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COMMEMORATIVE BOOK

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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.

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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,

Brian J. Shanley, O.P.

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

Simon G. Møller, Ph.D.
Provost and Vice President for
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congratulations

College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences

Russell J. DiGate, Ph.D., *Dean*

Candidates for Degrees

September 2020

The Degree of Doctor of Philosophy

Jiayi Chen

"OIL/WATER NANOEMULSION
BIODISTRIBUTION IN MICE UPON
INTRAVENOUS ADMINISTRATION"

Jun Shao, Ph.D., Mentor

Prachi Jirwankar

"VAGINAL DELIVERY OF SALMON
CALCITONIN IN SELF-EMULSIFIED
NANOEMULSION"

Jun Shao, Ph.D., Mentor

Anirudh Jagannath Chintalapati †

"CHRONIC EXPOSURE TO OPIOIDS
DOWN-REGULATES GENOMIC HISTONE
MODIFICATIONS AND DISRUPTS STAT3
GENE EXPRESSION IN HUMAN INDUCED
PLURIPOTENT STEM CELLS"

Frank A. Barile, Ph.D., Mentor

Nishant Karadkhelkar

"CHEMICAL SYNTHESIS AND
EVALUATION OF AZOTOHELIN
ANALOGS AS ANTICANCER AGENTS
AND THEIR ABILITY TO REVERSE
ANTICANCER DRUG RESISTANCE"

Sabesan Yoganathan, Ph.D., Mentor

Alex Gauthier

"GAT107 IMPROVES SURVIVAL BY
ATTENUATING HYPEROXIA-COMPROMISED
HOST DEFENSE IN BACTERIAL CLEARANCE
IN THE LUNGS VIA ALLEVIATING THE
REDOX IMBALANCE IN MACROPHAGES"

Lin L. Mantell, M.D., Ph.D., Mentor

Shadi Mehraban

"THE PROINFLAMMATORY EFFECT
OF STRUCTURALLY ALTERED ELASTIC
FIBERS IN A HAMSTER MODEL OF
COPD EXACERBATION"

Jerome O. Cantor, M.D., Mentor

The Degree of Master of Science

Dhwani Ashish Mehta †

Yeqing Guan

The Degree of Doctor of Pharmacy (Six-Year Degree)

Jenny Cen
Edward Kim

Ju Seok Kim

January 2021

The Degree of Doctor of Philosophy

Kanyaphat Bunchongprasert †

“SELF-EMULSIFIED NANOEMULSION AS PERMEATION ENHANCER AND ITS APPLICATION FOR INTRANASAL DELIVERY OF INSULIN”

Jun Shao, Ph.D., Mentor

Ankit Soni

“DEVELOPMENT AND CHARACTERIZATION OF BILAYER ABUSE DETERRENT EXTENDED RELEASE TABLET USING VARIOUS MODEL DRUGS FOR OPIOIDS OVERDOSE CRISIS”

Senshang Lin, Ph.D., Mentor

Khusboo Jani

“FORMULATION OF TEMOZOLOMIDE LOADED MAGNETIC NANOPARTICLES: IN VIVO EVALUATION FOR GLIOBLASTOMA MULTIFORM”

Emilio Squillante, III, Ph.D., Mentor

Zhangjie Xi

“QBD APPROACH FOR DEVELOPMENT OF IVERMECTIN-LOADED GASTRO RETENTIVE SUSTAINED RELEASE TABLET AS MASS DRUG ADMINISTRATION FOR MALARIA TRANSMISSION CONTROL”

Senshang Lin, Ph.D., Mentor

Suvidha Menon

“PHARMACOLOGICAL EFFECTS OF EBSELEN AND OTHER NOVEL ORGANOSELENIUM COMPOUNDS IN VITRO AND IN THE MOUSE MODEL OF VULVOVAGINAL CANDIDIASIS”

Blase C. Billack, Ph.D., Mentor

The Degree of Master of Science

Feyisetan Beke

Snigdha Kantamneni †

Amanjot Kaur †

Brittany Lee

Dhwani Ashish Mehta

Amanda Sanabia

The Degree of Master of Science in Biological and Pharmaceutical Biotechnology

Brittany Lee

Amanda Sanabia

The Degree of Doctor of Pharmacy (Six-Year Degree)

Tsz Chau

Denise Cotter

Niyati Doshi

Corey Feig

William Hong

May 2021

The Degree of Doctor of Philosophy

Saif Alharthy

"THE ROLE OF TRANSCRIPTION FACTOR Nrf2 IN THE TOXICITY OF PERFLUOROOCCTANE SULFONATE (PFOS) AND PERFLUOROOCCTANOIC ACID (PFOA) IN VITRO AND IN VIVO IN WILDTYPE AND nrf2 DEFICIENT C57BL/6 MICE"

Diane Hardej, Ph.D., Mentor

Shrikant Barot

"INHIBITION OF GLYCOGEN CATABOLISM AS POTENTIAL TARGET TO TREAT HEPATOCELLULAR CARCINOMA"

Vikas V. Dukhande, Ph.D., Mentor

Yige Fu

"DEVELOPMENT OF NANOLIPOSOMES FOR THE TREATMENT OF BRAF V600E MUTATED PARENT AND VEMURAFENIB-RESISTANT MELANOMA"

Ketankumar D. Patel, Ph.D., Mentor

Neeraj Kaushal

"DOUBLE-COATED BIODEGRADABLE POLY(BUTYL CYANOACRYLATE) NANOPARTICULATE DELIVERY SYSTEMS FOR BRAIN TARGETING OF DOXORUBICIN VIA ORAL ADMINISTRATION"

Senshang Lin, Ph.D., Mentor

Hemanth Kumar Mamidi

"PREFORMULATION STUDIES FOR THE PREPARATION OF AMORPHOUS SOLID DISPERSIONS"

Bhagwan Rohera, Ph.D., Mentor

Vineela Parvathaneni

"EXPLORING EFFICACY OF AN ANTI-MALARIAL NANO MEDICINE IN NON-SMALL CELL LUNG CANCER TREATMENT"

Vivek Gupta, Ph.D., Mentor

Snehal Shukla †

"PARTICLE SHAPE ENGINEERING FOR IMPROVED DRUG DELIVERY TO DEEP LUNGS BY NON-INVASIVE ROUTE"

Vivek Gupta, Ph.D., Mentor

Yue Zhang

"CISPLATIN INDUCES FIBROBLAST GROWTH FACTOR (Fgf) 21 VIA ACTIVATOR PROTEIN (AP)-1 SIGNALING TO RELIEVE ITS HEPATOTOXICITY"

Xingguo Cheng, Ph.D., Mentor

The Degree of Master of Science

Sai Akkineni
Deion Awah †
Kathryn Bozell
George Gu

Anming Mao
Young Eun Shin †
Andrea Sifuentes

The Degree of Master of Science in Biological and Pharmaceutical Biotechnology

Phoebe Bacchus
Shante Chatfield

Smruti Kalathia
Aiwen Wen

The Degree of Doctor of Pharmacy (Six-Year Degree)

Ahmed Abdelfatah
Morine Abdelmeseh
Carina Acosta, *summa cum laude*
Nazifa Ahmed, *cum laude*
Sumi Akther
Raja Ali, *cum laude*
Katrina Antonopoulos, *magna cum laude*
Joseph Anzalone, *cum laude*
Samantha Bacarella, *summa cum laude*
Oudit Balkaran, *magna cum laude*
Lizandei Bernardo
Catherine Bonacasa
Marissa Bowdler
Brooke Broczkowski, *magna cum laude*
Carol Bulakh
Ramiz Bulbul
Ali Can
Lisa Capriola, *cum laude*
Coryn Carrion
Taylor Chafouleas
Amanda Chan
Seoung Jun Chang, *cum laude*
Andy Chau, *cum laude*
Daniel Chauca
Sabrina Chen, *cum laude*
Ting Chen, *magna cum laude*
Joel Cheung
Stephanie Cheung, *magna cum laude*
Labeeb Choudhury
Shafat Choudhury
Marjahan Chowdhury
Mehnaz Chowdhury
Dominick Collura, *magna cum laude*
Gina Costante
Jennifer Cui, *cum laude*
Lisa Davis

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Paige Dennis
Daniel Dimitraskovic Jankovic, *magna cum laude*
Stephanie Dinh
Christina Doherty
Shea Dorsey, *magna cum laude*
Mark El Menyewi
Mohamed Fathelbab
Joana Feng, *cum laude*
Hannah Filuta, *magna cum laude*
Tara Franco, *magna cum laude*
Danielle Friedman
Vienica Funtanilla
Katherine Gabriel
Tobias Gao
Joseph Gasparini
Rinson George
Sharon George
Roza Giannakopoulos, *cum laude*
James Gorman
Sona Goswami, *cum laude*
Carolina Guerreiro
June Guo
Ji Yeon Ha, *cum laude*
Sin Sil Ha, *summa cum laude*
Mason Hakimi
Miriam Hegazy, *cum laude*
Salma Hewady, *cum laude*
Sungeun Hong
Sylvia Hong, *summa cum laude*
Kazi Hossain, *cum laude*
Mahir Hossain
Michelle Huang, *cum laude*
Ricky Huang
Adriana Hudson
Ran Hur, *magna cum laude*

The Degree of Doctor of Pharmacy (Six-Year Degree) - continued

Almas Hussain
Rawan Hussein
Bavly Ibrhim
Ryma Iftikhar
Anila Islam, *cum laude*
Fahim Islam
Sharmin Islam
Keziah Jacob
Sophia Jen
Michal Kaczynski, *cum laude*
Lukhpreet Kaur, *magna cum laude*
Donna Khalou, *cum laude*
Rihana Khan
Syed Khan
Lotifun Khandaker
Dukhyun Kim
Jenny Kim
Yuri Kim
David Ko
Ju Song Koag
Tobin Kuriakose
Salvatore Larussa
Alexandra Lastella
Victoria Latchman
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Erica Layliev
Bonnie Lee
Darien Lee, *cum laude*
Kathy Lee
Sharon Lee, *summa cum laude*
Andrew Leung
Ashley Leung, *cum laude*
Peter Li
Charlie Liang
Connie Liang, *cum laude*
Andy Lim, *cum laude*
Emmelene Lim
Rommel Lima, *magna cum laude*
Andy Lin
Stacy Lin
Isabelle Litvak
Wingsze Liu, *cum laude*
Julianna Lombardo
Gianna Lopez, *cum laude*
Joshua Lozano
Scott Lutchman
Alexandra Maglaras
Vincenza Maiello, *cum laude*
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Eleni Maris, *cum laude*
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Chandler Martin
Joseph Martino, *cum laude*
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Orly Menasherov, *cum laude*
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Mah Noor
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Shane Persaud
Anna Phelps
Jackeline Pinkhasova, *cum laude*
Samantha Pistek
Bria Pratt
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Anan Rayn
Rachel Reis, *magna cum laude*
John Rosenboom
Diana Rosenkrantz

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Muaz Sadeia	Rhea Thomas
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Dhiviya Samuel, <i>cum laude</i>	Angeliki Tsoumpariotis
Noah Samuel	Naima Uddin
Preethi Samuel	Jennifer Vander, <i>magna cum laude</i>
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Odelia Shamashian, <i>magna cum laude</i>	Sophia Wong
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Habiba Sumi	Ada Zheng

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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.

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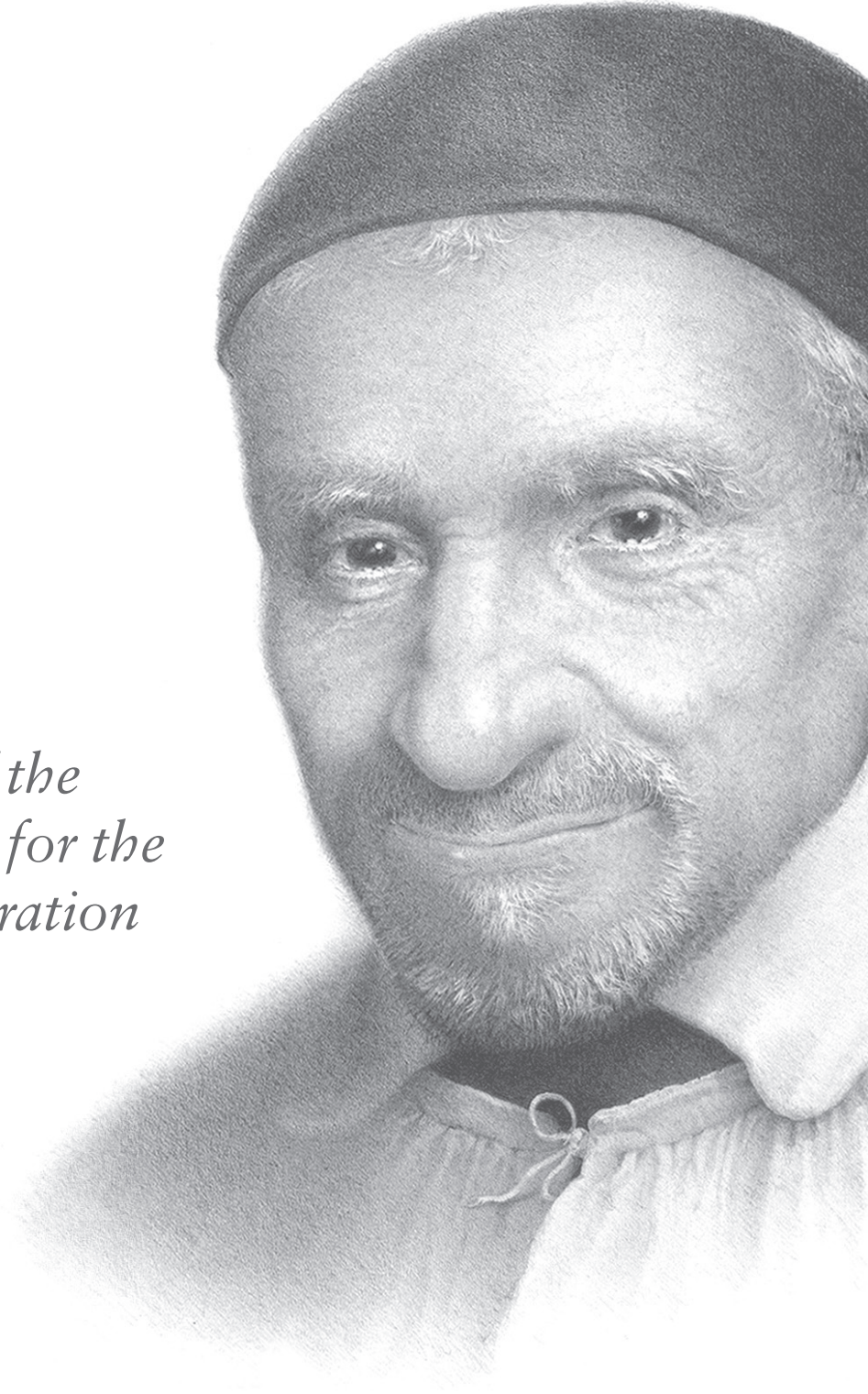
“OLD ST. JOHN’S”

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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