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*Corporate Social Responsibility in the Food
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*Post-2016 Election Experiences of 1st and 2nd
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The academic costume worn today originated in the Middle Ages when gowns and hoods kept scholars and clerics warm. The distinctive gown served to set the student apart from fellow citizens, giving birth to the expression "town and gown."

Until after the Civil War, students at most American universities wore caps and gowns daily. They varied in design, and while an attempt was made in 1894 by the American Intercollegiate Commission to standardize the color of robes, distinctive colors continue to be used by institutions, usually at the doctoral level.

Academic gowns tell the observer the degree which the wearer has earned: bachelor's gowns have pointed sleeves; master's gowns have long, closed sleeves; doctoral gowns are made with full, longer sleeves and faced with velvet from hem to neck and back. Doctoral gowns also carry three velvet bands around each sleeve above the elbow.

The Saint Mary's University of Minnesota distinctive doctoral gown is worn by the graduates and regents. It is blue in honor of the university's patroness. The logo is placed over the heart.

The light blue velvet on the hood represents education, while the red and white colors in the lining of the hood are the school colors.

Hoods vary in length with the degree.

The lining of the hood identifies the university by its colors. The border of the hood indicates the academic discipline in which the degree is earned:

White: arts and letters, journalism

Scarlet: theology

Purple: law

Green: medicine

Dark blue: philosophy

Yellow: science

Brown: architecture, fine arts

Pink: music

Lilac: dentistry

Orange: engineering

Olive: pharmacy

Light brown: business

Lemon yellow: library science

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Peacock blue: international affairs

Citron yellow: social work

Salmon pink: public health

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Grounded in its Lasallian Catholic identity, Saint Mary's University of Minnesota is a nationally ranked transformational and innovative university with a global footprint. Saint Mary's graduates gain the advanced knowledge, skills, and critical-thinking abilities necessary to be lifelong learners, successful workers, good neighbors, and ethical citizens that ensure Saint Mary's standing as a well-known top-tier national university preparing tomorrow's leaders.

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NATIONAL ANTHEM

Words by Francis Scott Key

Oh, say can you see by the dawn's early light
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming?
Whose broad stripes and bright stars thru the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watched were so gallantly streaming?
And the rocket's red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there.
Oh, say does that star-spangled banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

ALMA MATER

For the community of Saint Mary's University past, present, and future

Words and music by Patrick M. O'Shea, D.M.A.
arr. by A. Eric Heukeshoven, M.S.

Hail, Saint Mary's, Alma Mater! Hail Saint Mary's, Mother true,
Every faithful son and daughter lifts this anthem now to you:
Ave, Ave, Ave Maria!

Hail, Saint Mary's, fount of wisdom, Nurturer of heart and mind,
Strengthen us in thought and spirit, That in seeking we may find.
Ave, Ave, Ave Maria!

Hail, Saint Mary's, shining beacon, Of La Salle's community,
Send us out forever teaching, Love and faith and unity.
Ave, Ave, Ave Maria!



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