

SAINT JOSEPH'S UNIVERSITY

UNDERGRADUATE

Commencement



COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

SATURDAY, MAY 17, 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

Saturday, May 17, 2025 – 9 a.m.

PRELUDE

Selected Works Crosstown Musical Services

PROCESSIONAL

Pomp and Circumstance (theme) Sir Edward Elgar

Crosstown Musical Services

Narrator

James Caccamo, PhD

Associate Dean, Students and Experiential Learning

Professor, Theology

ACADEMIC PROCESSION

Grand Marshal

Catalina Arango Pinedo, PhD

Associate Professor, Biology

Director, McNulty Program

Marshals For the Graduates

Amber Abbas, PhD
Salar Alsardary, PhD
Shantanu Bhatt, PhD
Elisabetta Fasella, PhD
Patrick Garrigan, PhD
Heather Hennes, PhD

Amy Kimchuk, MA
Yumee Koo, PhD
Julia Lee-Soety, PhD
Edwin Li, PhD
Susan Liebell, PhD
Konstantinos Nikoloutsos, PhD

Kersti Powell, DPhil
Eliane Shenk, PhD
Josephine Shih, PhD
Elaine Terry, PhD

Marshals for the Faculty

Brian M. Forster, PhD

GEP Science Lab Coordinator

Jason Powell, DPhil

Professor, English

Director, Honors Program

Stage Party

Honored Guests

Members of the Board of Trustees

Members of the Faculty and Administration

INVOCATION

Thomas J. Brennan, S.J., PhD

Associate Professor, English

NATIONAL ANTHEM

Robert Whitney, BA '25
Theatre and Film

WELCOME

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

VALEDICTORY ADDRESS

Sheridan Leak, BS '25
Biology

**PRESENTATION OF THE CHRISTIAN R. AND MARY F. LINDBACK
AWARD FOR DISTINGUISHED TEACHING**

Susan Liebell, PhD
Professor, Political Science

**PRESENTATION OF THE TENGELMANN DISTINGUISHED TEACHING
AND RESEARCH AWARD**

Kristopher R. Tapp, PhD
Professor, Mathematics

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES AND AWARDING OF DIPLOMAS

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

CONFERRING OF DEGREES IN COURSE

Cheryl A. McConnell, PhD
President

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Cheryl A. McConnell, PhD
President

ALMA MATER

Jonathan Frank, BS '28
Accounting

BENEDICTION

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

RECESSIONAL

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

*Christian R. and Mary F. Lindback
Award for Distinguished Teaching*

SUSAN LIEBELL, PhD

Since joining the faculty of Saint Joseph's University as a member of the Department of Political Science in 2003, Susan Liebell, PhD, has been an extraordinary educator, mentor and scholar. A nationally respected political theorist, Liebell has consistently exemplified excellence in teaching through a dynamic, rigorous and inclusive approach. Her courses, from American Political Thought to Reproduction and the Courts, empower students to critically engage with complex ethical and constitutional issues, drawing from her own research on topics such as bodily autonomy, race, gender and the Second Amendment.

Dr. Liebell is recognized for her innovative, high-quality teaching, as well as her deep commitment to the intellectual and personal growth of students. Her teaching consistently demonstrates an in-depth understanding of political theory and legal principles, and she communicates complex ideas with clarity and passion. She fosters an environment where students not only master political theory and legal principles but also become more engaged citizens, connecting classroom learning to the world around them. Through close reading of original texts, thoughtful analysis and active participation in discussions, students gain a deeper understanding of pressing political issues that shape society today.

In addition to her exceptional teaching, Dr. Liebell has contributed significantly to the broader academic community at SJU. Her commitment to civic education, through events such as film screenings and discussions on timely political themes, further underscores her dedication to fostering intellectual growth and responsible citizenship. As a long-term pre-law advisor; a founding director of the Justice and Ethics in the Law minor, the Global Smart Internship Program with the World Affairs Council of Philadelphia, and SJU Law Alumni Endowment; and as a founding co-director of Legal Exploration Advancing Diversity (LEAD), she has been instrumental in shaping the academic and professional pathways of countless students.

*Tengelmann Distinguished Teaching
and Research Award*

KRISTOPHER R. TAPP, PhD

Kristopher Tapp, PhD, is a professor of mathematics in the College of Arts and Sciences. He is internationally recognized for his seminal work in differential geometry and has published over 20 articles in some of the most prestigious journals in the field of mathematics, including the *Duke Mathematical Journal*, the *Journal of Differential Geometry*, and *Geometry & Topology*. He has received individual grants from the National Science Foundation to further his research, as well as grants to organize and host international conferences on topics such as non-negative curvature and representations of Riemannian geometry. In his most recent work, Dr. Tapp has joined a celebrated group of researchers collaborating on mathematical and legal cases arising from the practice of gerrymandering, with the goal to improve elections in the U.S.

Dr. Tapp is a committed and creative teacher. His GEP courses, Symmetry, and Chaos and Infinity, stretch the boundaries of liberal arts mathematics. His calculus classes are lively and popular, and his passion for mathematics is infectious. Dr. Tapp has also made significant contributions to the curriculum and mathematics pedagogy more broadly. He led a collaborative effort between the Departments of Decision and System Sciences and Computer Science to create a new data science major. In addition, Dr. Tapp is the author of three textbooks, "Differential Geometry of Curves and Surfaces," "Matrix Groups for Undergraduates" and "Symmetry: A Mathematical Exploration."

Degrees Conferred In Course

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Ilana Adams	Nicole Bruno	Hailey Coughlin
Hatice Akin	Romolo Bruno	Kelly Cox
Husam Alanazi	Joshua Bryan	Emerson Coyne
Asad Ali	Ella Bubeck	Gabrielle Cruz
Ryan Alim	Shayna Bucey	Thomas Cubit
Abdullah Alshamrani	Liem Buckley	Jorge Cuebas
Anna Anand	Quoc Vi Do Bui	Casey Cunningham
Alexander Andahazy	Cole Buker	Ava Curry
Valery Andrickson	Ashleigh Burger	Caroline Curtin
Dylan Angelucci	Declan Burke	Ryan Dailey
Jake Anstock	Cassidy Cahill	Walter Danker
Grace Armstrong	Raina Cairy	Jeremiah Davenport
Hannah Ashcraft	Jared Caldwell	Paris Davenport
Anneliese Ashley	Bayleigh Calhoun	Stephen Davis
Charlotte Ashley	Vincent Cammisa	Kayla DelMoral
Nicholas Athanasopoulos	Gianela Campos	Shea DeMarco
Michaela Augusztin	Jack Capellini	Olivia DeMartini
Tiffany Ballard	Timothy Cappucci	Caitlyn Dennis
Dawson Baptiste	Cameron Cardona	Alexandra DePaoli
Maya Bareiszs	Rachael Carpus	Khushi Desai
Meg Baron-Pinkowski	Kaitlyn Carr	Chelsey Desir
Rosalia Bartolotta	Katherine Carter	Ava Devlin
Sean Beers	Amy Carvalho	Lamina Diakho
Ian Belthoff	Horacio Cerda	Ibrahima Diallo
Celine Beltran	Trisa Chacko	Christina DiMaggio
Jack Bentz	Tiphanie Chang	Trinh Dinh
Bernadette Bergman	Lauren Charboneau	Abigail DiRico
Julia Berry	Veronica Charyna	Antonio Ditri
Zahli Bhayroo	Grace Chen	Kaitlyn Dixon
Amina Bhuiyan	Megan Chen	Edward Dolan
Marith Bijkerk	Ntumba Chibola	Grace Donohue
George Binck	Jensine Chikkala	Kiera Donohue
James Black	Carly Chmielewski	Evelyn Dooley
Caroline Bloodgood	Kaelyn Ciavarelli	William Doyle
Elise Borenstein	Antonio Cima	Aidan Driscoll
Gabriela Borrell	Gianna Cirillo	Air Dunkley
Sophia Borrello	Cassidy Clark	Deborah Duong
Lucas Bowen Crupi	James Clear	Nicholas Dwyer
Truls Braendvang	Fredi Cobos	Joseph Edkin
Caroline Brauckmann	Mary Bridget Comerford-Joyce	Luke Elitz
Valentina Bravo	Lila Condie	Kristal Elliott
Isla Brennan	Luciano Consalvo	Aidan Elm
Naomi Brooks	Taisha Cooke	Allison Engelbert
Zoe Brown	Colin Cooper	Ashley Ensman

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES *(continued)*

Tristan Evans
 Benjamin Falgie
 Katherine Fallon
 Ryan Farley
 Mary Kate Fazzino
 Alexa Federico
 Sierra Feeney
 Christopher Feighery
 Danielle Feuda
 Alexa Fichera
 Christopher Finan
 Shawna Finck
 William Finnegan
 Madison Fiocca
 Maximus Fisher
 Aidan Fogarty
 Jacqueline Fortis
 Alexandria Fragano
 Alaysia Frager
 Cheyenne France
 Shannon Frank
 Sierra Fretz
 Elyse Frey
 Jason Fridge
 Julia Funchion
 Julia Gaffney
 Caitlin Gagnon
 John Gallagher
 Keely Gallagher
 Elijah Gan-Dy
 Caleb Garlic
 Grace Gauld
 Raya Gauntlett
 Connor Gayton
 Samuel Geathers
 Carter Geer
 Jasmine George
 Joseph Gibson
 Olivia Gilbert
 John Giovinco
 Ayden Giustra
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 Kaleb Harris
 Chloe Hart
 Caroline Hassall
 Ryan Hassell
 Parker Hayden
 Alexia Hayle
 Caroline Heffernan
 Megan Heine
 Ahmyah Henderson
 Kelley Hennessy
 Suzanne Hercher
 Eva Hernandez
 Madelyn Hertzog
 Natalie Heshmat
 Anna Higgins
 Samantha Higgins
 Christopher Hinckley
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 Emily Horan
 Solia Horn
 Assirem Hosni
 Quinn Howe
 Emily Hruska
 Ryan Huester
 Calvin Huisentrut
 Annie Huynh
 Laura Ihejirika-Ozobia
 Jeff Isaac
 James Janco
 Harlem Jennings
 Colton Johnson
 Kimberly Johnson
 Tucker Johnson
 Cole Johnston
 Molly Johnston
 Tyhir Jones
 Clare Joyce
 Andrew Kantner
 Carter Karpinski
 Harry Kearns
 Margaret Kell
 Abigale Kellogg

Sean Kelly
 Ziyon Kendrick
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 Philip Kershner
 Jeremiah Kim
 Kerrienne King
 Julia Kingsbury
 Emily Kmiec
 Hannah Koh
 Jack Kohn
 Jacqueline Kokinda
 Michael Kolchinsky
 Charlotte Kordonowy
 Vincent Kornacki
 Harisha Kosanam
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 Darian Krug
 Nikol Kurtynets
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 Matthew Lacalandra
 Eric Lalu
 Lisa Lam
 Petra Langan
 Mary LaRosa
 Daniela Lavergne
 Christopher Lawrence
 Daniel Leaden
 Sheridan Leak
 Grace Lee
 Samuel Lee
 George Leonard
 Marissa Lewis
 Maxwell Lewis
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 Ava Lorge
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 Madeline Matier
 Sydney Matusiak
 Emma Matza
 Siobhan Mayr
 Nathan Mazurek
 James McCaffrey
 Savannah McClendon
 Kathryn McCole
 Shane McConnon
 Bridget McCormick
 Peyton McCue
 Molly McDonald
 Michaela McElwee
 Emma McFarlane
 Deryk McGarry
 Luke McGinley
 Timothy McGoldrick
 Emily McGuriman
 Nolan McHugh
 Kayla McKenna
 Schuyler McLaughlin
 Valerie McLaughlin
 Aarin McMahon
 Julia McMullan
 Amelia Mekarzel
 Kelsey Menshon
 Carolina Mercado
 Nelson Mercado
 Mia Messina
 Andrea Meyer
 Denise Meyer
 Christopher Michel
 Karly Milazzo
 Kimberly Miller
 Owen Mitchell
 Jared Mohammed
 Christina Molinari
 Devina Mondal
 Bridget Montovani
 Ari Montoya
 Adam Morrison

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 Elias Musselman
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 Aisling Nay
 Asir Nayeef
 Andria Neal
 Peyton Nelson
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 Catanh Nguyen
 Dominic Nguyen
 Hannah Nguyen
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 Olivia Renzi
 Olivia Rescigno
 Zoe Elizabeth Rhoads
 Andrew Rhodes
 Quinn Richardson
 Sophia Richetti
 Zachary Riegler
 Michela Ring
 Shodd Rivers
 Jaime Roberts
 Meredith Robertson
 Ethan Robison Ramoutar
 David Rodriguez
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 Felix Ronnie
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 Justin Rosenblum
 Sabrina Rubenstein
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 Erin Ryan
 Clara Saman
 Matthew Sammarone
 Utisa Sanders
 Claire Santangelo
 Amy Santore
 Patrick Sarosiek
 Katherine Schaffner
 Dalton Schengrund
 Marieclaire Schoucair
 Isaac Schwartz
 Lauren Scott
 Carina Seabra
 Tamara Seay-Glover
 John Sebastiani
 Malak Sebti
 Chloe-Mare Semevo
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 Simon Sheppard
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 Ayat Shnewer
 Erin Shoop
 Jennifer Sidarous
 Helena Sims
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William Singleton
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Leah Smith
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Aaron Spring
Jonathan Stearns
Taylor Stech
Aleah Stefanowski
Julia Stellabotte
Amelia Sternchos
Margaret Stinson
Danielle Stuart
Sanjana Subramanyam
Sebastian Sucevic
Cole Summerfield
Kathleen Swanson
Sophia Tatonetti
Caileigh Tennity
Kayla Thomas

Shawn Thomas
Noah Tincher
Max Tischhauser
Jonathan Torres-Pariente
Helena Tran
Chelsy Trice
Caitlin Tully
Teagan Twum-Ampofo
Abhina Uthayan
Felipe Utreras-Castro
Abigail Van Houten
Benjamin Vanelli
Diego Veiga De Roovere
Paige Venuti
Alexander Viele
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Abigail Virtue
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Xinyi Wang

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Trenace Watkins
Ashley Watson
Joshua Watson
Olivia Wegener
Alexis Westawski
Veronica Wheatley
Elizabeth Wheeler
Robert Whitney
Cody Wiggins
Matthew Wilkes
Abigail Williams
Arianna Williams
Deston Willis
Nina Willis
Ava Wilson
Jackson Witherspoon
Aidan Wlochowski
Michael Wood
Ella Wozar
Mykhaylo Yanchyk
Erin Zahner
Maisha Zaman
Sasha Zekavat



Honors Program

UNIVERSITY HONORS

Students who have completed University honors with a two-semester honors capstone or college honors thesis project

Emily Baumgardt
Julia Berry
Lauren Blaszczyk
Sophia Borrello
Ella Bubeck
Anna Canalichio
Adam Chen
Kascianna Corona
Ava Culver
Casey Cunningham
Caroline Curtin
Walter Danker
Paris Davenport
Alexandra DePaoli
Dennis Dougherty
Matthew Dunne
Allison Engelbert
Sierra Feeney
Dylan Flynn
Caroline Freese
Joseph Gibbs
Morgan Gregory
Shannon Harrington
Leah Hearn
Quinn Howe
James Janco
Molly Johnston

Abigale Kellogg
Joe Kepic
Vincent Kornacki
Lisa Lam
Sheridan Leak
Nicholas Leuzzi
Ignacio Llorente
Fernandez
Lianna Long
Alec Josh Mallari
Kathryn McCole
Matthew McGarrigle
Ashleigh McNellis
Amelia Mekarzel
Karly Milazzo
Kimberly Miller
Devina Mondal
Maeve Muldoon
Kelsey Nager
Akshara Narahari
Jillian O'Connell
Morgan O'Shea
Julia Oseka
Louise Helaena Paed
Tarana Patel
Reanna Paxton
Sarah Puzone

Alice Qvotrup
Devon Reing
Olivia Rescigno
Zoe Elizabeth Rhoads
Michela Ring
Ethan Robison
Ramoutar
Jenna Salkowski
Dalton Schengrund
MarieClaire Schoucair
William Scott
Carina Seabra
Simon Sheppard
Jennifer Simrell
Valory Smith
Emma Staples
Taylor Stech
Sanjana Subramanyam
Cecilia Troupe
Caitlin Tully
Felipe Utreras-Castro
Dan Vo
Madison Winch
Lily Wright
Jack Yoslov

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

Grace Donohue

HONORABLE MENTION

Sierra Feeney

SEMIFINALISTS

Colin Cooper
Gabby O'Brien
Judith Walker



Honors Societies

ALPHA ETA

National Honor Society for Allied Health Professions

HEALTH SCIENCES

Carolyn Arnista
Abigail Bellas
Darya Cherepanova
Leanne Joy Cusay

Jenna Dorfman
Jewely-Ann Glucksman
Ronald Huynh
Eliana Kronitz

Elisabeth LoCicero
Sharon Mathew
Sarah Philip
William Scott

Andrea Sokolski
Elizabeth Tan
Kate Tomick

ALPHA SIGMA NU

Undergraduate National Jesuit Honor Society

Hannah Ashcraft
Nicholas Athanasopoulos
Alec Babiak
Dennis Bachman
Rachel Bacon
Taylor Ball
Maya Bareiszi
Celine Beltran
Caroline Bloodgood
Katerina Boschetti
Zoe Brown
Ella Bubeck
Declan Burke
Karlie Byrd
Bayleigh Calhoun
Sarah Cancila
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Emily Cecchine
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Abigail Counihan
Patrick Coyle
Ava Culver
Casey Cunningham
Caroline Curtin
Walter Danker
Daniel De Lude
Rylie Deegan
Alexandra DePaoli
Abigail DiRico
Kaitlyn Dixon
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Dennis Dougherty
Blake Driehuis
Matthew Dunne
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Allison Engelbert
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Mary Farewell
Christopher Finan
Maximus Fisher
Aidan Fogarty
Alexandria Fragano
Shannon Frank
John Gallagher
Keely Gallagher
Jessica Gross
Parker Hayden
Mia Heim
Eva Hernandez
Madelyn Hertzog
Quinn Howe
Ryan Huester
Christopher Ingenito
Cole Johnston
Molly Johnston
Danielle Juliano
Morgan Kane
Abigale Kellogg
Grace Kenny
Jack Kohn
Jacqueline Kokinda
Isabella Korbal
Vincent Kornacki
Troy Kostiak
Lona Krebs
Kristina Kristo
Isabella La Marca
Lisa Lam
Astrid Lares Varela
Mary LaRosa
Daniela Lavergne
Nicholas Leuzzi
Lianna Long
Ava Lorge
Hailey Malito
Bridget Mallee

Alexandria Marro
Sebastian Martinez
Cotto
Sophia Martino
Manuel Martorell
Sharon Mathew
Sydney Matusiak
Siobhan Mayr
James McCabe
Emily McGuriman
Valerie McLaughlin
Ashleigh McNellis
Marguerite McWeeney
Kayla Menshon
Kelsey Menshon
Carolina Mercado
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Peyton Nelson
Claire O'Byrne
Ana Ocasio
Julia Osęka
Samantha Padovano
Elena Palomba
Zoe Perella
Sarah Philip
Kaitlyn Pleafka
Caroline Pochat
Kaylie Porcello
Joseph Pro
Hannah Pulliam
Sarah Puzone
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Alyssa Ragusa
Gregory Rautzhan
Danielle Ray
Devon Reing
Michela Ring
Isabella Rivera
Jaime Roberts

Ethan Robison Ramoutar
Ashley Rodgers
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Sabrina Rubenstein
Madison Schaefer
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Marieclaire Schoucair
Isaac Schwartz
John Sebastiani
Malak Sebti
Emma Marie Seely
Simon Sheppard
Frank Simpson
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James Singleton
Charlotte Skonieczny
Alaina Smith
Ava Smith
Michael Sorochoen
Connor Spring
Andrew Spychalski
Emma Staples
Taylor Stech
Kathleen Swanson
Edwin Torres
Caitlin Tully
Benjamin Vanelli
Paige Venuti
Judith Walker
Kerry Walsh
Olivia Wegener
Blake Willis
Madison Winch
Michael Wood
Charles Yu
Kathleen Ziff

HONORS SOCIETIES *(continued)*

BETA GAMMA SIGMA

Business Honor Society

Alyssa Avington
Camille Bertin
Megan Betti
Colin Biddle
Tayla Brugler
Karlie Byrd
Samantha Carlson
Emily Cecchine
Michaela Clancy
Patrick Coyle
Ava Culver
Crystal Dang
Lauren Devine

Branden Doherty
Mary Dorman
Dennis Dougherty
Matthew Dunne
Morgan Gregory
Lauren Hatt
Leah Hearn
Michaela Hearn
Mia Heim
Megan Iatesta
Christopher Ingenito
Lauren Iorio
Mitchell Jackson

Danielle Juliano
Brian Lennon
Nicholas Long
Griffin Mallory
Michael Marino
James McCabe
Ashliegh McNellis
Maeve Muldoon
Olivia Nagy
Julia Nystrom
Joseph Pro
Alice Qvotrup
Isabella Rivera

Katrina Romanoski
Ronald Sansom
Madison Schaefer
Frank Simpson
Alec Snedeker
Michael Sorochen
Daniel Sourwine
Gregory Stumpo
Victoria Tran
Zachary Williams
Lily Wright
Kathleen Ziff
Colin Zyck

KAPPA DELTA PI

American Honor Society for Education

Rachel Bacon
Anna Canalicchio
Gabriella Deo
Zofia DePlato

Katrina Erwin
Alli Fragano
Grace Gelman
Mollie Landrem

Symone Loving
Kaitlin Plefka
Caroline Pochat
Ava Semet

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Maddie Winch
Kate Ziegler

PHI BETA KAPPA

Liberal Arts Honors Organization

Ian Belthoff
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Shayna Bucey
Vi Bui
Kaitlyn Carr
Casey Cunningham
Shea DeMarco

Alexandra DePaoli
Edward Dolan
Sierra Feeney
Dylan Flynn
Madelyn Hertzog
Molly Johnston
Clare Joyce
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Messina Mia
Karly Milazzo
Olivia Rescigno
John Sebastiani
Simon Sheppard

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Kathleen Swanson
Caitlin Tully
Felipe Utreras-Castro
Dan Vo
Eri Zahner

RHO CHI

The Pharmacy Honor Society

Adam Chen
Colleen Chung
Gabby Coppola

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Christopher Khov
Peter Krueger

Catherine Lu
Miranda Pan
Reanna Paxton

Cameryn Rudderow
Amanda Zappacosta

Awards

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

American Chemical Society Scholastic Achievement Award - Biochemistry	Alec Mallari
American Chemical Society Scholastic Achievement Award - Chemistry	Christopher Lawrence
Ann Smulowicz Award in Art and Art History	Eva Hernandez
Biology Award	Sierra Feeney
Biomedical Sciences Award	Amelia Sternchos
Catherine Nash Scholarship Award	Declan Burke
Chemical Biology Award	Simon Sheppard
Classical Studies Award	Caitlin Tully
Communication and Media Studies Award	Colin Cooper
Communication Sciences and Disorders Award	Madelyn Hertzog
Computer Science Award	Michael Wood
Criminal Justice Award	Ryan Huester
Daniel J. Dougherty English Award	Allison Engelbert
Dean's Award	Taylor Stech
Dr. Henrik S. Arnesen Psychology Award	Aarin McMahon
Economics Award	Zoe Rhoads
Environmental Science Award	Sophia Martino
Faith-Justice Studies Award	Olivia Rescigno
Film Award	Joshua Watson
French Program Award	Danielle Ray
Houston-O'Connor Physics Award	Nathaniel O
Interdisciplinary Studies Social Sciences Award	James McCaffrey
International Relations Award	Danielle Ray
Italian Program Award	Gabby O'Brien
Joseph and Nancy Ruane Commencement Award for Sociology	Michela Ring
Justice and Ethics in the Law Minor Award	Taylor Stech
Linguistics Award	Jaime Roberts
Mathematics Award	Katie Harper
Matthew G. Sullivan, S.J., Latin American Studies Award	Jake Singleton
Medical Alumni Scholarship Award	Caroline Curtin
Medical Laboratory Science Award	Trisa Chacko
Neuroscience Award	Kaitlyn Dixon
Norman F. Ramsey Commencement Research Award	Shayna Bucey
Philosophy Award	Vi Bui
Political Science Award	James Janco
Psychological Studies Award	Tamara Seay-Glover
Spanish Program Award	Katie Harper
Theatre Award	Ava Smith
Theology and Religious Studies Award	Julia Oszka
Thomas J O'Malley, S.J., Award for Excellence in Historical Studies	Olivia Rescigno

AWARDS (continued)

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.

Sol Borensztein (BS Food Marketing).....Field Hockey
Erik Reynolds II (BS Sports Marketing).....Men's Basketball
Levi Verch (BS Sports Marketing)Men's Lacrosse

HAWK LEGACY AWARD

The Hawk Legacy Award is an award given to a student-athlete whose legacy on Hawk Hill best demonstrates the culture and values of Saint Joseph's Athletics.

Kate Crist (BS Health Science, MBA Healthcare Management).....Field Hockey



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.

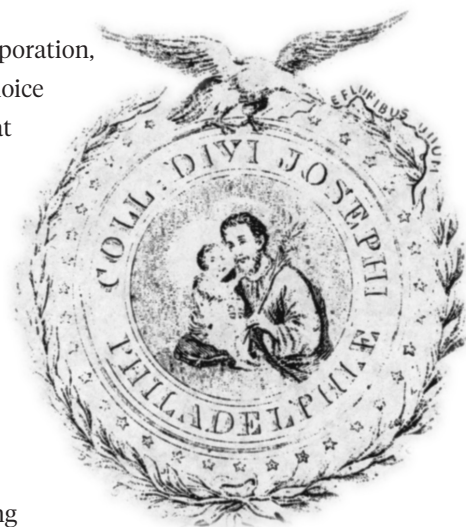
Hoods also vary in cut according to the degree represented: the bachelor's again being the most simple and doctor's the most elaborate. The hood is lined with silk in the colors of the university that granted the wearer's highest degree, and the color of the bordering velvet indicates the field of study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

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



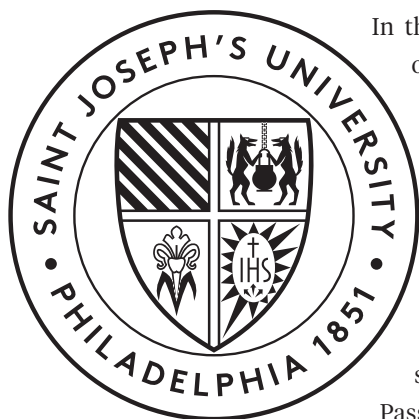
THE SEAL OF SAINT JOSEPH'S UNIVERSITY

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.

