COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

MAY 15

2021

TIS COLLEGE OF ART AND DESIGN
OTIS COLLEGE OF ART AND DESIGN EDUCATES A DIVERSE COMMUNITY OF STUDENTS TO BECOME HIGHLY SKILLED, WELL-INFORMED, AND RESPONSIBLE PROFESSIONALS—EMPOWERING THEM TO SHAPE THE WORLD.
Located in Los Angeles, America's Creative Super City, Otis College of Art and Design is a vibrant cultural center of exploration, invention, and making, recognized as a global leader in art and design education.

Combining exceptional academic programs, learning technologies, and distinguished faculty with a commitment to community engagement, Otis College offers students a world-class education with abundant opportunities.

The tremendous diversity of the student body is one of the College’s greatest strengths, stimulating imagination and empathy, and preparing students to thrive and succeed in a multicultural world.

Since 1918, Otis College has graduated artists and designers with a highly developed creative intelligence and global outlook. Alumni are well represented at the most significant museums and collecting institutions throughout the world, and in leading companies in the creative industries.

From the spaces we inhabit to the clothes we wear, from the art that inspires us to the objects of our work and play, Otis-educated artists and designers shape the visual and creative world.

CONGRATULATIONS, CLASS OF 2021!
HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENT

LAUREN HALSEY
Born in Los Angeles in 1987, Lauren Halsey is rethinking the possibilities for art, architecture, and community engagement. She produces both standalone artworks and site-specific projects, particularly in the South Central neighborhood of Los Angeles. Combining found, fabricated, and handmade objects, Halsey’s work maintains a sense of civic urgency and free-flowing imagination, reflecting the lives of the people and places around her and addressing the crucial issues confronting people of color, queer populations, and the working class. Critiques of gentrification and disenfranchisement are accompanied by real-world proposals as well as a celebration of on-the-ground aesthetics. Inspired by Afrofuturism and funk, as well as the signs and symbols that populate her local environments, Halsey creates a visionary form of culture that is at once radical and collaborative.

Lauren Halsey has presented solo exhibitions at David Kordansky Gallery, Los Angeles (2020); Fondation Louis Vuitton, Paris (2019); and the Museum of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles (2018). She participated in Made In L.A. 2018, Hammer Museum, Los Angeles (2018), where she was awarded the Mohn Award for artistic excellence. Her work is included in the collections of the Hammer Museum, Los Angeles and the Museum of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles. Halsey was the recipient of the 2019 Painter and Sculptors Grant from the Joan Mitchell Foundation, New York. In 2020, Lauren Halsey founded Summaeverything Community Center and is currently in the process of developing a major public monument for construction in South Central Los Angeles, where she and her family have lived and worked for generations.
KEY TO SYMBOLS

Look for these symbols next to students’ names to indicate:

CLASS MARSHAL
a pivotal honor and leadership role during commencement ceremonies as signified by the stole

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AWARD
the highest honor given to graduating students in a major program

HONORS
an honor given to graduating seniors (Undergraduate only) who achieved a 3.5 cumulative GPA or higher

OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION AWARD
a symbol recognizing student contributions as the key link that completes the whole puzzle

MINORS
as symbolized by the asterisk symbol in its traditional form, is used to call attention; here we call attention to those who put forth the effort to study in other areas

DEGREE PENDING
a spinning wheel symbol indicating students who have 6 credits or less to complete in order to fulfill their academic requirements

SPIRITED OWL AWARD
a symbol representing those who exude school pride and recognizing their dedication to campus life

STUDIO DISTINCTION AWARD
A departmentally based recognition that symbolizes the merits of those students who exhibited excellence in their studio practice and work

ACADEMIC REGALIA

In observance of Commencement ceremony tradition, all participants wear full academic regalia, consisting of a traditional gown and mortarboard with tassel. Doctoral and Masters’ gowns are always hooded. The outside of the Doctoral hood is black and is banded with velvet in the color of the degree discipline (as opposed to the academic major). The satin interior of the hood presents the colors of the degree-granting institution. Thus, an Otis College hood bears brown velvet indicating Fine Arts (as prescribed by the Intercollegiate Code in 1895) and is lined with purple and gold.

GRAND AND CLASS MARSHALS

The use of Grand Marshals to order academic processions and ceremonies is traditional. As officers of protocol, Marshals may carry batons and maces as symbols of authority and honor. Class Marshals are each chosen for their exceptional achievements by their respective departments.

CONFERRAL OF DEGREES

Candidates for degrees listed in this Commencement program are those who completed degree requirements in Fall of 2020 and Spring of 2021 or who, at the time of publication, met College policy for participation in the Commencement ceremony. Inclusion in this publication may not be construed as documentation of completion of degree requirements. Certification of the conferral of a degree is by receipt of a diploma or official transcript noting degree completion.

CORDS AND STOLES

The color of the cord or stole indicates the following achievements:

CLASS MARSHAL
HONORS
ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AWARD
OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION AWARD
VETERAN OF THE U.S. ARMED FORCES

TASSELS

The colors of the tassels indicate the following major fields of study:

ARCHITECTURE/LANDSCAPE/INTERIORS
COMMUNICATION ARTS
DIGITAL MEDIA
FASHION DESIGN
FINE ARTS
PRODUCT DESIGN
TOY DESIGN
MASTER’S DEGREE AND HONORARY DOCTORATE

MERIT SYMBOLS DESIGNED BY MATTHEW HORN, COMMUNICATION ARTS, CLASS OF 2021
MFA FINE ARTS
Sharon Barnes
Xiouping Chang-Whitworth
Silvio Oby Eisenberg
Delaney Beth Engle
Amy Friedberg
Wei Gao
Johee Kwak
Esther Lee
Veronica Weston Marshall
Elizabeth Medina
Julia Rose Solazzo
Runze Wang

MFA WRITING
Geneva Arystanova
Alexi Carol Gehring
Julia Zellie

MFA GRAPHIC DESIGN
Malak AlMalki
Joharah Ahmed Altwaijri
Jessica Berge
Itsayana Campa
Hsi-Lin Huang
Soyeon Lim
Lyra Lin
Joshue Marcelino Molina
Keila Toshie Roberts
Willie John Smith Jr.
Eric Agbor Tambe
Julian Traxler
Hanyu Wang
Ti-Yu Yang
Wei Yin
Yue Zhu

ARCHITECTURE/LANDSCAPE/INTERIORS
Anthony Bueno
Antonella Cano
Nicholas Naveed Farzan
Josh Haag
Mehrshad Khalili
Nichole Seulki Na
Aung Khin Nyunt
Tanaz Salehzadeh
Kole Sophia Smith
Kyra Tomenga
Helen Wang
Tino Zeng
COMMUNICATION ARTS

Graphic Design
Brandon Bailey
Karen Yasmeen Barton
Sean Christian Slaughter
Esmeralda Benavidez
Ivan Gonzalo Cisneros
Charlotte “Kitty” Cohen
Benjamin Andrew Dynes
Diana Estela Espinoza
Joel R. Harris
Matthew Horn
Pham Than Khang Nguyen
James Oakley
Colton William Oliverdussen
Sarah Palacat
Kiana Tenerelli
Kairong Wu

Illustration
Kiv Bui
Brandon Burris-Davis
Maria Isabel Carrillo
Celeste Engracia Carrillo-Munoz
Catherine Chow
Douglas Day
Lucas Cantu Guerra
John Eugene Olague
Shengjie Qu
Isabella Bellis Reyna
Jazmin Jude Salas
Taylor Hyunki Seo
Uthman A. Shareef
Veronica Velazquez-Aviles
Angel Wang
Elizabeth Claire Zamets

DEGREE CANDIDATES

Digital Media

Animation Design
Paige Alsborg
Mark Barsoum
Carlos Antonio Campos
Juan Carlos Cruz
Noelle Roosa Davidson
Aidan Bernard Dwyer
Logan Lee Earhart
Amber Nicole Grossenbacher
Noah Guerrero
Emma Haluszka
Zione Hong
Jamie Jenkins
Yifu Li
Elizabeth Marie Lopez
Brittney Ann Ludwig
Allegria Mia Martinez
Reimi Mosses
Abigail Dabin Oh
Natalla Andrea Parra
Alexandria-Sasha Ottele Rowton
El Deuteronomy Sanchez
Caitlin Elizabeth Stearns
Tucker Lane Wooley

Game and Entertainment Design
Nicholas Azurin
Christine Back
Kira Chang
Louis Chen
Katherine Siyu Han
Daniel Jimenez
Suzie Lee
Lucy Llewellyn
Denise Kaila Pacia Lopez
Tina Lyu
Mike Nazarey
Nubia O’Hare
Sejun Park
Angelica Beatrice Miguel Pascua
Elise Perryman
Katherine Prudence Ramirez
Peng Wang
Saria Kyung Sun Won
Jordan Camille Wong
Aalaa Wael Yassin
Katelin Hatsumi Yee
Katrina Rayne Yepiz
Fenny Yuan
Michael Zabalza
FASHION DESIGN

Genesis Aguayo
Sokhom Chea
Kuan-Jung Chen
Hyo-min Choi
Emmette Rene De Zubiria
Fengjiao Gao
Soline Lucile Anaïs Gauthier
Tania Yitan Ji
Isabella Soledad Lopez
Lea Na
Jun Pang
Anna Elena Paradiso
Esmeralda Quiroz
Viridiana Ramirez
Caleb Samuel Linkin Stern
Chen Sun
Elemmar Mishel Valle
Zishuai Wang
Ruofan Xu
Xinru Yang
Yiming Zhang

Costume Design
Natalie Camille Aivazian
Emily Lewis
Rei Rego

DIGITAL MEDIA

Motion Design
Batool Alsaihati
Lai He
Ian Joslin
Eunj Kim
Minkyu Kim
Iana Klishch
Inae Lee
Pengkun Mao
Andrea Ortiz
Angelie Pham
Ruohan Qu
Blair Shin
Saurabh Shriwas
Marisa Vaughan
Ben Wieland

DEGREE CANDIDATES
FINE ARTS

Painting
Jason Tyler Burns
Sydney Busic
Chandler Christian Dangaard
Emma Diffley
Amoura Chiffon Gonzales
Tiffany Vanessa Gutierrez
Yiwen Hu
Katie Irish
Delany Inez Jackson
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Gena Rynae Smith
Lindsay Stollman
Ze Yu Wu

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Molly Maxine Dickler
Kyaw Min Htet
Julia Landis
Courtney Lee McGinnis
Lukas Mitchell
Brianna Elizabeth Saenz
Latife Aaliyah Whittington

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Camila Denise Caceres
John Robert Williams

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Justin Takeshi Akioka
Colin Aziz
Kyra Banko
Bodhi Barnett
Genna Battagin
Kyejin Byun
Jenna Choi
Jinsil Chung
Hannah Damp
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Junyli Duan
Karim Fazulzianov
Yukun Feng
Zoe Fu
Amber Grable
Ashley He
Joshua Huang
Gregory David Hutnik
Mirna Kamei
Esther Kim
Grace Lee
Jaeho Lee
Mark Lee
Christopher Joonyoung Lim

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Gabriella Marie O'Connor
Seungjae Ohe
Edward Pan
Julian Perry
Erick Rios
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CJ Sierra
Aiki Fujimaki Smith
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