# SAINT JOSEPH'S UNIVERSITY

# Commencement



# PHILADELPHIA COLLEGE OF PHARMACY SCHOOL OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS



# MISSION STATEMENT

As Philadelphia's Jesuit, Catholic university, Saint Joseph's provides a rigorous, student-centered education rooted in the liberal arts. We prepare students for personal excellence, professional success and engaged citizenship. Striving to be an inclusive and diverse community that educates and cares for the whole person, we encourage and model lifelong commitment to thinking critically, making ethical decisions, pursuing social justice and finding God in all things.

# The Commencement Ceremony

Saturday, May 18, 2024 - 9 a.m.

Prelude		
Selected Works	Crosstown Musical Services	
Processional		
Pomp and Circumstance (theme)	Sir Edward Elgar	
Crosstown Musical Services		

#### Narrator

Carlos E. Moreno, DrOT, MS, OTR/L, FCPP Clinical Assistant Professor, Occupational Therapy

# ACADEMIC PROCESSION

# **Grand Marshal**

Lynda S. Lemisch, OTD, OTR/L, CLCP, CAPS Clinical Assistant Professor, Occupational Therapy

# Marshals for the Faculty

Pete Harvison, PhD Professor, Pharmaceutical Sciences

Sarah J. Corcoran, OTD, OTR/L Clinical Assistant Professor, Occupational Therapy

### Marshals For the Graduates

James Christie, MS Angie Flowers Scott Greene, RPh, MS, PhD James Hollands, PharmD, MS, BCPS, FCPP Leigh Lappin Eric S. Pelletier, PT, DPT Andrew Peterson, PharmD, PhD Michael Thomson, MS

# Stage Party

Honored Guests Members of the Board of Trustees Members of the Faculty and Administration

# Invocation

Sarah F. Quinn, BA '89, MBA '09 Associate Vice President and Chief of Staff

# NATIONAL ANTHEM

Andre-Christopher Maraña, DrOT '24 Doctor of Occupational Therapy

# WELCOME

James Carter, PhD *Interim Provost* 

# VALEDICTORY ADDRESS

Kevin Vu, BS '24 Health Sciences

# PRESENTATION OF HONORARY DEGREE

Joan Dawson McConnon
Co-Founder, Project HOME
Adjunct Professor of Accounting, Erivan K. Haub School of Business
Doctor of Humane Letters, honoris causa

#### Presentation of Candidates for Degrees and Awarding of Diplomas

Edward F. Foote, BS '87, PharmD '91, FCCP Dean, Philadelphia College of Pharmacy Associate Dean, School of Health Professions

Cathy Y. Poon, BS, PharmD, FPPA, FCPP Interim Dean, School of Health Professions

# Conferring of Degrees in Course

Cheryl A. McConnell, PhD

President

# PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Cheryl A. McConnell, PhD

# ALMA MATER

Thomas Betterly, BS '24
Mathematics - Secondary Education

#### BENEDICTION

Daniel R.J. Joyce, S.J., BA '88 Vice President, Mission and Ministry

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# THE PRESIDENT, BOARD OF TRUSTEES, AND FACULTY OF

# SAINT JOSEPH'S UNIVERSITY

# TO ALL WHO VIEW THESE PRESENT LETTERS

#### GIVE GREETINGS IN THE LORD

oday, the University welcomes and honors Joan Dawson McConnon, co-founder of the Philadelphia nonprofit organization Project HOME and adjunct professor of accounting in the Erivan K. Haub School of Business, for her 35 years of leadership.

A Delaware County native, Dawson McConnon holds a bachelor's degree from Penn State University in accounting and a master's degree from Drexel University in taxation. She worked in industry and public accounting for eight years before co-founding Project HOME in 1989 out of a deep need to ensure that "every person has a safe, welcoming place to live." Since then, the organization has cemented itself into a pillar of the Philadelphia social service mechanism, becoming a nationally recognized organization that provides supportive housing, employment, education and healthcare to enable chronically homeless and low-income persons to break the cycle of homelessness and poverty.

With her co-founder, Sister Mary Scullion, R.S.M., BS '76, MSW, Dawson McConnon worked with the city to open an alternative emergency shelter at the Marian Anderson Recreation Center that would welcome those who were not able to enter the city's shelter system due to mental illness, alcoholism or substance abuse issues. Sleeping in shifts, she helped run the shelter while writing her master's thesis on low-income housing tax credits. This research would solidify into the main theory of Project HOME's work. Focusing on the theory of social enterprise, she posited: "What if we build affordable housing where, instead of the profits earned through that endeavor benefiting a few partners, we reinvested those profits into funding the next building and the next building?"

Dawson McConnon and Sr. Scullion have grown that shelter into nearly 1,000 housing units and two businesses that provide employment to formerly homeless persons. The organization is widely acclaimed for its multifaceted approach to keeping people housed, including community-based health services, mental health and addiction treatment, adult education and after-school programs, employment programs at Project HOME's resale boutique and cafe, and an alumni program.

"Our mission is not just offering someone shelter, but also to end homelessness, hunger and poverty, one soul at a time," said the organization's most famous benefactor, musician Jon Bon Jovi, in 2021. "We're going to lend a helping hand to Project HOME's outreach team, coming into this community every day to remind people that they, in fact, are not forgotten."

Dawson McConnon credits her Catholic upbringing for her calling to this work, seeing it as an expression of her faith. "There were a lot of people who wanted to work for the public accounting firms, but there were not a lot of people willing to work with the chronically homeless men and women I had gotten to know. To spend my day working with the passionate, brilliant and creative members of the Project HOME community has transformed my life and has allowed me to instill in my children the legacy of my parents: that our faith is a call to action on behalf of women, men and children who are marginalized in our society."

At the end of the year, Dawson McConnon will step down from her role at Project HOME to allow for new leadership and ideas to drive the mission forward.

With deep gratitude for her selfless work, Saint Joseph's University honors Joan Dawson McConnon with the Doctor of Humane Letters,  $honoris\ causa$ .

JOAN DAWSON McCONNON

DOCTOR OF HUMANE LETTERS, honoris causa

# Degrees Conferred In Course

# PHILADELPHIA COLLEGE OF PHARMACY

Nithya Gadde Komal Patel Kevin Abraham Ruth Abraham Colin Gasbarro Riya Patel Lana Abudahri Prenin George Shiv Patel Laurie Alexis Sara Glorioso Lucas Pepe Moses Allie, Jr. Isabel Gorostiza Leah Peterman Furkan Amin Usma Hashamy Abigail Petlyarsky Chrisovalantis Apostolopoulos **Brigid Hurst** Merlin Rajan Naa Asare Akoto Alexis Hutzel Madison Rawling Nicole Asmar Joel Issac Rachel Reese Carly Richardson

Sidney Bannon Sohela Jain Jai'din Barber Angell Jiang Leah Rov **Emily Barnard** Hanry Jiang Anna Ruby **Evelyn Bartholomew** Cheryl John Zachary Salahdine Lauren Blaszczak Anina Johnson Victoria Sam Angela Campbell Bria Johnson Aidan Samayoa

Daniel Cannon Jesslin Jose Jacob Schwartz Meghan Carbone Ashley Mariam Joseph Dylan Scully Gavin Carramusa Ashley Mojisola Joseph Jessica Shaw Christopher Cha Elysia Kang Melanie Slowik Rachel Chan Ali Khokhar Madeline Smith Justina Chen Akito Kina Haide Sorial

Gabriella Cherian John Kincaid Katelyn Stanek
Kevin Chiu Makayla King Anastasiya Stolyarchuk
Mindy Choi Rasali Kodikara Marina Sunny

Isabel Coulter-Daly Matthew Lor Carson Sysko
Christina Curreri John Lubinski Patricia Tanola
Julia Dang Rebecca Lucas Ance Maria Thankachan

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Michelle Dinh Madison McPhillips Georgianna Trischitta
Christina Dinovi Claudia Melecio Caitlyn Ulmer

Lance Aaron Dizon Evan Metzger Vivian Vo
Christ Do Afua Mireku Baabu Kelly Vu
Albanie Doyle Dhruv Modi Anjali Vyas
Connor Dugan Ishita Nar Seamus Weller
An Duong Nisha Narayan Lily Wood

Somyia Elbready Mariamol Nelson Andy Yang Rosemary Esquivel Charlotte Ye Chloe Ng Serena Fasola Philip Nguyen Peter Yoon Marina Favez Lisabeth Nieves Lily Young Elena Ferreras Crystal Nsiah Li Yu Hannah Filbert Beyza Okusal Annie Yun Myles Pacla Evelyn Flickinger Jenny Zheng

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Emma Fountain Brianna Patei Boris Zuckerma
Chris Fu Khushboo Patel

# SCHOOL OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS

Hanin Abouheif Nicole Fosco Gabriella Palermo Timothy Gallagher Jared Panicker Gianna Abruzese Jaspreet Kaur Gill Rahyssa Agyeman Lilliana Paolella Devna Parikh Jasmine Beiler Debora Goldberg Ashley Benyola Jessica Goldberg Pooja Patel Michael Besante Graceann Gorsky Shreya Patel Simran Bhullar Ashleigh Pharis Kenda Green Kira Bottura Margaret Greene Ashly Philip Lauren Pscolka Treesha Brahmbhatt Alyssa Gross Grace Querido Alyssa Brinsky Matthew Guttuso Soraya Campbell Mohammad Hassan Veronia Rateb Katherine Cappelletti Tamara Jenkins Kayla Reese Rebekah Carroll Tyler Jung **Emily Reester** Vani Chawla Matthew Kalikas Kesley Reyes

Gaetiana Cino Jabez Kim Ava Rooney
Kara Cino William King Francesca Rosenblum
Katelei Clark Erin Kline Rachel Rossini

Joseph Russo

Hannah Schmidt

Hali Ryans

Allison Clarke Devansya Knowles
Katelyn Crist Victoria Kolawole
Diana Cruz Sydney Lawless
Emma Dancer Kayla Le

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Julianne DeCastroThomas McCormack Jr.Grace StewartOlivia DeMartinisReagan McGrathFabiana Tort-Umpierre

Marchella DeNaplesHannah MelendezJenna TroyanoSydney DewaldRebecca MillarStephen VazhappalliKunjal DhanjuBreanna MineweaserFiona Renee VillaRachel DicksOwen MoelterReigne Villanueva

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Matthew Drucker Yana Mordvintseva Kevin Vu
Ciaran Dubeck Rebecca Morgovsky Rachel Wisniewski

Emily Evina Zoe Mulligan Nicole Wright
Karla Fernandez Lily Niemkiewicz Bonnie Yu
Stefan Filipovski Davina Odeh Monica Zhang

Tyler Finerty Nicholas Paccione





# UNIVERSITY HONORS AND COLLEGE HONORS THESIS

Students who have completed University Honors with a College Honors Thesis project

Nicole AngeliniChase DavisCaroline KominickRachel BrownMary FrattaraTanner LamoreuxMadison BuddenbohnAnne GuthermanJordan McCarthyAlexandra ColmanKatherine KoestlerAlexa Mihaita

Ian Rowe-Nicholls Isabella Stefanic

# UNIVERSITY HONORS AND RCF HONORS PROJECTS

Students who have completed University Honors with a Research Concept Form

Spencer BrackettIsabel GorostizaMaryam KhanRachel PrutzmanCiaran DubeckSarah HerterDanielle Lo StraccoSadhana Sankal

# **UNIVERSITY HONORS**

Students who have completed University Honors with a two-semester Honors capstone

Michael Angiolillo Sanjana Dasari Patrick Handley Mary Pucci Timothy Butler Jathin Desan Justin Hassey Joseph Shoemaker Alexandra Caro Owen Fabula Daniel Janssen Nicholas Talvacchia Rachel Chan Debora Goldberg Matthew McGrath Luke Vacha Morgan Cooper Ellie Green Nisha Narayan Shannon Ward Brendan Coughlin Alyssa Gross Joseph Peracchio Henry Wert

# **COLLEGE HONORS THESIS**

 $Students\ who\ have\ completed\ a\ College\ Honors\ The sis\ project$ 

Bernadette Bergman Allie Miller Caroline Kominick Natalie Nevins

# FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

Artiom Butuc Alexa Mihaita Jordan McCarthy Judith Walker



# **ALPHA ETA**

Bachelors of Science in Health Science Honor Society

Lia D'Angelo Kayla Reese Rachel Dicks Emily Reester

# ALPHA SIGMA NU

Undergraduate National Jesuit Honor Society

Olivia Agatone Liam Fergusom Matthew McCaffrey Patrice Romano Mary Frattara Cara Santilli Nicole Angelini Marlaina Meltzer Nicholas Anni Rvan Furr Alec Mettin Rilev Schaefer Catharine Argiriou Grace Giambalvo Danielle Nardella Hannah Schmidt John Axtman Anne Gutherman Emma Nemeth Jessica Shaw Peter Banfe Reilly Hall Natalie Nevins Isabella Stefanic Thomas Betterly Sarah Halupa Thientrinh Nguven Grace Stewart Simran Bhullar Ian Hauck Ian Nicholls Meg Thompson Claire Bowman Sadie Henzes Owen Noonan Rose Tomaszewski Molly Brown Melissa Holland Patrick O'Hara Elizabeth Tynan Kathryn Brutzman Julia Iacovella Rachel Orr Caitlyn Ulmer Madison Buddenbohn Joseph Kelly Sarah Owen Emily Valentino Kaleigh Cadogan Makayla King Tenley Paga Anna Valiant Rebekah Carroll Katherine Koestler Heavenly Perez Nicoletta Viscione Julianna Pollander Lillian Ciocca Caroline Kominick Colin Voisine Tess Coary Mary Pucci Raul Labrador Carballo Maria Welzant Morgan Cooper Enzo Lopez Ashley Radell Madeleine Yeager Rebecca Lucas Madison Rawling Julianne DeCastro Kevin Yonkeu Marchella DeNaples Hannah Madeya Kayla Reese Kurt Zaballero Gabriella Dudajek Rebecca Makrides Shannon Risser

# BETA GAMMA SIGMA

**Business Honor Society** 

Jason Abahazy	Michael Covino	Brian Harbaugh	David Owsik
Sofia Amalfitano	Kayleigh Eckles	Shannon Harrington	Heavenly Perez
Nicholas Anni	Nicholas Edwards	Justin Hassey	David Profit
Peter Banfe	Dylan Flynn	Andre Lavergne-Vassallo	Ashley Radell
Kathleen Brennan	Nathaniel Fontana	Alexander Lee	John Sharpe
Timothy Butler	Eric Ford	Joseph Maressa	Joseph Shoemaker
Justyn Caccese	William Frank	Matthew McGarrigle	Lucas Soares
Brett Callahan	Timothy Gallagher	Mackenzie McHale	Rose Tomaszewski
Gavin Campbell	Jacob Gandler	Hannah Mckenna	Ryan Trebel
Tess Coary	Grace Giambalvo	Jessica Mitich	Colin Voisine
Gianna Consalo	Jared Glad	Anh Nguyen	Matthew Weeden
Morgan Cooper	Ellie Green	Patrick Oakes	Sarah Woolston

# PHI BETA KAPPA

Liberal Arts Honors Organization

Nicole Angelini	Owen Fabula	Emma Nemeth	Ethan Robison Ramoutar
Jocelyn Brad	Anne Gutherman	Ian Rowe-Nicholls	Cara Santilli
Rachel Brown	Joseph Kelly	Breanne Nunn	Isabella Stefanic
Madison Buddenbohn	Katherine Koestler	Miranda Oseguera	Alexis Sterling
Gavin Campbell	Jordan McCarthy	Joseph Peracchio	Luke Vacha
Alex Colman	Alec Mettin	Heavenly Perez	Shannon Ward
Chase Davis	Alexa Mihaita	Mary Pucci	Eva Webb



# COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Dean's Award	Ian Rowe-Nicholls
Ann Smulowicz Award in Art and Art History	Anne Gutherman
Dr. Adeline M. Fagan '14, Award for Excellence in Biology	Rachel R. Brown
Biology Award	Alexandra A. Colman
Biology Award	Thientrinh V. Nguyen
Chemical Biology Award	Alexa Mihaita
American Chemical Society Scholastic Achievement Award	Kurt Zaballero
American Institute of Chemists Award for Scholastic Achievement	Jenna Zietowski
Communication and Media Studies Award	Isabella Colina Hidalgo
Computer Science Award for Academic Excellence	Owen Fabula
Economics Award	Gavin Campbell
Daniel J. Dougherty English Award	Natalie Nevins
Environmental Science Award	Miranda Oseguera
Faith-Justice Studies	Grace M. Taylor
Thomas J O'Malley, S.J., Award for Excellence in Historical Studies Award	Ian Rowe-Nicholls
Medical Alumni Scholarship	Joseph Kelly
Medical Alumni Scholarship	Caroline Kominick
Catherine Nash Scholarship Award	Thientrinh Nguyen
Fr. Moore Scholarship.	Isabella Stefanic
International Relations Award for Academic Excellence	Alec Mettin
Justice & Ethics in the Law Minor Award	Madison Lopez
Matthew G. Sullivan, S.J., Latin American Studies Program Award	Alec Mettin
Mathematics Award	Nicole Angelini
Northeast Conference Award in French	Lucie Marin
Northeast Conference Award in Italian	William Avery
Northeast Conference Award in Spanish	Breanne Nunn
Linguistics Program Award	Emma Nemeth
Communication Sciences and Disorders	Riley McDade
Classical Studies.	Chase Davis
Spanish Program Award	Allie Miller
Italian Program Award	Brigid Kane
French Program Award	Jocelyn Brad
Theatre Award	Melissa Holland
The Philosophy Award	Callan O'Rourke
Houston-O'Conor Award	Jessie Jin
Political Science Award for Academic Excellence	Mary Pucci
Dr. Henrik S. Arnesen Psychology Award	Shannon Ward
Criminal Justice	Jessica DiBricida
John J. Kane Sociology Award	Ian Rowe-Nicholls
Joseph and Nancy Ruane Commencement Award for Sociology	Alexis Sterling
Interdisciplinary Studies Humanities	Alyssa Tino
Interdisciplinary Studies Social Sciences	Jennifer Tronoski
Norman F. Ramsey Commencement Research Award	Jordan McCarthy
Bertha Litsky Endowed Commencement Award	Jillian Marshall

# COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES AWARDS (continued)

Francis M. White American Institute of Biological Sciences.	Rachel Prutzman
Marin S. Dunn Memorial Prize for Biology	Sylvia Rudzinski
Martin and Karen Gibbs Prize in Biological Sciences	Thu (Ivy) Le
Norman F. Ramsey Commencement Research Award	Pedro Ramos
Medical Laboratory Science Award	Isla Brennan
Steinberg Family Commencement Award.	Thu (Ivy) Le
American Chemical Society Scholastic Achievement Award	
American Chemical Society Scholastic Achievement Award - Chemistry/Pharm Chemistry	
Louis A. Reber, PhD, Memorial Research Award - Biochemistry	
Louis A. Reber, PhD, Memorial Research Award - Chemistry	· ·
Louis A. Reber, PhD, Memorial Research Award - Pharmaceutical Chemistry	
Martin and Karen Gibbs Prize in Chemistry	
Dr. Louis Gershenfeld Memorial Prize for Microbiology	
Mildred Wasserman Award	_
Dr. Bernard Witlin '38 Award in Microbiology	
Lena DeLisser-Matthews Prize	
Virginia Lebo Osol Memorial Prize	Owen O'Reilly
ERIVAN K. HAUB SCHOOL OF BUSINESS	
Accounting Department Award	
Business Intelligence and Analytics	•
Machine Learning / Artificial Intelligence Major Award	
Supply Chain Management Major Award	
Finance Department Award	
Risk Management and Insurance Award.	
Actuarial Science Award	-
Richard J. George Award for Excellence in the Food Marketing Co-op Program.	
Leadership, Ethics and Organizational Sustainability Award	
Human Resources and People Management Award	<del>-</del>
International Business Award	
Business Administration.	_
Organizational Development and Leadership Award	
Metin H. Gurol Award for Excellence in Marketing.	
Sports Marketing Award	
Pharmaceutical and Healthcare Marketing Award	
Dean's Award	
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Dean's Award	Thomas Betterly
Pre-K-4, 4-8 UG Early Childhood	•
4-8, 7-12, PK12 7-12	Jenna Zietowski
Autism Behavioral Studies UG Award	Olivia DeSabella
Autism Behavioral Studies UG Award	
	Tenley Paga

# PHILADELPHIA COLLEGE OF PHARMACY

# PHARMACY PRACTICE

American Society of Consultant Pharmacists Award		
Hyman C. Bogash Drug Salesmen's Association of Pennsylvania Award		
Cantor Family Prize		
Margaret Mary Culin Memorial Award		
Michael F. Dollarton Memorial Prize		
Herbert L. Flack PSHP Commencement Award		
Mr. Seymour Fox '36 Commencement Award Ellen Wirawan		
Joseph L. Garde Commencement Award		
GlaxoSmithKline Commencement Award		
Benjamin Greenbaum '38 Memorial Prize		
Theodore I. Goldblum Memorial Prize. Evelyn Ibarra		
HVS Laboratories Commencement Award		
Wolters Kluwer Clinical Drug Information Award of Excellence in Clinical Communications Jessica Bedford		
Johnson & Johnson Consumer Inc, McNeil Healthcare Division Award		
Leonard M. Krusinski '61 Memorial Prize		
Monmouth County Society of Pharmacists Memorial Graduation Award		
Olumfemi "Femi" Ogunkorode Memorial Award		
Pennsylvania Pharmacists Association Outstanding Pharmacy Student Award		
The Irwin Reich and Judith Reich Memorial Award		
Warren Rosemarin Commencement Award		
Albert E. Rosica Jr. Memorial PrizeFaridah Nguyen		
Sarah B. Shapiro Memorial Prize		
Viatris Excellence in Pharmacy Award		
PHARMACY SCIENCES		
Johnson & Johnson Award		
Remington Memorial Prize		
Johnson & Johnson Award for Innovation in Pharmacology/Toxicology		
Packman Family Award in Toxicology		
Mitchell I. Steinberg and Family Award		
CLASS OF '50 AWARD		

# **CLASS OF '50 AWARD**

The Class of '50 Award is an award given to the top graduating senior who has excelled in their sport on the local, regional or national level, and/or has been instrumental in contributing to the team's success in the current academic year, and/or has had a distinguished career and established him/herself among those in the program's history.

Talya Brugler, BSBA '22, MS '24 (Organizational Development and Leadership)	
Jorden Concordia, BS '22, MS '24 (Applied Behavior Analysis)	
Patrick Fehm, BSBA '24 (Business Intelligence and Analytics)	Men's Track and Field
Manu Ghigliotti, BA '24 (International Relations)	Field Hockey
Carter Page, BSBA '24 (Marketing)	Men's Lacrosse
Sydney Rose, BA '24 (Communication Studies)	Women's Track and Field

# HAWK LEGACY AWARD

The Hawk Legacy Award is an award given to a student-athlete who best reflects the culture and values of Saint Joseph's Athletics through hard work and competitive excellence, selflessness, resilience, inclusion and service to others.

# EXPLANATION OF ACADEMIC REGALIA

The first year in the academic life of Saint Joseph's College opened with a ceremony, the Mass of the Holy Spirit, and closed with a ceremony, a commencement exercise. In the years since, the academic year at Saint Joseph's has continued to open with a solemn Mass of the Holy Spirit and to close with a formal commencement. Thus firmly rooted in the history of Saint Joseph's, the ceremony in which you share today is part of a still older historical tradition, that of the medieval university, where as early as the 13th century, the awarding of academic degrees was attended with great ceremony and solemnity.

Today's academic procession replicates the march through the streets of Paris (or one of the other great university centers of the time) of the doctors and masters of the university, their somber gowns, brightened by the colored ornamentation of their hoods, testifying to their status as members of a corporate body, free of feudal controls, which alone possessed the right to fix the standards for academic degrees and licenses. Their gowns and hoods, practical garments designed to ward off the chill of unheated lecture halls and libraries and to provide adequate space to shelter books and manuscripts, provide the models for the gowns worn on ceremonial occasions by the professors and students of today.

The cut of the gown indicates the level of the degree. The bachelor's gown, always black in color, is cut simply, with long, pointed sleeves, and is worn closed. The traditional master's gown resembles the bachelor's except for the cut of the sleeves; these are quite long and cut above the elbow so that the lower part of the sleeve, closed at the bottom, hangs behind the wearer's arm or coat sleeve. Much more elaborate is the doctor's gown, embellished with velvet panels down the front and around the neck and with three velvet chevrons on each of its bell-shaped sleeves. The master's and doctor's gowns may be worn open or closed.

Hoods also vary in cut according to the degree represented: the bachelor's again being the most simple and doctor's the most elaborate. The hood is lined with silk in the colors of the university that granted the wearer's highest degree, and the color of the bordering velvet indicates the field of study to which the degree pertains.

— Attributed to Francis X. Gerrity, PhD, Professor  ${\it Emeritus},$  History



# THE SEAL OF SAINT JOSEPH'S UNIVERSITY

The first seal of Saint Joseph's College designed in 1852, the year of incorporation, featured a half-length figure of St. Joseph holding the Christ Child. The choice of this image for the first corporate seal reflects the founding of the college at St. Joseph's, the first Catholic church in Philadelphia, as well as the piety of Felix Joseph Barbelin, S.J., pastor of the church and founder of the college. This first seal was surrounded by one star for each state in the Union, a wreath of olive leaves and a bald eagle holding a banner inscribed *E Pluribus Unum* (Out of Many, One) at crest. The arms of the republic would have been important symbols for the new college to put forward, founded, as it was, at a time when the loyalty and patriotism of Catholics was questioned by Nativists.

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THADELPHIA

By the turn of the century, the college had left the safety of the founding parish church, built a splendid new campus in North Philadelphia and developed a collegiate structure and identity. In 1903, John F. X. O'Conor, S.J., designed a new seal, more in keeping with the new collegiate identity. His design included most of the heraldic emblems, or charges, found in the modern shield of Saint Joseph's University.

The modern shield is quartered, that is, divided into four equal parts by a cross. In the upper left quarter, the dexter chief in heraldic terms, are 15 bands (bends): seven gold and eight red. The seven gold bands represent the seven sons of the House of Loyola: St. Ignatius and his six brothers. Red and gold are traditional as they are the heraldic colors of the royal House of Castille, to which the Loyola's were loyal.

In the upper right quarter, the sinister chief, is the coat of arms of the House of Loyola: two wolves at a kettle, said to symbolize the hospitality of the House. In the lower left quarter, the dexter base, is a lily, an iconographic attribute of St. Joseph, the patron of the University.

In the lower right quarter, the sinister base, is the emblem of the Society of Jesus. The letters "IHS" inscribed in a radiating sun at center are the Greek *iota*, *eta*, and *sigma*, the first three letters of the word "Jesus" in Greek. Rising out of the "H" is a cross, the symbol of redemption and salvation through Christianity. Below are three nails symbolizing the Passion of Christ.

The seal of the University is composed of the full heraldic shield with a periphery bearing the words "Saint Joseph's University Philadelphia 1851." The shield is used for institutional identification and ornamentation while the seal is used on diplomas, transcripts, and for the attestation of documents.

# ALMA MATER

Saint Joseph's hail! In song we praise our mother dear and fair. In life's grim battle, we'll march on with Faith and strength to dare. For valiant deeds make stout our hearts to prove your heirs are true. So come rejoice and with one voice pledge loyal love to you.

Saint Joseph's hail! Our blood runs proud to hold tradition's fame. For words of gold on history's scroll shed glory on your name. To honor God, to love God's world, your champions for each fray. Against the sky our colors fly, deep crimson folds and gray.

Music: F. Edward Bigham '43 | Words: Robert F. McKeon, S.J.

# LIVING INDIGENOUS LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Saint Joseph's University – Hawk Hill resides in the present and ancestral homeland of the Lenape. The Lenape, "Original People," inhabited the region for over 10,000 years prior to European imperial colonization and are considered to be the "ancient ones" or "grandfathers" by other Algonquin. With our acknowledgement, the Saint Joseph's University community dedicates itself to building meaningful relationships with Lenape and other Indigenous communities to inform the advancement of curriculum and sustainability practices that honor and uplift Indigenous knowledge and traditions.

