PRECOMMENCEMENT

SCHOOL for PROFESSIONAL STUDIES
SAINT LOUIS UNIVERSITY
MAY 18, 2022
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 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 in the United States. 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.
ORDER OF EVENTS

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INVOCATION
Craig A. Boyd, Ph.D.
Professor of Philosophy and Humanities

WELCOME AND PRESENTATION OF SPEAKER
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Interim Dean, School for Professional Studies

PRECOMMENCEMENT ADDRESS
Helena Castellanos
School for Professional Studies ’17

TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARD PRESENTATION
Srikanth Mudigonda, Ph.D.
Interim Associate Dean, Academic Affairs and Director of Analytics

Presentation of Degree Candidates
Troy P. Hargrove, M.B.A.
Associate Dean, Enrollment Management and Partnerships and Director of Summer-Winter Sessions

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SCHOOL FOR PROFESSIONAL STUDIES’ BANNER BEARER
Kyle Crews, Ph.D. Director, Applied Humanities and President of Faculty Assembly
The School for Professional Studies’ Banner Bearer leads the graduates in the processional by carrying the School’s banner.
A degree is awarded for the successful completion of a program of study. The first known academic degree, the doctorate (from the Latin “docere,” to teach), was granted by the University of Bologna in the mid-12th century. Originally the doctor’s and master’s degrees were virtually synonymous, while the title “bachelor” indicated entrance to a course of study rather than its completion. Today, the most prevalent degrees in America are the Bachelor of Arts and the Bachelor of Science.

Latin honors accompany the degrees according to the cumulative average attained by the successful completion of the degree curriculum, as long as the last 54 credit hours were taken at Saint Louis University. Summa cum laude, with Highest Honors, is awarded to students with a cumulative grade point average of 3.9 or higher. Magna cum laude, with High Honors, is awarded to students with a cumulative grade point average of 3.7 or higher. Cum laude, with Honors, is awarded to students with a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or higher. The appropriate Latin script is embossed on the diploma in recognition of the achievement. Gold chords worn around the neck of a graduate represent the earning of a Latin honor.

In addition to these honors, certain students are recognized through induction into honor societies. Induction into this National Honor Society recognizes the achievements of adults who demonstrate academic excellence while facing the competing interests of home and work.

Induction into the National Jesuit Honor Society recognizes students for excellence in scholarship, loyalty and service.

Founded in 1977 at Georgia State University, Golden Key is a national interdisciplinary academic honors organization established to recognize academic excellence among undergraduate students.

A graduate of distinction is a recognition given to School for Professional Studies graduate students who are in the top of their graduating class. These distinguished graduates have grade point averages above 3.95 and excelled in their capstone research projects.

Graduation honors for candidates appearing in this book are calculated based on the Grade Point Average at the end of the Fall semester. University honors will be officially calculated when final grades have been submitted and the degrees are conferred. This program is not an official document.

THE GRADUATES

**MASTER OF ARTS**

**DEGREE CANDIDATES**

*Leadership and Organizational Development*

Lisa Cohn
Kathryn M. Dortch
Jessica Dyer
Dual: POST-BACCALAUREATE CERTIFICATE EVIDENCE-BASED DECISION MAKING

*Elizabeth M. Ferguson*

*Timothy J. Gaines*

*Katty Rocio Huanuco Salcedo*

*D'nara Jones*

*Ryan A. Lewandowski*

*Matthew J. Magelitz*

**ALPHA SIGMA LAMBDA**

Induction into this National Honor Society recognizes the achievements of adults who demonstrate academic excellence while facing the competing interests of home and work.

**ALPHA SIGMA NU**

Initiation into the National Jesuit Honor Society recognizes students for excellence in scholarship, loyalty and service.

**GOLDEN KEY NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY**

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**DISTINGUISHED GRADUATE STUDENTS**

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**MASTER OF SCIENCE**

**DEGREE CANDIDATES**

*Analytics*

*Eduard De Vries*

*Corey Mauer*

*Matthew Marx*

*Dual: POST-BACCALAUREATE CERTIFICATE EVIDENCE-BASED DECISION MAKING*

*Applied Analytics*

*Karmela Dizdar*

*Dual: POST-BACCALAUREATE CERTIFICATE EVIDENCE-BASED DECISION MAKING*

*Drew Mercurio*

*Michael Rapini*

*Erik G. Stoecker*

*Dual: POST-BACCALAUREATE CERTIFICATE EVIDENCE-BASED DECISION MAKING*

*Cybersecurity*

*Benjamin Cronin*

*Ryan A. Lewandowski*

*Dual: POST-BACCALAUREATE CERTIFICATE EVIDENCE-BASED DECISION MAKING*

*Dr. Matthew Magelitz*

*Dual: POST-BACCALAUREATE CERTIFICATE EVIDENCE-BASED DECISION MAKING*

*Stephenie McLain*

*Chelsey N. Mulligan*

*Dual: POST-BACCALAUREATE CERTIFICATE EVIDENCE-BASED DECISION MAKING*

*Devi Vara Prasad Serudla Veerasvamy*

**THE GRADUATES**

**APPLIED ANALYTICS**

*Karmela Dizdar*

*Dual: POST-BACCALAUREATE CERTIFICATE EVIDENCE-BASED DECISION MAKING*

*Drew Mercurio*

*Michael Rapini*

*Erik G. Stoecker*

*Dual: POST-BACCALAUREATE CERTIFICATE EVIDENCE-BASED DECISION MAKING*

**CYBERSECURITY**

*Benjamin Cronin*

*Brian B. Hard*

*Jalissa D. Jones-Pastorius*
THE GRADUATES

Mary J. McClelland†
Janelle Morris
Bobby Pearman
Kathryn M. Reid

STRATEGIC INTELLIGENCE
Kailey Beguin
Marsalis Sherod

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Jonathan R. Fleming
Darin Kruzich
Christopher J. Manning
Tony R. Miller
Jessie Penson
Johnnie W. Stevens
Taryn Tegethoff
Tinoa Y. Terry
Carlton Thomas

GENERAL STUDIES
Rachel M. Bowman
Bernadette E. Goins-Billups

Ashley Melton
summa cum laude

Ciara C. Vasquez
cum laude

Jack Schwarz
magna cum laude

Sabrina Tierney
Regina D. Weber
magna cum laude

LEADERSHIP AND
ORGANIZATIONAL BEHAVIOR
Vondell Jackson
magna cum laude
Shanna McConnell
magna cum laude

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE
DEGREE CANDIDATES

COMPUTER INFORMATION
SYSTEMS
Matthew Burlison
DATA ANALYTICS
Brian Carlyle
magna cum laude
Taylor Giles
CYBERSECURITY
Whitney K. Moss
DATA ANALYTICS
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INFORMATION SYSTEMS
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HEALTHCARE INFORMATION
SYSTEMS
magna cum laude

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cum laude

Tiranda M. Brown
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Antonio G. Ditucci
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Randall P. Clim
magna cum laude
Cristina Esparza
Richard Hughes
summa cum laude

Devin Hite
magna cum laude
Joshua Layton
summa cum laude
Scott Stoll
summa cum laude
William Owens
summa cum laude
Margaret Usher
summa cum laude
Adam Wymer
magna cum laude

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AND TECHNOLOGY
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Leshun Hunt
Sara Menke*
summa cum laude
Israel Sumano
magna cum laude
Shamekia M. Williams
cum laude

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BUSINESS CONTINUITY
summa cum laude
Kevin Lane
STRATEGIC INTELLIGENCE
magna cum laude
Joshua Phelps
Manuel Reyes
STRATEGIC INTELLIGENCE
Paul Sowers
STRATEGIC INTELLIGENCE
magna cum laude

Joshua Layton
summa cum laude
THE GRADSUATES

UNDERGRADUATE
CERTIFICATE
DEGREE CANDIDATES

BREWING SCIENCE
AND OPERATIONS

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Philipp Baumann
Victor Berrios
Jeremy Boucher
Daniel Brodhead
Nolan Brown
James Bruce
Seth Clark
Matthew Dierlam
Amber Gallagher
Charles George
Christopher Gill
Scott Hestilow
Dustin Henry
Dylan Hurley
Mark Kellogg
David Hartman
Stephen Lamb
Chad Ludwig
Andrew Magnuson
Matthew P. Riley
Danny Saunders
Corey Takagi
Alex Thomson
David Trundle
Westin A. Wiseman
Dual: BACHELOR OF SCIENCE
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Brian Wright

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AND OPERATIONS

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Amy Attias
Kristian Ausler
Garrett Bacon
Celia Baldwin
Paul Baker
Lennon Betancourt
Kyle Bicker
Emily Blessing
Michael Blind
Angelica Brocco
Joshua Brown
Justin Brown
Welton Bryant
Riley Butters
Darla Calhoun
Rachel Cash
Patrick Caruso
Kevin Chaney
Luke Christisen
Hannah Constance
Brian Corzine
Jacob Crabtree
Tyesha Credit
Jamal Crosby
Alicia Counts
Kimberly A. Dalton
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CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!

The School for Professional Studies welcomes you as a new alumna/alumnus of Saint Louis University. Special thanks to all the graduates participating in the ceremony and those family members, friends, faculty and staff in attendance today to honor them. We want to keep you informed about all the exciting things that are happening on campus, in your programs and with our Center for Workforce and Organizational Development, so please follow us on social media.

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