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Benjamin Ladner, University President, Presiding

Student Processional ..... Prelude Brass Ensemble

Faculty and Platform Party Processional ..... The Police Emerald Society of Baltimore Pipes and Drums

Welcome ..... President Ladner

National Anthem ..... Erica R. Bomsey, Leidys Dominguez, Steven Hernández, Jill N. Imgrund, Erica M. Lell, Christina J. Pitrelli

Invocation ..... The Reverend Joseph T. Eldridge
University Chaplain

Dean's Remarks ..... Claudio M. Grossman
Dean, Washington College of Law

Announcement of Student Awards ..... Robert D. Dinerstein, *Associate Dean*
Daniel D. Bradlow, *Director*
International Legal Studies Program

Introduction of Student Speaker ..... Andrew D. Pike, *Associate Dean*

Student Address ..... David Mikhail

Conferral of Honorary Degree ..... President Ladner

Elaine R. Jones
Doctor of Laws, Honoris Causa

Commencement Address ..... Elaine R. Jones

President's Charge to Graduates ..... President Ladner

Candidates for Master of Laws Degrees ..... Dean Grossman

Conferral of Degrees ..... President Ladner

Presentation of Diplomas ..... President Ladner
Cornelius M. Kerwin, *Provost*
Dean Grossman
Professor Bradlow
Thomas O. Sargentich, *Director*
Law and Government Program
Rebecca Davis, *Assistant Dean*

Candidates for Juris Doctor Degrees ..... Dean Grossman

Conferral of Degrees ..... President Ladner

Presentation of Diplomas ..... President Ladner
Provost Kerwin
Dean Grossman
Edwin R. Hazen, *Director*
Student Counseling
Assistant Dean Davis

Recessional ..... The Police Emerald Society of Baltimore Pipes and Drums

(Audience will rise and remain standing until the platform party, faculty and students have left the arena.)

Marshal and Flag Bearers

Leti Volpp
Faculty Marshal

Tara L. Gillam
United States Flag Bearer

Enrique Toledo
District of Columbia Flag Bearer

Mariju L. Bofill
American University Flag Bearer

Jonathan M. Butler
Washington College of Law Flag Bearer

Reception

An informal reception for graduates, faculty, family, and friends
will be held following the ceremony on the university campus.

Awards

Recipients of the following awards will be announced during the program:

Administrative Law Review Award
Presented for the best student work published in the *Administrative Law Review.*

Clair A. Cripe Award
Presented to the graduating student who has been outstanding in correctional law.

Dean's Award for Professional Responsibility
Awarded to the graduating student who has participated under the third-year practice rule in the clinical programs in Maryland, Virginia, or the District of Columbia, and who has exemplified proficiency in skills and the high ethical standards of the profession.

Edward C. Bou Award
Presented to the Hispanic student in the graduating class who has attained the highest scholastic average.

Gillett Prize
Awarded to the student in the graduating class with the highest scholastic average.

Human Rights Brief Award
Presented for the best student work published in the *Human Rights Brief.*

International Academy of Trial Lawyers Advocacy Award
Presented to the graduating student who has demonstrated outstanding ability in courtroom advocacy.

International Law Review Award
Presented for the best student work published in the *International Law Review.*

Journal of Gender, Social Policy and the Law Award
Presented for the best student work published in the *Journal of Gender, Social Policy and the Law.*

Lura E. Turley Prize
Awarded for the best student work published in the *Law Review.*

Mooers Trophy
Awarded to the outstanding student in Trial Practice.

Mussey Prize
Presented to the students who have attained the highest scholastic average during the last year of study in both the full-time and part-time divisions.

Outstanding Graduate Award
Presented to a J.D. graduate and an LL.M. graduate selected by the faculty.

Outstanding Research and Writing Award
Presented to an LL.M. graduate in the International Legal Studies Program and an LL.M. graduate in the Law and Government Program who have demonstrated outstanding ability in research and writing.

Solf Award
Presented to the LL.M. graduate who has attained the highest scholastic average during his or her study at the Washington College of Law.

T. Morton McDonald Scholarship Award
Presented to the graduating student who has excelled in the field of legal research.

Washington College of Law Alumni Award
Presented to the graduating student who substantially contributed to student activities as well as to the progress of the law school.

Elaine R. Jones
Honorary Degree Recipient

Elaine R. Jones is president and director-counsel of the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, one of the nation's oldest organizations fighting for equal rights under the law. She has earned a reputation as a skillful negotiator, as well as a voice for those who suffer social, political, and economic discrimination.

A national leader in the advancement of civil rights, Jones graduated with honors in political science from Howard University. After serving in the Peace Corps, she became the first black woman to enroll in and graduate from the University of Virginia School of Law. Upon graduation, she joined the Legal Defense Fund where she has remained, with the exception of two years (1975–1977) when she served as special assistant to the United States Secretary of Transportation William T. Coleman, Jr.

In her early years at the Legal Defense Fund, Jones became one of the first African American women to defend death row inmates. She was counsel of record in *Furman v. Georgia*, a landmark United States Supreme Court case that abolished the death penalty in thirty-seven states. She also has argued numerous employment discrimination cases, including class actions against some of the nation's largest employers.

Jones's work has been instrumental in reshaping the federal judiciary to include more people of color and more judges committed to equal rights. She also played a key role in securing passage of legislative milestones such as the Voting Rights Act Amendments of 1982, the Fair Housing Act of 1988, the Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1988, and the Civil Rights Act of 1991.

In 1989, Jones became the first African American elected to the American Bar Association Board of Governors. She continues to sit on the ABA's Council of Individual Rights and Responsibilities, and is active in the Old Dominion Bar Association and the National Bar Association.

When Jones took the helm of the Legal Defense Fund in 1993, she became its first female leader. She has helped guide and broaden the Legal Defense Fund's mission to include priorities such as environmental justice and health care reform, while continuing to uphold the longstanding struggles for educational equity, fair employment, voting rights, fair housing, and unbiased administration of the criminal justice system.

Academic Regalia

The history of academic dress dates to medieval European universities of the fourteenth century. Universities originally used the same clerical robe and hood as the religious orders which established them. When universities achieved identity as educational institutions rather than extensions of religious orders, the design and the symbolism of their regalia began to change. Universities in Europe and areas culturally tied to Europe developed colorful gowns and caps and the hood became a designator of degrees earned instead of a piece of headgear.

Many American institutions have adopted caps and gowns incorporating their official colors. American University's distinctive red, white and blue regalia was introduced in 1988. All undergraduates wear the mortarboard cap with a silver tassel that is traditionally shifted from left to right at the end of the commencement ceremony. Undergraduate students who are projected to graduate with Latin honors and/or University Honors wear gold hoods.

Graduate students wear a blue hood lined in red and white with velvet trim to signify their degree or academic field. All master of arts students wear a white-edged hood, except for those in education (light blue) and international service (peacock blue). Gold velvet trim denotes master of science degrees. Other degrees with specific hood trim colors include the Master of Business Administration (drab), Master of Fine Arts (brown) and Master of Public Administration (also peacock blue). Juris Doctor students wear hoods edged with purple, as do those receiving the Master of Laws, who also wear a tam cap in place of the mortarboard.

American University doctoral degree candidates wear the tam with a silver tassel and carry their degree hoods in the processional. They are then "hooded" by their faculty adviser during the commencement ceremony. Members of the faculty generally wear the regalia to which they are entitled by virtue of the degrees they hold. The regalia may denote their alma mater and the field of study in which the highest degree was earned.

Although some universities use different systems, the academic field is usually identified in accord with a standard code of colors used as part of the decoration of doctor's gowns or tassels on caps as well as hood trim. In addition to fields listed above, these include: economics (copper), journalism (crimson), library science (lemon yellow), music (pink), philosophy (dark blue), science (golden yellow) and theology (scarlet).

Commencement Tradition at American University

American University awarded its first degrees (two doctorates and one master's) at a commencement ceremony held in the university's amphitheater in 1916. AU commencements have grown over the years as the university has become larger and more diverse. More than two thousand students from the arts and sciences, business, communication, international service, law, and public affairs participate in commencement ceremonies each year.

The distinguished list of university honorary degree recipients includes U.S. Presidents Franklin D. Roosevelt, Dwight D. Eisenhower, John F. Kennedy, and William J. Clinton; Nobel Laureates Aung San Suu Kyi, Shimon Peres, and Elie Wiesel; international figures King Hussein, Queen Noor, and Alexander Dubcek; national leaders Andrew Young, Barbara Jordan, Ralph Nader, and Ruth Bader Ginsburg; scholars Stephen J. Gould, John Hope Franklin, Henry Steele Commager, and Alfred Kazin; journalists David Broder, Walter Cronkite, Ted Koppel, and Carl Rowan; and performing artists Marian Anderson and Mstislav Rostropovich, to name a few.

Spring 2001 Degree Candidates

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Shéhan Harold Anthony de Sayrah
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Phurbu Dorjee
Karen Ernst
Leake Tsegay Fesseha
Marielle Garrigo Perez
Favio Gonzalez Ciavaldini
Carlos Mauricio Guzman Segovia
Takeshi Imamura
Julhiet, Claire
Anar Karimov Mehman
Kravtsova, Yanina
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Woo Ki Lee
Melchisedeck Sangalali Lutema
Eloisa Manlansing y Hernandez
Aloysius Mbu N.T.
Veronica Metonidze
Patricia Leite de Miranda
Felix Montjoie
María Julieta Moreno
Indra Mulyabudiwan
Udaneka Nakamhela
Maria Petina
Rupert Francis Pollard
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Krishna Ravindran
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