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Graduation is one of life's great milestones, and we are so very pleased to celebrate it with you.

We hope your experience at the Sol Price School of Public Policy has been richly rewarding. Just as you have been inspired by your fellow students, faculty and staff, you have also inspired us.

Your tenacity in overcoming challenges has served you well – and has prepared you to flourish no matter what the future holds. We have every confidence that you will make a real-world impact that embodies the USC Price School's mission to improve the quality of life for people and communities worldwide.

While your time as a student at the Price School comes to a close today, you are now and forever more a member of the esteemed Trojan Family Network. And you will always be welcome at the Price School regardless of where your endeavors take you.

Thank you for being part of our community, and fight on!

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COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

Kevin Rudd

*Former Australian Prime Minister
Ambassador of Australia to the United States
President and CEO of Asia Society*



Former Australian Prime Minister Kevin Rudd, Ph.D., is the keynote speaker at the 2026 Commencement ceremony for the USC Price School of Public Policy.

Rudd, who is the incoming President and CEO of Asia Society, also served as Australia's Foreign Minister and, more recently, the country's Ambassador to the U.S. from March 2023 to April 2026. He was a member of the Australian Parliament from 1998 to 2013.

Rudd served as Australia's 26th Prime Minister from 2007 to 2010 before returning to the role in 2013. As Prime Minister, Rudd oversaw the government's response to the 2008 financial crisis,

helping Australia avoid a recession, largely due to economic stimulus packages.

He also ratified the Kyoto Protocol, an international treaty aimed at reducing greenhouse gas emissions that are the prime cause of climate change, and withdrew Australian troops from the Iraq War.

As Ambassador to the U.S., Rudd worked with diplomats under U.S. Presidents Joe Biden and Donald Trump, playing key roles in securing multi-billion dollar trade deals.

Rudd is also a leading analyst of China and the founder and co-chair of the National Apology Foundation, which advances reconciliation between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians.

PROGRAM

Opening Remarks

Julie Kim, Ed.D.

Assistant Dean of Student Affairs

Dean's Remarks

Christopher G. Boone, Ph.D.

*Dean and C. Erwin and Ione L. Piper Chair
Professor of Public Policy*

Commencement Speaker

Kevin Rudd, Ph.D.

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Undergraduate Student Address

Eleanor Jiangnan Love

Bachelor of Science in Public Policy

Graduate Student Address

Alexander Louis Ryan

Master of Public Administration

Presentation of Doctoral Candidates and Hooding Ceremony

Presentation of the Class of 2026

Christopher G. Boone, Ph.D.

Due to fire regulations, standing in aisles during the ceremony is not permitted.

Professional photographers will take photos of the graduates
as they receive their diplomas.

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