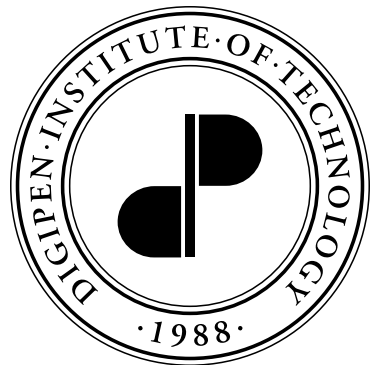Sunday, December 13, 2020

COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

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Class of 2020

A Message from the President

December 13, 2020

Dear Graduates,

Congratulations on your achievement! I am very proud of each and every one of you, and you should be proud of your accomplishments. Graduating from DigiPen is a formidable feat, and although it may have tested your abilities at times, you succeeded with all the hard work, discipline, and perseverance that you dedicated to your education. The honor we bestow on you today is well deserved, and I applaud you.

As we send you off into the world to make your mark, please allow me to offer you four pieces of advice that I have given to my own children. First, as a college graduate, you are now among the small percentage of people who are the most educated in the world. With this privilege comes great responsibility. Therefore, as you begin this new chapter in your lives, I encourage you to strive for excellence in all you do. With the solid foundation you have built during your years at DigiPen, you are armed with the knowledge and expertise to excel in the careers you have chosen. Continue to use your imagination to achieve great things, and persevere when times get tough, as there is no easy road to success.

Second, as you pursue your dreams, continue to live by the values, ethics, and integrity that we have encouraged you to uphold during your years at DigiPen. Your integrity will speak more about you than you imagine. Be kind to those you live and work with, and remember to express gratitude to those who help you because they, too, have contributed to your success. Along the way, reach out and give back to even those who do not know you, for this is the kind of giving that is most rewarding.

Third, continue your pursuit of knowledge and self-improvement, because learning is a life-long process. Learn more about your field of work, the subjects that intrigue you, the world, and yourself. My father often told me that the only treasure that I can count on and take with me anywhere in the world is my knowledge. Today, I pass on to you the same advice that served me well throughout the years.

Finally, be humble. The virtue of humility will allow you to cultivate other virtues. It will help you build character and give you the insight to understand others more fully. Humility is also necessary in your quest for knowledge. It has been said that, "If we do not learn humility, we will learn nothing." As you become more successful in your careers and become leaders in the industry, you may at one point feel that you know it all. But there is always something new to learn. Be humble so that you can expand your minds and your hearts.

Together with your loved ones, the entire DigiPen family congratulates you on your achievement, and we celebrate your new beginning. I encourage you to stay connected to your alma mater, and we eagerly look forward to hearing about the outstanding accomplishments I know you will achieve.

With all my best wishes,

Claude Comair

President and Founder
DigiPen Institute of Technology

Order of Exercises

OPENING REMARKS BY MASTER OF CEREMONIES

Angela Kugler, *Senior Vice President of External Affairs*

NATIONAL ANTHEM

DigiPen Vocal Ensemble

WELCOME BY THE STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT

Sam Jordan, *2020 Bachelor of Arts in Game Design Graduate & President of the Associated Students of DigiPen*

INTRODUCTION OF COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

Angela Kugler, *Senior Vice President of External Affairs*

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Stanley Pierre-Louis, *President and CEO of the Entertainment Software Association (ESA)*

RECOGNITION OF THE FACULTY

Dr. Erik Mohrmann, *Dean of Faculty*

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATE STUDENT HONORS

Dr. Erik Mohrmann, *Dean of Faculty*

Honors are awarded to graduate candidates who have maintained a cumulative GPA of 3.7 or greater.

Master of Science in Computer Science

Steven Barnett
Shantanu Chauhan
Dustin Conley
Kevin Du
Cody Duncan
Daxiao Ge
Arnold George
Albert Hady
Fan Jin
Alex Koumandarakis
Shivam Kumar
Chunyan Li

Ramzi Mourtada
Sairaj Padghe
Shashwat Pandey
Holden Profit
Daniel Rasske
Ana Resendez Rodriguez
Jose Rosenbluth
Sidhant Tumma
Zhongqiu Wang
Iris Wu
Ziniu Yang

Master of Fine Arts in Digital Arts

Cal Santiago

PRESENTATION OF UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT VALEDICTORIANS

Dr. Erik Mohrmann, *Dean of Faculty*

Valedictorians are undergraduate students who have achieved the highest GPA in their degree program's graduating class.

Bachelor of Fine Arts in Digital Art and Animation
Kaitlin Baird

Bachelor of Arts in Game Design
Laurel Drusilla Pratt

Bachelor of Arts in Music and Sound Design
Dakota Richard Estes

Bachelor of Science in Computer Engineering
Barrett Karstens

Bachelor of Science in Computer Science
Garrett Michael Conti

Bachelor of Science in Computer Science and Game Design
Elliott Strait

Bachelor of Science in Computer Science and Digital Audio
Matthew Takao Yamaguchi Rosen

Bachelor of Science in Computer Science in Real-Time Interactive Simulation
Isaac Prescott Dugaw

PRESENTATION BY THE NOMINATED STUDENT SPEAKER

The Student Speaker exemplifies the high academic and professional standards of DigiPen and was nominated by DigiPen's faculty and staff.

Matthew Takao Yamaguchi Rosen
2020 Bachelor of Science in Computer Science and Digital Audio Graduate

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

During the ceremony, student names will be read in alphabetical order by last name. A full list of student names is shown on the following pages.

CLOSING REMARKS

Claude Comair, *President and Founder*

RECESSIONAL

DigiPen Canon, DigiPen Vocal Ensemble & DigiPen Jazz Ensemble

2020 Graduation Candidates

MASTER OF FINE ARTS
IN DIGITAL ARTS

Yun Huai Huang
Lyn Kline
Cal Santiago‡

Natalie Spitzel
Wing Yi Weng

MASTER OF SCIENCE
IN COMPUTER SCIENCE

Steven Barnett‡
Shantanu Chauhan‡
Kevin Chen
Fei Ya Chiu
Dustin Conley‡
Kevin Du‡
Cody Duncan‡
Pratyush Gawai
Daxiao Ge‡
Arnold George‡
Albert Hady‡
Trevor Harron
Mohammed Zoheb Hynus
Sai Sindhu Jannali
Fan Jin‡
Alex Koumandarakis‡
Shivam Kumar‡
Chunyan Li‡
Ka Cheong Li
Ching-Yen Lin

Ramzi Mourtada‡
Sairaj Padghe‡
Shashwat Pandey‡
Supreeth Rao Pejawar
Aleksey Perfilev
Varun Premchandran
Holden Profit‡
Daniel Rasske‡
Ana Resendez Rodriguez‡
Jose Rosenbluth‡
Jiyun Ruan
Sujay Shah
Fenil Shingala
Vidhi Soni
Romil Tendulkar
Rohit Tolety
Sidhant Tumma‡
Zhongqiu Wang‡
Iris Wu‡
Ziniu Yang‡

‡Graduating with Distinction

BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS
IN DIGITAL ART AND ANIMATION

Benjamin Adman
Praewa Akhawutwanit
Kate Anderson*
Susan Anderson
Kaitlin Baird***
Anna Baltzo
Haily Berkenkotter
Samuel Bueno
Jun Chan
Hsun Cheng
Chien-Chia Chiu**
Christine Conger
Nicole Davis
Jose Dominguez Perez
Andrei Paul Elenzano
Selena Eng
Jordan Gazitt
Riley Hazelrigg
Russell Higgins
Tzu-yuan Hung
Candice Kang

Caroline Kim
Christine Kim
Kallie King
Miranda Koulogeorge
Bristol Lakshas
Jasmine Ling*
Terry Love-lee
Kimberly Marsing
Nikki Moore
Katherine Murphy
Jacques Parks
Areli Quinonez
Victoria Ridenour
Rathanon Santiwiriyakarn
Claire Selvog
Tabatha Tipton
Ari Trejo
Salvatorre Yazzie*
Ethan Yu
Alessandro Zerr

BACHELOR OF ARTS
IN GAME DESIGN

Benjamin Albers
Jonah Campbell-Shinault
Zachary Davies
Chay Davis
Talenua Dharaphop
James Dircks
Nolan Dost
Justin Fleming
Eli Ghali
Sarah Graves
Jay Han
Sean Hill
Sam Jordan*
Luiz Quenji Kato Junior
Kara Laumann

Sean Lurins
Dustin Markle
Grace Mcclintock
Kai Mcdonald
Said Mirpour
Matthew Mixan
Laurel Pratt*
Riley Roberts
Lelan Sawtelle
Sena Sprague
Shung Min Tham*
William Wells
Zuriel Wilburn-white
Matthew Winter
Tyler Zwiers

*cum laude, **magna cum laude, ***summa cum laude

BACHELOR OF ARTS
IN MUSIC AND SOUND DESIGN

Christien Ayson
Pierce Cram
Dakota Estes*

Christopher Smith
Charles Wells

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE
IN COMPUTER SCIENCE AND DIGITAL AUDIO

Thomas Cushman
Zachary Dolph
Zayd Gaudet

Morgen Hyde
Anna Lantz
Matthew Takao Yamaguchi Rosen**

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE
IN COMPUTER ENGINEERING

Yifei Fang*
Riley Gusa
Barrett Karstens**

Vincent Messina
Ryan Price
Andrew Sentman

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE
IN COMPUTER SCIENCE

Olivia Barrell
Garrett Conti
Rebecca Mayfield

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE
IN COMPUTER SCIENCE AND GAME DESIGN

Ray An*
Garrett Canlas
Raymon Chen
Bryce Dixon
Vahe Dzhermakyan
Kyle Elam
Seth Glaser

Mark Gonzalez
William Harline
Stav Hinenzon
Alexander Kudebeh*
James Liao
Joshua Marlowe
Chase Mattson

Lou O'Connor
David Petika
Cameron Scott
Connor Shea
Gabrielle Smith
Elliott Strait**
Brady Tangeman

Jacob Taylor
Ronald Van
Deni Van Winkle
Lya Vera
Samuel Wortley Sage
Nolan Yoo
Brandon Yuan

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE
IN COMPUTER SCIENCE IN REAL-TIME
INTERACTIVE SIMULATION

Matthew Adams
Andrew Aldwell
Weston Baker
Ilio Benvenuti
Ruchi Bhatwal*
Ryan Booth
Cody Cannell
Joseph Cannon
Samuel Cook
Aaron Damyen*
Isaac Dugaw***
Hunter Elofson*
Rachel Frazier**
Peyton Froemming
Sacchin Goban
Georgette Goh
Sawyer Goodsel
Timothey Goodwin
Joshua Greene
Daniel Hamilton
Allie Hammond
Connie Hilarides
Isaac Hill
Harry Humphries
Juyong Jeong
Jonathan Jerome
Coleman Jonas
Charlie Jung
Wonjae Jung
Youngjin Kil
Seonghak Kim

Michael Kinyon
Heejae Kwon
Taehoon Kwon*
Gregory Lee
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Jacob Lewandosky
Darren Lin
Zachary Logsdon
Dyllan Martino
Brady Menéndez
Alejandro Meneses*
Jacob Michaelis*
Michael-Paul Moore
Nathaniel Mueller
Kento Murawski
Harmonson Park
Nahye Park*
Spencer Peterson
Aaron Rabin
Max Rauffer*
Tyler Robbins
Dylan Ross
Brett Schiff*
Jesse Shapiro
Jay Sherson
Louis Tan
Christopher Taylor
Teerapat Udomsinwatana*
Jesse Vanselow
Trevor Warren
Kieran Williams*

*cum laude, **magna cum laude, ***summa cum laude

Ceremony Music

CEREMONY MUSIC

DIGIPEN VOCAL ENSEMBLE

Stephen O'Bent   *Director, Vocal Ensemble*
and Chamber Singers

Ina Almacen	Zack Krolikowski
Anthony Bahn	Antonio Leder
Gavin Boelens	Emma Lewarne
Hannah Brobeck	Erik Libouban-Gundersen
Eric Cayton	Chase Miller
Aiden Cvengros	August McCubbin
Cameron Espinoza	Dylan Pautler
Bennett Ewanchyna	Allora Scott
Gaven Flowers	Karlye Shank
Yoh Ginoza	John Sullivan
Caleb Hesse	Kailen Swensen
Harrison Jones	Max Van Ginneken
Ariel Kim	Jared Van Komen
Derek Knight	Kylie Wallette
Colin Kolb	Anya Yatskova
Jem Kortlever	

DIGIPEN JAZZ ENSEMBLE

Eric Likkel   *Piano and Bandleader*

Kevin Jacobson	*Trumpet*
Ariel Kim	*Baritone Horn and Trombone*
Noah Laudolff	*Piano*
Axel McCrumb	*Tenor Saxophone*
Joshua Mickelson	*Alto Saxophone*
Aron Roberts	*Guitar and Bass*

Faculty

ACADEMIC DEANS

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Stanley Pierre-Louis

President and CEO of the Entertainment Software Association (ESA)

Stanley Pierre-Louis is the President & Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Entertainment Software Association (ESA). The ESA serves as the voice and advocate for the U.S. video game industry and owns and operates E3®, the video game industry's premier showcase for new games and innovations.

Stanley has more than two decades of entertainment and media experience. Prior to being named CEO of the ESA in May 2019, he served as its General Counsel and Corporate Secretary, leading the legal, policy, and regulatory affairs function. Before joining the ESA in May 2015, Stanley served in senior legal roles at Viacom Inc., at the Recording Industry Association of America, and at leading law firms.

Stanley is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Clark University (Worcester, MA). He earned his law degree from the University of Chicago Law School, where he served on the *University of Chicago Law Review* Board of Editors. Following law school, he clerked for Judge David A. Nelson of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit. Stanley serves on the board of Games for Change, a non-profit organization that empowers video game creators and social innovators to drive real-world impact through immersive media. He also serves on the board of the National Symphony Orchestra, which is part of the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. He has previously served on several non-profit boards focused on the arts, advocacy and education.

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