

# CLASS OF 2023 COMMENCEMENT

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### A MOMENTOUS OCCASION

Class of 2023,

Congratulations! Today marks a significant milestone in your life. You have earned a degree from Calvin University. This is no small achievement, and with it you join an alumni network of more than 65,000 who are serving in many sectors and countries all over the world.

This honor you are receiving today carries with it great responsibility. Luke writes in his Gospel account, "to whom much is given, much will be required" (Luke 12:48). You are the recipient of a formative education, one that has equipped you to think deeply, to act justly, and to live wholeheartedly as Christ's agents of renewal in the world. It is now time for you to courageously live out this mission wherever you are called.

In a world more polarized than ever, may you be a bridge builder, asking good questions, listening well, and resisting the temptation to render quick assumptions. May you seek understanding and promote dialogue over division. May you be rooted in your convictions and be known for your love for one another.

As you go forth from this place, whether it be around the corner or across the globe, in the field of business or of engineering, medicine or education, the arts or social work, in ministry or in one of dozens of other fields, may you take the instruction of Solomon wisely and "do not withhold good from those who deserve it, when it is in your power to act" (Proverbs 3:27).

When you are tempted to think you need to hold a certain position or pay grade to have "the power to act," be reminded of the Apostle Paul's words of encouragement: "we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do" (Ephesians 2:10).

So, Class of 2023, you are equipped and empowered to do good now. Blessings on the journey ahead! Let the impact begin!

Wiebe Boer

President

# COMMENCEMENT ORDER OF CEREMONY

### **PRELUDE**

"March" from First Suite in E-flat

Gustav Holst

### **PROCESSIONAL**

Sine Nomine

Ralph Vaughan Williams, arr. Alfred Reed

### WELCOME

Wiebe Boer, PhD, president

## **OPENING PRAYER**

Mary Hulst, PhD, university pastor

### \* OPENING SONG

Rejoice in All Your Works

Wendell Kimbrough, arr. Greg Scheer

<sup>\*</sup> Please rise in body or spirit.

### Rejoice in All Your Works



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### Rejoice in All Your Works

### Translation, not for singing

Literal Translation - Spanish Alégrate en todas tus obras Literal Translation - Korean 기뻐하소서 (시편 104편)

Toda boca que clama por comida,
cada pulmón que anhela respirar,
todo ojo que busca luz en la oscuridad:
toda la creación te busca
para respirar y alimentarse;
de la bondad de tu mano estamos satisfechos.

양식을 위해 부르짖는 모든 입과, 호흡을 갈구하는 모든 허파, 어둠 속 빛을 찾아 헤메는 모든 눈— 이 모든 피조물이 주를 우러러 봅니다. 주께서 주시는 호흡과 양식을 바라며. 주의 선하신 손으로부터 우리는 만족됩니다.

Coro:

¡Oh alégrate en todas tus obras,
rey del cielo, rey de la tierra!
Cada criatura que has hecho declara su alabanza.
Nos regocijamos en todo lo que has hecho,
Dios, todo lo sustentas con tu gracia;
con la montaña, el cielo y el mar, te cantamos alabanzas.

후렴:
기뻐하소서, 오 하늘과 땅의 왕 되신 주여!
주의 행하신 모든 일들로 인해 기뻐하소서.
주께서 만드신 모든 피조물이 주를 찬양합니다.
은혜로 만물을 붙드시는 하나님이여!
우리도 주의 지으심을 인해 기뻐하며,
산과 하늘과 바다와 함께 노래하며 주를 찬송합니다.

Todo árbol que tiene sed de lluvia, cada ave que busca su nido, todo corazón que espera alegrarse: toda la creación te busca por su aliento y alimento; de la bondad de tu mano estamos satisfechos.

비를 갈망하는 모든 나무와, 둥지를 찾아 떠나는 모든 새, 기쁨을 소망하며 기다리는 모든 마음— 이 모든 피조물이 주를 우러러 봅니다. 주께서 주시는 호흡과 양식을 바라며. 주의 선하신 손으로부터 우리는 만족됩니다.

y la canción en mis labios se unan con el coro de la creación para alabar al Dios que hizo todas las cosas, al Espíritu que las sostiene, y al Hijo que reina sobre toda la creación!

¡Que las meditaciones de mi corazón

나의 마음의 묵상과 나의 입술의 노래가 온 세상 만물의 화답과 함께 만물을 지으신 성부, 만물을 붙드시는 성령, 만물을 다스리시는 성자 하나님을 찬양합니다.

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### INTRODUCTION OF STUDENT SPEAKER

Sarah Visser, PhD, executive vice president for student experience and strategy

### STUDENT SENATE PRESIDENT REMARKS

Nain Miranda Duarte '23, student body president

# **CAPELLA CHOIR**

United, We Are!

Brandon A. Boyd and Jermaine Manor

## **INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER**

Wiebe Boer, PhD, president

# **SCRIPTURE FOR COMMENCEMENT**

Proverbs 3:27

### **COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS**

"Be God's Instrument of Change" Akinwumi Adesina, PhD, president, African Development Bank

### \* LITANY FOR COMMENCEMENT

Led by Bruce Los '77, chair, Board of Trustees; Tami VanVeldhuisen '92, member, Parent Council; Caasi Tica '23, graduate; Jolene Vos-Camy '91, PhD, professor of French, vice chair of Faculty Senate

Trustee: Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations.

Parent: O Lord, in times of poverty and plenty, stress and serenity, sickness and strength

Family/Friends: we have been blessed to nurture children of your covenant.

Graduate: Lord, we thank you for our families and friends.

**Graduates:** Their love has supported us through the years. Through them we have experienced your great graciousness and mercy.

Professor: In you, O Lord, through times of confusion and certainty, doubt and discovery, trial and triumph

Faculty/Staff: we have been blessed to instruct these heirs of your kingdom.

**Graduates:** Lord, we thank you for our teachers, our counselors, and our pastors. They have helped us to seek your truth.

They have guided us toward wisdom, justice, judgment, and equity.

**ALL:** Lord, you are good. Your mercy is everlasting, and your truth endures to all generations.

Trustee: Lord, may your favor rest upon us; establish the work of our hands for us—yes, establish the work of our hands.

**Graduates:** We offer ourselves, O Lord, as faithful stewards, working to develop the talents that you have given us.

Parent: Graduates, you may grow weary and weak because you dread the effort required to do your best, because you worry that your actions will lead to greater demands, or because you fear that your best will not suffice.

**Family/Friends:** In those moments, remember that the Lord gives strength to the weary, that he increases the power of the weak.

**Graduates:** We offer ourselves, O Lord, as bold witnesses, working to reclaim this fallen world for you.

Professor: Graduates, remember that the Lord will sustain you, that he will never leave you nor forsake you.

Faculty/Staff: When you grow doubtful and dismayed because your faith is mocked, because the church is attacked on all sides, and because the nations rage together, have confidence in God's power and faithfulness.

ALL: Lord, you are good. Your faithfulness continues through all generations.

Trustee: Lord, help us to gain a heart of wisdom.

Family/Friends: We can do everything through God who gives us strength.

Graduate: Help us, O Lord, to know that we labor with strength that comes not

from ourselves but from you.

Graduates: Help us, O Lord, to know that we labor not in isolation

but side-by-side in community, equipped by the one who calls us.

Professor: In Christ, we who are many form one body,

and each member belongs to all the others.

Graduate: Help us, O Lord, to know that we labor not for our own glory

but for yours.

Parent: To the Lord be praise and honor and glory and power, forever and ever.

**ALL:** Lord, you alone are God. We shall celebrate your name in all generations.

### **CONFERRAL OF DEGREES**

Wiebe Boer, PhD, president Noah Toly, PhD, provost

## PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS

### **CHARGE TO THE GRADUATES**

Wiebe Boer, PhD, president

### \* CLOSING SONG

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

#### Dutch

Aan God de Vader zij de eer, aan God de Zoon voor immermeer, aan God de Geest die troost en leidt zij lof nu en te allen tijd.

### English

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

#### French

Gloire à Dieu, notre Créateur; gloire à Christ, notre Rédempteur; gloire à l'Esprit Consolateur! Louange et gloire à Dieu, Sauveur.

#### Hausa

Mai bayarwa ne Allahnmu, Yabe shi, ku y'an Adam duk. Yabe shi, ku mala'iku, Uba da 'Da da Ruhu, d'aya.

#### Japanese

たたえよ主の民 御使いとともに 恵みにあふれる 父・子・聖霊を

### Korean

만복의 근원 하나님 온 백성 찬송드리고 저 천사여 찬송하세 찬송 성부 성자 성령

#### Mandarin

颂赞上主万福之源; 颂赞基督救赎恩洪; 颂赞圣灵,我保惠师; 崇敬至尊三一真神。 阿们,阿们。

### Navajo

Bóhólníihii baa dahohniih, 'Éí baa 'ahééh danohsinii, Nihookáá' diné nohlíinii Chánahgo bich'i' dahohtaal.

### Portuguese

A Deus, supremo benfeitor. Ao FilhoIeterno, Deus deIamor. Ao Santo Deus consolador, Ó anjos eIhomens dai louvor.

### Spanish

A Dios, el Padre celestial, al Hijo, nuestro Redentor, al eternal Consolador unidos todos alabad.

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# **RECESSIONAL**

Calvinite March

Dale Grotenhuis

The Calvinite March offers an energetic musical flourish that culminates with the melody of Calvin's Alma Mater, evoking its concluding affirmation, "Calvin, Calvin, God has been thy guide. Dear alma mater, thy strength He shall provide. Be loyal, ever, to the faith of old; God's name and honor we ever shall uphold."

The audience is requested to remain seated during the recessional until trustees, faculty, and graduates have exited.

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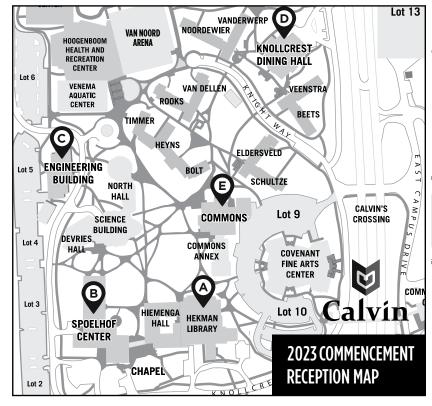
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# **RECEPTION**

Immediately following the ceremony, graduates and guests are warmly invited to celebrate with faculty and staff in the venues noted below. Food will be available inside each venue, rain or shine, and all are welcome to grab a snack and visit any number of venues. Faculty and staff look forward to this opportunity to congratulate the grads and meet their families and friends.



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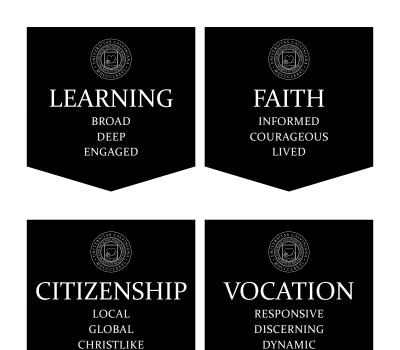








Toronto, ON



# **EDUCATIONAL FRAMEWORK**

The mission of Calvin University is to equip students to think deeply, to act justly, and to live wholeheartedly as Christ's agents of renewal in the world.

Calvin's educational framework is derived from that mission. It articulates a frame that ensures integrated, coherent, holistic programs and practices in which students learn and develop. The framework names university-wide goals that ground the institution's curricular and co-curricular activities. It attempts to answer the question, "What are the enduring characteristics or qualities of thinking, doing, and being that mark a Calvin University graduate?"

The four primary components of the educational framework are represented on the large banners hanging in the front of the arena.

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# STUDENT SPEAKER Nain Miranda Duarte '23

Nain Miranda Duarte was born and raised in Managua, Nicaragua. At Calvin, Nain has served in many roles: as dining hall student worker, financial analyst at Knight Investment Management, a two-year resident assistant in Bolt–Heyns–Timmer, vice president of Student Senate, as part of the Calvin Startup Garage leadership, and as the current student body president.

Outside of Calvin, Nain serves as a worship leader at Madison Church: Franklin and is a co-founder of ApexHash LLC, a fast-growing Bitcoin mining operation, and Nuffread.com, a textbook exchange website which seeks to lower the cost of college textbooks. Nain is passionate about seeing others flourish and succeed. In his free time, he loves playing music and playing soccer.

Nain is graduating today with a bachelor of science in accounting with a minor in data analytics. This summer, he plans to join Ernst & Young as a technology risk consultant.



# COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER Dr. Akinwumi A. Adesina

Often described as "Africa's Optimist-in-Chief," African Development Bank Group President Dr. Akinwumi A. Adesina (1960) is widely lauded for his visionary leadership and passion for Africa's transformation.

Formerly the Nigerian Agriculture Minister, Dr. Adesina was first elected President of the African Development Bank Group on May 28, 2015. He was unanimously re-elected for a second five-year term on August 27, 2020. Dr. Adesina graduated with a bachelor's degree in Agricultural Economics (First Class Honors) from the University of Ife (now Obafemi Awolowo University), Nigeria, in 1981. Dr. Adesina holds a master's degree (1985) and a Ph.D. in Agricultural Economics (1988) from Purdue University, where he won the Outstanding Ph.D. thesis award for that year. Dr. Adesina won the prestigious Rockefeller Foundation Social Science Fellowship in 1988, which launched him into his international career.

A bold reformer, as Minister of Agriculture in Nigeria from 2011 to 2015 Dr. Adesina turned the agriculture sector of Nigeria around within four years. Under his tenure, Nigeria ended 40 years of corruption in the fertilizer sector by developing and implementing an innovative electronic wallet system, which directly provides farmers with subsidized farm inputs at scale using their mobile phones. Within the first four years of its launch, this electronic wallet system reached 15 million farmers, dramatically transforming their lives.

With Dr. Adesina at the helm, the African Development Bank Group achieved the highest capital increase since its establishment in 1964 when on October 31, 2019, shareholders from then 80 member countries raised the general capital from \$93 billion to a historic \$208 billion. The African Development Bank Group responded boldly and swiftly to various crises

facing the continent. On April 3, 2020, the premier development finance institution launched a landmark \$3 billion Covid-19 Social Bond followed by a Crisis Response Facility of \$10 billion. On May 20, 2022, the Board of Directors of the African Development Bank Group approved a \$1.5 billion facility to help African countries avert a looming food crisis in the wake of Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

Dr. Adesina has been recognized with numerous awards. On October 19, 2017, the President was conferred with the World Food Prize, also known as the "Nobel Prize for Agriculture." On February 29, 2020, he was named African of the Year 2019 by one million readers of the African Leadership Magazine. On December 14, 2020, the Academy of Public Health, the flagship body of the West African Institute of Public Health, announced Dr. Adesina as one of the winners of its 2020 Distinguished Fellowship Award for his successful efforts in helping Africa to curb the impact of the coronavirus pandemic.

On February 2, 2022, the President was conferred an Honorary Doctorate by the Federal University of Technology in Nigeria in recognition of his global leadership in agriculture, food security, development finance, and good governance. On May 8, 2022, Dr. Adesina was awarded with an Honorary Doctorate by Duke University in Durham, North Carolina, acknowledging his career achievements in agriculture and the innovative High 5 development priorities for Africa, which he conceived shortly after his election as President of the African Development Bank Group in 2015. On May 14, 2022, the President received an Honorary Doctorate from Addis Ababa University for his significant role in development activities in Ethiopia and Africa at large.

# HIGHLIGHTS

# FROM THE PAST FOUR YEARS

As part of Vision 2030, Calvin College changes its name to Calvin University on July 10. The first cohort of students in the Calvin Prison Initiative completes their requirements to earn a bachelor's degree. Calvin is the first institution in Michigan to offer a full bachelor's degree to inmates.

Calvin men's basketball wins both contests with Hope in the Rivalry's centennial year. Following its inaugural year as a university, Calvin debuts as #3 out of 157 schools in the Midwest Regional Universities category as ranked in U.S. News & World Report.

Dr. Michael Le Roy announces the 2021–2022 academic year will be his 10th and final season serving as Calvin's president.

2020-2021

Calvin announces a \$15 million gift to establish the School of Health. This significant gift is the second largest in Calvin's history.

> Dance Guild, one of the largest on-campus student organizations, celebrates its 50th anniversary.

U.S. Department of Education leaders visit Calvin Prison Initiative Program and deem it a "leading exemplar" for prison education.

The board of trustees approves the university's athletics strategic plan, which adds acrobatics & tumbling, men's volleyball, and men's football to its portfolio of NCAA Division III offerings.

2022-2023

# 2019-2020

Calvin creates an associate provost position to focus on extending Calvin's mission to reach new populations through the Calvin Global Campus.

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, beginning March 16, Calvin University moves all classroom instruction online for the remainder of the spring semester. In-person classes resume in fall 2021.

Calvin breaks ground on its School of Business building. The new 15,000-square foot building opens for fall 2022 classes.

A \$1.2 million U.S. Department of Education grant puts Calvin on a path to be the first university in Michigan to offer a Comprehensive Transition and Postsecondary Program for students with intellectual disabilities.

# 2021-2022

Calvin launches four new online master's programs, with a few more anticipated in the next two years, bringing its total graduate programs to 11 by fall 2023. With more than 350 students currently enrolled, Calvin's graduate-level offerings are expanding rapidly.

Dr. Wiebe Boer '97 is selected as Calvin University's 12th president. His inauguration followed in October 2022. 1,000 incoming students begin their pursuit of an undergraduate or graduate degree. The entering class is recordsetting in terms of ethnic and geographic deversity.

ArbNet designates
Calvin's campus as an
arboretum. While having
an arboretum on a college
campus isn't necessarily
uncommon, having an
entire campus designated
that way is rare.

# **CANDIDATES**

# FOR DEGREES AND CERTIFICATES 2023

The floral arrangements on the platform are in loving memory of the following students who are members of the Class of 2023:

Olivia Haverkamp, April 25, 2001–January 26, 2020. Olivia is remembered by the Calvin community for her perseverance, trust in the Lord, and her love for others.

Nick Moll, August 7, 2000—December 30, 2021. Nick is remembered by the Calvin community for his infectious positivity and excitement paired with his deep love for people.

# **MASTER'S**

**Kylee K. Abwavo, MA** Speech-Language Pathology

Neeltje M. Anderson-Wright, MS Geographic Information Science

Allison C. Apol, MAcc Accounting

Daniel J. Baas, MA Media and Strategic Communication

Grace C. Bakker, MEd Curriculum and Instruction

Brianna L. Behrens, MA Speech-Language Pathology

Gabrielle A. Billow, MA Speech-Language Pathology Rebecca A. Boeve, MEd Literacy

Alexis L. Bonner, MA Media and Strategic Communication

Nathan H. Bonter, MS Exercise Science: Sport and Exercise Science Administration

Gabriella J. Bortel, MPH Public Health: Global

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Jacob M. Bosscher, MAcc Accounting

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Lucas J. Frody, MAcc Accounting

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Noah D. Holstege, MS Exercise Science: Performance and Sport Science

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Danyu Yang, MEd Curriculum and Instruction

Camryn G. Young, MPH Public Health: Global

Jun Zhou, MEd Curriculum and Instruction

### **BACHELOR'S**

**Karalyn J. Aardema, BA** History magna cum laude

**Lauren N. Abrell, BA** Religion; Psychology

Dzifa A. Agbossey-Dimado, BSN Nursing

Hadassa Agostini Ribeiro da Costa, BA International Relations:

Peace, Conflict, and Diplomacy magna cum laude

**Jaime J. Aguilera, BS** Kinesiology: Exercise Science

Jordan J. Alexander, BSE Engineering: Electrical and Computer; Mathematics summa cum laude

Rachel J. Alongi, BA Speech Pathology and Audiology magna cum laude

Emerson H. Alspaugh, BA Political Science

**Jeffrey D. Amidon, BS** Chemistry: ACS Certified

Daniela S. Ampuero
Castilla, BSE
Engineering: Electrical and
Computer: International

Computer; International Relations Fa

**Avery W. Andersen, BFA** Art

Nathaniel J. Anderson, BS with distinction Er Biology: Neuroscience mocum laude

Nathaniel R. Anderson, BSE Engineering: Mechanical summa cum laude Vincent A. Andrews, BA Music: Composition; Psychology cum laude

Collin R. Arendsen, BA Marketing: Professional Selling

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# **ADDITIONAL PATHS TO ACHIEVEMENT**

### Calvin Prison Initiative

Students in the Calvin Prison Initiative (CPI) program are able to earn associate's and bachelor's degrees from Calvin University. CPI is a partnership between Calvin University, Calvin Theological Seminary, and the Michigan Department of Corrections. The program provides a Christian liberal arts education to inmates at the Richard A. Handlon Correctional Facility in Ionia, Michigan. This five-year program culminates in a bachelor of arts degree from Calvin University in Faith and Community Leadership. On May 8, 2023, a formal Commencement ceremony honoring the 2023 graduating class of the CPI program will be held inside Handlon Correctional Facility.

### Ready For Life Academy

Students from the Ready for Life program earn four-year certificates. The Ready for Life Academy (RFLA) is a partnership between Calvin University and the Ready for Life organization. The RFLA offers postsecondary education certificate programs for students with intellectual and developmental disability. Students in the RFLA can earn a Life and Career Studies or Comprehensive Postsecondary Education Certificate from Calvin University.

### **ACADEMIC REGALIA**

The ceremonial costumes worn by faculty and graduates for Commencement have their roots in the Middle Ages, when European scholars wore robes, hoods, and caps to stay warm in unheated classrooms. Universities eventually adopted them as official everyday classroom uniforms to discourage "excess in apparel." As the custom spread across Europe and into other areas, style differences emerged to designate each scholar's institution, level of education, and (in the United States) field of study.

Today, the costume is reserved for ceremonial occasions. Faculty, staff, and students now wear regalia to honor the significance of this milestone in students' lives. Gown and hood styles tell us something about each wearer's degree.

Students receiving the bachelor's degree today wear plain black gowns with pointed sleeves. The master's gown (also black) has oblong sleeves, open at the wrist, with a longer base hanging down from the wrist opening. The doctor's gown has bell sleeves, velvet facing, and three velvet bars on each sleeve. Though black is the traditional color and always appropriate for a doctoral gown, many professors wear the distinctive colors and styles of the universities that granted their degrees.

The longer the hood, the more advanced the degree. Master's and doctor's hoods have satin linings in the colors of the institution where the

degree was earned. The velvet edging color represents the wearer's discipline. Though blue signifies philosophy and is therefore appropriate for any PhD (doctor of philosophy), universities in the United States also use these colors:

- · White for arts and letters
- · Light blue for education
- Drab (tan) for business
- · Purple for law and political science
- · Red for theology
- Gold for sciences
- Pink for music
- Crimson for communications
- Copper for economics
- · Orange for engineering
- Brown for fine arts
- Apricot for nursing
- Green for physical education
- Salmon for public health

The flat cap, or mortar board, was originally worn by early medieval clergy and later adopted by medieval students and artists. The soft cap worn by some doctors was first adopted by monks to keep their tonsured heads warm.

In recent years, some students and faculty wear a kente cloth (a ceremonial woven stole with origins in 12th century Ghana) to honor African culture and/or leadership in the Center for Intercultural Student Development.



# **LATIN SEAL**

The Latin heart-in-hand seal became the official emblem of Calvin University in 1933, but it emerged as early as 1910 in the university yearbook. However, the words prompte et sincere (promptly and sincerely) along with the image of an outstretched hand offering a heart surfaced four centuries earlier in the writings of the reformer John Calvin. He used the image to seal his letters in the 1540s. The motto prompte et sincere appears on his portrait dated 1566. The adoption of the words Cor meum tibi offero Domine prompte et sincere (My heart I offer, Lord, promptly and sincerely) and image together stand as the insignia of the university today, inspiring the Calvin community to practice the university's mission of thinking deeply, acting justly, and living wholeheartedly as Christ's agents of renewal in the world.

### HONORS DESIGNATIONS

### Collegiate Scholars Medallions

These gold medallions with a maroon ribbon are worn by students who have fulfilled the requirements to graduate with distinction. Requirements include the completion of four advanced academic or community engagement activities and a cumulative GPA of 3.65 or higher.

### Honors Scholars Medallions

These gold medallions with a maroon and gold ribbon are worn by students who have completed the requirements to graduate with honors as Honors Scholars. Requirements include completion of the Honors Scholars core curriculum and an honors thesis and a cumulative GPA of 3.65 or higher.

### Latin Honors Cords

These maroon and gold cords are worn by students who have earned one of the following Latin honors designations: cum laude-minimum 3.65 GPA, magna cum laude-minimum 3.8 GPA, summa cum laude-minimum 3.95 GPA.

## **FLAGS OF COUNTRIES**

The international flags displayed in the fieldhouse during today's Commencement ceremony include the 28 countries of citizenship represented by the Class of 2023 graduates. The flags celebrate the multicultural community of learners at Calvin University and serve as a visual reminder that diversity and inclusion is a core institutional value.

# **APPRECIATION**

### **FACULTY MARSHALS**

Michelle Loyd-Paige, PhD, professor of sociology, executive associate to the president for diversity and inclusion Gary Schmidt, PhD, professor of English

### **STUDENT MARSHALS**

Izuchi Ebeku, BSE '23 Lauren Holwerda, BSN '23 Nellie Kooistra, MBA '23 Jonas Tilburt, BA '23

### **READERS**

Chad Engbers, PhD, professor of English Sarah Visser, PhD, executive vice president for student experience and strategy

### **ASL INTERPRETER**

Lydia Hansen, BEI II

### **COMMENCEMENT LITANY**

Adapted from a litany by William Vande Kopple, PhD, professor of English, emeritus

### **FLOWERS**

Eastern Floral

### COMMENCEMENT COMMITTEE

Susan Buist (alumni and parent engagement), Sharolyn Christians (office of the president), Nain Miranda Duarte (Student Senate), Tiffany Engle (visual and performing arts), Amanda Garcia (event services), Amanda Harper (dining services), Lisa Kooy (student success), Dana Krol (alumni engagement), Matt Kucinski (communications & marketing), MaryAnn Matzke (event services), Hannah Patterson (event services), Jim Potter (campus safety), Heidi Rienstra (office of the provost), Traci Rohl (student success), Adam Tozer (information technology), Julia VanderMolen (office of the provost), Michael Wildschut (advancement), Amy Wilstermann (biology), John Witte (student life)

### MUSIC

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Calvin Wind Ensemble conducted by Tiffany Engle, DMA, associate professor of music

Capella directed by Pearl Shangkuan, DMA, professor of music; conducted by Aaron Polet, Campus Choir director; and accompanied by David Ruiter '23

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