



2025

Commencement  
Ceremony

The Michigan Theater  
Friday, May 2, 2025

## **PROCESSION OF FACULTY**

### **WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS**

Professor Jan Van den Bulck, Department Chair

### **RECOGNITION OF THE 2025 SENIOR THESIS STUDENTS**

### **RECOGNITION OF MICHIGAN COMMUNICATION AND MEDIA PROFESSIONALS SENIOR OFFICERS**

### **2025 MARK FOOTE DISTINGUISHED DISSERTATION AWARD**

Dr. Soobin Choi

*Understanding the Role of Efficacy Perceptions in Climate Change Communication*

### **2025 RACKHAM OUTSTANDING GRADUATE STUDENT INSTRUCTOR AWARD**

Mel Monier

### **2025 DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATION AND MEDIA MACDONALD OUTSTANDING GSI AWARD**

Charles Clark

### **STUDENT SPEAKER**

Rinna Kim

### **KEYNOTE SPEAKER**

Ali Gropper

### **RECOGNITION OF THE GRADUATES**

### **CLOSING REMARKS**

### **RECESSION OF FACULTY**

### **EVENT CONCLUDES**

*Please join us for an outdoor reception immediately following  
in the the North Quad Courtyard*

## KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Ali Gropper



Ali Gropper's life and career are a testament to resilience, adaptability, and the power of forging one's own path. A proud alumna of the University of Michigan, where she majored in Communication & Media (Class of 2018), Ali's journey to becoming a leading Celebrity Wardrobe Stylist is deeply rooted in her time at U of M.

Going into Ali's senior year, she was passionate to pursue a career in fashion. Leveraging her resources at the university, she created the first-ever fashion-focused program: the Michigan Fashion Media Summit. The organization's mission is to inspire and educate the next generation of fashion leaders by connecting students with tangible opportunities in the industry. Since its inception, the program has directly linked hundreds of students to their dream jobs.

After graduation, Ali explored various paths, from Celebrity Relations at global PR agencies to in-house VIP marketing. Her entrepreneurial spirit eventually led her to launch her own celebrity styling business, Danielle & Alix. The namesake brand specializes in styling red carpet events, street style moments, and campaigns for their VIP clientele, alongside their own collaborative partnerships with renowned brands such as Amazon, Armani, Victoria's Secret, and more.

Ali's expertise and influence has made her a recognized leader in the fashion landscape, named Forbes 30 Under 30 in the Art & Style Category.

Ali is excited to inspire the graduating class of 2025 by sharing her story—a journey of perseverance, embracing challenges, and following one's passion.

## UNDERGRADUATE AWARDS

### **ANN ARBOR NEWS SCHOLARSHIP**

Kyle Jamrog  
Hailey Nichols  
Gabriel Paredes  
Riley Leongkaye Mootdarpongsai  
Luna Alkassem

### **JOHN L. AND CLARA M. BRUMM MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

Amanda Emtiaz  
Jenna Hausmann  
Jake Frederick

### **THE JAMES P. CHAPMAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

Avery Haynes  
Rinna Kim  
Dongjoon Lee

### **CAROLE SIMPSON MINORITY AID SCHOLARSHIP**

Demi Baston  
Chloe Mobley  
Chris Robinson

### **LELAND STOWE AWARD**

Nina Groll  
Fiona Lacroix

### **CLAUDE SIFRITT UNDERGRADUATE AWARD**

Oluwatomilade Akinyelu  
Sami Hoang  
Sara Taub  
Ella Trotz  
Zheng Zhang  
Sydney Cyprian  
Rinna Kim  
Jordyn Auerbach  
Connor Bee

### **MARY LOU BUTCHER EQUALITY IN JOURNALISM AWARD**

Natalie Lopez  
Chloe Tender

### **THE J. EVENS CAMPBELL SCHOLARSHIP**

Hailey Nichols  
Zheng Zhang

### **SAKS FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP**

Chloe Pehote  
Kaia Tolu

### **SENIOR THESIS PROGRAM**

Katja Foreman-Braunschweig  
Grace Glenn  
Karla Osorio  
Olivia Phillips  
Kiyo Rodriguez-Garcia  
Chuhan Tong  
Jacob Trygstad  
Isabelle Zeaske  
Zhiyi Zheng

### **MCMP EXECUTIVE BOARD SENIORS**

Brooke Marshall  
Lindsey Berman  
Lauren Lutz  
Francesca Courtney

## CLASS OF 2025

Stephane Abraham  
Hashim Abu-Shanab  
Holly Ades  
Eduard Aelenei  
Eun Young Ahn  
Luna Alkassem  
Kamryn Almasy  
Josephine Anderson  
Daniel Applebaum  
Cameron Atkinson  
Charlotte Baxter  
Sarah Bayne  
Delia Bechmann  
Madelyn Becker  
Connor Bee  
Peyton Benjamin  
Katherine Bennert  
Echo Bennett  
Sloane Bennett  
Lindsey Berman  
Nimeya Bhatt  
Rachel Bilzin  
Shira Black  
Grant Blau  
Allison Boka  
Aryn Booker  
Annika Bos  
Jesse Boxenhorn  
Cassidy Brimer  
Natalie Brooks  
Alexandra Buchman  
Jason Bucknor  
Megan Cao  
Alyssa Carvo  
Sally Ella Cavellier

Carly Cehelsky  
Anabelle Chalmers  
Riley Chapple  
Henry Clark  
Justine Cleveland  
Kara Cohen  
Benjamin Cohon  
Keely Conlan  
Kiersten Cook  
Morgan Culliton  
Carly Cunillera  
Chloe Curll  
Samantha Deleon-Castillo  
Lucas Delgado  
Bailey Desilva  
Jacqueline Dianis  
Sockhna Diaw  
Dayanara Diaz  
Elizabeth Donovan  
Ava Edwards  
Olivia Edwardson  
Justin Ennis  
Eric Feldman  
Yixuan Feng  
Daniel Ferrone  
Jamie Feuerman  
Olivia Fink  
Molly Fischman  
Mason Fisher  
Nolan Fletcher  
Katja Foreman-Braunschweig  
Riann Fri  
Grace Gefsky  
Elizabeth Geib  
Bailey Germain

## CLASS OF 2025

Carly Gesell  
William Glasser  
Dylan Glazer  
Zoey Glazer  
Grace Glenn  
Molly Gold  
Samantha Gonzalez  
Sarah Gorman  
Sophie Grand  
Leighton Gray  
Lila Grayson  
Allie Green  
Gracie Greenberg  
Nina Groll  
Jessica Gurvitz  
Hannah Guttenberg  
Nicole Haanschoten  
Caitlin Hagen  
Marina Halama  
Megan Harmeling  
Zoe Harris  
Mckenna Hartless  
Taylor Hartley  
Benjamin Heiss  
Carys Henderson  
Alexis Herman  
Nicholas Hirons  
David Holt  
Nicole Hood  
Kacey Howley  
Yi Huang  
Ikechukwu Iwunnah Jr  
Emily Jacoby  
Jennifer James  
Kyle Jamrog

Alisha Jawad  
Madeline Johnson  
Greta Joneson  
Ashlee Juengel  
Tommy Kalili  
Laura Kapolka  
Bethany Karram  
Janna Khan  
Rinna Kim  
Isabella Klein  
Alivia Klinghofer  
Nicholas Kroll  
Michael Laino  
Hannah Lane  
Ashley Lawless  
Charles Lawrence  
Catherine Lebar  
Sunny Lee  
Shannon Yoonseo Lee  
Jordana Lerner  
Mikaela Lewis  
Kaiyan Li  
Yiyang Li  
Alyssa Lindstrom  
Mara Liss  
Samantha London  
Joseph Longo  
Jesmar Lopez-Vasquez  
Kory Lucero  
Bastian Lupien  
Kailee Lupton  
Lauren Lutz  
Stephanie Lyon  
Brooke Marshall

## CLASS OF 2025

Cole Martin  
Colleen McCall  
Anna McCarley  
Kaylee McClellan  
Tyler McDonald  
Glenda McGory  
Eleanor McManus  
Alaina McQuillan  
Gabriella McVey  
Anna Miller  
Bridget Miller  
Sofia Minadeo  
Rachel Mintz  
Katherine Mitchell  
Alice Moore  
Roderick Moore Jr  
Jaelyn Moraga-Manderfeld  
Halle Myers  
Catherine Nelson  
Carly Nicholas  
Samuel Novotny  
Riley O'Connor  
Peyton O'Leary  
Kaden Olivier  
William Orr  
Karla Osorio  
Meadow Paliotta  
Xamantha Palomino  
Yuhao Pan  
Sebastian Park  
Vrunda Patel  
Jordan Pederson  
Olivia Pero  
Raven Perry  
Lucy Petee

Dazire Peterson  
Olivia Phillips  
Brandon Plemmons  
Haley Polk  
Anastazija Pomelov  
Jordan Preston-Forte  
Anneliesa Pylar  
Dylan Ragusin  
Avery Rahr  
Jessica Ramirez  
Stefania Ramirez  
Angelnae Randalle  
Cassidy Ratner  
Alissa Rebagliati  
Mikah Rector-Brooks  
Ava Renfer  
Andrew Reno  
Isabel Riess  
Daisy Robertson  
Christopher Robinson  
Karla Rodriguez-Garcia  
Kayla Rosenberg  
Ella Russell  
Amya Saffore  
Lexi Sanders  
Maya Santa-Maria  
Carly Schain  
Camryn Schwartz  
Emily Schwartz  
Neel Shah  
Casey Shoulberg  
Ellie Sieler  
Catherine Smeallie  
Breana Smith  
Rebecca Smith

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Natalya Soofer  
Laurel Sparks  
Charlotte Steinhorn  
Kylie Stenzler  
Sophie Strasser  
Benjamin Supera  
Alec Tabs  
Sara Taub  
Joseph Taylor  
Chloe Tender  
Julia Tenner  
Mackenzie Teper  
Alexis Terbush  
Noah Thawngmung  
Chuhan Tong  
Ainsley Topping  
Kathleen Touma  
Ella Trotz  
Jacob Trygstad  
Taylor Turla  
Eleanor Uzielli  
George Van Der Vennet

Jacob Vandis  
Anna Varnell  
Julian Villanueva  
Jacey Vore  
Sarika Waikar  
Jiahua Wang  
Yipei Wang  
Dylan Wattenberg  
Hayden Weber  
Scout Weeks  
Kaylee Weil  
Barbara Weingust  
Annabel Wilcox  
Keaton Wilds  
David Wolma  
Valerie Xu-Friedman  
Lily Zamora  
Isabelle Zeaske  
Zheng Zhang  
Naomi Zheng  
Zhiyi Zheng  
Jessie Zhou



*Congratulations to the class of 2025 &  
Best wishes on your next adventures!*

