



Saint Mary's College
178th Annual
Commencement
May 17, 2025



Saint Mary's College Welcomes you to the 178th annual Commencement

Order of Ceremony

Academic Procession

National Anthem

Julia Zusi '25

Invocation

Maureen Karnatz Smith '85

Chair, Board of Trustees

Welcome

Katie Conboy, Ph.D.

President

Lumen Christi Award

Katie Conboy

Madeleva Award

Colleen M. Hoover, Ph.D.

Associate Provost and Dean of Graduate Studies

Presentation of Valedictorian Medals

Megan Zwart, Ph.D.

Interim Provost and Vice President

Kathryn Clem

Molly Minick

Piper Ogden

Bridget Walicki

Valedictory Address

Kathryn Clem

Citations for Honorary Degrees

Megan Zwart

Commencement Address

Mary McAleese, Ph.D.

Citations for Graduate and Undergraduate Degrees in Course

Megan Zwart

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

Tenley Edvardsen '25

Recession

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



Dr. Mary McAleese

Doctor of Law, Honoris Causa

Dr. Mary McAleese is a lawyer, academic, author, and most notably, former President of Ireland. Serving from 1997 to 2011, McAleese was the first President to come from Northern Ireland. Born in Belfast, she experienced firsthand the violence of The Troubles. The theme of her presidency was “Building Bridges”, and her work for peace-building and reconciliation with Northern Ireland culminated in the historic state visit by Queen Elizabeth II. Following her Presidency, McAleese pursued a doctorate in canon law from Gregorian University Rome. She also has her master’s degree in canon law from National University of Ireland. McAleese’s current appointments include Chairperson of the European Union High Level Group on the Modernisation of Higher Education and Patron of Margaret Beaufort Institute of Theology in Cambridge, England, which promotes education and formation of lay Catholics, particularly women, for Christian discipleship and ministry. McAleese is a member of the Council of Women World Leaders, an international network of current and former women Presidents and Prime Ministers, whose mission is to mobilize the highest-level women leaders globally for collective action on issues of critical importance to women and equitable development. She is the recipient of numerous honors, including the American Ireland Humanitarian Award and the Tipperary Peace Prize. This is the second visit to Saint Mary’s College for McAleese; she spoke at an event sponsored by the Center for Women’s Intercultural Leadership in 2015.



Sylvia Acevedo

Doctor of Science, Honoris Causa

Sylvia Acevedo is a transformative leader, entrepreneur, and visionary strategist whose career started as a rocket scientist at NASA, a tech executive at IBM, Apple, and Dell, then as a White House Commissioner for early childhood education and leadership. Most recently, she served as chief executive officer of Girl Scouts of the USA from 2016–2020. During her tenure at Girl Scouts, Acevedo led the largest programmatic expansion in over a century, launching 146 new badges in STEM, Entrepreneurship, Civics, and the Outdoors—fueling over one million STEM badge achievements. She currently serves on the boards at Qualcomm and Credo Technologies. Her impact has been recognized globally, including Forbes’ Top 50 Women in Tech and Bloomberg’s Top 100 Influential Latinos. Acevedo earned her BA with honors in Industrial Engineering from New Mexico State University, and broke barriers as one of the first Hispanics—male or female—to earn a master’s in engineering from Stanford University. She is the author of *Path to the Stars: My Journey from Girl Scout to Rocket Scientist*, her memoir for middle schoolers, and *The Trailblazer’s Playbook*, which will be released this fall. She frequently speaks about education, STEM, cybersecurity, demographic trends, and leadership, and continues to shape industries, develop leaders, and champion future generations of trailblazers.



Sister Helen Prejean, CSJ

Doctor of Humane Letters, Honoris Causa

Helen Prejean, a Sister of St. Joseph, is internationally recognized for her tireless work against the death penalty. She is known for her best-selling book, *Dead Man Walking: An Eyewitness Account of the Death Penalty in the United States*, which was based on her experiences with two convicts on death row. Prejean ministered as their spiritual advisor prior to their executions. Her book ignited a national debate on capital punishment and spawned an Academy Award-winning movie, a play, and an opera. A graphic adaptation of *Dead Man Walking* will be released later this year. Prejean has been instrumental in shaping the Catholic Church's vigorous opposition to all executions. She met with Pope John Paul II and Pope Francis, and as a result, both pontiffs strengthened the Church's Catechism in opposition to the death penalty. Prejean continues her work in this area, dividing her time between educating the public, counseling individual death row prisoners, and working with murder victims' family members. In recognition of her commitment to social justice and the culture of life, she has received many honorary degrees and awards throughout her lifetime, and was nominated for a Nobel Peace Prize.



The Degree of Doctor of Nursing Practice

Mary Therese Auber
Portage, MI
Family Nurse Practitioner
Director: Dr. Sue Anderson

Sandeep K. Bains
Indianapolis, IN
Family Nurse Practitioner
Director: Dr. Sue Anderson

Colleen Mary Bonser
Livonia, MI
Family Nurse Practitioner
Director: Dr. Nicole Mentag

Hannah Chenoweth
Hobe Sound, FL
Family Nurse Practitioner
Director: Dr. Lori Pajakowski

Danielle Renee Dobe
Crown Point, IN
Family Nurse Practitioner
Director: Dr. Nicole Mentag

Leigh Hannah Flegge-Schlie
Fort Wayne, IN
Family Nurse Practitioner
Director: Dr. Sue Anderson

Lauren Brianne Kinniry
Fort Wayne, IN
Family Nurse Practitioner
Director: Dr. Nicole Mentag

Antonia Marie McIntyre
Fernandina Beach, FL
Adult Gerontology Acute Care
Director: Dr. Daniela Edson

Kendra Elizabeth Osinski
Orange, CT
Adult Gerontology Acute Care
Director: Dr. Daniela Edson

Allison Thome Spruell
Valparaiso, IN
Family Nurse Practitioner
Director: Dr. Lori Pajakowski

Taylor Alexis Torres
Mishawaka, IN
Family Nurse Practitioner
Director: Dr. Lori Pajakowski

Kathleen Mary White
Chicago, IL
Family Nurse Practitioner
Director: Dr. Nicole Mentag

The Degree of Master of Science

Hannah Mary Urbanski
Granger, IN
Speech Language Pathology

Jensen Weaver
Indianapolis, IN
Speech Language Pathology

Madeline Angela Yohon
Lexington, KY
Speech Language Pathology

The Degree of Master of Science in Nursing

Courtney Lauren Chookie
Warsaw, IN
Nursing

Sadaf Iqbal
Granger, IN
Nursing

Skye Lynn Sharp
Granger, IN
Nursing

Annie Elizabeth Enrietto
Winnetka, IL
Nursing

Brooke Elizabeth Montgomery
Godley, IL
Nursing

Anna T. Squires
Mishawaka, IN
Nursing

The Degree of Master of Science

Claire Delaney Bartz
Niles, MI
Speech Language Pathology

Rachel Borg
South Bend, IN
Speech Language Pathology

Yshel Brito Azcatl
Phoenix, AZ
Speech Language Pathology

Claire Marie Brogan
Valparaiso, IN
Speech Language Pathology

Lauren Elizabeth DeVries
Grand Rapids, MI
Speech Language Pathology

Grace Kelley Enright
Palos Heights, IL
Data Science

Sarah Hagen
Evansville, IN
Speech Language Pathology

Sarah Dorothy Harman
Mattawan, MI
Data Science

Luann Hernandez-Montaño
Elkhart, IN
Speech Language Pathology

Alyssa Paige Himschoot
South Bend, IN
Speech Language Pathology

Andie Larissa Kizer
Plymouth, IN
Speech Language Pathology

Elisabeth Anne Klinedinst
Grovertown, IN
Speech Language Pathology

Olivia Jean Mann
Indianapolis, IN
Speech Language Pathology

Anna Frances Martin
Iowa City, IA
Speech Language Pathology

Olivia Marie Miller
Stevensville, MI
Speech Language Pathology

Molly Kathryn Puglessi
Ada, MI
Speech Language Pathology

Britney Ann Rank
Elkhart, IN
Speech Language Pathology

Katrina Rose
Wolcottville, IN
Data Science

Bailey Lynne Siglow
Coloma, MI
Speech Language Pathology

Sofie Layne Stratton
South Bend, IN
Speech Language Pathology

Carly Lynn Tittle
Edwardsburg, MI
Speech Language Pathology

The Degree of Master of Social Work

Riley Kathryn Eviston
Peotone, IL
Clinical Social Work

Arianna Thelen Myler
Rockford, MI
Clinical Social Work

Isabela Kae Petitgout
Barrington, IL
Clinical Social Work

Caroline Marie Jakalski
Schererville, IN
Clinical Social Work

Mary Alessandra Noone
Alexandria, VA
Clinical Social Work

The Degree of Bachelor of Arts

Monica Belen Alvarez Elkhart, IN Art <i>Cum laude</i>	Jayda Andrea Capellan Velez Glenview, IL Communication Studies <i>Magna cum laude</i>	Guadalupe Delgado Chicago, IL Speech Language Pathology/Spanish
Roseanne Elizabeth Androwich Berwyn, IL English Literature and Creative Writing	Emma Irene Caratini Chesterton, IN Elementary Education <i>Cum laude</i>	Lily Michele DeYoung Belmont, MI Elementary Education <i>Magna cum laude</i>
Emegdy Avila Mesa, AZ Psychology	Adare Daily Carmody Canton, GA Communication Studies	Kylie Raine Downey South Bend, IN ISDM: Health and Human Services
Ana Victoria Baca Plymouth, IN Global Studies/Spanish <i>Summa cum laude</i>	Ashley Bridget Chaveriat Tinley Park, IL Communication Studies <i>Cum laude</i>	Margaret Elise Dunn Glastonbury, CT Sociology/Statistical and Actuarial Mathematics <i>Summa cum laude</i>
Mary Margaret Bakke Naperville, IL Political Science/History <i>Cum laude</i>	Sarah Olivia Clark Shelbyville, IN Humanistic Studies <i>Cum laude</i>	Mary Caroline Dutton Fort Collins, CO History <i>Summa cum laude</i>
Jaida Beasley Houston, TX Physics	Kathryn Dianne Clem Fort Wayne, IN Religious Studies/ISDM: Arts Innovation and Leadership <i>Summa cum laude</i> <i>Co-Valedictorian</i>	Tenley Edvardsen Schererville, IN Music
Maria Nicole Belcastro Park Ridge, IL English Literature	Clare Elizabeth Clement East Lansing, MI Political Science <i>Magna cum laude</i>	Katherine Enright Chicago, IL Creative Writing/Humanistic Studies <i>Magna cum laude</i>
Grace Elizabeth Bennett Ponte Vedra, FL Communication Studies	Katelyn Margaret Clifford Evergreen Park, IL Elementary Education	Valentina Espinoza-Sanchez Indianapolis, IN ISDM: Performance and Social Behavior
Jessica Bickel South Bend, IN Sociology/Psychology <i>Cum laude</i>	Julia Sophia Colleran Westfield, NJ Humanistic Studies <i>Cum laude</i>	Mary Therese Fean Fort Wayne, IN Elementary Education <i>Magna cum laude</i>
Claire Elizabeth Bossert Cincinnati, OH Speech Language Pathology <i>Cum laude</i>	Norah Elizabeth Como Ipswich, MA Religious Studies <i>Cum laude</i>	Chelsea Jeanne Fox Shakopee, MN ISDM: Entrepreneur
Rheanna Marie Brodbeck Decatur, IN Sociology	Mary Therese Connelly Grand Beach, MI English Literature	Lillian Rose Frey Grand Rapids, MI Speech Language Pathology <i>Magna cum laude</i>
Julia Therese Bub Saint Louis, MO Speech Language Pathology <i>Magna cum laude</i>	Sydney Conway Granger, IN Elementary Education	Paige Lorraine Fuelling Granger, IN Economics <i>Summa cum laude</i>
Mary Lois Burke Saint John, IN Elementary Education <i>Cum laude</i>		Cassandra Galvan South Bend, IN Psychology <i>Cum laude</i>

The Degree of Bachelor of Arts

Habigail Lucia Garçon Breinigsville, PA Elementary Education <i>Cum laude</i>	Elle Maxine Houin Plymouth, IN Speech Language Pathology <i>Magna cum laude</i>	Adrianna Colette Koehler Fort Wayne, IN Political Science
Olivia Gleason Plainfield, IL Psychology	Brigid Maria Hull Mundelein, IL English Literature/Humanistic Studies <i>Summa cum laude</i>	Grace Elizabeth Leber Westfield, IN English Literature/Humanistic Studies/ Philosophy <i>Summa cum laude</i>
Téa Audreanne Halamka Watervliet, MI Psychology	Joanna Maria James Orland Park, IL Psychology <i>Magna cum laude</i>	Rebecca Renee Leith Beaver, PA Psychology <i>Cum laude</i>
Elle Olivia Haney Linden, MI Communication Studies <i>Summa cum laude</i>	Sarah Elizabeth Jannings Benton Harbor, MI Communication Studies/Environmental Studies <i>Summa cum laude</i>	Jane Charlotte Linehan Bay Village, OH Speech Language Pathology <i>Cum laude</i>
Margaret Mary Hansen Palos Heights, IL ISDM: Health and Human Services	Leilani Alissa Jeffery Redlands, CA Psychology <i>Magna cum laude</i>	Isabell Mary Linus Washington Crossing, PA Environmental Studies
Abigail Lee Harnisch Oakton, VA Elementary Education <i>Summa cum laude</i>	Mia Philomena Jenke Broadview, IL Communication Studies	Marie Jane Lunne Dayton, OH Communication Studies <i>Magna cum laude</i>
Katherine Harrington Granger, IN Elementary Education	Sophia Harper Johnson Dayton, OH History/Sociology <i>Summa cum laude</i>	Kaylen Joy Maat Hudsonville, MI Statistical and Actuarial Mathematics <i>Summa cum laude</i>
Theresa Anne Hayes Dallas, TX Religious Studies/Communication Studies <i>Cum laude</i>	Anaís Yasmine Juliano Chesterton, IN Economics/Spanish	Kaitlyn Patricia Magoonaugh Ottawa, IL Gender and Women's Studies/Sociology <i>Magna cum laude</i>
Emma Heller Park Ridge, IL Elementary Education <i>Summa cum laude</i>	Alexis Jurkowski New Carlisle, IN Psychology	Julia Maria Mammolenti South Bend, IN Psychology
Ashley Helwig Oak Forest, IL Elementary Education	Fiona Kathryn Kalsch Arlington Heights, IL Communication Studies <i>Cum laude</i>	Devyn Frances Mangin Frankfort, IL Psychology
Makayla Lynn Hernandez DeMotte, IN ISDM: Horticultural Psychology	Abigail Anne Kawalec Hammond, IN Environmental Studies <i>Summa cum laude</i>	Allison Kaleigh Martin Chesapeake, VA Psychology
Maria F. Hernandez Houston, TX Sociology	Samantha Parker Kazmierczak Valparaiso, IN Psychology	Abigayle Elizabeth Martinez Elkhart, IN Creative Writing <i>Cum laude</i>
Danielle Kalena Hongell Fairfield, OH Psychology	Michaela Noelle Key Howell, NJ Psychology	Meghan Katherine Martinez Middletown, OH Sociology

The Degree of Bachelor of Arts

Amanda Nicole Massa
Saint John, IN
English Literature and Creative Writing
Cum laude

Sydney Gabrielle May
Grand Rapids, MI
Psychology/Communication Studies
Summa cum laude

Jenna Rose Mayden
Crown Point, IN
Elementary Education
Summa cum laude

Phoenix McClellan
Fishers, IN
Gender and Women's Studies/History
Magna cum laude

Grace Alanna McEvoy
Clinton, OH
Statistical and Actuarial Mathematics

Hannah McGillian
Philadelphia, PA
Psychology

Morgan Rose McGuire
Orland Park, IL
Speech Language Pathology
Summa cum laude

Mary Catherine McKenna
Morristown, NJ
Psychology

Ruby Meza
East Chicago, IN
Speech Language Pathology/Spanish
Summa cum laude

Jaylah Eyrie Mickle
Burr Ridge, IL
Psychology

Isabel Grace Migan
East Lansing, MI
Political Science
Summa cum laude

Madison Nicole Minick
New Haven, IN
Elementary Education
Magna cum laude

Molly Katherine Champney Minick
Juneau, AK
Political Science
Summa cum laude
Co-Valedictorian

Morgan Alexis Montgomery
Godley, IL
Psychology

Sofia A. Monzon
West Chicago, IL
Political Science

Thalia Marie Mora
Nappanee, IN
Political Science/Economics
Summa cum laude

Hannah Elizabeth Mortensen
Cadillac, MI
Elementary Education

Clare Nicole Mula
Kokomo, IN
Environmental Studies
Summa cum laude

Kathleen Theresa Mundy
Moorestville, NC
Communication Studies

Delaney Olivia Nold
Mount Prospect, IL
Speech Language Pathology
Cum laude

Chloe Blair Nosal
Fort Worth, TX
Communication Studies

Emily Joline Nye
Fennville, MI
Environmental Studies

Fiona Lyn O'Byrne
Grosse Pointe, MI
History/Philosophy

Jeanett Ochoa Olivas
Calexico, CA
Political Science
Cum laude

Grace Marie O'Dell
Plymouth, MI
Economics

Piper Alyson Ogden
Reynoldsburg, OH
Elementary Education
Summa cum laude
Co-Valedictorian

Taylor A. Palmer
Dowagiac, MI
Political Science

Chloe Rain Papaevangelou
North Judson, IN
ISDM: Integrated Social Media
Marketing Communication

Vincenza Filomena Paradiso
Columbus, OH
Art
Magna cum laude

Hannah Park
Granger, IN
Secondary Education
Magna cum laude

Shaina Parks
Milford, MI
Creative Writing

Sarai Perez
Yuma, AZ
Sociology

Giana Markie Perns
Chicago, IL
Psychology
Cum laude

Molly Marie Perns
Mokena, IL
Communication Studies

Hannah Kathleen Phillips
Berlin Heights, OH
Art
Magna cum laude

Elyssa Grace Pickett-Klimek
Lockport, IL
Speech Language Pathology
Summa cum laude

Magdalena Pujals
Roswell, GA
Economics

Annalyn Pupke
Malverne, NY
Speech Language Pathology

The Degree of Bachelor of Arts

Moirra Renee Quinn
La Grange Park, IL
Communication Studies

Tiffany Ragsdale
Granger, IN
Elementary Education

Kayli Revett
Traverse City, MI
Psychology
Magna cum laude

Catherine Reynoso
Bremen, IN
Speech Language Pathology
Summa cum laude

Addison Jean Rivera
Tinley Park, IL
Speech Language Pathology/Psychology

Elizabeth A. Rogers
Peru, IN
Economics/Humanistic Studies
Magna cum laude

Valentina A. Rubio
Wayland, MI
Psychology

Alexandrea Nicole Sanders
La Porte, IN
Creative Writing/History
Summa cum laude

Brittney Madison Sanders
La Porte, IN
Creative Writing/History
Summa cum laude

Leann Nicole Saul
Kokomo, IN
Sociology
Summa cum laude

Kathleen Scheidler
Granger, IN
Speech Language Pathology
Cum laude

Madison Marie Sexton
New Buffalo, MI
Political Science/Spanish

Taylor Sharpe
Mishawaka, IN
Art

Leeanna Marie Silkworth
Battle Creek, MI
Psychology/Sociology/Humanistic
Studies
Magna cum laude

Julie A. Sims
Castaic, CA
English Literature and Creative Writing
Summa cum laude

Katelyn Grace Sizemore
Michigan City, IN
Speech Language Pathology/Gender and
Women's Studies
Summa cum laude

Haley Elise Smith
Valparaiso, IN
Elementary Education

Morgan Isabella Springer
South Bend, IN
Elementary Education

Elizabeth Grace Stone
Winona Lake, IN
Philosophy/Psychology
Cum laude

Sierra Stone
Brentwood, CA
Sociology

Fionnuala Mary Sullivan
West Hartford, CT
Communication Studies
Cum laude

Marie Elizabeth Swain
South Bend, IN
Speech Language Pathology

Eleanor Marie Sweeney
Homer, AK
Psychology
Magna cum laude

Mariana Taskey
Kokomo, IN
ISDM: Film
Magna cum laude

Shay Rebecca Theile
Grand Rapids, MI
Communication Studies
Summa cum laude

Katherine Clare Theriault
Perrysburg, OH
Speech Language Pathology
Magna cum laude

Mary Elise Udani
Schererville, IN
English Literature and Creative Writing/
Psychology

Sarah Elizabeth Vicari
Hobart, IN
Art

Shamira Araceli Villaverde Manzur
Charlotte, NC
Psychology/Spanish

Sarah Wardlow
Orland Park, IL
Mathematics/Secondary Education
Cum laude

Evelyn Weaver
Mishawaka, IN
Philosophy
Magna cum laude

Hallie Marie Weaver
Davenport, IA
Speech Language Pathology
Summa cum laude

Mairi Muir Macomber Weber-Hess
South Bend, IN
History

Chloe Westrate
Chicago, IL
Philosophy
Summa cum laude

Breanna Wettergren
Westville, IN
History/Creative Writing

Catherine Mary-Grace Whittier
Elburn, IL
English Literature and Creative Writing
Cum laude

Hollie Tranae Williams
Chicago, IL
Psychology
Cum laude

Angelina Monjaes-Loryn Wright
Covington, LA
Political Science/Philosophy

The Degree of Bachelor of Arts

Addison Nicole Wurster
Saint Joseph, MI
Art/Communication Studies

Elizabeth Jean Louise Wyatt
Mishawaka, IN
Sociology/Neuroscience
Cum laude

Evangelina Mae Yarber
Shelbyville, IN
English Literature/Humanistic Studies
Magna cum laude

Emma Zmudzinski
Granger, IN
Art

The Degree of Bachelor of Business Administration

Anne Carolyn Adams
Libertyville, IL
Business Administration/Economics
Summa cum laude

Cali Jordan Allen
Berrien Springs, MI
Business Administration
Magna cum laude

Claire Bettag
Saint Charles, IL
Business Administration

Brooke Elizabeth Bierovic
Tinley Park, IL
Accounting
Cum laude

Lindsey Chaveriat
Tinley Park, IL
Marketing
Cum laude

Itavi Cruz-Hernandez
Niles, MI
Accounting

Shelby Lynn Dellasandro
Cranston, RI
Marketing

Catherine Suzanne Doherty
Olmsted Falls, OH
Marketing
Cum laude

Karina Duenas
Dallas, TX
Business Administration

Breanna Eafon
Dallas, TX
Business Administration

Isabella Marie Viola Fischer
Medina, OH
Business Administration/Economics
Summa cum laude

Maureen Catherine Galvin
Lake Orion, MI
Marketing
Magna cum laude

Laura Elizabeth Golubski
Niles, MI
Marketing

Paige Karena Hahn
Ada, MI
Accounting/Spanish
Magna cum laude

Aubrey Anne Hoff
Orland Park, IL
Marketing
Cum laude

Megan Houlihan
Orland Park, IL
Marketing
Magna cum laude

Abigail Elizabeth Houttekier
Elkhart, IN
Accounting

Sian Arielle Lis
McKinney, TX
Business Administration
Cum laude

Paige Lyons
Hinsdale, IL
Business Administration

Lauren Marie McIntyre
Troy, MI
Business Administration/Spanish
Summa cum laude

Kathrine Lucille Meier
Greenwood, IN
Accounting
Cum laude

Kacie Louise Mohan
Elkhart, IN
Accounting
Summa cum laude

Diana Moreno
Phoenix, AZ
Business Administration

Jennifer Neff
South Bend, IN
Accounting
Cum laude

Yoselin Susana Ochoa Zelaya
Elkhart, IN
Business Administration
Cum laude

Elizabeth Pahl
Fenton, MI
Business Administration
Cum laude

Jada June Pham
Grand Rapids, MI
Marketing
Summa cum laude

Jocelyn Marie Porter
West Linn, OR
Business Administration/Environmental
Studies
Magna cum laude

Mari Elizabeth Pritulsky
Kure Beach, NC
Business Administration

The Degree of Bachelor of Business Administration

Alexis Marie Rauch
Cassopolis, MI
Accounting
Cum laude

Cadyn Reger
Fenton, MI
Marketing
Magna cum laude

Sheridan Kate Riva
Lancaster, PA
Marketing
Magna cum laude

Shannon Mary Russell
Grand Rapids, MI
Accounting
Magna cum laude

Sydney Skarbek
Niles, MI
Business Administration
Cum laude

Delaney Lee Spearing
Frankfort, IL
Accounting
Magna cum laude

Andrea Vera Liévano
Mexico City, Mexico
Marketing/Global Studies
Magna cum laude

Bridget Susan Walicki
Jackson, MI
Accounting
Summa cum laude
Co-Valedictorian

Margaret Maureen Walsh
Grand Haven, MI
Accounting
Magna cum laude

Hannah Josephine Weese
Charleston, WV
Business Administration

Molly Witkop
Massena, NY
Business Administration
Magna cum laude

The Degree of Bachelor of Fine Arts

Christiana Sarah Singler
Louisville, KY
Art

The Degree of Bachelor of Music

Emilia Watson
Columbia, TN
Music Education

Julia Zusi
South Bend, IN
Music Education
Summa cum laude

The Degree of Bachelor of Science

Maria Jose Alas Diaz
Tampa, FL
Neuroscience

Emily Eileen Andrina
Cassopolis, MI
Biology
Magna cum laude

Emegdy Avila
Mesa, AZ
Biology

Grace Barresi
South Elgin, IL
Biology

Susanna Joan Bernovich
South Milwaukee, WI
Neuroscience
Cum laude

Catherine Elizabeth Blum
Elmhurst, IL
Computing and Applied Mathematics

Cody Nicole Brown
Gloucester, VA
Physics and Applied Mathematics
Summa cum laude

Julia Therese Bub
Saint Louis, MO
Chemistry
Magna cum laude

Addisyn Brilynn Camadeca
Valparaiso, IN
Chemistry

Sarah Elizabeth Cimoch
South Bend, IN
Neuroscience

Olivia Grace Coyne
Plainfield, IL
Biology
Cum laude

Kathryn Chau Cruz
Northbrook, IL
Computing and Applied Mathematics
Cum laude

The Degree of Bachelor of Science

Megan Kay Dieckmann Mishawaka, IN Chemistry <i>Cum laude</i>	Kathleen Therese Hurley Parker, CO Computing and Applied Mathematics
Grace Christina Dillon Indianapolis, IN Mathematics <i>Cum laude</i>	Madeline Elaine James Granger, IN Biology <i>Cum laude</i>
Bridget Mary Donovan Grand Rapids, MI Chemistry	Grace DonnaDee Johnston Corpus Christi, TX Biology <i>Cum laude</i>
Sarah Elizabeth Fitzgerald Shelbyville, IN Computing and Applied Mathematics	Georgette Ann Kersman North Muskegon, MI Neuroscience <i>Magna cum laude</i>
Nora A. Foley Elmhurst, IL Chemistry	Ellen Michaela Kevin Chicago, IL Statistical and Actuarial Mathematics <i>Magna cum laude</i>
Isabella Rose Gaborek Johnstown, PA Biology <i>Magna cum laude</i>	Olivia Rose Lampani Grand Rapids, MI Biology <i>Cum laude</i>
Angelina Grohovsky Powell, OH Biology <i>Magna cum laude</i>	Teagan Bay Mattox Angola, IN Biology <i>Magna cum laude</i>
Lauren Mariam Gumma Troy, MI Biology <i>Cum laude</i>	Alexis Rose Miller Plymouth, MI Chemistry
Isabela Grace Guthrie Beckstrom Houston, TX Statistical and Actuarial Mathematics <i>Summa cum laude</i>	Natalie Grace Moore Goshen, IN Computing and Applied Mathematics <i>Magna cum laude</i>
Cora Haddad Holt, MI Computing and Applied Mathematics	Monique Morse Goodrich, MI Physics
Abigail Elizabeth Hanson Atlanta, GA Biology	Elizabeth Nelson St. Joseph, MI Neuroscience
Kieran Sleight Hay Hingham, MA Physics	Ashleigh Marie Niemczyk O'Fallon, MO Mathematics
Miah Hudson Rome City, IN Mathematics	Kayra Aisyah Nugroho South Bend, IN Computing and Applied Mathematics

Anna Orendain Houston, TX Chemistry
Erin Alanna O'Rourke Tucson, AZ Biology
Samantha Rose Pajak Battle Creek, MI Biology
Elizabeth S. Parker Hastings, MI Chemistry
Zoe A. Pfенning Ligonier, IN Biology
Grace Elizabeth Renschen Saint John, IN Neuroscience <i>Magna cum laude</i>
Madeline Rose Reynolds Evergreen Park, IL Biology <i>Cum laude</i>
Aria Richards Watervliet, MI Chemistry
Sydney Marie Sanders Granger, IN Mathematics
Brooke Anne Schroeder Findlay, OH Neuroscience
Julia Christine Schutz Dyer, IN Chemistry <i>Summa cum laude</i>
Anna Marie Schwegel Peoria, IL Biology
Judith Guadalupe Sital Fort Worth, TX Chemistry
Mary Katherine Smith Angola, IN Chemistry <i>Magna cum laude</i>

The Degree of Bachelor of Science

Kara J. Stacey Grand Rapids, MI Biology <i>Magna cum laude</i>	Abigail Rose Tietema Grand Rapids, MI Biology	Lucy Charlotte Wasserman Northbrook, IL Biology <i>Magna cum laude</i>
Kennedy Nicole Szabo Granger, IN Biology	Katelyn Kristine Tokarz Northville, MI Mathematics <i>Magna cum laude</i>	Meghan Ellise Westman Belmont, MI Biology <i>Magna cum laude</i>
Eduarda Tartarella Nascimento São Paulo, São Paulo, Brazil Biology <i>Summa cum laude</i>	Katherine Alexandria Valdez Fort Wayne, IN Biology	Olivia Lauren Wright Spring Lake, MI Biology <i>Cum laude</i>
	Raegan Jean Van Duyne Wilmington, IL Biology	

The Degree of Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Ciera Abner Granger, IN Nursing <i>Cum laude</i>	Vanessa Celis Elkhart, IN Nursing <i>Magna cum laude</i>	Ava Gante Stuttgart, Germany Nursing
Lydia Marguerite Alexander Dayton, OH Nursing <i>Cum laude</i>	Karina Nikole Cenkush Osceola, IN Nursing	Isabella Lena Gardini South Bend, IN Nursing
Riley A. Lindsey Bardol Valparaiso, IN Nursing	Meghan Anne Chase Chicago, IL Nursing	Caroline Patricia Gault Verona, NJ Nursing
Lucy Elizabeth Brown Louisville, KY Nursing <i>Summa cum laude</i>	Eileen Barbara Coyle Evergreen Park, IL Nursing	Brooke Erin Geary Mokena, IL Nursing <i>Summa cum laude</i>
Megan Jennifer Brown Battle Creek, MI Nursing <i>Cum laude</i>	Fionnuala Ann Elisabeth Criswell-Carder Columbus, OH Nursing	Nathaly Gonzalez Mishawaka, IN Nursing <i>Cum laude</i>
Alayna Marie Campbell Granger, IN Nursing <i>Magna cum laude</i>	Anna Grace Ebert Fenton, MI Nursing <i>Magna cum laude</i>	Kaitlyn Gornik Indianapolis, IN Nursing <i>Cum laude</i>
Andrea Grace Cannaday Indianapolis, IN Nursing <i>Cum laude</i>	Erin Grace Fitzgerald Chicago, IL Nursing <i>Cum laude</i>	Emily Katherine Herman Chicago, IL Nursing <i>Cum laude</i>
Sincere Arie Cannon Gary, IN Nursing <i>Magna cum laude</i>	Magdalen Grace France Wabash, IN Nursing	Briana Eileen Houpt Portage, IN Nursing <i>Summa cum laude</i>

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Amy Elizabeth Johnson
Orland Park, IL
Nursing

Mary Grace Kaczynski
South Bend, IN
Nursing
Magna cum laude

Molly Morgan Kearns
Los Angeles, CA
Nursing

Kaitlyn Grace King
Naperville, IL
Nursing
Cum laude

Fiona Claire Lanahan
Pittsford, NY
Nursing

Margaret Mary Lawler
Lemont, IL
Nursing

Francesca Davina Lio
Lemont, IL
Nursing

Kathryn Alise Lukas
Old Saybrook, CT
Nursing

Morgan Kathryn Mahaney
Grand Rapids, MI
Nursing
Magna cum laude

McKenzie Lee McDaniel
Portage, MI
Nursing

Lydia Love Mendl
Lawton, MI
Nursing
Magna cum laude

Alivia Marie Monaco
Monroe, CT
Nursing

Elena Renee Orians
Mishawaka, IN
Nursing
Magna cum laude

Victoria Lynn Parent
Fort Wayne, IN
Nursing

Marissa Nicole Schneider
Dyer, IN
Nursing

Emma Nicole Schroeder
Osceola, IN
Nursing

Ava Lilly Schuldt
New Lenox, IL
Nursing
Summa cum laude

Abigail Rose Seaton
Springfield, IL
Nursing

Allison Marie Shears
Valparaiso, IN
Nursing
Magna cum laude

Katelyn Shelby
Bristol, IN
Nursing

Catherine Rita Speybroeck
South Bend, IN
Nursing

Carolyn Rose Steigmeyer
Fort Wayne, IN
Nursing
Magna cum laude

Ellie Grace Stumpf
Greenwood, IN
Nursing
Cum laude

Anna Topping
Niles, MI
Nursing

Monica Joan Ugo
Indianapolis, IN
Nursing
Cum laude

Anna Maria Vasta
South Bend, IN
Nursing

Emma Cate Welstead
Marietta, GA
Nursing

The Degree of Bachelor of Social Work

Courtney Anne Bean
South Bend, IN
Social Work

Hailey Marie Casares
Morocco, IN
Social Work

Aaren Hope Chavez Fernandez
Clovis, CA
Social Work

Sydney Kay Madden
Geneva, IL
Social Work
Magna cum laude

Jenna Christine Neeley
Lowell, IN
Social Work

Eliana Mae Oviedo
South Bend, IN
Social Work
Magna cum laude

Jasmyne Jalyell Townsend
Hudsonville, MI
Social Work

*ISDM – Interdisciplinary Self-Designed Major



Honors

Department Awards

Art

Saint Luke's Medal – Monica Alvarez and Vincenza “Vinni” Paradiso
Sister Edna Service Award –Hannah Phillips

Biology

Mother M. Rose Elizabeth, CSC Award – Emegdy Avila and Grace Johnston
Sister M. Rosaleen Dunleavy, CSC Award – Kara Stacey and Eduarda Tartarella Nascimento

Business Administration and Economics

Frank A. Yeandel Service Award – Cadyn Reger
Jerome L. McElroy Outstanding Achievement Award – Kacie Mohan
Academic Achievement Award – Bridget Walicki
Achievement Award (Accounting) – Bridget Walicki
Achievement Award (Economics) – Anne Adams
Achievement Award (Finance) – Isabella Fischer
Achievement Award (Management) – Lauren McIntyre
Achievement Award (Management Information Systems) – Molly Witkop
Academic Achievement Award (Marketing) – Sheridan Riva

Chemistry and Physics

Mother M. Rose Elizabeth, CSC Award – Megan Dieckmann and Mary “Katie” Smith
American Institute of Chemists Award – Julia Schutz
Richard Tarara Academic Excellence in Physics Award – Monique Morse
The F. Lee Benton Exceptional Service and Research in Physics Award – Monique Morse

Communication Studies, Dance, and Theatre

Ann Plamondon Award for Excellence in Communication Studies – Elle Haney and Sarah Jannings
Communication Studies Service Award – Jayda Capellan
Terpsichorean Award for Excellence in Dance – Jayda Capellan

Education

Mary A. McDermott Award – Jenna Mayden and Madison Minick
Grace Sullivan McGuire Secondary Education Award – Julia Zusi
IACTE Outstanding Future Educators Award – Sarah Fairbank, Mary Fean, Abigail Harnisch and Sarah Wardlow
Schmuhl Early Childhood Education Award – Abigail “Abbie” Harnisch

Department Awards

English

Elisabeth A. Noel Literature Prize – Grace Leber
The Laura Haigwood Literary Citizenship Prize – Julie Sims and Catherine Whittier
The Laurie A. Lesniewski Creative Writing Award – Julie Sims

Environmental Studies

Environmental Studies Award – Abigail “Abbie” Kawalec and Clare Mula

Gender and Women’s Studies

Mary Frances Eder Halpin Award in Gender and Women’s Studies – Phoenix McClellan

Global Studies

Outstanding Achievement in Global Studies – Ana Baca

History

Martha Montgomery Schurz Memorial Award for Excellence in History – Sophia Johnson
Martha Montgomery Schurz Memorial Award for Excellence in the Senior Seminar Research Paper – Mary “Caroline” Dutton
Martha Montgomery Schurz Memorial Award for Excellence in Writing in the Women’s History Program – Phoenix McClellan

Humanistic Studies

Thomas More Award – Grace Leber

Mathematics

Milko Jeglic Award – Isabela Guthrie Beckstrom
Donald E. Miller Award – Katelyn Tokarz

Modern Languages

Leonilda Francesca Acerra and Dominico Enrico Christofaro Award in Italian – Alivia Monaco
Anne Cashore Borjas Award in Spanish – Ana Baca and Ruby Meza
The Bayhouse-Marcy Award in French – Mairi Weber-Hess and Chloe Westrate

Music

Emma Krost Eder Award for Musical Excellence – Julia Zusi

Nursing Science

Evelyn McGuiness Award for Excellence in Nursing – Sincere Cannon
Humanitarian in Nursing Award – Magdalen France
Sister Maureen Grady, CSC, Spirit of Nursing Award (MSN) – Brooke Montgomery
MSN Award for Academic Excellence – Annie Enrietto
DNP Daisy Award – Mary Auber
Outstanding DNP Practice Innovation Project Award – Leigh Flegge-Schlie

Philosophy

Award for Excellence in Philosophical Writing – Chloe Westrate

Political Science

Juliette Noone Lester Award – Thalia Mora

Department Awards

Psychology

Animating Spirit Award – Leeanna Silkworth and Eleanor Sweeney
Joseph Miller Outstanding Scholarship Award – Emegdy Avila, Joanna James, Sydney May and Kayli Revett

Religious Studies

Helen M. Carroll Award – Kathryn “Katie” Clem

Social Work and Gerontology

Academic Excellence Award – Eliana Oviedo
Leadership Award – Hailey Casares and Sydney Madden
Josephine Murphy Kuhl Research Award – Aaren Fernandez
Kristi A. Morris Award – Jenna Neeley
Gerontology Award – Caroline Gault
Gerontology Leadership Award – Sydney Madden
Gerontology Academic Award – Katherine Theriault
MSW Outstanding Student Leadership Award – Arianna Myler

Sociology

Donald N.M. Horning Award – Leann Saul
Sociology Award – Margaret “Maggie” Dunn

Speech Language Pathology

Ancora Imparo Award – Katelyn Sizemore
Carolyn S. Langley Award (Graduate Program) – Sarah Hagen

College Awards

Mary Ellen Smith Academic and
Athletic Achievement Award
Katelyn Tokarz

Saint Mary’s College Alumnae Association
2025 Outstanding Senior Award
Sincere Cannon

Kappa Gamma Pi

National Catholic College Graduate Honor Society

Monica Alvarez	Sarah Jannings	Madeline Reynolds
Lucy Brown	Georgette Kersman	Leann Saul
Andrea Cannaday	Kaitlyn King	Allison Shears
Sincere Cannon	Kaitlyn Magoonauh	Katelyn Sizemore
Jayda Capellan	Morgan McGuire	Kara Stacey
Kathryn Clem	Jeanett Ochoa	Eduarda Tartarella Nascimento
Lillian Frey	Piper Ogden	Andrea Vera Liévano
Nathaly Gonzalez	Elena Orians	Lucy Wasserman
Kaitlyn Gornik	Elizabeth Pahl	Hallie Weaver
Angelina Grohovsky	Jocelyn Porter	Meghan Westman
Theresa Hayes	Grace Renschen	Chloe Westrate
Emily Herman		

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 <i>White</i>	*Social Work <i>Citron</i>	Library Science <i>Lemon</i>
*Science <i>Golden Yellow</i>	*Nursing <i>Apricot</i>	Engineering <i>Orange</i>
*Fine Arts <i>Brown</i>	Philosophy <i>Dark Blue</i>	Law <i>Purple</i>
*Music <i>Pink</i>	Education <i>Light Blue</i>	
*Business <i>Drab (Light Brown)</i>	Theology <i>Scarlet</i>	*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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The Bells of Saint Mary’s

arr. Sprague

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

love you. With your in spir - a - tion girls, We ne girls - 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 - ver, with beau - ty en -

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

