



Saint Mary's College
179th Annual

Commencement

May 16, 2026

Saint Mary's College Welcomes you to the 179th annual Commencement



Order of Ceremony

Academic Procession

National Anthem

Sheila-Marie Manyara '26

Invocation

Maureen Karnatz Smith '85

Chair, Board of Trustees

Welcome

Katie Conboy, Ph.D.

President

Lumen Christi Award

Margaret Marion Gower, Ph.D.

Vice President for Mission

Madeleva Award

Colleen M. Hoover, Ph.D.

Associate Provost and Dean of Graduate Studies

Presentation of Valedictorian Medals

Megan Halteman Zwart, Ph.D.

Provost and Vice President

Chloe Emenhiser
Emma Heffron
Maura Mack

Alaina Motes
Abigail Newton
Sophia Sainato-Pinkie

Elizabeth Stack
Morgan Zack
Leah Zimmerman

Valedictory Address

Abigail Newton

President's Medal

Katie Conboy

Citations for Honorary Degrees

Megan Halteman Zwart

Commencement Address

Anne Thompson

Citations for Graduate and Undergraduate Degrees in Course

Megan Halteman 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

Sheila-Marie Manyara '26

Recession

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



Carmi and Chris Murphy
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.

Carmi and Chris Murphy have dedicated their lives to being generous and positive influences who make a long-lasting impact for the greater good. They have been steadfast supporters of Saint Mary's College for decades, including funding the Murphy Faculty Award for Senior Comprehensive Mentorship and Murphy's Cafe in Angela Athletic & Wellness Complex. Carmi faithfully served on the Board of Trustees for a total of 15 years during two different terms. She also lent her expertise and leadership to several College initiatives, including the Presidential Search Committee in 2003, and the Down the Avenue Steering Committee for six years. Carmi and Chris served on the steering committee for the College's previous comprehensive campaign for seven years. During that time they graciously hosted campaign events and attended numerous campaign-related events for Saint Mary's. The College honored Carmi for her countless contributions to the institution, making her an honorary alumna, Class of 2011. She continues a family legacy: her mother, Ernestine Morris Raclin, was a member of the Down the Avenue Steering Committee and Honorary Chair in 2013 and an honorary degree recipient. Her aunt Mary Lou Leighton was an honorary alumna and a recipient of both an honorary degree and the President's Medal. Carmi is currently a member of the President's Circle, an advisory board to the President. Carmi and Chris are also deeply involved in the South Bend community, and were inducted into the South Bend Community Hall of Fame in 2013. Both have served on numerous local and state boards, and are actively involved in Chris' alma mater, the University of Notre Dame. Last year, in recognition of their contributions to the University and their service to the community, they received the Rev. Edward Frederick Sorin, C.S.C., Award, one of the University's highest honors.



Jennifer Holmgren, Ph.D.
Doctor of Science, Honoris Causa

Jennifer Holmgren is the chairman and CEO of the revolutionary carbon-recycling company, LanzaTech. Under Holmgren's leadership, LanzaTech has developed a variety of platform chemicals and fuels, including the world's first alternative jet fuel derived from industrial waste gases. Prior to LanzaTech, Holmgren was the founding VP and General Manager of the Renewable Energy and Chemicals business unit at UOP, LLC, a Honeywell company, where she was a key driver of their leadership in low carbon aviation biofuels. Holmgren has authored or co-authored 50 US patents and more than 30 scientific publications, and is a member of the National Academy of Engineering. She serves on several boards and advisory councils, and her impact has been widely recognized with honors such as the Edison Achievement Award for significant and lasting contributions to the world of innovation, the William C. Holmberg Award for Lifetime Achievement in the Advanced Bioeconomy from *Biofuels Digest*, and the Presidential Green Chemistry Award from the Environmental Protection Agency. In 2023, she was named one of *Time* magazine's TIME100 list of Most Influential Climate Leaders. Holmgren earned her Bachelor of Science degree from Harvey Mudd College, her Ph.D. from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and an MBA from the University of Chicago.



Anne Thompson

Doctor of Humane Letters, Honoris Causa

Anne Thompson is a journalist at NBC News, serving as Chief Environmental Affairs Correspondent since 2007. Her stories appear on the Today Show, NBC Nightly News with Tom Llamas, and NBC News Now. She first joined NBC News in 1997 as a national correspondent. Throughout her acclaimed career, Thompson has covered a wide variety of topics: global warming and new green technologies, presidential campaigns, the Vatican—including the election and papacy of Pope Francis and the election of Pope Leo XIV—and financial and economic news. Her work has been honored with over a dozen national and regional Emmys. In 2004, she was awarded the prestigious Gerald Loeb Award for distinguished business and financial journalism for a series of reports on the jobless economic recovery. She was also part of the team that won the Alfred I. duPont-Columbia Journalism Award for coverage of Hurricane Katrina. Thompson began her broadcasting career at WNDU-TV in South Bend as a general assignment reporter. She earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in American Studies from the University of Notre Dame and has been on the University’s Board of Trustees since 2010. In 2019, Thompson received the Rev. Edward Fredrick Sorin, C.S.C., Award in recognition of her contributions to the Notre Dame community and beyond. This is one of the University’s highest honors.



Graduate Studies

The Degree of Doctor of Nursing Practice

Pamela Elizabeth Condly
Bloomington, IN
Family Nurse Practitioner
Director: Patricia Keresztes, Ph.D.

Kirstin Marie Kinniry
Spencerville, IN
Family Nurse Practitioner
Director: Patricia Keresztes, Ph.D.

Taylor Leigh Murphy
Traverse City, MI
Adult Gerontology Acute Care
Director: Jamie Bump, D.N.P.

Rose Catherine Fialkowski
Mokena, IL
Family Nurse Practitioner
Director: Patricia Keresztes, Ph.D.

Shannon Kirby
Chicago, IL
Family Nurse Practitioner
Director: Patricia Keresztes, Ph.D.

Cara Michelle Mustafoski
Wayne, NJ
Adult Gerontology Acute Care
Director: Jamie Bump, D.N.P.

The Degree of Master of Science

Madeline F. Bailey
Saint John, IN
Speech Language Pathology

Lupita Luna-Tovar
Indianapolis, IN
Speech Language Pathology

Catherine Reynoso
Bremen, IN
Speech Language Pathology

Anna Lynne Cavalier
Macomb, MI
Speech Language Pathology

Ruby Meza
East Chicago, IN
Speech Language Pathology

Olivia Verice Rice
Mishawaka, IN
Speech Language Pathology

Lillian Rose Frey
Grand Rapids, MI
Speech Language Pathology

Grace Patricia Niego
Chicago, IL
Speech Language Pathology

Kathleen Scheidler
Granger, IN
Speech Language Pathology

Olivia Marisol Herbst
Northbrook, IL
Speech Language Pathology

Olivia Anne Pandolfi
Joliet, IL
Speech Language Pathology

Katherine Clare Theriault
Perrysburg, OH
Speech Language Pathology

Elle Maxine Houin
Plymouth, IN
Speech Language Pathology

Abigail M. Peterson
Granger, IN
Speech Language Pathology

Olivia Nichole Vandall
Whitestown, IN
Speech Language Pathology

Kassidy Kay Nicolette Longenecker
South Bend, IN
Speech Language Pathology

Elyssa Grace Pickett-Klimek
Homer Glen, IL
Speech Language Pathology

Hallie Marie Weaver
Davenport, IA
Speech Language Pathology

The Degree of Master of Science in Nursing

Gianna Alba Katherine Cammarata
Sunnyvale, CA
Nursing

Krista Michelle Dockery
South Bend, IN
Nursing

Mckenzie Hudgen
Walkerton, IN
Nursing

Graham Kenneth Champagne
Grass Valley, CA
Nursing

Paige Nicole Horvath
Lakeville, IN
Nursing

Olivia Danielle Shaw
Valparaiso, IN
Nursing

The Degree of Master of Social Work

Elizabeth Morgan Bierbaum
Fort Wayne, IN
Clinical Social Work

Jessica Arely Mejia-Abrajan
South Bend, IN
Clinical Social Work

Taylor Elizabeth Ratermann
Fort Loramie, OH
Clinical Social Work

Hailey Marie Casares
Morocco, IN
Clinical Social Work

Makayla Maria Minnaar
Spring Lake, MI
Clinical Social Work

Javien Louis Smith
Atlanta, GA
Clinical Social Work

Rosemary Therese Enright
Chicago, IL
Clinical Social Work

Olivia Ann Nitchoff
Lemont, IL
Clinical Social Work

Jasmyne Jalyell Townsend
Hudsonville, MI
Clinical Social Work

René Suzanne Lampos
Oak Lawn, IL
Clinical Social Work

Olivia Allison Petty
Coppell, TX
Clinical Social Work

Undergraduate Studies

The Degree of Bachelor of Arts

Zoe Ackermann
Munster, IN
Neuroscience

Kaitlyn J. Barlas
Tinley Park, IL
Literature in English/Secondary
Education
Magna cum laude

Marisol Bohorquez
Streamwood, IL
Philosophy

Alyson Anael Aguilar Morales
South Bend, IN
Speech Language Pathology
Magna cum laude

Nora Battista
South Bend, IN
Speech Language Pathology

Grace Isabel Braselton
Grand Rapids, MI
Psychology
Cum laude

Christine Julia Alexander
Canandaigua, NY
Economics

Rebecca Ann Bauer
Mt. Prospect, IL
Sociology

Kennedy Brooks
Cassopolis, MI
Political Science

Mackenzie Grace Althouse
Noblesville, IN
Speech Language Pathology

Clara Beatty
Saint Joseph, MI
Global Studies

Maureen Nicole Burnham
Fort Wayne, IN
Art
Cum laude

Sophia Marie Andalon
Marshall, MI
Psychology

Rose Mary Bednar
Shelby Township, MI
Elementary Education
Summa cum laude

Madisyn Marie Bussell
North Judson, IN
Communication Studies
Cum laude

Amelia Katherine Anderson
Chicago, IL
Psychology

Bethany Sue Berlage
Chicago, IL
Mathematics/Economics
Summa cum laude

Sara Jo Caniglia
Broadview Heights, OH
Speech Language Pathology
Summa cum laude

Carolina Marie Yemoteley Andoh
Ann Arbor, MI
Psychology

Alessandra Littleton Besachio
Greeneville, TN
Art
Magna cum laude

Kassandra Grace Jia Xin Chang
Honolulu, HI
Environmental Studies

Ella Reign Asmus
Niles, MI
Psychology
Summa cum laude

The Degree of Bachelor of Arts

Qian Chen China Psychology <i>Magna cum laude</i>	Sarah Elizabeth Crofford Morristown, NJ Speech Language Pathology <i>Cum laude</i>	Karli Anne Fegan Orland Park, IL Communication Studies
Madelynn Chestovich Chesterton, IN Literature in English/Secondary Education <i>Cum laude</i>	Maria Constance Dach Sarasota, FL Religious Studies <i>Cum laude</i>	Ryley Caitlyn Finch Crown Point, IN Art <i>Cum laude</i>
Haylie Chiarella Southington, OH Communication Studies	Isabella Marie Dacoba Kalamazoo, MI Economics <i>Magna cum laude</i>	Brigid Regina Fuller Harrisburg, PA Communication Studies
Maria Chibucos Chicago, IL Sociology/Philosophy	Carly Ann Davis Dyer, IN Political Science/Philosophy	Adriana Anastacia Galicia South Bend, IN Gender and Women's Studies
Grace Margaret Christopher Homer Glen, IL Communication Studies/Humanistic Studies <i>Cum laude</i>	Phoebe Elizabeth Diamond Lockport, IL Creative Writing/Humanistic Studies <i>Magna cum laude</i>	Deven May Ganeff South Bend, IN Elementary Education
Kyndal Christy Valley Park, MO Political Science	Molly Alessandra Donaruma Granger, IN Environmental Studies	Samantha Ann Gebert Cottage Grove, WI Computing and Applied Mathematics
Ryann Grace Clapper Hutto, TX Religious Studies/Psychology/Philosophy <i>Cum laude</i>	Sirena Scarlett Doundoulakis Glenview, IL History/Political Science	Hannah Gerner Crown Point, IN Speech Language Pathology
Abigail Marie Clark Valparaiso, IN Economics/Political Science	Taylor Doyle New Lenox, IL Psychology	Jenna Christine Giannini Saint John, IN Speech Language Pathology
Alyssa Darlene Colpitts South Bend, IN Elementary Education <i>Magna cum laude</i>	Wiktorija Drapala Granger, IN Art <i>Summa cum laude</i>	Maeve Gibbons Park Ridge, IL Communication Studies
Maria Rose Coman South Bend, IN ISDM: Health and Human Services	Abbey Ireland Duggan Frankfort, IL Psychology	Aracely Gonzalez Waukegan, IL Sociology/Spanish <i>Magna cum laude</i>
Hannah Marie Cox Cedar Springs, MI Sociology/Psychology <i>Magna cum laude</i>	Mary Ellsworth Nappanee, IN Speech Language Pathology <i>Magna cum laude</i>	Johanna Gonzalez Highland, IN Psychology/Music
Olivia Cramer-Stevens La Porte, IN Elementary Education <i>Magna cum laude</i>	Chloe Emenhiser Middlebury, IN Statistical and Actuarial Mathematics <i>Summa cum laude</i> <i>Co-Valedictorian</i>	Chancelor Ann Gordon Austell, GA Literature in English <i>Summa cum laude</i>
	Joy Chinaza Ezechikamnayo Umuahia, Abia State, Nigeria Philosophy/Art <i>Magna cum laude</i>	Brooke Torey Greer Chicago, IL Communication Studies
		Macy Gunnell Plainfield, IN Political Science/Economics

The Degree of Bachelor of Arts

Mandy Guo South Bend, IN Computing and Applied Mathematics	Anne Sophia Iovino New Albany, OH Psychology <i>Summa cum laude</i>	Julia E. Madeja Leroy, OH Communication Studies
Lucy Hall South Bend, IN Art	Jocelyn Ippel Saint Joseph, MI Elementary Education	Sheila-Marie Moraa Mumbi Manyara Nairobi, Kenya Mathematics <i>Summa cum laude</i>
Hailey Madison Harness Walkerton, IN Speech Language Pathology <i>Cum laude</i>	Alli Elizabeth Jablonski Petoskey, MI Political Science/Gender and Women's Studies	Daisy Martinez Indianapolis, IN ISDM: Health and Human Services
Aubrey Kathryn Harper Granger, IN Physics	Piper Jakeway Grand Blanc, MI Humanistic Studies	Giselle Yasmine Martinez Dallas, TX Psychology/Gender and Women's Studies
Ellen Rose Guitar Hartzog Fort Wayne, IN Speech Language Pathology <i>Cum laude</i>	Kamilla Grace Karch South Bend, IN Communication Studies <i>Cum laude</i>	Silvana Paola Martinez Bustamante South Bend, IN Psychology
Kyaris Simore Hasan South Bend, IN Speech Language Pathology	Summer Paige Keller Dallas, TX Communication Studies <i>Magna cum laude</i>	Chloe Rose Mathis Coloma, MI Psychology <i>Magna cum laude</i>
Katherine Macy Hayes Mount Prospect, IL Speech Language Pathology <i>Magna cum laude</i>	Colleen Rose Kepplin New Carlisle, IN Political Science <i>Cum laude</i>	Alyssa Katrina Matuza Troy, MI Psychology <i>Cum laude</i>
Jenny Elisabeth Helmer McLean, VA Speech Language Pathology/Psychology <i>Magna cum laude</i>	Bridget Ann Knowles Wilmington, IL Economics	Amelia Grace McCloskey Barrington, IL Psychology
Audrey Kate Henderson Joliet, IL Speech Language Pathology <i>Cum laude</i>	Danielle Kraft Springfield, IL Speech Language Pathology <i>Magna cum laude</i>	Olivia Sarah-Jane McCormack Grand Rapids, MI Elementary Education <i>Cum laude</i>
Karissa Elizabeth Hinckley Wheaton, IL Economics	Allyson Elizabeth Krause Carol Stream, IL Speech Language Pathology/Spanish <i>Summa cum laude</i>	Caidence McDonald Lansing, MI Psychology/Theatre <i>Summa cum laude</i>
Rebecca Michelle Holm Littleton, CO History/Humanistic Studies <i>Summa cum laude</i>	Isabelle Lambert Springboro, OH Elementary Education	Samantha Ann Mikitka Naperville, IL Elementary Education <i>Magna cum laude</i>
Jaelie Howard Valparaiso, IN ISDM: Health and Human Services	Taylor Lipp Indianapolis, IN Creative Writing <i>Summa cum laude</i>	Caroline Rose Miklavcic Frankfort, KY Speech Language Pathology <i>Cum laude</i>
Liberty Anne Hunsberger Edwardsburg, MI Economics/Environmental Studies	Annie Velma Madden Fort Wayne, IN Communication Studies	Bridget Maxine Mitchell Columbus, OH Psychology <i>Cum laude</i>

The Degree of Bachelor of Arts

Mikaela Grace Molinaro Houston, TX Speech Language Pathology <i>Summa cum laude</i>	Emma Rosaleen Olsick Lemont, IL Literature in English/Spanish	Nicole Quaglio Logansport, IN Environmental Studies
Macie Loretta Molnar Aurora, IL Communication Studies	Emily M. O'Roark Beaver Falls, PA Creative Writing	Grace Ann Rennells Muskegon, MI Speech Language Pathology <i>Magna cum laude</i>
Flynn Maureen Monahan Western Springs, IL Communication Studies	Anna Ostrowski Frankfort, IL Elementary Education <i>Magna cum laude</i>	Alexis Jean Rialson Traverse City, MI Speech Language Pathology
Sofia Morelli Indianapolis, IN Elementary Education	Belen Pacheco-Salazar South Bend, IN Sociology/Spanish <i>Cum laude</i>	Catalina Isabella Rodriguez Chicago, IL Sociology/Political Science
Amelia Moroney Elmhurst, IL Political Science <i>Magna cum laude</i>	Emily Katherine Pandolfi Joliet, IL Psychology <i>Cum laude</i>	Kelley Lynn Rourke Lockport, IL Economics
Alaina Marie Motes Salina, KS Literature in English and Creative Writing <i>Summa cum laude</i> <i>Co-Valedictorian</i>	Gwyneth Sue Passinault Traverse City, MI Communication Studies <i>Magna cum laude</i>	Anne Helen Sableski Dayton, OH Elementary Education
Ivory Bella Muñoz Schererville, IN Political Science	Abaigeal Grace Patnode Flower Mound, TX Global Studies <i>Cum laude</i>	Sophia Jean Sainato-Pinkie Valparaiso, IN Communication Studies <i>Summa cum laude</i> <i>Co-Valedictorian</i>
Abigail Joanne Newton Kirklin, IN Computing and Applied Mathematics <i>Summa cum laude</i> <i>Co-Valedictorian</i>	Trudi Leanne Patterson Michigan City, IN Literature in English/Communication Studies <i>Cum laude</i>	Isabella Sandoval Berwyn, IL Communication Studies
Reese Elizabeth O'Brien Valparaiso, IN Speech Language Pathology <i>Summa cum laude</i>	Sara Ann Peabody Springfield, OH Political Science/Religious Studies <i>Magna cum laude</i>	Monica Schafer Carmel, IN Art
Mary Claire O'Connell Warrenville, IL Political Science/Philosophy/Gender and Women's Studies <i>Summa cum laude</i>	Cecelia Michelle Pooler Elkhart, IN Speech Language Pathology <i>Cum laude</i>	Lucia Thérèse Schudt Macomb, MI Psychology/Art <i>Cum laude</i>
Caitlin Marie O'Connor Chicago, IL Art <i>Magna cum laude</i>	Megan Suzanne Prendergast Fort Wayne, IN Communication Studies	Patricia Mary Settlemier North Richland Hills, TX Speech Language Pathology <i>Summa cum laude</i>
Elizabeth Anne Ohman Sault Sainte Marie, MI Psychology/Sociology <i>Cum laude</i>	Caitlin Elizabeth Price Granger, IN Literature in English <i>Magna cum laude</i>	Anna Kathryn Sheridan Mount Laurel, NJ ISDM: Health, Humanities and Society <i>Magna cum laude</i>
		Mia Kathleen Shields Oak Lawn, IL Sociology

The Degree of Bachelor of Arts

Dina Elizabeth Shriver Granger, IN Psychology <i>Magna cum laude</i>	Abigail Grace Stombres Fairfax, VA Speech Language Pathology <i>Magna cum laude</i>	Grace Anne Wasicki Frankfort, IL Communication Studies/Gender and Women's Studies <i>Summa cum laude</i>
Ashley Christine Sims Mckinney, TX Global Studies/Philosophy <i>Cum laude</i>	Angelina Stupak Bridgeview, IL Sociology/Psychology <i>Cum laude</i>	Mary Louise Dorothy Weber Naperville, IL Elementary Education <i>Magna cum laude</i>
Ava Elizabeth Slater Fort Wayne, IN ISDM: Health and Human Services	Mary Rose Sutherland Clarkston, MI Literature in English/Political Science	Lily Anne Wilder Fort Gratiot, MI Political Science/Environmental Studies
Lucy Victoria Smith South Bend, IN Theatre <i>Cum laude</i>	Mila Frances Swiacki Marco Island, FL Neuroscience	Allison Jean Wilson La Porte, IN ISDM: Physiological Psychology of Animal Life
Sarabeth Kathryn Spencer Holland, MI History <i>Magna cum laude</i>	Hannah Grace Szymanski Granger, IN Sociology/Political Science <i>Cum laude</i>	Abigail Jane Wojtaszek Hammond, IN Theatre/Political Science <i>Summa cum laude</i>
Elizabeth Stack Downers Grove, IL Economics/Political Science <i>Summa cum laude</i> <i>Co-Valedictorian</i>	Ariane Urayeneza Akimana South Bend, IN Psychology	Mishelle Yopez Goshen, IN Psychology/Spanish
Ava Stengle Lake Geneva, WI Art	Harper Emily Valerius Cedar Lake, IN Economics	Madison Hagen Yourell Park Ridge, IL Speech Language Pathology
Alexis Ann Stephens Effingham, IL Psychology/Sociology <i>Magna cum laude</i>	Montserrat Vazquez Diaz Goshen, IN Speech Language Pathology	Kayli Zelinske-Mader Owatonna, MN Gender and Women's Studies <i>Magna cum laude</i>
Catherine Mary Beatrice Stephens Glen Ellyn, IL Elementary Education <i>Summa cum laude</i>	Anna K. Vernetti Stuttgart, Germany Creative Writing	Leah Louise Zimmerman Fort Wayne, IN Speech Language Pathology <i>Summa cum laude</i> <i>Co-Valedictorian</i>
	Madeline Jeanne Waibel Duncansville, PA Economics <i>Summa cum laude</i>	

The Degree of Bachelor of Business Administration

EmmaLee Adkins Osceola, IN Business Administration	Meghan Riley Bowen Chicago, IL Accounting <i>Summa cum laude</i>	Jade Cervantes Aurora, IL Accounting <i>Cum laude</i>
Rabija Begic South Bend, IN Accounting <i>Cum laude</i>	Sylvia Gabrielle Boyden Lancaster, OH Marketing <i>Cum laude</i>	Nicole Darlene Connolly Mokena, IL Business Administration

The Degree of Bachelor of Business Administration

Nicole De Guzman Naperville, IL Marketing <i>Magna cum laude</i>	Eleanor Mary Henzel Plainfield, IL Business Administration	Ava Ann Notaro Crystal Lake, IL Business Administration
Megan Elizabeth de Varona Grand Ledge, MI Business Administration <i>Magna cum laude</i>	Isabella Hourani San Diego, CA Business Administration <i>Cum laude</i>	Aris Siobhan O'Shea Cincinnati, OH Marketing
Isabella Dovin Noblesville, IN Business Administration	Colleen Kacedan Naperville, IL Business Administration	Anne Jane Papp Elmhurst, IL Business Administration
Theresa Broderick Farnum Wheaton, IL Business Administration <i>Cum laude</i>	Emma Christine Klockenkemper Elmwood Park, IL Business Administration <i>Cum laude</i>	Bethany Marie Pavlov Saint Joseph, MI Accounting
Adriana Anastacia Galicia South Bend, IN Accounting	Sofia Ichelt Landa Chicago, IL Business Administration	Lydia Madeleine Poe Shawnee, KS Business Administration
Riley Quinn Gambino Geneva, IL Business Administration/Music <i>Magna cum laude</i>	Delaney Brook Martin North Judson, IN Marketing	Cadence Anne Reinert Allentown, PA Accounting <i>Cum laude</i>
Claire Elizabeth Gannon Atlanta, GA Marketing	Felicity Elizabeth Matthews Fullerton, CA Accounting	Isabelle Sherman Fort Wayne, IN Business Administration <i>Cum laude</i>
Jasleen Kaur Ghattora Cedar Park, TX Business Administration <i>Magna cum laude</i>	Mary Elizabeth McGuire Frankfort, IL Marketing <i>Magna cum laude</i>	Abigail Rose Signore Tinley Park, IL Business Administration <i>Cum laude</i>
Alyssa Maile Grant Oak Lawn, IL Business Administration	Sarah Ann Menker Dayton, OH Accounting <i>Magna cum laude</i>	Ava Louise Stojkovich Crown Point, IN Accounting <i>Magna cum laude</i>
Elizabeth Ann Groth Melrose Park, IL Business Administration <i>Cum laude</i>	Leah Noelle Miller Edwardsburg, MI Business Administration/Economics <i>Cum laude</i>	Cordelia Vazquez Whiting, IN Marketing <i>Cum laude</i>
Breana Maureen Harrington Ocala, FL Accounting <i>Summa cum laude</i>	Logan Spencer Miller South Bend, IN Business Administration	Mary Kate Elizabeth Wuelfing Rocklin, CA Accounting <i>Magna cum laude</i>

The Degree of Bachelor of Fine Arts

Emily Visser South Bend, IN Art <i>Cum laude</i>	Amelia Grace Walters Goshen, IN Art	Mariana Zavala Almiray Mexicali, Baja California, Mexico Art <i>Magna cum laude</i>
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The Degree of Bachelor of Music

Abigail Caroline Burns
Hastings, NE
Music Education
Magna cum laude

The Degree of Bachelor of Science

Rachel Renee Adornetto Greensboro, NC Biology <i>Cum laude</i>	Mazie Ehler Holland, MI Neuroscience	Elizabeth Grace Hoeksema Grand Rapids, MI Biology/Art
Janelle Sueann Aiello Plymouth, MI Chemistry <i>Magna cum laude</i>	Eva Elise Erickson Verona, WI Neuroscience	Emmalyn Ruth Holmquist Grand Rapids, MI Mathematics <i>Cum laude</i>
Ryleigh May Alles Fort Wayne, IN Physics and Applied Mathematics	Claire Alexa Ferguson Rockford, MI Biology	Aliciana Ilias Dayton, OH Neuroscience <i>Cum laude</i>
Natalie Anderson Franklin, TN Biology/Environmental Studies	Isabella De Reza Fernandez Carson, CA Physics	Caitlin Alexandra Jaskolski Washington, MI Chemistry
Nadia Baca Arroyo Plymouth, IN Biology	Audrey Fleming Mantua, OH Chemistry <i>Magna cum laude</i>	Madison Marie Johns Erie, PA Biology <i>Cum laude</i>
Maeve Begley Palos Heights, IL Statistical and Actuarial Mathematics <i>Summa cum laude</i>	Sophia L. Freehauf Bremen, IN Computing and Applied Mathematics	Grace Elizabeth Katsekas Brookfield, WI Biology <i>Summa cum laude</i>
Allison Bierbaum Fort Wayne, IN Biology	Morgan Grace Gear Valparaiso, IN Biology	Mackenzie Erin Kelley New Lenox, IL Biology
Katherine Gabrielle Comito Des Moines, IA Computing and Applied Mathematics	Sheccid Nataly Gutierrez Logansport, IN Biology/Spanish <i>Magna cum laude</i>	Madeline Rose Kirincic Glen Ellyn, IL Biology <i>Magna cum laude</i>
Gabriella Josephine DeLeon Glen Ellyn, IL Biology <i>Cum laude</i>	Allyson Elizabeth Hager Corpus Christi, TX Mathematics	Avery Elizabeth Lazaro Lisle, IL Biology <i>Cum laude</i>
Grace DeLong Muskegon, MI Chemistry <i>Cum laude</i>	Mary Grace Heekin Fayetteville, GA Physics <i>Cum laude</i>	Julia Faith Lizak Riverview, MI Computing and Applied Mathematics
Wiktorija Drapala Granger, IN Biology <i>Summa cum laude</i>	Rachel Melinda Hensley Fort Wayne, IN Physics <i>Cum laude</i>	

The Degree of Bachelor of Science

Emma Christine Lombardo
Frankfort, IL
Mathematics
Cum laude

Maura Kathleen Mack
Duneland Beach, IN
Biology
Summa cum laude
Co-Valedictorian

Charlotte Chieh Marran
Orland Park, IL
Chemistry

Kelsey Marie McGivern
New Lenox, IL
Chemistry
Summa cum laude

Amanda Ann Melling
East Lansing, MI
Biology
Summa cum laude

Alexandra Miller
Wakarusa, IN
Physics
Cum laude

Dhemi Lynn Mislenkov
Valparaiso, IN
Chemistry
Cum laude

Melany Morales-Garibay
South Bend, IN
Computing and Applied Mathematics
Cum laude

Meghan Mounts
Granger, IN
Biology
Magna cum laude

Emily J. Nixon
Chesterton, IN
Biology

Katherine O'Roark
Beaver Falls, PA
Computing and Applied Mathematics
Magna cum laude

Isabella Grace Perry
Niles, MI
Neuroscience

Lucia Raciti
Granger, IN
Mathematics
Summa cum laude

Lauren Jennifer Ryan
Carmel, IN
Physics

Maura Eileen Ryan
Roswell, GA
Chemistry
Magna cum laude

Kathryn MacKenzie Schneider
San Diego, CA
Physics
Magna cum laude

Makenna Louise Schroeder
Sylvania, OH
Neuroscience
Magna cum laude

Lyndsay Marie Sheeran
Traverse City, MI
Mathematics/Spanish

Gwyneth Sheffer
Pendleton, IN
Neuroscience

Sailor Ann Somerville
Sanford, MI
Physics

Sophia Thomas
La Grange, IL
Physics

Anna K. Vernetti
Stuttgart, Germany
Biology

Remington Rae Vincent
Belvidere, IL
Neuroscience
Magna cum laude

Paris Marie Cleo Viviano
Middleville, MI
Computing and Applied Mathematics

Nora Kayla White
Mattawan, MI
Biology

The Degree of Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Kate Addison Bridegroom
Knox, IN
Nursing
Cum laude

Hanna Michael Chaffins
North Judson, IN
Nursing
Cum laude

Elena Frances Coffey
Havertown, PA
Nursing
Cum laude

Sandra Ivett Cruz
South Bend, IN
Nursing

Madeleine Garnett Dees
Great Falls, VA
Nursing

Catherine Margaret Eliason
Ann Arbor, MI
Nursing

Emma Grace Fanslau
Bridgman, MI
Nursing
Magna cum laude

Isabella Flores
Houston, TX
Nursing

Bridget M. Gaik
Tinley Park, IL
Nursing

Nora Cecelia Gannon
La Grange Park, IL
Nursing

Aleena Garrison
Fenton, MI
Nursing

Lauren Katherine Gnat
Saint John, IN
Nursing

Hannah Mary Harnisch
Oakton, VA
Nursing
Magna cum laude

Jamie Havera
Lakeville, IN
Nursing

Emma Marlene Heffron
La Porte, IN
Nursing
Summa cum laude
Co-Valedictorian

Dana G. Herrera Figueroa
Plymouth, IN
Nursing

Jillian Katherine Jacobs
Schererville, IN
Nursing

Samantha Johnston
Sidney, OH
Nursing
Cum laude

Alyssa Josephine Kaye
Vicksburg, MI
Nursing
Cum laude

Emma Grace Kealy
Hudson, OH
Nursing
Summa cum laude

Perla Lagarde
South Bend, IN
Nursing
Cum laude

Erin Elizabeth LaVigne
Muskegon, MI
Nursing
Cum laude

Lilly Barbara Malek
Portage, MI
Nursing
Magna cum laude

Sarah Mae Markley
Broomall, PA
Nursing

Callie Mae McCan
Plymouth, IN
Nursing
Magna cum laude

Elizabeth Rose McDonnell
Evanston, IL
Nursing
Cum laude

Isabel Valentina Maria Meschi
Santa Cruz, CA
Nursing

Francesca Elnora Munaretto
Western Springs, IL
Nursing
Magna cum laude

Andrea Muro-Salas
Plymouth, IN
Nursing
Cum laude

Ella Frances Nolan
Chicago, IL
Nursing
Cum laude

Kaitlynn Stephanie Novak
Jeffersonville, IN
Nursing
Magna cum laude

Margaret Jane O'Brien
Elmhurst, IL
Nursing

Emma O'Bryan
Oak Brook, IL
Nursing

Clare Therese O'Connor
Frankfort, IL
Nursing

Riley Maureen O'Donnell
Chicago, IL
Nursing
Magna cum laude

Elizabeth Lorraine Pellicane
Crown Point, IN
Nursing
Magna cum laude

Anastasia Gail Pettengill
North Judson, IN
Nursing
Cum laude

The Degree of Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Sophie Rilyn Allen
Osceola, IN
Nursing
Magna cum laude

Elizabeth Patricia Allison
Orland Park, IL
Nursing

Mia Kathryn Armey
Auburn, IN
Nursing

Isabelle Morgan Auch
Montague, MI
Nursing
Magna cum laude

Vanesa Esperanza Barajas
Hammond, IN
Nursing

Emma Sophia Baran
Elmhurst, IL
Nursing

Abigail Anne Barrett
Crown Point, IN
Nursing
Cum laude

Kaitlin I. Belden
Canton, OH
Nursing

Kaley Bognar
South Bend, IN
Nursing
Cum laude

The Degree of Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Alyssa Jane Ploughe
South Bend, IN
Nursing
Magna cum laude

Evelyn Marie Puntillo
Saint John, IN
Nursing
Cum laude

Jada Marie Reitmeier
Carmel, IN
Nursing
Cum laude

Grace Alena Reyda
Penfield, NY
Nursing
Cum laude

Gianna Cynthia Rivera
Chicago Heights, IL
Nursing

Kaylee Ann Rongers
Valparaiso, IN
Nursing

Eva Marie Shepherd
Buchanan, MI
Nursing

Haley Anne Sirotek
Plainfield, IL
Nursing

Krystyna Maria Sowa
Lemont, IL
Nursing
Magna cum laude

Brynn Elizabeth Stauffacher
Osceola, IN
Nursing
Magna cum laude

Maia Rae Taubitz
Fenton, MI
Nursing
Summa cum laude

Kyla Lynn Vanda
Valparaiso, IN
Nursing
Cum laude

Christy Leigh VanderMey
Clarksville, MI
Nursing

Cristal Velazquez
South Bend, IN
Nursing/Spanish

Lucille Marie Vielee
Indianapolis, IN
Nursing

Mary Elizabeth Westenberger
Atlanta, GA
Nursing
Magna cum laude

Kayla Huynh York
South Bend, IN
Nursing



Department Awards

Art

Saint Luke's Medal – Amelia ("Ellie") Walters
Sister Edna Service Award – Emily ("Lee") Visser

Biology

Mother M. Rose Elizabeth, CSC Award – Maura Mack and Emily Nixon
Sister M. Rosaleen Dunleavy, CSC Award – Gabriella DeLeon and Amanda Melling
George and Juanda Bick Nature Award – Wiktorina Drapala

Business Administration and Economics

Frank A. Yeandel Service Award – Cordelia Vazquez
Jerome L. McElroy Outstanding Achievement Award – Ava Stojkovich
Academic Achievement Award – Elizabeth Stack
Achievement Award (Accounting) – Meghan Bowen
Achievement Award (Economics) – Bethany Berlage
Achievement Award (Finance) – Leah Miller
Achievement Award (International Business) – Lydia Poe
Achievement Award (Management) – Mary McGuire
Academic Achievement Award (Marketing) – Sylvia Boyden

Chemistry and Physics

Mother M. Rose Elizabeth, CSC Award – Kelsey McGivern
American Institute of Chemists Award – Janelle Aiello
Richard Tarara Academic Excellence in Physics Award – Alexandra Miller
The F.Lee Benton Exceptional Service and Research in Physics Award – Rachel Hensley

Communication Studies, Dance, and Theatre

Ann Plamondon Award for Excellence in Communication Studies – Grace Wasicki
Communication Studies Service Award – Sophia Sainato-Pinkie, Gwyneth Passinault, and Grace Wasicki
Terpsichorean Award for Excellence in Dance – Kate Bridegroom
Excellence in Theatre Award – Abigail Wojtaszek
Theatre Service Award – Caidence McDonald
Katie Sullivan Passion in Theatre Award – Lucy Smith

Education

Mary A. McDermott Award – Samantha Mikitka
Grace Sullivan McGuire Secondary Education Award – Kaitlyn Barlas
IACETE Outstanding Future Educators Award – Rose Bednar, Maureen Burnham, Olivia Cramer-Stevens, and Ryley Rinch
Schmuhl Early Childhood Education Award – Catherine Stephens

The Degree of Bachelor of Social Work

Margaret Katherine Butler
Oak Park, IL
Social Work/Psychology

Annika Grace Kintzel
Westfield, IN
Social Work

Symone Irene Cecilia Moore
Homewood, IL
Social Work

Nombuso Shawa
Niles, MI
Social Work
Cum laude

Kelly Julieann Shea
Fort Wayne, IN
Social Work
Summa cum laude

Morgan Paige Zack
Lockport, IL
Social Work
Summa cum laude
Co-Valedictorian

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Department Awards

English

Elisabeth A. Noel Literature Prize – Chancellor Gordon
The Laura Haigwood Literary Citizenship Prize – Emma Olsick
The Laurie A. Lesniewski Creative Writing Award – Taylor Lipp and Alaina Motes

Environmental Studies

Environmental Studies Award – Cassandra Chang

Gender and Women's Studies

Mary Frances Eder Halpin Award in Gender and Women's Studies – Adriana "Anastacia" Galicia

Global Studies

Outstanding Achievement in Global Studies – Ashley Sims

History

Martha Montgomery Schurz Memorial Award for Excellence in History – Rebecca Holm
Martha Montgomery Schurz Memorial Award for Excellence in the Senior Seminar Research Paper – Rebecca Holm
Martha Montgomery Schurz Memorial Award for Excellence in Writing in the Women's History Program – Sarabeth Spencer

Humanistic Studies

Thomas More Award – Rebecca Holm

Mathematics

Milko Jeglic Award – Bethany Berlage
Donald E. Miller Award – Maeve Begley and Sheila-Marie Manyara

Modern Languages

Leonilda Francesca Acerra and Dominico Enrico Christofaro Award in Italian – Elena Coffey, Lydia Poe, and Mary Kate Wuelfing
Anne Cashore Borjas Award in Spanish – Sheccid Gutierrez and Allyson Krause
The Bayhouse-Marcy Award in French – Grace Katsekas and Mary McGuire

Music

Emma Krost Eder Award for Musical Excellence – Abigail Burns

Nursing Science

Evelyn McGuinness Award for Excellence in Nursing – Isabelle Auch, Emma Heffron, and Maia Taubitz
Humanitarian in Nursing Award – Mary Westenberger
MSN Award for Academic Excellence – Graham Champagne
Outstanding DNP Practice Innovation Project Award – Rose Fialkowski

Political Science

Juliette Noone Lester Award – Abigail ("Abby") Wojtaszek
Louis R. Tondreau Service Award – Colleen Kepplin

Psychology

Animating Spirit Award – Angelina Stupak and Giselle Martinez
Joseph Miller Outstanding Scholarship Award – Ella Asmus, Annie Iovino, and Caidence McDonald

Religious Studies

Helen M. Carroll Award – Ryann Clapper and Maria Dach

Department Awards

Social Work and Gerontology

Academic Excellence Award – Morgan Zack
Leadership Award – Kelly Shea
Josephine Murphy Kuhl Research Award – Margaret Butler, Symone Moore, and Kelly Shea
Kristi A. Morris Award – Nombuso Shawa
Gerontology Award – Mackenzie Althouse
Gerontology Leadership Award – Symone Moore
Gerontology Academic Award – Mackenzie Althouse
MSW Outstanding Student Leadership Award – Javien Smith
MSW Excellence in Field Award – Rosemary Enright

Sociology

Donald N.M. Horning Award – Hannah Cox
Sociology Award – Catalina Rodriguez

Speech Language Pathology

Ancora Imparo Award – Jenny Helmer
Carolyn S. Langley Award (Graduate Program) – Ruby Meza

College Awards

Mary Ellen Smith Academic and
Athletic Achievement Award
Emma Kealy

Saint Mary's College Alumnae Association
2026 Outstanding Senior Award
Giselle Martinez

Kappa Gamma Pi

National Catholic College Graduate Honor Society

Isabelle Morgan Auch
Hanna Chaffins
Nicole Rafaelle De Guzman
Ryley Caitlyn Finch
Jasleen Kaur Ghattora
Breana Harrington
Aliciana Ilias
Alyssa Kaye

Emma Grace Kealy
Colleen Kepplin
Emma Klockenkemper
Erin LaVigne
Samantha Ann Mikitka
Sara Ann Peabody
Caitlin Elizabeth Price
Gwyneth Sue Passinault

Patricia Mary Settlemier
Abigail Rose Signore
Ashley Christine Sims
Alexis Stephens
Ava Louise Stojkovich
Cordelia Vazquez
Remington Vincent
Mary Elizabeth Westenberger

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>	* <i>Saint Mary's College degrees</i>

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

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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 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 en -
best. To you Al - ma Ma - ter, with beau - ty en -

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

you and for me. 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.

