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, IHM, 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

DOCTOR OF HUMANE LETTERS, *HONORIS CAUSA*

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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*

Nicholas B. Sizemore, Ph.D., *Marshal of the Graduates*

Hon. Kevin J. Blaum '74, *Marshal of the Alumni*

Teresa A. Grettano, Ph.D., *Marshal of the Faculty*

Mary Elizabeth Moylan, M.L.S., *Marshal of the Medalist*

Mark R. Murphy, BSEE, *Marshal of the Corporation*

Gabrielle Marie Andiario, *Banner Bearer*

Matthew J. Duffy, *Banner Bearer*

Thomas Norbert Elias, *Banner Bearer*

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*

Wilmarr 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 Zabrouski
magna cum laude
B.A., English/Philosophy

The Robert L. McKeage Business Leadership Honors Program Degree Candidates

Gabrielle Marie Andiario
summa cum laude
B.S., Marketing

Madalyne R. Buhler
Business Honors Program
summa cum laude
B.S., Finance

James P. Calciano
summa cum laude
B.S., Biology

Anthony G. Di Rienzo
cum laude
B.S., Finance

Luke A. Glidewell
summa cum laude
B.S., Operations Management/
Business Analytics

Aidan Thomas Guarnuccio
magna cum laude
B.S., International Studies

Brianna M. Kerrane
summa cum laude
B.S., Accounting

Vanessa Suzanne Moylan
summa cum laude
B.S., Business Administration

James M. Murray
summa cum laude
B.S., Finance

Hannah Grace Phelan
Business Honors Program
summa cum laude
B.S., Operations Management

Vanessa C. Pinto
summa cum laude
B.S., Finance

Madelyn Grace Ronan
Business Honors Program
summa cum laude
B.S., Accounting/Finance

John J. Sheehan
Business Honors Program
summa cum laude
B.S., Accounting

Kaleigh Eireann Timmons
Special Jesuit Liberal Arts
Honors Program, Business
Honors Program
magna cum laude
B.S., Accounting/Philosophy

The Frank P. Corcione Business Honors Program Degree Candidates

Nina J. Figetakis
summa cum laude
B.S., Accounting

Todd Fisher Monahan
summa cum laude
B.S., Finance

Geoffrey Samuel Pizzuto
summa cum laude
B.S., Business Administration

Gabrielle Richetti
magna cum laude
B.S., Accounting

Matthew A. Roda
cum laude
B.S., Finance

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 Covaleski
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

Emily M. DiTaranto
cum laude
Kinesiology

Kelly Donohue
Occupational Therapy

Nicole E. Esposito
Liberal Studies

Julianna Marie Fazio
Kinesiology

Vanesa Figueiras
summa cum laude
Kinesiology

Ariana Ilanit Flores
Counseling and Human Services

Patrick John Fluehr
summa cum laude
Human Resources Studies

Erin Marie Fowler
magna cum laude
Occupational Therapy

Jeanna Teresa Gailius
Kinesiology

Sophia C. Garvin
Kinesiology

Sophia Rose Gousias
cum laude
Occupational Therapy

Christopher M. Gutt
magna cum laude
Kinesiology

Austin L. Hackerd
Health Administration

Mary Grace Haggerty
magna cum laude
Occupational Therapy

Bailee N. Hendricks
magna cum laude
Kinesiology

Paige Elizabeth Hennigan
summa cum laude
Kinesiology

Maggie Karwing Ho
summa cum laude
Kinesiology

Kathleen Bridget Holdsworth
Occupational Therapy

Hailey J. Hopkins
summa cum laude
Occupational Therapy

Annette Elizabeth Johnson
cum laude
Occupational Therapy

Jackson S. Jonik
Liberal Studies

Alexis M. Juliano
magna cum laude
Kinesiology

Grace Elizabeth Kane
magna cum laude
Occupational Therapy

Nicole M. Kenny
cum laude
Occupational Therapy

Megan Knecht
summa cum laude
Communication Sciences and Disorders

Paige Knecht
magna cum laude
Health Administration

Aileen M. Kohlbrenner
magna cum laude
Occupational Therapy

Michelle A. Kong
cum laude
Occupational Therapy

Tara K. Kotten
cum laude
Occupational Therapy

Lauren Elizabeth Kraemer
magna cum laude
Occupational Therapy

Meredith Amber Lee
cum laude
Occupational Therapy

Jennifer Lee LeMay
summa cum laude
Kinesiology

Brooke E. Lenggenhager
summa cum laude
Occupational Therapy

Jacob Lombardo
cum laude
Kinesiology

Allison Kate Lynch
summa cum laude
Kinesiology

Brooke Abigail Lynch
Occupational Therapy

Matthew Zack Manzolillo
Liberal Studies

Stephanie Lynn Margolies
magna cum laude
Occupational Therapy

Gillian Rose Marsicano
magna cum laude
Occupational Therapy

Nicolina Leigh Mauro
Counseling and Human Services

Amanda J. McCarthy
Counseling and Human Services

Kelly Siobhan McGovern
summa cum laude
Occupational Therapy

Brooke MacKenna McNabola
cum laude
Kinesiology

Julianna B. McRell
Communication Sciences and Disorders

Aimee Katharine Mockler
Occupational Therapy

Kiera L. Mooney
Occupational Therapy

Kathryn T. Moore
summa cum laude
Counseling and Human Services/ Psychology

McKenna L. Moore
cum laude
Occupational Therapy

Panuska College of Professional Studies Degree Candidates

Bachelor of Science, continued

Kyle C. Muirhead
Kinesiology

Claire Mulholland
summa cum laude
Kinesiology

Margaret Rosemary Murray
magna cum laude
Occupational Therapy

Joshua J. Muth
summa cum laude
Kinesiology

Caroline Anne Napolitano
Kinesiology

Leah Elizabeth O'Brien
cum laude
Occupational Therapy

Nora G. O'Connell
cum laude
Communication Sciences and Disorders

Kalina Marie Olson
magna cum laude
Counseling and Human Services

Jason A. Opferman
cum laude
Health Promotion

Kaitlin Ann O'Sullivan
cum laude
Health Promotion

Spencer Raymond Owens
magna cum laude
Health Administration

Jaclyn Rose Papalski
Liberal Studies

Elaena M. Pappas
Occupational Therapy

Izabella Ava Pinto
magna cum laude
Counseling and Human Services

Elizabeth M. Pogodzinski
Kinesiology

Anne Grace Raleigh
Liberal Studies

Catherine R. Redding
Occupational Therapy

Kyra Rose Reilly
cum laude
Kinesiology

Christian L. Rivero
summa cum laude
Kinesiology

Molly J. Rosario
Kinesiology

Alexa Ryan
Kinesiology

Jack Christopher Ryan
Liberal Studies

Jaclyn A. Santos
magna cum laude
Liberal Studies

Janet E. Schieber
Liberal Studies

Grace Elizabeth Scinto
Occupational Therapy

Grace A. Scott
summa cum laude
Occupational Therapy

Analiese Marie Seaman
cum laude
Occupational Therapy

Madelynn Marie Senatore
magna cum laude
Occupational Therapy

George A. Sengos
magna cum laude
Kinesiology

Nicolas Anthony Shiarappa
Health Administration

Lauren Page Singer
Occupational Therapy

Aubrey Skolny
cum laude
Occupational Therapy

Jordan Elizabeth Smith
Occupational Therapy

Lilian Rose Smith
magna cum laude
Kinesiology

Maureen Margaret Soltys
cum laude
Kinesiology

Lauren Reis Stauch
Kinesiology

Mackenzie C. Steele
Occupational Therapy

Maureen Stelmak
cum laude
Liberal Studies

Emily G. Sullivan
Counseling and Human Services

Thomas A. Sviderskis-Carroll
Kinesiology

Devyn Phelan Tanajewski
magna cum laude
Health Administration

Emily J. Tantala
summa cum laude
Kinesiology

Marisa Nicole Tate
Occupational Therapy

Kayla J. Tilwick
cum laude
Communication Sciences and Disorders

Jessica Elena Tsu
summa cum laude
Occupational Therapy

Emily Marie Umstadt
magna cum laude
Occupational Therapy

Charles Valdez
magna cum laude
Health Promotion

Amanda J. Wagner
Counseling and Human Services

Robert Connor Walker
Counseling and Human Services

Natalie Ann Ward
magna cum laude
Occupational Therapy

Alex Wasalinko
Liberal Studies

Panuska College of Professional Studies Degree Candidates

Bachelor of Science, continued

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

Panuska College of Professional Studies Degree Candidates

Bachelor of Science in Nursing, continued

Abbey B. Knight
magna cum laude
Nursing

Serena K. Kuehl
Nursing

Emma Riese Lehnert
Nursing

Jenna Lynn Leonhardt
Nursing

Ashley Noel Livezey
summa cum laude
Nursing

Joseph X. Lynch
cum laude
Nursing

Erika L. Mack
cum laude
Nursing

Kalindi B. Maggs
magna cum laude
Nursing

Corinna Lynn Marinello
cum laude
Nursing

Elizabeth M. Matthews
cum laude
Nursing

Taylor M. Maxson
summa cum laude
Nursing

Kaitlyn P. McGarry
Nursing

Sarah Ellen McGovern
magna cum laude
Nursing

Aisling D. McGrath
summa cum laude
Nursing

Ellen Mary Meegan
Nursing

Shannon M. Meisel
Nursing

Bailey Frances Mullen
cum laude
Nursing

Kaylee Shea Murphy
Nursing

Patricia M. Murtagh
cum laude
Nursing

Kathryn Elizabeth Nealon
Nursing

Olivia C. Neilan
cum laude
Nursing

Aidan E. Noble
cum laude
Nursing

Kaitlin M. O'Farrell
Nursing

Brigid Farrell O'Reilly
Nursing

Allison N. Palmer
Nursing

Halle J. Pannkuk
Nursing

Emily Marilyn Pegley
magna cum laude
Nursing

Lauren Devin Perry
Nursing

Fiona M. Peterson
Nursing

Kathryn M. Purcell
cum laude
Nursing

Ella Riley Rokke
Nursing

Chloe Francine Rubito
summa cum laude
Nursing

Kathleen G. Ryan
Nursing

Cailyn Elizabeth Smith
magna cum laude
Nursing

Kylie S. Smith
magna cum laude
Nursing

Madeline R. Sorbanelli
cum laude
Nursing

Kayleigh M. Stalter
magna cum laude
Nursing

Perpetua Tess Stanton
Nursing

Sarah E. Stepnowski
Nursing

Bryanna Teresa Thomas
Nursing

Jessica Ann Tierney
Nursing

Madison K. Tratthen
Nursing

Olivia A. Tullman
Nursing

Gabriella Michelle Velona
Nursing

Chyenne Nilaja Ward
Nursing

Charli Jessica Wiacek
Nursing

Kaitlyn Ann Zink
cum laude
Nursing

Kania School of Management Degree Candidates

Bachelor of Science

Riley Quinn Adams
cum laude
Business Administration

Timothy P. Ahern
Management

John Robert Alnor
Business Administration

Daved Alvarenga
Marketing

Corey J. Anderson
magna cum laude
Accounting

Elizabeth Anzures
Accounting

Bethann M. Baldyga
magna cum laude
Accounting

Casey J. Ballou
cum laude
Accounting

Michael Patrick Battaglino
Business Administration

Morgan Dorothy Beaudoin
Accounting

Kyle M. Bennett
magna cum laude
Finance

Catherine Patricia Bertrand
Entrepreneurship

David M. Bluvol, Jr.
Management

Aidan Bohn
Entrepreneurship

John Luke Bongiorno
Business Administration

Blaze Alexander Bono
Finance

Brian P. Boyle
Marketing

Joseph P. Boyle
cum laude
Finance

Sarah G. Boyle
summa cum laude
Accounting

James Braia
Business Administration

Braden Christian Breithaupt
Business Administration

Elisabeth G. Bressler
Marketing

Julia Ann Brown
magna cum laude
Accounting

Brian C. Bulger
Business Analytics

Jack Thomas Burdewick
Finance

Alexandra Jai Burke
summa cum laude
Marketing

Marco A. Colasurdo
International Business

Catherina N. Cortez
Finance

Joseph Anthony Costa
Entrepreneurship

Julianna Mary Crandle
magna cum laude
Accounting

Nicholas John Crowe
Finance

Eamon F. Cummins
Economics

Michael J. D'Angola
Management

Thomas N. Dao
Business Administration

Abigail Grace Davis
cum laude
Accounting

Liam Alexander Davis
cum laude
Business Administration

Sydney Elia Decker
summa cum laude
Business Administration

Andrew S. DeGuardia
cum laude
Business Analytics

Kieran Michael DeHaan
Finance

Christopher E. DeManicor
Marketing

Gary J. Dempsey
Business Administration

Dylan R. DeSimone
Business Administration

Michael P. DeVito
Finance

Dylan Vito Diana
Accounting

Owen R. DiAngelo
magna cum laude
Business Administration

Jacob D. Dougherty
Accounting

Brendan John Douthit
Marketing

Alexander R. Drake
Marketing

Liam James Dunfee
Marketing

Kyle J. Dunn
Marketing

Luke James Durdach
Accounting

Alexander Mikelis Eglitis
Accounting

Dylan J. Estevez
Economics

Daniel E. Farley
Marketing

Rebecca Elizabeth Farrell
magna cum laude
Entrepreneurship

John Capwell Fee
Business Administration

Luke S. Fekete
Accounting

Matthew J. Fitzgerald
Operations Management

Keli Jean Flanagan
Business Administration

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Bachelor of Science, continued

John J. Flannigan
cum laude
Accounting

Alyssa M. Fontana
summa cum laude
Operations Management/
Business Analytics

Gerald George Gensiejewski III
Accounting

Angelina T. Giannakopoulos
Management

Scott R. Graffam
Finance

Dominic R. Gubitosi
Finance

Laura Suzanne Haaland
Business Administration

Hunter Harley Hackling
magna cum laude
Management

Samuel Joseph Hannah
summa cum laude
Accounting

Samuel R. Hartman
Business Analytics

Madeline J. Hartnett
magna cum laude
Marketing

Niamh Rosaleen Healy
cum laude
Accounting

Daren Joseph Helmold
Accounting

Peter Joseph Heraty
Accounting

Brooke Hibsher
Business Administration

Bethany L. Hnatow
magna cum laude
Marketing/Business Analytics

Brianna Marie Hoffmann
Marketing

Lauren A. Humphrey
Business Analytics

Ikechukwu Zitha Igbokwe
Accounting

Manuel A. Jaramillo
Business Administration

Marcus J. Jenkins
Business Administration

Jacob William Jureidini
magna cum laude
Finance

Brendan N. Karolchyk
magna cum laude
Marketing

David S. Kelly
magna cum laude
Finance

Patrick Walls Kelly
Business Administration

Julia H. Kopf
Business Administration

Daniel John Kosinski
cum laude
Operations Management

Julia Kia Kourpas
magna cum laude
Business Administration

Quin S. Kressler
Accounting

Devin Gijsbertus Kristianto
Entrepreneurship

Konstantinos T. Kyros
Business Analytics

Jenna Kathryn Larrabee
summa cum laude
Accounting

Christopher Q. LaSusa
Marketing

Bridget J. Lear
Marketing

Joseph Michael Lisicky
summa cum laude
Accounting

Blendina Lluga
International Business

Albert Louis Lopez
Operations Management

Andrew W. Lord
Finance

Julia Lynn Loury
summa cum laude
Entrepreneurship

Patrick C. Lungren
Business Analytics

Joshua Michael Lydon
Business Administration

Scott R. Majka
Marketing

Anthony G. Marotta
magna cum laude
Business Analytics

Matthew R. Masayko
cum laude
Operations Management

Anthony D. Mazzaro
cum laude
Business Analytics

Anthony M. Mazzerina
Finance

Matthew John McAree
Business Administration

Aidan Paddock McGreal
Finance

Ryan D. McGuire
Management

Michael E. McKearney
Business Analytics

Alaina M. McLaughlin
cum laude
Finance

Thomas John McQuaid
Accounting

Elizabeth G. Medrano-Mejia
Marketing

Emily E. Meeks
summa cum laude
Accounting

Robert William Mirrione
Finance

Stephen Murphy
Marketing

Elaine Alexa Musa
Accounting

Kania School of Management Degree Candidates

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

College of Arts and Sciences Degree Candidates

Bachelor of Arts

Nicholas D. Addamo
Business Communication

Maille R. Allardyce
magna cum laude
English/Philosophy

Dominic F. Angeloni
summa cum laude
Journalism and Electronic Media

Holly N. Arace
English

Scott A. Avellino
History

Dimitri A. Bartels-Bray
magna cum laude
English/Political Science

Keenan M. Beveridge
Theatre

Shannon N. Bunn
magna cum laude
Social Media Strategies

Claudia Campo Mirabent
summa cum laude
Advertising/Public Relations

Isabella V. Chungata
Social Media Strategies

Diego Collado-Ramirez
Journalism and Electronic Media

Ethan John Connors
summa cum laude
Advertising/Public Relations/
Social Media Strategies

Robert B. Correas-Rivera
Journalism and Electronic Media

Julia Cunha
magna cum laude
Advertising/Public Relations/
Social Media Strategies

Ashlee N. Dalrymple
Social Media Strategies

Alexandria G. Dato
magna cum laude
Communication

Josiah A. David
Advertising/Public Relations

Courtney A. Delehanty
Advertising/Public Relations

Bradley C. DePetro
Business Communication

Nicolette C. DeVito
Social Media Strategies/Advertising/
Public Relations

Daniel Diaz
International Language Business-
Spanish Concentration

Samantha Rose Durante
Journalism and Electronic Media

Kieran J. Egan
Journalism and Electronic Media

Bryson Scott Eldridge
magna cum laude
Journalism and Electronic Media

Emma Olivia Graff
summa cum laude
Advertising/Public Relations

Matthew Martin Gregorowicz
History

Lydia Faye Grossman
English/Journalism and
Electronic Media

Tara J. Guilfoyle
Social Media Strategies

Brennan F. Hector
Business Communication

Leandria E. Hercules
Journalism and Electronic Media

Maggie E. Hoerz
magna cum laude
Advertising/Public Relations/
Social Media Strategies

Olivia Hudak
cum laude
English

Mikaela A. Jennings
Communication

Noah R. Johnson
cum laude
History/Journalism and
Electronic Media

Raphaella N. Kaphesi
Communication

James F. Kranick
Business Communication

Timothy John Lanahan
cum laude
History/Political Science

Mackenzie Rees Lavelle
History

Claire E. Loder
Advertising/Public Relations

Selene Lopez Contreras
magna cum laude
History/Political Science

Kathleen A. Lydon
Mathematics/Philosophy

Erin Elizabeth MacKay
magna cum laude
Journalism and Electronic Media

Heidi R. Martens
Communication

Michael D. Mayer
History

Colin J. McKeon
Business Communication

Allura B. McManus
Communication

Jacob J. Mon
Advertising/Public Relations

Elizabeth Kate Murphy
cum laude
Advertising/Public Relations/
Social Media Strategies

Christopher H. Newell
English

Alexander S. Nunez
magna cum laude
Journalism and Electronic Media

Patrick M. O'Malley
magna cum laude
History

Nadia Helena Ostrosky
magna cum laude
Business Communication

Fidelis N. Osuoha
Social Media Strategies

Bradley R. Owens
History

Shannon Noelle Parker
magna cum laude
English

Sean Michael Pietruszkiewicz
Social Media Strategies

College of Arts and Sciences Degree Candidates

Bachelor of Arts, continued

Thomas J. Plunkett
Communication

Francesca Ragusa
cum laude
Advertising/Public Relations

Erin R. Reich
Social Media Strategies

Nicholas A. Reposa
Advertising/Public Relations

David John Riabov
Business Communication

Meaghan E. Rising
Journalism and Electronic Media

Alison Samudio
summa cum laude
History

Grace S. Shaner
Communication/Advertising/
Public Relations

Michael Joseph Simone
cum laude
History

Ryan V. Sophabmixay
magna cum laude
Business Communication

Ian R. Todd
Business Communication

Jordan C. Truex
History

Mollie M. Veres
magna cum laude
Communication

Gina M. Wesler
cum laude
Advertising/Public Relations

Grace Elizabeth Whittam
magna cum laude
Advertising/Public Relations/
Journalism and Electronic Media

Sara C. Williams
Communication

Gillian S. Williams-Mayers
Theatre

Nadia Wohlgemuth
magna cum laude
History

Lily Ann Wynne
cum laude
Communication/Advertising/
Public Relations

Amanda A. Yanul
magna cum laude
Advertising/Public Relations/
Social Media Strategies

Bachelor of Science

Annemarie Elizabeth Abbott
summa cum laude
Criminal Justice

Gabriel Edmund Abood
magna cum laude
Secondary Education/Citizenship
and History/History

Madeleine Elisabeth Abood
summa cum laude
Early and Primary Teacher Education

Harley Q. Ackerman
Biology

Mohammed H. Almoah
Neuroscience

Chirayu Amin
Cybercrime and Homeland Security

Seth N. Anderson
Computer Science

Milton Andrade Andino
Engineering Management

Zachery J. Andrews
summa cum laude
Biology

Tyler C. Angst
Criminal Justice

Stephanie Lauren Atzingen
magna cum laude
Biology

Johana Betsy Audelo-Riaño
Political Science

Anthony L. Baez
Liberal Studies

Kaitlyn Marie Bailey
Liberal Studies

Brendan K. Bakunas
Biology

Giavanna Maya Baquerizo
Physiology

Mia Elena Barahona
cum laude
Early and Primary Teacher Education

Abby Leigh Bednarski
magna cum laude
Environmental Science/Philosophy

Emma Bethany Blennau
summa cum laude
Early and Primary Teacher Education

Augustine D. Brapoh, Jr.
Electrical Engineering

Madison T. Brown
Neuroscience

Robert C. Brudnicki
Computer Engineering

Luke S. Brunetti
magna cum laude
Computer Science

Jason Budrys
Biochemistry, Cell and
Molecular Biology

Emily Burgers
magna cum laude
Environmental Science

Meghan Leahy Callahan
magna cum laude
Early and Primary Teacher Education

Caleb Timothy Callejas
summa cum laude
Biology

Luke R. Capper
summa cum laude
Applied Computing/History

Timothy Michael Capper
Mathematical Sciences

College of Arts and Sciences Degree Candidates

Bachelor of Science, continued

Valeria M. Cardenas
Biochemistry, Cell and Molecular Biology/Physiology

Anthony Raymond Carmadella
Information Technology

Katherine Ann Carter
magna cum laude
Political Science

Angelo James Catapano
Environmental Science

Megan E. Cavlov
Physiology

Christian D. Chakiris
Computer Engineering

Kayla Serene Charles
Biology

Abigail Sarah Charneski
magna cum laude
Neuroscience

Daniel J. Ciampoli
summa cum laude
Political Science

Julie Marie Ciccarino
cum laude
Forensic Chemistry

Olivia M. Ciccimarra
cum laude
Criminal Justice

Tyler S. Cichetti
Computer Science

Brianna E. Coleman
Political Science

Matthew D. Comiciotto
Biochemistry

Kathryn L. Coolican
magna cum laude
Biology

Nicholas M. Cordeiro
cum laude
Political Science

Joseph T. Cosgrove
Applied Computing

Amy Elizabeth Cotton
cum laude
Early and Primary Teacher Education

Gabriella N. Cusano
Biology

Grace E. Dabulas
Early and Primary Teacher Education

Owen J. Daly
Cybercrime and Homeland Security

Alexander B. Danchak
summa cum laude
Political Science

Beth L. Davis
Biology

Ruth Ann Deliman
summa cum laude
Criminal Justice

Ranjeeta Dhungel
magna cum laude
Biology

Grace Patricia DiGiacomo
magna cum laude
Early and Primary Teacher Education

Peter Vito DiGiantomasso
Applied Mathematics

Christian Di Troia
magna cum laude
Computer Science

Taylor A. Dorman
magna cum laude
Neuroscience

Daniel Doucek
magna cum laude
Biochemistry

Thomas J. Driscoll
cum laude
Cybercrime and Homeland Security

Ryan J. Dubiac
magna cum laude
Biology

Kaylee L. Evans
summa cum laude
Early and Primary Teacher Education

Jose Antonio Falcon III
Mathematics

Katelyn Elizabeth Farish
cum laude
Biology

Meghan Felter
Biology

Alexandra P. Ferrador
Psychology

Kyle Forchette
summa cum laude
Biochemistry, Cell and Molecular Biology

Charles R. Foy
Criminal Justice

Ethan-Sebastien Francois
Biology

Khaya Elizabeth Fuller
Neuroscience

Manci D. Gandhi
Criminal Justice

Gary G. Geinitz
Mechanical Engineering

Andrew Luis Geise
Mechanical Engineering

Christopher Gary Gianakis
Mechanical Engineering

Cailin G. Gill
Biology

Colin Mitchell Gilmartin
Political Science

Zachary K. Gingrass
Political Science

Matthew A. Ginnetti
Biology

Spencer Goldberg
Biology

Samuel Queiroz Goncalves
Computer Science

Connor Goranson
Environmental Science

Andrew Edward Gordos
summa cum laude
Biomathematics

Isabella M. Gorzkowski
Early and Primary Teacher Education

Molly Elizabeth Graham
Political Science/Philosophy

Maximilian Howard Green
cum laude
Neuroscience/Biology

Nicholas J. Guerra
magna cum laude
Computer Science

Brooke Taylor Guerrero
Biology

College of Arts and Sciences Degree Candidates

Bachelor of Science, continued

Federico Gutierrez
Psychology

Fredie Gutierrez
Computer Science

Stephen D. Haggerty
Computer Science

Alyssa Harrington
magna cum laude
Biology

James J. Harrington
magna cum laude
Mechanical Engineering

Kira Lynn Hartman
Psychology

Conor John Hastings
Biology

Jack D. Heineman
Cybercrime and Homeland Security

Olivia Rose Henkel
Criminal Justice

Itzanamy H. Herrera Solano
Physiology

Katlyn M. Hilbert
Biochemistry, Cell and Molecular Biology

Narissa O. Hill
magna cum laude
Early and Primary Teacher Education

Camryn Marie Hilliard
Psychology/Political Science

Andrew J. Hom
Computer Engineering

Jake Bradley Horvat
Physiology

Michael S. Jaruga
magna cum laude
Criminal Justice

Peter E. Johnston
Mechanical Engineering

Nicholas Paul Jonas
Biochemistry, Cell and Molecular Biology

Tessa R. Jones
Biology

Conor James Jordan
Biology

Brandon James Judge
magna cum laude
Secondary Education/Citizenship and History/History

Lainey Megan Kamora
cum laude
Early and Primary Teacher Education

Jay H. Kapadia
Criminal Justice

Isabella Bridget Kennedy
Criminal Justice

Hannah M. Kohrn
summa cum laude
Sociology

Tyler A. Kover
cum laude
Physics

Samantha Barbara Kramer
cum laude
Early and Primary Teacher Education

Maura Vanessa Krzan
Biology

Cayla Dharshini Kumar
Biochemistry, Cell and Molecular Biology

Michael LaForte III
Biology

Ryan V. Lally
magna cum laude
Cybercrime and Homeland Security

Kenneth N. Langenmayr
summa cum laude
Political Science

James M. Lanning
Physics/Chemistry

Zackery G. Leach
magna cum laude
Biology

Isabella Mari Leonardo
Liberal Studies

Zachary W. LePage
Forensic Chemistry

Madelyn Elizabeth Ligos
summa cum laude
Early and Primary Teacher Education

Valentina Londono
Political Science

Kathryn M. Lopes
magna cum laude
Biology

Kayra A. Lopez
Forensic Chemistry

Samantha M. Lowe
Biology

Sade Lugo
magna cum laude
Engineering Management

Angie Luo
Psychology

Mario E. Luzuriaga
Neuroscience

Morgan A. Lynn
Neuroscience

Isabella A. Manasek
Criminal Justice

Maria D. Manno
summa cum laude
Biochemistry, Cell and Molecular Biology

Lauren E. Manzella
Criminal Justice

Gianna R. Marmo
magna cum laude
Criminal Justice

Gabriela Martinez Contreras
Biochemistry, Cell and Molecular Biology

Samantha Jalynn Mauceri
Biology

Matthew J. Maurer
magna cum laude
Political Science

Emily Ann McAlarney
magna cum laude
Cybercrime and Homeland Security

Logan Fera McGowan
magna cum laude
Mechanical Engineering

Clare Virginia McGrade
magna cum laude
Early and Primary Teacher Education

Dillon McLaughlin
Cybercrime and Homeland Security

Jane M. Mecca
Physiology

College of Arts and Sciences Degree Candidates

Bachelor of Science, continued

Thomas B. Melody
Computer Science

Anna J. Merkel
magna cum laude
Forensic Chemistry

Zuleima I. Mero
cum laude
Biology

Peter William Micara
Cybercrime and Homeland Security

Robert J. Miles
Cybercrime and Homeland Security

Stephen Salvatore Milillo
summa cum laude
Physiology

Shervin Mokhtari
Neuroscience

Zachary Scott Morrison
magna cum laude
Biology

Owen M. Mueller
Criminal Justice/Cybercrime and Homeland Security

Andrew T. Mulhare
Biochemistry

Madison Elizabeth Mullen
Biology

Benjamin A. Mumma
summa cum laude
Political Science

Mollie A. Murphy
cum laude
Secondary Education/Spanish Hispanic Studies

Grace E. Murray
magna cum laude
Cybercrime and Homeland Security

Kayla Eleen Murray
Forensic Chemistry

Jace R. Nelson
Criminal Justice

Shanice Ananda Nelson
Psychology

Sierra Maria Mendes Novabilski
cum laude
Biology

Marina N. Nunziato
Early and Primary Teacher Education

Jeremiah D. Oakes
Mathematics

Timothy P. O'Connor
Cybercrime and Homeland Security

Dana L. Ogilvie
Biochemistry, Cell and Molecular Biology

Maeve Katherine O'Leary
cum laude
Psychology

Connor Jon Olenginski
magna cum laude
Mathematical Sciences

Elif Z. Onat
magna cum laude
Mathematical Sciences/Computer Science

Claudia K. O'Reilly
magna cum laude
Criminal Justice

Mary M. Orloff
Forensic Chemistry

Madeline Ortiz
Criminal Justice

Mary Grace O'Sullivan
magna cum laude
Early and Primary Teacher Education

Jayton Otlowski
Biology

Jessica R. Paldino
magna cum laude
Early and Primary Teacher Education

Disha Nimeshkumar Patel
Biology

Himani S. Patel
cum laude
Biology

Jay H. Patel
Computer Science

Kirtan Manojkumar Patel
Computer Science

Nihar A. Patel
magna cum laude
Biochemistry

Jordan N. Pedagna
summa cum laude
Early and Primary Teacher Education

Lauren E. Pelaez
Mechanical Engineering

Kayla Nicole Perrong
Biochemistry

Joseph C. Phillips
Mathematics

Samantha Francis Pickering
cum laude
Biology

Awni Armando Pimentel
Political Science/Philosophy

Deniz Pinarbasi
cum laude
Cybercrime and Homeland Security

Colby D. Pion
Physiology

Ana Jessica Postowski
magna cum laude
Political Science

Dante John Puerari
Cybercrime and Homeland Security

Azim Y. Qurashi
Criminal Justice

Bradley W. Rausch
Cybercrime and Homeland Security

Randy Redman Perez
Information Technology

David F. Reese
magna cum laude
Computer Science

Cooper H. Robinson
Biology

Richard Rodriguez
Mathematical Sciences

Mario Thomas Rotell
Neuroscience

Zhangyu Ruan
Computer Science

Caitlin M. Russell
Forensic Chemistry

Angelo J. Sacco
Economics

Charles John Seitz, Jr.
magna cum laude
Computer Science

Logan Sellam
Physics

Kyla Madalon Sheerer
Psychology/Criminal Justice

College of Arts and Sciences Degree Candidates

Bachelor of Science, continued

Shane David Shucavage
Biology

Kyle D. Signora
Psychology

Dominick J. Spera
summa cum laude
Biochemistry/Mathematical Sciences

Mitchell W. Sporing
Mechanical Engineering

Bennice M. Sporl
Psychology

Sabina M. Staab
cum laude
Early and Primary Teacher Education

Jessica B. Stadler
magna cum laude
Early and Primary Teacher Education

Rosemary Meta Steidl
Psychology

Karishma Bheeshandei Suchit
Biology

Jadyn E. Swartout
Psychology

Charles C. Sylvester
summa cum laude
Environmental Science

Aidan T. Szabo
Electrical Engineering

Walker T. Temperton
Forensic Chemistry

Ethan S. Thomas
magna cum laude
Information Technology

Julia M. Thomson
Biology

Kelsey Marie Torres
Psychology

Kyra Elizabeth Tosi
Psychology

Jillian A. Trizinski
Criminal Justice

Robert Doyle Troy
cum laude
Electrical Engineering

Ashley Elizabeth Usaitis
magna cum laude
Biology

Catherine M. Val
summa cum laude
Physiology

Annaise Nanette Vazquez
summa cum laude
Early and Primary Teacher Education

Carah Rose Vitkus
Early and Primary Teacher Education

Britney Leann Walsh
Biology

Sarah Ruth Walsh
cum laude
Early and Primary Teacher Education

Rosa Liu Wang
Biochemistry

Danielle Marie Warhola
cum laude
Biology

Emma Sofia Warras
cum laude
Environmental Science

Mark L. Watson
Biochemistry, Cell and Molecular Biology

Jonathan R. Wells
summa cum laude
Biology

Amber F. Williams
Psychology

Grace Charlotte Williamson
Forensic Chemistry

Eamonn Xavier Wizeman
magna cum laude
Political Science

Isabelle Marie Wohlleber
summa cum laude
Mathematical Sciences

Susan Elizabeth Wohlmuth
Biochemistry

Shane P. Wolf
Criminal Justice

Emma Helena Zipprich
summa cum laude
Biology

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

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** *(ex aqueo)*

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. Kohrn**

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

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 Panuska College of Professional Studies

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
Active Duty
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

Arts, Letters, Humanities ..... White	Law ..... Purple	Philosophy ..... Blue
Business ..... Drab	Library Science ..... Lemon	Physical Education ..... Sage Green
Economics ..... Copper	Medicine ..... Green	Physical Therapy ..... Teal
Education ..... Light Blue	Military Science ..... Gold	Public Health ..... Salmon
Engineering ..... Orange	Music ..... Pink	Science ..... Gold
Fine Arts ..... Brown	Nursing ..... Apricot	Social Science ..... Citron
Health Administration ..... Peacock Blue	Oratory ..... Silver 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 mem'ries 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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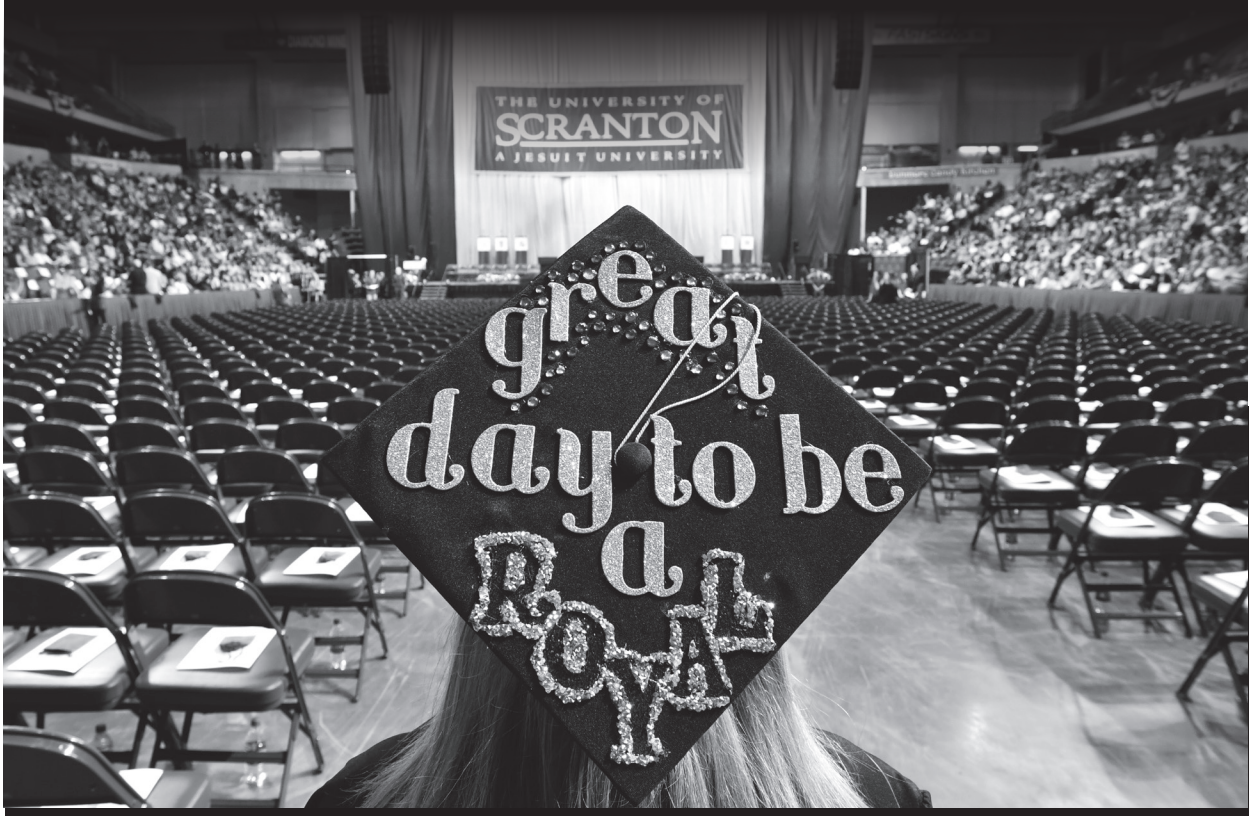

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