Commencement weekend May 9-10; university president, Federal Reserve CIO, immigrants' rights expert and dean to address graduates

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The University of Richmond will celebrate commencement weekend May 9-10. The university expects to award 727 bachelor’s degrees, 32 master’s degrees, 26 MBA degrees and 152 juris doctor degrees.

Edward L. Ayers, who steps down as University of Richmond’s president on June 30, will deliver the main commencement speech during the ceremony May 10 at 2 p.m. in the Robins Center, when undergraduates from the School of Arts and Sciences, Robins School of Business and Jepson School of Leadership Studies receive degrees.

James Narduzzi, who is stepping down after 21 years as dean of the School of Professional and Continuing Studies, will speak at the SPCS ceremony, May 9 at 9 a.m. in the Robins Center.

Lyn McDermid, the Federal Reserve System Chief Information Officer and director of Federal Reserve Information Technology will give the commencement address for the MBA ceremony, May 9 at 11:30 a.m. in Queally Hall, Ukrop Auditorium.

A nationally known expert on immigrant rights and low-wage workers, Victor Narro (L’91) will address graduates of the School of Law May 9 at 2 p.m. in the Robins Center.

School of Law Commencement, May 9, 2 p.m.

Narro, who has been involved with immigrant rights and labor issues for more than 30 years, is project director for the UCLA Downtown Labor Center. His focus is providing leadership programs for Los Angeles’ immigrant workers, policy and campaign planning for unions and worker centers and internship opportunities for UCLA students.

He also is a professor for the Labor and Workplace Studies Program at UCLA; a lecturer for the UCLA Graduate School of Urban Planning; and a Lecturer In Law at UCLA Law School, where he teaches a class, “Community Lawyering and Low Wage Worker Organizing.”

Narro was formerly the co-executive director of Sweatshop Watch. He also was the Workers’ Rights Project Director for the Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights of Los Angeles (CHIRLA), where he was involved with organizing day laborers, domestic workers, garment workers, and gardeners.
More recently, Narro has become a leading voice for self-care and spirituality in the work for social justice through his new book, “Living Peace: Connecting Your Spirituality with Your Work for Justice.”