlebaugh\**

*Roger T. DeCoster\**

*Desiree Dreiling\**

*Molleth Guevarra\**

*Sandhya Harrypersaud\*\**

*Andrew Jackson\*\**

*Natacha Jharahy\*\**

*Andrea McKenzie\**

*Cynthia Lee Radiola\**

*Babita Shivnauth\*\**

*Valerie Thompson\**

*Moses Win\**

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## *School of Psychology*

### **BACHELOR OF ARTS IN PSYCHOLOGY**

*Mordechai Barron\**  
*Kory Brown\*\*\**  
*Jennifer Cuadrado\**  
*Gina Denise Hunter\**  
*Samuel Katz\*\**  
*Arielle Levine\**  
*Shirene Mosley*  
*Alexander Weiss\*\**

### **MASTER OF ARTS IN PSYCHOLOGY**

*Taylor Baggs\**  
*Diyosa Carter\*\**  
*Kimberly Cox\*\**  
*Cherell Crowell*  
*Nina Davis\**  
*Julissa Feliciano\*\**  
*Carol Gore*  
*Dawn Mann\*\**  
*Kristen McCall*  
*George Allen Mitchell, Jr.\**

*Tara Paulsen*  
*Liana Perez*  
*Ronnie Price\*\*\**  
*Bryan Rosales\**  
*Aries Sanders\**  
*Jessica Spivey\**  
*Benjamin Teitelbaum\**

### **MASTER OF ARTS IN MEDIA & COMMUNICATION PSYCHOLOGY**

*Jocelyn Benjamin\*\*\**  
*Suzanne Bonacci Bertagnole*  
*Amy Crivello\**  
*Autum Dixon*  
*Arneatha Devonne Flemming\*\**  
*Shana Insel\**  
*Christina Killian\**  
*D. Dawn Maxwell\**  
*Matthew Murch\**  
*Nzinga Murray\**  
*Dana Pool\**  
*Marisa Rubinger\**  
*Ella Vardi-Zamir\**

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**Doctoral Students Only:** Students who have successfully defended their **completed dissertation** (this does not mean only dissertation proposal) by Spring I 2016 and have been approved by the Provost are listed.

## EXPLANATION OF LATIN HONORS

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\*summa cum laude (“with highest honor”) –  
signifies a graduating grade point average between 3.90-4.0

\*\*magna cum laude (“with great honor”) –  
signifies a graduating grade point average between 3.75-3.89

\*\*\*cum laude (“with honor”) –  
signifies a graduating grade point average between 3.60 – 3.74

*Honors are awarded at the time of graduation. Summer I, 2016 graduates will not have their honors noted in this program, but will have their honors noted in their transcripts and on their degree.*

*Thank you to the following people for their gracious contributions to our commencement.*

***Staff***

Mackenzie Ammirato  
Kristen Bang  
Jayson Capuno  
Jessica Drake  
Melody Erbes  
Valda Judd  
Wei Ren  
Shirley Robinson  
Mary Smith  
Earvin Sorianosos

***Musician***

Gustavo Gordo, viola/ guitar  
Isaias Hernandez, violin  
Hector Ortiz, cello  
Adrian Perez, flute/keyboard

***Vocalist***

Laura Cerna

***Photographer***

Pouya Nia Photography

***Venue***

Cypress Community Center

***Touro University Worldwide Faculty***



***President and CEO, Dr. Alan Kadish  
Touro College and University System  
Board of Trustees***

*And to all the family and friends of our graduates*

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