Staten Island

COMMEMORATIVE BOOK

2020-2021
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.

Dear St. John's Graduate,

On behalf of the faculty, administration, and staff of St. John's University, we are delighted to offer our warmest congratulations on your graduation. You can take pride in knowing that, by earning your degree, you bring your years of study and hard work to a successful conclusion. Today, as you join the ranks of our more than 190,000 St. John's alumni, you also become a permanent and proud member of the St. John's family.

We hope that the knowledge and skills you have acquired will enable you to enjoy great personal and professional success. We hope that you practice the University's Vincentian mission of service and caring for those less fortunate. Such compassionate concern both enriches your own life and, indeed, makes the world a better place.

The friendships and professional relationships you have developed during your years at St. John's will remain valuable assets to draw upon as you begin your career. As a lifelong member of our University community, you are encouraged to visit campus often to participate in the many alumni activities held throughout the year and to keep abreast of the continuing development of our programs and facilities. We are available should you require career counseling or assistance in pursuing additional academic opportunities or programs that engage your passion for learning.

Thank you for being a member of our St. John's University community. Please accept our very best wishes on your graduation, and be assured of our prayers for your continued success.

Sincerely,

Rev. Brian J. Shanley, O.P.
President

Simon G. Møller, Ph.D.
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs
Graduating Members of the 2020–2021 President’s Society

Amanda M. Belgrave ...............The Peter J. Tobin College of Business
Liam Benjamin .....................The Peter J. Tobin College of Business
Carisma S. Collins .....................The Lesley H. and William L. Collins College of Professional Studies
Emily D’Alessandro ...............The School of Education
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Harrison B. Harvey ...............The Peter J. Tobin College of Business
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Matthew Kirschenheiter .........The School of Education
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Teresa Neri .........................The School of Education
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Ainsley Sonnier .....................The Peter J. Tobin College of Business
Ryan M. Vent .....................The Peter J. Tobin College of Business
Kayley Wood .........................The Peter J. Tobin College of Business
Mary Antonia Zouvelos .............The Lesley H. and William L. Collins College of Professional Studies
Candidates for Degrees

September 2020

The Degree of Bachelor of Arts

Jenna Said, summa cum laude
Schaddai Sosa
Natalia Tomaszuk, summa cum laude

Kerrin E. Woll, summa cum laude
Mariam Zakhary

The Degree of Bachelor of Science

Nicholas A. Siegel

January 2021

The Degree of Bachelor of Arts

Caitlin M. Carr
Rebecca Konstantinidis
Madyisen Martino, cum laude
Chiara P. Mauro ♦
Chelsea Nicholson, summa cum laude

Alanna Saponaro, magna cum laude
Ciara R. Savitsky, magna cum laude
Elizabeth M. Snoor
Christopher T. VanHouten

The Degree of Bachelor of Science

Nina M. Bogat, cum laude
May 2021

The Degree of Bachelor of Arts

Victoria A. Aiello
Nicholas D. Alvarez
Diana Arena, summa cum laude
Brynn Batiancela, magna cum laude
Elise O. Brockenberry, magna cum laude
Amanda Calafiore, cum laude
Laura N. Christophersen
Josephine A. Comitini, magna cum laude
Thomas J. DeAngelis, cum laude
Jacqueline DeCarluccio, cum laude
Amanda DeFilippo
Taylor Defilippo
Marta Drzal, magna cum laude
John M. Fanizzi, cum laude
Dominique Ferrisi, summa cum laude
Jenna Fiordimondo, summa cum laude
Nicole Fitzpatrick, summa cum laude
(Shield Medal)
Deandra Foti
Yulianna Gavshyna, cum laude
Alexandra Grisanti, summa cum laude
Chioma Ifewy, magna cum laude
Nicolete Jimenez, cum laude
Natalie I. LaCognata, summa cum laude
Jenny Lau, cum laude
Ashton Leavy
Jacqueline M. Lepore, magna cum laude
Alyssa Macaluso, magna cum laude
Corrin R. Mahoney, magna cum laude

Boriana Murquenski, cum laude
Jillian Mazzone, cum laude
Kacie L. McAlarney
Kelly L. McGowan, magna cum laude
Casey L. Morales
Arpit K. Nagra, summa cum laude
Outstanding Student Achievement Medal
(Gold Medal)
Catherine Napoli, magna cum laude
Michael A. O’Brien, cum laude
Erin E. Oldmixon, cum laude
Deena H. Othman, cum laude
Joseph P. Pellrine, magna cum laude (Silver Medal)
Kathryn Principato, summa cum laude
Jamie Quinzi, magna cum laude
Liana Siebel, summa cum laude
(Bronze Medal)
Jennifer Tenuto, summa cum laude
(Bronze Medal)
Julia Timpone, summa cum laude
Santo J. Tiralosi, magna cum laude (Bronze Medal)
S. M. Trantino, magna cum laude
Rossana Valente, magna cum laude
Liridona Vata, summa cum laude
(Gold Medal)
Francesca L. Vultaggio, summa cum laude
Nancyrose Willis
Alexa Zieris, cum laude

The Degree of Bachelor of Science

Anthony J. Cantore, cum laude
Paul A. Kukhar, magna cum laude
Cindy Muso, magna cum laude

Lala K. Ndoo, cum laude
Elijah M. Rivera, cum laude
Robert S. Schiano, magna cum laude

The Degree of Associate in Arts

Christina M. Verrilli
The School of Education

Candidates for Degrees

September 2020

The Degree of Bachelor of Science in Education

Jenna J. Else, magna cum laude
Kaila V. Foy, cum laude

Robert A. Grant
Michele Seidenfaden, cum laude

January 2021

The Degree of Master of Science in Education

Jasmine Cira
Angela T. Crowley

Francesca C. Scarmato

May 2021

The Degree of Master of Science in Education

Erica M. Catalano †
Taylor N. Chico
Jessica Christian
Christopher J. Cucuzza
Samantha Cucuzza
Lexi M. Darcy †
Olivia Datello †
Regina DiCarlo
Ariana M. Didonato
Jenna J. Else
Katelyn A. Feminella
Kaila V. Foy †
Adriana L. Guarino
Gina M. Mariano
Jenna R. Marrazzo †
Julia M. Milisci
Ashleigh Molinaro †
Christina A. Napoli
Samantha M. O'Leary
Alexandra K. Pagano
Megan A. Parente †
Jennifer H. Policastro
Joey Lynn Rasile
Barbara A. Ruggiero †
Diana M. Sanfelice
Marianna Scaringella
Michele Seidenfaden †
Stephanie Silva
Monica B. Suggs
Amanda R. Thompson †
Giulia Vecchio-Santiago †
Kelsey Wuensch †

†Graduate Certificate of Excellence  ♦Honors Program  *McNair Scholar  ◆Ozanam Scholar  ☀Catholic Scholar
The Degree of Bachelor of Science in Education

Nicolette N. Alcamo, magna cum laude
Tabitha Amato, cum laude ♦
Nikki M. Bivona, cum laude
Olivia Bivona, summa cum laude
Gabriella Brandofino, cum laude
Kimberly C. Cammarata, summa cum laude
Lauradonna Catanzaro, magna cum laude
Daniella M. DiStefano, magna cum laude
Nicole M. Fallon, summa cum laude (Silver Medal)
Daniella Galifi, magna cum laude
Christopher M. Ghiraldi
Madison T. Guerise, cum laude
Noelia Martinez
Amanda R. Monaco, cum laude
Kristen G. O’Byrne, summa cum laude (Gold Medal)
Vanessa M. Perfidio, cum laude
Alfred F. Romani, summa cum laude ♦ (Bronze Medal)
Alyssa K. Sabatino, cum laude
Sabrina M. Schauder, magna cum laude
Kaleigh Slizewski, cum laude
Victoria R. Ursini, magna cum laude
Kaitlyn A. Valentino, cum laude
Candidates for Degrees

**September 2020**

*The Degree of Bachelor of Science*

- Thomas J. Auletti
- Robert G. Gyurindak
- Vincent A. Pulcrano

*The Degree of Master of Science*

- Michael J. McManus

**January 2021**

*The Degree of Master of Science*

- Matthew J. Barone
- Joseph D. Magiera
- Ian A. Murphy, *cum laude*
- Lillian Samuel

*The Degree of Bachelor of Science*

- Ian A. Murphy, *cum laude*
- Lillian Samuel

**May 2021**

*The Degree of Master of Science*

- Paul Bajada
- Tony T. Balyan
- Joseph Bertone
- Thomas P. Bonviso
- Randy Briscoe
- Noah Canderozzi
- John J. Castellane
- Joseph A. Cavalcante
- Matthew J. Dambakly
- Joseph W. Dimeo
- Bjondina Duka
- Alexander Figueroa
- Christopher M. Filippides
- Michael T. Giudice
- Lauren Gonzalez
- Sara G. Gottlieb
- Robert G. Gyurindak
- Nicholas N. Hindy
- Robert D. Jones
- Shahannah Z. Karim
- Brenda Kien
- Nicholas S. Konoiko
- Samantha P. Leax
- Julianne Marsala
The Degree of Master of Science (continued)

Anthony F. Molinaro
Joseph P. Neville
Dana-Marie Nickolauk
Alexa R. Portaro
John Privracky
Giovanni M. Rizzo

The Degree of Bachelor of Science

Danielle F. Baudanza
Steven A. Brion
Vincent Robert E. Browne, magna cum laude
Nicholas P. Colletti, cum laude
Thomas J. Cronin
Nicholas C. Damiano, summa cum laude ♦
(Gold Medal)
Matthew Damico
Alexander J. DeAngelis
Daniel B. DeSena
Bryan A. Elliott, cum laude
Joshua Fernandez ♦
Christopher M. Festa, summa cum laude ♦
David R. Gallo
Joseph N. Garda, cum laude
Antonio M. Genovese
Michael C. Gragnaniello, cum laude
Kevin F. Hine
Alexa Iacovino, summa cum laude
Brendan J. Mackey
Francis Maddalena
Nicholas R. Mangone
Virginia Martinez, cum laude
Jessica L. Martino
Robert McErlean
John M. Motisi, magna cum laude
Nadia A. Moustafa, summa cum laude

Sean K. Rodriguez
Thomas C. Smith
Nicole E. Thompson
Brandon M. Trefcer
Nicholas A. Zangrillo

Cindy Nikolla, cum laude
Michael C. Noone, magna cum laude
Joseph M. Orlando, summa cum laude ♦
(Gold Medal)
Alexander Ortiz Jr.
Vianna A. Passalacqua, magna cum laude
Frank A. Patalano
Burim Perasevic, summa cum laude
(Silver Medal)
Michael A. Petryczenko, cum laude
Brandon M. Przybyszewski, summa cum laude
Pietro F. Pugliese
Daniel U. Quattrocchi
Frank Rao
Samantha Salerno
Frank V. Scandaglia, cum laude
Daria A. Semisynova, summa cum laude
Kristen R. Simone
Paola Sosa, cum laude ♦
Nicole A. Spina, cum laude
Kaila M. Sweeney, cum laude ♦
Christian S. Talvy
Amanda Tortora, summa cum laude
(Bronze Medal)
Alexander J. Valdes
Charles V. Ventura
Michael R. Verrilli, cum laude
Candidates for Degrees

September 2020

The Degree of Bachelor of Science

William R. Devine
Gabriella Grieco, summa cum laude
Leandra P. Maida
Matthew P. Marciano

January 2021

The Degree of Master of Professional Studies

Brian D. Finn
Michael A. Napolitano
Alessandra Tormenia

The Degree of Bachelor of Science

John J. Albano
Peter N. Attina, cum laude
Victoria A. Baselice
Madeline E. Bradford, summa cum laude
Daniella N. Cangiano, magna cum laude
Kelly M. DiBenedetto
Samantha C. Ferrigno

Joseph F. Gardiner, magna cum laude
JiAnna M. Grace, magna cum laude
Jenna M. Kelly, cum laude
Matthew Marangelli
Arianna M. Mendez, cum laude
Juliette M. Niglio, summa cum laude

The Degree of Associate in Science

Joseph M. Vigilante

May 2021

The Degree of Master of Professional Studies

Christopher J. Bivetto
Nicholas M. Bocchino
Maryrose A. Caria

Kaysea L. Criscuolo
Caitlin J. Faustner
Elizabeth M. Munafo
The Degree of Master of Professional Studies (continued)

Matthew T. Nicholls
Janinka Ranasinghe
Nicole Sannino
Danielle R. Santora-Casuccio

Alison M. Taradash †
Mateo Velez
Gregory N. Zagorski

The Degree of Bachelor of Arts

Joseph A. Amato
Rosalia Pisicchio

Gina N. Tritto, cum laude

The Degree of Bachelor of Science

Matthew J. Agoncillo, cum laude
Zafirah A. Alli, cum laude
Peter J. Ammirati
Bryanna Y. Asakiewicz, magna cum laude
Luigi J. Attina
Joseph M. Bellomo
Gianna M. Bompartito, summa cum laude
Brian M. Borgersen, summa cum laude
Veronica L. Bulding, summa cum laude
Theresa L. Cambeis, cum laude ♦
Christopher J. Cammarata
John Colella
Nicolette Colella
Nicholas M. Conte
Tijanae D. Costanzo
Gabrielle Coudakis, cum laude
Frank M. Criscitelli
Mark A. DeMauro
Joseph J. Demonte, cum laude
Dominic A. Di Turi
Evan Didia
Joseph A. Favale, cum laude
Vincent H. Frunzi
Brian J. Gallagher, cum laude ♦
Joseph N. Garomo
Adrian J. Genao ♦
Christopher Giasi
Devin M. Gough, summa cum laude
Grace C. Harris, summa cum laude ♦
(Bronze Medal)
Tristan Herrera

Rebekka A. Hembrecht, magna cum laude ♦ ♦
Dean G. Iannuzzelli, summa cum laude
(Silver Medal)
Mathew A. Jelicks, magna cum laude
Tyler Johnson, magna cum laude
Stephanie A. Keane, summa cum laude ♦
(Gold Medal)
John F. Kelly, cum laude
Elizabeth R. Kline, summa cum laude
Nicole M. Knorr, magna cum laude
Francisco Lopez, summa cum laude
Matthew J. Marinario
Alessandra C. Musso, magna cum laude
Arianna R. Mutkoski, summa cum laude ♦
Nicholas R. Nacchio, magna cum laude
Teresa Naro, magna cum laude
John A. Pasquarello
Michael M. Percaccio, cum laude
Francesco Raddi
Matthew Rivera, magna cum laude
Donald Sanxhaku
Anthony J. Scanni
Nicholas V. Scimeca, cum laude
Deandrea M. Smith, summa cum laude
(Bronze Medal)
Ryan N. Soto
Christopher J. Struthers, cum laude
Megan E. Tompkins, cum laude
Dyl Ujkasevic
Joseph M. Venditti
Allen S. Zaychik

†Graduate Certificate of Excellence  ◆Honors Program  ♦McNair Scholar  ♦Ozanam Scholar  ♦Catholic Scholar
The Degree of Associate of Science

Matthew J. Comito
Lauren A. DelPriore
Julianna R. Maddalena

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**Academic Regalia**

The caps, gowns, and hoods worn at college and university functions date back to the Middle Ages. Monks and students of those days wore them to keep warm in the damp and drafty 12th-century castles and halls of learning.

The gown for the bachelor’s degree has a semi-stiff yoke; long, pleated front; and intricate shirring across the shoulders and back. It is primarily distinguished by its long, pointed sleeves.

The holder of a master’s degree wears a gown with the same yoke effect as the bachelor’s. The gown, however, is worn open, and the very long sleeve is squared and closed at the end, the forearm coming through a slit near the elbow.

The gown for the doctor’s degree is also worn open. It has broad velvet panels down the front and three velvet bars on the large, bell-like sleeves. This velvet trimming may be either black or the color distinctive of the field of learning to which the degree pertains.

Generally, all caps may be of serge or broadcloth. In addition, doctor’s caps may be of velvet and adorned by a gold tassel.

The hood gives color and distinction to the academic costume. The hood—a black shell-like affair of varying size for the three degrees and material to match the gown—is silk-lined, stressing the colors of the institution conferring the degree. The hood is then bordered with velvet of the color signifying the respective fields of learning.

The colors indicative of the various fields of learning are as follows:

- Arts, Letters, and Humanities ............ White
- Audiology .............................. Spruce Green
- Business Administration ............... Drab
- Education .............................. Light Blue
- Fine Arts .............................. Brown
- Law ...................................... Purple
- Library Science ......................... Lemon
- Pharmacy .............................. Olive Green
- Philosophy .............................. Dark Blue
- Public Health ......................... Salmon Pink
- Science .............................. Golden Yellow

It is important to note that the field of learning having prior mention in the conferment of a degree, and not the department governing the major work, determines the color that is proper for the velvet of the hood. The doctor of philosophy degree requires the dark blue velvet, irrespective of the major field. If more than one degree is held, the gown and hood of the highest degree are worn.
Alma Mater

“Old St. John’s”
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.
“God makes use of the humblest servants for the extraordinary operation of His grace.”

—St. Vincent de Paul

*Founder of the Vincentian community*

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