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recent Grammy was Best Musical Theater Album for “The Color Purple” in 2017.

As the largest college at UConn, the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences commencement is split into three ceremonies.

Ceremony one’s commencement speech will be given by Tina Clark Beamon, a 1994 graduate in psychology. She is an attorney currently serving on UConn’s CLAS Dean’s Advisory Board. She serves on Connecticut’s Social Equity Council, which works to “promote equitable economic prosperity...and reinvesting in communities most impacted by the war on drugs,” according to its website. This ceremony will be held on May 10 in Gampel.

Ceremony two of CLAS, also on May 10 at Gampel, will feature Anita McBride, a 1981 graduate in international studies. She worked in

the White House for over 20 years and with three presidential administrations: Ronald Reagan, George H. W. Bush and George W. Bush. Today, she is an executive in residence at American University’s School of Public Affairs. McBride has received UConn’s President’s Award of Distinction and will also receive an honorary doctorate of humane letters.

CLAS Ceremony three, also May 10 at Gampel, will feature Barbara Smith, a former Ph.D. student in English at UConn, finishing all work except her dissertation in 1981. She has been working in the field of Black feminist thought for more than 50 years, co-founding the Combahee River Collective in 1974 and publishing a now-famous statement discussing the overlapping forms of oppression black women — particularly gay black women — face.

Smith has been nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize and the Harriet Tubman Lifetime Achievement Award.

Jocelyn Tamborello-Noble will speak at the Neag School of Education commencement on May 10. She graduated from the university with a Bachelor of Science in Spanish education in 2003, a master’s in world language education in 2004 and earned a sixth-year certificate in 2006. She is now the principal of Conard High School in West Hartford, Conn., where she went to school when she was young. The school, under her leadership, was named the state’s high school of the year for 2026 by the Connecticut Association of Schools. Tamborello-Noble is the former president of the Neag School of Education Alumni Board and its Student and Alumni Networking Committee.

The School of Pharmacy’s

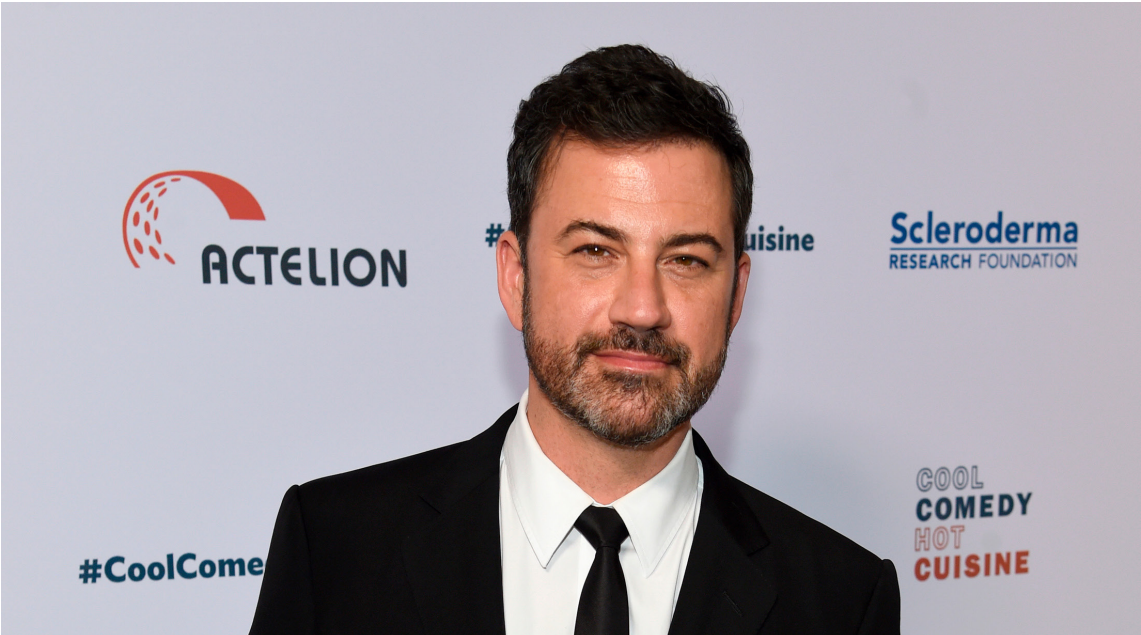


Anita McBride, the former Chief of Staff to former First Lady Laura Bush. McBride will be the commencement speaker this year for the second CLAS ceremony. PHOTO COURTESY OF ANITA MCBRIDE ON FACEBOOK

Bachelor of Science commencement ceremony will be held on May 10 at Jorgensen, featuring Marielle Nyser, a 1992 school of pharmacy graduate. After completing her residency at UConn Health, Nyser was a clinical

pharmacist at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute and Chartwell Home Infusion. She went on to become a leader in the health care and biopharmaceutical science business world, now working at The Cigna Group in operations.

Trumps call for ABC to fire Jimmy Kimmel — again — after morbid joke about first lady



Jimmy Kimmel attends the 30th annual Scleroderma Foundation Benefit at the Beverly Wilshire hotel in Beverly Hills, California. PHOTO BY CHRIS PIZZELLO/INVISION/AP

AP — Donald and Melania Trump both called for ABC to fire Jimmy Kimmel on Monday after a joke last week in which the late-night comic described the first lady as having “the glow of an expectant widow.”

The remark about the president’s wife was part of a routine on Thursday’s “Jimmy Kimmel Live” where the host pretended to deliver a comedy routine at the White House Correspondents’ Association dinner. That event two nights later was cut short when a man armed with guns and knives tried to enter the Washington ballroom where the Trumps and much of the nation’s political leadership had gathered.

“People like Kimmel shouldn’t have the opportunity to enter our homes each evening

to spread hate,” Melania Trump said in a social media post later echoed by her husband.

Kimmel described the joke during his Monday night monologue as a light roast about the first couple’s age difference and “not, by any stretch of the definition, a call to assassination.”

He said he was sorry that the president and everyone at the event went through that traumatic and scary experience.

“I agree that hateful and violent rhetoric is something we should reject,” Kimmel said. “I do, and I think a great place to start to dial that back would be to have a conversation with your husband about it.”

There was no comment Monday from ABC.

Trump has long been on receiving end of Kimmel’s rou-

tines

Kimmel has long targeted the president in his comedy, and he doubled down after a run-in with the administration last fall. Kimmel was suspended by ABC and some of the network’s affiliates said they would take him off the air following a comment made about assassinated conservative leader Charlie Kirk, moves encouraged by Trump’s FCC chairman, Brendan Carr. ABC and the stations later brought Kimmel back.

Upon his return, Kimmel said that by saying that “many in MAGA land are working very hard to capitalize on the murder of Charlie Kirk,” he was not trying to make light of Kirk’s killing and didn’t want to leave that impression. He did not apologize, however, and he criticized

station owners who took him off the air before later relenting.

Shortly after the incident, ABC signed Kimmel to a one-year contract extension that is due to keep him on the air until May 2027. His show has aired on the network since January 2003.

His late-night competitor Stephen Colbert — another frequent Trump critic — is seeing his CBS show end next month.

Dressed in a tux and standing behind a podium Thursday, Kimmel pretended to deliver a comic routine for the WHCA dinner. His speech had false “cutaways” to the Trumps and others, taken from video clips.

He noted Melania in the “audience,” saying, “Mrs. Trump, you have a glow like an expectant widow.”

“I appreciate that so many people are incensed by Kimmel’s despicable call to violence, and normally would not be responsive to anything that he said but, this is something far beyond the pale,” the president said on his Truth Social platform. “Jimmy Kimmel should be immediately fired” by ABC and its parent Walt Disney Co., he said.

His wife said Kimmel’s “hateful and violent rhetoric” is intended to divide the country. “A coward, Kimmel hides behind ABC because he knows the network will keep running cover to protect him,” Melania Trump wrote. “Enough is enough. It is time for ABC to take a stand.”

White House press secretary also weighs in

White House press secretary Karoline Leavitt said it was part of a campaign of rhetoric from

Democrats and some in the media that “has helped to legitimize this violence.”

“Who in their right mind says a wife would be glowing over the potential murder of her beloved husband?” Leavitt said. There was no indication that Kimmel was referring to violence.

The National Religious Broadcasters association filed a complaint with the Federal Elections Commission, asking the agency to investigate ABC.

“We’re seeing a pattern of violence in this country that didn’t appear overnight,” said Troy Miller, NRB’s president and CEO. “When influential voices joke about death or treat political opponents as disposable, it contributes to a culture where violence feels thinkable to the already unstable.”

During his routine, Kimmel noted Melania Trump’s birthday Sunday, saying, “She’s planning to celebrate at home the same way she always does — looking out a window and whispering, ‘What have I done?’”

He also said: “Before we go any further, Melania, this is Donald. Donald, this is Melania. That was my impression of Jeffrey Epstein.”

Cole Tomas Allen, the California man arrested after attempting to rush into the correspondents’ dinner on Saturday, was charged Monday with the attempted assassination of the president.

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