

Saint Mary's College
177th Annual

Commencement

May 18, 2024



Saint Mary's College Welcomes you to the 177th annual Commencement

Order of Ceremony

Academic Procession

National Anthem

Camryn Hurley '24

Invocation

Maureen Karnatz Smith '85

Chair, Board of Trustees

Welcome

Katie Conboy, Ph.D.

President

Lumen Christi Award

Julianne E. Wallace, D.Min.

Vice President for Mission

Madeleva Award

Colleen M. Hoover, Ph.D.

Associate Provost and Dean of Graduate Studies

Presentation of Valedictorian Medals

Barbara May, Ph.D.

Provost and Senior Vice President

Margaret McNabb

Nadia Muniz

Valedictories

Conferral of Honorary Degrees

Barbara May

Commencement Address

Patti Phillips

Citations for Graduate and Undergraduate Degrees in Course

Barbara May

Presentation of Graduates

Tracy P. White

Director of Advising

Conferral of Degrees and Charge to the Class

Katie Conboy

The Bells of Saint Mary's

Georgia Sigler '24

Recession

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



Frances Bardello Craig '64

Doctor of Science, Honoris Causa

Fran Craig graduated with honors from Saint Mary's College in 1964 with a BS in mathematics. Early on Craig recognized the need for web-based data solutions that give users real-time insights, facilitate decision making, and contribute to long-term growth. After working in several technology positions, Craig founded her own company, Computer Strategies, in 1988—from her dining room table. She built the company with the goal of creating a great team, knowing the team would do great things for their customers. The company has since evolved into Unanet, a software product company with over 375 employees. Until her retirement in 2019, Craig served as CEO, leading the company's strategy and positioning, guiding recruitment efforts, and forging key relationships within the industry. She remains on Unanet's Board of Directors. Craig broke many glass ceilings in her career, flourishing in what remains a male-dominated field. Craig has given back financially to many women's and STEM-focused organizations, including Saint Mary's College. One of her passions is to increase the number of women in computer science and mathematics fields. She has returned to campus to speak with Saint Mary's students about her entrepreneurial journey. Craig remains active with nascent technology companies, especially those owned by women. She mentors and speaks publicly on corporate culture, entrepreneurship, and women in business and leadership.



Norma Pimentel, MJ

Doctor of Humane Letters, Honoris Causa

Norma Pimentel, a Sister with the Missionaries of Jesus and licensed professional counselor, is the executive director of Catholic Charities of the Rio Grande Valley in San Juan, Texas. In this position since 2004, she oversees the ministries and services for the Diocese of Brownsville. This includes emergency assistance, homelessness prevention, disaster relief, food programs, clinical counseling, and humanitarian relief to immigrants. Under her leadership, the organization has housed and assisted well over 100,000 people at the border. A daughter of Mexican immigrants herself, Pimentel has spent her life in radical imitation of Christ reaching out to the poor. Her tireless humanitarian work to provide a safe space for refugees and immigrants along the U.S.-Mexico border has been praised by Pope Francis and many other organizations across the country. In 2020, she was named one of *Time's* 100 most influential people in the world. Pimentel also received the Laetare Medal from the University of Notre Dame for her outstanding service to the Catholic Church and society. Pimentel earned a BA in fine arts from Pan American University; an MA in theology from St. Mary's University; an MA in pastoral counseling from Loyola University Chicago.



Patti Phillips

Doctor of Humane Letters, Honoris Causa

Patti Phillips is the chief executive officer of Women Leaders in Sports, a vibrant community of nearly 6,000 members with a mission to develop, connect, and champion women to advance and be a powerful influence in sports. Under her leadership since 2010, the organization has gone through a brand transformation, experienced triple-digit growth in membership, and established itself as the premier leadership association for women in sport. Phillips has dedicated her career to coaching, mentoring, and inspiring women at all levels, in all industries. Prior to joining Women Leaders, Phillips served as the Executive Director of the Kansas City Sports Commission's Women's Intersport Network, a nonprofit dedicated to leadership development in girls and women through participation in sports. She has influenced the world of leadership and sports from countless angles as CEO, executive director, NCAA program coordinator, color analyst, and coach. Phillips received the NCAA's Champions of Diversity Award in 2015 and the Petey National Leadership Award in 2017. She serves on the Board of Directors for the Women's Foundation of Greater Kansas City and is past president of the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame. Known for her authenticity and tireless commitment to women's advancement and development, Phillips is a well-known keynote speaker on leadership, teamwork, and culture. She earned her BA from Baker University and her master's in athletic administration and sports psychology from the University of Kansas.



The Degree of Doctor of Nursing Practice

Molly Ann Fagan

Chardon, OH
Adult Gerontology Acute Care
Director: Dr. Dani Edson DNP,
AGACNP-BC, CCRN

Kayla Rose Hoeffel

Fort Wayne, IN
Family Nurse Practitioner
Director: Dr. Sue Anderson Ph.D., RN,
FNP-BC

Katherine Elizabeth Liu

Chicago, IL
Adult Gerontology Acute Care
Director: Dr. Dani Edson DNP,
AGACNP-BC, CCRN

Jessica Ann Greene

Jenison, MI
Family Nurse Practitioner
Director: Dr. Jennifer Bauer DNP,
FNP-C

Madeline Johnson-Ellis

Wadsworth, IL
Adult Gerontology Acute Care
Director: Dr. Dani Edson DNP,
AGACNP-BC, CCRN

Caitlin Elizabeth Sayers

Fishers, IN
Adult Gerontology Acute Care
Director: Dr. Dani Edson DNP,
AGACNP-BC, CCRN

Jessica Pauline Hiler

South Bend, IN
Adult Gerontology Primary Care
Director: Dr. Jennifer Bauer DNP,
FNP-C

Kelsey Anne Keilman

South Bend, IN
Family Nurse Practitioner
Director: Dr. Sue Anderson Ph.D., RN,
FNP-BC

The Degree of Master of Autism Studies

Payton Field Gennett

Henderson, NV
Autism Studies

Megan Marie Johnson

Ames, IA
Autism Studies

Candace Marie Todd

Atlanta, GA
Autism Studies

The Degree of Master of Science

Anita Achea

Louisville, KY
Speech Language Pathology

Sydney Nicole Haislip

Munster, IN
Data Science

Ellen Christina Lebert

Orland Park, IL
Speech Language Pathology

Kendall Jane Carnes

Argos, IN
Data Science

Emma Rebecca Harmon

Indianapolis, IN
Speech Language Pathology

Mary Olivia Lynskey

Chattanooga, TN
Speech Language Pathology

Maxwell Harrison Cherioli

South Bend, IN
Speech Language Pathology

Lindsey Allyse Herdsman

Rockford, MI
Speech Language Pathology

Grace Deanna Maher

Greenwood, IN
Speech Language Pathology

Anna Christine Elliott

Greenwood, IN
Speech Language Pathology

Summer F. Herzog

Jasper, IN
Speech Language Pathology

Olivia Bernadette Morrissey

Hinsdale, IL
Speech Language Pathology

Rileigh K. Geelan

Canton, CT
Speech Language Pathology

Megan Marie Johnson

Ames, IA
Speech Language Pathology

Sydney Shea Mullin

Benito, Manitoba, Canada
Speech Language Pathology

Payton Field Gennett

Henderson, NV
Speech Language Pathology

Ava Elizabeth Kennedy

Fort Wayne, IN
Speech Language Pathology

Kelsey Marlaine Pettrone

La Grange, IL
Data Science

The Degree of Master of Science

Sophia Alexandra Roman
Chicago, IL
Speech Language Pathology

Michael Edward Schrand
Dayton, OH
Data Science

Sophia Martine Schwartz
Fort Wayne, IN
Speech Language Pathology

Sarah Ann Teed
Naperville, IL
Speech Language Pathology

Candace Marie Todd
Atlanta, GA
Speech Language Pathology

Katherine Theresa Underly
South Bend, IN
Speech Language Pathology

Natalie Elizabeth Volling
Crystal Lake, IL
Data Science

The Degree of Master of Science in Nursing

Sierra Faith Broadstreet
South Bend, IN
Nursing

Madison E. Gonzales
South Bend, IN
Nursing

An Mi Luu
South Bend, IN
Nursing

Marissa Anne Okeley
Crown Point, IN
Nursing

Iona Marie Popa
San Francisco, CA
Nursing

Sarah Elizabeth Walters
South Bend, IN
Nursing

The Degree of Master of Social Work

Vanessa Mae Gunter
Fort Wayne, IN
Clinical Social Work Accelerated

Faith Simmone' Young
Mishawaka, IN
Clinical Social Work Accelerated

The Degree of Bachelor of Arts

Lindsey Lucille Adent

Saint Joseph, MI
Elementary Education
Cum Laude

Lillian Althouse

Noblesville, IN
Psychology

Maeve Catherine Andrews

Daphne, AL
Psychology

Viviana Alejandra Antimo

Chicago, IL
Neuroscience

Katryn Babe

Oxford, MI
Speech Language Pathology
Magna Cum Laude

Emma Marguerite Bacon

Columbus, OH
Communication Studies

Paige Advlone Barrier

South Bend, IN
History/Humanistic Studies/Gender
and Women's Studies
Magna Cum Laude

Claire Delaney Bartz

Niles, MI
Speech Language Pathology
Summa Cum Laude

Reese Bauer

Garden City, NY
Political Science/Economics
Magna Cum Laude

Abigail Rose Beck

Northridge, CA
Communication Studies

Megan Elizabeth Berry

Pleasant Prairie, WI
Psychology
Magna Cum Laude

Natalie Clare Biegel

Mundelein, IL
Sociology/Theatre

Elizabeth Morgan Bierbaum

Fort Wayne, IN
Psychology
Magna Cum Laude

Kaitlyn Leigh Bishop

La Porte, IN
Elementary Education
Cum Laude

Elizabeth Kae Bourassa

New Brighton, MN
Mathematics/Secondary Education
Cum Laude

Margot Boyer

Granger, IN
Elementary Education

Gretchen Jane Brauer

Arlington Heights, IL
Elementary Education

Ashley Nicole Brewster

Goshen, IN
Psychology
Summa Cum Laude

Yshel Brito Azcatl

Phoenix, AZ
Speech Language Pathology
Magna Cum Laude

Amelia Brookshire

South Bend, IN
Art

Molly Kathleen Brown

Crete, IL
Communication Studies
Summa Cum Laude

Hannah Lynn Bruckman

Pewaukee, WI
Communication Studies
Magna Cum Laude

Riley Dawn Burdge

Bryan, OH
Gender and Women's Studies

Mary Castillo

Cape Coral, FL
ISDM: Health and Human Services

Anastasia Quinn Chambers

South Bend, IN
Computing and Applied Mathematics
Magna Cum Laude

Chloe Elizabeth Coddington

Wesley Chapel, FL
Political Science

Catherine Elizabeth Cushwa

Hudson, OH
Theatre

Gabriele Michele Dennis

Mishawaka, IN
ISDM: Health and Human Services

Carmen Terese DeStazio

Stevensville, MI
Environmental Studies/Political Science

Lauren Elizabeth DeVries

Grand Rapids, MI
Speech Language Pathology
Magna Cum Laude

Grace Kelley Enright

Palos Heights, IL
Statistical & Actuarial Mathematics
Cum Laude

Marie Claire Ferretti

Dallas, TX
Global Studies
Summa Cum Laude

Carmen Anneliese Feucht

Maitland, FL
Communication Studies/Political Science
Magna Cum Laude

Jennifer Flores

Indianapolis, IN
Communication Studies/Spanish
Magna Cum Laude

Erin Riley Fors

Jackson, MI
Communication Studies

Dakota Freel

Elkhart, IN
Environmental Studies

The Degree of Bachelor of Arts

Abigail Joyce Fruk
Niles, MI
Religious Studies and Theology/
Philosophy
Magna Cum Laude

Mary Kathleen Gareau
Manassas, VA
Psychology/Humanistic Studies
Magna Cum Laude

Anne Preston Goralczyk
South Bend, IN
Elementary Education
Summa Cum Laude

Anne Wallace Green
Saint Paul, MN
Psychology
Cum Laude

Haley Marie Greene
Saline, MI
Neuroscience
Cum Laude

Eliza Caroline Grimm
Pittsburgh, PA
History/Global Studies
Cum Laude

Anna Louise Gruber
South Bend, IN
Elementary Education
Cum Laude

Kimberly Guijosa-Torres
Goshen, IN
Psychology/Spanish
Magna Cum Laude

Meara Kathleen Haggerty
Chicago, IL
Speech Language Pathology
Summa Cum Laude

Sophia Ann Hall
South Bend, IN
Art

Kathleen Evelyn Hannon
Franklin, MA
Religious Studies and Theology
Summa Cum Laude

Hayley Anne Helt
Westerville, OH
Elementary Education
Cum Laude

Emerson Cate Henry
Danville, CA
Elementary Education
Cum Laude

Caroline Della Henzel
Plainfield, IL
Communication Studies

Luann Hernandez-Montano
Elkhart, IN
Speech Language Pathology
Magna Cum Laude

Isel Guadalupe Herrera
Ligonier, IN
Global Studies/Spanish
Magna Cum Laude

Alyssa Paige Himschoot
South Bend, IN
Speech Language Pathology
Summa Cum Laude

Isla Brooke Hofmann
Indianapolis, IN
Humanistic Studies/Theatre
Cum Laude

Katelyn Marie Hopper
Algonquin, IL
Sociology/Political Science
Cum Laude

Madison Hornak
Grand Haven, MI
Gender and Women's Studies

Ariana Lynea Howe
Elkhart, IN
English Literature and Creative Writing/
Religious Studies and Theology
Cum Laude

Kathleen Rose Hughes
Riverview, FL
Environmental Studies

Camryn Anne Paige Hurley
Tulsa, OK
Mathematics/Music
Magna Cum Laude

Isabelle Grace Jaworski
Rapid City, MI
Music

Kaylee Hannah Jensen
Lowell, IN
Speech Language Pathology

Hannah Louise Kaczor
Temperance, MI
Global Studies/Political Science
Magna Cum Laude

Andie Larissa Kizer
Plymouth, IN
Speech Language Pathology
Magna Cum Laude

Riley Erin Kostic
Warrington, PA
Communication Studies
Summa Cum Laude

Katherine Rose Kratschmer
Lake Ozark, MO
Communication Studies

Grace Elizabeth Kruse
Granger, IN
ISDM: Health and Human Services and
Management

Meghan Lucia Lange
Chicago, IL
Communication Studies

Tsuki Levelle Larkins
Birmingham, AL
Speech Language Pathology

Grace Layman
Granger, IN
Speech Language Pathology
Summa Cum Laude

S. Leiter
New Carlisle, IN
Art

Jane Linehan
Bay Village, OH
Elementary Education
Cum Laude

Liliana Olivia Lomeli
Nappanee, IN
Economics
Magna Cum Laude

The Degree of Bachelor of Arts

Kassidy Kay Nicolette Longenecker
South Bend, IN
Speech Language Pathology

Emily Christine Malak
Aurora, IL
Psychology/Sociology
Magna Cum Laude

Olivia Mann
Indianapolis, IN
Speech Language Pathology
Magna Cum Laude

Bridget E. Mark
Michigan City, IN
Environmental Studies

Brianna Markley
Broomall, PA
Art
Magna Cum Laude

Manila Marion Martin
Chicago, IL
Elementary Education
Cum Laude

Madison Capri Mata
San Antonio, TX
Political Science/Gender and
Women's Studies

Madison Kay McCaherty
Grass Lake, MI
Psychology

Kali Kay McCoige
Mishawaka, IN
ISDM: Health and Human Services

Anna Clare McMahon
Mokena, IL
Sociology

Rachel Ella McMillen
South Bend, IN
Music
Cum Laude

Margaret Jessie McNabb
Chicago, IL
Religious Studies and Theology/Spanish
Summa Cum Laude
Co-Valedictorian

Catherine Sara Francesca Menge
Hammond, IN
Environmental Studies
Cum Laude

Nia Frankie Merriweather
Muskegon Heights, MI
Communication Studies

Kaitlyn Anne Meyer
Henderson, NV
Sociology
Magna Cum Laude

Mary Katherine Miller
Mishawaka, IN
Global Studies/Environmental Studies
Cum Laude

Olivia Marie Miller
Stevensville, MI
Speech Language Pathology
Magna Cum Laude

Whytnie B. Miller
Bourbon, IN
Political Science/Economics
Magna Cum Laude

Anna Rose Milz
Philadelphia, PA
English Literature/Theatre

Makayla Maria Minnaar
Nunica, MI
Psychology
Summa Cum Laude

Melanie Paola Montesinos
Waukegan, IL
Economics

Jayla Montgomery
Cleveland, OH
History

Zahraa Ali Mozan
Elkhart, IN
Communication Studies
Cum Laude

Diana Neri
Atlanta, GA
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Gender and Women's Studies

Olivia Ann Nitchoff
Lemont, IL
Sociology

Jacqueline Grace O'Callaghan
Wheaton, IL
ISDM: Biomedical Science and Business
Analytics

Emily Christine O'Donoghue
Barrington, IL
Political Science/Secondary Education
Magna Cum Laude

Olivia Anne Pandolfi
Joliet, IL
Speech Language Pathology

Mary Margaret Panzica
South Bend, IN
Theatre/Communication Studies
Cum Laude

Paige Haven Parker
Crete, IL
English Literature
Summa Cum Laude

Scarlet Estrella Peters
Scottsdale, AZ
Political Science/Spanish
Cum Laude

Meghan K. Ping
Mishawaka, IN
Gender and Women's Studies/
Philosophy
Magna Cum Laude

Nyah Faith Ja'Neice Porter
South Bend, IN
Sociology

Alexandra Prus
Jenison, MI
Philosophy/Political Science

Molly Kathryn Puglessi
Ada, MI
Speech Language Pathology
Magna Cum Laude

Chelsea Quintana
Chicago, IL
Art

The Degree of Bachelor of Arts

Ana Clare Raciti

Granger, IN
English Literature/Global Studies
Cum Laude

Olivia V. Rice

Walkerton, IN
Speech Language Pathology

Abigail Mae Rigazio

Clarendon Hills, IL
ISDM: Health and Human Services

Grace Rubye Rightley

Fishers, IN
Philosophy/Political Science
Magna Cum Laude

Maris Sophia Robinson

Chesterton, IN
Art

Kylie Deverieux Rose

Mundelein, IL
Art

Athena Samson

Troy, MI
Psychology
Summa Cum Laude

Elizabeth Leann Sheets

Martinsville, IN
Speech Language Pathology
Cum Laude

Kathleen Mary Kelly Shereck

Riverside, IL
Speech Language Pathology
Cum Laude

Madeleine Anne Shwatal

West Chicago, IL
ISDM: Health and Human Services

Georgia Anne Sigler

Plainfield, IL
Music/Communication Studies
Cum Laude

Bailey Lynne Siglow

Coloma, MI
Speech Language Pathology
Magna Cum Laude

Elena Soto

South Bend, IN
Psychology/Art
Summa Cum Laude

Jordan Marie Specht

Chicago, IL
Psychology
Magna Cum Laude

Hanna Margaret Stroncsek

Fort Wayne, IN
Communication Studies
Cum Laude

Valerie Nicole Stutesman

Hobart, IN
Psychology/Sociology
Cum Laude

Morgan Lynn Suchecki

Kingston, MA
ISDM: Health and Human Services

Anna Marissa Sullivan

North Muskegon, MI
Neuroscience

Margaret Mary Sullivan

Naples, FL
Psychology

Alexandria Swift Breton

Mexicali, Baja California, Mexico
Communication Studies/Art
Summa Cum Laude

Laura Catherine Tenney

Sherburne, NY
Communication Studies
Magna Cum Laude

Maureen Ann Tessmer

Byron Center, MI
English Literature/Secondary Education
Magna Cum Laude

Teagan Grace Thomas

Fenton, MI
Communication Studies
Cum Laude

Amanda Patricia Tracy

Orland Park, IL
Elementary Education
Summa Cum Laude

Caitlin Nicole Traxler

Osceola, IN
Elementary Education
Cum Laude

Olivia Traxler

Midland, MI
Communication Studies/English
Literature
Cum Laude

Carole June Twomey

Brookfield, IL
Spanish
Magna Cum Laude

Hannah Mary Urbanski

Granger, IN
Speech Language Pathology
Cum Laude

Tara Marie Valentino

Elk Grove Village, IL
Communication Studies

Madison Olivia VanDress

Cape Coral, FL
Sociology

Adrianne Verstraete

Mishawaka, IN
Neuroscience

Zuzu Aria Vidourek

Fayetteville, GA
Music
Cum Laude

Katelyn Elizabeth Waldschmidt

Dowagiac, MI
English Literature and Creative Writing
Magna Cum Laude

Ja'Leah Naomi Walker

Merrillville, IN
Psychology

Annalise Weinschrott

Noblesville, IN
Psychology
Cum Laude

Shannon Mary Williams

Lombard, IL
English Literature/Secondary Education
Cum Laude

The Degree of Bachelor of Arts

Sierra Marie Williams

Dixon, IL
ISDM: Health and Human Services

Madeleine Jenks Winston

Springfield, VA
Psychology
Magna Cum Laude

Madeline Yohon

Lexington, KY
Speech Language Pathology
Cum Laude

Eleanor Anna Zahorick

Romeoville, IL
Elementary Education
Summa Cum Laude

Colleen Zdunek

Aurora, IL
Elementary Education
Cum Laude

Angelica Ella Zitto

Granger, IN
Environmental Studies

The Degree of Bachelor of Business Administration

Madison Bergelle Aiello

Arlington Heights, IL
Accounting

Caitlin Mary Bonnesen

Stirling, NJ
Marketing
Cum Laude

Lily Anne Buck

Cape Coral, FL
Business Administration

Hannah Frances Chartier

Mantua, OH
Business Administration
Cum Laude

Cecelia Ann Damilano

Westville, IL
Accounting
Cum Laude

Kaitlyn Marie Day

Erie, CO
Business Administration
Magna Cum Laude

Shallon Marie Doncer

Palos Heights, IL
Accounting
Cum Laude

Maria Dyro

Jacksonville, FL
Accounting
Cum Laude

Anna Christina Eckelkamp

Washington, MO
Business Administration

Bianca Ann Faso

Homewood, IL
Business Administration

Morgan Elish Flynn

Orland Park, IL
Marketing

Kathleen D. Gerth

Hinsdale, IL
Business Administration
Cum Laude

Emily Golbeck

Crystal Lake, IL
Business Administration

Julia Jean Gorski

Indianapolis, IN
Business Administration

Savanah Michelle Gray

Constantine, MI
Business Administration

Bailee Marie Grove

Mishawaka, IN
Business Administration

Analiese Faith Hohman

Frankfort, IL
Marketing
Summa Cum Laude

Aaliyah Elizabeth Jones

Mount Carroll, IL
Business Administration

Brenna Marie Kieft

Muskegon, MI
Business Administration

Gianna Joyce Macino

Homer Glen, IL
Business Administration
Cum Laude

Morgan Markowicz

Evergreen Park, IL
Marketing
Summa Cum Laude

Allison Flanigan Matthys

Walkerton, IN
Business Administration
Cum Laude

Colleen Britton McCarthy

Onkama, MI
Business Administration
Cum Laude

Emily Mikitka

Naperville, IL
Business Administration
Magna Cum Laude

Elizabeth Mae Miller

North Liberty, IN
Business Administration

Megan Elizabeth Moran

Glen Ellyn, IL
Business Administration
Magna Cum Laude

McKenna Danielle Myers

Bremen, IN
Business Administration

Makayla Lynn Perry

Rochester, NY
Accounting
Summa Cum Laude

The Degree of Bachelor of Business Administration

Abrielle Nicole Plantz
Frankfort, IL
Business Administration

Jane Meeson Price
Wayne, IL
Business Administration

Karla Rigan
Chicago, IL
Business Administration

Carolinna Robles
San Antonio, TX
Business Administration

Rachel Grace Ryan
Naperville, IL
Business Administration
Cum Laude

Elizabeth Marie Schutter
Union, MI
Business Administration/
Communication Studies
Magna Cum Laude

Sophia Rose Senese
Orland Park, IL
Business Administration

Gabrielle Renee Shipman
Saint Louis, MO
Business Administration

McKenna Shoupe
Edwardsburg, MI
Accounting

Bryce Mackenzie Spearing
Frankfort, IL
Accounting

Peyton Amelia Stearns
Murrieta, CA
Marketing
Cum Laude

Chloe Kathlyn Stoler
Cassopolis, MI
Accounting
Cum Laude

Jennifer Carrie Utterback
Columbus, IN
Marketing

Nina Patrice Zulanas
Manhattan, IL
Accounting
Magna Cum Laude

The Degree of Bachelor of Music

Maeve Helen Kearney
Philadelphia, PA
Music Education
Cum Laude

Cecilia Rose O'Neill
Crystal Lake, IL
Music Education
Cum Laude

Grace Catherine Verdun
Belding, MI
Music Education
Summa Cum Laude

The Degree of Bachelor of Science

Selina Alcantar
South Bend, IN
Biology

Claire Janette Appell
Plainfield, IN
Biology
Magna Cum Laude

Emma Rae Archbold
Angola, IN
Biology

Mehrael Farag Atkins
South Bend, IN
Neuroscience

Aileen E. Benitez
Justice, IL
Biology

Rose Marie Brienza
Pittsburgh, PA
Physics/Secondary Education
Magna Cum Laude

Mia Brown
Pittsburgh, PA
Biology

Katherine Joy Campbell
Fishers, IN
Neuroscience
Cum Laude

Alexandra Castronovo
Mount Prospect, IL
Chemistry
Cum Laude

Ana Grace Corcoran
Elgin, IL
Chemistry

Nayeli Elizabeth Cruz
Phoenix, AZ
Biology

Lauren E. Davis
Fort Wayne, IN
Chemistry/Spanish
Magna Cum Laude

The Degree of Bachelor of Science

Brianna Morgan Dewey
Highland, IN
Physics

Annemarie Elizabeth Edmonds
Oklahoma City, OK
Biology
Summa Cum Laude

Lucia Elizabeth Hadsall
Mount Airy, MD
Biology

Aisling Hanly
Frankfort, IL
Chemistry

Sarah Dorothy Harman
Mattawan, MI
Computing and Applied Mathematics

Anne Cecilia Howard
Franksville, WI
Computing and Applied Mathematics
Summa Cum Laude

Kathleen Hunter
Muncie, IN
Biology

Giselle Jimenez
Bremen, IN
Neuroscience

Anna Kathleen Keating
Naperville, IL
Biology
Cum Laude

Sarah A. Leddy
Cary, NC
Chemistry/Biology
Magna Cum Laude

Natalia Victoria Luna
West Bloomfield, MI
Mathematics

Katherine E. Matustik
Algonquin, IL
Physics

Megan Elizabeth Maurer
Granger, IN
Chemistry
Cum Laude

Kaitlyn Nacole Mayo
New Carlisle, IN
Biology

Molly Clare McCann
Clarendon Hills, IL
Computing and Applied Mathematics
Magna Cum Laude

Lily Marie McClafferty
Highland, MI
Biology

Jesse Ann Miller
Martinsville, IN
Biology

Amanda Grace Miloserny
Queen Creek, AZ
Physics

Nadia Rebecca Muniz
Saint Joseph, MI
Neuroscience
Summa Cum Laude
Co-Valedictorian

Rachel Nicole Nimtz
South Bend, IN
Neuroscience

Susanna Denise Noonan
Schererville, IN
Biology

Olivia Grace Pasinski
Oak Lawn, IL
Chemistry

Madeline Noelle Pooler
Elkhart, IN
Computing and Applied Mathematics
Magna Cum Laude

Makaya Robinson
Logansport, IN
Chemistry
Magna Cum Laude

Katrina Rose
Wolcottville, IN
Computing and Applied Mathematics

Rachel Taylor Rowe
Elkhart, IN
Biology
Magna Cum Laude

Stephanie Lauren Rowe
Elkhart, IN
Biology
Cum Laude

Julia E. Safford
Lihue, HI
Mathematics

Molly Elizabeth Schneider
Westfield, IN
Biology/Gender and Women's Studies

Emily Sierakowski
Jackson, MI
Biology

Allison Patricia Skly
Palos Park, IL
Computing and Applied Mathematics
Magna Cum Laude

Holly Frances Skrip
Chicago, IL
Neuroscience

Delaney Margaret Smith
Chicago, IL
Biology
Magna Cum Laude

Vien Elena Sturm
Fenton, MI
Biology
Summa Cum Laude

Alexandra Patricia Szukala
San Antonio, TX
Mathematics
Cum Laude

Abigail Rose Trout
Kalamazoo, MI
Neuroscience

Carole June Twomey
Brookfield, IL
Biology
Magna Cum Laude

Heidi Abel Vanden Bosche
Pittsburgh, PA
Neuroscience
Cum Laude

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Summa Cum Laude

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Biology/History
Magna Cum Laude

Alison Marie Woodward
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Biology

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Magna Cum Laude

The Degree of Bachelor of Science in Nursing

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Doylestown, OH
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Nursing
Cum Laude

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Cum Laude

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Social Work
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Department Awards

Art

Saint Luke's Medal – Brianna Markley
Sister Edna Service Award – Elena ("El") Soto

Biology

Mother M. Rose Elizabeth, CSC Award – Claire Appell and Lily McClafferty
Sister M. Rosaleen Dunleavy, CSC Award – Delaney Smith and Carole ("CJ") Twomey
George and Juanda Bick Nature Award – Selina Alcantar

Business Administration and Economics

Frank A. Yeandel Service Award – Peyton Stearns
Jerome L. McElroy Outstanding Achievement Award – Liliana Lomeli
Academic Achievement Award – Makayla Perry
Achievement Award (Accounting) – Makayla Perry
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Academic Achievement Award (Marketing) – Morgan Markowicz
Ernst & Young Award – Makayla Perry
Deloitte Award – Makayla Perry
PricewaterhouseCoopers Award – Maria Dyro

Chemistry and Physics

Mother M. Rose Elizabeth, CSC Award – Sarah Watson
American Institute of Chemists Award – Makaya Robinson
Richard Tarara Academic Excellence in Physics Award – Rose Brienza
The F. Lee Benton Exceptional Service and Research in Physics Award – Brianna Dewey

Communication Studies, Dance, and Theatre

Ann Plamondon Award for Excellence in Communication Studies – Molly Brown and Alexandria Swift
Communication Studies Service Award – Riley Kostic
Terpsichorean Award for Excellence in Dance – Grace Maxwell
Excellence in Theatre Award – Natalie Biegel
Katie Sullivan Passion in Theatre Award – Isla Hofmann
Theatre Service Award – Mary ("Mimi") Panzica

Department Awards

Education

Mary A. McDermott Award – Amanda Tracy
IACTE Outstanding Future Educators Award – Manila Martin, Eleanor Zahorick, and Colleen Zdunek
Schmuhl Early Childhood Education Award – Amanda Tracy

English

Elisabeth A. Noel Literature Prize – Maureen Tessmer
The Laura Haigwood Literary Citizenship Prize – Ariana Howe
The Laurie A. Lesniewski Creative Writing Award – Katelyn Waldschmidt

Environmental Studies

Environmental Studies Award – Dakota Freel

Gender and Women's Studies

Mary Frances Eder Halpin Award in Gender and Women's Studies – Nicole Stutesman

Global Studies

Outstanding Achievement in Global Studies – Marie Claire Ferretti and Mary Miller
Outstanding Senior Comprehensive Award in Global Studies – Isel Herrera

History

Martha Montgomery Schurz Memorial Award for Excellence in History – Paige Barrier
Martha Montgomery Schurz Memorial Award for Excellence in the Senior Seminar Research Paper – Eliza Grimm
Martha Montgomery Schurz Memorial Award for Excellence in Writing in the Women's History Program – Jayla Montgomery

Humanistic Studies

Thomas More Award – Isla Hofmann

Mathematics

Milko Jeglic Award – Anne Howard
Donald E. Miller Award – Molly McCann and Madeline Pooler

Modern Languages

Leonilda Francesca Acerra and Dominico Enrico Christofaro Award in Italian – Laura Tenney, Sarah Watson, and Zoë Wilkeson
Anne Cashore Borjas Award in Spanish – Margaret McNabb and Carole ("CJ") Twomey
Spanish Service Award – Kimberly Guijosa-Torres
The Bayhouse-Marcy Award in French – Marie Claire Ferretti and Madeleine Winston

Music

Emma Krost Eder Award for Musical Excellence – Grace Verdun

Nursing Science

Evelyn McGuinness Award for Excellence in Nursing – Molly Martis
Humanitarian in Nursing Award – Emma McAllen
Sister Maureen Grady, CSC, Spirit of Nursing Award (MSN) – MiAn Luu
MSN Award for Academic Excellence – Iona Popa
DNP Daisy Award – Molly Fagan
Outstanding DNP Practice Innovation Project Award – Caitlin Sayers

Department Awards

Philosophy

Award for Excellence in Philosophical Writing – Grace Rightley

Political Science

Juliette Noone Lester Award – Reese Bauer and Grace Rightley

Psychology

Animating Spirit Award – Kimberly Guijosa-Torres

Joseph Miller Outstanding Scholarship Award – Makayla Minnaar, Athena Samson, and Elena ("El") Soto

Religious Studies

Helen M. Carroll Award – Abigail Fruk, Kathleen Hannon, and Margaret McNabb

Social Work and Gerontology

Academic Excellence Award – Ashley Brewster

Leadership Award – Samantha O'Brien

Josephine Murphy Kuhl Research Award – Caroline Burnham and Susan Pingel

Kristi A. Morris Award – Mary Noone

MSW Outstanding Student Leadership Award – Vanessa Mae Gunter and Faith Simmone' Young

Sociology

Sociology Award – Anna McMahon

Speech Language Pathology

Ancora Imparo Award – Claire Bartz

Carolyn S. Langley Award (Graduate Program) – Candace Todd

College Awards

Mary Ellen Smith Academic and
Athletic Achievement Award

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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 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 the 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 stick used in the procession today is a brightly colored cane attributed to southern Mexico. It contains a series of carvings and paintings celebrating some of the cultures that melded over the years to create today's Mexico, including Aztec and Spanish images.

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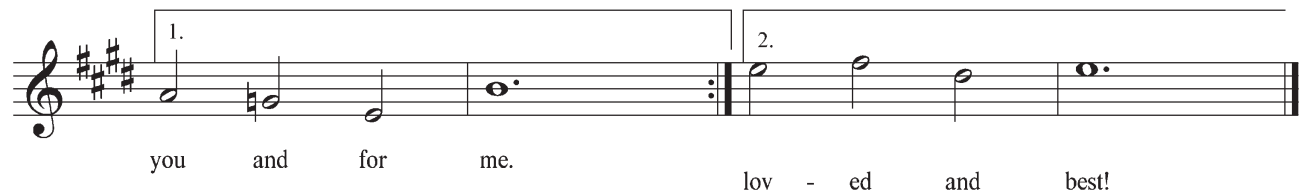
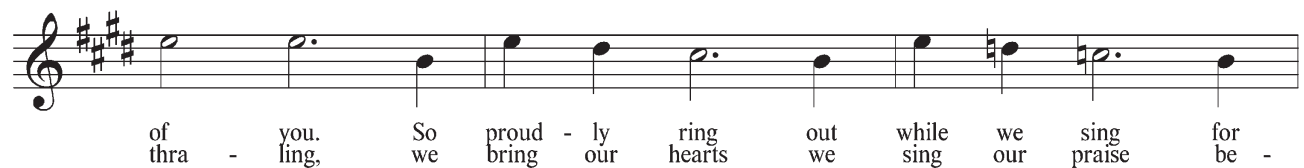
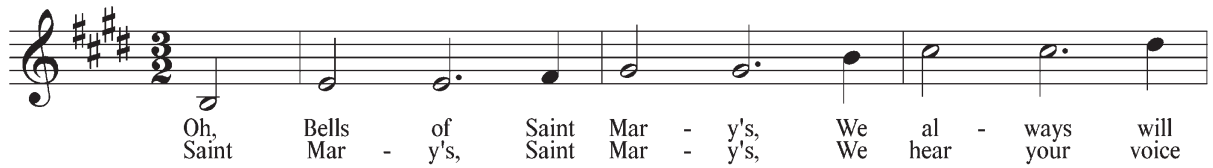
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Mission Statement

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.

