

VANGUARD UNIVERSITY



COMMENCEMENT

— 2025 —

GRADUATE &
PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

THURSDAY, MAY 1 | 1:30PM

MARINERS CHURCH, IRVINE, CA

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER



HOWARD BOOKER

Executive Director, In-N-Out Burger Foundation

Howard Booker is a passionate advocate for children and vulnerable populations, dedicating his career to making a lasting impact in the nonprofit sector. Since 2006, he has served with the In-N-Out Burger Foundation, an organization committed to preventing child abuse and neglect by supporting nonprofits that care for children and youth. Now serving as the Foundation's Executive Director, Howard leads with a deep commitment to both the mission and the people behind it.

Before stepping into his leadership role at the Foundation, Howard spent four years in In-N-Out Burger's Customer Service Department and another four years working in the restaurants, giving him a well-rounded understanding of the company's culture and values. With over 25 years at In-N-Out Burger, he has become a respected leader known for his expertise in philanthropy and mission-driven impact.

Howard is also an experienced speaker and educator, having guest lectured at Vanguard University, Concordia University, and multiple California State University campuses. His academic background includes a Master's Degree in Business Administration from Vanguard University and a Bachelor's degree in Business Communications from California State University, Fullerton.

Beyond his professional work, Howard is deeply invested in mentoring and shaping the next generation. He has mentored children and youth for years, with a passion for speaking identity and helping young people discover their purpose. He actively leads a junior high boys' life group and is involved in coaching his sons' sports teams. Howard is a devoted husband to Marissa, his wife of 15 years, and a proud father to Elijah (16) and Marcus (13). He enjoys playing, coaching, and refereeing sports, volunteering in his community and engaging with causes close to his heart. While he considers himself a decent cook and a washed-up athlete, he excels at power napping and has also mastered the fine art of dad jokes. Howard and his family live in Lake Forest, California, where they are active members of Saddleback Church.

STUDENT SPEAKER



GRADUATE STUDENT SPEAKER

CAVARIO JACKSON

Cavario is a proud native of Riviera Beach, FL, now residing in Atlanta, GA. He holds a Bachelor's degree in International Business and an MBA with a concentration in Entrepreneurship. He currently works in Revenue Management for Delta Airlines, with a professional background that includes experience in mergers and acquisitions, corporate strategy and economic development in the renewable energy sector.

Now pursuing a Master of Arts in Theology from Vanguard University, Cavario is committed to serving God's people in whatever way God instructs him. This degree is a foundational step in a broader journey toward formal ministerial training. His time at Vanguard has been both spiritually enriching and academically empowering—equipping him with a deeper love for God's Word and greater reverence for Kingdom work.

Cavario is a devoted husband to his beautiful wife, Cyprianna Jackson—his best friend and biggest supporter. Together, they share a joyful life with their 18-month-old son, Cy, whose bright personality and intelligence inspire Cavario daily. He also attributes much of who he is today to his loving and hardworking parents, Sharron Simmons and Gary Jackson, whose guidance and support have shaped his character and faith.

Beyond work and ministry, he enjoys playing basketball, reading, acting and watching well-written movies and TV shows—a source of inspiration for his own creative journey. Acting is a newfound passion that he believes God will one day use for His glory. Cavario is honored to represent the graduating class and gives all glory to God for the journey.



COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

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COMMENCEMENT 2025

SONG OF PRAISE AND ADORATION *

MOVE OF GOD SEU WORSHIP

VANGUARD WORSHIP COLLECTIVE
BODIE KULJIAN (BA '15), WORSHIP DIRECTOR

INTRODUCTION OF COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

MICHAEL J. BEALS, PHD
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HOWARD BOOKER (MBA '08)
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, IN-N-OUT BURGER FOUNDATION

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CONFERRAL OF BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

SONG OF DEDICATION

WHO ELSE GATEWAY WORSHIP

VANGUARD WORSHIP COLLECTIVE

INTRODUCTION OF GRADUATE STUDENT SPEAKER

FELISHA FORD, PHD
PRESIDENT AND DEAN OF JAKES DIVINITY SCHOOL

GRADUATE STUDENT SPEAKER

CAVARIO JACKSON
MASTER OF ARTS IN THEOLOGY

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WHAT A GOD SEU WORSHIP
VANGUARD WORSHIP COLLECTIVE

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION WELCOME

HEATHER (RACHELS BA '02) CLEMENTS
DIRECTOR OF ALUMNI

CLOSING REMARKS

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WORD JEFF JARVIS
JAZZ ENSEMBLE

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CLASS OF 2025
GRADUATES

HONORS

Provisional honors are noted in this program for graduating undergraduates who have completed the requisite number of credits at Vanguard University according to the Academic Catalog and have met one of the grade point average requirements as of the end of the fall 2024 semester:

**cum laude (with honor) 3.50-3.69*

***magna cum laude (with high honor) 3.70-3.89*

****summa cum laude (with highest honor, signified by gold cords) 3.90-4.00*

†active military service and veterans

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BURGUNDY & GOLD CORDS are worn by members of Tau Kappa, National Honor Society for Alpha Sigma Lambda of adult learners.

RED, WHITE & BLUE CORDS are worn by graduates of all branches of the United States military. This is a service recognition and we are grateful for their service to our country.

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UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS

DEPARTMENT OF NURSING

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

*Joshua Nicholo R. Deang****

*Gwenivir M. Gomez****

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*Sujin Ham***

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Jennifer Doniella Littlefield

*Imanol Lopez Jimenez****

*Katharyn M. Makaroff****

*Mikee Andrea Quiambao****

*Jiyeon Sung****

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Jennifer Lyn Thomas

DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Haydee Nicole Barrios

Christopher Yong Brown†

Mya Vanessa Crespo

*Kyria Rena Croney**

Veronica L. Hatter

*Virginia Elaine Hickman****

*Kimmie Yoojin Kim***†*

*Melissa LeAnne Quesada**†*

*Cherie Annett Thompson****

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GRADUATE PROGRAMS

DEPARTMENT OF BIOLOGY

MASTER OF SCIENCE

BIOTECHNOLOGY

Charlize Espinoza

Kailey Friesen

Janelle Layug

Natalia Lynn Willis

DEPARTMENT OF CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY

MASTER OF SCIENCE

Samantha Renee Arellano

Ryan M. Bartlett

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Jennifer Ann Scheumann

Helena Witt Shipley

Natalie Noelle Smith

Jasmine R. Soto

Wesley Seketoo Tameifuna

Stacey Ann Trueblood Paulhus

Chrix Jodek Zzyzx

DEPARTMENT OF NURSING

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

Moses H. Park Jr.

Emily Anne Robuffo

Christie E. Tan

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UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS & MANAGEMENT

BACHELOR OF ARTS

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

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Jeremy L. Ortiz* †

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GRADUATE PROGRAMS

DEPARTMENT OF ORGANIZATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY

MASTER OF SCIENCE

INDUSTRIAL- ORGANIZATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY

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BACHELOR OF ARTS

*Hailey Maniscalco***

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MASTER OF ARTS

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MASTER OF ARTS

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Eileen Toh

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THEOLOGY

Chiong Xiao Ting

Brian Kim Dunlap†

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Cavario Samuel Jackson

William Eric Kiehle

Ee Chin Lam

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Matthias Yeo

AFTER THE CEREMONY

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