

"It is an affront to treat falsehood with complacence." Thomas Paine

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PROGRESSIVES ON PARADE

By Malcolm A. Kline

Call it the Magical Mystery Tour

Colleges and universities should consider inviting conservative commencement speakers, if only to give overworked liberals a break.

For one thing, this administration is in danger of overexposure on Graduation Days in a way that no Republican government need ever fear. Here is a partial listing of peripatetic progressives on the college commencement tour, culled from lists compiled by The Daily Caller, The Huffington Post, Graduation Week.com, the Young America's Foundation and Campus Reform.org, a project of The Leadership Institute:



- **President Obama**—Rutgers and Howard;
- **Michael Bloomberg**—University of Michigan, Scripps College;
- U. S. Rep. **John Lewis**, D-GA—Washington University at St. Louis, Bates College;
- Former (Clinton Administration) U. S. Secretary of State **Madeleine Albright**—University of Denver, Scripps College;
- **Michelle Obama**—City University of New York;
- **Jill Biden**—Northern Virginia Community College;
- New York Times columnist **Thomas L. Friedman**—Ohio College of Engineering;



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Director's Corner

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- A rising senior at Brigham Young University, Kallina Crompton has worked as a teacher's assistant there while pursuing a degree in Communications;
- Also a Communications major, Alex Nitzberg comes to us from Southeastern University in Florida.

We have featured some of their research in the cover story of this newsletter. You can find a lot more of it, and their writing, at our web site—www.academia.org. Unlike most Washington-area internships, when interns work in the American Journalism Center internship program run jointly by Accuracy in Media and Accuracy in Academia, they actually cover news. We make our own coffee.

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Please remember AIA in your will.

All the best,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mal Kline".

Mal Kline,
Executive Director



- Obama Administration alum **Van Jones**—Middlebury College;



- Senator **Cory Booker**, D-NJ—George Washington University;



- UN Ambassador **Samantha Power**—Yale;



- **Soledad O'Brien**—Vanderbilt;



- **General Martin Dempsey**—Notre Dame;



- **Eboo Patel**, President Obama's Interfaith Council—Wake Forest;



- Secretary of Energy **Ernest Moniz**—Boston College;



- **Anne Marie Slaughter**, New America Foundation and Obama Administration alum—University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill;



- Secretary of Commerce **Penny Pritzker**—Georgia Institute of Technology;



- Secretary of State **John Kerry**—Northeastern;



- Secretary of the Interior **Sally Jewell**—University of Washington;



- Former Attorney General (in the Obama Administration) **Eric "Fast and Furious" Holder**—Stony Brook University;



- Author **Gail Sheehy**—University of Vermont;



- **Bill Moyers**—also at Rutgers



- Supreme Court Justice (appointed by President Obama) **Sonia Sotomayor**—University of Rhode Island;



- Former (Obama Administration) Secretary of Education **Arne Duncan**—City Colleges of Chicago;



- Obama campaign manager **David "the axe" Axelrod**—Eureka College Ronald Reagan's alma mater, (alumni may want donations back); and



- **Arianna Huffington**—Colby College.

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SQUEAKY CHALK

By Deborah Lambert



COLLEGE IS GOING TO THE DOGS

For those who want a safe space, not to protest, but merely to unwind before exams, many college campuses offer the perfect answer in the form of therapy dogs that are brought on campuses for students to pet and play with to alleviate stress.

"Therapy dogs have been scientifically proven to lower blood pressure, decrease anxiety, and help alleviate

depression, ADHD, and a host of other health issues," according to experts.

Today, there is even an online list of the [10 Best Colleges with Successful Pet Therapy Programs](#). The rundown includes Yale Law School, where students at the Yale Law Library can check out books, newspapers, and a little border terrier mix named Monty, a certified library therapy dog that is available for 30-minute sessions of stress relief.

DANCE EXCLUSION/INCLUSION

Brockman Elementary School in South Carolina had to cancel its annual father-daughter dance this year — a fundraiser for the school's parent-teacher organization — because fewer than ten people complained that it wasn't "inclusive."

Even though the flyer for the dance explicitly stated that the event was not limited to just fathers and daughters, and that all were welcome to attend, truth cannot seem to hold a candle to the "I'm offended" argument these days, according to National Review. Therefore, the event, which had raised thousands of dollars over the years, was canceled.

PROFESSORS' PROPAGANDA PROTEST

A group of professors has recently started an unusual website called Heterodox Academy, in order to protest the leftist line churned out by their peers and advocate for more viewpoint diversity, according to The College Fix. And wouldn't you know, Paul Krugman, the left-leaning curmudgeon of NYT fame, has already labeled their blog as the output of those who are "conservative and outraged" about the leftward tilt of academia.

To which NYU business ethics prof Jonathan Haidt responded that what motivated them was a concern for "viewpoint diversity," and although scholars have been documenting the absence of political diversity for decades, this effort will focus on increasing viewpoint diversity and improving the work of the academy.

GET YOUR AGENDA OUT OF MY RESTROOM

One of the exhibits in the current uproar over

transgendered bathrooms is the photo of UCLA College Republicans Haley Nieves, Victoria Metzel and Julia Nista holding signs that read "Get your agenda out of my restroom," "There are only two genders," and "Transgenderism is a mental disorder."

Heather Rosen, president of the United Student Association Council (USAC), wrote on both her office's Facebook page and personal page that the BR members "must not" use their freedom of speech to promote "hate and discrimination," according to the College Fix.

The students' appearance in the photo "contradict[s] the very ideals of our institution," Rosen wrote. "Creating a culture of hate and disrespect does not foster a productive learning environment and is a detriment to the growth and development of our very own students."

FAT ACTIVISM VS. THIN PRIVILEGE

Self-proclaimed "Fat Activist" Virgie Tovar addressed an event at the University of Minnesota School of Public Health last month, speaking out on "Dispelling Myths: Fat, Fatphobia, and Challenging Social Stereotypes."

Her message was that "Society's bias against fat people is, apparently, a form of bigotry and discrimination, evident in everything from sexual preferences to the size of seats on public transportation," according to HeatStreet.

Tovar, who ignored the fact that weight loss might be necessary for health reasons, offers a four-week online course called "BabeCamp," which speaks out against the "diet culture," and has a master's degree in human sexuality with a focus on the "intersection of body size, race and gender."

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