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### **LIFE UNIVERSITY HONORS GRADUATES AT SUMMER 2021 COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY**

**Marietta, Georgia, September 24, 2021** – [Life University](http://www.LIFE.edu) (Life U) conferred 208 degrees upon graduates from its [College of Graduate and Undergraduate Studies](#) (CGUS) and [College of Chiropractic](#) (COC) in a combined commencement ceremony on Friday, September 24, 2021. Thirty-three students earned undergraduate degrees, 14 earned master's degrees and 80 earned Life University's flagship Doctor of Chiropractic (D.C.) degree. Some graduates earned their degrees through the [College of Online Education](#).

The physically-distanced ceremony was held at the Center for Athletics and Sport Health Science on the University campus and was also livestreamed to viewers on [the University's YouTube page](#), which allowed family members, loved ones and fellow members of the Life U community around the world to celebrate with the graduates during this momentous occasion in their lives.

Commencement marks the culmination of years of study and preparation that students have undergone in pursuit of their degrees from Life University. The virtual presence of family and friends signifies their support, love and belief in these students that helped to make their graduations possible. Life U chose to livestream the ceremony so that people from all over the U.S. and the world could participate, no matter where they were located.

Sophie Hose was honored as the CGUS valedictorian, and Tatum Jade Johnson was the salutatorian, both of whom graduated summa cum laude.

For the COC, Marilyn Marina De Freitas was the valedictorian, Lauren Elizabeth Zigman was salutatorian, Amber Afzal Majid was recognized for Chiropractic Philosophy Distinction and Gabriel Alexander Kelly received the Clinic Excellence Award.

"We are world changers, and we are meant to make a difference with the gifts that we have been blessed with," De Freitas said in her valedictory address. "It is our responsibility to go forth and use those gifts for others. Let us choose to be bold, to be courageous. Let us choose to be the change we want to see in the world."

Six students were recognized at the ceremony for exemplifying Life University's Values. The Lasting Purpose Award was given to Javier Cornier Blanco (CGUS) and Amber Kay Jackson (COC). Michael Joseph White (CGUS) and Gabriel Alexander Kelly (COC) received the Integrity Award. The Vitalism Award was given to Yuen Ching Ho (CGUS) and Kallie Brooke Corbin (COC).



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Founded in 1974, Life University is a health sciences institution most known for its [College of Chiropractic](#), the largest single-campus College of Chiropractic in the world. Students can pursue [14 undergraduate degrees](#); a pre-chiropractic, degree-seeking pathway; and [three graduate degrees](#) within the College of Graduate and Undergraduate Studies. Some degree programs are offered to distance learners through the [College of Online Education](#).

Life University [strives to empower its students](#) to succeed both professionally and personally. Life U advances a leading-edge approach to higher education while also remaining true to [the University's philosophical commitment](#) to produce informed leaders who exemplify humanistic values in their professions. To achieve this goal, Life U recognizes and demonstrates its dedication through three official Life University Values: [Lasting Purpose](#), [Vitalism](#) and [Integrity](#).

[Life U's 110-acre campus](#) just northwest of Atlanta is home to more than 2,800 undergraduate, graduate, and professional students who come from all 50 United States and more than 45 countries.

For more information on Life University, please visit [LIFE.edu](http://LIFE.edu).

### **About Life University**

Life University is regionally accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) to award baccalaureate, master's and Doctor of Chiropractic degrees, and also has programmatic accreditation through the Council on Chiropractic Education (CCE), the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND). The mission of Life University is to empower students with the education, skills, and values necessary for career success and life fulfillment, based on a vitalistic philosophy.

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