

The Fifty-First Conferral of Law Degrees

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The University of San Diego is a Roman Catholic institution committed to advancing academic excellence, expanding liberal and professional knowledge, creating a diverse and inclusive community, and preparing leaders dedicated to ethical conduct and compassionate service.

UNIVERSITY SEAL

Every institution of higher learning prides itself on its seal, an emblem incorporating the history and finest traditions of the college. Each device pictured on the seal holds a special meaning.

The seal adopted by the University of San Diego is a combination of the seals of the two founding institutions, the San Diego College for Men and San Diego College for Women. The three circles represent the trinity; the dove symbolizes the Holy Spirit. The lamp of learning is on the right and the laurel of excellence and achievement is on the left. Below it is the stew pot or Spanish olla, the symbol of St. Didacus' role of feeding the poor and sick in Alcalá. The three nails have been used traditionally by the Franciscans, the original missionaries to San Diego, as the symbol of the passion of Jesus Christ. The motto, *Emitte Spiritum Tuum*, which means Send Forth Thy Spirit, was taken from Psalm 103, which reads: "Thou shalt send forth thy spirit and they be created, and thou shalt renew the face of the earth."



UNIVERSITY MACE

Although the ceremonial mace may have been military in origin, in American higher education the mace has long been the symbol of awesome responsibility. A burden of the highest calling, it signifies the protection of truth and the transmission of knowledge to young minds. For that reason, a mace is substantial and pure, therefore typically sterling silver. In addition to silver, the University of San Diego's mace is also comprised of a shaft of walnut, a wood common to Spain, the country that inspired the university's Renaissance-style architecture.

The University of San Diego's mace was created in 2003 and unveiled at the November 16 inauguration of President Mary E. Lyons. The flame, which caps the lantern of truth, is reminiscent of USD's architectural ornament, the omnipresent finial. The flame is also symbolic of the human mind and its burning quest for knowledge. One side of the mace is inscribed with the university's monogram, the design of which was adopted in 1970 at the time of the merger of the two colleges. The other side is inscribed with the university's seal, which in 1995 was designed as the perfect merging of the seals that represented the original institutions, the San Diego College for Men and the San Diego College for Women. Appropriately, the merging of the seals into one exemplifies one of USD's founding mottos, "That all may be one." The university's ceremonial mace, in turn, honors the motto on the seal, "Send forth thy Spirit."





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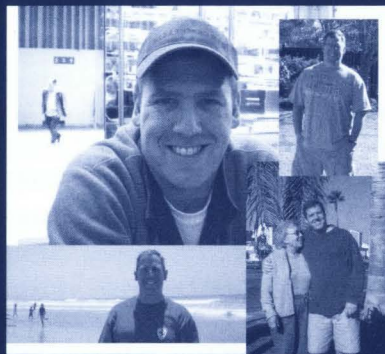
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In Memoriam Lawrence Drew Mahlum



On behalf of the graduating students and the law school community, we are also here to remember and honor one of our law school family members who is not with us today. Lawrence Drew Mahlum, class of 2008, died on August 16, 2007, following a valiant struggle against cancer. Larry would have just completed his final year of law school and would be celebrating with his colleagues at this event today.

To perpetuate the memory of their friend and classmate, the graduating class of 2008 established the Larry Mahlum Memorial Scholarship Fund, which was supported through the Graduating Class Gift Campaign, by friends and family of Larry and by the law school community at large.





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ACADEMIC REGALIA

The custom of wearing a “cap and gown” or other special academic regalia originated in the Middle Ages when academic dress — specifically defined and ecclesiastical in appearance — was mandated for both students and faculty of European universities. The cap and gown, in addition to indicating scholarly status, also served to keep students and professors warm in unheated buildings of the earliest universities.

Most of the attire you will see today follows the American conventions for academic regalia — conventions that originated at the universities of Oxford and Cambridge. The bachelor’s gown has long, pointed sleeves; the master’s gown has oblong sleeves open at the wrist; and the doctoral gown has full, bell-shaped sleeves with three bars of black velvet. The cap for bachelor’s and master’s degree holders is a “mortar board,” a stiff, black hat, flat on top. (This was originally referred to as a “trencher” because it resembled an inverted serving board, or trencher, with a bowl upon it.) Doctoral degree holders wear either the mortarboard or a soft velvet “tam.”

Perhaps the most important element of academic regalia is the hood, whose length and intricacy depend on the academic degree of the wearer. The velvet trim around the hood indicates the academic degree and the satin lining of the hood represents the institution where the degree was earned. USD graduates wear hoods lined in Torero Blue and Alcalá White, the university’s colors.

Many American universities have their own distinctive robe, often multicolored or have a single color rather than black. For example, among the faculty and administrators in the procession today, you may see people wearing robes in the following colors: crimson (Harvard); blue (Duke or the University of California); black, red and white (Stanford); bluish-grey (Columbia); or purple (New York University). At this Commencement you may also see academic dress that follows other, very different national traditions, because USD’s faculty include professors who hold advanced degrees from several different international universities.

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