



THE UNIVERSITY OF  
**WESTERN  
AUSTRALIA**

# Graduation Ceremony

**Winthrop Hall**

Wednesday 10 March 2021 at 10am



# Seek wisdom



*Caption: Robert French*

## *A message from the Chancellor, The Hon. Robert S French AC*

I offer my sincere congratulations to the UWA graduates of 2020. Graduation from The University of Western Australia is an achievement reflecting years of commitment to higher learning. It also marks the acquisition of the ability to continue to learn, to reason critically and, over time, to acquire the wisdom that comes by joining learning and reasoning to life experience. For the graduates of 2020 and their teachers who have had to work through the constraints and difficulties of pandemic restrictions, it is a particularly notable achievement.

It is an achievement which makes you all part of our history. As the holder of a degree at The University of Western Australia, you join generations of students who have passed through the lecture theatres and tutorial rooms at the University, since it came into existence in 1911. You are now part of its history as much as it is part of yours.

The prime mover in the establishment of the University was its first Chancellor, Sir John Winthrop Hackett, a leading Western Australian politician, philanthropist and the proprietor of The West Australian newspaper.

The University's purpose, from its foundation, was expressed in practical terms – to provide instruction in 'practical arts and liberal studies' which would help develop the fledging economy of Western Australia and thereby 'advance the prosperity and welfare of the people'. The University's motto encompasses that purpose with a higher ideal in urging all who pass through it to 'seek wisdom'.

The first 184 students enrolled at the University attended their lectures, which began on 31 March 1913, in timber and iron huts located in Irwin Street, Perth. From those humble beginnings the generation and transmission of knowledge, expertise and innovation at The University of Western Australia has played a significant part in the economic development of Western Australia. It has inspired the work of thousands of researchers and equipped tens of thousands of graduates to contribute in myriad ways to our society.

UWA is one of the world's leading universities. Our graduates go into the world equipped with skills and qualifications which will enable them to engage with the pressing challenges of the day and to advance our society in all fields of human endeavour.

I wish you well as you apply your learning, and the wisdom acquired by life experience combined with that learning, for the benefit of Western Australia, our nation and the wider global community.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert French". The signature is written in a cursive style.



***Caption: Amit Chakma***

### ***A message from the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Amit Chakma***

Graduation day is a special day for the University, our graduates and their families and friends.

On this occasion, we gather as a university community to celebrate your academic success and to wish you the very best as you embark on your respective journeys.

I offer my warmest congratulations to all our graduates. You have worked hard and met the demanding standards of a UWA degree. You are to be commended for your academic achievements.

As you graduate, please remember that your learning days are not over. Learning is a lifelong process. We have prepared you to be master learners. Continue to Seek Wisdom.

We have not given you answers to all questions. We hope that what remains with you is the ability to approach new issues objectively and with an open mind, and always tempered with empathy for the human condition.

You are graduating at a time when humanity is facing many challenges. The need for highly educated and talented people has never been greater. Our world needs talented young people like you to bring a fresh perspective and knowledge in tackling these problems.

You are among the fortunate few to have attended one of the finest universities in the world. You have what it takes to take these challenges on and chart a brighter course for yourselves, your community, your country, and indeed for humanity. As citizens of the globe, you are our gift to the world. We are counting on you for your ingenuity, creativity, and leadership. Go out there, be bold, live a life of impact, and make us proud.

As graduates, you become members of convocation. You are forever a cherished member of this great institution founded over a century ago. Wherever your life's journey may take you, UWA will always be your home. Come home, and come often. Your Alma Mater will be waiting for you!

Congratulations to all of you.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Amit Chakma'. The signature is stylized and written in a cursive-like font.

# Indigenous commitment

## **Indigenous protocol (by Richard Walley)**

As Noongar people: We respect place and people, plants and animals. It is a holistic respect. We pay tribute to events and ceremonies. We embrace people and change while maintaining links to ancient cultures and practices.

## **Noongar people**

Noongar people are the original inhabitants of the South West of Western Australia and form one of the largest Aboriginal cultural blocks in Australia. The 14 different language groups – Amangu, Yued/Yuat, Whadjuk/Wajuk, Binjareb/Pinjarup, Wardandi, Balardong/Ballardong, Nyakinyaki, Wilman, Ganeang, Bibulmun/Piblemen, Mineng, Goreng, Wudjari and Njunga/ Noongar – have ownership of all Noongar kaardijin (knowledge) and culture.

## **Boodjar (Country)**

The ancestral lands of Aboriginal people. UWA is situated on Noongar Boodjar, in the land of the Whadjuk Noongar people.

## **Welcome to Country**

A Welcome to Country celebrates Aboriginal people's connection with the land, acknowledges Aboriginal people as the traditional owners of the land, and welcomes visitors and guests to their land.

## **Acknowledgement of Country**

An Acknowledgement of Country occurs when an elder or custodian is unavailable to deliver the Welcome to Country. In this case a senior representative of the organisation recognises the traditional owners and their ongoing connection and responsibilities to Country.

## **Blessing**

A blessing is delivered by an Elder, or custodian of the country, who extends best wishes for future journeys to individuals who have spent time on Country.

## **Boorn Waangkiny (Message Sticks)**

Bilya Kaatajin – Learning by the River

Message sticks are storytellers, extensions of invitations and notifications of events that are handed from one person or a group of persons to another in a ceremonial act. Each UWA graduate is presented with a message stick designed by Noongar Elder and UWA Adjunct Professor Dr Richard Walley. The message sticks are coloured with blue, yellow, white and black to represent features of the Swan River, the sun, ceremonial ochre, and resin from the Balga tree.

# National Anthem

The assembly is invited to sing the first verse of the Australian National Anthem.

**Australians all let us rejoice,  
For we are one and free;  
We've golden soil and wealth for toil;  
Our home is girt by sea;  
Our land abounds in nature's gifts  
Of beauty rich and rare;  
In history's page, let every stage  
Advance Australia Fair.  
In joyful strains then let us sing,  
Advance Australia Fair.**

# The Procession

The ceremony commences with the entrance of the Procession.

There is an order of precedence, with the most senior ranking persons appearing at the end of the Procession. Thus, lecturers and senior lecturers will enter the Hall first, followed by the professoriate and former honorary degree recipients. They are followed by members of the Senate, which is the University's governing body, and the Warden of Convocation, representing the body of graduates of the University. The highest ranking officials of the University, the Vice-Chancellor, Pro-Chancellor and Chancellor, are the last to mount the stage.

The Procession can also include representatives of other universities and dignitaries of local, state and national governments.

# Convocation

All graduates of UWA become members of Convocation upon graduation.

Members may vote in elections for two members of the Senate and the Council of Convocation, review proposed changes to UWA statutes and be consulted by UWA administration when future strategy and major changes are considered.

## Definition

A convocation is a 'gathering together for a large formal assembly'. At UWA, it refers to those members of the University community who 'when gathered together' by their UWA degrees, are entitled to contribute to the governance of the University. Such rights are reserved for those with credentials, such as a degree.

## Background

The University of Western Australia Act (1911) describes the University as consisting of 'a Senate, Convocation, staff and students'. The Senate is the 'governing authority of the University' and Convocation represents UWA's approximately graduates.

Graduates are enduring members of the University. Current staff and students are important parts of the University during their employment or studies, but only members of Convocation are lifelong members of the University. Their UWA degree ensures they retain an ongoing interest in the performance of the University.

## Roles of Convocation

The *University of Western Australia Act (1911)* and statutes assign five roles to Convocation:

- **Representing** members of the University and the community of Western Australia;
- **Promotion** of the ideals and purpose of the University and Convocation to members of the University and the community of Western Australia;
- Encouraging members to participate in the **governance** of the University;
- Encouraging **contributions** to the intellectual and cultural prosperity of the University community; and
- Encouraging professional and social **engagement** between members and with the University.

## Organisational Structure of Convocation

These roles guide a 21-member Council. Each year, elections are held for six members of Council with a three-year term and a Warden and Deputy Warden with a one-year term. Also two Members of Senate are elected in a sequential fashion for terms of three years, with a one-year gap of no election in year three intermittently but two Senators are always there. The Council meets monthly and reports to members at two general meetings a year. Further information on Convocation may be found at [convocation.uwa.edu.au](http://convocation.uwa.edu.au).

# Your UWA community

Congratulations on your achievement and welcome to UWA's global community.

The bond between UWA graduates is strong. It opens doors, launches careers and sparks lifelong friendships.

No matter where you go, you can find yourself in the company of people who will be your mentors, collaborators and friends.

Together we can do more than any of us can alone.

As you start the next chapter in your journey, UWA wishes you great success. We want to be right there with you, providing connections, support and pathways for you to pursue your goals.

The graduation gift you receive today acknowledges your achievement and reminds you that, wherever you go, this place and its people are part of you.

Update your contact details at [alumni.uwa.edu.au/update](https://alumni.uwa.edu.au/update) to start gaining the full benefit of being a UWA graduate. Your community awaits you.



**Lead:** in ways that reflect your passions. Work with other graduates to achieve great things.



**Learn:** through events, podcasts and stories in UWA and Alumni publications.



**Network:** at gatherings and through social media with a global alumni community.



**Volunteer:** organise a reunion, be a mentor, share your time and talent for an important cause.



**Give:** the Alumni Fund is your fund – your difference to make.

Visit [alumni.uwa.edu.au](https://alumni.uwa.edu.au) to find out how.

# Order of Proceedings

Organ recital by Annette Goerke, BMus *W.Aust.*, L.Mus.A., A.Mus.A.

Introduction by the Chair of the Academic Board (or representative)

The procession will enter and the assembly is requested to stand

The National Anthem

Proceedings will be opened by the Chancellor (or representative)

Welcome to Country

Vice-Chancellor's Address (or representative)

Mr Peter Kerr will deliver the Graduation Address

Conferral of Undergraduate Awards

Warden of Convocation's Welcome Address (or representative)

Valedictorian Address

Proceedings will be closed by the Chancellor (or representative)

The procession will retire and the assembly is requested to stand

# Graduation Address

## Profile of Speaker

Peter Kerr, BEc(Hons) *W.Aust.*

Although a Gen-Xer, Peter Kerr is secretly a Millennial/iGen wannabe. By that we mean he has had approximately 4,365 different careers. He's a father of two, occasional corporate mascot, and at various times has been a journo, chef, maître d, foreign exchange trader, economist, shoe salesman, dishwasher and brickies labourer.

More seriously, Peter holds a Bachelor of Economics (Honours) from The University of Western Australia and is actively involved with St Bartholomew's House homelessness service and serves on a School Board. He has more than 25 years of giving high-level policy and consulting advice including for the Reserve Bank of Australia, the International Monetary Fund and the WA Government's Public Utilities Office. He is currently an executive at Western Power.

# Conferral of Awards

## UNDERGRADUATE AWARDS

The following undergraduate awards are presented by the Dean/Head of School or nominee of the UWA Business School

### **Degree of Bachelor of Arts**

*Degree Specific Major in Work and Employment Relations*

Isabelle Clara Polinelli

### **Degree of Bachelor of Commerce**

*Degree Specific Major in Accounting*

William Edward Bartley

Sally Rose Bastow

Isabelle Paris Brown

Luke Gregory Bryde

Raelene Alicia Charlwood

Antonia Clare Cousins

Brianna Monique Covich

Ellie Maree Crichton

Sebastian Emmanuel Cruz

Alexander James Damianopoulos

Yilai Feng

Molly Georgia Foss

Nikki Dyalte Humphreys

Brian Juhwan Hwang

Benjamin Lewis Kalajzic

David Chan Hui Khaw

Sophie Rose Koios

Conor James Lyons

Kaiden Lindsay Maitland

Harmon Michael McAullay

Abbey Joy Meakins

Jonathan Alex Nagappa

Emilia Eugenia Neo

Heidi Ng Jia Yi

Atif Noormohammady

Eh Kreet Htoo Paw

Kara Emily Phipps

Nadia Sabatino

Mohamed Deen Samie

Stefan Scagnetti

Starli Rose Smith

Robert Mark Christopher 'T Hart

Robert Todorovski

Julie Truong  
Sneha Venkatraman  
Pieter Huibert Vermeulen  
Daniel Thomas Hopkins Vittino  
Thomas Rawdon Hume Williams  
Ing Yao Wong  
Hanning Yang  
Sabrine Ahmed Yassin  
Meng Yee Yuen

## **Degree of Bachelor of Commerce**

*Degree Specific Major in Economics*

Imogen Laura Aitken  
Myles David Allen  
Jarred Malvern Hormuzd Balm  
Jarryd Helier Barnard  
Zi-Min Vanessa Chong  
Amr Ibrahim El-Wardani  
Charles Vincent Fedor  
Ashton Jesse Godfrey  
Joshua Andrew Hislop  
Matt Craig Hudson  
Shu-Wei Kho  
Conor Sean McLaughlin  
Claire Elyse Marihi Nicholson  
Ronald Rixer  
Henry Alexander Rogers  
Olivia Mae Stevens  
Genevieve Victor

## **Degree of Bachelor of Commerce**

*Degree Specific Major in Economics (single major)*

Tristan Aidan O'Neill Main

## **Degree of Bachelor of Commerce**

*Degree Specific Major in Finance*

Leilani Domenica Cicchini  
Dang Nguyen Thuy Duong  
Stella Sofia Maris Dela Cruz  
Lukas Hercules Finn  
Luke Francesco Fortuna  
Liam Clay Sargent Gamble  
Niall Anthony Gillmor  
Oliver Robert Henderson  
Harshad Devshi Hirani



Haoran Jian  
Yianni Evangelos Kakulas  
Jack Lewis Keene  
Matthew Peter Kolomyjec  
Elysia You Le Korn  
Francois Jacob Kruger  
Tze-Wen Lee  
Daniel Jonathan Levy  
Qunli Li  
Wentong Liu  
Xiaomin Ma  
Thomas Allan Mckell  
Dale Murugan  
Harry John Newton  
Alasdair Glen Philip  
Avinash Rajan  
Yonglin Ruan  
Mhel Andrey Dimapilis Sabile  
Yuting Sang  
Michael Emilio Savva  
Callum Iain Scott  
Ashley Sarah Skead  
Connor James Smith  
Jack Anthony Spencer  
Oskar Montgomery Tothill  
Thien Phuc Tran  
Jiajun Wang  
Xuzhen Wen  
Matthew Thomas White  
Stephanie Jane Hui Wong  
Amy Lun Ya Zhang

### **Degree of Bachelor of Commerce**

*Degree Specific Major in Human Resource Management*

Rachele Pascale Devoto  
Taylah Maddison Emmett  
Fei Huang  
Gemma Paige Parisella  
Vivi-Thoai Phan-Tran  
Tiffany Shivonne Stewart  
Ksenia Varaksina

## **Degree of Bachelor of Commerce**

*Degree Specific Major in Management*

Archa Be-che

Amy Louise Sharon Duplex

Advika Sunil Gudur

Scarlett May Herman

Jaylan Malcolm Hovingh

Fraser Harley Read

Bryce Daniel Rout

Joshua Jack Turner

## **Bachelor of Commerce with Honours**

George Vicktor Gelevitis (*Finance*)

Sam William Collins (*Economics*)

Patrick Francis Henderson (*Economics*)

Dilkash Kerman Parabia (*Management*)

# The University's Graduation Ceremonies at Winthrop Hall

The first students to graduate from UWA graduated on 29 July 1914.

Graduation ceremonies were originally held in the Government House Ballroom, until the official opening of Winthrop Hall on 13 April 1932. The Hall is one of the Hackett Memorial Buildings financed substantially by the very generous bequest received from the estate of Sir John Winthrop Hackett. It is located at the southern end of Whitfeld Court, contributing a great deal to the impressive nature of the University's entrance.

In those early years, a single annual ceremony was sufficient for all graduating students. Today with more than 25,000 enrolled students and more than 6,800 degrees, diplomas and certificates awarded annually, the University conducts more than 20 ceremonies each year, all in Winthrop Hall.

Measuring 41 metres long by 18 metres wide and with a height from floor to ceiling of 15 metres, Winthrop Hall seats 1069 people in the body of the Hall and 150 or more on the dais. The foyer features a mosaic floor of Italian marble, a gilded mosaic panel in memory of Sir Alfred Langler, whose financial skill as administrator of the Hackett estate resulted in the University receiving a considerably enhanced bequest, and a stained glass window in honour of Dr William Hancock, a pioneer of radiology in Western Australia and former member of the Senate, the governing body of the University.

Upon entering the Hall, the impressive sights of the McGillivray Organ and the Rose Window sit above the dais at the opposite end of the Hall. Jarrah panelling lines the lower half of all other walls, each of which bears the shields of other Australian and some overseas universities. The shield for this University is hung centrally at the back of the dais and is a modified version of the shield in the original UWA Coat of Arms registered with the College of Arms in 1972.

The ceiling was decorated by George Benson in 1931. In 2007, during the restoration of the organ and the cleaning of the Rose Window, University staff rediscovered some secret paintings. Benson included 10 caricatures, two unfinished, of various local dignitaries at the time. Only four of the caricatures have been identified to date: Dr James Battye, Sir Walter James, Judge John Northmore and Dr William Somerville, while the others still remain a mystery.

# Academic gowns

The practice of wearing academic dress on formal occasions has a long and illustrious history. The title of Chancellor was originally bestowed on important officials in the medieval church and was later applied to the chief dignitary of a university. It also refers to the chief judicial officer of England, the Lord Chancellor, whose robes are similar to those worn by university chancellors. Thus, it is important to remember that the gowns of the Chancellor (who is appointed by the Senate), the Pro-Chancellor (who is elected by the Senate to act on the Chancellor's behalf when he or she is unavailable), and the Vice-Chancellor (who is the Chief Executive Officer of the University), are not strictly academic gowns: they do not signify the wearer's degree but the office held.

**The Chancellor's gown** is of black silk faced with white silk and trimmed with gold braid down each front. A flap collar at the back is faced with white silk and trimmed with gold braid and with open sleeves fully lined with white silk, trimmed with gold braid and turned back to form a triangle bisected by two loops of gold cord from the shoulders. The cap is a black velvet trencher with gold tassel and button and trimmed with three centimetres of gold braid.

**The Pro-Chancellor's gown** is similar to the Chancellor's gown but trimmed with gold cord down each front with a flap collar at the back faced with white silk. This is also trimmed with gold cord, with open sleeves fully lined with white silk, trimmed with gold cord and turned back to form a triangle bisected by a loop of gold cord from the shoulders. The Pro-Chancellor also wears a black velvet trencher cap with gold tassel and button and trimmed with one-and-a-half centimetres of gold braid.

**The Vice-Chancellor's gown** is trimmed with silver braid down each front with a flap collar at the back faced with white silk. Silver braid trims this collar and the open sleeves are fully lined with white silk, rimmed with silver braid and turned back to form a triangle bisected by two loops of silver cord from the shoulders. The black velvet trencher cap has a silver tassel and button and is trimmed with three centimetres of silver braid.

# Officers of the University

As at March 2021

## Visitor

His Excellency the Honourable Kim Beazley AC, Governor of Western Australia

## Chancellor

The Honourable Robert S French AC

## Pro-Chancellor

Mr Frank Cooper AO, BCom *W.Aust.*

## Vice-Chancellor

Professor Amit Chakma, Diplng *IAP*, MAsc PhD *UBC*, DEng (Hons) *Waterloo*, DSc (Hons) *Dhaka*, PEng, ICD.D

## Warden of Convocation

Clinical Professor Lesley Cala, MBBS MD *W.Aust.*, DMRD RCP (Lond.) and RCS (Eng.), FRANZCR, FRCR

## Senior Deputy Vice-Chancellor

Professor Simon Biggs, BSc(Hons) PhD *Brist.*, FREng, FTSE, CEng, FIChemE, FIEAust

## Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research)

Professor Tim Colmer, BSc(Agric) *W.Aust.*, PhD *UC Davis*

## Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Education)

Professor David Sadler, FRSA, PFHEA, NTF, MAICD, FAIM

## Chief Financial Officer

Ms Leona Marquand, BA(Hons) *UOP*, DiplFR *ACCA*, GradDipAppFin *FASEA*, FCA

## Chair of the Academic Board

Professor Raymond Da Silva Rosa, BCom PhD *W.Aust.*

# University Executive

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## **Senior Deputy Vice-Chancellor**

Professor Simon Biggs, BSc(Hons) PhD *Brist.*, FREng, FTSE, CEng, FICHEM, FIEAust

## **Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research)**

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## **Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Education)**

Professor David Sadler, FRSA, PFHEA, NTF, MAICD, FAIM

## **Chief Financial Officer**

Ms Leona Marquand, BA(Hons) *UOP*, DipIFR *ACCA*, GradDipAppFin *FASEA*, FCA

# University Senate

## Chancellor

The Honourable Robert S French AC

## Members

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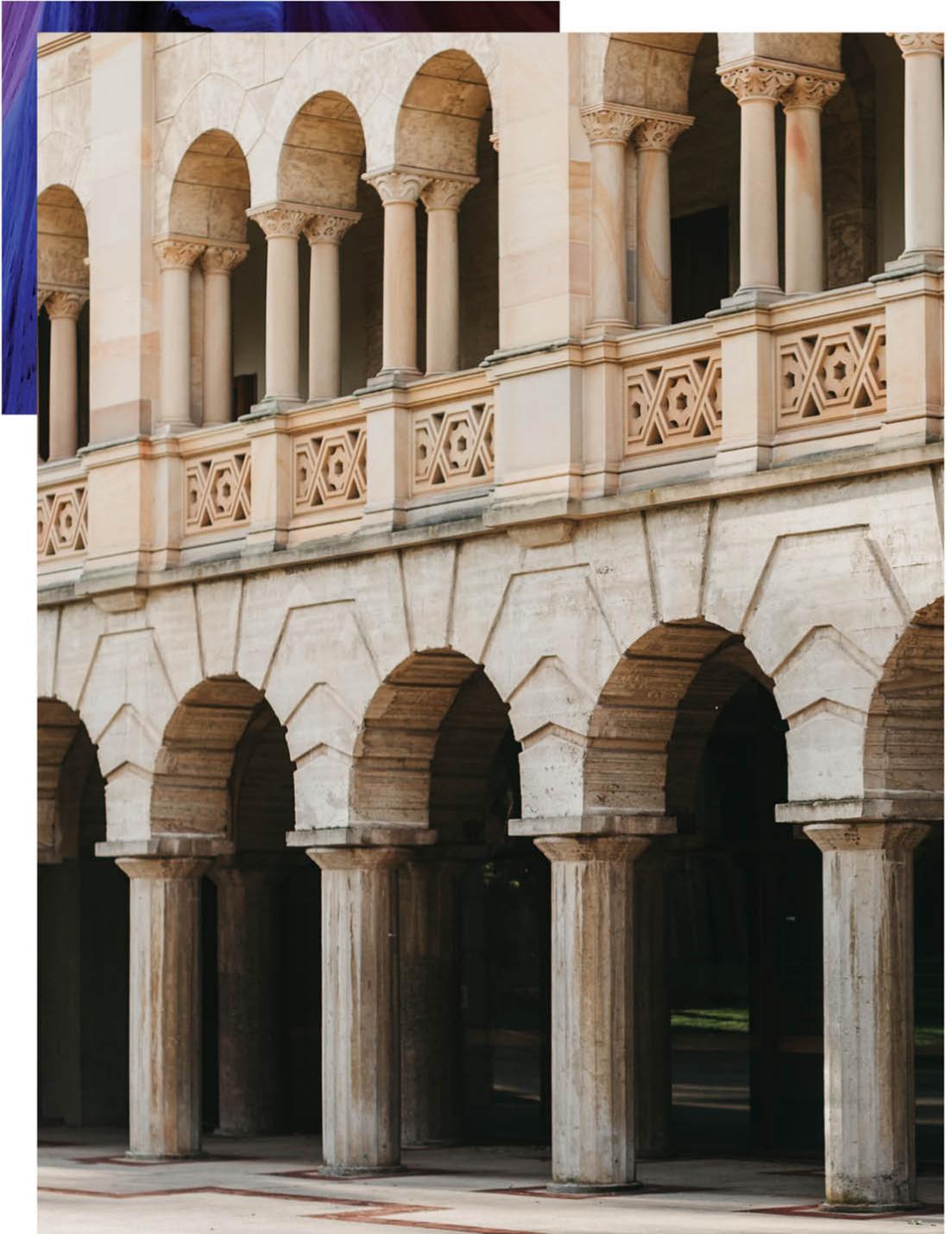
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