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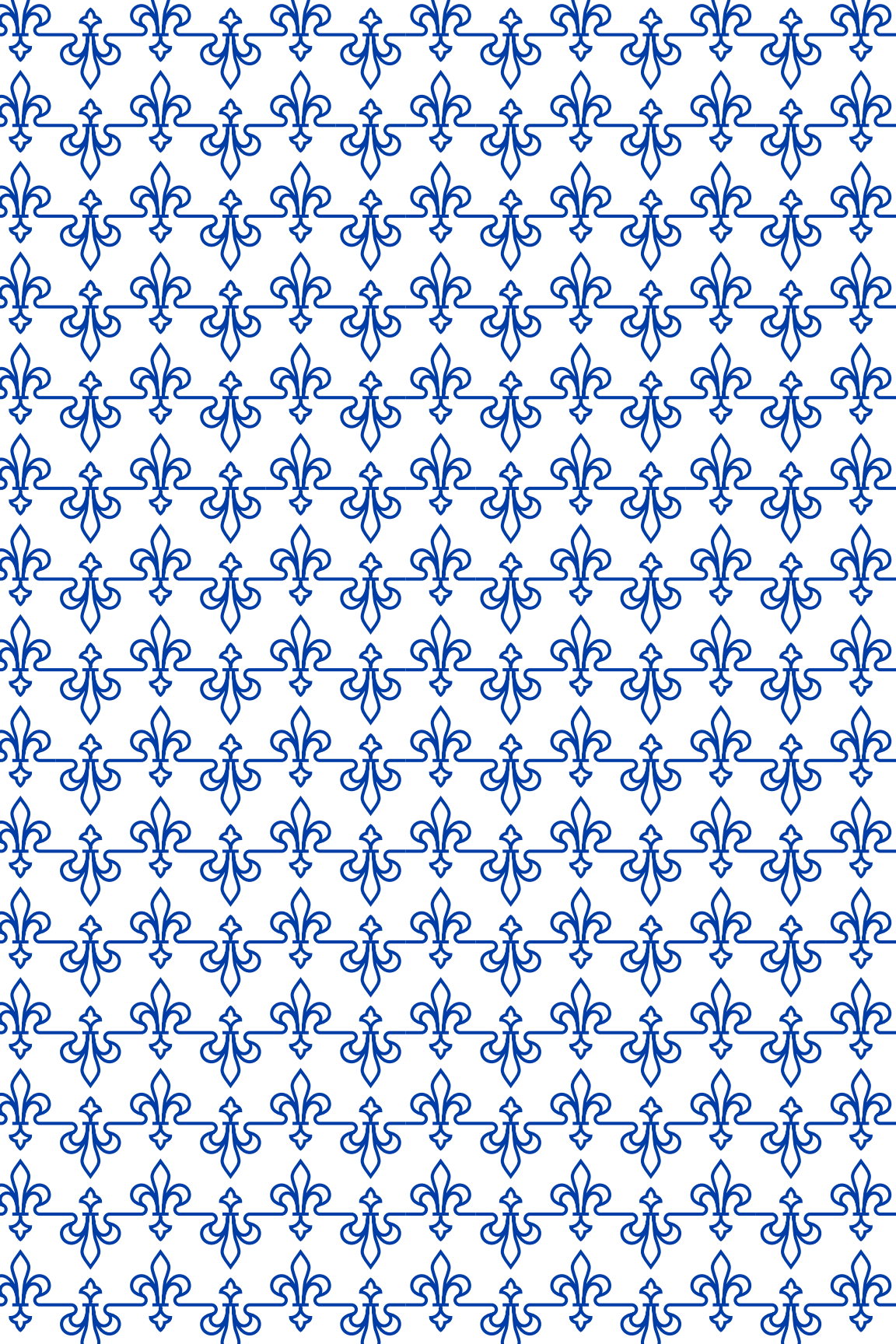
2026 PRECOMMENCEMENT

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COLLEGE *of* ARTS *and* SCIENCES

SAINT LOUIS UNIVERSITY | THURSDAY, MAY 14 | CHAIFETZ ARENA



A LETTER FROM THE DEAN

“Our prime educational objective must be to form men and women for others, people who cannot even conceive of love of God which does not include love for the least of their neighbors...”

Pedro Arrupe, S.J.
Former Superior General, Society of Jesus

Dear Graduate:

On behalf of the administration, faculty, and staff of the College of Arts and Sciences, I extend my congratulations to you and to those who have helped you reach this milestone in your life.

Your diploma is a symbol of double significance. Not only does it provide tangible proof of your academic competence, but it also represents a foundation for life rooted in the Jesuit tradition of service to others. As you commence your path as a graduate of the College of Arts and Sciences, with an undergraduate or graduate degree, the building blocks of competence, reflection, spirituality, justice and compassion—taught and reinforced here at Saint Louis University—will supply a reliable foundation for your life.

I invite you to remain an active member of the University family after you graduate. As the years pass, you will find new meaning in your days here as you help new generations of students who also aspire to the Saint Louis University experience.

My best wishes to you in your future life. We look forward to welcoming you back when you are in the area and to seeing you at alumni events.

Sincerely,



Donna J. LaVoie, Ph.D.
Dean

ORDER OF EXERCISES

PROCESSIONAL

GRADUATES OF THE CLASS OF 2026

MEMBERS OF THE FACULTY

DEANS AND GUESTS

INVOCATION

Br. Ken Homan, S.J., Ph.D.

Department of History

GREETINGS AND INTRODUCTIONS

Donna LaVoie, Ph.D., Dean

RECOGNITION OF HONOR SOCIETY

AND SPECIAL AWARD GRADUATES

Donna LaVoie, Ph.D., Dean

FACULTY ADDRESS

Melissa Ochoa, Ph.D.

*2025 Recipient of the Robert A. Johnston, S.J. Award for
Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching in the Social Sciences*

Presentation of Candidates

PRESENTATION OF

DOCTORAL DEGREE GRADUATES

Donna LaVoie, Ph.D., Dean

PRESENTATION OF

MASTER'S DEGREE GRADUATES

Donna LaVoie, Ph.D., Dean

PRESENTATION OF

BACHELOR'S DEGREE GRADUATES

Donna LaVoie, Ph.D., Dean

CLOSING REMARKS

Donna LaVoie, Ph.D., Dean

RECESSIONAL

GRADUATE HONOR SOCIETIES AND SPECIAL AWARDS

OUTSTANDING GRADUATE STUDENT RESEARCH AWARD - BIOLOGY

In recognition of outstanding research performance by a graduate student in the Department of Biology.

Graduate: **Junhao Chen**

OUTSTANDING GRADUATE STUDENT TEACHING AWARD - BIOLOGY

In recognition of outstanding teaching by a graduate student in the Department of Biology.

Graduate: **Nelson Membreno**

KATHLEEN FARRELL OUTSTANDING GRADUATE STUDENT AWARD - COMMUNICATION

Award given to recognize an outstanding graduate student who has promoted public welfare, political enlightenment, or social awareness in community, civic or academic arenas.

Graduate: **Kajal**

LAMBDA PI ETA - COMMUNICATION

Lambda Pi Eta, a national honor society in communication, recognizes, fosters, and rewards outstanding scholastic achievement.

Graduates: **Oluwakemi Mary Alo, Paloma Ferreira de Oliveira, Kajal, Richard Naakpi Bombebe, and Priscilla Nyarko**

THE LUCIEN FOURNIER AWARD - ENGLISH

The Fournier Award is given annually to a Graduate Student in English in recognition of teaching excellence.

Graduate: **J. Myles Hesse**

THE WALTER ONG AWARD - ENGLISH

The Rev. Walter J. Ong, S.J., Award, named in honor of a long-time SLU faculty member and one of the great scholars of the twentieth century, is presented annually to a doctoral student in English in recognition of genuinely exceptional research as well as scholarly achievement and promise.

Graduate: **J. Myles Hesse**

THE MCCARTHY OUTSTANDING GRADUATE STUDENT AWARD - HEALTH CARE ETHICS

Thanks to a gift from the Msgr. Robert L. McCarthy Trust, this award is presented by the faculty to a graduating doctoral student in Health Care Ethics who exemplifies excellence in scholarship, teaching, and service.

Graduate: **Jordan Bauer**

OUTSTANDING GRADUATE STUDENT TEACHING AWARD - HEALTH CARE ETHICS

This award is presented by the faculty in recognition of outstanding teaching by a graduate teaching assistant in Health Care Ethics.

Graduate: **Alexandra Hucker**

THE THOMAS P. NEILL DISSERTATION AWARD - HISTORY

The Department of History bestows this award annually on a doctoral dissertation in History judged to be outstanding.

Graduate: **William Edmundson**

STEVEN PURO AWARD - POLITICAL SCIENCE

In honor of Dr. Steven Puro, former faculty member. Awarded to an academically outstanding Political Science M.A. student.

Graduate: **Dani Savet-Colvin**

OUTSTANDING GRADUATE STUDENT IN CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY

Awarded to a clinical psychology student in recognition for excellence in clinical psychology.

Graduate: **Rebecca Steins**

HAROLD AND MARY JANE TALL AWARD - PSYCHOLOGY

Awarded in recognition of the accomplishments of a graduate student in the clinical program who has significantly impacted the morale of other students and demonstrates excellence in both the classroom and clinical practice.

Graduate: **Madison Streb**

GAYLE A. OLSON AND RICHARD D. OLSON DISSERTATION AWARD - PSYCHOLOGY

Recognizes the best dissertation in the Experimental Psychology graduate program.

Graduate: **Kolin Heck**

THE JAMES GILSINAN AWARD - PUBLIC AND SOCIAL POLICY STUDIES

In honor of Dr. James Gilsinan, former faculty member, awarded to an academically outstanding Public and Social Policy Studies Ph.D. student.

Graduate: **Zarah S. Robinson**

GRADUATE HONOR SOCIETIES AND SPECIAL AWARDS

THE GISCIENCE AWARD - SOCIOLOGY AND ANTHROPOLOGY

Presented to a graduate student that made a significant contribution in geospatial academic research or service to the Saint Louis University research community.

Graduate: **Thelma Tari**

UNDERGRADUATE HONOR SOCIETIES AND SPECIAL AWARDS

ALPHA DELTA SIGMA - COMMUNICATION

Alpha Delta Sigma recognizes and encourages scholastic achievement in advertising studies. Alpha Delta Sigma is the only national, professional advertising honorary society in American higher education. The organization dates back to 1913.

Graduates: **Ella Bullock, Ella Sophia Dyer, Keaton France, Paige Guillermo, Ian Halverson, Lawson Hickman, Malorie Hubert, Megan Huey, Ellie Noonan, Daniel Oldham, Megan Paul, Shivani Raj, Stryder Salas, Liv Tennill, Abby Vidas, and Wolfgang Weidler**

ALPHA KAPPA DELTA - SOCIOLOGY

Alpha Kappa Delta is the international sociology honor society. The society's goals are to study humankind for the purpose of service, to promote human welfare and to develop scientific knowledge that may be applied to the solution of social problems. To be inducted in AKD, students must have exemplary academic records and exhibit leadership and service commitments.

Graduate: **Arilyn Myint**

ALPHA PSI OMEGA - THEATRE

Alpha Psi Omega is the national theatre honor society. Founded in 1925, the society acknowledges those demonstrating a high standard of accomplishment in theatre. Members of Alpha Psi Omega enhance their knowledge of theatre and prepare for professional work through a variety of theatrical activities. To be initiated, students must maintain a level of academic excellence and participate in University Theatre productions in multiple areas of theatre.

Graduates: **Tony Chaboude, Colleen Dundon, Joseph Hansen, Bryce James, Martha Kamau, and Luis Palmejar**

BETA BETA BETA - BIOLOGY

Tri Beta Biological Science Society seeks to encourage scholarly achievement in this field of learning by reserving its membership for those undergraduates who have superior academic records and have a special aptitude and interest in the life sciences. Names marked with * denote past or current president.

Graduates: **Aryn Rehr and Maya Sarkis***

DELTA DELTA EPSILON - FORENSIC SCIENCE

The national honor society dedicated to recognizing and encouraging excellence in scholarship in the Forensic Sciences, Delta Delta Epsilon also promotes leadership, attitudes of professional responsibility for the public good, and encourages high standards of practice and ethical behavior.

Graduates: **Emily Ebbing, Abigail O'Brien, Carson Poteet, Rhiannon Steele, and Haley Szramek**

DELTA PHI ALPHA - GERMAN

The national German honor society, Delta Phi Alpha, seeks to recognize excellence in the study of German. The society aims to promote the study of German language, literature and civilization and endeavors to emphasize those aspects of German life and culture which are of universal value and contribute to humanity's eternal search for peace and truth.

Graduates: **Leo Barton, Paige Bostic, Zach Buchholz, Ella Bullock, Beau Reichert, and Wyatt Simmons**

UNDERGRADUATE HONOR SOCIETIES AND SPECIAL AWARDS

LAMBDA ALPHA - ANTHROPOLOGY

Lambda Alpha National Collegiate Honors Society for Anthropology was founded on March 15, 1968, at Wichita State University. It offers opportunities for both student and professional publication in the Lambda Alpha Journal as well as scholarships for undergraduate students and Graduate Overseas Grants to help support thesis and dissertation research overseas. To qualify for membership, anthropology students must maintain an overall GPA of 3.2 and a minimum GPA of 3.6 in anthropology.

Graduates: **Halle Shoaf and Rhiannon Steele**

LAMBDA PI ETA - COMMUNICATION

Lambda Pi Eta, a national honor society in communication, recognizes, fosters, and rewards outstanding scholastic achievement.

Graduates: **Katarina Assenato, Ella Bullock, Ella Sophia Dyer, Paige Guillermo, Lawson Hickman, Megan Huey, Ashlyn Jones, Natalia Nunez, Caroline Sachse, Mina Sekyi, Joseph Smith, Olivia Tennill, Abby Vidas, and Kayla Williams**

OMICRON DELTA EPSILON - ECONOMICS

Omicron Delta Epsilon, one of the world's largest academic honor societies, recognizes scholastic attainment and the honoring of outstanding achievements in economics. The society encourages closer ties between students and faculty in economics within colleges and universities.

Graduates: **Chris Lam and Joseph Santhuff**

NU RHO PSI - NEUROSCIENCE

Nu Rho Psi, the National Honor Society in Neuroscience, was founded in 2006 with the aim of promoting and recognizing excellence in neuroscience. The Nu Rho Psi chapter at Saint Louis University was founded in 2018 to provide a resource for SLU neuroscience students to achieve academic, professional, and personal success. Names marked with * denote current or former president.

Graduates: **Lilli Daugherty, Avina Elongovan, Kelsey Henson*, Han Jing, Brian Kelly, Amelia Larson, Ugo Uzo-Ojinnaka, Katie Phillips, and Ittmum Zahir**

PI DELTA PHI - FRENCH

Pi Delta Phi is the national French honor society founded at the University of California in 1906. The aim of the society is to promote and recognize excellence in French Studies. Students initiated into the society must be enrolled in upper division French courses and maintain at least a B average.

Graduates: **Melissa Hong, Lucas Koch, Emma Melching, Kaia Monaco, and Khushi Raghavendran**

SIGMA IOTA RHO - INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

Sigma Iota Rho is the national honor society in International Studies. SLU's chapter was newly established in 2013, but since 1984, the purpose of this organization has been to promote and reward scholarship and service among students and practitioners of international studies, international affairs, and global studies and to foster integrity and creative performance in the conduct of world affairs.

Graduates: **Andrew Klus, Elizabeth Monzu, Ava Perreand, and Halle Shoaf**

UNDERGRADUATE HONOR SOCIETIES AND SPECIAL AWARDS

SIGMA TAU DELTA - ENGLISH

Sigma Tau Delta is the national honorary society for students of English. A select organization open to both undergraduate and graduate students, Sigma Tau Delta recognizes significant scholastic accomplishment and seeks to provide a context in which students can find their interests in and enthusiasm for the study of English nurtured and stimulated.

Graduates: **Ruth Bouman, Brendan Brunette, Michaela Davis, Allie Eveld, Paige Guillermo, Amrutha Kosanam, Ashlyn Jones, Lilla Orbán, Abigail Roe, Chase Sullivan**

PHI BETA KAPPA

Founded in 1776, the Phi Beta Kappa Society is the oldest honor society for the liberal arts and sciences in the United States. Phi Beta Kappa aims to promote and advocate excellence in the liberal arts and sciences. Invitations into Phi Beta Kappa are extended to members of the top 5% of the Junior class and the top 10% of the Senior class.

Graduates: **Pranavi Athota, Sainithya Attota, Ruth Bouman, Mya Falkenhain, Emily Hearn, Rushil Jain, Sophia Klobe, Devnanda Manjunadh, Richa Nakrani, Ella Schrader, Raghav Sharma, Damara Stevens, Olivia Tennill and Ashlyn Vetsch**

JAMES D. COLLINS AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN STUDENT ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

The College of Arts and Sciences annually presents the James D. Collins Awards for Excellence in Student Academic Achievement to recognize scholarship and creative achievements among undergraduate students. One student is chosen by faculty in each department and three programs of the college.

Graduates: **Alexis Tillman (African American Studies), Carmen Lo (American Studies), Shikara Patel (Biology), Paige Guillermo (Communication), Ruth Bouman (English, History), Emily Ebbing (Forensic Science), Pranavi Athota (Health Care Ethics), Ittmum Zahir (Languages, Literatures and Cultures), Evan Socher (Mathematics and Statistics), Damara Stevens (Neuroscience), Andrew Vastola (Philosophy), Jesse Driese (Political Science), Mya Falkenhain (Psychology), Halle Shoaf (Sociology and Anthropology), Ethan Steingrubby (Theological Studies), Lear Rose (Visual and Performing Arts), and Advika Varadharajan (Women's and Gender Studies)**

SPECIAL AWARD - AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDIES

THE KARLA SCOTT AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDIES This award, established in 2018, is presented to the graduating student(s) with the highest GPA in African American Studies.

Graduates: **Sydney Anderson**

SPECIAL AWARDS - AMERICAN STUDIES

THE TUCK LOUI PRIZE is offered in memory of Tuck Loui, who passed away in 2021 from complications of COVID-19. Dr. Loui was a faculty member in American Studies and served as Department Chair from 1994-1999. She was a wide-ranging, creative, interdisciplinary thinker who fostered key transnational connections for American Studies. She was also a remarkable mentor to innumerable students, a role in which she emphasized their personal development as scholars and cultivated the Department's commitments to social justice. She was predeceased by her husband, Wayne Loui, professor of theater, by nine days. Together, they furthered the mission of SLU for a combined 37 years. The Tuck Loui Prize is awarded each academic year to the best undergraduate essay on American culture—one that honors the original research, high-quality writing, intellectual range, and lively engagement with matters of public concern that Dr. Loui inspired in her students.

Graduate: **Carmen Lo**

SPECIAL AWARDS - BIOLOGY

THE MEDOFF TEACHING AWARD honors Judith Medoff, Ph.D., Professor 1973-2004.

Graduates: **Paige Geil and Nick LaPresta**

THE KEATH RESEARCH AWARD

honors Elizabeth J. Keath, Ph.D., Professor 1990-2004.

Graduate: **Ethan Groves**

SPECIAL AWARDS - COMMUNICATION

THE JOHNSTON AWARD is named in honor of the Rev. Robert A. Johnston, S.J., who was the first chairperson of the Department of Communication. It is an annual award given to the outstanding graduate of the department chosen by the faculty.

Graduates: **Megan Huey and Kate Thornhill**

THE JOHN J. PAULY AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING STUDENT

ACHIEVEMENT honors graduating seniors who hope to put their communication education in the service of democracy. To be considered for this award, students must demonstrate academic excellence as well as interest in a career that enhances the quality of public life.

Graduate: **Ella Sophia Dyer**

AWARD FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

- **COMMUNICATION** This award is presented to graduating seniors in communication who achieve a grade point average of 3.5 or higher for all their course work at Saint Louis University.

Graduate: **Paige Guillermo**

SPECIAL AWARD - ECONOMICS THE OUTSTANDING SENIOR IN BA ECONOMICS IN THE COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

award recognizes the student's exceptional academic achievement and sustained commitment to Jesuit values.

Graduate: **Prajoy Jayanth**

SPECIAL AWARDS - ENGLISH

THE HELEN MANDEVILLE PRIZE IN ENGLISH STUDIES, presented annually by the English Department, recognizes the student judged by the English faculty as exhibiting excellence within the discipline of English / Literary Studies.

Graduate: **Ashlyn Jones**

THE ALBERT J. MONTESI ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FOR CREATIVE WORK

is named for A. J. Montesi, a beloved emeritus professor in the Department of English. It is intended to celebrate the creative work of students at Saint Louis University.

Graduates: **Juliette Callahan, Olivia Pucylowski, Chase Sullivan, Call Truschel Jacobs**

SPECIAL AWARD - FORENSIC SCIENCE

FORENSIC SCIENCE OUTSTANDING STUDENT AWARD This award is given to a graduating forensic science student who has exemplary performance in the classroom as well as in roles serving the forensic science program.

Graduate: **Abigail O'Brien**

SPECIAL AWARD - LINGUISTICS, LITERATURES AND CULTURES THE POST-SECONDARY RUSSIAN SCHOLAR LAUREATE AWARD

annually bestowed by the American Council for Teachers of Russian on the student in each U.S.-based Russian program who best exemplifies an enthusiastic devotion to the study of Russian and Russian Area Studies.

Graduate: **Wyatt B. Thompson**

SPECIAL AWARD - NEUROSCIENCE PROGRAM

THE DR. WILLIAM S. STARK UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH AWARD was established in 2020 to recognize Emeritus Professor Stark's exemplary contributions the Neuroscience program. The award honors a graduating neuroscience student who has demonstrated excellence in research.

Graduate: **Pranavi Athota**

SPECIAL AWARDS - POLITICAL SCIENCE AND INTERNATIONAL STUDIES GRUEBER AWARD FOR CAMPUS

GLOBALIZATION In honor of Johann Grueber, an early Jesuit of Saint Louis University. Awarded for their commitment to the study of globalization.

Graduates: **Aitor Iribarren Quevedo and Sophia Wilson**

THE TIMOTHY LOMPERIS AWARD

honors a former faculty member in Political Science and is given to a Political Science or International Studies student who, like the award's namesake, demonstrates academic excellence, a consistent effort to exceed stated expectations, concern for the education of the whole person, engagement with issues of contemporary relevance, and a commitment to treat others with respect and cordiality.

Graduates: **Madelyn Kelb and Ella Schrader**

UNDERGRADUATE HONOR SOCIETIES AND SPECIAL AWARDS

SPECIAL AWARDS -

SOCIOLOGY AND ANTHROPOLOGY THE WILLIAM (BILL) J. MONAHAN AWARD is presented in honor of Dr. William J. Monahan, former faculty member. This award is presented to a senior student for their contribution to social action and service.

Graduate: **Alexandra Ogarrio Santiago**

THE GISCIENCE AWARD is presented to an undergraduate student that made a significant contribution in geospatial academic research or service to the Saint Louis University research community.

Graduate: **Claire Hutzler**

SPECIAL AWARDS - VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS

ART HISTORY: THE MAURICE B. MCNAMEE, S.J. AWARD is named in honor of Father McNamee, founder of the program in art history. This award is presented each year in recognition of outstanding achievement in Art History.

Graduate: **Martha Barnds**

DANCE: THE SENIOR AWARD IN DANCE is presented in recognition of outstanding achievement in Dance.

Graduate: **Sophia Klobe**

MUSIC: THE ARION AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING GRADUATING SENIOR IN THE MUSIC PROGRAM Chosen by the full-time music faculty, the winner of this award exemplifies the highest attributes of a Saint Louis University graduate in the areas of scholarship, citizenship, leadership, and musicianship.

Graduate: **Han Jing**

STUDIO ART: THE MAURICE B. MCNAMEE, S.J. AWARD is named in honor of Father McNamee, founder of the program in studio art. This award is presented each year in recognition of outstanding achievement in Studio Art.

Graduate: **Griffin Williams**

SPECIAL AWARDS - WOMEN'S AND GENDER STUDIES

THE OUTSTANDING ACTIVISM AWARD recognizes student contributions to efforts for social change both within and beyond the university.

Graduates: **Julia Amery, Riya Aradhyula, Atiksh Chandra, Laila Kestur**

THE OUTSTANDING LOCAL ST. LOUIS ACTIVISM AWARD recognizes student contributions to efforts for social change in the St. Louis Community.

Graduates: **Shauna Prasad, Advika Varadharajan**

UNIVERSITY HONORS PROGRAM

During all undergraduate years, University Honors Program students engage in demanding courses that require high-levels of academic inquiry and critical interdisciplinary thinking. The honors community represents a variety of colleges, majors, interests, and backgrounds. Students earning the University Honors Program indication on their transcripts have completed the honors curriculum and maintained a final cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher.

Graduates: **Waleed Abdulla, Sana'a Abou Antoun, Eline Abraham, Julia Amery, Margaret Ankrom, Pranavi**

Athota, Madelyn Baygood, Paige Bostic, Ruth Bouman, Leah Bragg, Abigail Buckley, Ella Bullock, Anna Burns, Peyton Cattoor, Jocelyn Ciotti, Caitlin Conrad, Jesse Driese, Emma Duman, Colleen Dundon, Bridget Edgeworth, Jack Flynn, Victoria Garrett, Rachel Gatewood, Abigail Gaubert, Paige Geil, Pranav Giri, Joshua Good, Lindsey Greene, Tamera Harvey, Jessica Haw, Kelsey Henson, Melissa Hong, Caitlin Inman, Hannah Johnson, Srisuprja Kandrakota, Shreya Karra, Shreya Katta, Madelyn Keib, Emma Keiper, Andrew Klus, Lucas Koch, Amrutha Kosanam, Nathan Krugman, Amelia Larson, Maram Lemnifi, Hunter Lisowski, Elaine Lohse, Lindsey Long, Emily Lovett, Anna Marlin, Gabrielle Matthews, Emma Melching, Abigail Miller, Priya Modi, Elizabeth Monzu, Emma Morrissey, Athulya Nair, Grace O'Connell, Ansita Palakollu, Nicholas Parafiniuk, Nandini Patel, Shikara Patel, Elian Pena, Marisa Penner, Jessica Quinn, Arya Ramadas, Beau Reichert, Allison Roggy, Anna Ryan, Matthew Scheiwer, Aleigha Schnable, Allie Schruppf, Lauren Shaw, Sreya Simhadri, Natalie Smith, Deirdre Sullivan, Molly Taberner, Ajla Tahirovic, Katelyn Thornhill, Calla Truschel Jacobs, Clarissa Turner, Ugochukwu Uzo-Ojinnaka, Matthew Windler, Benjamin Wiseman, Hope Young

UNIVERSITY AND COLLEGE ADMINISTRATION

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Elizabeth Richard, Ph.D.

André Zampaulo, Ph.D.

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Rex Davenport

John Haack

Laura Hartung

Sandy Long

THE CANDIDATES FROM COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

DEGREE CANDIDATES:

GRADUATION DATE:

MAY 16, 2026

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Sana'a Houda Abou Antoun
ECONOMICS/COMMUNICATION
cum laude

Ginika Sydel Akannam
BIOLOGY

Jeliah Shamiya Alleyne
PSYCHOLOGY

Julia M Amery
BIOLOGY/WOMEN'S AND
GENDER STUDIES
cum laude

Margaret Jane Ankrom
BIOLOGY
summa cum laude

Kalu Ifegwu Anya
ECONOMICS

**Alexander Bonny Arias
Hodarnau**
BIOLOGY

Mary Louisa Armitage
COMMUNICATION
summa cum laude

Ava L Arnold
PSYCHOLOGY

Erick Alberto Ascencio
STUDIO ART

Katarina Madison Assenato
COMMUNICATION/
PSYCHOLOGY

Roberto José Avila
COMMUNICATION

**Omoovie Oluwaloseyifunmi
Babor-Egeregor**
POLITICAL SCIENCE

Nader Morad Badwan
BIOLOGY

Lucas Victor Baheza
BIOLOGY

Grace Estifanos Bahru
POLITICAL SCIENCE/ENGLISH
cum laude

Martha Isabella Barnds
ART HISTORY/COMMUNICATION
magna cum laude

Leo Barton
MODERN LANGUAGES
AND INTERCULTURAL
COMMUNICATION
summa cum laude

McKenna Scott Bates
POLITICAL SCIENCE
summa cum laude

Chase Von Beattie
BIOETHICS AND HEALTH
STUDIES
cum laude

Sepehr Behnia
PHILOSOPHY

Isabella Marie Bellante
PSYCHOLOGY

Disha Bera
PSYCHOLOGY
cum laude

Cooper Yeatts Bergstrom
BIOLOGY
summa cum laude

Hao Bi
PSYCHOLOGY

Josceline Bishop
PSYCHOLOGY

Alyson Suzanne Blank
STUDIO ART

Ian Scott Blazier
COMMUNICATION

Shanmukh Boggarapu
PSYCHOLOGY
summa cum laude

Jayda Bolton
PSYCHOLOGY

Christopher R Bonner
POLITICAL SCIENCE

Ruth Victoria Bouman
ENGLISH/HISTORY
summa cum laude

Grace Breeden
PSYCHOLOGY
summa cum laude

Erica Acey Broin
COMMUNICATION
summa cum laude

Brendan Nicholas Brunette
COMMUNICATION/ENGLISH
magna cum laude

Zachary Andrew Bono Buchholz
POLITICAL SCIENCE/
PHILOSOPHY
summa cum laude

Ella Bullock
ART HISTORY/COMMUNICATION
summa cum laude

Abigail Marie Bunce
BIOLOGY

Josie Danielle Bush
SOCIOLOGY

Jaclyn E Butler

BIOLOGY

cum laude

Gabrielle Teagan Ye Canning

BIOLOGY/PSYCHOLOGY

magna cum laude

Anthony K Chaboude

POLITICAL SCIENCE

magna cum laude

Abhilasha Cheedella

BIOLOGY

Elizabeth G Choate

POLITICAL SCIENCE

summa cum laude

Canon James Church

COMMUNICATION

Mya Marie Cineus

BIOLOGY

Raphael Medina Bolaños

COMMUNICATION

Jacoby A Combs

POLITICAL SCIENCE

Ella K Coppinger

BIOLOGY

magna cum laude

Ava Nicole Cordner

ENGLISH

cum laude

Avery Jane Cornelius-White

PSYCHOLOGY

summa cum laude

Amaia Corta

POLITICAL SCIENCE

Dawit Tigist Couture

PSYCHOLOGY

cum laude

John Thomas Crabbe

COMMUNICATION

Morgan Alexis Craig

PSYCHOLOGY/CRIMINOLOGY
AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Anneliese Irina Dace

COMMUNICATION

Joseph Dajani

BIOLOGY

summa cum laude

Lily Diamond Dang

COMMUNICATION/
PSYCHOLOGY

Rachel Serene Daniel

SOCIOLOGY

magna cum laude

Michaela Sha Davis

PSYCHOLOGY/ENGLISH

cum laude

Claire Vitalia Davis

COMMUNICATION

Juan Del Toro

PSYCHOLOGY

Adriana Isabelle DeLuna

Castillo

PSYCHOLOGY

magna cum laude

Yeron K Deressa

BIOLOGY

cum laude

Elizabeth Anne Donnelly

SOCIOLOGY

Caroline Magargee Doyle

STUDIO ART

Brynn Drake

PSYCHOLOGY/POLITICAL
SCIENCE

summa cum laude

Elizabeth Rose Dreste

MATHEMATICS

magna cum laude

Carolyn Joan Dugal

PSYCHOLOGY

magna cum laude

Colleen Elise Dundon

CHINESE STUDIES

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ACADEMIC ATTIRE

The colorful attire worn by graduates, faculty, trustees and officers of the University has historic roots in the distant medieval past. Dressed in cap and gown, the graduates and their professors are part of a long tradition that dates back to Paris and Bologna, Italy, to Oxford and Cambridge, England, in the days of their Catholic glory.

The exact origins of several parts of the academic garb are a bit of a mystery. Because medieval students enjoyed the status of cleric during their university years, one might guess that their attire found its inspiration in the clerical dress of medieval times. The gown seems to be an adaptation of the robe of friar or priest; the hood, of the monk's or friar's cowl; and the mortarboard cap of today recalls the skullcap of days when tonsured heads needed protection against the drafts of medieval classrooms.

Academic attire began to appear on U.S. campuses in the late 1890s. Since that time, its use has become universal for solemn university functions, and its pattern is highly uniform.

THE GOWNS

The gowns are three in number and styling. That of the bachelor is a yoked, closed-front garment with long pointed sleeves; that of the master has sleeves long and closed but slit just above the elbow to allow the forearms to protrude; the gown of the doctor has full, bell-shaped sleeves. Only the doctor's gown is trimmed — with velvet panels down the front and three velvet bars on each sleeve.

THE HOOD

The hood at first seems to have been worn over the head and attached to the gown. When the skullcap was introduced, the hood was retained but detached as a separate piece and worn much as it is today.

Each degree (bachelor's, master's, doctoral) has its special hood, which varies in length and, for the doctor, also in pattern. The color or colors lining the hood are those of the college or university that granted the wearer's degree. For example, Saint Louis University is known by blue chevron on a field of white. The colored velvet binding or edging of the hood, in different widths for bachelor, master and doctor, is determined by the field of study.

THE CAP

The cap, or mortarboard, has become the universally accepted style for U.S. colleges and universities. Many European institutions still retain distinctive forms of academic headdress.

THE TASSEL

The tassel is perhaps the most iconic souvenir of academic attire. The doctoral graduate can wear a gold or black tassel on the mortarboard. However, varying the color of the tassel based on the field of study has gained acceptance throughout academia.

Colors include:

Allied health professions: Mint green

Arts: White

Business: Taupe

Education: Light blue

Hospital administration: Salmon

Law: Purple

Medicine: Green

Nursing: Apricot

Philosophy: Dark blue

Public administration: Peacock blue

Science: Gold-yellow

Social work: Citron

Technology and engineering: Orange

Theology: Scarlet

ABOUT SAINT LOUIS UNIVERSITY



Saint Louis University is one of the oldest and most prestigious Catholic universities in the United States. Founded in 1818, the University is recognized nationally for world-class academics, life-changing research and a strong commitment to faith and service.

Guided by its enduring Jesuit mission, Saint Louis University offers students a highly rigorous and deeply transformative education that empowers them to become bold, confident leaders.

As a nationally recognized leader in research and innovation, SLU is a Research-1 (R1) university, advancing groundbreaking discoveries in St. Louis and around the world.

Saint Louis University educates 13,307 students from all 50 states and 93 countries. The University's campus in Madrid, Spain, enrolled 1,285 students last fall.

A dedication to values-based education and social justice has earned Saint Louis University widespread acclaim and bolstered its status as a character-building college. SLU is one of only 7% of colleges nationwide to hold the Carnegie Classification for Community Engagement, which honors the service-centered work of the University community.

SLU is also a catalyst for urban renewal in the heart of a vibrant city. More than \$2 billion in housing, retail and business development is underway in Midtown St. Louis, and the University is in the center of the neighborhood's growth.

Inspired by its pioneering spirit, Saint Louis University continues to move forward, committed to serve a higher purpose while seeking the greater good.

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

SLU ranks as one of the country's top colleges by *The Princeton Review*, *The Wall Street Journal* and *U.S. News & World Report* – and as the No. 11 “Best Catholic College in America.” (Niche)

R1 STATUS

With \$65.1 million in externally funded research expenditures, SLU's R1 status places the University in an elite group of U.S. research universities.

SERVICE

1.5 million hours of service are completed by the SLU community annually. Seventy-two percent of students volunteer each year.

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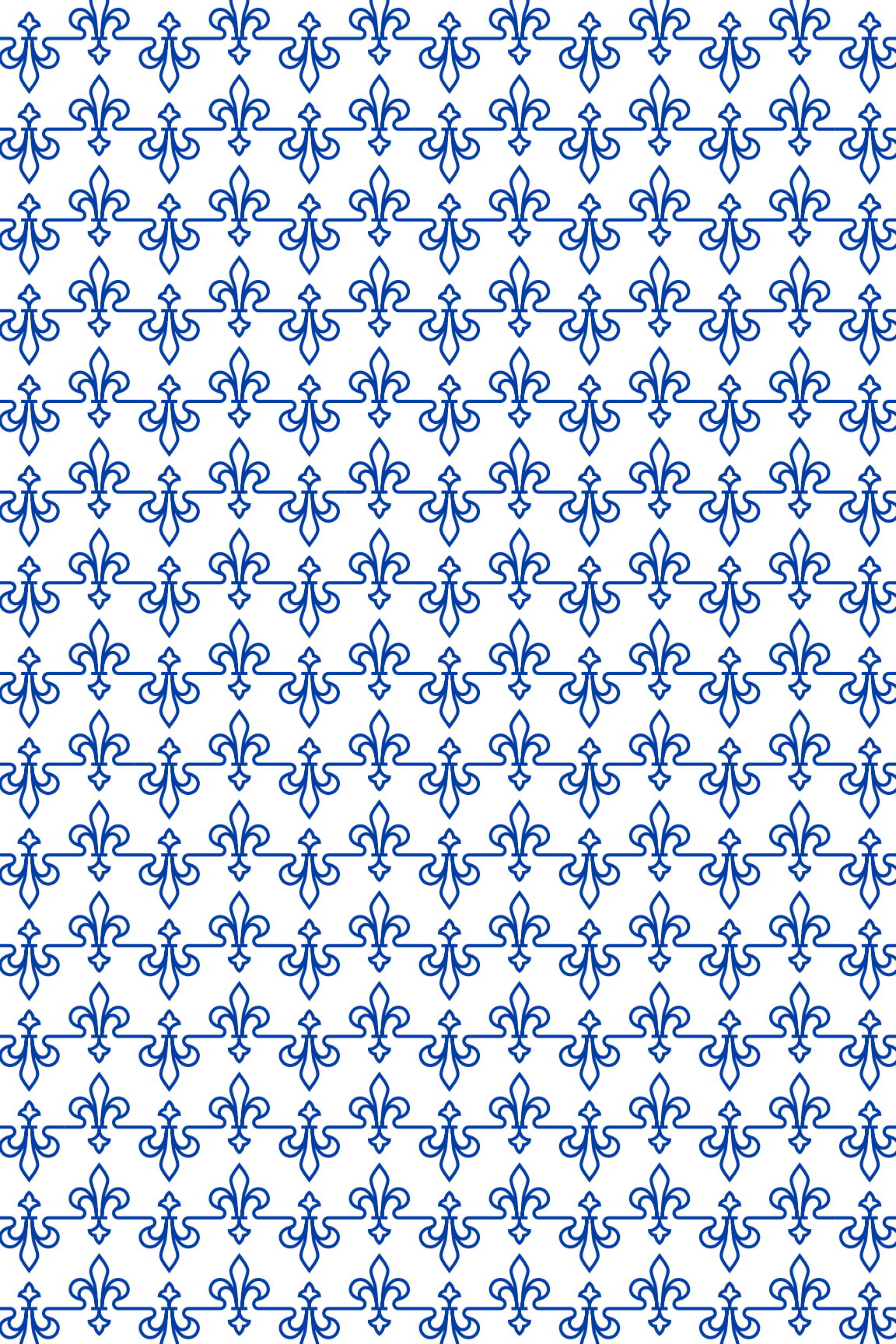
An NCAA Division I institution, SLU is a member of the Atlantic 10 Conference and competes in 18 sports. Recent successes include men's basketball advancing to the second round of the NCAA Championship.

MASCOT

The University's unique mascot, the Billiken, is a mythical good-luck figure who represents “things as they ought to be.”

ALUMNI

SLU's new graduates join more than 142,000 alumni who lead lives of meaning and purpose around the world.





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