

SAINT JOSEPH'S UNIVERSITY

GRADUATE

Commencement



THURSDAY, MAY 15, 2025



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

Thursday, May 15, 2025 – 9 a.m.

PRELUDE

Selected Works Crosstown Musical Services

PROCESSIONAL

Pomp and Circumstance (theme) Sir Edward Elgar
Crosstown Musical Services

Narrator

Martin Farrell, BA '88, MS '98
Associate Vice President, University Advancement

ACADEMIC PROCESSION

Grand Marshal

Ruben A. Mendoza, PhD
Associate Professor, Decision and System Sciences

Marshals for the Graduates

Salar Alsardary, PhD
Catalina Arango, PhD
Kimmarré Cipolla, EdD
Nicole Clements, PhD
Luk Devorski, PhD
Chalon Downs, MS, EMBA
Nabila Enam, OTD

Ann Favinger
Angie Flowers
WaQar Ghani, PhD
Scott Greene, RPh, MS, PhD
Chris Heasley, EdD
Jarret Hurms, MS
Leigh Lappin

Lynda Lemisch, OTD
Edwin Li, PhD
Joan McConnon
Lora Packel, PhD
Sheetal Parikh, PhD
Eric Pelletier, DPT
Andrew Peterson, PharmD, PhD

Madalyn Sadler
Rajneesh Sharma, PhD
Janet Souza, PhD
Grant Troxell, MBA
Kenneth Weidner, PhD
Deborah Zayon

Marshal for the Faculty

Peter Norberg, PhD
Senior Associate Provost, Academic and Faculty Support
Professor, English

Stage Party

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

INVOCATION

Douglas J. Ray, S.J., JD
Campus Minister
Assistant Director, Mission Programs and Campus Ministry

NATIONAL ANTHEM

Sarah Mele, BA '27
English - Secondary Education

WELCOME

Jean McGivney-Burelle, PhD
Provost and Senior Vice President, Academic Affairs

VALEDICTORY ADDRESS

Michael Shokunbi, MS '25
Applied Behavioral Analysis

PRESENTATION OF HONORARY DEGREE

Joan Rosenhauer
President and Executive Director, Jesuit Refugee Services USA, Retired
Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES AND AWARDING OF DIPLOMAS

James H. Carter, PhD
Dean, College of Arts and Sciences

Joseph A. DiAngelo Jr., BS '70, EdD
Dean, Erivan K. Haub School of Business

Joshua R. Power, BS '05, EdD '16
Dean, School of Education and Human Development
Associate Provost, Graduate Enrollment

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

Cathy Y. Poon, PharmD, H '16, FPPA, FCPP
Dean, School of Health Professions

CONFERRING OF DEGREES IN COURSE

Cheryl A. McConnell, PhD
President

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Cheryl A. McConnell, PhD

ALMA MATER

Sarah Mele, BA '27
English - Secondary Education

BENEDICTION

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

RECESSIONAL

Triumphal March..... Hector Berlioz
Crosstown Musical Services

THE PRESIDENT, BOARD OF TRUSTEES, AND FACULTY OF
SAINT JOSEPH'S UNIVERSITY

TO ALL WHO VIEW THESE PRESENT LETTERS

GIVE GREETINGS IN THE LORD



Today, Saint Joseph's is honored to recognize Joan Rosenhauer for her long and distinguished career in Catholic service organizations nationwide.

After nearly two decades as a community organizer for projects focused on low-income groups in Iowa and Maryland, Rosenhauer took on roles at the Catholic Campaign for Human Development and the Archdiocese of Washington's Office of Social Development. She then worked her way up to the position of associate director at the Department of Justice, Peace, and Human Development at the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. There, she managed a team of six who developed and distributed materials for education on domestic and international justice and peace. She then spent nearly a decade as the executive vice president of Catholic Relief Services, where she managed regional and national outreach programs to mobilize the support of over 9.5 million Catholics. Most recently, she spent six years as the president and executive director of Jesuit Refugee Services/USA. During her time there, the organization helped over one million refugees in over 50 countries worldwide, and her duties included oversight of the group's advocacy, grassroots mobilization efforts, private and government funding, and domestic programming for U.S. refugees and asylum seekers until her retirement in May of 2024. Specifically, her domestic programming focused on mental health and psychosocial support for asylum-seekers at the U.S./Mexico border in El Paso, Texas, and Juarez, Mexico, as well as providing chaplains for five housing centers for migrants near the border.

Rosenhauer earned a bachelor's degree in social work from the University of Iowa, followed by a master's degree in public policy management with a concentration in international development from the University of Maryland, College Park. Rosenhauer now volunteers for several Washington D.C.-based service organizations. She is a member of the advisory committee for the Initiative on Catholic Social Thought & Public Life at Georgetown University, a member of the advisory council for the Network Advocates for Justice, a member of the Ignatian Volunteer Corps, an adviser for the Center for Nonprofit Leaders, and a member of the board of directors for the International Catholic Migration Commission-USA. She has previously earned honorary degrees from Dominican University in New York, St. Ambrose University in Iowa, and Georgetown University School of Nursing & Health Studies in Washington, D.C.

With great pride, the University honors Joan Rosenhauer with Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*, for her distinguished career and advocacy work for the excluded.

JOAN ROSENHAUER
DOCTOR OF HUMANE LETTERS, *honoris causa*

Citation read by:
Richard A. Warren, PhD
Professor, History

Degrees Conferred In Course

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Parisa Aghazadeh
Sumaiya Ahmed
John Alda
Destiny Anders
Je La Boulden
Michele Boyle
Madison Buddenbohn
Ryan Buist
Janice Carr
Rosalie Cerritelli
Stella Chiavon
Hailey Davis
Shekinah Davis
Abudushalamu Deare
Lilli Dellheim
Frances Dwyer
Stephanie Fasolas
Amy Funk
Molly Gallagher
Anthony Garcia
Malliciah Goodman
Curtis Harrity
Shaye Hermann
Kevin Hoban
Nicole Hooper

Olivia Houk
Katherine Howlin
Nozomi Kido
Julie Kleinot
Brittany Klose
Trevor Lacoste
Caroline Lanoce
Joseph Levine
Gabrielle Loeser
Ashley Logan
Madison Mack
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Ladedra Manning
Annamarie Marsh
Shannon McGrath
Arianna McNally
Sara Melley
Mia Middleton
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Christiana Miroulis
Aileen Moore
Juliana Moule
Thomas Nailor
Natalie Nevins
Michael Newell, Jr.

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Fatima Ouyed Hernandez
Shawn Page
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Jasmine Robles
Michaela Schuster
David Schwartzman
Bridget Shirley
Sydney Shuster
Gina Siermine
Tinamarie Stolz
Damian Thomas
Michael Urban
Heather Van Ness
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Xiaoxi Xu
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Yijing Yuan
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Jingyuan Zhang
Xuan Zhang
Jingrong Zhu



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Sohela Jain

Ravina Kajare
Abdullah Mashreki

Evelyn Roth
Seamus Weller



SCHOOL OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS

Samuel Bair
Anjelika Renee Bautista
Carrie Bernauer
Kelsey Butler
Sumaia Chowdhury
John DiStefano
Dennis Drakeley
Jacob Ebner
Zuhal Ghafary
Lillian Goldman Muller
Devin Hamilton
Christina Hunsinger
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Health Professionals' Oath

At this time, I vow to devote my professional life to the service of all humankind through my chosen health profession.

I will consider the welfare of humanity and relief of human suffering my primary concerns.

I will apply my knowledge, experience, and skills to the best of my ability to assure optimal therapeutic outcomes for the individuals I serve.

I will keep abreast of developments and maintain professional competency.

I will embrace and advocate for positive changes in health service delivery systems.

I take these vows voluntarily with the full realization of the responsibility with which I am entrusted by the public.



Awards

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

MA Writing Studies Award.....	Michaela Schuster
MS Computer Science Award	Trevor Lacoste

ERIVAN K. HAUB SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

Executive MBA Academic Award.....	Scott Zinger
Food Marketing MBA Academic Award.....	Heather Farnum
Health Administration MHA Academic Award.....	Kaitlynn Sagias
MBA Academic Award.....	Jordan Bayer
MS Business Intelligence and Analytics Award	Jeb Besecker
MS Finance Academic Award	Matthew Bohmer
MS Food Marketing Academic Award	Maloney Chase
MS Health Informatics Award.....	Samuel Purpura
MS Marketing Academic Award.....	Michael Angiolillo
MS Organizational Development and Leadership Award	Samantha Loy
MS Professional Accountancy Academic Award	Solene Gulka
MS Strategic Human Resource Management Academic Award	Kayleen Vail
Pharmaceutical & Healthcare Marketing MBA Award	Michael McDaniel

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Clinical Mental Health Counseling Award	Onna'e Cox
Distinguished Alumni Award	Dr. Robert G. Mennel
Go FORTH (IDEPEL) Award	Byron McCook, EdD, & Nicole Patterson, EdD
Graduate Social Justice Award	Kevin Hoban
MS Educational Leadership & Administration Award	Kevin Dyer
MS Reading Specialist Award	Nacion Bivins
MS Special Education Award.....	Cameile Graham
Nicholas S. Rashford, S.J., Dissertation Award	Kimisha Simpson
Robert H. Palestini <i>Cura Personalis</i> Award.....	Molly Conlon Mitchell
Teacher Education Award.....	Tingxuan Li

SCHOOL OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS

Danielle Marie Gailey Memorial Award in Occupational Therapy	Debra Jones
Occupational Therapy Faculty Award	Christina Hunsinger

Honors Societies

BETA GAMMA SIGMA

An international honor society recognizing the outstanding academic achievements of students enrolled in collegiate business and management programs accredited by AACSB — The International Association for Management Education.

Emma Boslet
Grace Cocco
Isabella Crisci
Peter Darling
Lauren Ellis
Heather Farnum
Bradley Garman
Brian Gibbs

Jan Golinski
Samantha Loy
Grace McBride
Alex Nabua
Nickoloas Ntelekos
Kathleen Pruess
Samual Purpura
Jonathan Renzi

Kaitlynn Sagias
Vidhya Sethuraman
Prima Siddiquee
Benjamin Soul
Jared White
Alexandra Wilkes
Jaren Wilkes
Scott Zinger



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.

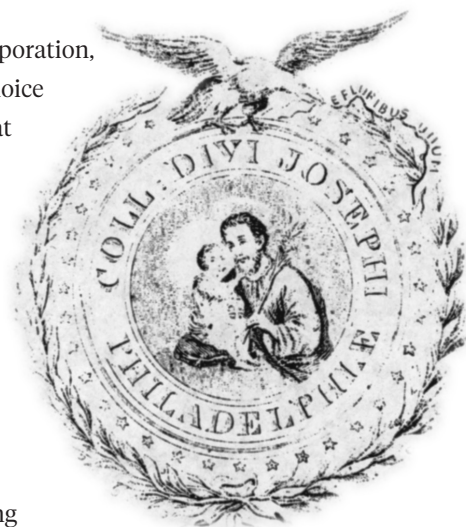
Hoods also vary in cut according to the degree represented: the bachelor's again being the most simple and doctor's the most elaborate. The hood is lined with silk in the colors of the university that granted the wearer's highest degree, and the color of the bordering velvet indicates the field of study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

— Attributed to Francis X. Gerrity, PhD, Professor *Emeritus*, History



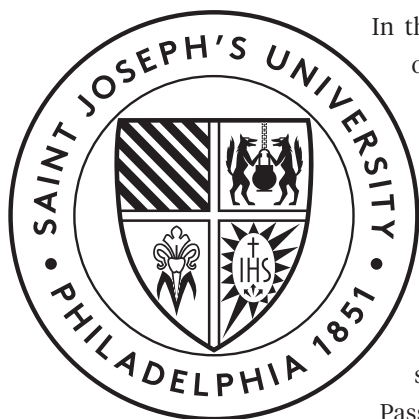
THE SEAL OF SAINT JOSEPH'S UNIVERSITY

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.



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'Connor, 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.*

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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.

