

SAINT JOSEPH'S UNIVERSITY

Commencement



LANCASTER

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14, 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

Wednesday, May 14, 2025 – 6:30 p.m.

PRELUDE

Bravura Brass Quintet

PROCESSIONAL

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Narrator

Gail Balascak

Associate Vice President, Marketing and Communications

ACADEMIC PROCESSION

Grand Marshal

Dolores Minchhoff, DNP, CRNP

Clinical Professor, Graduate Nursing

Marshals for Nursing

Stephanie Hentz, MSN, RN

Deanna Wilk, MSN/Ed, RN

Marshals for Allied Health

Maryglo Stroik, MHA, RDMS, RVT, RT(R)

James Christie, EdD, MPH, RRT

Stage Party

Honored Guests

Members of the Board of Trustees

Members of the Faculty and Administration

INVOCATION

Sage Olnick, ASN '05, BSN, MDiv, RN, BCC

Student Success Coach, BSN

NATIONAL ANTHEM

Daniel R.J. Joyce, S.J., BA '88

Vice President, Mission and Ministry

WELCOME

Jean McGivney-Burelle, PhD

Provost and Senior Vice President, Academic Affairs

VALEDICTORY ADDRESS

Erin Talley, MSN, DNP '25, RN, CEN

Doctorate in Nursing Practice

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES AND AWARDING OF DIPLOMAS

Melissa Snyder, DEd, FNP, CNE
Dean, School of Nursing and Allied Health

CONFERRING OF DEGREES IN COURSE

Cheryl A. McConnell, PhD
President

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Cheryl A. McConnell, PhD

ALMA MATER

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

BENEDICTION

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

RECESSIONAL

Bravura Brass Quintet



Degrees Conferred In Course

ERIVAN K. HAUB SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

MASTER'S DEGREES

Atta Adom
Ludjina Edouard
Kelly Faller
Will Grafton
Crystal Heiser

Nicole Hemperly
Salena Herbinko
Amber Janelli
Kiet Nguyen
Kyle Parry

Ashley Redinger
Jonathan Renzi
Namu Schuyler
Ashley Simmons
Kathryn Unger

Claire Waclo
Miel Paola Wood

BACHELOR'S DEGREES

Olivia Goss
Jamilyn Groft
Priscilla Hamric
Corie Hynicker

Stephanie Kellar
Princess Kennedy
Heather Landis
Leah Nady

Kerry Nguyen
Sierra Packard
Thuy Pham
Kolyanna Rivera

Angelle Jos San Jose
Amy Smith
Lizza Torres

SCHOOL OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS

BACHELOR'S DEGREES

Victoria Angelo
Ashley Bucks
Shawn Cash
Sarah Chehab
Lisa Costello
Claridellys Filomeno

Robert Gillis
Lindsey Gracey
Ashley Gregory
Ashley Hauck
Courtney Henry
Tiler Hurst

Sarah Johnson
Haley Karg
Taylor Lonsinger
Linsey Musselman
Naska Nyamekye
Sarah Peck

Samantha Przyborowski
Catherine Rivera
Jody Rosenblum
Emily White
April Woods
Emily Ziegelmeier

SCHOOL OF NURSING AND ALLIED HEALTH

DOCTORAL DEGREES

Monica Hooper
Erin Talley
Rachel Wenger

SCHOOL OF NURSING AND ALLIED HEALTH *(continued)*

MASTER'S DEGREES

Claire Anderson	Mark Frame	Taylor McCafferty	Christopher Sobeck
Allison Auchter	Tanya Freiberg	Kelly Merker	Kristen Spatafora
Godiva Biayi	Ovis Garcia Bernal	Laura Murphy	Jamie Stake
Kelsey Boley	Amber Gochnauer	Kristi Pokrywa	Karyn Starr
Rebekah Christens- Persaud	Cynthia Hall	Madelyn Rivera- Rodriquez	Kelly Stauffer
Christine Cox	Samantha Hammond	Jesus Rodriguez Rivero	Darren Stoltzfus
Amanda Dicely	Jordan Harbin	Elizabeth Ruhl	Patricia Wales
Elizabeth Dietrich	Casey Hershey	Josephine Samolu	Brittany Walker
Angela Edwards	Rosanne King	Kerri Schlicher	Kenan Weidner
Megan Eyring	Nicole Komir	Ajali Schott	Clinton Witmer
Victoria Ford	Keelie Landis	Manifay Sesay	
	Eunice Mbugua		

BACHELOR'S DEGREES

Kirstie Arnold	Araya Fahnestock	Minseok Kim	Lexi Richards
Kyra Baker	Morgan Finney	Anel Kokic	Nicholas Richards
Dana Battle	Richeal Fixon-Owoo	Chandler Kurtz	Raquel Rivera
Cathleen Batton	Emily Foltz	Kristen Kutz	Amy Rogers
Ashley Bauza	Autumn Fritz	Emma Laseta	Heather Rojas-Leon
Christiyana Bender	Diana Fuller	Nadeline Lawrence- Stigelman	Kyra Roof
Nichole Blank	Carly Groff	Tyler Leber	Jessica Rutter
Jessica Bomgardner	Hilda Gutierrez	Daniela LeCates	Mark Sadler
John Bomgardner	Cody Haines	Olivia Leshar	Ashley Salada
Emily Boughers	Paige Haldeman	Lydia Liew	Megan Sangrey
Maggie Breslin	Susan Harbin	Danielle Link	Natalie Sensenich
Lauren Brommer	Izabela Hartenstine	Ivy Loy	Haley Shaub
Carrie Bronson	Emily Harvey	Kaylee Lucas	Matthew Smedley
Emma Brosey	Emma Hatch	Joseph Marschka	Rachel Smith
Imani Brown	Tiffany Heim	Megan McDowell	Morgan Sparks
Brittany Caldwell	Brooke Henne	Amanda McGettigan	Alexis Stauffer
Rosita Carbajal	Kaylani Hernandez	Kayla Medina	Emily Stephens
Courtney Carr	Debora Hernandez- Mendez	Princess-Ann Mensah	Anna Stickler
Emlee Charles	Darren Hill	Rebecca Miller	Courtney Stine
Christopher Choo	Gabrielle Hilliard	Rebecca Montgomery	Madelyn Szili
Tara Chuwan	Faith Houston	Sarah Mortimer	Pierrine Tebie
Hannah Cox	Madalyn Hurst	Kaitlyn Nornhold	Tobechi Thomas
Kara Cundiff	Aurelia Huss	Brianna O'Connell	Samantha Vanbrookhoven
Michelle Cundiff	Talia Huss	Morgan Osborne	Alexis Verden
Elisabeth Detz	Kendal Janssen	Bijal Patel	Julia Wade
Keiley Devine	Nedjine Jean	Rachel Pierce	Heidi Walker
Mylin Diaz	Blessing John	Eva-Marie Powers	Tiffany Weinsheimer
Yasmin Dixon	Sara Johnson	Simao Prysakar	Laura White
Andrew Dove	Whitney Kamradt	Corinne Querry	Khadijah Williams
Marissa Emlet	Tavita Kauffman	Tara Rancosky	Paige Workinger
Leah Emrey	Alexis Kiehl	Courtney Reed	Alyssa Yoder
Ashley Erb	Sophia Kilby	Nicole Reeser	Benjamin Zazo
Maureen Everwine			

SCHOOL OF NURSING AND ALLIED HEALTH *(continued)*

ASSOCIATE DEGREES

Amina Abouomar	Chloe Cleland	Courtney Gontz	Madilyn Kurtz
Andrew Abud	Jalayah Clemons	Michelle Gonzalez	Elainna Layser
Shelby Achenbach	Idalis Coleman	Marte	Brooke Leahy
Emilee Ackerman	Shaneka Coleman	Nina Good	Priscilla Leite
Albany Adams	Lynn Colyer	Alexandria Gooding	Ashley Leonard
Alexis Adams	Cierra Cook	Jordan Gouge	Christie Linker
Emily Aguilera	Kennedy Corliss	Yasiera Gowdy	Theresa Lintner
Jourdyn Alford	Jessica Cover	Nicole Greenplate	Anne Loose
Carly Alicea	Zavier Cuevas	Eliza Grubb	Kirstin Lord
Katherine Alicea	Alicia Davies	Kaitlyne Guest	Maryanna Lucas
Aguilar	Sierra Dean	Natasha Guzman	Lauren Lum
Sarah Alqudsi	Amanda DeLong	Courtney Gyuris	Aaron MacNamara
Samantha Anderson	Brooke Denlinger	Gabrielle Hagy	Joshua MacNamara
Nikita Andrews	Kelly Dewan	Ciara Hairston	Savannah Madonna
Bethany Appel	Ambar Diaz-	Jessie Hargraves	Dilli Mainali
Labria Bagley-	Camacho	Alyssa Harrell	Lok Mainali
Quarterman	Nadine Dinnocenti	Jennifer Henkel	Pamela Marte
Cameron Bair	Sarah Dorcelin	Alexis Henry	Pichardo
Thomas Ball	Alyssa Dosch	Juanita Herrera	Jennifer Martin
Alana Barthel	Jada Dow	Haley Hirthler	Nicole Martin
Brody Beach	Andrea Echavarria	Grace Hooper	Maria Martin
Lisabeth Beaman	Vanessa Echevarria	Lillian Horn	Paloma Martinez
Megan Beinlich	Amanda Eckert	Melissa Hornberger	Matos
Britney Bell	Mitchel Eckman	Gillian Horrocks	Alexandra Martino
Courtney Benito	Julia Edgar	Sarah Horst	Savannah Masker
Cynthia Bent	Sarah Einsig	Ava Howard	Briana Matilla
Maria Berger	Allison Erb	Alena Huczko	Vita Mazzola
Caleb Blank	Tyana Evans	Olivia Huertas	Chavel McFarlane
Amanda Bober	Shaana Exantus	Landen Hunter	Shiloh McGaha
Jenna Bollinger	Kateria Faber	Mariam Imoisili	Heather McGlinn
Brendaliz Bonilla	Tegan Farina	Mackenzie Jackson	Amanda Meese
Nicole Botero	Connie Feng	Rashida Jalloh	Abigail Mellberg
Haley Bream	Katie Fick	Naneka James-Ellis	Hannah Miller
Jazmine Brown	Angela Fidanza	Samantha Jancia	Kaileigh Miller
Morgan Brown	Reeja Firdy	Peta-Gay Johnson	Kendall Miller
Halle Burk	Ashley Firestone	Tamara Johnson-	Elieth Molinarez
Anthony Burke	Emili Fishel	Moseley	Natalie Montanye
Mackenzie Burke	Miki Fisher	Cheyenne Jones	Joanna Monteleone
Collin Burkholder	Amy Fitzgerald	Tina Jones	Isis Montero Canario
Emma Bury	Sydney Floyd	Malayna Kahl	Lauren Moore
Marlena Caban	McKenzy Fry	Joseph Kearney	Milani Morales
Allyson Calcara	Gabrielle Fuertes	Klarissa Keith	Katelyn Murawski
Alexis Capone	Mile Fuertes	Katie Kemery	Rachel Murphy
Melisa Cehajic	Samantha Fuller	Patrice Kincade	Alice Mwaniki
Philip Champagne	Jean-Luc Gallic	Darlis King	Mara Myers
Taylor Charles	Janae Gant	Brittany Kint	Ariana Naugle
Ashlee Charles	Tiffany Garcia	Halle Kisamore	Oportune Ndjanhou
Luis Chavez	Larnisha Garrett	Alyssa Knause	Ceana Negron
Mackenson Cherehus	Deanna Gerhart	Isabella Kohl	Christy Nesbit
Marie Civil	Alexis Glass	Samantha Kohl	Abigail Nolt
Olivia Clayton	Kate Goldcamp	Ariella Kunkle	Amanda Norman

SCHOOL OF NURSING AND ALLIED HEALTH *(continued)*

ASSOCIATE DEGREES (CONTINUED)

Vidhee Patel	Brianna Rhoads	Jessica Shenk	Taylee Tucker
Dhruvi Patel	Sara Richardson	Kylee Shopf	Cheyenne Valencia
Cole Paulin	Halie Rineer	Kayla Shultz	Catalan
Nkauj Pha	Natasha Ringgold	Holly Singley	Hannah Van Lith
Candice Phillips- Lewin	Abigail Ritter	Kolyan Sok	Tommy Vo
Keilany Picart	Jennifer Rivera	Susanne Solter	Angela Vogt
Kyra Pierre	Holly Roberts	Madisyn Spedding	Olivia Waldsmith
Julio Pina Plata	Daryl Roberts	Sara Splain	Ta'Nea Washington
Makayla Pluck	Bianca Rodriguez	Amy Spotts	Kenneth Washington
Victoria Popielarski	Elizabeth Romero	Sean Stivala	Mikaela Weimer
Amber Pringle	Anabel Rosario	Hali Stoeckl	Jacob Welsh
Julia Pristatsky	Anyely Rosario	Sarah Stoltzfus	Anna Wertz
Alexis Pruett	Devyn Royer	Bethanne Strauss	Summer Wiker
Morgan Pyle	Kathyara Ruiz- Badillo	Adalyn Swanson	Cody Wilt
Victoria Quirple	Brittani Ruppert	Alexis Swartz	Julie Winters
Emily Ramirez	Jayne Ruppert	Mckenzie Szabo	Courtney Wire
Amy Ramon-Lara	Payton Sanchez	Julia Talley	Penni Wissler
Anthony Ramos	Veronica Sanders	Kenyota Tatum	Brittany Wright
Rebecca Randall	Jasmin Schlossman	Vy Thai	Kriscel Wright-Marrero
Brianna Reidel	Courtney Schmidt	Amanda Thomas	Aiyanna Yarde
Paige Reigart	Claire Schwartz	Brianna Thornton	Jenna Young
Lanie Reinhold	Jody Seaber	Fredrick Thorpe	Diana Zavala Juarez
Daniel Rembish	Jessica Sechrist	Chloe Tollaksen	Jessica Zawacki
Megan Ressler	Arianna Seiberlich	Chase Tranquillo	Anthony Ziolkowski
Jacob Reyle	Amy Sellers	Nicole Trout	
		Jessica Trythall	



Honors Societies

LAMBDA BETA

The National Honor Society for the Profession of Respiratory Care

Caleb Blank

LAMBDA NU

The National Honor Society for Radiologic and Imaging Sciences

Albany Adams
Alexis Adams
Brooke Denlinger
Alyssa Dosch
McKenzy Fry

Alyssa Harrell
Gillian Horrocks
Madilyn Kurtz
Maryanna Lucas
Lauren Moore

Ariana Naugle
Megan Ressler
Anyely Rosario
Jayme Ruppert
Madisyn Spedding

McKenzie Szabo
Chloe Tollaksen
Nicole Trout

PHI THETA KAPPA

The International Honor Society for Associate Degree-Granting Colleges

Emily Boughers
Ambar Diaz-Camacho

Jenna Nolt
Amber Pringle

Mckenzie Szabo

SIGMA THETA TAU

The International Honor Society of Nursing

Kirstie Arnold
Kyra Baker
Dana Battle
John Bomgardner
Emily Boughers
Lauren Brommer

Courtney Carr
Hannah Cox
Elisabeth Detz
Amanda Dicely
Marissa Emler
Hilda Gutierrez

Gabrielle Hillard
Danielle Link
Megan Mcdowell
Princess-Ann Mensah
Sarah Mortimer
Corinne Querry

Courtney Reed
Lexi Richards
Raquel Rivera
Haley Shaub
Matthew Smedley
Alexis Verden

UPSILON PHI DELTA

The National Honor Society for Healthcare Administration

Kolyanna Rivera



Awards

OUTSTANDING GRADUATE

Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Track	Karyn Starr
Associate in Science in Nursing Program (Fall 2024)	Anne Loose
Associate in Science in Nursing Program (Spring 2025)	Anthony Burke
Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences Program	Carleigh Denlinger
Bachelor of Science in Healthcare Administration Program	Heather Landis
Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program – Pre-Licensure Track (Fall 2024)	Nedjine Jean
Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program – Pre-Licensure Track (Spring 2025)	Emily Boughers
Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program – RN to BSN Track (Fall 2024)	Lydia Liew
Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program – RN to BSN Track (Spring 2025)	Hilda Gutierrez
Cardiac Sonography Program	Brianna Bodnar
Cardiovascular Technology Program.....	Jasmeng Lo
Diagnostic Medical Sonography Program.....	Nicole Trout
Doctor of Nursing Practice Program	Erin Talley
Family Across the Lifespan Nurse Practitioner Track.....	Allison Auchter
Master of Healthcare Administration Program.....	Ashley Redinger
Master of Science in Nursing Administration Program.....	Nicole Komir
Master of Science in Nursing Education Program	Elizabeth Dietrich
Medical Laboratory Science Program.....	Sevde Yilmaz
Nuclear Medicine Technology Program.....	*
Paramedic Program.....	*
Radiography Program	Mckenzie Szabo
Respiratory Care Program.....	Courtney Wire
Surgical Technology Program	Corbin Weaver
Vascular Sonography Program	Alex Potteiger

STUDENT LIFE

Dean's Student of Excellence Award	Corbin Weaver
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The Nuclear Medicine Technology Program and Paramedic Program will be awarding their Outstanding Graduate Awards at a later date.

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.

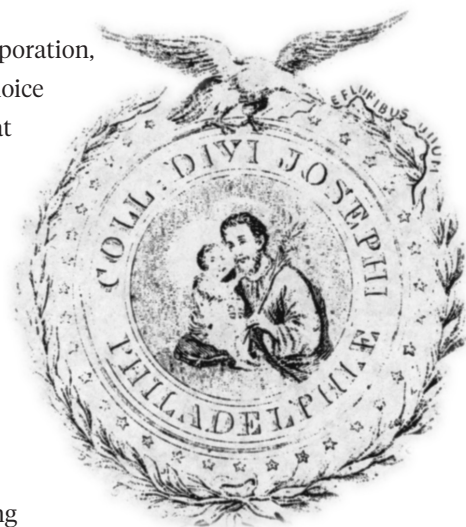
Hoods also vary in cut according to the degree represented; the bachelor's again being the most simple and doctor's the most elaborate. The hood is lined with silk in the colors of the university that granted the wearer's highest degree, and the color of the bordering velvet indicates the field of study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

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



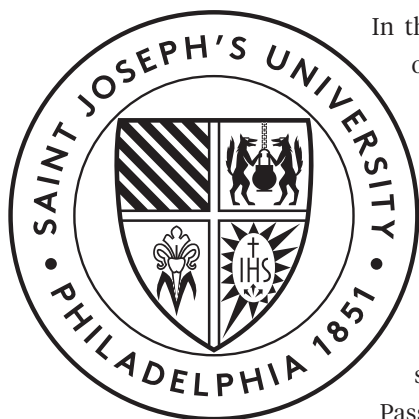
THE SEAL OF SAINT JOSEPH'S UNIVERSITY

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.*

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.

