



ST. JOHN'S  
UNIVERSITY

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THE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

*Graduate*  
*Commencement Exercises*  
**2021-2022**

TUESDAY, MAY 17, 2022

6 P.M.

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CARNESECCA ARENA, QUEENS CAMPUS

# St. John's University is Catholic, Vincentian, Metropolitan, and Global.

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As a university, we commit ourselves to academic excellence and the pursuit of wisdom which flows from free inquiry, religious values, and human experience. We strive to preserve and enhance an atmosphere in which scholarly research, imaginative methodology, global awareness, and an enthusiastic quest for truth serve as the basis of a vital teaching-learning process and the development of lifelong learning. Our core curriculum in the liberal arts and sciences aims to enrich lives as well as professions and serves to unify the undergraduate experience. Graduate and professional schools express our commitment to research, rigorous standards, and innovative application of knowledge. We aim not only to be excellent professionals with an ability to analyze and articulate clearly what is, but also to develop the ethical and aesthetic values to imagine and help realize what might be.

St. John's is a Catholic university, founded in 1870 in response to an invitation of the first Bishop of Brooklyn, John Loughlin, to provide the youth of the city with an intellectual and moral education. We embrace the Judeo-Christian ideals of respect for the rights and dignity of every person and each individual's responsibility for the world in which we live. We commit ourselves to create a climate patterned on the life and teaching of Jesus Christ as embodied in the traditions and practices of the Roman Catholic Church. Our community, which comprises members of many faiths, strives for an openness which is "wholly directed to all that is true, all that deserves respect, all that is honest, pure, admirable, decent, virtuous, or worthy of praise" (Philippians 4:8). Thus, the university is a place where the Church reflects upon itself and the world as it engages in dialogue with other religious traditions.

St. John's is a Vincentian university, inspired by St. Vincent de Paul's compassion and zeal for service. We strive to provide excellent education for all people, especially those lacking economic, physical, or social advantages. Community service programs combine with reflective learning to enlarge the classroom experience. Wherever possible, we devote our intellectual and physical resources to search out the causes of poverty and social injustice and to encourage solutions which are adaptable, effective, and concrete. In the Vincentian tradition, we seek to foster a world view and to further efforts toward global harmony and development by creating an atmosphere in which all may imbibe and embody the spirit of compassionate concern for others so characteristic of Vincent.

St. John's is a metropolitan and global university. As a metropolitan university, we benefit from New York City's cultural diversity, its intellectual and artistic resources, and its unique professional educational opportunities. With this richness comes responsibility. We encourage the metropolitan community to use our resources to serve its needs. As a global university, we are one of our nation's most diverse institutions of higher education, enriched by a mixture of cultures, which complements an internationalized curriculum. Through collaboration with other institutions around the world, study abroad opportunities, and online courses and degrees, our outreach spans the globe. In educating students we pledge to foster those qualities needed for our alumni to become effective leaders and responsible citizens in a vibrant city and dynamic world.

# ORDER OF ACADEMIC PROCESSION

## Grand Marshal and Bearer of Mace

**Katherine Czado Aquino, Ph.D.**

*Assistant Professor*

*Department of Administration and Instructional Leadership*

*The School of Education*

*St. John's University*

## Student Marshal

**Chassity Renee James**

*Candidate, Master of Science in Education*

*The School of Education*

*Class of 2022*

## Degree Candidates

### Faculty Marshal

**Stephen Kotok, Ph.D.**

*Assistant Professor*

*Department of Administration and Instructional Leadership*

*The School of Education*

*St. John's University*

## Faculty and Administration

### President's Society

### Board of Trustees

### Ceremony Speaker

### Dean

### Provost

### President

# Commencement Program

## **PRESIDING**

**Rev. Brian J. Shanley, O.P., Ph.D.**  
*President*  
*St. John's University*

## **MUSICAL PRELUDE**

**Cosmopolitan Brass Quintet**

## **TRUMPET ANNOUNCEMENT**

## **PROCESSIONAL\***

**Cosmopolitan Brass Quintet**

## **MISTRESS OF CEREMONIES**

## **OPENING OF CEREMONY**

**Gina Cicco '97NDC, '00GEd, '07Ed.D.**  
*Associate Professor, Department of Counselor Education, and*  
*Associate Dean, Staten Island Campus*  
*The School of Education*  
*St. John's University*

## **THE NATIONAL ANTHEM**

**Anna Fitzpatrick '21Ed**  
*Candidate, Master of Science in Education*  
*The School of Education*  
*Class of 2022*

## **INVOCATION**

**Bro. Michael Sheerin, F.M.S.**  
*Campus Minister for Faith Formation and Leadership*  
*Office of University Ministry*  
*St. John's University*

## **DEAN'S REMARKS**

**Aliya E. Holmes, Ph.D.**  
*Interim Dean and Associate Professor*  
*Department of Curriculum and Instruction*  
*The School of Education*  
*St. John's University*

## **CEREMONY ADDRESS**

**Fino M. Celano '09Ed.D.**  
*Superintendent of Schools*  
*Herricks Public Schools*

## **RECOGNITION OF ACADEMIC DEANS AND FACULTY**

**Gina Cicco '97NDC, '00GEd, '07Ed.D.**  
*Associate Professor, Department of Counselor Education, and*  
*Associate Dean, Staten Island Campus*  
*The School of Education*

## **PRESENTATION OF THE DR. GENE GEISERT OUTSTANDING DISSERTATION AWARD**

**Catherine C. DiMartino, Ph.D.**  
*Chair and Associate Professor*  
*Department of Administrative and Instructional Leadership*  
*The School of Education*  
*St. John's University*

## RECIPIENTS OF THE DR. GENE GEISERT OUTSTANDING DISSERTATION AWARD

**Robert E. Cortes**

*Candidate, Doctor of Education  
The School of Education  
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**Amina K. Gordon '22Ed.D.**

*The School of Education*

**Jessica T. Williams**

*Candidate, Doctor of Education  
The School of Education  
Class of 2022*

## PRESENTATION OF THE OUTSTANDING DISSERTATION AWARD IN LITERACY

**Ekaterina Midgett, Ph.D.**

*Associate Professor and Program Coordinator of Ph.D. Literacy Program  
Department of Education Specialties  
The School of Education  
St. John's University*

## RECIPIENT OF THE OUTSTANDING DISSERTATION AWARD IN LITERACY

**Anne Gill '22Ph.D.**

*The School of Education*

## PRESENTATION OF THE INSTITUTE OF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON DISSERTATION AWARD IN INSTRUCTIONAL LEADERSHIP

**Margaret Moss, MEd**

*Director, Institute for Catholic Schools  
St. John's University*

## RECIPIENT OF THE INSTITUTE OF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON DISSERTATION AWARD IN INSTRUCTIONAL LEADERSHIP

**Sr. Agnes Tram Nguyen, I.H.M. '22Ed.D.**

*The School of Education*

## DOCTORAL ADDRESS

**Sharod L. Tomlinson**

*Candidate, Doctor of Education  
The School of Education  
Class of 2022*

## CERTIFICATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES EARNED IN COURSE

**Simon G. Møller, Ph.D.**

*Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs  
Office of the Provost  
St. John's University*

## CONFERRAL OF DEGREES

**Rev. Brian J. Shanley, O.P., Ph.D.**

*President*

## PRESENTATION OF GRADUATES FOR DEGREES EARNED IN COURSE

**Simon G. Møller, Ph.D.**

*Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs  
Office of the Provost*

## READING OF GRADUATE NAMES

## CLOSING OF CEREMONY

**Gina Cicco '97NDC, '00GEd, '07Ed.D.**

*Associate Professor, Department of Counselor Education, and  
Associate Dean, Staten Island Campus  
The School of Education*

## BENEDICTION

**Rev. Bernard M. Tracey, C.M. '70C**

*Executive Vice President for Mission  
Office of University Mission  
St. John's University*

## ST. JOHN'S ALMA MATER—"OLD ST. JOHN'S"

**Anna Fitzpatrick '21Ed**

*Candidate, Master of Science in Education  
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*Thy children here today, galore,  
Old St. John's! Our dear St. John's!  
And true will they be ever more,  
Old St. John's! Our dear St. John's!  
Thy colors bright, the Red and White,  
We'll wave aloft from morn 'til night,  
Victorious, we'll show our might,  
Old St. John's! Our dear St. John's!  
From fervent hearts we breathe our prayer,  
Old St. John's! Our dear St. John's!  
As we commend thee to His care,  
Old St. John's! Our dear St. John's!  
That He will guard thee by His might,  
And be thy shield in every fight,  
Thou champion of sacred rite,  
Old St. John's! Our dear St. John's!*

*Words by Rev. Carroll S. Rosensteel, C.M., and Rev. Thomas F. Ryan, C.M.*

## RECESSIONAL\*

**Cosmopolitan Brass Quintet**

\* The audience is requested to stand during the academic procession and to remain in place until all participants in the academic recession have left the area.

## COMMEMORATIVE PROGRAM

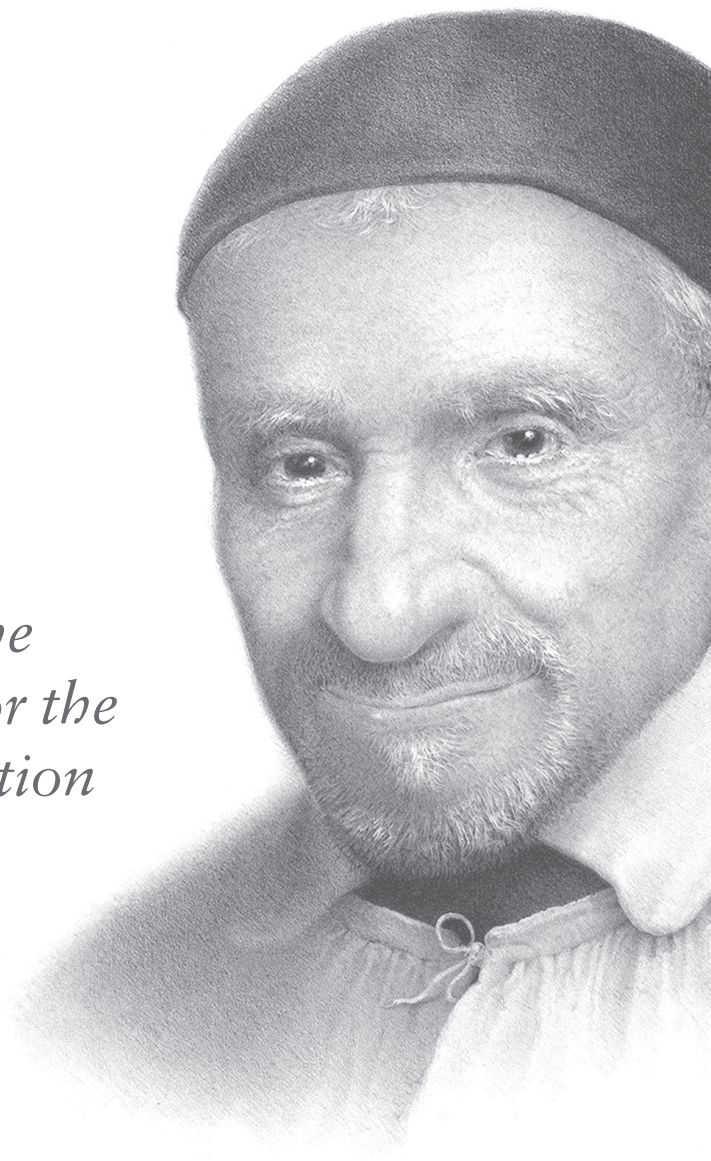
Thank you for attending St. John's University's The School of Education Graduate-Level Commencement Exercises. In keeping with the University's sustainability initiative, the University has produced this streamlined program for all guests of the ceremony to view online. Graduates will receive a commemorative program that includes a full list of graduate names when they pick up their diplomas.

## DIPLOMAS

Diplomas can be picked up from your dean's office beginning on Monday, July 18. Please call your dean's office beforehand; order date determines diploma availability.

St. John's University does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, or any other characteristic protected by law in its programs and activities. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the nondiscrimination policies: Danielle Haynes, Interim Director of Equal Opportunity and Compliance and Title IX Coordinator, Office of Human Resources, University Center, 8000 Utopia Parkway, Queens, New York 11439, 718-990-2660; haynesd1@stjohns.edu.

*“God makes use of the  
humblest servants for the  
extraordinary operation  
of His grace.”*



—St. Vincent de Paul  
Founder of the Vincentian Community