

Brigham Young University

Thursday, April 23, 2026

10:00 a.m.

Marriott Center

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Order of the Academic Procession

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Significance of the Academic Costume

The significance of the academic costume is determined especially by the sleeves and hoods.

Doctors wear the round bell sleeve; the gown is faced down the front and barred on the sleeves with black velvet or color indicating the degree; the doctor's hood is large. The doctor may choose to wear the gold tassel on the cap.

Masters wear the long, closed sleeve, with a slit near the upper part of the arm; the master's hood is of more moderate size.

Bachelors wear the long or pointed sleeve. The color of the tassel indicates whether the degree is in the field of arts (white), fine arts (brown), music (pink), or science (golden yellow).



Program

Presiding	Elder Ulisses Soares Member of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
Conducting	C. Shane Reese President, Brigham Young University
Prelude	Josh Fenwick, carillon Neil A. Harmon, organ
Academic Procession	Color Guard, Presiding Authority, President, Board of Trustees, Administrative Officers, Official Guests, Faculty, and Graduates—from the Monte L. Bean Life Science Museum to the Marriott Center
Presentation of Colors	Air Force and Army ROTC
Welcome	President C. Shane Reese
Invocation	Heather Nicole Thomas Siaki
Musical Selection “I Will Walk with Jesus” Music by Stephen P. Schank Arranged by David A. Jones	BYU Wind Symphony Shawn Smith Director
President’s Greeting	President C. Shane Reese
Conferring of Degrees	President C. Shane Reese and Academic Vice President Justin Collings
Induction into the Alumni Association	Derek B. Miller President, BYU Alumni Association
Expression from Graduate	Mirabella Archibald Keogh
Special Musical Selection “Savior, Redeemer of My Soul” From the oratorio <i>Joseph Smith the Prophet</i> Words by Orson F. Whitney Music by Rob Gardner	Tavita Mika Ah Loe, tenor Thomas Bryce Turner, piano Alexa Jade Knaupp, violin
Commencement Address	Elder Ulisses Soares
Benediction	Giuliana Sofia Sanguinetti Soto
Recessional	Neil A. Harmon, organ
Postlude	Josh Fenwick, carillon

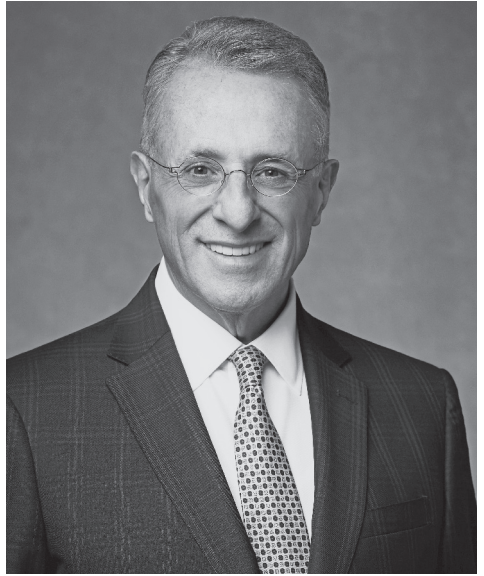
Commencement Speaker

Elder Ulisses Soares

Elder Ulisses Soares was sustained to the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles on March 31, 2018. At the time of his call, he had been serving as a member of the Presidency of the Seventy since January 2013.

Previously Elder Soares served as a counselor in the Africa Southeast Area, president of the Brazil Area, and a counselor in the Brazil South Area. He has served in a number of other Church callings, including full-time missionary in the Brazil Rio de Janeiro Mission, stake president, and president of the Portugal Porto Mission (2000–2003).

Elder Soares received a bachelor of science degree in accounting and economics from the São Paulo Pontifical Catholic University School of Economic Science in 1985 and later received an MBA degree. His professional career



has included the positions of accountant and auditor for multinational corporations in Brazil and director for temporal affairs in the Church area office in São Paulo, Brazil.

Elder Soares and his wife, Rosana, are the parents of three children.

College Convocation Schedule

THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 2026

NOON

Honors (tickets required)

Hinckley Center Assembly Hall

2:00 P.M.

**College of Computational, Mathematical,
and Physical Sciences**

*Mathematics, Mathematics Education,
and Statistics*

Wilkinson Student Center Ballroom

David O. McKay School of Education

Marriott Center

**David M. Kennedy Center
for International Studies**

Music Building Concert Hall

College of Nursing

Master's and December Baccalaureate

Joseph Smith Building Auditorium

4:00 P.M.

College of Nursing

April Baccalaureate

Joseph Smith Building Auditorium

4:30 P.M.

**College of Computational, Mathematical,
and Physical Sciences**

*Computer Science and Computer Science:
Software Engineering*

Wilkinson Student Center Ballroom

5:00 P.M.

J. Reuben Clark Law School (tickets required)

Music Building Concert Hall

College of Life Sciences

Marriott Center

7:00 P.M.

**College of Computational, Mathematical,
and Physical Sciences**

*Chemistry and Biochemistry, Computer Science
(Animation and Games, Bioinformatics, Data Science,
and Machine Learning), Geological Sciences,
and Physics and Astronomy*

Wilkinson Student Center Ballroom

FRIDAY, APRIL 24, 2026

8:00 A.M.

College of Humanities

Marriott Center

9:00 A.M.

**College of Fine Arts
and Communications** (tickets required)
Communications

Music Building Concert Hall

Ira A. Fulton College of Engineering
*Civil and Construction Engineering
and Manufacturing Engineering*

Wilkinson Student Center Ballroom

10:00 A.M.

Religious Education

Joseph Smith Building Auditorium

11:00 A.M.

College of Family, Home, and Social Sciences

Marriott Center

11:30 A.M.

Ira A. Fulton College of Engineering
*Electrical and Computer Engineering and
Technology and Engineering Studies*

Wilkinson Student Center Ballroom

NOON

**College of Fine Arts
and Communications** (tickets required)
Dance, Music, Theatre and Media Arts

Music Building Concert Hall

2:00 P.M.

Ira A. Fulton College of Engineering
Chemical and Biological Engineering

Joseph Smith Building Auditorium

Ira A. Fulton College of Engineering
Mechanical Engineering

Wilkinson Student Center Ballroom

2:30 P.M.

Marriott School of Business
*Business Management, Entrepreneurial
Management, Experience Design and Management,
Finance, Global Supply Chain Management,
Human Resource Management, Marketing,
Strategic Management, General Studies: Business*

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3:00 P.M.

**College of Fine Arts
and Communications** (tickets required)
Art and Design

Music Building Concert Hall

5:30 P.M.

Marriott School of Business
*MAcc, MBA, EMBA, MISM, MPA, EMPA,
Accounting, Information Systems*

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