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2:00 p.m.

May 20

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Sacramento, California

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By Giuseppe Verdi

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COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

Paul Edward Dassenko, '82

Paul Dassenko currently serves as Chief Executive Officer and President of Risk Transfer Underwriting, Inc., a company he founded in 2011. Previously he served as President and CEO for Converium's North American operations, until their sale to Berkshire Hathaway. Prior to his time at Converium, Paul was Managing Director at GIO Insurance Ltd., Sydney Australia. He started in the insurance sector in 1976, as an underwriter at The Travelers, later moving on to underwriting for Swiss Reinsurance Corporation and American Re-Insurance Company. In 1989 he was brought-in by the bankruptcy trustee to oversee asset recovery in excess of \$4.5 Billion for the largest property-casualty insurance company insolvency of the 1980's, Transit Casualty Company in Los Angeles. In that capacity, he testified before the House Committee on Oversight and Investigations regarding insurance solvency, and the economic impact of insolvency. Following his experience at Transit Casualty, he was recruited to reorganize and restructure GIO in Australia, and later Converium's North American operations, restoring both balance sheets to financial strength.

Since 1993, Paul has used his business experience and legal background to establish himself as an international commercial arbitrator. He is passionate about his work as an arbitrator, and hopes to be able to do this work well into his sunset years, long after his energy as an entrepreneur fades. In his career as an arbitrator, he has been appointed in over 250 arbitrations in the US, South America, the UK, Bermuda, Singapore, and Dubai. He is an ARIAS-U.S. Certified Arbitrator and Umpire, and is listed on the panel of ARIAS (UK) arbitrators. Paul also mediates commercial disputes worldwide, including assignments in business sectors such as insurance, marine, banking and energy.

Paul's arbitration experience includes writing decisions in the US, the UK, Bermuda, and South America (including Spanish language proceedings). He has acted as arbitrator in AAA, ICDR, JAMS, LCIA, ICC International Court of Arbitration (Paris), and DIPC-LCIA (Dubai) arbitrations.

Paul is an active member of the State Bar of California. He received his Juris Doctor degree in 1982 from the University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law and his undergraduate degree from Walla Walla University. He's completed post-graduate work in Management and Finance at IMD International, Lausanne Switzerland.

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Seniors recognized for outstanding scholarship and academic achievement.

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Ashley M. Pane
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Award recognizing overall scholastic accomplishment to two students in each division of the graduating class.

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Erin Jillian Price
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Virginia Lauren Martucci
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Students recognized for remarkable contributions to the McGeorge Community.

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OUTSTANDING STUDENT SERVICE AWARD

In recognition of the graduating seniors who have given most significant service to the McGeorge community.

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LL.M. AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

In recognition of the graduating LL.M. who most successfully demonstrated excellence in scholastic achievement; consideration was also given to criteria such as honors the student received and the student's participation in activities that exemplify the highest academic and individual achievements during his or her LL.M. studies.

Alina Davletshina

M.S.L. AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

In recognition of the M.S.L. student with the highest GPA, with a minimum mandatory GPA requirement of 3.5. Nominations are not accepted for this award; it is automatically conferred to the most qualified student.

Lindsay Bonnetta

Michelle Teran

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GRADUATE STUDENT SERVICE AWARD

In recognition of the graduate student who has given the most significant service and contributed in the most meaningful way to the McGeorge Community.

Note: The Committee may exercise discretion and decline to confer this award should it determine that no nominee has contributed sufficiently or in a meaningful way deserving of recognition.

Carolina Rondon-Chacon

CHAMPION OF DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION AWARD

In recognition of the Pacific student who has gone above and beyond their role to work as a proponent of diversity and inclusion. Winners include those who are seen as leaders who support diversity and inclusivity in their work both at Pacific and in the larger community.

Sylvia Mirella La Rosa

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The following students constitute Volume 48 of *The University of the Pacific Law Review* and are responsible for its publication. Appointment to *The University of the Pacific Law Review* is one of the highest honors bestowed upon law students.

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Michael J. Elizondo Thank you to everyone that has supported me all these years, from here, to home and all around the world! Every day is a good day when one is in the service of justice.

William J. Ellerbee, Jr. I never could have made it without you, family & friends. I followed my dreams, and now I'm stronger and wiser. I entered to learn, and now depart to serve. Thanks so much for your love & encouragement.

Enrique E. Duran, Jr. I would like to thank my family and friends who supported me the past three years. A special thanks to my parents, my in-laws, my wife Kristina, and my daughter Briella. I love you. On to the bar!

Maral Farsi Thank you to my future husband, future stepdaughter, loving parents and supportive friends. Without you and my amazing MSL classmates, I couldn't have completed this adventure!

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Jessica Stein Gosney Jessica wants to thank her family and friends, especially Adam, Heather, Craig, Justin, Grammy, Lynn, the Chris', and Emily, for their endless support, and Cassidy for the much needed dance parties and fairy adventures.

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Sylvia Mirella La Rosa Abuela, Gracias por tu apoyo, no solo en la escuela, pero en todo que ha hecho yo en mi vida. Eres un gran ejemplo de mujer, madre, y esposa. Te Amo!

Nicole Low Manoah, Mama, Dad, Trev, Neens, Uncle, John, Al, Daniella, Grams, Pop, Todds and Lows: I walk across the stage today only because you were always 2 steps behind me. Thank you! Kainoa – Mama loves you!

Ryan John Mahoney To my family and friends, thank you for encouraging me in all of my pursuits and inspiring me to follow my dreams. A special loving thanks to my wife, the most amazing and caring person in the world.

Ian Keller McGlone There is only now, and it will change. I am eternally grateful to McGeorge. I have received more than I can repay. Special thanks and love to my parents, Janet and Jerry, and sisters, Jen and Leigh.

Ashlin Yukie Moore To my family and friends, thank you for the love and support in helping me achieve my dreams. A special thank you to my wonderful Grandma, I love you very much.

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- Manolo P. Morales** Thank you to my friends and family for making my dream possible! ¡Desde el fundo de mi corazón quiero darle las gracias a mi familia y a mis amigos que han echo posible la realización de mis sueños!
- Ashley M. Pane** Mom, Dad, & Bobby (+Bug): Thank you for all your love, support, and understanding over the past four years. I would not be where I am today without you. I love you!
- Sarah Arianna Papazian** Master has given Sarah a diploma. Sarah is freeee!
- Heather Deborah Phillips** Mom, Dad, Buddy, and Grammie - Thank you for all your endless love and support. I couldn't have done it without you. When you see me walk across that stage today, I hope you know it's you I'm walking for. I love you.
- Brian Russ** To Meghann, Baylee, and Abrielle: Thank You. I Love You.
- Chanel Saidi** Thank you Mom for the calls, Dad for constant words of encouragement, Romtin for always being there when I need you. To my fiancé Stephen for loving me and always being there. Hasti for keeping me on track. Sarah for loving squirrels and me.

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PROFILE OF THE PACIFIC

PREPARING OUR STUDENTS: SUCCESS AFTER GRADUATION

University of the Pacific provides a superior, student-centered learning experience that integrates liberal arts and professional education to prepare students for lasting achievement and responsible leadership in their careers and communities.

At six months after graduation, nearly 90 percent of the Class of 2016 was employed or accepted to a graduate or professional school, completing a post-graduate internship or fellowship, or serving in a military or community service experience. In 2016, Pacific alumni salaries ranked No. 2 in California compared to similar institutions, according to the White House College Scorecard. Overall, Pacific ranked No. 7 among California's 348 colleges and universities for alumni salaries.

LOOKING BACK: OUR UNIQUE HISTORY

University of the Pacific was established in 1851 as California's first chartered institution of higher learning. It was founded by pioneering Methodist ministers remains the only Methodist-related university in California. Originally located in Santa Clara, the university later moved to San Jose and, in 1924, moved to Stockton, making it the first private four-year university in the Central Valley.

An innovator and leader in higher education, Pacific provided California with its first chartered medical school in 1858, its first coeducational campus in 1871, and its first conservatory of music in 1878. It was the nation's first to offer an undergraduate teacher corps program, the first to send an entire class to an overseas campus, the first to establish a Spanish-speaking inter-American college, and the first to offer a four-year graduation guarantee.

Pacific has enjoyed extraordinary stability in administration. Pamela A. Eibeck began her service in 2009 as the sixth president since the university's move to Stockton in 1924 and the 24th since its founding in 1851.

Under the leadership of President Eibeck, Pacific continues to expand its academic offerings in Sacramento and San Francisco as guided by our strategic plan. The plan capitalizes on Pacific's highly regarded academic programs, formative student-teacher relationships and multiple locations to position Pacific as the best teaching-focused university in California.

LOOKING FORWARD: INNOVATING WITH THE TIMES

Today, University of the Pacific is a highly ranked national university that remains deeply committed to its personal, student-centered approach. Campuses in Stockton, Sacramento and San Francisco strategically position Pacific in three of California's, and the nation's, most important and dynamic markets. The university earns widespread recognition for its deep commitment to teaching and learning, its history of innovation and the accomplishments of its alumni.

Pacific has added more than a dozen new academic programs across its three campuses over the last two years. Once the exclusive homes to Pacific's law and dental schools, the Sacramento and San Francisco campuses now reach new students with graduate programs in data science, physician assistant studies, audiology, music therapy, education, public policy, and public administration. These programs help address the region's critical need for leaders in technology, health care, education, government and nonprofit sectors.

This fall, the Stockton Campus will host new graduate and undergraduate programs designed to equip students for success in the digital era, including a master's in cybersecurity and Media X, a program that integrates the analysis, performance, production, marketing, and management of traditional, digital, and emerging media.

BEYOND ACADEMICS: PACIFIC'S COMMUNITY IMPACT

In addition to academics, Pacific is making a positive community impact across the Northern California region through tens of thousands of hours of public outreach, innovative new programs and the efforts of students, faculty and staff across the university.

For example, the Thomas J. Long School of Pharmacy and Health Sciences held its 100th Mobile Medicare Clinic and celebrated a decade of free clinics that have saved more than 5,500 Medicare recipients upwards of \$5.7 million in prescription drug costs. Since 2010, more than 3,000 of the most vulnerable and underserved in our communities have received health care services through our Virtual Dental Home program, a revolutionary new care delivery system developed by Pacific's Center for Special Care. And McGeorge's legal clinics on important topics, such as immigration law, benefit the community while preparing students through meaningful experiential learning.

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OUR SCHOOLS, MAJORS AND PROGRAMS

Pacific's nine schools and college on its three campuses offer students their choice of 80-plus majors, including 25 graduate programs and 10 accelerated program options. For example, students can go directly into certain professional programs, including pharmacy, dentistry and law, while accelerated programs in business, engineering and education make it possible to earn both undergraduate and graduate degrees in five years.

COLLEGE OF THE PACIFIC (1851)

The College of the Pacific is the oldest and largest academic unit, encompassing 18 departments and 29 majors in the natural sciences, social sciences, humanities, and the fine and performing arts. Based upon its foundation of a rigorous liberal arts curriculum, the College champions experiential learning through undergraduate research and creative activity, fieldwork, internships, and study abroad. The College prepares graduating students to command a broad perspective in their professional careers, ready to assume the responsibilities of leadership

CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC (1878)

Pacific's Conservatory of Music has been delivering an outstanding music education for more than 135 years. Degree programs are offered in performance, composition, jazz, education, management, music therapy and history. Conservatory faculty artists/scholars provide a rigorous and supportive learning environment. Students have access to a recording studio, technology and composition labs. Seminars and master classes with accomplished alumni and visiting artists along with numerous performance and other experiential opportunities help prepare graduates for professions in music.

ARTHUR A. DUGONI SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY (1896)

The nationally renowned Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry, named in honor of its dean of 28 years, is committed to providing a world-class dental education for its students and comprehensive, affordable patient care for adults and children. The Dugoni School is highly regarded for its humanistic model of education that respects the dignity of each individual and for innovation in dental curriculum, including comprehensive patient care and competency-based education. Its programs include an accelerated year-round pre-doctoral DDS program that enables students to complete four academic years of instruction in three calendar years.

MCGEORGE SCHOOL OF LAW (1924)

McGeorge educates lawyers for large and small law firms, government agencies and corporate legal departments around the world. McGeorge's success is built on its distinguished faculty, high quality students, committed and involved alumni, and beautiful, spacious campus with state-of-the art classrooms and student facilities. McGeorge is a dynamic law school that is changing and growing to meet the challenges of the global economy and to educate the lawyers who will be tomorrow's leaders.

GLADYS L. BENERD SCHOOL OF EDUCATION (1924)

The Benerd School of Education, named in honor of an alumna's endowed gift, has educated future professionals in learning, education, and leadership roles for more than 90 years. Benerd School faculty prepare students for service in public and private education and learning-related professions in other sectors; provide programs for current educational professionals to update and upgrade their understanding, knowledge and skills; and promote and engage in research leading to better education and learning.

THOMAS J. LONG SCHOOL OF PHARMACY AND HEALTH SCIENCES (1955)

The Thomas J. Long School of Pharmacy and Health Sciences is named in honor of the financial commitment of the Thomas J. Long Foundation and the Long family. The School offers a three-year accelerated pharmacy program, provides speech-language pathology students early clinical experience, prepares highly-trained audiologists and produces practice-ready physical therapists. The School is committed to creating a leadership focused, success centered environment for its diverse student body. Students are empowered to succeed through meaningful, experiential learning in state-of-the-art laboratories. The School's programs have received continuous national accreditation.

SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING AND COMPUTER SCIENCE (1957)

The School of Engineering and Computer Science empowers its students to solve problems by developing their own projects and working alongside professors on contemporary research. The School's faculty take each student's education personally and are committed to mentoring them both inside and outside of the classroom. With its distinguished cooperative education program, students also get to 'learn and earn' through a paid professional internship, built right into the curriculum, with one of the School's 200-plus industry partners worldwide.

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EBERHARDT SCHOOL OF BUSINESS (1977)

The Eberhardt School of Business was renamed in 1995 in recognition of the Eberhardt family's endowed gifts. Fully accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business, the School boasts a \$3 million Eberhardt Student Investment Fund, a dedicated Career Management Center, top-rated faculty, state-of-the-art classroom technology, and exceptional experiential learning opportunities. The School offers valuable leadership development and business resources through its centers and institutes, including the Center for Business and Policy Research, Center for Entrepreneurship, Westgate Center for Leadership and Management Development and Institute for Family Business.

SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL STUDIES (1987)

A school within College of the Pacific, the School of International Studies is devoted to the interdisciplinary study of international affairs. International, interdisciplinary and intercultural immersion, acquisition of at least one second language and at least a semester of study abroad prepare students to succeed in a variety of professions in industry, government, not-for-profit organizations and educational institutions. The School's programs help students develop strong analytical reasoning ability and strengthen written and oral communication skills while building intercultural competence and personal confidence.

UNIVERSITY OF THE PACIFIC McGEORGE SCHOOL OF LAW

92 years ago, McGeorge School of Law began as a one-room night school in downtown Sacramento in 1924 when it was founded as the Sacramento College of Law. Verne Adrian McGeorge was the founding dean and professor of law. In 1929, the Board of Trustees renamed the school McGeorge College of Law in honor of its founder.

Succeeding McGeorge, Russell Harris was dean from 1930-1933. Gilford Rowland was dean from 1933-1937. Lawrence Dorety was dean from 1937 until the school closed during WWII. The school reopened in 1946 under Dean John Swan. In 1957 Gordon D. Schaber became dean of McGeorge College of Law. That same year the law school moved to its permanent home in a vacant well-baby clinic at the corner of 33rd Street and Fifth Avenue in the Oak Park neighborhood.

The school won full accreditation from the State Bar of California in 1964. McGeorge affiliated with the University of the Pacific in 1966 and began offering day classes the following year. The merger with Pacific paved the way for ABA accreditation (1968) and an explosive growth in enrollment the following decade.

McGeorge's 13-acre campus is a 26-building complex that includes 14 classrooms, a courtroom, student center, student apartments, community legal services offices, and the lecture hall. The McGeorge Legal Studies Center opened in 2011 and houses the Gordon D. Schaber Law Library.

A leader in the study of international law, McGeorge established a presence in Europe in 1974. Anthony M. Kennedy, an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States and adjunct professor of constitutional law at McGeorge since 1965, teaches each summer at the school's International Legal Studies Program in Salzburg, Austria.

Dean Gerald Caplan succeeded Schaber in 1991. In 2002, Dean Elizabeth Rindskopf Parker became the eighth dean of McGeorge. In 2012, Francis J. Mootz III, formerly of UNLV's William Boyd School of Law, became the ninth dean of McGeorge. The McGeorge faculty includes 48 full-time faculty and 68 adjuncts recognized nationally and internationally in their fields.

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THE ORDER OF THE COIF

The Order of the Coif is a national society for law students that recognizes academic excellence and promotes legal scholarship. Award of the chapter of The Order of the Coif signifies that the school of law maintains scholarship and academic standards of particularly high quality. The McGeorge Chapter was chartered in 1982. Chapters have been awarded to 80 of the 198 law schools accredited by the American Bar Association. Candidates for the Juris Doctor Degree who have been elected to membership are designated by the “[coif]” symbol.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE OF THE MACE

Originally a weapon of offence used in medieval warfare by a king or a noble, the mace has been refined to a symbolic device used on ceremonial occasions. The mace, as an academic symbol, dates back to 16th century England when Queen Elizabeth I presented a replica of her own royal mace to the corporation of the University of Oxford. She ordered that it be used in all ceremonies to represent the royal presence and the authority given to the university to grant degrees under the royal insignia. King Charles I made a similar gift to Cambridge University in 1625.

Robert E. Burns, Pacific president from 1946-1971, asked Stuart Devlin, an internationally-known London silver designer, to create University of the Pacific’s mace. It was commissioned in recognition of the University’s transition from a college to a university and was first used at a Founders Day ceremony on March 6, 1966. Constructed entirely of silver with a gold plated seal of the University in its head, the mace weighs 15 pounds and is approximately four feet long. It was a gift from Mrs. Winifred Olson Raney, a regent of the University. The mace is displayed at all official University functions, including Commencement and Convocation. It is traditionally carried by the chair of the Academic Council to symbolize the role of the faculty in university governance.

SIGNIFICANCE OF ACADEMIC REGALIA

Distinctive academic dress can be traced back to the universities of the Middle Ages when students and faculty wore robes of the clergy. Today three ranks of degrees are distinguished through variations in the robes, which also indicate the discipline and the university that awarded the degree.

In the United States, gowns generally are black, although a few universities have adopted other colors for their doctoral gowns. The field of learning in which the degree is awarded is shown by the color of the edging of the hood, and in some cases by the color of the facing and crossbars on the doctoral gown. Some of the more frequently seen colors are: white (Arts and Letters), pink (Music), dark blue (Philosophy), light blue (Education), scarlet (Theology), golden yellow (Science), lilac (Dentistry), olive green (Pharmacy), and purple (Law). The colors of the lining of the hood are those of the institution awarding the degree. For example, University of the Pacific is burnt orange and black. An olive green tassel is often worn on the cap to signify the field of Pharmacy, although generally bachelor's and master's tassels are black. Doctoral tassels generally are gold. The left side of the mortarboard is the proper side to wear the tassel after graduation. An individual's degree is revealed by the type of gown and width of the edging on the hood.

For graduates or candidates for the Juris Doctor Degree who are elected to The Order of the Coif, as part of their academic regalia, the traditional white coif is attached to their mortarboard.

SIGNIFICANCE OF CORDS

Gold & Purple... *Day & Evening Valedictorians*

Solid Orange & Black... *Honors & Awards Committee Award Recipients*

Entwined Black & Orange ... *Members of the University of the Pacific Law Review*

Entwined Red, White & Blue... *Veterans*

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