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10TH COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

CHATTOGRAM, BANGLADESH
SATURDAY, JANUARY 21, 2023





ASIAN UNIVERSITY FOR WOMEN

CEREMONY TRADITIONS

Today marks the commencement of AUW's eighth to tenth graduating classes. It is a day that reaffirms ancient and lasting academic traditions seen in the academic dress, procession, and awarding of degrees. Graduating students, faculty, the Chancellor and the Vice Chancellor, the Board of Trustees and distinguished guests form a ceremonial procession which marks the opening and closing of the event. Please stand for the processions.

COMMENCEMENT PROTOCOL

Please remain seated during the ceremony. Professional photographers will capture portraits of each graduate receiving her diploma from the Chancellor and the Vice Chancellor. **Photographs from the side and front areas of the stage are not permitted, as this interferes with the safe procession of the graduates.** If you wish to take pictures from the perimeter of the ceremony site, please be considerate of those who are seated around you and comply with instructions from our ushers, volunteers, and security staff.

GUIDE TO ACADEMIC DRESS AND REGALIA

Dress: Graduates receiving their Bachelor's degree wear simple black robes, caps, and tassels, along with a scarf in the AUW colors of red and yellow. AUW Faculty wear black robes, accompanied by a hood with the colors of their home institution.

Mace: The mace symbolizes the authority of the University. The mace used in the AUW Commencement Ceremony was designed by a graduate of AUW's inaugural class. The circular top of the mace displays the AUW logo, along with a map displaying the regions from which AUW's first graduating class hailed. Connecting the circular top of the mace shaft are the names of the seven residential houses. On the shaft of the mace are listed the countries from which AUW students came at the time of the first graduation.

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10th Commencement Ceremony

CHATTOGRAM, BANGLADESH
SATURDAY, JANUARY 21, 2023 • 10:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

ACADEMIC PROCESSION	Graduating Students, Faculty, Stage Participants
CEREMONY OPENING	Dr. Beena Khurana, Dean of Arts and Sciences
ADDRESS	Mrs. Cherie Blair, CBE KC, Chancellor
ADDRESS	Minister Dr. Dipu Moni Chair of AUW Board of Trustees and Honorable Education Minister
SPECIAL ADDRESS	HE Poul Nyrup Rasmussen Former Prime Minister of Denmark
VIDEO ADDRESS	The Honorable Sheikh Hasina Prime Minister of Bangladesh and AUW Chief Patron
SPECIAL MESSAGES	The Honorable Hillary Rodham Clinton Former US Secretary of State & Former US First Lady Mrs. Laura Bush, AUW Patron & Former US First Lady
ANNOUNCEMENT OF DISTINGUISHED HONORARY PROFESSORSHIPS	Professor Sunil Amrith Renu and Anand Dhawan Professor of History Chair, South Asian Studies Council, Yale University Professor Rupa Viswanath Professor of Indian Religions at the Centre for Modern Indian Studies, University of Göttingen
COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS	Professor John Sexton President Emeritus, New York University
ADDRESS	Dr. Rubana Huq, Vice Chancellor
ADDRESS	Mr. Jack Meyer (Hon'2019) AUW Co-Founder and Chair of AUW Support Foundation
ANDY MATSUI OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS	
CONFERRAL OF BACHELOR'S DEGREES	
STUDENT SPEAKERS	Aditi Manandhar, Class of 2020 Farishta Murad, Class of 2021 Maisha Farzana, Class of 2022
CEREMONY CLOSING AND RECESSIONAL	



A Message from the Vice Chancellor to the Class of 2020, 2021, and 2022



DEAR CLASS OF 2020, 2021, AND 2022,

2022 has been a year of reconciliation and progress. AUW woke up to multiple COVID-19 challenges that plague the community. Thus, in order to maintain relevance and vibrancy, AUW quickly moved to put in place various interventions that helped the institution.

We reorganized our Human Resources and continued with our curriculum reforms. Meanwhile, we also prioritized partnerships and collaboration with strategic stakeholders.

And in the midst of it all, our scholars displayed exemplary performance and as a result of which, we now have a graduating class of 485 students.

These exceptional women, who will soon join the Alumnae category, will always have a home at AUW. These students will also always be the ones to own the University and continue to make contributions towards the University's objectives.

With diversity and inclusion as the key commitments of this institution, these students will hopefully be the ones to move forward and promote excellence and truth.

To these exceptional women of courage and strength, to the graduating class of 2022, I extend my warmest congratulations. We hope that you will remain connected and use all that you have learnt from surviving the multiple socio-economic fissures created by COVID-19. We also hope that you will learn and lead with integrity, and serve your communities with compassion. Finally, make AUW proud in the decades to come!

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a series of loops and a long, sweeping stroke.

DR. RUBANA HUQ

Vice Chancellor

Asian University for Women

Commencement Speaker and Honorary Degree Recipient

PROFESSOR JOHN SEXTON

President Emeritus

New York University

John Sexton is President Emeritus of New York University, Dean Emeritus of NYU Law School, and the Benjamin Butler Professor of Law. He joined the Law School faculty in 1981 and was named the School's Dean in 1988; he served in this capacity for fourteen years. He was named the University's President in 2001, and served in that capacity until January 1, 2016.

He is a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, as well as that of the Council on Foreign Relations. He is a member of the Board of the Institute of International Education, the College Advising Corps, and the Board of Trustees of Trinity School, New York City.

He is past Chair of the American Council on Education, the Commission on Independent Colleges and Universities of New York, and the New York Academy of Sciences. While Dean of the Law School, he was President of the Association of American Law Schools.



Honorary Distinguished Professor of History



PROFESSOR SUNIL AMRITH

Renu and Anand Dhawan Professor of History
Chair, South Asian Studies Council
 Yale University

Sunil Amrith is the Renu and Anand Dhawan Professor of History, and current chair of the South Asian Studies Council. His research focuses on the movements of people and the ecological processes that have connected South and Southeast Asia. Amrith's areas of particular interest include environmental history, the history of migration, and the history of public health. Amrith is the recipient of the 2022 A.H. Heineken Prize for History, a 2017 MacArthur Fellowship, and the 2016 Infosys Prize in Humanities.

Amrith's most recent book is *Unruly Waters* (Basic Books and Penguin UK), a history of the struggle to understand and control the monsoon in modern South Asia. It was shortlisted for the 2019 Cundill Prize, and was reviewed in *Nature*, *The Economist*, *The Wall Street Journal* and *The New York Review of Books*. His previous book, *Crossing the Bay of Bengal: The Furies of Nature and the Fortunes of Migrants* (Harvard University Press, 2013) was awarded the American Historical Association's John F. Richards Prize in South Asian History in 2014, and was selected as an Editor's Choice title by the *New York Times Book Review*. He is also the author of *Migration and Diaspora in Modern Asia* (Cambridge University Press, 2011), and *Decolonizing International Health: South and Southeast Asia, 1930-1965* (Palgrave, 2006), as well as articles in journals including the *American Historical Review*, *Past and Present*, *The Lancet* and *Economic and Political Weekly*. Amrith serves on the editorial boards of the *American Historical Review* and *Modern Asian Studies*, and he is one of the series editors of the Princeton University Press book series, *Histories of Economic Life*.

Amrith is currently writing *The Ruins of Freedom*, an environmental history of the modern world to be published W.W. Norton and Allen Lane, as well as in Chinese, Korean, Italian, Dutch, German, and French translations.

Current collaborative projects include research with Professor David S. Jones (Harvard University) on the history of air pollution and health in India.

Professor Amrith welcomes inquiries from prospective graduate students interested in working on any aspect of modern South and Southeast Asian history.

Before coming to Yale, Amrith was the inaugural Mehra Family Professor of South Asian History at Harvard University from 2015-20, where he also served as co-director of the Joint Center for History and Economics, and Interim Director of the Mahindra Humanities Center (in 2019-20). From 2006-2015, he taught at Birkbeck College at the University of London. Sunil Amrith grew up in Singapore, and received his undergraduate and graduate degrees from the University of Cambridge.

Honorary Distinguished Professor of History

PROFESSOR RUPA VISWANATH

*Professor of Indian Religions at the
Centre for Modern Indian Studies
University of Göttingen*

Rupa Viswanath is Professor of Indian Religions at the Centre for Modern Indian Studies at the University of Göttingen, Germany, and a Fellow of Lucy Cavendish College at the University of Cambridge. Prior to arriving in Göttingen in 2011, she taught in the South Asia Studies Department at the University of Pennsylvania. She received a BA from Columbia University, an MFA from New York University and a PhD (Distinction) from Columbia University.

Her research and teaching address histories of slavery and unfreedom in colonial South Asia, agrarian change, comparative historical sociologies of race and caste, race and welfare regimes, minorities and political representation, religion and governance, and violence and democratic practice. Her first book, *The Pariah Problem: Caste, Religion and the Social in Modern India* (Columbia University Press, 2014) demonstrated how British rulers colluded with Indian elites to exploit unfree Dalit labour under the cloak of respecting Hindu religious sentiments. It was named a Choice Outstanding Academic Title in 2015, and has been reviewed in *Foreign Affairs*, *the American Historical Review*, *Pacific Affairs*, *Journal of Asian Studies*, *Mission Studies*, *Journal of Hindu Studies* and *International Review of Social History*. Her articles have appeared in *Comparative Studies of Society and History*, *Modern Asian Studies* and *International Review of Social History*. She has won grants to participate in joint research projects on topics including transregional movements in Asia, religion and welfare, and poverty and inequality in modern education. Viswanath's current research analyzes how postcolonial state practices—ranging from policies of land reform, the institutionalization of political representation, and the governance of violence—have decisively shaped contemporary caste relations. She also serves on the board of the Dalit Solidarity Network of Germany, advocating to end the ongoing labour exploitation, discrimination and violence facing more than 200 million people in South Asia.

Prof. Viswanath is Director of the International Center of Advanced Study: Metamorphoses of the Political, a large-scale Indo-German academic collaboration based in New Delhi and funded by the German Ministry for Education and Research.



A Message from The Honorable Hillary Rodham Clinton



HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON

January 21, 2023

Dear Friends:

It gives me great pleasure to extend my warmest greetings to everyone gathered today for the Asian University for Women (AUW)'s tenth commencement ceremony, and to give my heartfelt congratulations to all the graduates of the Class of 2020, 2021, and 2022, and your loved ones.

I was proud to support AUW in its earliest days during my time as a U.S. Senator and throughout my tenure as U.S. Secretary of State, and believe in both the promise it holds and difference it has already made for the entire region. While serving as Secretary of State, my good friend and then-U.S. Ambassador for Global Women's Issues Melanne Verveer traveled to AUW and co-hosted an important meeting of grassroots women leaders from across the region. I was thrilled to receive her positive report from that trip, and have been grateful for the chance to cheer on AUW ever since. Indeed, across your 15-year history, you have demonstrated an uncanny ability to translate into practice your vision of educating women from far flung areas of the largest continent in the world whose promise and potential are all too often ignored, and transforming them into effective leaders for change at all levels of society. I am delighted to learn that next year your reach will extend to Africa and Central America, and look forward to witnessing the ripples of an AUW education continuing to flow across the globe.

In January 2022, I was pleased to join my alma mater, Wellesley College, for a special event with AUW to rally support for bringing to the United States hundreds of Afghan women who tragically no longer had any hope of pursuing education in their country. Once again, I saw firsthand how your small but mighty new institution located in Bangladesh never gives up. What you did by first evacuating 148 of your Afghan students who were stranded in Kabul before the Taliban takeover, and then placing them in some of the best American universities, is a proof of what we can achieve when we face injustice head on and work together to right it. In the past year, you have already moved over 350 bright young women out of Afghanistan for a college and graduate education at AUW. I know more than 1,200 remain on your waitlist, and believe that your Afghan students will form an important and impactful force in remaking their country. Today, Afghanistan may be closed to women's opportunity, but we must pry open every door in the world to give every chance for every woman in Afghanistan to fulfil her potential and pursue her dreams. AUW is an exceptional example of how we can do this together, and I am so proud of what you have achieved and continue to strive for every day.

And so, I congratulate the students from 19 countries across Asia who are graduating today. You are now members of an extraordinary and growing network of women around the world who have the ability to keep spreading the impact of AUW, and making a positive difference for your communities and your countries. As you celebrate today, I also want to acknowledge my friend Cherie Blair who, as the Founding Chancellor of AUW, has been its most effective advocate the world over. I also want to acknowledge my friend Dr. Dipu Moni, the Chairman of your Board of Trustees, who served as Bangladesh's Foreign Minister during my time as U.S. Secretary of State, and President Emeritus John Sexton of New York University, who is being honored today with a Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*. My husband and I have been privileged to know and work with John and his late-wife, Lisa, for nearly four decades now, and are thrilled to join in congratulating him on this great and worthy honor.

While I regret that I am unable to be with you in-person for this special occasion, please know that I am with you in spirit, and that I hope to have a chance to visit AUW in the future. For now, please once again accept my warmest wishes to the graduating classes of 2020, 2021 and 2022. May your futures be filled with joy, hope, and success. Onward!

With good cheer and warm regards, I am

Sincerely yours,


Hillary Rodham Clinton

A Message from Mrs. Laura Bush



Laura Bush

January 21, 2023

When women succeed, the world benefits.

For more than 10 years, AUW has stood as a beacon of light, promoting education and opportunity for women in communities facing adversity across Asia.

To the women graduating today, congratulations on this milestone! You have shown extraordinary perseverance and courage in the face of unimaginable barriers. President Bush and I celebrate you, and we are proud of you.

To the AUW faculty and alumnae, thank you for being education advocates, and thanks especially for your leadership during these challenging times. AUW's commitment to gender equity and academic freedom advances free and fair societies around the world.

Despite the devastation in Afghanistan, Burma, and struggling societies across the globe, we must remember that access to quality education remains one of the most influential tools to combat poverty, autocracy, and violence. Let us pledge to remain steadfast in our support for institutions like AUW and for the resilient women who continue to fight to ensure that education and opportunity prevail.

Warm Regards,

Laura Bush

Graduating Class of 2020, 2021, and 2022

CLASS OF 2020

Showva Begum
Bangladesh
Politics, Philosophy
& Economics

Jafreen Alamgir
Bangladesh
Politics, Philosophy
& Economics

Marlin Biswas
Bangladesh
Politics, Philosophy
& Economics

Sabira Madady
Afghanistan
Environmental Sciences

Anisha Debnath
Bangladesh
Politics, Philosophy
& Economics

Nan Saw Mon
Myanmar
Public Health

Tu Cam Vo
Vietnam
Economics

Salma Bashar
Bangladesh
Economics

Jaheda Akter
Bangladesh
Economics

Nafisa Tasnim
Bangladesh
Economics

Sarmin Nor
Bangladesh
Public Health

Halima Akter
Bangladesh
Economics

Sathy Halder
Bangladesh
Economics

Mosammat Shahnaz Ara Khanam
Bangladesh
Economics

Sadeka Begum
Bangladesh
Economics

Salma Subah Abedin
Bangladesh
Politics, Philosophy
& Economics

Maria Sikandary
Afghanistan
Economics

Fahima Ahmadi
Afghanistan
Politics, Philosophy
& Economics

Amina Rezaie
Afghanistan
Politics, Philosophy
& Economics

Roheena Mojaddedi
Afghanistan
Economics

Razia Hashemi
Afghanistan
Politics, Philosophy
& Economics

Sophorn Saat
Cambodia
Politics, Philosophy
& Economics

Keara Ret
Cambodia
Politics, Philosophy
& Economics

Rosaina Hassan Nida
Bangladesh
Economics

Benafsha Ahmadi
Afghanistan
Politics, Philosophy
& Economics

Humaira Zafari
Afghanistan
Politics, Philosophy
& Economics

Nargis Faizy
Afghanistan
Economics

Samira Panahi
Afghanistan
Economics

Fatima Frotan
Afghanistan
Politics, Philosophy
& Economics

Zahra Hussaini
Afghanistan
Politics, Philosophy
& Economics

Nilab Ibrahimy
Afghanistan
Politics, Philosophy
& Economics

Khatima Afzali
Afghanistan
Politics, Philosophy
& Economics

Farahnaz Walizada
Afghanistan
Economics

Sima Yousufi
Afghanistan
Economics

Safia Mayell
Afghanistan
Politics, Philosophy
& Economics

Shatadru Soomit Rohinee
Bangladesh
Economics

Rubina Rahman Chowdhury
Bangladesh
Economics

Eebnath Kaiser Jihan
Bangladesh
Public Health

Sadia Maisha
Bangladesh
Economics

Samiha Nuzhat
Bangladesh
Environmental Sciences
& Bioinformatics

Anamika Shil Chaity
Bangladesh
Politics, Philosophy
& Economics

Noorie Muntaha Chowdhury
Bangladesh
Economics

Tasfia Malaika
Bangladesh
Politics, Philosophy
& Economics

Rubiyat Jahan Sarker
Bangladesh
Economics

Raisa Rahman
Bangladesh
Economics

Monica Anjum Chowdhury
Bangladesh
Economics

Jeba Anika Paula
Bangladesh
Public Health

Maleha Chowdhury
Bangladesh
Economics

Nigar Sultana
Bangladesh
Economics

Ruhama Abedin
Bangladesh
Economics

Tahlil Ahmed Parisa
Bangladesh
Public Health &
Bioinformatics

Susmita Chakma
Bangladesh
Public Health

Shefta Rowshan
Bangladesh
Public Health

Nafisa Islam
Bangladesh
Environmental Sciences

Mudabbira Mushtary
Bangladesh
Economics

Srijoni Kar
Bangladesh
Economics

Zanab Begum
Bangladesh
Public Health &
Bioinformatics

Zuhairia Ibnat
Bangladesh
Environmental Sciences
& Bioinformatics

Thajiba Alifa
Bangladesh
Economics

Umme Humaira
Bangladesh
Economics

Nurshad Shaharin Ali
Bangladesh
Economics

Syeda Reiyaz Azim
Bangladesh
Economics

Mahtabin Rodela Rozbu
Bangladesh
Environmental Sciences
& Bioinformatics

Anika Tasnim Chowdhury
Bangladesh
Public Health &
Bioinformatics

Zaziratul Zannat
Bangladesh
Public Health

Sinthia Arefeen
Bangladesh
Environmental Sciences
& Bioinformatics

Tanjia Islam
Bangladesh
Public Health

Sumanah Haider Chowdhury
Bangladesh
Economics

Faria Maliat Nova
Bangladesh
Economics

Saraf Nawar
Bangladesh
Politics, Philosophy
& Economics

Humayera Muntaha Preema
Bangladesh
Economics

Jetsuen Pema Leksem
Bhutan
Politics, Philosophy
& Economics

Sonam Choden
Bhutan
Public Health

Pema Yudon
Bhutan
Public Health

Leesa Leebang Subba
Bhutan
Public Health &
Bioinformatics

Dorji Wangmo
Bhutan
Environmental Sciences

Tshering Tsencho Zam
Bhutan
 Public Health &
 Bioinformatics

Hannah Kezia Jose
India
 Public Health

Hima Abdulla
India
 Public Health

Gayathri T. G
India
 Environmental Sciences

Indri Agustin Rachman
Indonesia
 Politics, Philosophy
 & Economics

Naw Paw Eh Doh
Myanmar
 Public Health

Naw Ko Klaw Htoo
Myanmar
 Public Health

Samjhana Raut
Nepal
 Public Health &
 Bioinformatics

Nuva Rai
Nepal
 Public Health

Juna Karki
Nepal
 Public Health

Rejina Thapa
Nepal
 Politics, Philosophy
 & Economics

Palsha Sapkota
Nepal
 Public Health

Aditi Manandhar
Nepal
 Public Health

Aditi Nepal
Nepal
 Public Health

Irfana Khatoon
Pakistan
 Politics, Philosophy
 & Economics

Fahima Shahzadi
Pakistan
 Politics, Philosophy
 & Economics

Afshan Ahmed
Pakistan
 Politics, Philosophy
 & Economics

Tannaz Ali
Pakistan
 Politics, Philosophy
 & Economics

Tashfeen Akram
Pakistan
 Public Health

**Shaymaa Awadallah
 Abushabab**
Palestine
 Public Health

Nagham Doun
Syria
 Environmental Sciences

Maryam Wardeh
Syria
 Public Health &
 Bioinformatics

Aya Fahed
Syria
 Politics, Philosophy
 & Economics

Hala Haidar
Syria
 Public Health

Duong Thi Bich Tram
Vietnam
 Economics

**Huynh Thi Phuong
 Thuy**
Vietnam
 Economics

Vu Thi Thanh Ngan
Vietnam
 Politics, Philosophy
 & Economics

Chit Cu
Myanmar
 Politics, Philosophy
 & Economics

**Nguyen Le Anh
 Phuong**
Vietnam
 Economics

**Rokaiya Mahammuda
 Siddiqua Nabila**
Bangladesh
 Economics

Hlamraching Marma
Bangladesh
 Economics

Raisa Nawar
Bangladesh
 Economics

Mehejabin Tuba
Bangladesh
 Economics

**Navila Tarannom
 Siddiqui**
Bangladesh
 Economics

Yesmin Akther Umy
Bangladesh
 Economics

Aye Myat Lin
Myanmar
 Economics

Khine Sapae Phue
Myanmar
 Economics

Aye Htet Lin
Myanmar
 Economics

Su Thin Zar Naing
Myanmar
 Economics

Adhara Fardhin Dhruba
Bangladesh
 Bioinformatics

**Zariza Hannan
 Chowdhury**
Bangladesh
 Economics

Basneen Haseen
Bangladesh
 Public Health

Mehereen Akhter
Bangladesh
 Environmental Sciences

Samiha Alam Purnata
Bangladesh
 Economics

Tashfiha Nusrat Ruhi
Bangladesh
 Public Health

CLASS OF 2021

Most Dipali Khatun
Bangladesh
 Economics

Atqia Bilkis
Bangladesh
 Public Health

Sangay Choezom
Bhutan
 Politics, Philosophy
 & Economics

Amena Saifuddin
Bangladesh
 Public Health &
 Bioinformatics

Zaib Ul Nisa
Pakistan
 Politics, Philosophy
 & Economics

Mimma Jahan
Bangladesh
 Economics

Sadiya Basher
Bangladesh
 Politics, Philosophy
 & Economics

Kamrul Akhter
Bangladesh
 Economics

Najma Sultana
Bangladesh
 Economics

Jannatara Alisha
Bangladesh
 Economics

Sumiaya Bashar
Bangladesh
 Politics, Philosophy
 & Economics

Afia Fairouz Tasnim
Bangladesh
 Public Health

Lucky Akter
Bangladesh
 Economics

Nely Dey
Bangladesh
 Politics, Philosophy
 & Economics

Shimo Akter
Bangladesh
 Economics

Shammi Akter Sukhi
Bangladesh
 Economics

Mst. Rubina Yeasmin
Bangladesh
 Economics

Mosa Rumi Sultana
Bangladesh
 Public Health

Afroza Akter
Bangladesh
 Politics, Philosophy
 & Economics

Afroja Khatun
Bangladesh
 Economics

Monika Rani Das
Bangladesh
 Economics

Homaira Yasmin Himo
Bangladesh
 Economics

Sadia Afrose Meem
Bangladesh
 Public Health

Fatima Rezayee
Afghanistan
 Politics, Philosophy
 & Economics

Manizha Hussaini
Afghanistan
 Economics

Zahra Zafari
Afghanistan
 Public Health

Ritu Tripura
Bangladesh
 Environmental Sciences

Afrida Ahamed Sama
Bangladesh
 Public Health

Kajali Akter
Bangladesh
 Economics

Roksana Akter
Bangladesh
 Economics

**Meherun Neesa Naznin
 Alam**
Bangladesh
 Public Health

Mst. Firoza Khatun
Bangladesh
 Politics, Philosophy
 & Economics

Dilruba Khanam Ruba
Bangladesh
 Public Health

Afroja Bulbul
Bangladesh
 Politics, Philosophy
 & Economics

Farjana Akter
Bangladesh
 Economics

Tamanna Siddika
Bangladesh
 Economics

Hamida Begum
Bangladesh
 Economics

Yamin Thwe
Myanmar
 Economics

Khin Myat Noe
Myanmar
 Public Health

Mst. Shapla Khatun
Bangladesh
 Economics

Dristy Rani Roy
Bangladesh
 Economics

Most. Wahida Nahid <i>Bangladesh</i> Politics, Philosophy & Economics	Samiha Mannan <i>Bangladesh</i> Environmental Sciences	Ruheya Khourshed <i>Bangladesh</i> Economics	Ashly Biju <i>India</i> Economics	Noor Fareeha <i>Pakistan</i> Public Health
Tasfia Zaman <i>Bangladesh</i> Economics	Shukti Das <i>Bangladesh</i> Public Health	Taisha Naznee Shahzada <i>Bangladesh</i> Politics, Philosophy & Economics	Naw Paw Lah Htoo <i>Myanmar</i> Politics, Philosophy & Economics	Shahnooz <i>Pakistan</i> Politics, Philosophy & Economics
Israt Jahan <i>Bangladesh</i> Economics	Jyoti Tina Devi <i>Bangladesh</i> Public Health	Nim Dem <i>Bhutan</i> Economics	Mamata Acharya <i>Nepal</i> Politics, Philosophy & Economics	Masauda Shahzad <i>Pakistan</i> Public Health
Most. Sharmin Aktar <i>Bangladesh</i> Politics, Philosophy & Economics	Ramisa Tarannum Karim <i>Bangladesh</i> Politics, Philosophy & Economics	Cheten Zangmo <i>Bhutan</i> Public Health	Aksha Rai <i>Nepal</i> Politics, Philosophy & Economics	Warnakulaarach-chiralalage Dona Chathuni Nuwandika Norbert <i>Sri Lanka</i> Environmental Sciences
Most. Lovely Akter <i>Bangladesh</i> Economics	Mahfuza Faiza Ibnat <i>Bangladesh</i> Economics	Kezang Wangmo <i>Bhutan</i> Public Health & Bioinformatics	Anugya Kunwar <i>Nepal</i> Politics, Philosophy & Economics	Shandhiyakumary Karunanithy <i>Sri Lanka</i> Politics, Philosophy & Economics
Sukhi Akter <i>Bangladesh</i> Economics	Lutfun Nahar Anika <i>Bangladesh</i> Economics	Regita Gurung <i>Bhutan</i> Politics, Philosophy & Economics	Manisha Khadka <i>Nepal</i> Politics, Philosophy & Economics	Nguyen Thi Kim Thanh <i>Vietnam</i> Economics
Tasnima Osman Fayza <i>Bangladesh</i> Politics, Philosophy & Economics	Samira Abser <i>Bangladesh</i> Politics, Philosophy & Economics	Kinley Lhamo <i>Bhutan</i> Public Health & Bioinformatics	Jasmine Shrestha <i>Nepal</i> Politics, Philosophy & Economics	Tran Nguyen Anh Thu <i>Vietnam</i> Economics
Ismat Ara Sharin Sajnee <i>Bangladesh</i> Economics	Tasnim Rahman Sadia <i>Bangladesh</i> Economics	Thinley Dema <i>Bhutan</i> Public Health	Rabina Sharki <i>Nepal</i> Economics	To Thi Tuong Van <i>Vietnam</i> Environmental Sciences
Raisa Alam <i>Bangladesh</i> Economics	Tasmia Faiza Prachi <i>Bangladesh</i> Economics	Chimi Denka <i>Bhutan</i> Public Health	Manisha Bidari <i>Nepal</i> Economics	Farzana Sultana <i>Bangladesh</i> Environmental Sciences
Lima Abed <i>Afghanistan</i> Politics, Philosophy & Economics	Mahima Das Mumu <i>Bangladesh</i> Environmental Sciences	Choney Dema <i>Bhutan</i> Economics	Faheema Baig <i>Pakistan</i> Economics	Antara Titikhsha Barua <i>Bangladesh</i> Bioinformatics
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The Andy Matsui Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement is granted to up to three graduating seniors who, through academic achievement as measured by their cumulative grade point average, exemplify Andy Matsui's life and myriad achievements. Like Andy, the recipients of this award prove that just one courageous and hardworking individual can take charge of his or her fate and ultimately transform the lives of thousands of people, their families, and their communities.

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ABOUT ANDY MATSUI: Like many A UW students, Andy Matsui grew up in a rural village. He was not encouraged to pursue a university education. Instead, he was expected to remain on the family farm to care for his parents and siblings. However, Andy also fought to defy cultural conventions and succeed on his own terms. He sailed from Japan to America with \$28 in his pocket in 1961, and eventually became the founder, owner, and president of Matsui Nursery, America's largest orchid nursery. In January 2016, Andy announced a \$1 million gift to A UW's endowment, so that more deserving women will be able to access the liberal arts and sciences education offered at A UW.

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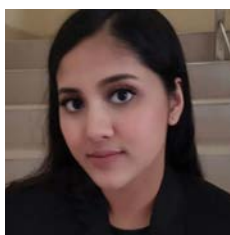
ADITI MANANDHAR

*Bachelor of Sciences
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Aditi served as President for the AUW Speak Up Club from 2018 to 2019. In this capacity, she organized events to spread awareness around violence against women and children, and worked to counter discrimination based on appearance, expression, and sexuality. She also served as a teaching assistant for a public health course in her final year.

As a keen learner and explorer, Aditi participated in an exchange program with Sookmyung Women's University in Seoul, South Korea. During her time as an undergraduate, she also conducted research on "Assessment of knowledge, socio-cultural influences and menstrual practices among the Chepang adolescent girls in Nepal: A community based cross-sectional study."

Aditi is currently working as a COVID-19 Surveillance Associate at the World Health Organization in Nepal, where she was selected to work in Health Emergencies during the first wave of the COVID-19 pandemic. Within WHO, she has been actively engaged in several projects, most notably the first and second round of the seroprevalence survey conducted in Nepal. She plans to pursue further studies in the field of Public Health with a specialization in epidemiology.



FARISHTA MURAD

*Bachelor of Sciences
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Farishta comes from an English medium British curriculum background with prior schooling from Chittagong Grammar School, and Edexcel O-Level and A-Level from Sunshine Grammar School. Her pursuit of education at AUW was due in part to her desire to stay in her hometown as well as AUW's reputation as being one of the most prestigious universities in the area.

Farishta invested in almost all facets of university life as a multi-disciplinary teaching assistant, Student Government Treasurer, and club president or executive board member in several clubs. She used her extracurricular opportunities to brush up on her inner graphic design skills, and eventually started her own freelance graphic design company. She received her first job at HSBC upon graduation.

Farishta graduated with *Magna Cum Laude*. Alongside these accomplishments, she also passed the HBS Core Credentials from Harvard Business School Online with High Honors, on scholarship through AUW. Today, she is proud to transition from being a student to a Math Instructor at AUW.



MAISHA FARZANA

*Bachelor of Arts in Politics,
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During her time at AUW, Maisha Farzana dedicated herself to her community, serving as Vice President in Student Government, President of the AUW Speak Up Club, and Project Coordinator for the AUW Photography Club. During this time, she also worked as a teaching assistant for the World Civilizations course at Access Academy. She graduated in August 2022 with a PPE major and Finance and Development Studies minors.

Maisha took on several professional roles as well, working with an NGO called Caritas Bangladesh, a UK-based political news circulating venture, Polis Analysis, and several other social initiatives. She also worked as a research assistant for One Health Center for Research and Action and published her first co-written article on safety measures for COVID-19 frontliners in the International Journal of Travel Medicine and Global Health. As a researcher, her areas of interests include global development, war and conflict resolution, security, and peace building. Maisha hopes to pursue her studies further in the future.

In her final semester, Maisha joined HSBC Chittagong as an intern in corporate banking, and is working there currently.

**MESSAGE FROM THE AUW ALUMNAE NETWORK
TO THE CLASS OF 2020-2022**

Dear Class of 2020, 2021, and 2022,

As a graduate, you are now part of an invaluable network of female leaders. With the education, leadership experiences, and unique perspectives that you have gained at AUW, we look forward to witnessing all that you will accomplish in the future.

Throughout your journey, the University would like to remain in touch with you through the alumnae network. We seek to foster lifelong intellectual, professional, and collegial connections among current students, graduates, and the wider AUW support network. It aims to encourage continuous personal and professional development for all who have passed through the AUW lane.

Moving forward, we encourage you to stay in touch. A well-connected, engaged alumnae network is an asset for you and future AUW graduates. Congratulations on reaching this important milestone.

Please keep in touch! Contact us at: alumnae.relations@auw.edu.bd





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