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 is 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 hood; 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 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 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 doctor, following graduation, has the right to wear a gold tassel on the mortarboard; black, however, is perfectly proper and perhaps more common. A tolerated practice of varying the color of the tassel on the others has gained acceptance: arts, white; science, gold-yellow; philosophy, dark blue; education, light blue; business, drab; nursing, apricot; technology and engineering, orange; hospital administration, salmon; public administration, peacock blue; social work, citron; law, purple; medicine, green; theology, scarlet; and allied health professions, mint green.

MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

Dear 2020 Graduate: Congratulations to the SLU Class of 2020! As you all know, this has been a year like no other, and we will always remember the Class of 2020. In the face of a global pandemic, and all the burdens and challenges associated with it, you have shown determination, commitment, and flexibility. You persevered and we at the Saint Louis University School of Education are proud to call you a graduate. You have represented yourself so well during these extraordinary times and we know that you will be a wonderful representative of SLU in the years to come. You are what makes SLU great and you are OneSLU.

Grades of Saint Louis University and, especially graduates of the School of Education, are called by St. Ignatius to “Go forth and set the world on fire.” You have been prepared to fully apply your gifts in ways that improve the lives of learners and educational systems. We trust that no matter where or how you work and serve, you will employ the insights and lessons that you have gained to make our world a better place.

A Jesuit education teaches us to be contemplative in action. As graduates of the School of Education, you are reflective scholar practitioners. Even after you graduate, please continue to take a scholarly approach to your professional growth. Study, read, and strive for continuous improvement in your work so that you can best serve students and our community. And, don’t forget that we are here for you; turn to us, your faculty and guides, whenever we can be of assistance.

On behalf of the School of Education, I invite you to continue our tradition of returning to SLU this fall for Homecoming. We are all disappointed that we cannot gather together for Pre-Commencement this Spring to celebrate, and it is more important than ever that we celebrate with you during the SLU Homecoming and Family Weekend 2020, September 25-27, 2020. We look forward to seeing you again!

You will certainly face hurdles and challenges in the years ahead. As this past semester has shown, you are ready for whatever the world can throw at you! Know that we will be celebrating your successes with you. You are a part of our SLU School of Education family … Once a Billiken, Always a Billiken!

Best wishes,

Gary W. Ritter, Ph.D.
Dean, School of Education

HONORS AND AWARDS

ALUMNI MERIT AWARD WINNER

Each year, Saint Louis University recognizes outstanding graduates of each school or college through the Alumni Merit Awards. The award is bestowed on alumni for notable achievements in their profession, community involvement, and dedication to a life that embodies the Saint Louis University mission. This year's recipient is: Alice F. Roach, Ed.D. (Education Grad '06)

JAMES F. GILSAN, PH.D. COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND PUBLIC SERVICE DISTINGUISHED UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT AWARD

The James F. Gilisan Award is given to a graduating senior in the School of Education whose actions exemplify the ideals set forth in the mission of the College: educating, guiding, and transforming individuals and communities through teaching, research or community engagement. This award was established to honor Dr. James F. Gilisan, who served as the first Dean of the College of Public Service from 1998 to 2006. This year's recipients are: Kacie Frost Hannah Mueller

J.J. O’BRIEN AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING GRADUATE STUDENT

Dr. John J. “JJ” O’Brien taught for 46 years at Saint Louis University. He was a professor of education and American studies when he retired in 1993. After his retirement, he served as an adjunct instructor of education and director of the Graduate School’s teaching resource room. In 1967, he received the University’s Nancy McNeil King Award for outstanding teaching. In 1992, the University’s alumni center was named in his honor. He contributed many articles on education to magazines and professional journals. This year’s recipients are: Sarah Wendel Letrice Young

CARL A. HANGARTNER AWARD

The Carl A. Hangartner Award is given in memory of Carl A. Hangartner, S.J., whose career as a Saint Louis University Professor of Education was a tribute to the highest standards of scholarship and integrity. He is remembered for his wisdom and generosity, both as a teacher and a friend. His presence and his leadership in teacher education immeasurably enriched the lives of the people whom he touched. This undergraduate student award is based on scholarship, leadership and service, and is presented annually to graduating students who best exemplify the ideas for which he stood.

This year’s recipient is: Kaylea Chappelle
DOCTOR OF EDUCATION
IN CURRICULUM AND
INSTRUCTION
Michael C. Milster
Letrice Young

DOCTOR OF EDUCATION
IN EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP
Enjoli L. Avila
Sebastien Babolat
Janelle R. Ballard
Matthew T. Copeland
Laura A. Coughlin
Ardalan Dehdasht
Anne M. Hickman
Meghan E. Hill
David B. Hodge
Jamie L. Holiman
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David L. Hurley
Kandice J. Kopp
Jared R. Lewis
Pei C. McCrary
Bradley J. Polanin
Jaimie S. Robeson
Stacy Sedler
VaShawn D. Smith

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Theodore N. Gregory
Monika Hasanbasic
Renee E. Sites Kruep

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY
IN EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATIONS
Thamir A. Aldaghishby
Heba I. Mostafa

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY
IN HIGHER EDUCATION ADMINISTRATION
Jason C. Goodman
Lana J. Kelly Hilliard
Yongsun Lim
Benjamin K. Smyth

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY
IN SPECIAL EDUCATION
Abdulazir A. Alasmari
Roaa Aljafari
Nouf Alotaibi
Abdulazir A. Alwazan
Dalal S. Binnmahfouz
Deborah S. Pellegrino

MASTER OF ARTS IN CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION
Noemi Y. Pinelo

MASTER OF ARTS IN EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP
David A. Bosch Jr.
Dual: MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
John Capuano
James P. Cummings
Elizabeth A. Dunlap
Amy L. Feighny
Karen C. Folk
Benjamin Gwynne
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Mary K. Jones
Meghan E. Jones
Rebecca E. Valentino Kaelin
Rev. Fr. Joseph D. Kelly
Laura N. Leafgreen
Julia R. Murmylo
Sierah L. Price
Dual: MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
Vera Sue-Lorraine Racine
Jacquelyn L. Reeves
Skye Reichert

Caleb M. Scarbrough
Jared R. Schluterman
Mitchell A. Schuck
Alice Stautzenberger
Marilee Talbot
Kailey G. Walker
Jacqueline M. Watson
Sarah M. Wendel
Mary J. Wooley

MASTER OF ARTS IN STUDENT PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION
Cameron W. Alden
Quintard D. Peoples
Maxine L. Rodriguez
Jerrod S. Turner
Santiago C. Venegas
Marissa G. Williams
Samantha L. Witteman

MASTER OF ARTS IN TEACHING
Kristen Abbarno
Elizabeth A. Doherty
John P. Hale
Grace E. Hartenbach

SPECIALIST IN EDUCATION
Corey J. Bennett
Dustin T. Conard
Mirna Hanna dit Jean Nadra

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Max J. Allen
Concentration: Elementary Education
Allison M. Blattner
Concentration: Elementary Education

SPECIALIST IN EDUCATION
Concentration: Early Childhood Education
Siobhan M. Keller
Concentration: Elementary with Special Education for Mild/Moderate Disabilities
Spencer P. Laiben
Second Major: Psychology
Claire E. Long
Concentration: Elementary with Special Education for Mild/Moderate Disabilities

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Maya E. Gross
Concentration: Secondary: Foreign Language
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Madeleine C. Johnson
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Madalyn L. Dischner
Concentration: Elementary with Special Education for Mild/Moderate Disabilities
Tristan J. Drueeling
Second Major: German Studies

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN EDUCATION
Dana H. Meinecke
Concentration: Early Childhood Education with Early Childhood Special Education
Samantha R. Moore
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Talia S. Morris
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BACHELOR OF ARTS IN EDUCATION
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THE GRADUATES

** Graduation honors **
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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR RETIRING FACULTY MEMBER:

Douglas Rush, J.D., Ph.D.

Faculty in the School of Education share a common mission of community outreach and service. Our faculty, students and staff are making a difference in communities throughout the St. Louis area. Working with schools, government agencies and local community groups, the school supports innovative teaching and learning through service to others.

** Vision **

Inspired by the Jesuit conviction that the world is good and human beings can make it a better place for all to live and grow, the School of Education educates, guides and transforms individuals and communities through its teaching, research and community engagement.
Congratulations Graduates!

The School of Education welcomes you as a new alumnus or alumna of Saint Louis University. We want to keep you informed about all the exciting events and opportunities happening on campus and in your program. Please join us on social media to stay connected to your peers.

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