



THE NINETY-EIGHTH
**COMMENCEMENT
CONVOCATION**

April 29, 2023

11:00 a.m.

Gymnasium

*Very Rev. James P. Burns, IVD, Ph.D.
President of Saint Mary's University of Minnesota
Presiding*

*Max Bonilla, SSL, STD
Provost and Dean of Faculties
Master of Ceremonies*

SAINT MARY'S UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

THE COLLEGE
WINONA CAMPUS

SAINT MARY'S UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA COMMENCEMENT CONVOCATION

PRELUDE

Saint Mary's University Concert Band
Janet Heukeshoven, D.M.A., director
Suite #1 in Eb by Gustav Holst
Chaconne
Intermezzo
March

Ye Banks and Braes O'Bonnie Doon by Percy Aldrich Grainger

PROCESSIONAL

Saint Mary's University Concert Band
Janet Heukeshoven, D.M.A., director
March Academe by William Rhodes

MASTER OF CEREMONIES

Max Bonilla, SSL, STD
Provost and Dean of Faculties

NATIONAL ANTHEM

The Star Spangled Banner by Francis Scott Key
Josiah Hanson, Maeve Hastings, Grace Howard, Scott Kahler,
Gabriel Rysavy, Angela Spors, Evan Thiss, Olivia White

INVOCATION

Marisa Naryka, Ed.D.
Vice President for Mission and Ministry

WELCOME

Terrance K. Russell B'76
Chair, Board of Trustees

REFLECTIONS

Catherine Pierpont, Outstanding Senior
William Sepsis, Outstanding Senior

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MUSICAL INTERLUDE

Saint Mary's University Concert Choir
Janet Heukeshoven, D.M.A., director
Eric Heukeshoven, M.S., accompanist
If Music Be the Food of Love by Heaveningham/Dickau

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Very Rev. James P. Burns, IVD, Ph.D.

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

Darren Row, Ph.D.
Dean of the College

Michelle Wieser, Ph.D.
Dean of Business and Technology

ALMA MATER

Saint Mary's University Concert Choir
Janet Heukeshoven, D.M.A., director
Words and music by Patrick M. O'Shea
(music on last page)

BENEDICTION

Father Kevin Stolt, M.S.E.
University Chaplain

RECESSIONAL

Saint Mary's University Concert Band
Janet Heukeshoven, D.M.A., director
Fanfare and Flourishes for a Festive Occasion by James Curnow
Flourish for Wind Band by R. Vaughan Williams

PHOTOGRAPHY

To respect the dignity of the ceremony and allow guests to see all degree candidates recognized, guests are requested to remain seated. Lifetouch will photograph each degree candidate during the ceremony. Images will be available approximately two weeks after the ceremony.

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BACHELOR OF ARTS

Students identified with Latin honors are based on grade point averages from the end of fall semester. Transcripts will document final grades and actual cumulative G.P.A. for the end of spring semester once grades have been submitted.

Shamat Amanuel Abraha

Human Services
Political Science
cum laude

Jostin Alvarado Diaz

History

Elise Anne Amerongen

Biochemistry
magna cum laude

Raheem Anthony

Public Relations and Digital Media

Jared Paul Antony

Biology Pre-Radiography

Jack Arndt

Business Intelligence and Analytics
Finance

Connor Arnold

Computer Science

Kohlton Axel Babcock

Business Intelligence and Analytics
Marketing
Sport Management

Kendra Rose Baca

Theatre

Anna Bachmeier

Business Intelligence and Analytics
Marketing

Elizabeth Baird

Psychology

Allysa Barlow*

Psychology
cum laude

Dylan Bartlett

Business Intelligence and Analytics
Finance
Sport Management

Josiah John Bauer

Biology Pre-Radiography

Rylan David Bearden

Health Sciences
magna cum laude

Zoe Li Ting Becker

Criminal Justice
Spanish
cum laude

Shawna Berdan

Biology Pre-Physical Therapy

Gabriel Harrigan Bickerstaff

Philosophy
magna cum laude

Magdalen Clare Black

Art
Psychology

Britney Marie Blacker

Health Sciences

Jacob Allen Blaskowsky

Computer Science

Kathleen Blissenbach Countryman

Biochemistry
summa cum laude

Preston Bluhm

Mathematics
magna cum laude

Billie Jean Borschneck

Elementary Education

Liam Gerard Boyle

Accounting
Management

Kaydi Catherine Breaser

Biology Pre-Physician Assistant Studies
summa cum laude
co-valedictorian

Isaiah Xavier Brindamour

Biology Pre-Physician Assistant Studies
summa cum laude
co-valedictorian

Jack Jerome Broaders

Literature with Writing Emphasis
cum laude

Alexis Cheyenne Brooks

Entrepreneurship
Marketing

Jacob Martin Bruns

IHM Seminary Philosophy

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Thomas James Budin

Accounting
Entrepreneurship
Finance

Robert Thomas Budzius

IHM Seminary Philosophy

Djeneba Fatima Camara Demy

Criminal Justice
Public Relations and Digital Media
cum laude

Genesis Capacio

Biology Pre-Physical Therapy

Keaton P. Caplis

Psychology

Grace Marceline Capouch

Criminal Justice

Guy Cardinal

Business Intelligence and Analytics
Management

Mackenzie Elizabeth Carey

Biology Pre-Physician Assistant Studies
magna cum laude

Cheyenne Hannah Carlsen

Psychology
summa cum laude

Sophia Ann Cave

Psychology

Grace Chalmers

Public Relations and Digital Media
Spanish
magna cum laude

Tucker Chapman

Marketing

Augusta S. Chirbas

Management
Political Science

Larkin Clem

Biology
magna cum laude

Jacob Nathaniel Clements

Computer Science
Mathematics
summa cum laude

Sydney Clinton

Biology

Justine Anne Cobbett

Elementary Education
Spanish

Kaitlin Marie Conniff

Health Sciences
cum laude

Colleen Marie Costello

Health Sciences
magna cum laude

Emily Linnaia Crandall

Psychology
cum laude

Sascha Salome Moon Cromhecke

Public Relations and Digital Media

Sean Curran

Health Sciences
summa cum laude

Hannah Dahlstrom

Mathematics
Secondary Education

Katrina Ryan Danzinger

Environmental Biology and Conservation
cum laude

Shanice Davis

Marketing

Natalie Ann Degener

Biology Pre-Physical Therapy
magna cum laude

Katherine Priya Devine

Psychology

Hanna Dorff

Health Sciences

Madeline Irene Dosser

Psychology
Spanish

Megan Claire DuChene

Computer Science

Kayla Dwire

Art
Public Relations and Digital Media
magna cum laude

Rebekah Mae Erickson*

Computer Science
summa cum laude

Haddy Falkman

Biology

Nicholas Robert Falls

Business Intelligence and Analytics
Finance

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Alexander James Ferrier

Health Sciences
magna cum laude

Michael Scott Fischer

Business Intelligence and Analytics
Management

Claire Fletcher

Health Sciences
cum laude

Maria Isabel Flynn

Art
Public Relations and Digital Media

Isabelle Fortner

Psychology

Zavior John Franck

IHM Seminary Philosophy
summa cum laude

Jacob Allan Freund

Philosophy
cum laude

Tiffany Freyman

Biochemistry

Braden James Fritz

Biology

Andrew Froese

Public Relations and Digital Media

Mingxing Fu

Finance
Management

Kelsey Ann Fuerstenberg*

Psychology
magna cum laude

Amy Linnette Gappa

Biology

Sydney Maren Green

Biology Pre-Physician Assistant Studies

Caleb Morris Gundberg

Business Intelligence and Analytics
Computer Science

Cole Grant Gunneson

Health Sciences
magna cum laude

Corinna Rose Hafner

Biology Pre-Medical Imaging
cum laude

Dalton James Halvorsen

Accounting
Business Intelligence and Analytics

Kara Lynn Hand

Art
Spanish

Josiah Matthew Hanson

IHM Seminary Philosophy

Maeve Alice Hastings

Psychology

Anthony John Heier

Computer Science
Physics/Engineering Science
summa cum laude

Rachel Hewitt

Biology Pre-Physical Therapy
cum laude

Ethan Hietala

Biology Pre-Physical Therapy

James Eugene Hoffman

Public Relations and Digital Media

Jacob Patrick Hogan

Biology

Jared Thomas Houdyshell

Elementary Education

Grace Laura Howard*

Psychology
summa cum laude
co-valedictorian

Vincent Hurley

Health Sciences
cum laude

Christa Rusanganwa Ingabire*

Computer Science
magna cum laude

Garrett Jackson

Business Intelligence and Analytics
Management

Joshua Robert Janssen

Business Intelligence and Analytics
Finance
cum laude

Gabrielle Linda Johnson

Theatre

Scott Andrew Kahler

IHM Seminary Philosophy

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Wade Fredrick Katula

Health Sciences
summa cum laude

Alexander Keeler

Psychology

Jack Sullivan Kelly

Business Intelligence and Analytics
Finance
Management

Mackenzie Marie Kelly

Biochemistry
cum laude

Emily Mae Kern

Psychology
summa cum laude
co-valedictorian

Landry Lynn Kirsling

Business Intelligence and Analytics
summa cum laude

Katherine Anne Kitchen

Theatre
magna cum laude

Philip Raphael Kostecka

Biology Pre-Physical Therapy

Emma Rose Kral

Criminal Justice
magna cum laude

Amy Louise Kulaga

Social Studies Education

Brandon Jeffrey Kurilla

Accounting
Finance

Rachel Ann Lang*

Elementary Education
magna cum laude

Brookelyn Lewis

Elementary Education
cum laude

Brady Aaron Lindauer

Business Intelligence and Analytics
Finance
summa cum laude
co-valedictorian

Elizabeth Mary Luckraft

Elementary Education

Jonathan Dale Lutz

Philosophy
Psychology
cum laude

Janette Madrigal

Criminal Justice

Thomas Matthew Magnavite

Computer Science

Grace Mandel

Psychology

Kaley Marie Manglitz

Elementary Education

Andrew Peter Martin*

Health Sciences
magna cum laude

Daniel Benjamin Marxen

Finance

Mikayla McCart

Marketing
Sport Management

Caedon McCartney

Art

Eileen Rose McCormick

Psychology

Madysen Michelle McCormick

Health Sciences
cum laude

Garrett Michael McLaughlin

Entrepreneurship

AnneMarie Faustina McMahon

Health Sciences

Emily Meissner

Educational Studies

Danielle Christine Mengel

Psychology
cum laude

Brandon Robert Merfeld*

Biology Pre-Medical Professions
summa cum laude

Taylor Merrell

Elementary Education

Trevor Jay Miklya

Business Intelligence and Analytics
Finance

Hope Miner

Biology Pre-Sonography

Kristin Minick

Psychology

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Anna Louise Muntifering

Psychology
magna cum laude

Dylan Musiedlak

Business Intelligence and Analytics
Sport Management

Stephanie Nack

Elementary Education

Hannah Jo Nahrgang

Art

Jackson Nauss

Finance
summa cum laude

Blaine Neinast

Business Intelligence and Analytics
Sport Management

Marissa Rose Nelson

Public Relations and Digital Media

Joseph Thomas Netland

Business Intelligence and Analytics
Sport Management

Alexis Nguyen

Biology

Analise Rose Nielsen

Elementary Education

Mark Peter Nosbush

IHM Seminary Philosophy
cum laude

Shunta Nozawa

Physics

Luke Spencer Olson

IHM Seminary Philosophy
magna cum laude

Sophia O'Neil

Literature
Political Science

Isabelle Augusta Ostrem

Environmental Biology
magna cum laude

Abigail Marie Painovich

Psychology
cum laude

Emma Evelyn Paquette

Theatre
cum laude

Brooklyn Paulson*

Biology Pre-Physical Therapy
Psychology
summa cum laude

Marcos Pedroza Beltran

History

Joshua Perry

Health Sciences
cum laude

Alexander J. Peters

IHM Seminary Philosophy
cum laude

Connor Jordan Petrich

Art
Marketing

Macey Renee Petron

Finance
Marketing

Hunter Joseph Phillips

Psychology
magna cum laude

Catherine Georgeanna Pierpont

Biology

Alexis Marie Pogatchnik

Biology Pre-Physician Assistant Studies
cum laude

Jeffrey Pokuta

Health Sciences
magna cum laude

Olivia Leigh Potthoff

Theatre
magna cum laude

Dalton Robert Prenot

Computer Science
magna cum laude

Shawn Anderson Pruitt

Human Services

Luke Nathan Puffer

Business Intelligence and Analytics
summa cum laude

Karson Joshua Rades

Business Intelligence and Analytics
Marketing
magna cum laude

Danielle Elizabeth Rhodes

Public Relations and Digital Media
summa cum laude

SAINT MARY'S UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

Anthony Richter

IHM Seminary Philosophy
summa cum laude

Akela Winona Rimstad*

Elementary Education
summa cum laude

Jasmine Rodriguez

Criminal Justice

Kaitlyn Marie Rollinger*

Psychology
summa cum laude

Gabriel Francis Rysavy*

IHM Seminary Philosophy
Spanish
summa cum laude
co-valedictorian

Ryan Allen Saltness

IHM Seminary Philosophy
summa cum laude

Brianna Marie Sato

Psychology

Emily Schaffer

Biology Pre-Medical Professions
cum laude

Joseph John Schauf*

Finance
Management
magna cum laude

Mariah Noel Schlueter

Theatre

Mandy Schmidt

Biology Pre-Physician Assistant Studies
summa cum laude

Samuel Eduard Schneider

Biology Pre-Physician Assistant

Katherine Ann Schroettner

Educational Studies
magna cum laude

Isaiah Schulz

Business Intelligence and Analytics
Finance

Cassandra Sepp

Public Relations and Digital Media
summa cum laude

William John Sepsis

Business Intelligence and Analytics
Management
summa cum laude

Benjamin Serb

Elementary Education
magna cum laude

Theresa Ann Shafranski

Public Relations and Digital Media

Deborah Shefa*

Health Sciences
magna cum laude

Joseph Peter Shlanta

Philosophy
cum laude

Hannah Elisabeth Skroch

Biology Pre-Radiography
magna cum laude

Rebecca Jean Smart

Art

Timothy Smith

Business Intelligence and Analytics
Sport Management
cum laude

Julia Connie Smreck*

Psychology
summa cum laude

Derek Scott Sonmore

Public Relations and Digital Media
cum laude

Angela Kay Spors

English Education

Montana Streit

Marketing

Ashley Streveler*

Elementary Education
summa cum laude

Coleton Strupp

Biology Pre-Physical Therapy
cum laude

Lindsay Virginia Stussy

History
cum laude

Isabel Claire Sugrue

Theatre

Cassandra Marie Sutor

Mathematics

Parker James Swanson

Business Intelligence and Analytics
Management
Marketing
cum laude

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Joseph Francis Tadie

Music

Britney Ci Thao

Health Humanities

Evan Joseph Thiss

Environmental Biology

Emma Jean Toellner

Secondary Education

Spanish

summa cum laude

Elizabeth Ann Trnka

Biology Pre-Physical Therapy

magna cum laude

Jeffery Alan Truax

Art

Abrianna Joy Utgaard*

Psychology

summa cum laude

Trevon Brooks Van Egtern

Mathematics

Secondary Education

Collin van Waardenburg

IHM Seminary Philosophy

magna cum laude

Melissa Varner

Human Services

Spanish

Jose Carlos Velarde

Business Intelligence and Analytics

Finance

Akyra Viana Virgous

Literature with Writing Emphasis

Psychology

Morgan Mary Von Feldt*

Art

Public Relations and Digital Media

summa cum laude

John Michael Vrchota

IHM Seminary Philosophy

Laura Kathleen Walker

Elementary Education

magna cum laude

Hanbo Wang

Management

Marketing

Hailey Marie Warmka

Mathematics

Secondary Education

summa cum laude

Simon Edward Warmkagathje

Biology

Secondary Education

summa cum laude

Samuel Owen Wersch

Theatre

Nicholas West

Biochemistry

Abbi Kay Westhoff

Biology

cum laude

Joseph Edward White

Business Intelligence and Analytics

Finance

magna cum laude

Olivia Elise White

Music

summa cum laude

Nicole Wierzba

Human Services

Ethan Douglas Wilcox

IHM Seminary Philosophy

cum laude

Briana Terese Williquett

Psychology

magna cum laude

Lawrence Wirries

IHM Seminary Philosophy

magna cum laude

Jacob Joseph Wittman*

Computer Science

summa cum laude

Isaac William Worple

Theatre

Claire Zdechlik

Management

Marketing

Maya Kathleen Zender

Elementary Education

magna cum laude

Jenna Zimmer

Human Services

SAINT MARY'S UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

ACADEMIC HONORS

summa cum laude

3.9 grade point average

magna cum laude

3.75 grade point average

cum laude

3.6 grade point average

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national Catholic honor society

ACADEMIC DRESS

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 his 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 until they were standardized by the American Intercollegiate Commission in 1894. At that time, it was decided that all robes should be black: bachelor’s gowns to be made of worsted material with pointed sleeves; master’s gowns of silk with long, closed sleeves; doctor’s gowns of silk with longer sleeves and faced with black velvet from hem to neck and back. They also carry three velvet bands around each sleeve above the elbow. Hoods are made of the same materials as the gowns, the length varying 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

Light blue: education

Peacock blue: international affairs

Citron yellow: social work

Salmon pink: public health

MISSION

Enriched by the Lasallian Catholic heritage,
Saint Mary's University of Minnesota awakens, nurtures, and empowers learners
to ethical lives of service and leadership.



*Approved by the
Board of Trustees
October 5, 2012*

Alma Mater

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

Patrick M. O'Shea



Hail Saint Ma - ry's, Al - ma Ma - ter!
Hail, Saint Ma - ry's, fount of wis - dom,
Hail, Saint Ma - ry's, shin - ing bea - con



Hail Saint Ma - ry's, Mo - ther true,
Nur - tur - er of heart and mind,
Of La - Salle's com - mu - ni - ty,



Ev - 'ry faith - ful son and daugh - ter
Strength - en us in thought and spir - it,
Send us out for - ev - er teach - ing



lifts this an - them now to you:
That in seek - ing we may find.
Love and faith and u - ni - ty.

(Refrain - all verses)



A - - ve, a - - ve,



a - ve Ma - ri - a!

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