



ST. JOHN'S
UNIVERSITY

*Graduate-Level
Commencement Exercises*

The School of Education
The Peter J. Tobin College of Business

2022-2023

FRIDAY, MAY 19, 2023

4 P.M.

CARNESECCA ARENA, QUEENS CAMPUS

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

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

Student and Faculty Marshals

The School of Education

The Peter J. Tobin College of Business

Degree Candidates

The School of Education

The Peter J. Tobin College of Business

Faculty and Administration

President's Society

Board of Trustees

Ceremony Speaker

Deans

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

GRAND MARSHAL AND BEARER OF MACE

Mary Beth Schaefer, Ed.D., *Associate Professor*
Department of Curriculum and Instruction, The School of Education, St. John's University

OPENING OF CEREMONY

Simon G. Møller, Ph.D., *Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs*
St. John's University

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

Joseph Wisidagama, *Candidate, Bachelor of Science*
The Lesley H. and William L. Collins College of Professional Studies, Class of 2023,
and Member, 2022–2023 President's Society

INVOCATION

Angela Seegel '98Ed, '04GEd, '17Ed.D., *Executive Director*
Vincentian Institute for Social Action, St. John's University

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS

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

CEREMONY ADDRESS

Linda S. Sanford '74Ed, '98HON, *Senior Vice President (Retired), IBM Corporation, and*
Board Emerita, St. John's University

RECOGNITION OF ACADEMIC DEANS AND FACULTY

Simon G. Møller, Ph.D., *Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs*

**PRESENTATION OF THE DR. GENE GEISERT OUTSTANDING DISSERTATION AWARD,
OUTSTANDING DISSERTATION AWARD IN LITERACY, AND INSTITUTE FOR
CATHOLIC SCHOOLS, ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON DISSERTATION AWARD IN
INSTRUCTIONAL LEADERSHIP**

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

RECIPIENTS OF THE DR. GENE GEISERT OUTSTANDING DISSERTATION AWARD

Rong Hu, *Candidate, Doctor of Education, The School of Education, Class of 2023*

Mayulie Luciano, *Candidate, Doctor of Education, The School of Education, Class of 2023*

RECIPIENT OF THE OUTSTANDING DISSERTATION AWARD IN LITERACY

Kelly Downing '23Ph.D., *The School of Education*

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

Father Jude Zimoha, *Candidate, Doctor of Education,
The School of Education, Class of 2023*

CERTIFICATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES EARNED IN COURSE

Simon G. Møller, Ph.D., *Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs*

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*

DEANS OF THE SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES OF THE UNIVERSITY

James D. Wolfinger, Ph.D., *The School of Education*

Noreen R. Sharpe, Ph.D., *The Peter J. Tobin College of Business*

FACULTY MARSHALS OF THE SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES OF THE UNIVERSITY

Sandra Schamroth Abrams, Ph.D., *Professor, Department of Curriculum
and Instruction, The School of Education*

Iris Mohr, Ph.D., *Associate Professor, Department of Marketing,
The Peter J. Tobin College of Business*

STUDENT MARSHALS OF THE SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES OF THE UNIVERSITY

Grace Pigott, *The School of Education*

Allison F. DiPaolo, *The Peter J. Tobin College of Business*

READING OF GRADUATE NAMES

The School of Education

The Peter J. Tobin College of Business

CLOSING OF CEREMONY

Simon G. Møller, Ph.D., *Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs*

BENEDICTION

Rev. Aidan R. Rooney, C.M., M.Div., M.Th. '78NDC

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

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

Joseph Wisidagama, *Candidate, Bachelor of Science,
The Lesley H. and William L. Collins College of Professional Studies,
Class of 2023, and Member, 2022–2023 President's Society*

*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 the Graduate-Level Commencement Exercises. In keeping with St. John's University's sustainability initiative, this streamlined program has been produced for all guests of the ceremony to view online.

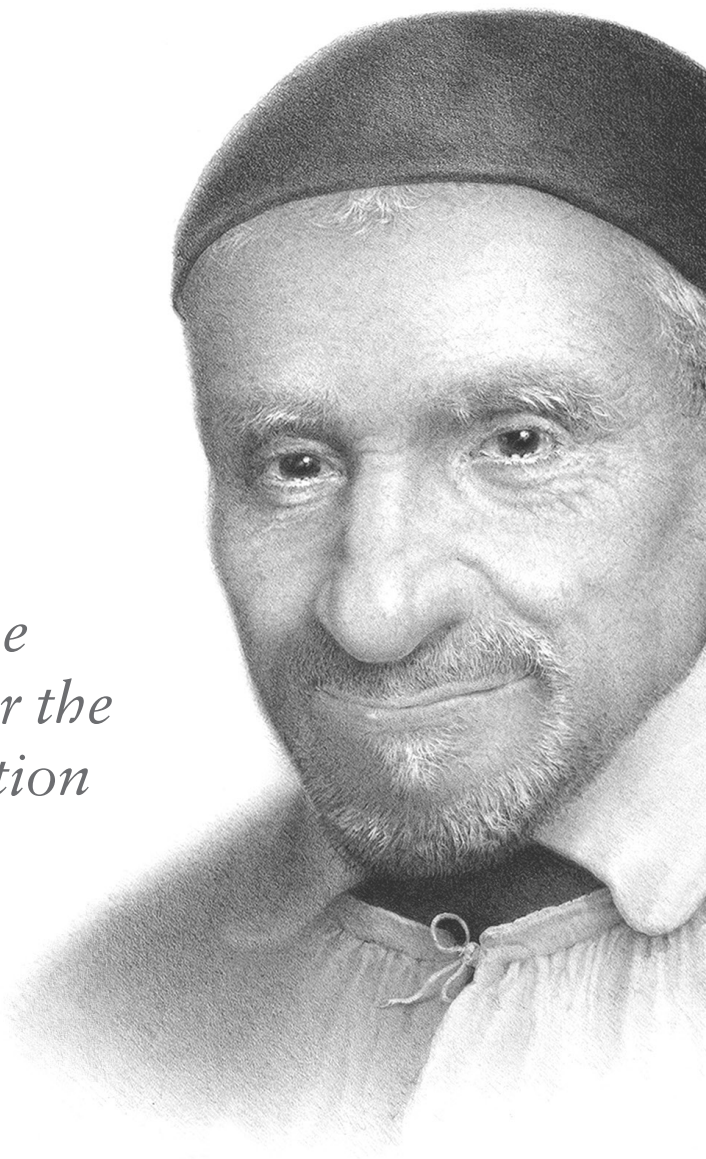
A digital commemorative program that includes a full list of graduate names will be available for graduates and their families and friends to view, print, or download by visiting the Commencement section of the University's website starting on Monday, June 26.

DIPLOMAS

Diplomas will be available after Friday, July 14, depending on the date the diploma was ordered. Students should contact their dean's office for more information.

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, Director of Equal Opportunity and Compliance and Title IX Coordinator, Office of Human Resources, University Center, 8000 Utopia Parkway, Queens, New York 11439, 718-990-1865, press 4; 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