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THUNDERBIRD'S HISTORY

Thunderbird has been a top-ranked international management school for more than 70 years, and today Thunderbird continues producing leaders capable of tackling the world's greatest challenges. As the technological innovations of the Fourth Industrial Revolution alter how we live and work, Thunderbird is developing nimble, ethical, global leaders across sectors and disciplines who are equipped to shape sustainable businesses, economies, cultures and environments around the world for this new era.

Originally known as the American Institute for Foreign Trade [AIFT], Thunderbird was chartered in Glendale, Arizona on the site of a World War II airbase, Thunderbird Field, where pilots from around the world trained during wartime. General Barton Kyle Yount obtained the airfield with the express purpose of developing a school focused exclusively on international trade and global relations. He was named Thunderbird's first president and established a vision for the school that remains today—built on the phrase coined by original faculty member, Dr. William Lytle Schurz: "Borders frequented by trade seldom need soldiers." With that, Thunderbird's mission of educating global leaders who create inclusive and sustainable prosperity worldwide was born.

As AIFT, Thunderbird became the world's first higher education institution to specialize in international management by concentrating curriculum on cross-cultural communication, regional business studies and hands-on, real-world training in global business nuances. By 1955, two degrees were offered: a Bachelor of Foreign Trade and a Master of Foreign Trade. The Bachelor's program was eventually discontinued and the Master's program evolved into a Master of International Management (MIM) and later into an MBA in Global Management.

In 2014, Thunderbird became an independent unit of the Arizona State University Knowledge Enterprise, combining Thunderbird's elite heritage of developing global business leaders with ASU's expansive resources. In 2018, Thunderbird relocated to ASU's vibrant Downtown Phoenix campus with plans for construction of a new global headquarters facility scheduled to welcome students in the Fall of 2021 as Thunderbird celebrates its 75th anniversary.

As part of the merger with ASU, Thunderbird transformed its MBA program into an innovative Master of Global Management (MGM). Thunderbird now offers this unique degree as a full-time campus program, an Online MGM and an Executive MGM. The degree portfolio also includes the prestigious Executive Master of Global Leadership and Strategy, the Online Master of Applied Leadership and Management as well as two unique bachelor's degrees: the Bachelor of Global Management and the Bachelor of Science in International Trade, both of which are delivered on ASU's West campus.

Often called a "mini-United Nations" because of its diverse and inclusive global student body, Thunderbird is also known worldwide for its elite and highly engaged alumni network of more than 45,000 global leaders in nearly 150 nations. Thunderbird's global presence has expanded over the years as well, with satellite operations now in Geneva, Moscow, Dubai, Seoul, Jakarta, Tokyo, Los Angeles and Washington, DC.

CONVOCATION PROGRAM

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President Crow
- VIDEO 2** Flag Ceremony & Oath of Honor
Sanjeev Khagram, Ph.D.
Director General and Dean
Thunderbird School of Global Management
- VIDEO 3** Guest Speaker and remarks by
Sanjeev Khagram, Ph.D.
Convocation address by Susan Stevens '73
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Trustee of the University of Oregon Foundation, and
former senior executive of J.P. Morgan Chase
- VIDEO 4** Student Awards Recognition
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MGM
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MALM
OMGM



Susan Stevens '73

*Independent Director of Umpqua Holdings, Inc,
Trustee of the University of Oregon Foundation, and
former senior executive of J.P. Morgan Chase*

Susan is a senior executive with over 30 years experience in the banking industry culminating with the leadership of Corporate Banking for the Americas at JPMorgan Chase where she had P&L responsibility for the delivery of banking products to large corporations in the US and Latin America.

She has broad experience and expertise in client management, corporate finance, capital markets and credit & risk management. Prior to JPMorgan Chase she was and Executive Vice President at Well Fargo Bank where she built its capital market business. Susan was with Bank of America for 11 years before joining Wells Fargo. She currently serves on the Board of Umpqua Holdings (NASDAQ – UMPQ), a bank holding company with \$29B in assets where she is Chairman of the Enterprise Risk & Credit Committee, a member of the Audit, Nominating & Governance and Executive Committees. She is on the board of Red Duck Foods, a certified B corporation start up in the food condiment sector where she brings her financial acumen and leadership experience. Susan is, also, a Trustee of the University of Oregon Foundation board, where she is the vice-chairman and a member of the Investment, Finance & Capital, and Nominating & Governance. She was on the Board of Trustees of Thunderbird School of Global Management from 2012-2014 and since 2018 is a member of the Thunderbird Global Alumni Network Advisory Council. She is part of Golden Seeds, a New York/San Francisco based angel investment group, focused on women entrepreneurs in the technology and life science sectors. She has a MS in Global Management from Thunderbird School of Global Management and a BS in Psychology from the University of Oregon.

NATIONAL ANTHEM OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Oh, say can you see,
by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hailed
at the twilight's last gleaming,
Whose broad stripes and bright stars,
through the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watched,
were so gallantly streaming.

And the rockets' red glare,
the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night
that our flag was still there.
O say, does that star-spangled
banner yet wave.
O'er the land of the free
and the home of the brave.

THUNDERBIRD

PROFESSIONAL

Oath of Honor

As a Thunderbird and a global citizen, I promise:

- *I will strive to act with honesty and integrity;*
- *I will respect the rights and dignity of all people;*
- *I will strive to create sustainable prosperity worldwide;*
- *I will oppose all forms of corruption and exploitation; and*
- *I will take responsibility for my actions.*

As I hold true to these principles, it is my hope that I may enjoy an honorable reputation and peace of conscience.

This pledge I make freely and upon my honor.



FLAG BEARERS

One of Thunderbird's most time-honored traditions is the Parade of International Flags, started by students in 1977. Flags are carried by students from different nations who will introduce themselves and tell you something about their home countries.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>COUNTRY</u>	<u>PROGRAM</u>
Todd Brian Loftis	USA	MALM
Michael G Nelson	USA	EMAGAM
Nathan Robert Wise	USA	MALM
Juan Vidaguren	Argentina	MALM
Matthew Brian Reddy	Australia	EMAGAM
Abraao Reis Vilas Boas	Brazil	OMGM
Cijia Ding	China	BGM
Peng Huang	China	BGM
Chongyang Li	China	BGM
Tyrone Baines Powe	China	MALM
Georgette Aguero Gruelle	Guam	OMGM
Aboubacar Sidiki Diare	Guinea	OMGM
Margareta Yanti Honggo	Indonesia	MALM
Juan Skavani Mahaganti	Indonesia	MALM
Royland Robinson Jr	Jamaica	BGM
Abratha Patience Doe	Liberia	EMAGAM
Violet Skeva	Malawi	EMAGAM
Christopher Sean Fabian	Mexico	MALM
Jean Baptiste Ukwizabigira	Rwanda	MALM
Charity Zulu	Zambia	EMAGAM

CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2020



THUNDERBIRD
SCHOOL OF GLOBAL MANAGEMENT

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Thunderbird School of Global Management graduates exceptional future business leaders each year. Among these students are men and women who strive to make a positive impact by way of leadership, contribution and academic achievement in various organizations. Today we recognize:

Campus Ambassadors

Campus Ambassadors are student volunteers who have helped the admissions office with Thunderbird recruiting activities, such as meeting with, corresponding with and giving tours to prospective students.

- Gabriela Dobrikov

Virtual Campus Ambassadors:

Virtual Ambassadors are student volunteers who have helped promote Thunderbird's online programs through serving as class representatives, providing continuous feedback to improve the program and/or speaking with prospective students.

- Aboubacar Sidiki Diare
- Dinora Angelica Gonzalez
- Matt O'Brien
- Kevin Yang
- Damon Robert Tressler

Thunderbird Student Government

The Thunderbird Student Government is an entity established by the students to work for the students. Its main goal is to enhance the student experience by: representing the students' voice to the stakeholders of the school, serving the students' needs and organizing and providing funds for student club activities.

- Kunjo Bintou – Club President
- Mounteer Leslie – Club President
- Naylor Ethan – TSG President

Dean's Circle Award

The Dean's Circle Award is presented to graduating students who have shown exceptional leadership, have improved the quality of the experience for their fellow students and have made a lasting contribution to the school. Students in all programs are eligible to receive this recognition.

- Makenna Rose Flynn
- Royland Robinson Jr.
- Cynthia Salgado-Flores
- Sandra Jabra
- Bintou Kunjo
- Dawei Lin
- Leslie Mounteer
- Ethan Naylor
- Jean-Michelle Valdivia
- Mamadou Diallo
- James Easaw
- Maggie Mwanza Gadabu
- Derek Lee Stinnett
- Amy Lynne Zettlemyer-Lazar
- Natasha Marie Clark
- Tomer Koren
- Tina Duyen-Tham Nguyen
- Juan Vidaguren
- Yomahira Olivia Villalobos
- Fernando Xavyer Burgos Ortiz
- Aboubacar Sidiki Diare
- Dinora Angelica Gonzalez
- Steven Michael Haffron
- Timothy Russo

Barton Kyle Yount Award

Faculty presents this award to a member of each full-time undergraduate and graduate classes who most adheres to the principles of scholarship, accomplishment and character, based on the ideals of Lt. General Barton Kyle Yount, the first president and founder of the school.

Founders Awards

The Founders Award is presented to a student in each of the degree programs offered by the school who through his or her high achievement best represents the values, standards and international dexterity envisioned by the founders of Thunderbird in 1946.

HONORS

Some of the graduation candidates' names listed in the program are followed by a symbol. The symbol denotes that these students are members of the following:

- ‡ Graduating with Distinction (Top 10% of graduating class)
- * Beta Gamma Sigma Honor Society (World Business)
- ** Pi Sigma Alpha Honor Society (Political Science)

ACADEMIC REGALIA

During the Middle Ages, students and teachers wore gowns at all times. Today, it is customary for faculty and graduates to wear academic vestments at Convocations and academic convocations. Thunderbird continues to take part in this tradition today. Thunderbird graduate students wear a hood decorated in the blue and gold colors of the school, bordered in velvet. This dark color represents business academic disciplines. The blue and gold honor cords worn by graduating students represent the top 20 percent of students according to academic standards. Veterans wear a stole that varies in color and design based on their branch of service. Doctoral hoods, worn by faculty, are larger and longer. Doctoral gowns generally bear three velvet bars on the sleeves while masters' gowns are plain, but may have trailing arms with open sleeves. The rainbow of colors in the hoods of the faculty conveys the range of academic disciplines and universities represented.

Thunderbird School of Global Management permits students to participate in the graduation ceremony of their choice prior to fulfilling graduation requirements. Participation in the graduation ceremony does not indicate that the degree is officially conferred nor that the candidate is graduating in the term in which he/she participates in the ceremony.



CANDIDATES FOR BACHELOR OF GLOBAL MANAGEMENT

Adam Adoyi

Zaid Allahwerdy

Alenga Na Alokola Jr

Anjali Dinesh Bhakta

Kylie Bunce

Valerie Ann Diem

Cijia Ding

Eugenie E Falcone

Makenna Rose Flynn ‡

Olivia Lynn Fredette

Alejandro Ivan Gomez Sr ‡

Perna Gupta ‡

Peng Huang

Karan Jamil

Giovanni Lakmann

David Arnulfo Leon

Chongyang Li

Kanhao Lin

Desheng Liu Sr

Harrison James Maxwell

Nicholas Joel Michaelson

Laure M Mumba

Jimmy Osvaldo Ramos

Royland Robinson Jr

Sarah Rusnak

Cynthia Salgado - Flores

Sydney M Scudder

Patricia Zazueta

Kevin Zhang

CANDIDATES FOR BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN INTERNATIONAL TRADE

Blake Donald Evans

Hao Fu

Reed Holland

Sandra Jabra

Michael Jack Malinowski

Andrea Michelle Price

Devon B Rizer ‡

Maia Oceana Wilcox

CANDIDATES FOR MASTER OF GLOBAL MANAGEMENT

Chia-Yu Chen

Yi-Ting Chung

Gabriela Assenova Dobrikov

Han Gao

Bintou Kunjo

Jameson Lucas Langlois

Dawei Lin

Wyatt Tyler Lupton

Leslie Mounteer ‡ *

Ethan Naylor

Jessica Perez Velazquez

Jean-Michelle Valdivia

Yixin Zhang

CANDIDATES FOR EXECUTIVE MASTER OF ARTS IN GLOBAL AFFAIRS AND MANAGEMENT

Tarek Ben Youssef

Claryssa Leigh Detrick ‡ *

Mamadou Diallo **

Abratha Patience Doe **

James Easaw **

Margaret Mwanza Gadabu

Julia Anne Goldstein *

Michael G Nelson

Mercy Niwe ‡ *

Luciana Fernanda Mayumi Pereira

Matthew Brian Reddy

Violet Skeva

Charity Zulu

CANDIDATES FOR EXECUTIVE MASTER OF GLOBAL MANAGEMENT

Jaclyn Marie Baudhuin **

Steven E Benton

Millicent Bowie

Dara Kirstie Dennis

Michael Thomas Alfred Girardi

Richard A Harold

Matthew N Hudson

Deborah McFarland

Katherine McGinnis ‡ **/**

Derrick Lee Stinnett

Jefferey White ‡ *

Andrew Justin Wilson

Amy Lynne Zettlemyer-Lazar ‡ **/**

CANDIDATES FOR MASTER OF APPLIED LEADERSHIP & MANAGEMENT

Yvette Abijuru	Tomer Koren ‡ *
Ely Anthony Albalos	Ayodele Mark Lawrence
Kevin DeWayne Ames	Ngoc Tu (Adelyn) Le
Lawrence Oliver Ault	Viviana Lewis
Demetrio Arturo Ayala	Todd Brian Loftis ‡ *
Aaron Winslow Banks	Diana Lopez Cardenas
Preachy R Bartolo	Robert Scott Lynch
Kayla Nicole Becenti	Leah Kirstie MacDonald
Nicholas Robert Bennett	Juan Skavani Mahaganti *
Katelyn Adele Bode	Yasmin Ibrahim Naim
Mary Kate Brinson	Tina Duyen-Tham Nguyen ‡ *
Yasmeen Chánes	Kolton Scott Northcutt
Natasha Marie Clark	Heidy Pacheco ‡
Brandy Lee Coddington	Lisa Parks
Kolten Lee Collier	Ryan Patterson
Laina Aire Combest-Friedman	Olivia Plehn
Eduardo Andre Cota	Tyrone Baines Powe
Owen Patrick Duffy III	Trevor Prigge
Kayla Michelle Ebarb	Vinnieke Rianto
Ralph Eric Ernstsen	Rebekah Lynn Rothmier *
Christopher Sean Fabian	Ryne Andrew Ruiz
Anthony Foggiano	Casey Lee Russell ‡
Meghan Gibson *	Ihab Othman Salameh
Koryna Raquel Gonzalez	Mackenzie Rose Shepeck
Philip Gothard Jr. ‡ *	Robert Andrew Stanley ‡ *
Michael Hall II	Daniel Sutphin
Theresa Lynnel Harmer	Juliana M Swiokla
Margareta Yanti Honggo	Kelsey Syms
Jasmine Hormes	Robyn Renee Thomas
Louise Ingabire	Jean Baptiste Ukwizabigira
Joselyne Ishimwe	Juan Vidaguren
Cedric Jawan James Sr	Yomahira Olivia Villalobos ‡
Lenard Raymond Jordan III	Jacob C Walker
Derek Samuel Julian	Shenise Nichelle Williams
Laura Rosmann Katayama *	Nathan Robert Wise
Megan Kelperis - Kezer	Melissa Darline Yoder
Lindsey A Kemsley	

CANDIDATES FOR ONLINE MASTER OF GLOBAL MANAGEMENT

Colin Daniel Arden

Nathan Stewart Batesel **

Samuel Bergen Giesbrecht *

Christopher Caballero Boller

Garrett W Boyd

Fernando Xavyer Burgos Ortiz **

Devon Ellarie Burke

Elisabeth D Calmes

Jonathan David Carroll

Mindy Michelle Creamer

Laura Nicole Deschaine

Aboubacar Sidiki Diare ‡ */**

Kadie Renate Gavan

Chelsea Gill

Sarah Michelle Gomez

Dinora Angelica Gonzalez

Georgette Aguero Gruelle

Adnan Gumel

Steven Michael Haffron

Thomas Hawryluk

Jeffery Thomas Hegedus

Dustin Gerard Hendricks */**

Peter Anthony Hernandez

Andres Felipe Jimenez-Rodriguez

Manish Joon

Ahou Marie Koala

Andrew Michael Massa

Christopher Colin McCullough

Florence Francine Messi

Aaliyah Lorane Myers

Kelson Rong-Ji Nef

Matt O'Brien ‡ *

Andres Ornelas

Alexander Shudo Parra

Scott Daniel Pryor

Timothy Russo ‡ */**

Mikaelah Stark */**

Luke Andrew Timpe

Damon Robert Tressler

Abraao Reis Vilas Boas ‡ */**

Kaiwen Yang



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