Lonnie G. Bunch III is the 14th Secretary of the Smithsonian. He assumed his position June 16, 2019. As Secretary, he oversees 21 museums, 21 libraries, the National Zoo, numerous research centers, and several education units and centers. Two new museums - the National Museum of the American Latino and the Smithsonian American Women’s History Museum - are in development. Bunch was the founding director of the Smithsonian’s National Museum of African American History and Culture. Bunch chronicled the creation of the museum in his book, A Fool’s Errand: Building the National Museum of African American History and Culture in the Age of Bush, Obama, and Trump, and is the first historian to be Secretary of the Institution. In 2021, he received France’s highest award, The Legion of Honor.

This special day and ceremony celebrate a major achievement in your life.

The warm thoughts and good wishes of the faculty, the administration, and your many friends at UC Santa Barbara go with you as you pursue graduate or professional schooling, or your chosen career field.

All of us are confident that your time here has instilled within you the knowledge, skills and confidence to enrich the world around you, and that your future will be as challenging and fulfilling as your years at UC Santa Barbara. We hope that your involvement with your campus is only just beginning, as you now join a network of over 260,000 UC Santa Barbara alumni.
PROCESSION
The audience is requested to stand while the procession is entering.

Maanavi “Molly” Dua, Standard Bearer
B.A. in History of Art and Architecture

Susannah Scott, University Marshal
Divisional Chair, Academic Senate

PRESIDING
Daina Ramey Berry
Michael Douglas Dean of Humanities & Fine Arts

Michael Miller
Dean and Associate Vice Chancellor of Undergraduate Education

NATIONAL ANTHEM
Kiki Reyes
Office of Public Affairs and Communications

DEAN’S WELCOME
Dean Ramey Berry

GREETINGS
Henry T. Yang
Chancellor

2024 CHANCELLOR’S FACULTY AWARD FOR UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH MENTORING
Dr. Simon Todd
Department of Linguistics
Presented by Chancellor Yang

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS
Lonnie G. Bunch III
Secretary of the Smithsonian

STUDENT ADDRESS
Maximilian Park
B.S. in Psychological & Brain Sciences
B.A. in Film and Media Studies

CANDIDATE STAGE CROSSING

CONFERRING OF DEGREES
Chancellor Yang
University Marshal Scott

UNIVERSITY SONG
Kiki Reyes

Hail to California

Hail to California, Alma Mater dear,
Sing the joyful chorus,
Sound it far and near,
Rallying 'round her banner,
We will never fail—
California, Alma Mater,
Hail! Hail! Hail!

RECESSION

Carillon Music from Storke Tower

Wesley Arai
University Carillonist

This event will be photographed and recorded.

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