



Saint Mary's University of Minnesota



# **COMMENCEMENT CONVOCATION**

**May 30, 2026**

**9:30 a.m.**

**Orchestra Hall**

**1111 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis, MN**

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SCHOOLS OF GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL PROGRAMS  
MINNEAPOLIS CAMPUS

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*Emotional Intelligence and Conflict Management  
Style Among Managers in Ghana*

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*Institutional Size and Mission Drift Among  
U.S. Microfinance Institutions: A Quantitative  
Correlational Study*

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*Factors Influencing Healthcare Delivery for  
African Immigrants in Minnesota: The Case of  
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*National Innovation Capability Enablers and  
Outcomes, Corruption, and Progression to  
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*Employees Lived Experience When  
Required to Return to Work Post-Pandemic:  
Phenomenology Study*

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*An Experimental Study on the Impact of  
Peyton's Four-Step Method on Student  
Performance of Point-of-Care Ultrasound  
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*Language, Emotion, and Cognitive Congruence:  
Does Appropriated Racism Detoxify Nigger/  
Nigga for African American Males?*

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*Developing a Forced-Choice Scale Measure of  
Strength of Power and Control Factors Relating  
to Belief and Relational Dynamics to Determine  
the Belief and Relational Structure Typology of  
a Business Organization*

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*The Lived Experiences of Black Students and  
Their Interactions with School Resource Officers  
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*Retention of Teacher Assistant: A Mixed Method  
Study in Minnesota School Districts*

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*An Application of Alfred Adler's Psychology  
to the Lived Experiences of African American  
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*The Lived Experience of Baby Boomer and  
Millennial Human Resources Professionals in  
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*A Phenomenological Study to Understand  
the Perspectives of Women in Congress and/  
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*How Have African American Individuals,  
Who Have Experienced Childhood Adversity,  
Overcome Adversity and Become Successful  
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*How Service Design Award Finalists  
Successfully Promoted Radical Innovations*

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*The Lived Experiences of Community College  
Students with Anxiety and Depression:  
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*Examining the Critical Learning Moments of Lasallian School Leaders: A Phenomenological Study of Transformative Leadership Practices in the Philippine Lasallian Universities*

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*The Lived Experiences of Educational Assistant Superintendents and Directors of Teaching and Learning in a Post-COVID, Test-Optional Environment*

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*A Well-Being Program for Emerging Adult Women Who Are Pursuing Higher Education*

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*A Study of Pedagogical Experiences of Montessori Guides in Montessori Programs in Minnesota*

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*Why Physicians Avoid Taking Complementary Alternative Medicine Course Content When Earning Continuing Medical Education Credits*

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*A Grounded Theory Study: Exploration of the Wisconsin State Report Card and the Outcomes of Wisconsin School District Referendums*

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*From Industry to the Classroom: A Phenomenological Study of the Experience of Those Individuals Who Transitioned from Jobs in Industry to Full-Time Faculty Positions at a Private Nonprofit Career and Technical Education (CTE) College*

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*Engaging Hmong American Young Adults in Their Faith Journey — The Nextgen Ministry of the Hmong Christian and Missionary Alliance: A Grounded Theory Study*

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

## VISION

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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.

## ACADEMIC DRESS

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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

**Light blue:** education

**Peacock blue:** international affairs

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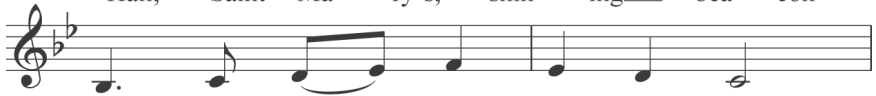
Oh, say can you see by the dawn's early light  
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming?  
Whose broad stripes and bright stars thru the perilous fight,  
O'er the ramparts we watched were so gallantly streaming?  
And the rocket's red glare, the bombs bursting in air,  
Gave proof 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.



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!