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Group Colleges Australia

Graduation Ceremony

2025

Thursday, 4th December 2025

**Adelaide Convention
Centre**

Australian National Anthem

Australians all let us rejoice

For we are young and free

We've golden soil and wealth for toil

Our home is girt by sea

Our land abounds in nature's gift

Of beauty rich and rare

In history's page, let every stage

Advance Australia fair

In joyful strains then let us sing

Advance Australia fair

Academic Dress

History & Significance

The history of academic dress reaches far back into the early days of the oldest universities. A statute of 1321 required that all 'Doctors, Licentiates, and Bachelors' of the University of Coimbra wear gowns. It is still a vexed question whether academic dress finds its sources chiefly in ecclesiastical or in civilian dress.

Academic gowns were necessary for warmth in the unheated buildings frequented by medieval scholars, and the hood currently in use is the remnant of a garment, also a device against the cold – if you like the remnant of a 'hoodie' – which could be pulled up over the head and kept in position with the tail wound around the neck.

The type of academic headgear most commonly worn by graduates today is the mortar-board cap – also called the trencher cap – which dates back to the seventeenth century. It is also the custom of many universities for Doctors to be allowed to wear a distinctive type of headgear – either a round velvet bonnet or a black velvet mortar board – with the full dress gown.

As universities developed throughout the Commonwealth countries, they mostly prescribed academic regalia based on that established for the members of Oxford and Cambridge Universities, where the senior members wear a distinctive official gown and hat (in our case gold and silver). Graduates are identified by wearing gowns and hoods that have been prescribed for each degree.

The tradition of wearing academic dress continues in institutions of higher education around the world and it is customary on ceremonial occasions such as the Graduation Ceremony today, that the distinctive official regalia be worn.



Graduation Ceremony

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Incidental Music

Opening of Ceremony

Caroline Rowe will open the proceedings by inviting all present to stand and remain standing while the Academic Procession enters the room and until the conclusion of the National Anthem.

Entry of Academic Procession

The Academic Procession enters and members take their places, and remain standing.

The Australian National Anthem is played

All present will remain standing and will then be seated at the conclusion of the National Anthem.

Welcome and Acknowledgment of Country

Caroline Rowe - Acknowledgment of Country

At the conclusion of the welcome

Professor Alan Bowen-James will make the following statement: "I certify that the candidates have met all the GCA requirements for the degrees or awards specified against their names."

Graduates will be welcomed as alumni of UBSS

Professor Alan Bowen-James will make the following statement: "In accordance with the Constitution of GCA trading as the **Universal Business School**, and in accordance with the authority given to me under that Constitution, I welcome the graduates."

Presentation of Graduates

MC calls on **Associate Professor Alan Bowen-James** to present graduands with their awards.



Class of 2025

Master of Business Administration

Abdul Aleem
Vindhya Prabhashvari Alkegama
Edessa Cantre Alvarez
Aman Kumar Arora
Shweta Arora
Giff Jurial Bajarias
Jony Bansal
Maulikkumar Jasvantbhai Barot
Anil Basnet
Devrajsinh Bhati
Parth Kiran Bhatt
Prashuna Bhatta
Nikitaben Ganeshbhai Chaudhari
Glotilda Cheruto
Sanjeet Dahal
Sabee Dangol
Haizel Ramos Dela Cruz
Poonam Devi
Saurav Diyali
Sarah Kay Evangelista
Muhammad Faisal
Devankshi Ashwinkumar Gandhi
Vishnu Gaur
Anu Giri
Ashutosh Kanchan Gosavi
Deepa Gurung
Sonam Tsering Gurung
Minendra Hiniduma Liyanage Sarathchandra
Syed Asif Iqbal
Rikesh K C
Yash Bahadur Karki
Suraj Karki
Ramandeep Kaur
Manvir Kaur



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Jarmanjit Kaur
Gurleen Kaur
Amanpreet Kaur
Biwash Koirala
Pankaj Kumar
Narendra Babu Kumhari
Dev Bipinkumar Limbachiya
Ayushi Bipinkumar Limbachiya
Aditya Manchanda
Stephanie Gabuya Manlangit
Muhammad Rasab Nasim
Neha Neha
Rachi Nepal
Hemanta Nepal
Bilal Nisar
Chinazo Cynthia Okonkwo
Susan Opano
Jigneshkumar Patel
Pratik Bharatbhai Patel
Mohitkumar Rameshbhai Patel
Vishwas Rajendrabhai Patel
Jinal Rajnikant Patel
Hindalben Sunny Patel
Warnakulasuriya Janith Chandula Peiris
Nikhil Puthuparambil George
Mohammad Abdul Raheel
Priyanka Raj
Hiren Bipin Raje
Anil Regmi
Inam Ul Rehman
Sulari Prasanga Samarawickrama
Raj Savaliya
Neelu Shaky
Chetan Sharma
Gulnar Sharma
Sudhir Sharma
Manas Sharma



Tshering Diki Sherpa
Isha Shetty
Kreepa Shrestha
Sukhmanjot Kaur Sidhu
Gurpreet Singh
Lovepreet Singh
Inderdeep Singh
Lovepreet Singh
Harpreet Singh
Bhavdeep Singh
Harmandeep Singh
Asadullah Soomro
Dharmik Bhailalbhair Suthar
Shreya Tamrakar
Ramesh Tanimki
Amir Thapa
Tenzin Wangchuk

Graduate Diploma in Business Administration

Sameera Begum
Sumeetkumar Shantilal Maheshwari
Narayana Rai Peradka
Atul Rawal
Megha Rawat Bisht
Sujata Rai
Chowdhury Halima Tus Sadia
Satnam Singh Satnam Singh
Asmita Shakya Sthapit
Aljen Mae Aldaya Tan
Winfred Wangari



Graduate Certificate in Business Administration

Micah Conde Fontelera
Damanpreet Singh Gandhi
Marjorie Graviles Gray
Nadeem Gulzar
Madhvi Kakkar
Dhiraj Kandel
Harmanjot Kaur
Gurpreet Kaur
Emmanuel Chukwuebuka Onebunne
Akshat Govindkumar Patel
Ruchi Patel
Maitry Bhaveshkumar Patel
Nishiit Nareshkumar Patel
Deep Bharatbhai Patel
Damodar Rawal
Aman Kumar Shrestha
Lovely Sigdel
Sunil Sunil
Samadhi Tamrakar Shrestha Tamrakar Shrestha

Bachelor of Business

Wan Chi Yet

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Introduction of Guest Speaker

Caroline Rowe introduces the Occasional Speaker **Emeritus Professor David Corkindale**

Occasional Speaker Address

Conclusion of Occasional Speaker Address

Caroline Rowe at the conclusion of the Address, thanks the Occasional Speaker.

Introduction of Outstanding Academic Performance Award recipients

Professor Alan Bowen-James, at the conclusion of the Occasional Speaker Address, will announce the recipients of the Outstanding Academic Performance Award for each of the Undergraduate and Postgraduate studies, and IML.

Award Recipients for studies at UBSS

The Professor Guthrie Award

The late **Professor Gus Guthrie** was a distinguished academic who served as Vice-Chancellor of UTS towards the end of his working career. He was the inaugural Chair of the Board of Directors at Group Colleges Australia. He was instrumental in the establishment of what is now known as UBSS.

The Professor Guthrie Award Postgraduate (Adelaide campus) is:

Hemanta Nepal



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IML Awards

UBSS strongly believes in providing business networking opportunities to students to develop their careers. To further this goal, UBSS has entered into an association with the **Institute of Managers and Leaders Australia and New Zealand**, which is a peak professional association that recognises excellence in management and leadership. As part of this association with UBSS, the IML award is supported by IML to recognise a student which has excelled in this discipline.

The IML Award for Undergraduate (Adelaide campus) is:

Wan Chi Yet

The IML Award for Executive MBA (Adelaide campus) is:

Ramesh Tanimki

Introduction of Speakers for Graduates

Caroline Rowe, announces and introduces the graduate who will speak on behalf of all the graduates.

Hemanta Nepal

Master of Business Administration

Caroline Rowe thanks the Speaker on behalf of the Graduates.

Conclusion of the Ceremony

Caroline Rowe, at the conclusion of the address by the Speakers on behalf of Graduates, will announce that the formal Ceremony is now concluded.

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Recessional Music

Gaudeamus Igitur (Traditional University Song, origin 1287)

Gaudeamus Igitur
Iuvenes dum sumus
Post iucun dam iuventutem
Post molestam senectutem
Nos habebit humus
Nos habebit humus

Vivat academia
Vivant professors
Vivat membrum quodlibet
Vivant membra quaelibet
Semper sint in flore
Semper sint in flore

*Let us rejoice, therefore
While we are young and free
After a pleasant youth
After a troubling old age
The earth will have us
The earth will have us*

*Long live our academy
Long live the professors
Long live each student
Long live all the fraternity
Forever may they flourish
Forever may they flourish*



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