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EXECUTIVE MBA CONVOCATION CEREMONY 2025

Saturday, December 13, 2025

Fourth Presbyterian Church | 126 E Chestnut St, Chicago, IL

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Faculty and Students

Welcome

Jon Kaplan

Assistant Dean
Executive MBA Global Network

***Opening Remarks and
Introduction of Convocation Speaker***

Francesca Cornelli

Dean
Kellogg School of Management

Convocation Address

D.G. Macpherson '96 MBA

Chairman and Chief Executive Officer
W.W. Grainger, Inc.

Student Remarks

Samuel L. Gray Jr. (Cohort 138)

**Desiree Sanchis Gabriel Montalvan
(Cohort 139)**

***The J. Keith Murnighan Outstanding Professor
Award in a Core or Advanced Course***

Nancy Qian

James J. O'Connor Professor of Managerial
Economics & Decision Sciences
Co-Director, Global Poverty Research Lab

Mitchell Petersen

Glen Vasek Professor of Finance
Director of the Heizer Center for
Private Equity and Venture Capital

Outstanding Professor in an Elective Course

José María Liberti

Joseph Jr. and Carole Levy Chair
in Entrepreneurship
Clinical Professor of Finance

Introduction of Graduates

Colette Feldges

Director
Executive MBA Program, Chicago/Evanston

Rolando Masferrer

Director
Executive MBA Program, Miami

Awarding of Diplomas

Francesca Cornelli

Dean
Kellogg School of Management

Alma Mater

Thomas Benjamin Hord (Cohort 138)

Omer Ibrahim (Cohort 138)

Iain Gabriel Lampert (Cohort 138)

Nicholas Alexander Rangos (Cohort 138)

Recessional

Faculty

Reception

The Drake Hotel, Chicago

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

D.G. Macpherson '96 MBA

**Chairman and Chief Executive Officer
W.W. Grainger, Inc.
Chicago, Illinois**

D.G. Macpherson was named chief executive officer and appointed to the board of directors of Grainger in October 2016. In 2017, he was named chairman of the board. He served as chief operating officer for Grainger from August 2015 through September 2016.

Prior to these roles, Macpherson was senior vice president and group president of global supply chain and international. He led the development of corporate strategy and continuous improvement, the global supply chain organization, the company's single-channel online business model and its international operations in Asia and Europe. Prior to that, he was senior vice president and president of global supply chain and corporate strategy.

Macpherson joined Grainger in 2008 from the Boston Consulting Group (BCG), where, from 2002-2008, he was partner and managing director. In that capacity, he served as a consultant to Grainger on several strategic and operational efforts, including availability improvement, pricing strategy, product line expansion and sales force effectiveness. At BCG, Macpherson was a member of the industrial goods leadership team with strong experience in production systems and continuous improvement methodologies. Early in his career, he was an operations manager for irrigation manufacturer Rain Bird Corporation and a test engineer with the U.S. Air Force.

Macpherson holds a bachelor's degree from Stanford University and an MBA from Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Management. He serves on the board of trustees of the Griffin Museum of Science and Industry (GMSI), where he chairs the exhibits and collections committee. He also serves as vice chair of the Civic Committee of Chicago.

OUR GRADUATES

EMBA Cohort 138

Zohaib Akhtar	Christina Kay Klinepeter	Felix Lopez Rodriguez III
George Barbour	Kiran Deepak Kulkarni	Sikha Ruby Sajeev
Martha Bertsch	Amanda Lai	Matthew Sangphet
Sara Clark	Iain Gabriel Lampert	Mikaela Alexandra Santiago
Thomas C. Correll Jr	Ellen Lopatkina	Noelle Elizabeth Savageau
Rajasekhar Danda	Fred Jason Louhouamou	Grant Schmidt
Genevieve Davis	Vishnu Malikireddy	Raj Atul Shah
Herbert "H.R." Edwards	Ashley Martinez	Kashif Shahzad
James "Jim" Edwards	Amanda J. Matchett	Abhishek Kumar Singh
Laura Elizabeth Foti	Willie Mayberry	Stephanie Nicole Strauss
Naman Gandhi	Tito Mukherjee	Michael Sullivan
Hanna Lee Garver	Boe Nankivel	Michael A. Terry
Naghm Ghonaim	Pankaj Negi	Benjamin K. Toussant
Nathan Theodore Glusenkamp	Karl Arthur Olson	Harriet Tran
Samuel L. Gray Jr.	Tapan Parikh	Lance Unruh
Rahul Vinay Gupta	Brian Piotrowski	Gregory Vargas
Ashley Hyesun Han	Ceida Polezel	Jarell Ware
Thomas Benjamin Hord	Maxwell Portocarrero	Elysa Widjaja
Omer Ibrahim	Naveen Punati	Adam Wolfe
Palak Jasrotia	Nicholas Alexander Rangos	Yan Xu
Nicholas Kerndt	Ali Rizvi	

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Anthony Paul Abas	Amy Leigh Hackney	Ranjan Midde
Ana Paula Aceves Fernandez de Jáuregui	Samuel Hagreen	Eric Cecil Milton
Jamie Margaret Adams	Juan Jose Huaman	Maria Paz Muruzabal
Carolina Alejandra Atenea Núñez	James Jackson Sr.	Christopher J. Nauman
Viktor Avdulov	Michael Joslin	Dario Olivares Ordenes
Juan Sebastian Avila Nieto	Ravi Teja Kanuri	Cristina Ortiz La Torre
Sushetra Balachandran	RJ Kleinhans	Evaristo Nicolas Palmer
André Luiz Bassi	Jordan Kobs	Rahul Bharat Parwani
Christopher Henley Cavender	Hector C. Lans	Katie Kubacki Price
Anisa Chowdhury	Gabriel Lopes Ferreira	Anil Ramachandrapura Gururaja Rao
Rodrigo Cofiño	Fabiola Azemar Louis	Max Romero
Mitchell C. Daily	Pharren A. Lowther	Desiree Sanchis Gabriel Montalvan
Andrea Derby	Estefania Lupercio López	Andrew Serfass
Thomas "TJ" Dixon	Dr. Trevann Lyn, DMD	Anaid Sustaita
Cory Dovel	Renan Machado Tarrago Capaverde	Hema Tatineni
Delphine Gardere Molere	Anmol Singh Mahal	Carlos Vallejo
Gustavo Gomez	Sunil Marneni	Betsey B. Wagner
Joanne Mann Gonzalez	Mike Matan	Alfred Pierce Williams
Mary Katherine Gorlick, MD	Stefano Medei	Robin Woods
	Brian Meyer	Clint York

Spirit cords are given to veterans in recognition of their service to this nation.

NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY ALMA MATER

QUÆCUMQUE SUNT VERA

Quæcumque sunt vera,
Proba, justa, mera,
Omnia hæc dona,
Præbes nobis bona,
Alma Mater cara,
Benedicta, clara,
Celsa in honore
Nostro et amore! Amen.

Mater O benigna,
Præstans tu et digna;
Custos juventutis,
Fida dux virtutis;
Gratias agentes,
Pie reverentes;
Peni tus amamus
Deo te mandamus.

LEADER, GRADUATES AND GUESTS

Hail to Alma Mater,
We will sing thy praise forever.

All thy sons and daughters,
Pledge thee victory and honor.

Alma Mater, praise be thine,
May thy name forever shine.

Hail to purple, hail to white,
Hail to thee Northwestern.

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To recognize the land is an expression of gratitude and appreciation to those whose territory we reside on — and a way of honoring the Indigenous people who have been living and working on the land from time immemorial. It is important to understand the long-standing history that has brought us to reside on the land and to seek to understand our place within that history.* The Northwestern campus sits on the traditional homelands of the people of the Council of Three Fires — the Ojibwe, Potawatomi and Odawa — as well as the Menominee, Ho-Chunk and Miami tribes. It was also a site of trade, travel, gathering and healing for more than a dozen other Native tribes; the state of Illinois is still home to over 100,000 tribal members. Consistent with the University's commitment to diversity and inclusion, Northwestern works toward building relationships with Native American communities through academic pursuits, partnerships, historical recognitions, community service and enrollment efforts.

*Adapted from www.lspirg.org/knowtheland