



Group Colleges Australia

Graduation Ceremony

2025

Wednesday, 3rd December 2025

**The Timber Yard,
Melbourne**



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

Mack Meshkati 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

Mack Meshkati - 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

Divy Ujas Acharya
Rida Zaira Aguba
Umair Ahmad
Hafiz Muhammad Ammar
Jenrick Andrew Saliendra Apolo
Sahil Arora
Puneet Kaur Arora
Shahnam Asghar
Ashish Ashish
Alex Kim Tolentino Asinas
Tharindu Rangana Balasooriya
Sai Teja Bandaru
Komal Bansal
James Barillaro
Ekamveer Kaur Bhullar
Virendrasinh Prakashsinh Bihola
Irish Tongco Bogo
Philippi Aleko Bojo
Dennis Breis
Muhammad Sheraz Butt
Charanjit Kaur Charanjit Kaur
Srishti Chauhan
Harpreet Chawla
Dikshya Chhetri
Happy Choudhary
Rachel Cueto
Rahul Dabas
Samandra Marakkala Navindu Shenal Jayasanka De
Silva Klarisse Arevalo De Vera
Deepti Deepti
Sailja Devi
Ritu Devi
Kajal Devi
Manisha Devi



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Anjali Devi
Monika Dhillon
YuXiang Gao
Keezhia Rexiene Salvaleon
Gonzaga Gaurav Gulati
Himanshu Himanshu
Anna Marie Jamito
Yashik Khan Jullian Jayasinghe
Shikha Baluni Jugran
Ferida Juliano
Jyoti Jyoti
Jyoti Jyoti
Jasmeenkaur Gurmeetsingh
Kaberwal Sameer Kanyan
Anshul Karwasra
Navneet Kaur
Sukhdeep Kaur
Ramandeep Kaur
Simranjeet Kaur
Jaspreet Kaur
Baljinder Kaur Kaur
Amandeep Kaur
Sharandeep Kaur
Manpreet Kaur Kaur
Sukhvir Kaur
Gurpreet Kaur
Jaspreet Kaur
Manpreet Kaur
Amanpreet Kaur
Mehakpreet Kaur
Prabhjot Kaur
Navdeep Kaur
Arshdeep Kaur
Sukhpreet Kaur
Kirandeep Kaur
Harman Deep Kaur
Manjot Kaur
Manpreet Kaur
Shahbaz Khan
Anu Koirala
Kunal Koli



Harmann Jeet Kour
Honey Kumar
Manoj Kumar
Ramifesh Kumar
Aman Kumar
Lashmi Lashmi
Nikesh Kumar Madigela
Nidhi Mahajan
Shristi Maharjan
John Manoussakis
Jyoti Makh
Daves Vincent Manalo
Tricia Margarita Calip Morales
Vidura Shalitha Dissanayake Mudiyansele
Judy Mary Njoki Muikia
Sithuvily Sherin Sithara Ekanayaka
Mudiyansele Deepika Nadella
Naditma Naditma
Seyed Mohammadreza Naghavi Zadeh
Joyce Jofika Naicker
Achal Bhavishna Nand
Suraj Neupane
Niharika Ghartan Niharika Ghartan
Brijesh Ashokbhai Patel
Vansh Arvindbhai Patel
Drupadkumar Hasmukhbhai Patel
Parth Dilipbhai Patel
Nikhilkumar Hasmukhbhai Patel
Krunal Dineshbhai Patel
Khodshkumar Patel
Aakriti Pathak
Khushboo Paul
Warnakulasuriya Ishara Swini Peiris
Asmitkumar Dhulabhai Prajapati
Prikshita Prikshita
Snehal Lakshy Pulpati
Ram Kumar Puri
Heli Bharatbhai Rajpara
Ramandeep Ramandeep
Suman Rani
Rupali Rani



Pooja Rani
Ritu Rani
Seema Rani
Raveena Rani
Komal Rani
Ruchi Ruchi
Reina Pilar Ruiz
Aastha Sabherwal
Sagar Sagar
Sahil Sahil
Sahil Sahil
Nikita Sahu
Davinder Saini
Lovepreet Singh Sandhu
Juman Sapkota
Paul Sessarego
Satveer Kaur Satveer Kaur
Ibrar Hussain Shah
Pooja Kamleshkumar Shah
Himanshu Sharma
Ashna Radhika Sharma
Poonam Sharma
Jhakendra Sharma
Anshika Sharma
Adeel Shehzad
Shivani Shivani
Sanjaya Shrestha
Mohammed Numaan
Siddiqui Jagdeep Singh
Sidhu Simran Simran
Gurpreet Singh
Virender Singh
Jasleen Singh
Mandeep Singh
Gursimran Singh
Lovepreet Singh
Amritpal Singh
Baljeet Singh
Ateshni Achaal Singh
Karan Singh
Priti Singh



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Marvi Singla
Vishal Soni
Aryan Subedi
Sukhwinderpal Singh Sukhwinderpal
Singh Bryan Surya
Aman Syag
Muhammad Noman Tariq
Parul Thakur
Rabina Thapa
Lalita Thapa
Sajani Saristha Tilakarathne
Joanne Tirador
Nidhi Tomar
Thi Truc Dao Trang
Shanilka Dilshan Udawaththage
Taimoor Ul Hassan
Muneer Unnisa
Vandana Vandana
Harinda Dilshan Gamage
Weerappulige Myline Grandeza Yanson



Graduate Diploma in Business Administration

Anuska Acharya
Mohammadsaeid
Aghamohammadinazari Saloni
Bhansali
Catalma Luz Dominicata
Apple Grace Empinado
Chandresh Kanubhai Gorasiya
Xiaoliang Gu
Kristine Joy Hernandez
Malki Imesha Hetti Arachchige Dona
Aqsa Iqbal
Prabhpreet Kaur
Murad Ali Khan
Parul Kochak
Vidhi Jignesh Mehta
Shireen Mussawar
Amanpreet Narula
Muhammad Ali Shaikh
Pamoda Madhubhashini Wann
Achchige Vishal Yadav
Wenqi Zhou



Graduate Certificate in Business Administration

Mohsin Ali
Basmah Ashraf
Hein Bui
Nainika Gaur
Joy Mario Gonamanda
Muhammad Farooq Hadi
Khalid Jaffer
Janvi Janvi
Hellah Jerop
Sabina Karki
Gurpreet Kaur
Jashandeep Kaur Kaur
Anurag Kharel
Reena Khatri
Samata Sagar Kirdak
Urvvi Kochar
Jeffrey Phinardi Kosasih
Kim Phuong Le
Pui Mun Liew
Jiangqi Luo
Neha Mahattrra
Karthik Mudayanti
Veghana Nalluri
Arlyn Nebres Serina
Ajay Pal
Sonam Palden
Siyu Pan
Vaibhavi Dheeraj Parmar
Urvish Patel
Krishna Vijaybhai Patel
Ario Prasetiya
Roohi Rani
Avani Harikrushna Ratanpara
Ronil Dhansukhbhai Savsaviya
Vichada Jeanne Schiller
Thilina Dilshan Perera
Senarathnage Talal Shakeel

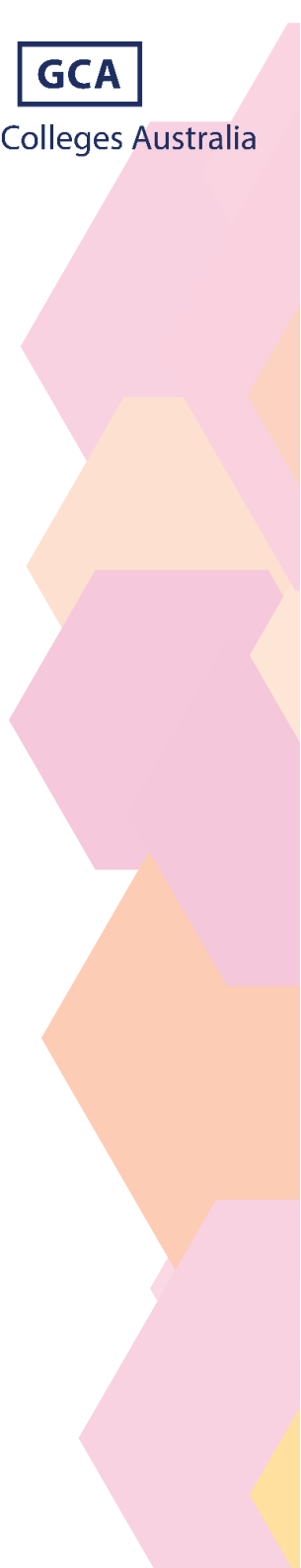


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Sumit Sharma Ujjwal
Lal Shrestha
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Ajaypal Singh
Jaspreet Singh
Minh Tuong Vy
Tran Thi Ngoc Tham
Trinh Muhammad
Umar Tanu Matta
Vaid Vishal Vishal
Yang Xu
Rida Jahan Zeb
Safa Zulfiqar





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Bachelor of Accounting

Pradeep Raj Pandey

Bachelor of Business

Danah Anas Muthana Al-Doori
Huyen Bao Ngoc Ngo
Juan Camilo Prieto Garzon
Kok Jiun Tan

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Introduction of Guest Speaker

Mack Meshkati introduces the Occasional Speaker **Professor Alan Bowen-James**

Occasional Speaker Address

Conclusion of Occasional Speaker Address

Mack Meshkati 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 (Melbourne campus) is:

Tricia Margarita Calip Morales



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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 (Melbourne campus) is:

Huyen Bao Ngoc

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

James Barillaro

Introduction of Speakers for Graduates

Mack Meshkati, announces and introduces the graduate who will speak on behalf of all the graduates.

Tricia Margarita Calip Morales
Master of Business Administration

Mack Meshkati thanks the Speaker on behalf of the Graduates.

Conclusion of the Ceremony

Mack Meshkati, 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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