



# Lavender Graduate Celebration 2025

**Friday, April 25th**  
**4:30p.m. - 6:30p.m.**  
**Wolff Auditorium**

## **Invocation -**

**Dr. Jonathan Rossing**  
Associate Dean - College of Arts & Sciences

## **Welcome -**

**Dr. Brandon Haddock**  
Director - Lincoln LGBTQ+ Center

## **Distinguished Alumnus -**

**Darren Sekiguchi**  
Class of 2000

## **Student Leadership Address-**

**Faith Watkins**  
Class of 2025

## **Recognition of Graduates -**

**Matthew Barcus**  
Program Manager - Lincoln LGBTQ+ Center

**Kori Baker**  
Class of 1994  
Assistant Director-Alumni Programs

## **Graduating Senior Award -**

**Dr. Joan Iva Fawcett**  
Class of 2022  
Dean - Social Justice Leadership &  
Community Empowerment

## **Closing -**

**Dr. Brandon Haddock**  
Director - Lincoln LGBTQ+ Center

## **Reception -**

**Jepson Lobby -**  
Hors d'oeuvres and Refreshments

We are proud to honor our  
graduating LGBTQ+ and allied  
students for their achievements and  
contributions at Gonzaga University.



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Dear 2025 graduates,

Congratulations on all of your hard work and accomplishments in your educational endeavors. But more importantly, congratulations on being here with us today as who you are. Your identity is your own and cannot be taken from you.

Being here, living authentically, means that you have dared to be powerful and that power never needs to be validated by the outside world.

Our experiences, our pitfalls, our triumphs are all meant to shape us. Embrace all of it. Embrace the person who you were, who you are today, and especially embrace who you will become. In the end, you will live your life authentically and unabashedly.

At the end of the day, it will be us and our community of truth, love, and light that will move forward together. Shine your light and share it in your community. Let your light be the sun to someone who needs it in the darkness.

Congratulations, class of 2025. May your light illuminate us all.

Sincerely and with joy,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dr. Brandon H. Haddock", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Dr. Brandon H. Haddock

Director

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