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A MESSAGE FROM BAY ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY

Dear Class of 2025,

As you prepare to graduate, we reflect with pride on all you have accomplished and the mark you've left on our university. This milestone is a celebration of your achievements and a meaningful addition to our institution's legacy. Your dedication, character, and contributions have helped shape a community defined by learning, growth, and shared purpose. Our campus is better because of you.

As you take the next step in your journey, remember that you will always have a place here. Whether you wish to reconnect, seek support, or share your story, our doors will remain open.

Congratulations on your graduation.

We look forward to seeing all that you will achieve in the years to come!



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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Class of 2025,

My heart bursts with pride as I congratulate you on your momentous achievement! You now hold a degree from Bay Atlantic University. Your hard work and dedication to your studies have paid off, and our entire family here at BAU could not be prouder of you and your accomplishments. Earning your degree is proof of what you can accomplish when you work hard in pursuit of your dreams. While this occasion may symbolize the end of a journey, rest assured that this is only the beginning. The next steps that you embark upon will shape both the path of your future and the impact that you will leave in your path. As you move forward to change the world, know that the entire Bay Atlantic family is with you, cheering you on from the sidelines. Let your values and principles be your fingerprints, they will be proof of where you have been and what you have touched.

With great anticipation,

Dr. Sinem Vatanartiran



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CEREMONY PROGRAM

BAY ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY
CLASS OF 2025

- ◇ DOORS OPEN AT 1:30PM
 - ◇ CEREMONY STARTS PROMPTLY AT 2:00PM
 - ◇ PROCESSION OF
 - THE UNIVERSITY MACE
 - FACULTY
 - CANDIDATES
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- ◇ COMMENCEMENT SPEECHES
 - AHU YILDIRMAZ, BOARD CHAIR AT BAU
 - DR. SINEM VATANARTIRAN, PRESIDENT OF BAU
 - EYLEM SENYUZ, SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT AT TRUIST ADVISORY SERVICES
 - VALEDICTORIAN
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- ◇ VALEDICTORIAN OF THE CLASS OF 2025 AWARD
 - ◇ FACULTY OF THE CLASS OF 2025 AWARD
 - ◇ DISTRIBUTION OF DIPLOMAS
 - ◇ GRADUATE RECESSIONAL
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- ◇ RECEPTION



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KEYNOTE SPEAKER



EYLEM SENYUZ

Senior Vice President AT Truist Advisory Services

Eylem Senyuz is a senior vice president and senior investment strategy analyst at Truist Advisory Services, Inc. where he leverages his deep knowledge of the global economy and financial markets and bring that perspective to asset class research, strategic & tactical asset allocation, capital market assumptions, and portfolio construction. As an integral member of the Portfolio & Market Strategy division of the Investment Advisory Group, Eylem helps develop strategic and tactical asset allocation strategies driving the management of private and institutional clients. Eylem is a contributing author to the flagship Market Navigator monthly publication, and other related topical and market strategy communications. Eylem is also an adjunct faculty member at Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service, a position he has held since 2013.

Experience

Eylem joined Truist predecessor SunTrust in 2018 as the senior global macro strategist until 2023, where he was responsible for analyzing the global economies and financial markets, as well as helping formulate and communicate Truist's investment strategy. Eylem brings more than 22 years of investment experience to the Investment Advisory Group. Prior to working at Truist, he contributed to Global Fixed Income Investment Management team at T.Rowe Price. Before that, he worked as head of trading & investment manager at Ashmore Equities Investment Management, managing a team of traders trading global equities, related foreign exchange and derivative transactions.

He was a member of the firm's investment committee and helped managed about \$2.0 billion, serving as the investment manager overseeing the group's tactical portfolio investing in emerging market ETFs and listed equities. He began his career at Charles River, where he designed investment management applications and quantitative tools for asset liability management, hedging and investment strategy.



SYMBOLS OF THE BAY ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY



THE MACE

The origins of the mace can be traced to medieval times when knights carried them as weapons during processions with their kings. As the tradition grew, the mace became a symbol of authority and was often decorated with elaborate embellishments and gems. Today, an academic mace represents the authority invested in the president by a school's governing body and is used only on formal academic occasions, including Commencement, Convocation, and presidential inaugurations, when participants are in full regalia and the president is in attendance.

The new BAU mace bears the Coat of Arms on two sides, the acronym "BAU" on one side and the year 2014 (the year the university was established) on the other side.

CHAIN OF OFFICE

Accompanying the mace is the distinguished BAU chain of office, adorning the university president's academic regalia. Comprising interlinking circles inscribed with "BAU," the institution's charter year, the depiction of the coat of arms, and all the symbols on the coat of arms separately on each circle, this chain represents the trust and authority bestowed upon the president by the university's governing body.



During inaugural ceremonies, the chain is ceremoniously placed around the neck of the new president by the chair of the Board of Trustees, signifying the transfer of leadership and authority. The president then wears it during the commencement ceremony and convocations with the gown.

THE PRESIDENTIAL GOWN

The presidential gown features four velvet chevrons adorning each sleeve—an honor reserved for university presidents—and is trimmed in a braided buff silk cord. The wool costume is completed with a tam in matching blue velvet and a gold bullion tassel. The gown is reserved for academic convocations, commencement ceremonies, and other formal occasions, symbolizing the authority and dignity of the university presidency.

THE SEAL

Central to the university's identity is its official seal, a circular emblem featuring the institution's name, location in Washington, D.C., and the year of its founding encircling a coat of arms. This seal serves as a hallmark of authenticity and tradition, embossed on official documents and university correspondence.





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