



### Commencement Speech - President Liz Li, Ph.D.



Good morning, ladies and gentlemen. I am honored to be here to celebrate this important, happy and exciting moment with all of you. It is an important moment for our students. You accomplished a great milestone in your lives because of your persistent efforts. You did it. Congratulations!

It is a happy moment for parents, families and friends as well; because of your endless efforts, our students have come this far. Thank you and congratulations to all of you. It is an exciting moment for all of us, especially for the faculty and staff. You strived to provide excellent education no matter what obstacles came your way. The university has experienced many changes over the past year, and all of you have worked hard not to compromise the education. Thank you.

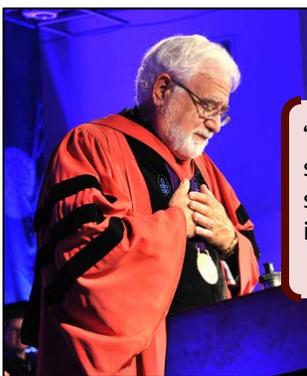
Today I have two wishes to share with you.

The first one is to spread the word and let everyone in the world know that there is a unique university in the Silicon Valley. I want the world to know that we provide students with a powerful and transformative educational experience integrating mind, body and spirit. I want the school to be recognized on a global scale.

The second one is to continue the innovative education started by our founder and to continue to have this gorgeous graduation ceremony year after year. Sixty years from now, our spirit, our children, and our grandchildren will come to celebrate the 100th graduation; to celebrate the 100th anniversary.

You and only you can make these wishes come true. It is my hope that we can work together to make these wishes a reality. Thank you.

Today, I would like to announce exciting news. Our founder Dr. Bob Frager is officially coming back. Let us welcome Bob to the stage and listen to his transformative speech.



“Commencement was lovely and quite seamless. Everything fell right into place! The students seemed so happy during this important, meaningful day!”

- Joy Ventura Riach, Psy.D. Student



“This year’s commencement ceremony served as a reminder of what this school is all about. Transpersonal is more than just a course of study it is a lifestyle.”

-Bianca McKee-Shaw  
Admissions Coordinator



## President's Office Hours

Every Thursday from 1pm to 3pm!

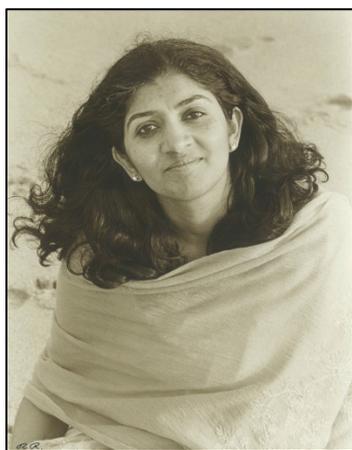
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## Financial Aid Announcement

Attention students! The refund schedule for 2014-2015 award year is now posted on the student portal. To view please log on to: <https://portal.sofia.edu/ICS/>

Please log-in to access the information. The refund schedule is located under the Finances tab>Financial Aid and the schedule is located on the homepage under "Financial Aid Information".

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### Alumni Speaker Series Featuring Rekha Kurup, MA Women's Spirituality

Thursday, July 10, 2014  
Sofia University room  
1059A  
6:00pm to 7:30pm

Reclaiming Embodied  
Sexuality through  
Matriarchal Her-  
Stories

In the backdrop of a globalized, sexualized, capitalistic social fabric of modern life reflecting a steep rise in sexual violence towards women and girls, Rekha Kurup, a modern-day city-bred daughter of Kerala, India, and also a graduate of our Women's Spirituality program, makes a journey into her indigenous matriarchal past through the memories of her grandmothers in an effort to redefine, reclaim and re-inform her female sexuality through the discovery and investigation of matrilineal Nayar practices. In her journey to womanhood, she began to question everything—gender perceptions, cultural and social conditioning, the “do’s and “don’ts of a feminine identity, the age-old dogmas defining womanhood, the shame, disgust and silence surrounding body and sexuality, and most importantly the direct and indirect influences of mother-centered and father-centered cultures on my relationship with body and sexuality.

Admission is FREE and open to the public!

## Where do I go for help?

Below is a list of departments for your reference:

IT: [helpdesk@sofia.edu](mailto:helpdesk@sofia.edu)  
Registration: [registrar@sofia.edu](mailto:registrar@sofia.edu)  
Accounting: [accounting@sofia.edu](mailto:accounting@sofia.edu)  
Financial Aid: [financialaid@sofia.edu](mailto:financialaid@sofia.edu)  
Student services: [student\\_services@sofia.edu](mailto:student_services@sofia.edu)  
Library: [refdesk@sofia.edu](mailto:refdesk@sofia.edu)

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## New Library Hours for July and August 2014

Mon-Fri – 9am-5pm  
Sat. 10am-4pm

The library will be closed for the 4th of July weekend, July 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>!

## Take the Transpersonal Challenge!

### PRIZES

1st Place Winner: \$800.00  
2nd Place Winner: \$300.00  
3rd Place Winner: \$100.00

Imagine traveling to a new city. You try to explain the meaning of transpersonal but no one understands. How would you define transpersonal? How would you teach everyone what it means to be transpersonal? What living examples of transpersonal would you use?

Please describe your solution in 1000 words or less. Entries must be accompanied by a visual aid. Visuals include but are not limited to: poster, graphic, photograph, video, sculpture, etc.

### Criteria:

- Must be a currently enrolled Sofia University student or alumni to enter
- Deadline for Submissions- Monday, September 1, 2014 11:55pm
- Open to all U.S. and international students and alumni

For more information please visit:  
[www.sofia.edu/contest](http://www.sofia.edu/contest) or email [contest@sofia.edu](mailto:contest@sofia.edu).