



Saint Mary's University of Minnesota



THE ONE HUNDREDTH
**COMMENCEMENT
CONVOCAATION**

May 3, 2025

11:00 a.m.

Gymnasium

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

*Darren Row, Ph.D.
Vice President for Academic Affairs – Winona
Master of Ceremonies*

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THE COLLEGE
SCHOOLS OF GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL PROGRAMS
WINONA CAMPUS

SAINT MARY'S UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA COMMENCEMENT CONVOCATION

PRELUDE

Allegro from *Water Music*, G.F. Händel, arr. Bill Holcombe

Saint Mary's University Instrumental Ensemble
Zoraida Oyola-Rebaza, D.M.A.
Director of Music Programming

PROCESSIONAL

Classic Brass Quintet

MASTER OF CEREMONIES

Darren Row, Ph.D.
Vice President for Academic Affairs – Winona

NATIONAL ANTHEM

The Star Spangled Banner by Francis Scott Key

Theresa DeGross, Seth Hakes, Aidan Indahl, Jake Lozon,
Peter Quinn, Jon Stone

INVOCATION

Very Rev. Robert S. Horihan, STL, Ph.L.
Rector of Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary

WELCOME

Gregory Stevens B'74
Chair, Board of Trustees

REFLECTIONS

Maggie Newhouse, Outstanding Senior
Joel Tranel, Outstanding Senior

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

I Got a Home in-a Dat Rock, Traditional Spiritual arr. Moses Hogan

Saint Mary's University Concert Choir
Zoraida Oyola-Rebaza, D.M.A.
Director of Music Programming

SAINT MARY'S UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

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

PRESENTATION OF HONORARY DEGREE

Doctor of Educational Leadership, *honoris causa*

Recipient: Brother Michael Fehrenbach, FSC

Presenter: Ann Merchlewitz, J.D.

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Program Director, Latin American Sisters Initiative

ALMA MATER

Saint Mary's University Concert Choir

Zoraida Oyola-Rebaza, D.M.A.

Director of Music Programming

Words and music by Patrick M. O'Shea

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BENEDICTION

Rev. Kevin Stolt, IVE, Ph.L.

University Chaplain – Winona

RECESSIONAL

Classic Brass Quintet

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.

SAINT MARY'S UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

BACHELOR OF ARTS BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Latin honors, for students so identified, are based on grade point averages (G.P.A.) from the end of fall semester. Transcripts will document final grades and actual cumulative G.P.A. for the end of spring semester.

Milan Adamovic
Marketing
Sport Management

Oliver Adamson
Public Relations and Digital Media

Brinton Anderson
Biology: Pre-Physical Therapy
cum laude

John Christopher Assaf
Philosophy
summa cum laude

Gabriella Ausman
Nursing

Guadalupe Avalos
Nursing

Julia Rose Backlund
Health Sciences
summa cum laude

Krystal Baptiste
Criminal Justice: Corrections

Matthew Loren Barton
Biology: Pre-Physician Assistant Studies
magna cum laude

David Thomas Bauer
Philosophy

Riley Scott Bauman
Biology: Pre-Physical Therapy

Annabella Caroline Becker
Accounting
Business Intelligence and Analytics
cum laude

Connor Beutin
Accounting
Business Intelligence and Analytics

Lenny Michael Boberg
Finance
Management

Will Boeckman
Business Intelligence and Analytics
Finance

Caden James Boyer
Finance
magna cum laude

Anna Laureen Braun
Finance
Marketing

Dane Brazil
Business Intelligence and Analytics
Finance

Morgan Brown
Nursing

Christopher Garrett Bulwa
Biology: Pre-Medical Professions

Sean Liam Burke
History: Social Studies
Secondary Education
magna cum laude

Breyton Alvin Buysman
Finance
Management

Emmarie May Byom
Health Sciences
summa cum laude

Blake Evan Campbell
Management

Alexander Cannon
Business Intelligence and Analytics
Management
summa cum laude

Maeve Margaret Cannon
Psychology

Kylee Rose Christopherson
Art: Graphic Design

Allison Marlys Ciero
Accounting
Business Intelligence and Analytics
summa cum laude

Antonio Ramon Cisewski
Criminal Justice: Law Enforcement

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Cori Claeys History: Social Studies Secondary Education <i>magna cum laude</i>	Sophia Duran Biology: Pre-Physician Assistant Studies
Shane Michael Cleary Computer Science: Software Engineering <i>summa cum laude</i>	Mariel Faber Criminal Justice: Corrections <i>magna cum laude</i>
Alyssa Amara Coleman Marketing	Brandon Fagiolo Computer Science: Software Engineering <i>magna cum laude</i>
Mason Coyle Business Intelligence and Analytics Finance <i>cum laude</i>	Cecilia Flores Nursing <i>summa cum laude</i>
Clarissa Culver Elementary Education <i>cum laude</i>	Samuel James Frick Health Sciences <i>magna cum laude</i>
Daytona Letitia Dahler Business Intelligence and Analytics Criminal Justice: Law Enforcement	Casen Joseph Fritz Sport Management
Nicholas Gene Daubner Philosophy	De'Marria Chanse Gardner Biology: Pre-Medical Professions
Kylie Shae Davidson Nursing <i>magna cum laude</i>	Nathaniel John Garity Philosophy <i>summa cum laude</i>
Augie Deavers Management Marketing	Henry James Gathje* Nursing <i>summa cum laude</i>
Theresa Jean DeGross English: Writing <i>summa cum laude</i>	Aidan Gatz Health Sciences
Gianni Alexander DiTola Philosophy <i>summa cum laude</i>	Madeline Kae Gindele Psychology Spanish <i>magna cum laude</i>
Michelle Elise Doering Health Sciences <i>summa cum laude</i> <i>co-valedictorian</i>	Daria Yelizaveta Gittsovich Health Sciences
Megan Grace Drayna Health Sciences <i>summa cum laude</i> <i>co-valedictorian</i>	Izzabella Rose Goettelman Elementary Education
Cooper Dreyfus Management	Isabella Christine Griffin Biology: Pre-Medical Professions <i>magna cum laude</i>
	Elizabeth Marie Groothausen Biology: Pre-Physician Assistant Studies <i>magna cum laude</i>
	Gabrielle Marie Gruenke Art: Graphic Design <i>magna cum laude</i>

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Paul Alexander Guertin
Philosophy
Mathematics
summa cum laude
co-valedictorian

Robert Michael Haedt
Business Intelligence and Analytics
Finance
cum laude

Katherine Hafner*
Biology: Pre-Physician Assistant Studies
magna cum laude

Franklyn Thomas Hagen
Accounting
Finance

Seth Hakes
Philosophy
magna cum laude

Alexander Scott Hale
Criminal Justice: Law Enforcement

Daniel Gabriel Hamiel
Business Intelligence and Analytics
Finance

Zachary John Harris
Finance
Marketing

Josie Mae Hart
English: Literature
magna cum laude

Graysin N. Hartjes
Management
Marketing

Sydney Patricia Haus
Public Relations and Digital Media
cum laude

Addison Hochevar
Finance

Grace Julia Hubbell
Nursing
cum laude

Nicholas Charles Huza
Philosophy
cum laude

Zachary James Illg
Environmental Biology and Conservation

Aidan Michael Indahl
Public Relations and Digital Media

Sydney Angelene Jackman
Nursing
summa cum laude

Bailey Jo Johnson
Business Intelligence and Analytics
Marketing

Brady Mark Johnson
Biology: Pre-Medical Professions

Savana Mae Johnson
Elementary Education: Mathematics
magna cum laude

Alyssa Jones
Biochemistry
summa cum laude

Ryan Nicholas Kerchoff
Business Intelligence and Analytics
Finance
cum laude

Madison Elizabeth Kindler
Health Humanities
Psychology

Samuel Patrick King
Environmental Biology and Conservation
cum laude

Kas Leanne Kingston
Public Relations and Digital Media

Cade Michael Kloss
Environmental Biology and Conservation

Sarah Paige Kraus
Psychology

Timothy Michael Kujawa
Philosophy
magna cum laude

Jenna Kurkowski
Biology

Ella Nicole Lahart*
Biology: Pre-Medical Professions
magna cum laude

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Teodoro Isaias Landy
Environmental Biology and Conservation

Nina Langley
Health Sciences
summa cum laude
co-valedictorian

Kirstyn Anne Larson
Biochemistry
cum laude

Wesley Alan Larson
Public Relations and Digital Media
Spanish

Leah Rosemary LeBrun
Biology

Zachariah Lenz
Art: Graphic Design
Spanish
summa cum laude

Dakota Leonard
Biology

Jon Lindanger
Computer Science: Software Engineering
cum laude

Melanie Elizabeth Loughren
English: Literature

Jake Lozon
Philosophy

Brandon Isaac Luna
Secondary Education

Kailee Rae Magaard
Biology: Pre-Physician Assistant Studies
cum laude

Lucas Malheiros de Godoy
Business Intelligence and Analytics
Marketing

Benedita Cabamba Emernancia Mambo
Biology: Pre-Physical Therapy

Emma Margaret Mara
Health Sciences
cum laude

Joseph Alexander Markert
Business Intelligence and Analytics
Finance

Brooklyn Lee McKinney
Business Intelligence and Analytics
International Business
summa cum laude

Jacob Mejino
Finance
Management
magna cum laude

Abigail Rose Meyer
Environmental Biology and Conservation
cum laude

Morgan Marie Meyer
Elementary Education
summa cum laude
co-valedictorian

Nathan Meyers
Biology: Pre-Physician Assistant Studies

Grace Ann Mielke
Psychology

Cameron Miller
Sport Management

Emma Miller
Accounting
Business Intelligence and Analytics
cum laude

Jared Jeffery Mitchell
Environmental Biology and Conservation

Huwa Mohamed
Psychology

Santiago J. Montero
Marketing
Spanish

Jemari Montrell Moore
Sport Management

Madison Miekio Kealohamaikalani Mora
Nursing

Paige Alaire Morris
Health Sciences

Haylee Mullenbach
Criminal Justice: Law Enforcement
cum laude

Angelina Belen Muñoz-Hernandez
Psychology

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Megan Rylee Nadal
Sport Management

Callahan Davis Nauss
Accounting
Business Intelligence and Analytics

Isaac Nemeth
Environmental Biology and Conservation

Maggie Newhouse
Health Humanities
Spanish
magna cum laude

Morgan Novotny
Criminal Justice: Corrections
cum laude

Andrew Kent Olsen
Biopsychology

Margaret Olivia Osterbauer
Biology: Pre-Physician Assistant Studies

Katherine Mahealani Perkins
Health Sciences
magna cum laude

Francis Perroud*
Biology
summa cum laude

Elle Elizabeth Petersen
Health Sciences
cum laude

John Paul Philips
Philosophy
magna cum laude

Ryan D. Pierce
Philosophy
summa cum laude

Laudon Poellinger
Finance
Management
cum laude

Sidney Anne Polzin
Biology: Pre-Physical Therapy
magna cum laude

Gabe Potyk*
Business Intelligence and Analytics
Finance
summa cum laude
co-valedictorian

Peter Michael Joseph Quinn
Philosophy
summa cum laude

Kylie Ann Ramsey
Accounting
cum laude

Ashley Elle Renwick
Business Intelligence and Analytics
Finance

Taylor Repinski
Biology: Pre-Physician Assistant Studies

Molly Jean Richgels
Psychology

Mario Fabián Rodríguez Gómez
Business Intelligence and Analytics
Finance
Management
summa cum laude

Elise Gabrielle Roxas
Health Sciences
summa cum laude

Anthony Joel Ruskowski
Sport Management

Riley Jo Ruud
Psychology
magna cum laude

Hina Sakai
Theatre: Design and Technology
magna cum laude

Jack Wallace Sandobal
Criminal Justice: Law Enforcement
Psychology

Matthew Josef Sankner
Computer Science: Software Engineering
magna cum laude

Jabari Toure Sawyer
Sport Management

Grace Rosena Schaffer
Business Intelligence and Analytics
Marketing
summa cum laude

Hailey Johnson Schmidt
Theater: Acting and Directing
cum laude

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Trinity Schmidtknecht
Elementary Education: Mathematics
and Social Studies
summa cum laude
co-vaedictorian

Cameron Harrison Schmit
Health Sciences
summa cum laude

Grace L. Schreiber
Psychology

Alyssa Rose Sebo
Elementary Education
summa cum laude

Michelle Smith*
History: Social Studies
Secondary Education
magna cum laude

Nathan Marcelo Solis
Nursing

Amelia Spilde
Elementary Education
magna cum laude

Jonah Stafford
Public Relations and Digital Media

Claudia Justine Stein
Psychology
summa cum laude

Isabella Grace Stein
Biology: Pre-Physician Assistant Studies

Tucker Stene
Art: Graphic Design
cum laude

Jon Patrick Stone
Philosophy

Savannah Jean Swanson
Environmental Biology and Conservation
summa cum laude

Rachel Elizabeth Suzanne Szeppeniec
Biology: Pre-Medical Professions

Sophia Thompson
Public Relations and Digital Media
summa cum laude

Joel Tranel
Accounting
Finance

Allison Urlaub
Accounting
Finance
cum laude

Faith Van Erp
Health Sciences
cum laude

Allie Marie Verkuilen
Biology

Ethan Parker Vinyard
Philosophy
magna cum laude

Maya Wachter
Accounting
Finance
summa cum laude

Ella Lorraine Wagner
Health Sciences
magna cum laude

Morgan Mackenzie Wallendal
Environmental Biology and Conservation

Leo Walter
Environmental Biology and Conservation

Haley Marie Wangen
Health Sciences
magna cum laude

Bennett Randall Weestrاند
Criminal Justice: Law Enforcement

Madeline Justine Wilsey
Nursing
magna cum laude

Alanna Damaris Wilson
Criminal Justice: Law Enforcement

Bastien Wolfe
Philosophy

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Business Intelligence and Analytics
Finance
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SAINT MARY'S UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

MASTER OF ARTS

INTEGRATED STUDIES

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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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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 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

Apricot: nursing

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Saint Mary's University of Minnesota awakens, nurtures, and empowers learners
to ethical lives of service and leadership.



*Approved by the
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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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