



Saint Mary's College
174th Annual

Commencement

May 22, 2021



Saint Mary's College
Welcomes you to the 174th annual Commencement
Order of Ceremony

Academic Procession

National Anthem

Invocation

Gretchen Flicker '93

Welcome

Katie Conboy, Ph.D.
President

Saint Catherine Medal

Katie Conboy

Lumen Christi Award

Margaret M. Gower, Ph.D.
Interim Vice President for Mission

Madeleva Award

Colleen M. Hoover, Ph.D.
Associate Provost and Dean of Graduate Studies

Valedictories

Kelly Harris
Katie Jackson
Stefanie Winnicki

President's Medal

Katie Conboy

Citations for Honorary Degrees

Titilayo Ufomata, Ph.D.
Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs

Commencement Address

Nancy P. Nekvasil, Ph.D.

Citations for Graduate and Undergraduate Degrees in Course

Titilayo Ufomata

Presentation of Graduates

Tracy P. White
Senior Academic Advisor

Conferral of Degrees and Charge to the Class

Katie Conboy

The Bells of Saint Mary's

Recession

Guests are asked to remain seated until the recession is complete.



William W. Cushwa
President's Medal

The President's Medal is presented rarely and exclusively to those who have offered exceptional contributions to the life of the College and society.

William W. Cushwa was devoted to Saint Mary's College and to Catholic education his entire life. His mother Margaret Hall Cushwa '30, daughter Margaret Cushwa Haller '90, and granddaughter Kathleen Hall Dunn '17 are Saint Mary's alumnae, as is his sister Mary Ellen Cushwa Wolsonovich '70, and six cousins. He and his wife Anna Jean generously established the William and Anna Jean Cushwa Endowed Moreau Scholarship. Together with other family members, they helped endow three other scholarships and funds at the College. Cushwa served nine years as a member of the Saint Mary's College Board of Trustees. His generosity and civic responsibility also extended to the greater South Bend community. Upon retirement in 2000, he served on many boards and planning committees in the area, including Real Services, the St. Joseph County Public Library, the South Bend Symphony Orchestra and the University of Notre Dame. Cushwa was to have received the President's Medal at Commencement in May 2020, but due to COVID-19, the recognition was postponed to this year's ceremony. Cushwa passed away on September 8, 2020.



Keith J. Egan, Ph.D.

Honorary Doctor of Humanities, Honoris Causa

Keith J. Egan, Ph.D. is the Joyce McMahon Hank Aquinas Chair in Catholic Theology Emeritus at Saint Mary's. Having joined the faculty in Religious Studies in 1983, Egan held the endowed chair position from 1997–2006. He founded the Center for Spirituality at Saint Mary's in 1984 and served as its director until 2002. During this time, he developed the Madeleva Lecture Series, which continues today, to honor women who have made distinguished contributions to the Church's theological heritage. Egan is a highly respected international scholar on the topics of historical theology, medieval theology, Christian spirituality, mysticism, and monasticism. Renowned especially for his profound expertise on Christian mysticism, he has brought the riches of the Carmelite tradition to audiences around the world. Egan has authored or edited five books and published more than 100 written pieces of academic work. For his outstanding service to the entire College community, he was awarded the Spes Unica Award, which is the highest honor given to a Saint Mary's College faculty member.



Sister Mary Louise Full '65, CSC

Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters, Honoris Causa

Sister Mary Louise Full '65, CSC has been a dedicated member of the Saint Mary's community since she was in the Sisters of the Holy Cross's novitiate and an Economics and Business major at Saint Mary's. She gave many years to the College as a devoted member of the Board of Trustees from 2004–2021. During her tenure, Full served on multiple committees, including 16 years on the Executive Committee. She will retire from the Board in June 2021. As a Trustee, she passionately advocated for Saint Mary's to explore creative options for a sustainable future, and she was always willing to ask hard questions. Besides her Saint Mary's College baccalaureate degree, Full also has master's degrees in Guidance and Counseling and Christian Spirituality. She is a longtime member of the Sisters' Leadership Team and currently provides spiritual direction for retreats and internal congregational ministry.



Nancy P. Nekvasil, Ph.D.

*Honorary Doctor of Liberal Arts, Honoris Causa
Commencement Speaker*

Nancy P. Nekvasil, Ph.D. has been a beloved member of the Saint Mary's community for 37 years and most recently served as Interim President from October 2018 to June 2020.

A member of Saint Mary's Biology Department during her tenure as a faculty member, Nekvasil chaired the department for nearly a decade. Prior to being named Interim President, Nekvasil was Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs at Saint Mary's. She has received many College awards and honors, including the Maria Pieta Award for extraordinary teaching, the Spes Unica Award for exceptional service to the College, and the Carmi and Chris Murphy Faculty Award for Student Mentorship of the Senior Comprehensive. Affectionately known as "Dr. N" among her students, Nekvasil mentored generations of Saint Mary's students and had a lasting impact on their lives as students and their lives after graduation. During her time at Saint Mary's, she was a thoroughly dedicated and committed member of the community, and she continues to be deeply respected for her servant leadership.



Class of 2021

The Degree of Doctor of Nursing Practice

Jacquelyn D. Adams
Richland, OR
Family Nurse Practitioner
Director: Sue Anderson

Luci Colleen Gouin
Minneapolis, MN
Adult Gerontology Acute Care
Director: Trish Keresztes

Dorcas Muiru
Mishawaka, IN
Family Nurse Practitioner
Director: Linda Paskiewicz

Megan Bontrager
Shipshewana, IN
Adult Gerontology Acute Care
Director: Trish Keresztes

Noris Edith Larkin
South San Francisco, CA
Family Nurse Practitioner
Director: Linda Paskiewicz

Cassandra Marie Raymond
Chicago, IL
Family Nurse Practitioner
Director: Sue Anderson

Jannet Carol Everson
Great Falls, MT
Family Nurse Practitioner
Director: Linda Paskiewicz

Kelly Anne Leard
Fishers, IN
Family Nurse Practitioner
Director: Sue Anderson

Kaitlyn Elizabeth Williams
Concord, NC
Family Nurse Practitioner
Director: Sue Anderson

Oluwatoyin Alaba Fadeyi
Lewisville, NC
Adult Gerontology Acute Care
Director: Trish Keresztes

Molly Elizabeth Matthews
Indianapolis, IN
Family Nurse Practitioner
Director: Sue Anderson

Megan Lorraine Wright
Cumberland, MD
Family Nurse Practitioner
Director: Linda Paskiewicz

The Degree of Master of Autism Studies

Emily Bednar
Shelby Township, MI
Autism Studies

Austin Brooks
Hudsonville, MI
Autism Studies

Madyson Reed Moyer
Munster, IN
Autism Studies

Alyssa Ann Marie Gutierrez
South Bend, IN
Autism Studies

The Degree of Master of Science

Alicia Marie Arnold
Washington, MI
Speech Language Pathology

Miranda Cofer
Crown Point, IN
Speech Language Pathology

Sabrina Anne Hollis
Fort Wayne, IN
Data Science

Sarah Joy Banasiak
Dyer, IN
Speech Language Pathology

Chelsea Faith Copley
Bidwell, OH
Speech Language Pathology

Elizabeth Paige Howard
Knox, IN
Speech Language Pathology

Kasey Lynn Bounds
Mishawaka, IN
Speech Language Pathology

Delilah Coronado
Wyoming, MI
Speech Language Pathology

Iyana Dorothy Hughes
Manteca, CA
Speech Language Pathology

Rachael Nicole Brots
Loudon, TN
Speech Language Pathology

Katherine Brogan DePorter
Valparaiso, IN
Speech Language Pathology

Kelly Ann Inman
Indianapolis, IN
Data Science

Hannah Elizabeth Choutka
Timnath, CO
Speech Language Pathology

Isabelle Ann Dombrowski
Random Lake, WI
Speech Language Pathology

Alyssa Nicole Kamide
Macedon, NY
Speech Language Pathology

The Degree of Master of Science

Alexa Karbin
Arlington Heights, IL
Speech Language Pathology

Kerry Mae Kenley
Mesa, AZ
Speech Language Pathology

Lauren Kusbel
Valparaiso, IN
Speech Language Pathology

Jodie Lynn LaFollette
Warsaw, IN
Speech Language Pathology

Sara Kaytlin Metcalf
Russiaville, IN
Speech Language Pathology

Abigail Peppin
Scherville, IN
Speech Language Pathology

Jessica Lynne Purvis
Shorewood, IL
Speech Language Pathology

Sabryna Marie Roman
Norridge, IL
Speech Language Pathology

Alexandra Jo Smock
Brownsburg, IN
Speech Language Pathology

Kaitlyn Mary Soderstrom
Darien, IL
Speech Language Pathology

Kathryn Paige Stallion
Minooka, IL
Speech Language Pathology

Sydney Nicole Susaraba
Warsaw, IN
Speech Language Pathology

Audrey Anna Szabo
Elkhart, IN
Speech Language Pathology

Mackenzie Lee Tussey
Fayetteville, OH
Speech Language Pathology

Isabel Wood
New Palestine, IN
Speech Language Pathology

The Degree of Bachelor of Arts

Kylee Kageha Abwavo
Grand Rapids, MI
Speech Language Pathology

Raigan Alyse Althouse
Noblesville, IN
Art

Alexis Marie Andrie
San Pedro, CA
Political Science
Cum Laude

Danielle Mariah Armenta
San Diego, CA
Psychology

Emma Valeria Ault
Valparaiso, IN
Speech Language Pathology
Magna Cum Laude

Marissa Danielle Baldonado
Phoenix, AZ
Gender and Women's Studies

Megan Elizabeth Lauren Baumann
Fort Lauderdale, FL
Speech Language Pathology

LeeAnn Kaylen Beaty
Westfield, IN
Speech Language Pathology
Magna Cum Laude

Brittany Blagburn
Fishers, IN
English Literature/Humanistic Studies
Summa Cum Laude

Theresa Hoa Grace Bridge
Indianapolis, IN
Sociology

Madison Rae Brooks
Cassopolis, MI
Physics

Hannah R. Bueno
South Bend, IN
Environmental Studies

Jill Ann Buettner
Belleville, IL
Elementary Education
Magna Cum Laude

Eleanor Frost Burling
Alexandria, VA
Political Science

Gwendolyn Sipos Butler
South Bend, IN
Philosophy
Magna Cum Laude

Sarah Catherine Caldwell
Bay Minette, AL
Communication Studies/
Humanistic Studies

Alexandra Adriana Elisa Calleros
Notre Dame, IN
Creative Writing

Emma Rose Cassidy
Pittsburgh, PA
Elementary Education

Vanessa Cervera
South Bend, IN
Psychology/Sociology
Cum Laude

Gracie Clucas
Galva, IL
Political Science/History
Magna Cum Laude

Tia Lauren Cross
Richmond, CA
Creative Writing

The Degree of Bachelor of Arts

Bea Carmelle Durban Cuasay
Gurnee, IL
Philosophy

Molly Elizabeth Cutter
Dowagiac, MI
Communication Studies
Magna Cum Laude

Emma Nicole Daggy
Osceola, IN
Art
Magna Cum Laude

Isabella D'Aquila
Saint Paul, MN
Humanistic Studies/
Communication Studies
Magna Cum Laude

Tyler A. Davis
Chicago, IL
Art

Elizabeth Lauren Day
Peoria, IL
Communication Studies/History
Magna Cum Laude

Eden Descoteaux
Rochester, IN
English Literature and Creative Writing/
Gender and Women's Studies
Cum Laude

Bridget Donnelly
Winchester, CA
Music

Deirdre Lee Drinkall
Lake Mary, FL
Philosophy/Economics
Magna Cum Laude

Ellen Elizabeth Duda
New Lenox, IL
Speech Language Pathology/Spanish
Cum Laude

Fiona Anne Eggen
Chesterton, IN
Global Studies/History
Cum Laude

Alyssa Christine Esposito
Chicago, IL
Elementary Education

Amy Colleen Fatora
Countryside, IL
Statistical and Actuarial Mathematics
Magna Cum Laude

Alexandra Nicole Fegan
Orland Park, IL
Speech Language Pathology
Magna Cum Laude

Maeve Kathleen Filbin
La Grange Park, IL
Political Science/Economics
Magna Cum Laude

Colleen Rose Fischer
Milwaukee, WI
Political Science/History
Cum Laude

Hannah Elise Fisher
Mishawaka, IN
Speech Language Pathology

Sarah Marguerite Fletcher
Indianapolis, IN
Speech Language Pathology

Julia Angeline Fonder
Middleton, WI
Creative Writing

Meghan Dolan Fors
Jackson, MI
Psychology/Communication Studies

Elizabeth Anne Forton
Petoskey, MI
Psychology

Gwendolyn Elizabeth Fourman
South Bend, IN
Psychology
Cum Laude

Ivol Rose Frasier
Quincy, MI
Psychology/
Gender and Women's Studies
Summa Cum Laude

Moira K. Fulton
Roxbury, NJ
Communication Studies
Magna Cum Laude

Maria Elisa Gallegos
Lafayette, IN
Psychology/Sociology

Alejandra G. Gamboa Valenzuela
Mishawaka, IN
Psychology/Sociology

Gabriella Garcia
Taos, NM
Sociology

Ashley Garren
Mishawaka, IN
Creative Writing/
Communication Studies
Magna Cum Laude

Carina Garza
Detroit, MI
History/Humanistic Studies

Zoe Gatzimos
Osceola, IN
Psychology
Magna Cum Laude

Erin Grimes
Chesterton, IN
Sociology/Humanistic Studies
Summa Cum Laude

Grace Eileen Grueninger
Mequon, WI
History/Communication Studies
Cum Laude

Susana Maria Guerrero
Sanford, FL
Sociology/Spanish
Summa Cum Laude

Nicole Hartsburg
La Porte, IN
Sociology/Psychology

Katherine Quinn Haseley
Mount Prospect, IL
Speech Language Pathology
Magna Cum Laude

The Degree of Bachelor of Arts

Alexis Nicole Hernandez
Granger, IN
Political Science

Ashley Hernandez
West Covina, CA
Psychology

Jordyn Jacqueline Hertzling
Waite Hill Village, OH
Psychology

Sydney Hnat
Pittsburgh, PA
Computing and Applied Mathematics

Katherine Elizabeth Hollman
Fort Wayne, IN
Art
Magna Cum Laude

Katie Elizabeth Jackson
Tucson, AZ
Speech Language Pathology
Summa Cum Laude
Co-Valedictorian

Sara Katherine Jackson
Akron, OH
Global Studies

Carin Elizabeth Kaminski
Valparaiso, IN
Elementary Education
Cum Laude

Madison Jewel Kaple
Shelby, OH
Psychology

Healy Keenan
Drummonds, TN
History

Grace Marie Kelly
Wichita, KS
Psychology

Bridget Lillian Kenney
Livonia, MI
History

Mackenzie Morgan Kersten
Bettendorf, IA
Speech Language Pathology

Lillyanne Daisy King
LaCrosse, IN
Environmental Studies

Brianna Shiru Kinyanjui
Culver, IN
Music

Kaitlyn Ann Kittinger
Albion, MI
Political Science/History

Sophie Koeppel
Edina, MN
History
Magna Cum Laude

Kelsey Kroning
New Lenox, IL
Speech Language Pathology
Cum Laude

Mary Margaret O'Connor Kunz
Carmel, IN
Spanish
Cum Laude

Danielle Lamb
Dowagiac, MI
Theatre/History
Cum Laude

Abigail R. LaPlace
South Bend, IN
Music

Ashanti Latifah Leach
Chicago, IL
Communication Studies/
Humanistic Studies

Alexandria Marie Leonardo
Frankfort, IL
Speech Language Pathology

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Crown Point, IN
*SDM - Interactive Journalism
Magna Cum Laude

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Algonquin, IL
Psychology

Daisy Marie Loza
Lake Station, IN
Psychology

Grace Angela Maher
South Bend, IN
Gender and Women's Studies/
Humanistic Studies
Magna Cum Laude

Mia Marroquin
Holland, MI
Communication Studies
Cum Laude

Karly Ann Marth
Mokena, IL
Elementary Education
Magna Cum Laude

Elizabeth Martinez
Goshen, IN
Sociology

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West Bend, WI
Religious Studies/History
Summa Cum Laude

Rebecca Caroline Mason
Monroe, MI
Psychology/Spanish
Cum Laude

Kelsey Patricia Matyi
Avon, OH
Elementary Education

Reyna Elizabeth McComish
Elkhart, IN
Psychology/Communication Studies

Emma Cate McGahan
Atlanta, GA
Psychology

Julianna M. McKenna
Morristown, NJ
Creative Writing/Psychology
Summa Cum Laude

Caitlyn Elizabeth McKeivitt
Orland Park, IL
Speech Language Pathology
Cum Laude

Meghan Marie McNamara
Harrison Township, MI
Speech Language Pathology/Psychology

The Degree of Bachelor of Arts

Cassidy Jean Miller
Bloomington, IL
Psychology

Greta Catherine Minnema
East Grand Rapids, MI
English Literature and Creative Writing

Francesca Juliana Monsisvais
New Braunfels, TX
Art/Communication Studies

Anne Elizabeth Mundy
Mooresville, NC
Sociology

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Trabuco Canyon, CA
Elementary Education
Cum Laude

Grace Louise Nolan
Noblesville, IN
Communication Studies/Political Science
Magna Cum Laude

Mary Grace Noteman
Glenview, IL
Elementary Education

Regina Novy
Garrett, IN
Statistical and Actuarial Mathematics

Kelsey Grace O'Connor
New Lenox, IL
Communication Studies

Shayla O'Connor
Charlotte, NC
English Literature and Creative Writing
Magna Cum Laude

Carly Elizabeth O'Loughlin
Dayton, OH
Neuroscience
Magna Cum Laude

Riley Ann O'Mearns
Lakeland, TN
Creative Writing

Megan Frances Orzolek
Burnsville, MN
Music
Magna Cum Laude

Giavanna Carmella Paradiso
Columbus, OH
Sociology/Political Science
Summa Cum Laude

Lindsey Michelle Pelletier
Mishawaka, IN
Speech Language Pathology
Summa Cum Laude

Rachel Victoria Perez
Oswego, IL
Psychology

Kayleen Pinkham
Walkerton, IN
Creative Writing

Elizabeth Polstra
Plymouth, IN
History

Jessica Lynn Potter
Chicago, IL
Speech Language Pathology
Cum Laude

Miranda Teresa Proto
Old Tappan, NJ
Communication Studies
Cum Laude

Natalie Elaine Ramirez
Chicago, IL
Global Studies

Maria Reyes
Chicago, IL
Psychology/Spanish

Katherine Richerson
Atlanta, GA
Psychology

Zoe Kathryn-Miller Ricker
South Bend, IN
Art

Frida Paola Rodriguez
Chicago, IL
Speech Language Pathology/Psychology

Katelynn Cecilia Rogers
Crown Point, IN
Psychology/Political Science

Jaqueline Lizbeth Rojas
El Paso, TX
Religious Studies
Cum Laude

Jane Marie Rudloff
Washington, MO
Art

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Walled Lake, MI
Global Studies/Spanish
Magna Cum Laude

Anna E. Sartori
Royal Oak, MI
Elementary Education
Cum Laude

Alison May Schibi
Hays, KS
Psychology
Summa Cum Laude

Sara Jane Schlecht
Ninnekah, OK
History/Creative Writing
Magna Cum Laude

Emily Anne Scott
Gurnee, IL
Elementary Education
Cum Laude

Corrinne Nickole Shaw
Three Rivers, MI
Elementary Education
Cum Laude

Margaret Rose Shereck
Riverside, IL
History/Secondary Education
Magna Cum Laude

Jordan Lynn Smallwood
Fort Wayne, IN
Political Science/Psychology

Brianna Louise Smith
Sussex, NJ
Speech Language Pathology

Caroline Aislinn Smith
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Communication Studies

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Elementary Education

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Brittney Kay Tarkanyi
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Political Science/History
Cum Laude

Hannah Norma Thomas
South Bend, IN
Communication Studies
Summa Cum Laude

Annastacia Thompson
Middletown, CT
Political Science/
Gender and Women's Studies

Olivia A. Thorson
Edina, MN
Speech Language Pathology

Mary Isabela Tibbits
Napa, CA
Environmental Studies
Magna Cum Laude

Victoria Marie Tippmann
Fort Wayne, IN
Psychology
Magna Cum Laude

Isabella Velazquez
Chicago, IL
Psychology

Brynne Elise Volpe
Louisville, KY
Humanistic Studies/English Literature
Magna Cum Laude

Johannah Delphine Ward
Cincinnati, OH
Creative Writing/Humanistic Studies

Emily Wasoski
South Bend, IN
Creative Writing

Tori Elizabeth Weston
Houston, TX
Political Science
Cum Laude

Kathleen Maura Williams
Traverse City, MI
Religious Studies/Political Science

Stefanie Marie Winnicki
New Carlisle, IN
Global Studies
Summa Cum Laude
Co-Valedictorian

Xinrui Yu
Wuhan, Hubei, China
Psychology

Grace Margaret Zablocki
Naperville, IL
Gender and Women's Studies
Cum Laude

Alexis Nichole Zachary
South Bend, IN
Art

The Degree of Bachelor of Business Administration

Sara Jane Aubry
Toledo, OH
Accounting
Summa Cum Laude

Addie Magdalene Bobosky
Batavia, IL
Business Administration
Magna Cum Laude

Lizbeth Celis
Elkhart, IN
Accounting
Cum Laude

Rebecca Anne Cesario
Petoskey, MI
Business Administration

Lillian Antoinette Chamberlin
Harbor Springs, MI
Business Administration

Elle Christian
Duluth, MN
Business Administration

Rebecca Helen Corn
Lakewood, IL
Accounting

Claire Marie Doyle
Livonia, MI
Business Administration
Cum Laude

Allison Rose Driscoll
East Grand Rapids, MI
Business Administration/Economics
Summa Cum Laude

Hailey Nichole Figert
Mishawaka, IN
Business Administration

Madelaine Gelesko
Bridgman, MI
Business Administration/Statistical
and Actuarial Mathematics
Magna Cum Laude

Alexandra Nicole Gumz
Portage, WI
Business Administration

Jessica Anne Hardig
South Bend, IN
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Cum Laude

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Olivia Hope Heppeler

Frankfort, IL
Business Administration

Madelyn Hopek

North Riverside, IL
Accounting
Cum Laude

Kennedy T.J. Hunt

South Bend, IN
Business Administration

Claire Elizabeth Kavanaugh

Portage, MI
Business Administration/Spanish
Magna Cum Laude

Laura Keating

Naperville, IL
Accounting
Magna Cum Laude

Hunter Caitlin Kehoe

Traverse City, MI
Business Administration

JoAnna L. Keilman

South Bend, IN
Business Administration

Gabriella Kimes

Valparaiso, IN
Accounting

Katherine Lee Krecek

LaGrange, IL
Accounting
Summa Cum Laude

Jazzlyn Kwapong

Norfolk, VA
Business Administration
Cum Laude

Meghan Elizabeth Lang

Phoenix, AZ
Business Administration
Magna Cum Laude

Claire Kathryn Linginfelter

Richmond, IN
Business Administration
Magna Cum Laude

Melaineey Lowe

Cape Coral, FL
Business Administration

Audrina Nicole Massey

East Peoria, IL
Business Administration

Alexis Nicole Mattea

Joliet, IL
Business Administration

Natalie McKee

Naperville, IL
Business Administration

Devyn Miller

South Bend, IN
Business Administration
Magna Cum Laude

Mary E. Murphy

Hinsdale, IL
Business Administration
Cum Laude

Katherine Susan Nash

Kenilworth, IL
Accounting
Magna Cum Laude

Allison Marie Okeley

Crown Point, IN
Business Administration/
Communication Studies
Cum Laude

Aurora Citlalli Picon

South Bend, IN
Business Administration

Natalie Kristine Platon

Lancaster, PA
Accounting

Lillian Rumley

Hartford, MI
Accounting
Summa Cum Laude

Emma Schramko

Hinsdale, IL
Business Administration

Elizabeth Lauren Schulte

Okeana, OH
Business Administration
Summa Cum Laude

Hannah Louise Skrypkun

Chicago, IL
Business Administration
Cum Laude

Summer Stillson

Nappanee, IN
Business Administration
Magna Cum Laude

Makayla Ann Sullivan

Saint John, IN
Accounting
Cum Laude

Molly Rose Walkowski

Palos Park, IL
Business Administration

Emily Renee' Wenglarz

San Pierre, IN
Business Administration

Anna Joy Wessel

Berkeley Heights, NJ
Business Administration
Cum Laude

Julia K. Wilson

Milford, MI
Business Administration/Economics
Magna Cum Laude

The Degree of Bachelor of Fine Arts

Emma Louise Panowicz

Granger, IN

Art

Cum Laude

The Degree of Bachelor of Music

Emily Claire Pantelleria

Fennville, MI

Music Education

The Degree of Bachelor of Science

Vianney Acosta

Chicago, IL

Statistical and Actuarial Mathematics

Alyssa Chong

San Diego, CA

Physics and Applied Mathematics

Joy Angelica Fullerton

Lake Orion, MI

Biology

Sarah Elisabeth Austin

Riverside, IL

Biology

Riley Ann Clarey

Frankfort, IL

Physics

Morgan Elizabeth Greene

Orland Park, IL

Mathematics

Valeria Badilla

Edwardsburg, MI

Biology

Catelyn Clark

Corvallis, OR

Biology

Cum Laude

Megan Marie Grush

Grabill, IN

Biology

Magna Cum Laude

Emma Baldwin

Indianapolis, IN

Biology

Cum Laude

Taylor Colgan

Arlington Heights, IL

Biology

Alexandra Guevara Stevens

San Antonio, TX

Computing and Applied Mathematics

Nicole Alane Becker

Tupelo, MS

Mathematics

Cum Laude

Alexis Grace Crandall

Sackets Harbor, NY

Biology

Cum Laude

Sarah Catherine Harouse

Pittsburgh, PA

Biology

Savannah Rose Bedford

Portland, OR

Mathematics

Erin Elizabeth Doyle

Niskayuna, NY

Mathematics

Cum Laude

Natilyn Danielle Hasty

Brandon, MS

Biology

Magna Cum Laude

Kaelyn Bender

Albion, IN

Biology

Emily Emerson

Batavia, IL

Biology

Magna Cum Laude

Olivia Ryanne-Alene Hershberger

South Bend, IN

Biology

Mary Elizabeth Blake

Plymouth, IN

Statistical and Actuarial Mathematics

Summa Cum Laude

Micaela Enright

Portage, IN

Biology

Cum Laude

Katherine Mary Elizabeth Hill

Fort Wayne, IN

Biology

Katelyn Mariann Boyer

Edwardsburg, MI

Biology

Paige Patricia Finley

Cincinnati, OH

Physics

Olivia Lorri Hoff

Tampa, FL

Biology

The Degree of Bachelor of Science

Aubrey Houser
North Liberty, IN
Physics/Spanish
Cum Laude

Tatum Lujan Johnson
Spring Lake, MI
Biology

Rhiannon Maria Jones
Indianapolis, IN
Biology
Magna Cum Laude

Claire Marie Kearns
Juno Beach, FL
Chemistry

Madalyn Anne King
South Bend, IN
Mathematics

Cecelia Klimek
South Bend, IN
Chemistry
Cum Laude

Chloe Jane Klosinski
Osceola, IN
Biology

Kerrie A. Koller
Bethlehem, PA
Physics
Summa Cum Laude

Grace Katherine Kulin
Shelby Township, MI
Physics and Applied Mathematics
Magna Cum Laude

Mary Margaret O'Connor Kunz
Carmel, IN
Biology
Cum Laude

Christina Lombardi
Coto de Caza, CA
Biology

Katelynn Rose Lyons
Oviedo, FL
Physics and Applied Mathematics
Cum Laude

Ana Elizabeth Martinez
Elkhart, IN
Chemistry
Magna Cum Laude

Shannon M. May
Catoosa, OK
Physics and Applied Mathematics

Mila Annais Zaderej Medich
South Bend, IN
Chemistry

Kaytlyn Michelle Metz
Niles, MI
Biology

Chido Dorothy Moyo
Traverse City, MI
Biology

Caroline Thomas Nist
Boise, ID
Physics

Kailey M. Novack
Aurora, IL
Chemistry

Emily Ann Oppman
Niles, MI
Biology
Summa Cum Laude

McKenna O'Shea
Clarklake, MI
Biology
Magna Cum Laude

Sarah Jessica Palmer
Larwill, IN
Physics

Dora Anne Riddick
Fayetteville, NC
Physics and Applied Mathematics
Cum Laude

Natasha Robinson
Chicago, IL
Chemistry
Magna Cum Laude

Jaqueline Lizbeth Rojas
El Paso, TX
Chemistry
Cum Laude

Marisabel M. Sanchez
Fort Wayne, IN
Biology/Spanish
Magna Cum Laude

Megan Saunders
Jackson, MI
Biology
Magna Cum Laude

Chloe Schmalz
Indianapolis, IN
Biology
Magna Cum Laude

Kailey Ann Schramm
South Bend, IN
Biology
Magna Cum Laude

Bridget Nicole Slandzicki
Franklin, TN
Biology/Psychology

Shaylee Kaye Smith
New Carlisle, IN
Biology
Summa Cum Laude

Samantha Tijerina
South Bend, IN
Biology

Angel True-McGinnis
Milwaukee, WI
Biology

Veronica Renae Vanoverbeke
Girard, OH
Biology
Summa Cum Laude

Marisa Jane Ventura
Spring Lake, NJ
Neuroscience

Emily Ann Wieczorek
New Carlisle, IN
Biology
Summa Cum Laude

The Degree of Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Anna Marie Abel
Mokena, IL
Nursing

Taylor Barnard
Osceola, IN
Nursing
Cum Laude

Marybeth Barnes
Scottsdale, AZ
Nursing

Shannon Bhullar
La Porte, IN
Nursing
Magna Cum Laude

Karley Bounds
Mishawaka, IN
Nursing
Magna Cum Laude

Kaelyn Marie Brecevic
Colorado Springs, CO
Nursing
Magna Cum Laude

Cedella Rose Breitenstein
Columbus, OH
Nursing
Cum Laude

Emma Catherine Brownsberger
Saline, MI
Nursing

Maria Grace Bruno
Saint Paul, MN
Nursing
Cum Laude

Morgan Marie Burnett
Rolling Prairie, IN
Nursing

Hannah Marie Chenoweth
Hobe Sound, FL
Nursing

Karis Nicole Cochrane
Elkhart, IN
Nursing

Pamela Elizabeth Condly
Notre Dame, IN
Nursing
Cum Laude

Megan Marie Davy
Morris, IL
Nursing

Mary Kaitlin Connelly Devine
Lisle, IL
Nursing

Katelyn June Edwards
Brownsburg, IN
Nursing

Kayla Renee Ericksen
Crown Point, IN
Nursing

Elise Nicole Gerken
Western Springs, IL
Nursing

Jordan Marie Gilchrist
Ellwood City, PA
Nursing

Delaney Rose Goggins
Flushing, MI
Nursing

Angela Hagen
Saint Paul, MN
Nursing

Clare Marie Harding
Granger, IN
Nursing
Cum Laude

Kylee Brigid Hillmann
Kalamazoo, MI
Nursing

Madelynn Nicole Keller
Three Oaks, MI
Nursing

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Nursing

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Nursing
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Nursing

Taylor Diane Roach
Nashville, TN
Nursing

Haley Christine Roecker
Monroe, MI
Nursing

Gianna Nicole Rumoro
North Riverside, IL
Nursing

Patricia Lorraine Scheltens
Clarendon Hills, IL
Nursing

Holland Rose Sebastian
New Lenox, IL
Nursing

Meredith Anne Solari
Mount Prospect, IL
Nursing

The Degree of Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Elizabeth K. Speybroeck
South Bend, IN
Nursing
Magna Cum Laude

Morgan VanderWey
Tinley Park, IL
Nursing
Summa Cum Laude

Megan Elizabeth Will
Aurora, IL
Nursing
Magna Cum Laude

Jenna Bartley Stengle
Toledo, OH
Nursing
Cum Laude

Allison Nicole VanTornhout
South Bend, IN
Nursing

Grace Margaret Zablocki
Naperville, IL
Nursing
Cum Laude

Abigail Vandemark
Woodstock, GA
Nursing

Lexis Mackensi White
South Bend, IN
Nursing

The Degree of Bachelor of Social Work

Katerina Gonzales Esguerra
Zion, IL
Social Work/Psychology

Jane Frances Korson
Fort Wayne, IN
Social Work

Mia Williams
Elmwood Park, IL
Social Work
Cum Laude

Kaitlyn Heiss
Grand Rapids, MI
Social Work/Sociology
Summa Cum Laude

Cailey Rose Muldoon
La Grange, IL
Social Work/Psychology

Lauren Ellen Wood
Naperville, IL
Social Work

Rebecca Elizabeth Klaybor
South Bend, IN
Social Work
Cum Laude

Rita May Sushmitha Pillai
South Bend, IN
Social Work

Faith Simone' Young
South Bend, IN
Social Work

*SDM— Student-Designed Major



Honors

Department Awards

Art

Saint Luke's Medal – Alexis Zachary
Sister Edna Service Award – KatieBeth Hollman and Emma Panowicz

Biology

Mother M. Rose Elizabeth, CSC Award – Veronica Vanoverbeke
Sister M. Rosaleen Dunleavy, CSC Award – McKenna O'Shea and Megan Saunders
George and Juanda Bick Nature Award – Shaylee Smith

Business Administration and Economics

Frank A. Yeandel Service Award – Sara Aubry
Jerome L. McElroy Outstanding Achievement Award – Kelly Harris
Academic Achievement Award – Kelly Harris
Achievement Award (Accounting) – Lillian Rumley
Achievement Award (Economics) – Julia Wilson
Achievement Award (Finance) – Kelly Harris
Achievement Award (Management) – Addie Bobosky
Academic Achievement Award (Marketing) – Allison Driscoll
Ernst & Young Award – Katherine Krecek
Deloitte Award – Sara Aubry
Crowe Horwath Award – Lillian Rumley
PricewaterhouseCoopers Award – Madelyn Hopek

Chemistry and Physics

Mother M. Rose Elizabeth, CSC Award – Natasha Robinson
American Institute of Chemists Award – Ana Martinez
Richard Tarara Academic Excellence in Physics Award – Kerrie Koller
The F. Lee Benton Exceptional Service and Research in Physics Award – Aubrey Houser

Communication Studies, Dance, and Theatre

Ann Plamondon Award for Excellence in Communication Studies – Hannah Thomas
Communication Studies Service Award – Elizabeth Day
Terpsichorean Award for Excellence in Dance – Elisabeth Lasecki (ND) and Emily Wenglarz

Education

Mary A. McDermott Award – Karly Marth
Mimi Doherty Junior Elementary Education Award – MaryKatherine Dempsey
IACTE Outstanding Future Educators Award – Andrew Liftka (ND), Mary Muzzy, and Anna Sartori
Schmuhl Early Education Award – Alicia Ready and Brianna Smith
Grace Sullivan McGuire Award – Emma Daggy and KatieBeth Hollman

English

Elisabeth A. Noel English Prize – Brittany Blagburn
Laurie A. Lesniewski Creative Writing Award – Alexandra Calleros and Riley O'Mearns

Environmental Studies

Environmental Studies Award – Isabela Tibbits

Gender and Women's Studies

Mary Frances Eder Halpin Award in Gender and Women's Studies –
Amory Descoteaux and Grace Maher

Global Studies

Outstanding Achievement in Global Studies – Stefanie Winnicki
Outstanding Senior Comprehensive Award in Global Studies – Monica Rzepka

Department Awards

History

Martha Montgomery Schurz Memorial Award for Excellence in History – Elizabeth Day and Mackenzie Mas
Martha Montgomery Schurz Memorial Award for Excellence in the Senior Seminar Research Paper –
Sophie Koepl
Martha Montgomery Schurz Memorial Award for Excellence in Writing in the Women’s History Program –
Grace Gruening and Sara Schlecht

Humanistic Studies

Thomas More Award – Erin Grimes and Grace Maher

Mathematics

Milko Jeglic Award – Mary Blake
Elizabeth Lin Lo Award – Sarah Bub and Emily Tobias
Donald E. Miller Award – Nicole Becker

Modern Languages

Leonilda Francesca Acerra and Dominico Enrico Christofaro Award in Italian – Jaqueline Rojas
Anne Cashore Borjas Award in Spanish – Susana Guerrero, Mary Margaret Kunz, and Marisabel Sanchez
Spanish Service Award – Susana Guerrero and Marisabel Sanchez

Music

Emma Krost Eder Award for Musical Excellence – Megan Orzolek

Nursing Science

Evelyn McGuinness Award for Excellence in Nursing – Grace Zablocki
Humanitarian in Nursing Award – Kaelyn Brecevic

Political Science

Juliette Noone Lester Award – Maeve Filbin

Psychology

Animating Spirit Award – Ivof Frasier and Zoe Gatzimos
Joseph Miller Outstanding Scholarship Award – Julianna McKenna and Alison Schibi

Religious Studies

Helen Carroll Award – Mackenzie Mas
David J. Murphy Carmelite Award – Molly Soper

Social Work and Gerontology

Academic Excellence Award – Kaitlyn Heiss
Leadership Award – Rebecca Klaybor and Cailey Muldoon
Josephine Murphy Kuhl Research Award – Katerina Esguerra, Kaitlyn Heiss, Lauren Wood, and Faith Young
Kristi A. Morris Award – Faith Young

Sociology

Donald N. M. Horning Award – Susana Guerrero

Speech Language Pathology

Ancora Imparo Award – Lindsey Pelletier
Carolyn S. Langley Award (Graduate Program) – Sydney Susaraba

College Awards

Mary Ellen Smith Academic and Athletic Achievement Award

Morgan VanderWey

Saint Mary's College Alumnae Association 2021 Outstanding Senior Award

Addie Bobosky

Sigma Xi Excellence in Undergraduate Research Award

Biology – Veronica Vanoverbeke

Chemistry – Ana Martinez

Mathematics – Erin Doyle

Physics – Kerrie Koller

Maryjeanne R. Burke and Daughters Pre-tenure Faculty SSTAR (Student Independent Study and Research) Awards

Libbey Detcher '23 and Assistant Professor Susan Mancino

Transgenerational Impacts of Children's Media: The Fred Rogers Company

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Formal Academic Regalia

The formal academic regalia worn by today's graduates and faculty have their origin in the clerical costumes of medieval Europe and have evolved into a great variety of patterns and styles. Late in the last century, American colleges and universities agreed to standardize their regalia; however, there is now a movement to return to individual designs for each institution.

The gown worn by those holding or receiving the bachelor's degree is plain black with pointed sleeves. The master's gown is characterized by a uniquely long, closed sleeve with a slit at the elbow, through which the arm protruded; this peculiarity is now being replaced by a sleeve more like that of a bachelor's. The doctoral gown has very full bell sleeves and is trimmed with velvet in panels down the front and stripes across the sleeves.

The familiar mortarboard cap bears only a faint resemblance to its close relative, the clerical biretta. Some institutions now specify that a soft cap somewhat like a tam o'shanter is worn. The cap worn by those with a bachelor's degree is decorated with a black tassel or a color indicative of the area of study. Those earning a master's degree wear black tassels. Those earning a doctorate wear either black or metallic gold.

Most symbolic and informative of the regalia is the hood, which is no longer raised over the head but is hung down the back just as a cleric wore it when baring the head in church. The bachelor's hood is three feet long, the master's is three-and-one-half feet, and the doctoral's is four feet long with a rectangular panel which once served as a shoulder cape when the hood was raised. All of the hoods have a velvet border in the color of the degree according to the same system used for the trim of the doctoral gown (see below).

Degree colors (tassels and hood trim)

*Arts and Humanities *White*

*Science *Golden Yellow*

*Fine Arts *Brown*

*Music *Pink*

*Business *Drab (Light Brown)*

*Social Work *Citron*

*Nursing *Apricot*

Philosophy *Dark Blue*

Education *Light Blue*

Theology *Scarlet*

Library Science *Lemon*

Engineering *Orange*

Law *Purple*

**Saint Mary's College degrees*

Other colors may be found on faculty hoods, although most hold a Ph.D. or doctorate of philosophy, so their hoods will have dark blue trim.

The colors and patterns of the satin lining of the hood identify the college or university conferring the degree; most prominent in the procession today is the light blue background and white chevron of Saint Mary's College.

Richard C. Pilger Jr.
Marshal *Emeritus*

Sister Madeleva's Walking Stick

The walking stick of Sister Madeleva Wolff, CSC serves as a reminder of College's founders and sponsors, the Congregation of the Sisters of the Holy Cross. As one of the College's longest serving presidents, Sister Madeleva guided Saint Mary's to its status as the country's premiere Catholic liberal arts college for women, and it is appropriate that an artifact from her life serves as a link to the College's history.

Sister Madeleva associated walking sticks with the pilgrim's staff used to traverse the *Camino de Santiago* in Spain. So this walking stick also serves as a symbol of both the path our students will tread as they leave the College as pilgrims in life and the support they will need on the way.

Each new President chooses which, of the many walking sticks that Sister Madeleva collected over her life, is to be used during that President's tenure. The selected symbol leads the processions at academic ceremonies, much as a ceremonial mace does at other colleges. The one used in the procession today is a brightly colored cane attributed to southern Mexico. It contains images of a flying eagle with a snake in its mouth in the upper area near the shepherd's crook shaped handle.

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In Memoriam Cheryl Stillson

Cheryl Stillson was a familiar face during Saint Mary's Commencement weekend, providing sign language services for more than 25 years at both Baccalaureate Mass and the Commencement ceremony. She also taught American Sign Language as a part time faculty member in the Speech Language Pathology Department from 1992–2019. Cheryl was the ultimate professional and took great pride in her work. Students loved her passion and how she actively engaged them in class. Her kind and loving presence will be missed this weekend. Cheryl passed away on November 10, 2020.

The Bells of Saint Mary's

arr. Sprague

Oh, Bells of Saint Mary's, We always will
Saint Mar - y's, Saint Mar - y's, We hear your voice

love you. With your in spir - a - tion girls, We ne - ver you will
call - ing, Your old girls, your young girls, the girls you love

fail. Your chimes will for - e - ver - bring sweet me - m'ries
best. To you you Al - ma Ma - ter, with beau - ty en -

of thra - you. So proud - ly our ring hearts out while we sing praise for
ling, we bring our hearts we sing our praise be -

1. you and for me. 2. lov - ed and best!

Mission Statement

Founded by the Sisters of the Holy Cross in 1844, Saint Mary's College promotes a life of intellectual vigor, aesthetic appreciation, religious sensibility, and social responsibility. Saint Mary's is a Catholic, residential, women's, liberal arts college offering undergraduate degrees and co-educational graduate programs.

A pioneer in the education of women, the College fosters an inclusive, academic community where students discover and develop their talents as they prepare to make a difference in the world. All members of the College contribute to this mission in their response to the complex needs and challenges of contemporary life.

Statement of Philosophy and Purpose

As a center of higher education, Saint Mary's fosters an academic climate of scholarship and learning for faculty and students alike. Through excellence in teaching and the example of its own active scholarship, the faculty challenge students to expand their horizons and support them in their intellectual pursuits. A broad-based course of study invites students to think critically and creatively about the natural world and human culture. Acknowledging the need to prepare women for an array of careers, the College provides a liberal arts foundation for all students. Through their years at Saint Mary's, students acquire depth and breadth of knowledge, competence in quantitative skills and modern languages, the ability to think clearly about complex problems, and the capacity to communicate with precision and style.

As a Catholic college, Saint Mary's cultivates a community of intellectual inquiry, liturgical prayer, and social action. The College creates an open forum in which students freely and critically study the rich heritage of the Catholic tradition, raising the questions necessary to develop a mature religious life. The celebration of liturgy encourages students to explore the fullness of life and its mysteries. The College nurtures awareness and compassion for a troubled world and challenges students to promote human dignity throughout their lives. In preparing women for roles of leadership and action, Saint Mary's pays particular attention to the rights and responsibilities of women in the worlds of work, church, community, and family.

Dedicated to the personal and social growth of its students, Saint Mary's cultivates a community of students, faculty, and staff, which responds to the needs of women. In order to offer the richest educational experience possible, the College strives to bring together women of different nations, cultures, and races. It provides a residential environment where women grow in their appreciation of the strengths and needs of others. Through a host of co-curricular programs on campus and in the local community, Saint Mary's initiates students in the habits of civic responsibility. Engaging in all aspects of the college experience, students acquire the hallmarks of a liberally educated woman: keen self-knowledge, lively imagination, lifelong intellectual and cultural interests, and the ability to make socially responsible choices about the future.

