Welcome

Presentation of Awards

**Algernon Sydney Sullivan Awards**

Alysa M. Triplett
Jackson J. L. Nell
Caroline R. Rudder

**Seven Society Awards**

Louis A. Onesty Memorial Scholar-Athlete Award
Leah G. Smith

James Earle Sargeant Award
UVA Chapter of the Student National Medical Association (SNMA)

**Class of 2017 Awards**

Class Award for Community Service
Shreyas R. Hariharan

Class Award for Cultural Fluency
Yolande B. Pokam Tchuisseu

Diamond Award
Mario J. Sukkar

**Presentation of the Class Gift**

Acceptance of the Class Gift

Presentation of Special Appreciation

Introduction of Keynote Speaker

2017 Valedictory Address

Farewell Remarks

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**Valedictory Exercises**

The Lawn

May 19, 2017

3:00 p.m.

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The Class of 2017 would like to remember the following members of our class:

Connor C. Cormier (1995-2014)
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Juan Manuel Santos

Juan Manuel Santos is the 32nd President of the Republic of Colombia. Santos is both an economist and journalist, and studied at the Naval Academy in Cartagena, the University of Kansas, the London School of Economics, Harvard University, and the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy.

Santos began his career as economic advisor to the National Federation of Coffee Growers of Columbia and delegate to the International Coffee Organization. He was the director of El Tiempo newspaper, and was both a Nieman Fellow for his award-winning journalism work and a Fulbright visiting fellow at Tufts University. Santos was also president of the Freedom of Expression Commission for the Inter-American Press Association and Vice Chair of the Inter-American Dialogue, a Washington think tank.

Santos served as Colombia’s first Minister of Foreign Trade, Minister of Finance and Public Credit, and Minister of National Defense. As Defense Minister, Santos strongly opposed guerrilla and terrorist groups and created the Good Government Foundation.

Santos was elected President of Colombia on June 20, 2010, receiving more than 9 million votes – more than any other candidate in the history of Colombian democracy. He was re-elected to a second term in 2014.

On October 7, 2016, Santos received the Nobel Peace Prize for his effort to end 52 years of civil war with the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC). This work to end the longest-running war in the Americas led to the approval of a peace deal by Colombia’s Congress in late November 2016.

Santos has published several books, including The Third Way, co-written with former British Prime Minister Tony Blair, and Check on Terror, about his actions against FARC during his tenure as the Minister of Defense. He is married to Marta Clemencia Rodriguez de Santos, with whom he has three children: Martin, Marta Antonia, and Esteban.

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