



THE UNIVERSITY OF SCRANTON

ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-FOURTH

UNDERGRADUATE COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

Sunday, May 19, 2024

MOHEGAN SUN ARENA AT CASEY PLAZA

The Academic Procession

Grand Marshal and Mace Bearer

Gretchen J. Van Dyke, Ph.D.

Massed Colors and Honor Guard

Marshals of the Graduates

John Deak, Ph.D.

Marian L. Farrell, Ph.D.

Michael W. Fennie, Ph.D.

Vanessa A. Jensen, Ed.D.

Nicholas B. Sizemore, Ph.D.

The Graduates

Marshal of the Alumni

Hon. Kevin J. Blaum '74

Alumni Delegates from the Golden Anniversary Class

Marshal of the Faculty

Teresa Grettano, Ph.D.

The Faculty

The Administrative and Professional Staff

Marshal of the Medalists

Mary Elizabeth Moylan, M.L.S.

Order Pro Deo et Universitate

Marshal of the Corporation

Mark R. Murphy, BSEE

University Officials and Deans

Honorary Degree Recipients

Board of Trustees

The Bishop of Scranton

Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L., H'14

President of the University

Rev. Joseph G. Marina, S.J.

Program

Processional: *Sine Nomine* Ralph Vaughan Williams (*arr. Reed*)

TRANSFERRING OF THE VERGE

Karla J. Shaffer, *Outgoing Student Government President*

Maria Stephen, *Outgoing Student Government Vice President*

Maria Stephen, *Incoming Student Government President*

Amanda E. Campbell, *Incoming Student Government Vice President*

Welcome **Michelle Maldonado, Ph.D.**, *Provost & Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs*

Invocation **Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L., H'14**, *Bishop of Scranton*

The Star Spangled Banner *arr. Vaclav Nelhybel, H'85*

Remarks for the Class of 2024 **John A. Nelson**, *Class Speaker*

Greetings from the Alumni Society **Paul DiPietrantonio '97**, *Alumni Society President*

CONFERRING OF THE HONORARY DEGREES

Sister Mary Persico, IHM, Ed.D. Doctor of Humane Letters

Joseph M. Vaszily '95. Doctor of Humane Letters

Shabana Basij-Rasikh Doctor of Humane Letters

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

Address to the Graduates **Shabana Basij-Rasikh**

CONFERRING OF THE DEGREES IN COURSE

Rev. Joseph G. Marina, S.J., *President of the University*

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES

In The Panuska College of Professional Studies. **Victoria H. Castellanos, Ph.D., Dean**

In The Kania School of Management. **Mark Higgins, Ph.D., Dean**

In The College of Arts and Sciences. **David J. Dzurec, Ph.D., Interim Dean**

DISTRIBUTION OF DIPLOMAS

Rev. Joseph G. Marina, S.J., President of the University

Remarks **Rev. Joseph G. Marina, S.J., President of the University**

Benediction. **Rachel M. Frissell**
Faculty Specialist, Physics & Engineering Department

The University of Scranton Alma Mater **Edward Gannon, S.J., Kathleen Fisher, Ph.D. '80**
(arr. Nelhybel, Boga)

Recessional: *March (from "Second Suite in F")* **Gustav Holst**

Music provided by The University of Scranton Concert Band and Singers

As a courtesy to our graduates, we ask you to please silence all devices during the ceremony.

Shabana Basij-Rasikh

Shabana Basij-Rasikh knows well the value of an education. It is something she cherishes and that she is determined to give to girls in her homeland of Afghanistan, regardless of the risk.

During the Taliban's rule of Afghanistan in the 1990s, women were forbidden to travel without a male escort and girls were strictly forbidden from receiving an education. Nevertheless, with the support of her family, Shabana donned boys clothing to attend secret schools taught by women in their homes in Kabul, enduring great risk to herself, her family and those brave enough to provide the education.

Raised in a family that highly valued education and treasured their daughters, Shabana continued her education in secret, then openly after the Taliban's fall from power in Afghanistan in 2001. She earned her bachelor's degree, *magna cum laude*, from Middlebury College in Vermont and a master's degree in public policy from Oxford University.

Inspired and determined to provide a quality education to girls in Afghanistan, Shabana co-founded the School of Leadership, Afghanistan (SOLA) in 2008 as an undergraduate student at Middlebury College.

In April of 2021, when it became evident that the Taliban would regain rule of Afghanistan, Shabana prepared to move the school out of the country in order to continue its mission of educating Afghan girls. Within three days of Kabul's chaotic fall to the Taliban in August of 2021, SOLA's students, staff and family members had evacuated from Afghanistan to Rwanda, where the school continues to operate today.

Shabana's work has won her numerous awards and accolades, including the 2018 Malalai Medal, one of Afghanistan's highest national honors, and inclusion in the 2019 Forbes "30 Under 30 Asia" list in the social entrepreneurship sector. She was named as a contributor to The Washington Post Global Opinions section. She received the 2023 Rolex National Geographic Explorer of the Year Award from the National Geographic Society and the Joaquín Ruiz-Giménez Prize from UNICEF Spain, and was named an Inaugural Carnegie Distinguished Fellow at the Institute of Global Politics at Columbia University.

Her leadership, bravery, undaunted determination and success in providing an education to Afghan girls is inspirational. Therefore, we, the president and trustees of The University of Scranton, in solemn convocation assembled and in accord with our chartered authority, declare

Shabana Basij-Rasikh

DOCTOR OF HUMANE LETTERS, *HONORIS CAUSA*

that she may enjoy all the rights and privileges of this, our highest honor, we have issued these letters patent under our hand and the corporate seal of the University on this nineteenth day of May, in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty-four.

Sister Mary Persico, I.H.M., Ed.D.

Deep and abiding faith. A commitment to serving others. A love of education. These are the North Stars guiding the life and ministry of Sister Mary Persico, IHM.

From an early age, Sister Mary saw the transformative power of education through the lens of her parents, both of whom were teachers. Inspired by their work, Sister Mary followed in their footsteps, entering Marywood College, now University, to study French and education. During that time, she discovered a calling to religious life with the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. She continued her studies in French and education, earning a master's degree in French from Assumption College in Worcester, Massachusetts, and master's and doctoral degrees in educational leadership from Lehigh University in Bethlehem.

An accomplished and respected member of the IHM Community, Sister Mary has held leadership positions across more than four faithful decades of service. Beginning as a school teacher and then high school principal, she went on to serve the IHM community as the Congregation's Treasurer and then President.

Committed to the ministry of healing the body, mind and spirit, Sister Mary has overseen a number of leadership initiatives in health care. She was Executive Vice President of Mission Integration at Trinity Health, one of the largest multi-institutional Catholic health care delivery systems in the nation; and a founding member of a program in leadership formation for high-level national health care leaders at Catholic Health East/Seton Hall University. She also led the African Sisters Education Collaborative board, which facilitates educational opportunities for nuns in 10 African countries.

In 2016, she returned to her alma mater to become the twelfth President of Marywood University. An experienced fundraiser, she has brought Marywood's \$30 million capital campaign to conclusion. A skilled educator and leader, she twice reorganized the academic structure of Marywood and led initiatives to develop a new core curriculum that will launch this fall.

A leader in community engagement, Sister Mary was an appointee of Governor Tom Wolf to the Pennsylvania Humanities and is the immediate past Chair of the Board. She is currently a member of the Governor's task force for Higher Education in the Commonwealth and Chair of the Board of the Association of Independent Colleges and Universities of Pennsylvania.

In June, Sister Mary will retire from a distinguished career that has brought to fruition a lifelong desire to transform lives and to serve others. Therefore, we, the president and trustees of The University of Scranton, in solemn convocation assembled and in accord with our chartered authority, declare

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Joseph M. Vaszily '95

From Wall Street to the hardwoods, Joseph Vaszily has navigated success with focus, finesse and skill.

With an aptitude for finance and accounting, Joseph landed a job with one of the Big Four accounting firms, Cooper & Lybrand, immediately after earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting from Scranton. Sought after for his talent, he went on to serve in various leadership roles at JP Morgan and then Goldman Sachs, where he was Vice President of the Fixed Income Sales/Trading Group.

For many of the 16 years he worked in finance, Joseph juggled officiating jobs around a full-time career on Wall Street. Like his career in finance, Joseph quickly became noticed for his skill as a basketball referee. He progressed to officiating high school basketball, then college, starting in Division III and working his way up. He ultimately left his career on Wall Street to focus on what was once a second job. Since then, he's been a referee at ten Final Four games, including the 2018 and 2024 National Championships.

Ever a loyal Royal, Joseph gives back to his alma mater where the foundations of his career were laid. He's been a royal recruiter for Admissions, a member of his reunion committee, and a member of the Alumni Board of Governors. As a member of the President's Business Council, he served as co-chair for the 2012 PBC dinner. Joseph's service to the University's Board of Trustees includes one year as Board Chair. Ever willing to share his knowledge, he returns often to campus to speak to finance and business students.

Whether refereeing a championship basketball game or directing complex financial matters, Joseph is guided by an unwavering faith in God and a commitment to serve others. He holds Board leadership positions with the Kay Yow Cancer Fund and Monsignor Farrell Vir Fidelis Fund, and is a former Trustee of the New Jersey Scholarship Fund for Inner-City Students. In 2023, he quite literally put his faith in action during a pilgrimage where he walked 80 miles of the famed Camino de Santiago.

Today we honor Joseph for his goodness and the true gift of the *magis* in all that he does. Therefore, we, the president and trustees of The University of Scranton, in solemn convocation assembled and in accord with our chartered authority, declare

Joseph M. Vaszily '95

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Commencement Marshals

Gretchen J. Van Dyke, Ph.D., *Grand Marshal*

John Deak, Ph.D., *Marshal of the Graduates*

Marian L. Farrell, Ph.D., *Marshal of the Graduates*

Michael W. Fennie, Ph.D., *Marshal of the Graduates*

Vanessa A. Jensen, Ed.D., *Marshal of the Graduates*

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Luke A. Glidewell, *Banner Bearer*

Aidan Thomas Guarnuccio, *Banner Bearer*

Brianna M. Kerrane, *Banner Bearer*

Sara Colleen Kuntz, *Banner Bearer*

Diana Putri Lozinger, *Banner Bearer*

John A. Nelson, *Banner Bearer*

Hannah Grace Phelan, *Banner Bearer*

Wilmar J. Saint Surin, *Banner Bearer*

John J. Sheehan, *Banner Bearer*

Kathleen Ann Till, *Banner Bearer*

Kaleigh Eireann Timmons, *Banner Bearer*

Shelby A. Traver, *Banner Bearer*

Pro Deo et Universitate Awards

The Order Pro Deo et Universitate, formally created and established in June, 1961, honors those members of the faculty, administration and staff who have faithfully and devotedly served The University of Scranton for twenty years. The awards were recently conferred by the President in a special ceremony as the 26 new members joined the 557 living members of the Order. Expressing the University's happiness and gratitude for their fidelity, we extol before the University community the following,

2024 GOLD MEDALLION RECIPIENTS

Patrick J. Cooper

Service: 2004-2024
Dorm Maintenance Supervisor
On Campus Housing

Patrick R. Donohue

Service: 2004-2024
Assistant VP for Budget
& Finance Planning
Treasurer

Noelle R. Drozdick

Service: 2004-2024
Administrative Assistant –
International Service & Programs
The Office of Global Education

Jennifer K. Galas

Service: 2004-2024
Systems Developer & Coordinator
Library

Sonya Gesheva

Service: 2004-2024
Custodian
On Campus Housing

Margery F. Gleason

Service: 2004-2024
Director, Alumni Engagement
Alumni & Parent Engagement

Lucia A. Grissinger

Service: 2004-2024
Assistant Registrar, Academic Programs
and Credit Awards
Office of the Registrar

Vanessa A. Jensen

Service: 2004-2024
Faculty
Counseling/Human Services

Thomas J. Klein

Service: 2004-2024
Custodian
Redington Hall

Kristi J. Klien

Service: 2004-2024
Coordinator, PCPS Academic Affairs
PCPS

Joseph E. Kraus

Service: 2004-2024
Faculty
English & Theatre

Carol Maculloch

Service: 2004-2024
Director of Leadership Gifts
Development

Frani Mancuso

Service: 2004-2024
Assistant VP for Annual Giving
& Engagement
Conferences & Event Services

Dawn M. Mazurik

Service: 2004-2024
Faculty Secretary
Nursing

Elizabeth M. Moore

Service: 2004-2024
Jesuit Community Services
Jesuit Community

Jerry R. Muir

Service: 2004-2024
Faculty
Math

Stacey A. Muir

Service: 2004-2024
Faculty
Math

Declan Mulhall

Service: 2004-2024
Faculty
Physics/EE

Herbert W. Ramsey

Service: 2004-2024
Recruiting Operations Officer
ROTC

Maria E. Rooney

Service: 2004-2024
Assistant Controller, Accounting
Aramark

Paula Semenza

Service: 2004-2024
Office Manager
Office of Student Support and Success

Patrick A. Shaffer

Service: 2004-2024
Sergeant
University Police

Thomas A. Shimkus

Service: 2004-2024
Faculty
Math

Steven J. Szydlowski

Service: 2004-2024
Faculty
Health Administration &
Human Resources

Kevin S. Wilkerson

Service: 2004-2024
Faculty
Counseling and Human Services

Kathryn A. Yerkes

Service: 2004-2024
Assistant Provost
Planning and Institutional
Effectiveness

Honors Program, Degree Candidates

Madeline T. Byrne
magna cum laude
B.S., Health Administration

Michael Antonio Castellino
magna cum laude
B.S., Business Analytics

Christian A. Diana
magna cum laude
B.S., Biology

Victoria N. Dowling
summa cum laude
B.S., Neuroscience

Christian Gjonaj
magna cum laude
B.S., Neuroscience

Alexandra P. Karpiak
B.S., Neuroscience

Thomas C. Kennedy
summa cum laude
B.A., History

Elise Stephanie Koegler
magna cum laude
B.S., Psychology

Sara Colleen Kuntz
cum laude
B.S., Kinesiology

Olivia Shai Manarchuck
magna cum laude
B.S., Neuroscience

Brett Kellen McCartney
Business Leadership Honors Program
summa cum laude
B.S., Accounting

Tyler J. Muskey
magna cum laude
B.S., Neuroscience

Kathryn P. Olafson
summa cum laude
B.S., Secondary Education-Citizenship
and History/History

Annamarie Palermo
magna cum laude
B.S., Neuroscience

Maitree Vipulbhai Patel
magna cum laude
B.S., Biology

Wilmarr J. Saint Surin
magna cum laude
B.S., Biology

Karla Jane Shaffer
magna cum laude
B.S., Political Science

Martin John Stivala
magna cum laude
B.S., Neuroscience

Nicholas Joseph Tomassoni
summa cum laude
B.S., Neuroscience

Emma Sloane Trautfetter
summa cum laude
B.S., Psychology

Ashley Marie Zaita
magna cum laude
B.S., Accounting

Special Jesuit Liberal Arts Honors Program Degree Candidates

Bethany R. Belkowski
summa cum laude
B.A., English/Public Policy
and Service

John P. Cardiges
B.A., Philosophy

Catriona Corbett
summa cum laude
B.A., English/Philosophy

Zachary Lucas Danchak
cum laude
B.S., Computer Science/Philosophy

Matthew K. Dittmar
B.S., Electrical Engineering

Caitlin Julia Doughton
summa cum laude
B.S., Biology/Philosophy

Matthew J. Duffy
Business Honors Program
summa cum laude
B.S., Business Analytics/Philosophy

Thomas Norbert Elias
summa cum laude
B.A., Philosophy/Theology
and Religious Studies

Eva Lynn Fine
summa cum laude
B.S., Biology/Philosophy

Michael P. Fox
B.A., History/Philosophy

Julia Gardocki
B.A., English/Philosophy

Christian Paul Joseph Gillich
B.S., Chemistry Business/Philosophy

Conor Michael Kellough
cum laude
B.S., Physics

Leanne Marie Kelly
summa cum laude
B.S., Biochemistry, Cell and
Molecular Biology/Philosophy

Stephanie Carvalho Lehner
summa cum laude
B.S., Biology/Philosophy

Chelsea T. Long
magna cum laude
B.S., Kinesiology/Philosophy

Diana Putri Lozinger
summa cum laude
B.S., Counseling and Human
Services/Philosophy/Theology
and Religious Studies

Ariana L. Marseglia
cum laude
B.A., Philosophy

Matthew M. Moreira
summa cum laude
B.A., Philosophy/Business
Administration

John A. Nelson
summa cum laude
B.S., Computer Engineering/
Philosophy

Gabriella Gianna Petti
magna cum laude
B.A., Communication/Philosophy

Audrey E. Phillips
magna cum laude
B.S., Criminal Justice/Philosophy

Jamie M. Santiago Gonzalez
cum laude
B.A., International Language
Business-French Concentration/
Philosophy

Megan J. Schurra
summa cum laude
B.S., Political Science/Philosophy

Owen J. Stanczak
summa cum laude
B.S., Psychology/Philosophy

Kathleen Ann Till
magna cum laude
B.S., Neuroscience/Philosophy

Jaclyn Elise Tirado
cum laude
B.S., Neuroscience/Philosophy

Shelby A. Traver
summa cum laude
B.S., International Business/
Political Science

Jillian F. Tremblay
magna cum laude
B.A., English

Ciara R. Trigg
B.S., Computer Science/Philosophy

Cayman B. Webber
summa cum laude
B.S., Biology/Philosophy

Megan Gwen Zabrowski
magna cum laude
B.A., English/Philosophy

The Robert L. McKeage Business Leadership Honors Program, Degree Candidates

Gabrielle Marie Andiaro

summa cum laude

B.S., Marketing

Aidan Thomas Guarnuccio

magna cum laude

B.S., International Studies

Vanessa C. Pinto

summa cum laude

B.S., Finance

Madalyne R. Buhler

Business Honors Program

summa cum laude

B.S., Finance

Brianna M. Kerrane

summa cum laude

B.S., Accounting

Madelyn Grace Ronan

Business Honors Program

summa cum laude

B.S., Accounting/Finance

James P. Calciano

summa cum laude

B.S., Biology

Vanessa Suzanne Moylan

summa cum laude

B.S., Business Administration

John J. Sheehan

Business Honors Program

summa cum laude

B.S., Accounting

Anthony G. Di Rienzo

cum laude

B.S., Finance

James M. Murray

summa cum laude

B.S., Finance

Kaleigh Eireann Timmons

Special Jesuit Liberal Arts

Honors Program, Business

Honors Program

magna cum laude

B.S., Accounting/Philosophy

Luke A. Glidewell

summa cum laude

B.S., Operations Management/

Business Analytics

Hannah Grace Phelan

Business Honors Program

summa cum laude

B.S., Operations Management

The Frank P. Corcione Business Honors Program, Degree Candidates

Nina J. Figetakis

summa cum laude

B.S., Accounting

Gabrielle Richetti

magna cum laude

B.S., Accounting

Todd Fisher Monahan

summa cum laude

B.S., Finance

Matthew A. Roda

cum laude

B.S., Finance

Geoffrey Samuel Pizzuto

summa cum laude

B.S., Business Administration

Gary W. Sawyers

magna cum laude

B.S., Accounting

Magis Honors Program in STEM Degree Candidates

Tabitha R. Berger
summa cum laude
B.S., Biochemistry, Cell and
Molecular Biology

Fione Evans
summa cum laude
B.S., Biology

Hannah Rose Maynard
summa cum laude
B.S., Biology

Devang Rajeshbhai Patel
Special Jesuit Liberal Arts
Honors Program
B.S., Neuroscience/Philosophy

Kathryn Marie Regan
Special Jesuit Liberal Arts
Honors Program
summa cum laude
B.S., Kinesiology

Simal Sami
magna cum laude
B.S., Information Technology

Jacqueline N. Savage
Honors Program
summa cum laude
B.S., Biology

Panuska College of Professional Studies Degree Candidates

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Bridget K. Abraldes
magna cum laude
Kinesiology

Kathleen O. Appau
magna cum laude
Occupational Therapy

Brooke Diane Arnold
Liberal Studies

Katherine E. Banz
Occupational Therapy

Svetlana Anne Baron
Communication Sciences
and Disorders

Juliana Bartolini
Health Administration

Elizabeth D. Behling
summa cum laude
Occupational Therapy

Alyssa Marie Benzija
cum laude
Kinesiology

Ashley S. Bolan
cum laude
Kinesiology

Alexa Krislyn Bonk
magna cum laude
Counseling and Human Services

Madison A. Borys
summa cum laude
Occupational Therapy

Jillian Grace Bradley
cum laude
Occupational Therapy

Curlissa R. Brown
Kinesiology

Allison Sara Buckman
Counseling and Human Services

Sydney L. Buechner
cum laude
Health Administration

Christopher Lee Burg
Liberal Studies

Charles Albert Burns
Kinesiology

Emily Anne Butler
Health Administration

Emily Rose Byrne
Occupational Therapy

Rose M. Camiolo
cum laude
Occupational Therapy

Megan Regina Cleary
Kinesiology

Ellen Collins
summa cum laude
Liberal Studies

Aidan R. Corrigan
summa cum laude
Kinesiology

Anya Jolie Covalleski
Kinesiology

Lauren Patricia Crotty
Liberal Studies

Gwyn Antoinette Lamayan Cruz
summa cum laude
Kinesiology

Maura Catherine Davidson
Occupational Therapy

Bella M. Davis
magna cum laude
Kinesiology

Allison Morgan DeMeo
magna cum laude
Occupational Therapy

Izabella B. DeNaples
Liberal Studies

Amanda DiNolfi
cum laude
Counseling and Human Services

Panuska College of Professional Studies Degree Candidates

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE, CONTINUED

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| Emily M. DiTaranto <i>cum laude</i> Kinesiology | Kathleen Bridget Holdsworth Occupational Therapy | Brooke E. Lenggenhager <i>summa cum laude</i> Occupational Therapy |
| Kelly Donohue Occupational Therapy | Hailey J. Hopkins <i>summa cum laude</i> Occupational Therapy | Jacob Lombardo <i>cum laude</i> Kinesiology |
| Nicole E. Esposito Liberal Studies | Annette Elizabeth Johnson <i>cum laude</i> Occupational Therapy | Allison Kate Lynch <i>summa cum laude</i> Kinesiology |
| Julianna Marie Fazio Kinesiology | Jackson S. Jonik Liberal Studies | Brooke Abigail Lynch Occupational Therapy |
| Vanesa Figueiras <i>summa cum laude</i> Kinesiology | Alexis M. Juliano <i>magna cum laude</i> Kinesiology | Matthew Zack Manzollilo Liberal Studies |
| Ariana Ilanit Flores Counseling and Human Services | Grace Elizabeth Kane <i>magna cum laude</i> Occupational Therapy | Stephanie Lynn Margolies <i>magna cum laude</i> Occupational Therapy |
| Patrick John Fluehr <i>summa cum laude</i> Human Resources Studies | Nicole M. Kenny <i>cum laude</i> Occupational Therapy | Gillian Rose Marsicano <i>magna cum laude</i> Occupational Therapy |
| Erin Marie Fowler <i>magna cum laude</i> Occupational Therapy | Megan Knecht <i>summa cum laude</i> Communication Sciences and Disorders | Nicolina Leigh Mauro Counseling and Human Services |
| Jeanna Teresa Gailius Kinesiology | Paige Knecht <i>magna cum laude</i> Health Administration | Amanda J. McCarthy Counseling and Human Services |
| Sophia C. Garvin Kinesiology | Aileen M. Kohlbrenner <i>magna cum laude</i> Occupational Therapy | Kelly Siobhan McGovern <i>summa cum laude</i> Occupational Therapy |
| Sophia Rose Gousias <i>cum laude</i> Occupational Therapy | Michelle A. Kong <i>cum laude</i> Occupational Therapy | Brooke MacKenna McNabola <i>cum laude</i> Kinesiology |
| Christopher M. Gutt <i>magna cum laude</i> Kinesiology | Tara K. Kotten <i>cum laude</i> Occupational Therapy | Julianna B. McRell Communication Sciences and Disorders |
| Austin L. Hackerd Health Administration | Lauren Elizabeth Kraemer <i>magna cum laude</i> Occupational Therapy | Aimee Katharine Mockler Occupational Therapy |
| Mary Grace Haggerty <i>magna cum laude</i> Occupational Therapy | Meredith Amber Lee <i>cum laude</i> Occupational Therapy | Kiera L. Mooney Occupational Therapy |
| Bailee N. Hendricks <i>magna cum laude</i> Kinesiology | Jennifer Lee LeMay <i>summa cum laude</i> Kinesiology | Kathryn T. Moore <i>summa cum laude</i> Counseling and Human Services/ Psychology |
| Paige Elizabeth Hennigan <i>summa cum laude</i> Kinesiology | | McKenna L. Moore <i>cum laude</i> Occupational Therapy |
| Maggie Karwing Ho <i>summa cum laude</i> Kinesiology | | Kyle C. Muirhead Kinesiology |

Panuska College of Professional Studies Degree Candidates

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE, CONTINUED

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| Claire Mulholland <i>summa cum laude</i> Kinesiology | Kyra Rose Reilly <i>cum laude</i> Kinesiology | Maureen Margaret Soltys <i>cum laude</i> Kinesiology |
| Margaret Rosemary Murray <i>magna cum laude</i> Occupational Therapy | Christian L. Rivero <i>summa cum laude</i> Kinesiology | Lauren Reis Stauch Kinesiology |
| Joshua J. Muth <i>summa cum laude</i> Kinesiology | Molly J. Rosario Kinesiology | Mackenzie C. Steele Occupational Therapy |
| Caroline Anne Napolitano Kinesiology | Alexa Ryan Kinesiology | Maureen Stelmak <i>cum laude</i> Liberal Studies |
| Leah Elizabeth O'Brien <i>cum laude</i> Occupational Therapy | Jack Christopher Ryan Liberal Studies | Emily G. Sullivan Counseling and Human Services |
| Nora G. O'Connell <i>cum laude</i> Communication Sciences and Disorders | Jaclyn A. Santos <i>magna cum laude</i> Liberal Studies | Thomas A. Sviderskis-Carroll Kinesiology |
| Kalina Marie Olson <i>magna cum laude</i> Counseling and Human Services | Janet E. Schieber Liberal Studies | Devyn Phelan Tanajewski <i>magna cum laude</i> Health Administration |
| Jason A. Opferman <i>cum laude</i> Health Promotion | Grace Elizabeth Scinto Occupational Therapy | Emily J. Tantala <i>summa cum laude</i> Kinesiology |
| Kaitlin Ann O'Sullivan <i>cum laude</i> Health Promotion | Grace A. Scott <i>summa cum laude</i> Occupational Therapy | Marisa Nicole Tate Occupational Therapy |
| Spencer Raymond Owens <i>magna cum laude</i> Health Administration | Analiese Marie Seaman <i>cum laude</i> Occupational Therapy | Kayla J. Tilwick <i>cum laude</i> Communication Sciences and Disorders |
| Jaclyn Rose Papalski Liberal Studies | Madelynn Marie Senatore <i>magna cum laude</i> Occupational Therapy | Jessica Elena Tsu <i>summa cum laude</i> Occupational Therapy |
| Elaena M. Pappas Occupational Therapy | George A. Sengos <i>magna cum laude</i> Kinesiology | Emily Marie Umstadt <i>magna cum laude</i> Occupational Therapy |
| Izabella Ava Pinto <i>magna cum laude</i> Counseling and Human Services | Nicolas Anthony Shiarappa Health Administration | Charles Valdez <i>magna cum laude</i> Health Promotion |
| Elizabeth M. Pogodzinski Kinesiology | Lauren Page Singer Occupational Therapy | Amanda J. Wagner Counseling and Human Services |
| Anne Grace Raleigh Liberal Studies | Aubrey Skolny <i>cum laude</i> Occupational Therapy | Robert Connor Walker Counseling and Human Services |
| Catherine R. Redding Occupational Therapy | Jordan Elizabeth Smith Occupational Therapy | Natalie Ann Ward <i>magna cum laude</i> Occupational Therapy |
| | Lilian Rose Smith <i>magna cum laude</i> Kinesiology | Alex Wasalinko Liberal Studies |

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Courtney Mae Wellet

magna cum laude

Kinesiology

Hannah J. Werkheiser

cum laude

Kinesiology

Jack D. White

Kinesiology

Grace Yue Zhen Wiercinski

Kinesiology

Jennifer Yan Wilkinson

cum laude

Occupational Therapy

Marissa Rose Willix

Kinesiology

Nicole A. Wirth

magna cum laude

Kinesiology

Jessica Faith Yoo

magna cum laude

Occupational Therapy

Emily G. Yurgosky

Kinesiology

Ashley Christina Zisa

Kinesiology

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

Michelle Christine Andruszko

Nursing

Natalie Ann Borges

magna cum laude

Nursing

Aimee Marie Bouchat

magna cum laude

Nursing

Treasa Burke

magna cum laude

Nursing

Elizabeth A. Cirelli

Nursing

Bridget Ann Coyne

magna cum laude

Nursing

Madelyn Rita Curtius

Nursing

Samantha G. Darcy

Nursing

Cori Noelle Davis

Nursing

Sofia Dedaj

Nursing

Jeremy Peter Dickinson

cum laude

Nursing

Kathryn Elizabeth Dolan

Nursing

Gracie Ann Dombroski

Nursing

Christiana Elisa Faustini

magna cum laude

Nursing

Jessica Lynne Fedroff

Nursing

Caroline Raye Fitzgerald

cum laude

Nursing

Fiona Pauline Flanagan

cum laude

Nursing

Sophia Carmella Franz

magna cum laude

Nursing

Rylee M. Gabrielson

magna cum laude

Nursing

Brigid Alaura Gage

magna cum laude

Nursing

Molly Elizabeth Gerasci

Nursing

Sierra Rose Giranda

magna cum laude

Nursing

Kiera Elaine Glynn

cum laude

Nursing

Maureen Rose Heaney

cum laude

Nursing

Mia Herring

cum laude

Nursing

Ryann N. Hoffman

cum laude

Nursing

Isabelle C. Jalandoni

cum laude

Nursing

Adam Athanasius Johnson

Nursing

Erin Grace Keech

Nursing

Sarah Elizabeth Killian

Nursing

Lauren Y. Kim

Nursing

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| Abbey B. Knight <i>magna cum laude</i> Nursing | Shannon M. Meisel Nursing | Chloe Francine Rubito <i>summa cum laude</i> Nursing |
| Serena K. Kuehl Nursing | Bailey Frances Mullen <i>cum laude</i> Nursing | Kathleen G. Ryan Nursing |
| Emma Riese Lehnert Nursing | Kaylee Shea Murphy Nursing | Cailyn Elizabeth Smith <i>magna cum laude</i> Nursing |
| Jenna Lynn Leonhardt Nursing | Patricia M. Murtagh <i>cum laude</i> Nursing | Kylie S. Smith <i>magna cum laude</i> Nursing |
| Ashley Noel Livezey <i>summa cum laude</i> Nursing | Kathryn Elizabeth Nealon Nursing | Madeline R. Sorbanelli <i>cum laude</i> Nursing |
| Joseph X. Lynch <i>cum laude</i> Nursing | Olivia C. Neilan <i>cum laude</i> Nursing | Kayleigh M. Stalter <i>magna cum laude</i> Nursing |
| Erika L. Mack <i>cum laude</i> Nursing | Aidan E. Noble <i>cum laude</i> Nursing | Perpetua Tess Stanton Nursing |
| Kalindi B. Maggs <i>magna cum laude</i> Nursing | Kaitlin M. O'Farrell Nursing | Sarah E. Stepnowski Nursing |
| Corinna Lynn Marinello <i>cum laude</i> Nursing | Brigid Farrell O'Reilly Nursing | Bryanna Teresa Thomas Nursing |
| Elizabeth M. Matthews <i>cum laude</i> Nursing | Allison N. Palmer Nursing | Jessica Ann Tierney Nursing |
| Taylor M. Maxson <i>summa cum laude</i> Nursing | Halle J. Pannkuk Nursing | Madison K. Tratthen Nursing |
| Kaitlyn P. McGarry Nursing | Emily Marilyn Pegley <i>magna cum laude</i> Nursing | Olivia A. Tullman Nursing |
| Sarah Ellen McGovern <i>magna cum laude</i> Nursing | Lauren Devin Perry Nursing | Gabriella Michelle Velona Nursing |
| Aisling D. McGrath <i>summa cum laude</i> Nursing | Fiona M. Peterson Nursing | Chyenne Nilaja Ward Nursing |
| Ellen Mary Meegan Nursing | Kathryn M. Purcell <i>cum laude</i> Nursing | Charli Jessica Wiacek Nursing |
| | Ella Riley Rokke Nursing | Kaitlyn Ann Zink <i>cum laude</i> Nursing |

Kania School of Management Degree Candidates

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

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| Riley Quinn Adams <i>cum laude</i> Business Administration | James Braia Business Administration | Kieran Michael DeHaan Finance |
| Timothy P. Ahern Management | Braden Christian Breithaupt Business Administration | Christopher E. DeManicor Marketing |
| John Robert Alnor Business Administration | Elisabeth G. Bressler Marketing | Gary J. Dempsey Business Administration |
| Daved Alvarenga Marketing | Julia Ann Brown <i>magna cum laude</i> Accounting | Dylan R. DeSimone Business Administration |
| Corey J. Anderson <i>magna cum laude</i> Accounting | Brian C. Bulger Business Analytics | Michael P. DeVito Finance |
| Elizabeth Anzures Accounting | Jack Thomas Burdewick Finance | Dylan Vito Diana Accounting |
| Bethann M. Baldyga <i>magna cum laude</i> Accounting | Alexandra Jai Burke <i>summa cum laude</i> Marketing | Owen R. DiAngelo <i>magna cum laude</i> Business Administration |
| Casey J. Ballou <i>cum laude</i> Accounting | Marco A. Colasurdo International Business | Jacob D. Dougherty Accounting |
| Michael Patrick Battaglino Business Administration | Catherina N. Cortez Finance | Brendan John Douthit Marketing |
| Morgan Dorothy Beaudoin Accounting | Joseph Anthony Costa Entrepreneurship | Alexander R. Drake Marketing |
| Kyle M. Bennett <i>magna cum laude</i> Finance | Julianna Mary Crandle <i>magna cum laude</i> Accounting | Liam James Dunfee Marketing |
| Catherine Patricia Bertrand Entrepreneurship | Nicholas John Crowe Finance | Kyle J. Dunn Marketing |
| David M. Bluvol, Jr. Management | Eamon F. Cummins Economics | Luke James Durdach Accounting |
| Aidan Bohn Entrepreneurship | Michael J. D'Angola Management | Alexander Mikelis Eglitis Accounting |
| John Luke Bongiorno Business Administration | Thomas N. Dao Business Administration | Dylan J. Estevez Economics |
| Blaze Alexander Bono Finance | Abigail Grace Davis <i>cum laude</i> Accounting | Daniel E. Farley Marketing |
| Brian P. Boyle Marketing | Liam Alexander Davis <i>cum laude</i> Business Administration | Rebecca Elizabeth Farrell <i>magna cum laude</i> Entrepreneurship |
| Joseph P. Boyle <i>cum laude</i> Finance | Sydney Elia Decker <i>summa cum laude</i> Business Administration | John Capwell Fee Business Administration |
| Sarah G. Boyle <i>summa cum laude</i> Accounting | Andrew S. DeGuardia <i>cum laude</i> Business Analytics | Luke S. Fekete Accounting |
| | | Matthew J. Fitzgerald Operations Management |
| | | Keli Jean Flanagan Business Administration |

Kania School of Management Degree Candidates

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE, CONTINUED

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| John J. Flannigan <i>cum laude</i> Accounting | Manuel A. Jaramillo Business Administration | Julia Lynn Loury <i>summa cum laude</i> Entrepreneurship |
| Alyssa M. Fontana <i>summa cum laude</i> Operations Management/ Business Analytics | Marcus J. Jenkins Business Administration | Patrick C. Lungren Business Analytics |
| Gerald George Gensiejewski III Accounting | Jacob William Jureidini <i>magna cum laude</i> Finance | Joshua Michael Lydon Business Administration |
| Angelina T. Giannakopoulos Management | Brendan N. Karolchyk <i>magna cum laude</i> Marketing | Scott R. Majka Marketing |
| Scott R. Graffam Finance | David S. Kelly <i>magna cum laude</i> Finance | Anthony G. Marotta <i>magna cum laude</i> Business Analytics |
| Dominic R. Gubitosi Finance | Patrick Walls Kelly Business Administration | Matthew R. Masayko <i>cum laude</i> Operations Management |
| Laura Suzanne Haaland Business Administration | Julia H. Kopf Business Administration | Anthony D. Mazzaro <i>cum laude</i> Business Analytics |
| Hunter Harley Hackling <i>magna cum laude</i> Management | Daniel John Kosinski <i>cum laude</i> Operations Management | Anthony M. Mazzerina Finance |
| Samuel Joseph Hannah <i>summa cum laude</i> Accounting | Julia Kia Kourpas <i>magna cum laude</i> Business Administration | Matthew John McAree Business Administration |
| Samuel R. Hartman Business Analytics | Quin S. Kressler Accounting | Aidan Paddock McGreal Finance |
| Madeline J. Hartnett <i>magna cum laude</i> Marketing | Devin Gijsbertus Kristianto Entrepreneurship | Ryan D. McGuire Management |
| Niamh Rosaleen Healy <i>cum laude</i> Accounting | Konstantinos T. Kyros Business Analytics | Michael E. McKearney Business Analytics |
| Daren Joseph Helmold Accounting | Jenna Kathryn Larrabee <i>summa cum laude</i> Accounting | Alaina M. McLaughlin <i>cum laude</i> Finance |
| Peter Joseph Heraty Accounting | Christopher Q. LaSusa Marketing | Thomas John McQuaid Accounting |
| Brooke Hibsher Business Administration | Bridget J. Lear Marketing | Elizabeth G. Medrano-Mejia Marketing |
| Bethany L. Hnатов <i>magna cum laude</i> Marketing/Business Analytics | Joseph Michael Lisicky <i>summa cum laude</i> Accounting | Emily E. Meeks <i>summa cum laude</i> Accounting |
| Brianna Marie Hoffmann Marketing | Blendina Lluga International Business | Robert William Mirrione Finance |
| Lauren A. Humphrey Business Analytics | Albert Louis Lopez Operations Management | Stephen Murphy Marketing |
| Ikechukwu Zitha Igbokwe Accounting | Andrew W. Lord Finance | Elaine Alexa Musa Accounting |

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BACHELOR OF SCIENCE, CONTINUED

Andrea Alexandra Navarro

cum laude

Accounting

Emma Nicole Navarro

Marketing

Christopher J. Neumann

Entrepreneurship

Ryan D. Nguyen

cum laude

Business Administration

Leah C. Nolan

Finance

Seamus J. O'Callaghan

Marketing

Brendan R. O'Donoghue

Accounting

Marisol F. Olivares Hernandez

magna cum laude

Accounting

Kristopher R. Ostrowski

Marketing

Priyal P. Patel

Business Administration

Adriana L. Piscoya

Marketing

Aidan M. Plick

Accounting

Stephen C. Postupak

cum laude

Finance

James Prentice Powell III

magna cum laude

Accounting

Julia L. Praul

Finance

Nicholas F. Promutico

magna cum laude

Accounting

Steven R. Prosperino

Finance

Matthew Stephen Querey

Accounting

Yasmin Ramirez

magna cum laude

Management

Rolando Samuel Ramos

Accounting

Kathleen Mary Redmond

magna cum laude

Business Analytics

Nicholas J. Robertson

Marketing

Jessenia A. Robles

magna cum laude

Accounting

Santiago Rodriguez

International Business

Karina Marie Roettger

Entrepreneurship

Robert Gerald Romano

Business Analytics/Finance

Daniel A. Ruiz

Marketing

Audrey Annie Saliba

magna cum laude

International Business

Robert P. Salitsky

Finance

Leonard J. Scarola

Business Administration

Kyle W. Schneider

Finance/Business Analytics

Kayla Grace Schwarz

Finance

Bryce S. Shalbert

Finance

Benjamin Issac Siesputowski

Finance

Andrew D. Slevin

Business Administration

Bridget Catherine Smith

magna cum laude

Marketing

Nicole E. Smith

Business Administration

Jack Michael Steer

Operations Management

Brittney A. Sullivan

summa cum laude

Accounting

Connor M. Sullivan

magna cum laude

Accounting

Ralph J. Talarico

Accounting

Lisa Ann Tallo

Management

Ryan K. Tolan

Business Administration

Taylor Marie Vicciardo

cum laude

Marketing

Dylan R. Vigna

magna cum laude

Accounting

Kyle M. Walsh

Accounting

Ryan J. Walsh

cum laude

Accounting

Melody MacLean Walters

magna cum laude

Business Administration

Michael Alexei Walters

Accounting

Melissa A. Weber

summa cum laude

Marketing

Joseph B. Weinstein

Accounting

Kevin L. Woehrle

Business Administration

John D. Zarnowski

Finance

Barbara Elizabeth Zsembik

Finance

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BACHELOR OF ARTS

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|---|--|--|
| Nicholas D. Addamo Business Communication | Bradley C. DePetro Business Communication | Timothy John Lanahan <i>cum laude</i> History/Political Science |
| Maille R. Allardyce <i>magna cum laude</i> English/Philosophy | Nicolette C. DeVito Social Media Strategies/Advertising/ Public Relations | Mackenzie Rees Lavelle History |
| Dominic F. Angeloni <i>summa cum laude</i> Journalism and Electronic Media | Daniel Diaz International Language Business- Spanish Concentration | Claire E. Loder Advertising/Public Relations |
| Holly N. Arace English | Samantha Rose Durante Journalism and Electronic Media | Selene Lopez Contreras <i>magna cum laude</i> History/Political Science |
| Scott A. Avellino History | Kieran J. Egan Journalism and Electronic Media | Kathleen A. Lydon Mathematics/Philosophy |
| Dimitri A. Bartels-Bray <i>magna cum laude</i> English/Political Science | Bryson Scott Eldridge <i>magna cum laude</i> Journalism and Electronic Media | Erin Elizabeth MacKay <i>magna cum laude</i> Journalism and Electronic Media |
| Keenan M. Beveridge Theatre | Emma Olivia Graff <i>summa cum laude</i> Advertising/Public Relations | Heidi R. Martens Communication |
| Shannon N. Bunn <i>magna cum laude</i> Social Media Strategies | Matthew Martin Gregorowicz History | Michael D. Mayer History |
| Claudia Campo Mirabent <i>summa cum laude</i> Advertising/Public Relations | Lydia Faye Grossman English/Journalism and Electronic Media | Colin J. McKeon Business Communication |
| Isabella V. Chungata Social Media Strategies | Tara J. Guilfoyle Social Media Strategies | Allura B. McManus Communication |
| Diego Collado-Ramirez Journalism and Electronic Media | Brennan F. Hector Business Communication | Jacob J. Mon Advertising/Public Relations |
| Ethan John Connors <i>summa cum laude</i> Advertising/Public Relations/ Social Media Strategies | Leandria E. Hercules Journalism and Electronic Media | Elizabeth Kate Murphy <i>cum laude</i> Advertising/Public Relations/ Social Media Strategies |
| Robert B. Correas-Rivera Journalism and Electronic Media | Maggie E. Hoerz <i>magna cum laude</i> Advertising/Public Relations/ Social Media Strategies | Christopher H. Newell English |
| Julia Cunha <i>magna cum laude</i> Advertising/Public Relations/ Social Media Strategies | Olivia Hudak <i>cum laude</i> English | Alexander S. Nunez <i>magna cum laude</i> Journalism and Electronic Media |
| Ashlee N. Dalrymple Social Media Strategies | Mikaela A. Jennings Communication | Patrick M. O'Malley <i>magna cum laude</i> History |
| Alexandria G. Dato <i>magna cum laude</i> Communication | Noah R. Johnson <i>cum laude</i> History/Journalism and Electronic Media | Nadia Helena Ostrosky <i>magna cum laude</i> Business Communication |
| Josiah A. David Advertising/Public Relations | Raphaella N. Kaphesi Communication | Fidelis N. Osuoha Social Media Strategies |
| Courtney A. Delehanty Advertising/Public Relations | James F. Kranick Business Communication | Bradley R. Owens History |

College of Arts and Sciences Degree Candidates

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| Shannon Noelle Parker <i>magna cum laude</i> English | Grace S. Shaner Communication/Advertising/ Public Relations | Grace Elizabeth Whittam <i>magna cum laude</i> Advertising/Public Relations/ Journalism and Electronic Media |
| Sean Michael Pietruszkiewicz Social Media Strategies | Michael Joseph Simone <i>cum laude</i> History | Sara C. Williams Communication |
| Thomas J. Plunkett Communication | Ryan V. Sophabmixay <i>magna cum laude</i> Business Communication | Gillian S. Williams-Mayers Theatre |
| Francesca Ragusa <i>cum laude</i> Advertising/Public Relations | Ian R. Todd Business Communication | Nadia Wohlgemuth <i>magna cum laude</i> History |
| Erin R. Reich Social Media Strategies | Jordan C. Truex History | Lily Ann Wynne <i>cum laude</i> Communication/Advertising/ Public Relations |
| Nicholas A. Reposa Advertising/Public Relations | Mollie M. Veres <i>magna cum laude</i> Communication | Amanda A. Yanul <i>magna cum laude</i> Advertising/Public Relations/ Social Media Strategies |
| David John Riabov Business Communication | Gina M. Wesler <i>cum laude</i> Advertising/Public Relations | |
| Meaghan E. Rising Journalism and Electronic Media | | |
| Alison Samudio <i>summa cum laude</i> History | | |

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

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|---|--|--|
| Annemarie Elizabeth Abbott <i>summa cum laude</i> Criminal Justice | Zachery J. Andrews <i>summa cum laude</i> Biology | Abby Leigh Bednarski <i>magna cum laude</i> Environmental Science/Philosophy |
| Gabriel Edmund Abood <i>magna cum laude</i> Secondary Education/Citizenship and History/History | Tyler C. Angst Criminal Justice | Emma Bethany Blennau <i>summa cum laude</i> Early and Primary Teacher Education |
| Madeleine Elisabeth Abood <i>summa cum laude</i> Early and Primary Teacher Education | Stephanie Lauren Atzingen <i>magna cum laude</i> Biology | Augustine D. Brapoh, Jr. Electrical Engineering |
| Harley Q. Ackerman Biology | Johana Betsy Audelo-Riaño Political Science | Madison T. Brown Neuroscience |
| Mohammed H. Almoah Neuroscience | Anthony L. Baez Liberal Studies | Robert C. Brudnicki Computer Engineering |
| Chirayu Amin Cybercrime and Homeland Security | Kaitlyn Marie Bailey Liberal Studies | Luke S. Brunetti <i>magna cum laude</i> Computer Science |
| Seth N. Anderson Computer Science | Brendan K. Bakunas Biology | Jason Budrys Biochemistry, Cell and Molecular Biology |
| Milton Andrade Andino Engineering Management | Giavanna Maya Baquerizo Physiology | Emily Burgers <i>magna cum laude</i> Environmental Science |
| | Mia Elena Barahona <i>cum laude</i> Early and Primary Teacher Education | |

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BACHELOR OF SCIENCE, CONTINUED

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| Meghan Leahy Callahan <i>magna cum laude</i> Early and Primary Teacher Education | Nicholas M. Cordeiro <i>cum laude</i> Political Science | Kaylee L. Evans <i>summa cum laude</i> Early and Primary Teacher Education |
| Caleb Timothy Callejas <i>summa cum laude</i> Biology | Joseph T. Cosgrove Applied Computing | Jose Antonio Falcon III Mathematics |
| Luke R. Capper <i>summa cum laude</i> Applied Computing/History | Amy Elizabeth Cotton <i>cum laude</i> Early and Primary Teacher Education | Katelyn Elizabeth Farish <i>cum laude</i> Biology |
| Timothy Michael Capper Mathematical Sciences | Gabriella N. Cusano <i>Biology</i> | Meghan Felter Biology |
| Valeria M. Cardenas Biochemistry, Cell and Molecular Biology/Physiology | Grace E. Dabulas Early and Primary Teacher Education | Alexandra P. Ferrador Psychology |
| Anthony Raymond Carmadella Information Technology | Owen J. Daly Cybercrime and Homeland Security | Kyle Forchette <i>summa cum laude</i> Biochemistry, Cell and Molecular Biology |
| Katherine Ann Carter <i>magna cum laude</i> Political Science | Alexander B. Danchak <i>summa cum laude</i> Political Science | Charles R. Foy Criminal Justice |
| Angelo James Catapano Environmental Science | Beth L. Davis Biology | Ethan-Sebastien Francois Biology |
| Megan E. Cavlov Physiology | Ruth Ann Deliman <i>summa cum laude</i> Criminal Justice | Khaya Elizabeth Fuller Neuroscience |
| Christian D. Chakiris Computer Engineering | Ranjeeta Dhungel <i>magna cum laude</i> Biology | Manci D. Gandhi Criminal Justice |
| Kayla Serene Charles Biology | Grace Patricia DiGiacomo <i>magna cum laude</i> Early and Primary Teacher Education | Gary G. Geinitz Mechanical Engineering |
| Abigail Sarah Charneski <i>magna cum laude</i> Neuroscience | Peter Vito DiGiantomaso Applied Mathematics | Andrew Luis Geise Mechanical Engineering |
| Daniel J. Ciampoli <i>summa cum laude</i> Political Science | Christian Di Troia <i>magna cum laude</i> Computer Science | Christopher Gary Gianakis Mechanical Engineering |
| Julie Marie Ciccarino <i>cum laude</i> Forensic Chemistry | Taylor A. Dorman <i>magna cum laude</i> Neuroscience | Cailin G. Gill Biology |
| Olivia M. Ciccimarra <i>cum laude</i> Criminal Justice | Daniel Doucek <i>magna cum laude</i> Biochemistry | Colin Mitchell Gilmartin Political Science |
| Tyler S. Cichetti Computer Science | Thomas J. Driscoll <i>cum laude</i> Cybercrime and Homeland Security | Zachary K. Gingrass Political Science |
| Matthew D. Comiciotto Biochemistry | Ryan J. Dubiac <i>magna cum laude</i> Biology | Matthew A. Ginnetti Biology |
| Kathryn L. Coolican <i>magna cum laude</i> Biology | | Spencer Goldberg Biology |
| | | Samuel Queiroz Goncalves Computer Science |
| | | Connor Goranson Environmental Science |

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BACHELOR OF SCIENCE, CONTINUED

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| Andrew Edward Gordos <i>summa cum laude</i> Biomathematics | Andrew J. Hom Computer Engineering | Kenneth N. Langenmayr <i>summa cum laude</i> Political Science |
| Isabella M. Gorzkowski Early and Primary Teacher Education | Jake Bradley Horvat Physiology | James M. Lanning Physics/Chemistry |
| Molly Elizabeth Graham Political Science/Philosophy | Michael S. Jaruga <i>magna cum laude</i> Criminal Justice | Zackery G. Leach <i>magna cum laude</i> Biology |
| Maximilian Howard Green <i>cum laude</i> Neuroscience/Biology | Peter E. Johnston Mechanical Engineering | Isabella Mari Leonardo Liberal Studies |
| Nicholas J. Guerra <i>magna cum laude</i> Computer Science | Nicholas Paul Jonas Biochemistry, Cell and Molecular Biology | Zachary W. LePage Forensic Chemistry |
| Brooke Taylor Guerrero Biology | Tessa R. Jones Biology | Madelyn Elizabeth Ligos <i>summa cum laude</i> Early and Primary Teacher Education |
| Federico Gutierrez Psychology | Conor James Jordan Biology | Valentina Londono Political Science |
| Fredie Gutierrez Computer Science | Brandon James Judge <i>magna cum laude</i> Secondary Education/Citizenship and History/History | Kathryn M. Lopes <i>magna cum laude</i> Biology |
| Stephen D. Haggerty Computer Science | Lainey Megan Kamora <i>cum laude</i> Early and Primary Teacher Education | Kayra A. Lopez Forensic Chemistry |
| Alyssa Harrington <i>magna cum laude</i> Biology | Jay H. Kapadia Criminal Justice | Samantha M. Lowe Biology |
| James J. Harrington <i>magna cum laude</i> Mechanical Engineering | Isabella Bridget Kennedy Criminal Justice | Sade Lugo <i>magna cum laude</i> Engineering Management |
| Kira Lynn Hartman Psychology | Hannah M. Kohn <i>summa cum laude</i> Sociology | Angie Luo Psychology |
| Conor John Hastings Biology | Tyler A. Kover <i>cum laude</i> Physics | Mario E. Luzuriaga Neuroscience |
| Jack D. Heineman Cybercrime and Homeland Security | Samantha Barbara Kramer <i>cum laude</i> Early and Primary Teacher Education | Morgan A. Lynn Neuroscience |
| Olivia Rose Henkel Criminal Justice | Maura Vanessa Krzan Biology | Isabella A. Manasek Criminal Justice |
| Itzanamy H. Herrera Solano Physiology | Cayla Dharshini Kumar Biochemistry, Cell and Molecular Biology | Maria D. Manno <i>summa cum laude</i> Biochemistry, Cell and Molecular Biology |
| Katlyn M. Hilbert Biochemistry, Cell and Molecular Biology | Michael LaForte III Biology | Lauren E. Manzella Criminal Justice |
| Narissa O. Hill <i>magna cum laude</i> Early and Primary Teacher Education | Ryan V. Lally <i>magna cum laude</i> Cybercrime and Homeland Security | Gianna R. Marmo <i>magna cum laude</i> Criminal Justice |
| Camryn Marie Hilliard Psychology/Political Science | | Gabriela Martinez Contreras Biochemistry, Cell and Molecular Biology |

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| Samantha Jalynn Mauceri Biology | Benjamin A. Mumma <i>summa cum laude</i> Political Science | Mary Grace O'Sullivan <i>magna cum laude</i> Early and Primary Teacher Education |
| Matthew J. Maurer <i>magna cum laude</i> Political Science | Mollie A. Murphy <i>cum laude</i> Secondary Education/ Spanish Hispanic Studies | Jayton Otlowski Biology |
| Emily Ann McAlarney <i>magna cum laude</i> Cybercrime and Homeland Security | Grace E. Murray <i>magna cum laude</i> Cybercrime and Homeland Security | Jessica R. Paldino <i>magna cum laude</i> Early and Primary Teacher Education |
| Logan Fera McGowan <i>magna cum laude</i> Mechanical Engineering | Kayla Eleen Murray Forensic Chemistry | Disha Nimeshkumar Patel Biology |
| Clare Virginia McGrade <i>magna cum laude</i> Early and Primary Teacher Education | Jace R. Nelson Criminal Justice | Himani S. Patel <i>cum laude</i> Biology |
| Dillon McLaughlin Cybercrime and Homeland Security | Shanice Ananda Nelson Psychology | Jay H. Patel Computer Science |
| Jane M. Mecca Physiology | Sierra Maria Mendes Novabilski <i>cum laude</i> Biology | Kirtan Manojkumar Patel Computer Science |
| Thomas B. Melody Computer Science | Marina N. Nunziato Early and Primary Teacher Education | Nihar A. Patel <i>magna cum laude</i> Biochemistry |
| Anna J. Merkel <i>magna cum laude</i> Forensic Chemistry | Jeremiah D. Oakes Mathematics | Jordan N. Pedagna <i>summa cum laude</i> Early and Primary Teacher Education |
| Zuleima I. Mero <i>cum laude</i> Biology | Timothy P. O'Connor Cybercrime and Homeland Security | Lauren E. Pelaez Mechanical Engineering |
| Peter William Micara Cybercrime and Homeland Security | Dana L. Ogilvie Biochemistry, Cell and Molecular Biology | Kayla Nicole Perrong Biochemistry |
| Robert J. Miles Cybercrime and Homeland Security | Maeve Katherine O'Leary <i>cum laude</i> Psychology | Joseph C. Phillips Mathematics |
| Stephen Salvatore Milillo <i>summa cum laude</i> Physiology | Connor Jon Olenginski <i>magna cum laude</i> Mathematical Sciences | Samantha Francis Pickering <i>cum laude</i> Biology |
| Shervin Mokhtari Neuroscience | Elif Z. Onat <i>magna cum laude</i> Mathematical Sciences/ Computer Science | Awni Armando Pimentel Political Science/Philosophy |
| Zachary Scott Morrison <i>magna cum laude</i> Biology | Claudia K. O'Reilly <i>magna cum laude</i> Criminal Justice | Deniz Pinarbasi <i>cum laude</i> Cybercrime and Homeland Security |
| Owen M. Mueller Criminal Justice/Cybercrime and Homeland Security | Mary M. Orloff Forensic Chemistry | Colby D. Pion Physiology |
| Andrew T. Mulhare Biochemistry | Madeline Ortiz Criminal Justice | Ana Jessica Postowski <i>magna cum laude</i> Political Science |
| Madison Elizabeth Mullen Biology | | Dante John Puerari Cybercrime and Homeland Security |
| | | Azim Y. Qurashi Criminal Justice |

College of Arts and Sciences Degree Candidates

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE, CONTINUED

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| Bradley W. Rausch Cybercrime and Homeland Security | Jessica B. Stadler <i>magna cum laude</i> Early and Primary Teacher Education | Carah Rose Vitkus Early and Primary Teacher Education |
| Randy Redman Perez Information Technology | Rosemary Meta Steidl Psychology | Britney Leann Walsh Biology |
| David F. Reese <i>magna cum laude</i> Computer Science | Karishma Bheeshandei Suchit Biology | Sarah Ruth Walsh <i>cum laude</i> Early and Primary Teacher Education |
| Cooper H. Robinson Biology | Jadyn E. Swartout Psychology | Rosa Liu Wang Biochemistry |
| Richard Rodriguez Mathematical Sciences | Charles C. Sylvester <i>summa cum laude</i> Environmental Science | Danielle Marie Warhola <i>cum laude</i> Biology |
| Mario Thomas Rotell Neuroscience | Aidan T. Szabo Electrical Engineering | Emma Sofia Warras <i>cum laude</i> Environmental Science |
| Zhangyu Ruan Computer Science | Walker T. Temperton Forensic Chemistry | Mark L. Watson Biochemistry, Cell and Molecular Biology |
| Caitlin M. Russell Forensic Chemistry | Ethan S. Thomas <i>magna cum laude</i> Information Technology | Jonathan R. Wells <i>summa cum laude</i> Biology |
| Angelo J. Sacco Economics | Julia M. Thomson Biology | Amber F. Williams Psychology |
| Charles John Seitz, Jr. <i>magna cum laude</i> Computer Science | Kelsey Marie Torres Psychology | Grace Charlotte Williamson Forensic Chemistry |
| Logan Sellam Physics | Kyra Elizabeth Tosi Psychology | Eamonn Xavier Wizeman <i>magna cum laude</i> Political Science |
| Kyla Madalon Sheerer Psychology/Criminal Justice | Jillian A. Trizinski Criminal Justice | Isabelle Marie Wohlleber <i>summa cum laude</i> Mathematical Sciences |
| Shane David Shucavage Biology | Robert Doyle Troy <i>cum laude</i> Electrical Engineering | Susan Elizabeth Wohlmut Biochemistry |
| Kyle D. Signora Psychology | Ashley Elizabeth Usaitis <i>magna cum laude</i> Biology | Shane P. Wolf <i>Criminal Justice</i> |
| Dominick J. Spera <i>summa cum laude</i> Biochemistry/Mathematical Sciences | Catherine M. Val <i>summa cum laude</i> Physiology | Emma Helena Zipprich <i>summa cum laude</i> Biology |
| Mitchell W. Sporing Mechanical Engineering | Annaise Nanette Vazquez <i>summa cum laude</i> Early and Primary Teacher Education | |
| Bennice M. Spornl Psychology | | |
| Sabina M. Staab <i>cum laude</i> Early and Primary Teacher Education | | |

The listing of degree candidates and Latin honors designations are as of May 1, 2024.

Latin honors designations may change after submission of final grades.

Some candidates listed in this program will complete degree requirements in August 2024, December 2024 or January 2025.

Awards in the College of Arts and Sciences

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| Excellence in Biochemistry | Dominick J. Spera |
| Excellence in Biochemistry, Cell and Molecular Biology | Tabitha R. Berger |
| Excellence in Biology | Caitlin Julia Doughton |
| Excellence in Biomathematics | Andrew Edward Gordos |
| Excellence in Chemistry | James M. Lanning |
| Excellence in Chemistry Business | Christian Paul Joseph Gillich |
| Excellence in Forensic Chemistry | Anna J. Merkel |
| Prof. Bernard J. McGurl Award for Excellence in Communication | Mollie M. Veres |
| Excellence in Computer Science | Charles John Seitz, Jr. |
| Excellence in Criminal Justice | Ruth Ann Deliman |
| Excellence in Cybercrime and Homeland Security..... | Grace E. Murray |
| Excellence in Economics | Angelo J. Sacco |
| Excellence in Early and Primary Teacher Education | Jordan N. Pedagna |
| Dr. A.J. Cawley Award for Excellence in Engineering | John A. Nelson |
| Prof. Joseph B. Cullather Award for Excellence in English..... | Bethany R. Belkowski |
| Excellence in Environmental Science..... | Charles C. Sylvester |
| Prof. Joseph G. Brunner Award for Excellence in Foreign Languages | Mollie A. Murphy |
| Prof. Frank C. Brown Award for Excellence in History..... | Thomas C. Kennedy |
| Excellence in Information Technology | Simal Sami |
| Excellence in International Studies..... | Aidan Thomas Guarnuccio |
| Excellence in Mathematical Sciences | Dominick J. Spera and Isabelle Marie Wohlleber (<i>ex aequo</i>) |
| Croteau & Marx Family Award for Excellence in Mechanical Engineering | Mitchell W. Sporing |
| The Military Science Leadership Award | Ryan V. Lally |
| J. Timothy Cannon Award for Excellence in Neuroscience | Victoria N. Dowling |
| Excellence in Philosophy..... | Kathleen Ann Till |
| Excellence in Physiology | Jane M. Mecca |
| Prof. Joseph P. Harper Award for Excellence in Physics..... | James M. Lanning |
| Prof. Timothy H. Scully Award for Excellence in Political Science | Megan J. Schurra |
| Excellence in Psychology..... | Emma Sloane Trautfetter |
| Excellence in Secondary Education | Kathryn P. Olafson |
| Excellence in Sociology | Hannah M. Kohn |
| Excellence in Theology..... | Thomas Norbert Elias |
| Susquehanna Valley Section – American Chemical Society Award | Dominick J. Spera |
| J. Harold Brislin Memorial Award for Excellence in Journalism | Emma Olivia Graff |
| Lawrence Lennon Award for Outstanding Service and Achievement in Psychology | Elise Stephanie Koegler |

Awards in the Kania School of Management

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| Excellence in Accounting | Sarah G. Boyle |
| Excellence in Business Administration | Vanessa Suzanne Moylan |
| Excellence in Business Analytics | Luke A. Glidewell |
| Excellence in Entrepreneurship | Julia Lynn Loury |
| Excellence in Finance | Madalyne R. Buhler |
| Excellence in International Business..... | Shelby A. Traver |
| Excellence in Management | Hunter Harley Hackling |
| Excellence in Marketing..... | Alexandra Jai Burke |
| Excellence in Operations Management | Alyssa M. Fontana |

Awards in the Danuska College of Professional Studies

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| Excellence in Health Promotion | Kaitlin Ann O’Sullivan |
| Excellence in Health Advocacy Award..... | Jason A. Opferman |
| Excellence in Counseling and Human Services..... | Kathryn T. Moore |
| Excellence in Kinesiology Award..... | Gwyn Antoinette Lamayan Cruz |
| Excellence in Health Administration..... | Spencer Raymond Owens |
| Academic Excellence in Nursing | Ashley Noel Livezey |
| Sigma Theta Tau, International Honor Society of Nursing Award | Taylor M. Maxson |
| Excellence in Occupational Therapy..... | Kelly Siobhan McGovern |

Prestigious Fellowship Award Winner

Shelby A. Traver

B.S., International Business/Political Science/Philosophy

Fulbright Award in Political Science to the University of Rwanda,

Huye Campus, Rwanda

United States Army Commissioning Program

DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY SCIENCE

Lieutenant Colonel Jason S. Wenger, *Professor of Military Science*

The following students have completed the requirements for the Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) Commissioning Program and have exhibited the requisite potential to serve the nation as caring, competent leaders. They are being commissioned as officers in the United States Army:

Second Lieutenant Gary G. Geinitz

Active Duty
Field Artillery

Second Lieutenant Jay H. Kapadia

United States Army Reserve
Ordnance Corps

Second Lieutenant Ryan V. Lally

Distinguished Military Graduate
Top 10% Nationwide
Active Duty
Cyber Corps

Second Lieutenant Jenna Lynn Leonhardt

United States Army Reserve
Army Nurse Corps

Second Lieutenant Joseph X. Lynch

Active Duty
Army Nurse Corps

Second Lieutenant Allison N. Palmer

Active Duty
Army Nurse Corps

Second Lieutenant Aidan T. Szabo

Active Duty
Infantry

END OF ADVANCED CAMP COMMISSIONEES

Second Lieutenant Andrew T. Mulhare

History of the University

The University of Scranton was founded as Saint Thomas College by Most Reverend William G. O'Hara, the first Bishop of Scranton, who had always hoped to provide an opportunity for higher education in the Lackawanna Valley. In August of 1888, with few resources at hand, he blessed a single block of granite as a cornerstone for his new college, which would admit its first students four years later. (The cornerstone of Old Main is preserved in the wall of St. Thomas Hall located at the corner of Linden Street and Monroe Avenue.)

The college was staffed by diocesan priests and seminarians until 1896 and then, for one year, by the Xaverian Brothers. From 1897 until 1942 the school, which was renamed The University of Scranton in 1938, was administered for the Diocese by the Christian Brothers. In the late summer of 1942, at the invitation of Bishop William Hafey, 19 Jesuits, including the University's first Jesuit President, Rev. Coleman Nevils, S.J., arrived on campus to administer the University.

The Jesuits restructured and strengthened Scranton's traditional and pre-professional programs with an emphasis on the liberal arts, which are the foundation for every program at a Jesuit university. This emphasis is intended to give students an appreciation for all disciplines as they develop specific subject knowledge. The University has flourished as a Catholic and Jesuit institution, growing from what was primarily a commuter college with fewer than 1,000 students to a broadly regional, comprehensive university with a total enrollment of approximately 4,825 students in undergraduate, graduate and non-traditional programs.

As we move forward, The University of Scranton embraces five bold, transformational strategic goals. Grounded in our mission, this Strategic Plan 2020, "Our Core, Our Community, Our Commitments," guides our University community as we navigate changes, challenges, and opportunities today, though we believe its impact will be felt well beyond.

In September 2021, Rev. Joseph G. Marina, S.J., was inaugurated as the University's 29th president. During his tenure, the University has continued its commitment to enriching the quality and variety of its academic offerings for the success of its students.

All three of the University's colleges have added academic programs in recent years in wide-ranging areas, from STEM and the humanities to health sciences and business. New program areas include cybercrime investigation and cybersecurity, Black studies, mechanical engineering, business analytics and speech-language pathology.

In addition, the University continues to invest in its physical plant, with more than \$350 million in campus improvements made in recent years, among them the most substantial capital projects in its history — The Patrick and Margaret DeNaples Center and the Loyola Science Center. Other facilities additions include Christopher and Margaret Condron Hall and an apartment and fitness complex, which consists of the Rev. Scott R. Pilarz, S.J., Hall and Montrone Hall.

In September 2015, the new Edward R. Leahy Jr. Hall, which houses the departments of Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy and Health and Human Performance, was dedicated. In 2018, the University dedicated the 11-acre Rev. Kevin P. Quinn, S.J., Athletics Campus. Located along Broadway Street in Scranton, it is home to the University's soccer, lacrosse, field hockey, baseball and softball Division III NCAA teams. In 2021, 5,000 square feet of new mechanical engineering labs and shop area were added in Hyland Hall.

Most recently, the University broke ground for a nearly 90,000 square-foot center for workforce development, applied research and outreach located on the 300 block of Madison Avenue. The building is expected to be completed for fall 2025.

Scranton is counted among America's finest universities, according to a range of national publications. For three decades, U.S. News & World Report has ranked Scranton among the "top 10 master's universities in the North." Year after year, the University is listed among the "best colleges" by Forbes and The Princeton Review. The University is also consistently ranked among the "best values" in college education by U.S. News & World Report. PayScale's most recent Salary Report in 2023 ranks Scranton in the top 16 percent of universities listed by the median salaries of their alumni. In 2021, Washington Monthly ranked Scranton No. 84 among 616 master's universities in the nation for its "contribution to the greater good."

Academic Regalia

The colorful attire worn by the graduates, faculty and officers of the University and by the academic delegates has its roots in medieval traditions that reach back to the earliest universities — to Paris, Bologna, Oxford and Cambridge. The precise origins of the several parts of the academic garb are unknown, but since medieval students enjoyed the status of clerics during their university years, we assume that their attire was inspired by the clerical dress of the time. Early European universities required students and teachers to wear distinctive gowns at all times. The tradition was brought to this country in colonial times, but the requirement for students soon disappeared and professors limited the custom to special occasions.

The Gown. Gowns are generally black, and there are three basic types. The bachelor's gown is plain with a fairly elaborate yoke and long, pointed sleeves. It is worn closed. The master's gown is similar to the bachelor's except that the sleeves are open at the forearms and end with an extra square-shaped swatch of cloth that originally formed a pocket for reading and writing materials. Master's gowns are worn either open or closed. The doctoral gown, the most elaborate of the three, is adorned with velvet panels on the closed front and around the

neck and three velvet bars on each full, bell-shaped sleeve. Although black is the most common color, the velvet panels and sleeve bars may vary according to the faculty that granted the wearer's degree.

The Hood. The colors of the hood reveal the level of a degree, the major field of learning in which the degree was awarded, and the institution by which the degree was conferred. The bachelor's, master's and doctoral hoods are three, three and one-half, and four feet long, respectively. The all-encompassing velvet trim that denotes the field of learning is likewise, two, three, or five inches, respectively. The lining of the hood is worn exposed to show the colors of the school awarding the degree. Most schools have a two-color pattern using chevrons or bars to differentiate schools whose colors may be alike or very similar. The University of Scranton hood, for example, is lined in royal purple with a white chevron.

The Cap. Generally, the mortarboard or Oxford cap is worn with all degrees, although an Elizabethan-style soft cap is used with some doctoral attire. Black tassels are most often used, but many schools have adopted the practice of using tassels matching the hood color. Doctors and presidents of institutions frequently wear a gold tassel.

Colors Representing Fields of Learning

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| Arts, Letters, Humanities White | Law..... Purple | Philosophy.....Blue |
| Business.....Drab | Library Science.....Lemon | Physical Education Sage Green |
| Economics.....Copper | Medicine.....Green | Physical TherapyTeal |
| EducationLight Blue | Military ScienceGold | Public Health.....Salmon |
| Engineering..... Orange | Music Pink | Science.....Gold |
| Fine ArtsBrown | NursingApricot | Social ScienceCitron |
| Health Administration.....Peacock Blue | OratorySilver Gray | Theology.....Scarlet |

The University Mace

The University Mace is traditionally carried at the head of academic processions as a symbol of educational authority and institutional identity. The mace consists of a 56-inch polished aluminum staff topped with an engraving of the great seal of the University with sunburst

accents formed by cut-metal rays. The symbol of the Society of Jesus appears on the rear of the mace. The seal is echoed on the verges, which consist of shorter hardwood rods topped with an engraving of the great seal of the University in brass.

The Presidential Medallion

In ancient and medieval Europe medallions of office were worn as breastplates by figures of authority or distinction. The University of Scranton Presidential Medallion is such a symbol, and it continues the tradition of incorporating educational, religious and historic icons that describe the institution's distinctive character.

The center of the medallion is an enameled rendering of the great seal of the University surrounded by rays. The principal colors of the seal are the traditional colors of the University, white and royal purple. On the purple field is a horizontal silver bar containing, in purple, a star derived from the Seal of the Brothers of the Christian Schools, a symbol taken from the seal of Saint Thomas College, the predecessor of the University, and two stacks of wheat from the obverse of the coat of arms of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

The upper half of the seal contains, in gold, two wolves grasping a cauldron suspended from a chain. They are taken from the coat of arms of the family of Saint Ignatius Loyola, and they identify the University as a Jesuit institution. Below the silver bar is a golden rising sun, symbolic of Saint Thomas Aquinas, the shining light of the Church and the patron of the University.

The border of the seal reproduces the border of the shield of the Diocese of Scranton and the silver hemispheres are taken from William Penn's coat of arms. The crest is a golden cross of the style known as Patonce. It symbolizes Christ, the goal and the norm of the University's educational efforts, and it complements the motto the University has had since it was entrusted to the care of the Christian Brothers in 1899: *Religio, Mores, Cultura*.

The great seal is surrounded by the name of the institution and its founding date, 1888, and is further embellished by a sunburst of rays also derived from the iconic symbol of Saint Thomas Aquinas.

The Presidential Medallion is worn on a silver chain with links inspired by carved wooden moldings in The Estate, the ancestral home of the Scranton family. It is engraved with the names of the previous presidents and the founder of the University. The chain is connected by a link adorned with the symbol of the Society of Jesus.

The medallion was designed and crafted for the University by Mr. William Reidsema of Clarks Summit, Pennsylvania.

The Heraldic Banners

The University commissioned the ten heraldic banners carried in the academic procession to celebrate the 450th anniversary of the founding of the first Jesuit college in Messina, Sicily (1548), and the 110th anniversary of the founding of Saint Thomas College (1888), the precursor of The University of Scranton. The heraldic devices on the banners bear witness to the influences that have endowed the University with its distinctive identity.

- ❖ The banner adorned with the seal of the Society of Jesus (IHS, surmounted with a cross above three nails and surrounded with a halo of rays) announces that The University of Scranton is a Jesuit university.
- ❖ The banner adorned with the seal of the family of Saint Ignatius Loyola (a golden pot suspended between two wolves) bears witness to the fact that the University's educational philosophy is derived from the thought of Saint Ignatius (1491-1556), the founder of the Society of Jesus.
- ❖ The banner adorned with the seal of the Diocese of Scranton (a star rising between two crossed keys) recalls and celebrates the fact that the University was founded by the Most Reverend William O'Hara, D.D., the first Bishop of Scranton.
- ❖ The banner adorned with the seal of the Brothers of the Christian Schools (the five-pointed star) honors the Christian Brothers' half century of devoted service to the students of Saint Thomas College and The University of Scranton.
- ❖ The banner adorned with a device drawn from the seal of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (the stack of wheat) both identifies the University's location and proclaims its special mission to the citizens of Pennsylvania.
- ❖ The banner adorned with the iconic symbol of Saint Thomas Aquinas (the radiant sunburst) recalls both the name of the University's precursor college (Saint Thomas College) and announces that Saint Thomas remains the heavenly patron of the University.
- ❖ The banner adorned with the crown refers to the nickname of the University's athletic teams (The Royals) and announces that, in the tradition of the *Spiritual Exercises* of Saint Ignatius Loyola, all of the sons and daughters of the University are called to follow Christ the King.
- ❖ The banner adorned with the picture of the sailing ship celebrates the devoted service that the members of the Maryland Province of the Society of Jesus (whose ancestors in the faith arrived in America in 1634 aboard the *Ark* and the *Dove*) have rendered to the University and its students since 1942.
- ❖ The banner adorned with the Cross of Patonce suspended above an unfurled banner bears witness to the fact that the University is a Christian institution of higher learning. The legend on the banner bears the motto of the University: "Religio, Mores, Cultura."
- ❖ The banner adorned with the Chi Rho superimposed upon an open book testifies to the University's belief that, as its Mission Statement says, "Jesus Christ is the primary source for the values and attitudes that imbue the culture of its campus."

The Class Banner

- ❖ The banner indicating the graduating class's year, first presented when the class arrives on campus for Fall Welcome, is a mainstay at special functions. It signifies unity, identity and spirit of the class as a whole. The banner welcomes students back as alumni, particularly during milestone reunions.

The National Anthem

THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER

Oh, say, can you see by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming?
Whose broad stripes and bright stars, through the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watched were so gallantly streaming?
And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night, that our flag was still there.
Oh, say, does that star-spangled banner yet wave?
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.

Alma Mater

The hours too quickly slip away
And mingle into years
But memories of our Scranton days will last
Whatever next appears.
The legacy from those before
Is briefly ours to hold,
We leave the best behind for others
As the coming years unfold.

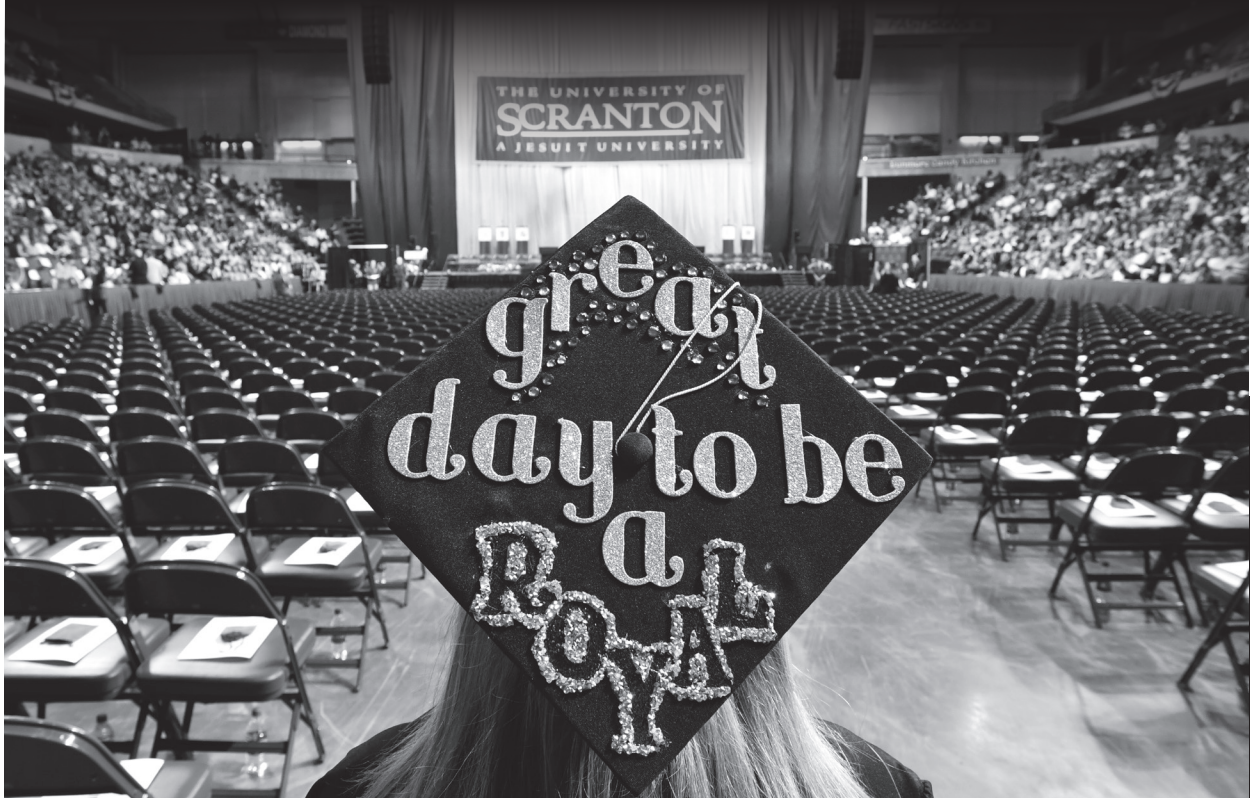
With faith in lives that touch us here
And paths that ours have crossed
We know that reaching for the rising sun
Is surely worth the cost.
May God be ever at our side,
May goodness fill our days.
We hail as loving sons and daughters
Alma mater ours always.

Edward Gannon, S.J.

Kathleen Fisher, Ph.D. '80

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