St. John’s University

Undergraduate-Level Commencement Exercise

Sunday, May 19, 2024
10 a.m.
Great Lawn
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.

This is the Mission Statement of St. John’s University, New York. It was approved by the Board of Trustees in December 1991 and modified and reapproved in March 1999, March 2008, and October 2015.
Order of Academic Procession

Grand Marshal and Bearer of Mace

Student and Faculty Marshals of the Schools and Colleges of the University

Degree Candidates of the Schools and Colleges of the University

  St. John’s College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
  The School of Education
  The Peter J. Tobin College of Business
  College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences
  The Lesley H. and William L. Collins College of Professional Studies

Faculty of the Schools and Colleges of the University

President’s Society

Graduating Members of the President’s Society

University Leadership

Deans of the Schools and Colleges of the University

Provost

Board of Trustees

Honored Guests

President
Commencement Program

Presiding
Rev. Brian J. Shanley, O.P., Ph.D.
President
St. John’s University

Musical Prelude
Trumpet Announcement
Processional*
The Nassau Pops Wind Ensemble under the direction of Louis Panacciulli

Grand Marshal
Joan E. DeBello, Ed.D.
Chair and Associate Professor
Division of Computer Science, Mathematics, and Science
The Lesley H. and William L. Collins College of Professional Studies
St. John’s University

Opening of Ceremony
Simon G. Møller, Ph.D.
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs
St. John’s University

Presentation of Colors
St. John’s Army Reserve Officers’ Training Corps Battalion

The National Anthem
Lauren Wright
Candidate, Bachelor of Science
College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences
Class of 2024

Invocation
Executive Vice President for Mission
Office of University Mission
St. John’s University
Presidential Remarks
Rev. Brian J. Shanley, O.P., Ph.D.
President

Presentation of the Candidates for Honorary Degrees and the Reading of Citations
Simon G. Møller, Ph.D.
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

Conferral of the Degree of Doctor of Sacred Theology
upon
Most Reverend Robert J. Brennan ’84C
Bishop
Diocese of Brooklyn

Conferral of the Degree of Doctor of Laws
upon
Edward A. Caban ’89SVC
Commissioner
New York City Police Department

Conferral of the Degree of Doctor of Humane Letters
upon
Jim Ziolkowski
Founder, President, and Chief Executive Officer
buildOn

Commencement Address
Jim Ziolkowski
Founder, President, and Chief Executive Officer

Recognition of the Academic Deans and Faculty and Recognition of the Graduating Members of the United States Military
Simon G. Møller, Ph.D.
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

Recognition of the President’s Academic Gold Medals
Simon G. Møller, Ph.D.
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs
Presentation of the Vincentian Mission Awards
Executive Vice President for Mission

Presentation of the Outstanding Student Achievement Medals, Senior Class Gift, and Student Speaker
Sarah Jean Kelly, J.D.
Vice President for Student Success and Retention Strategy
St. John’s University

Student Address
Angelina Patrice Licor
Candidate, Bachelor of Science
St. John’s College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
Class of 2024

Recognition of the Graduating Members of the President’s Society
Nunziatina A. Manuli ’97MBA
Vice President, Chief of Staff, and University Secretary
Coordinator, President’s Society
Office of the President
St. John’s University

Graduating Members of the President’s Society
Cynthia Adebayo
St. John’s College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

Marlie Bien-Aimé
St. John’s College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

Daniel A. Chacko
The Peter J. Tobin College of Business

Grace Comas
The Peter J. Tobin College of Business

Emily B. Encalada
The Peter J. Tobin College of Business

Jianna J. Estevez
St. John’s College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

Rosanna Jiang
The Lesley H. and William L. Collins College of Professional Studies

Madison A. King
College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences

Angelica Kusnowo
The Peter J. Tobin College of Business
Jordan Mathis  
St. John’s College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

Hannah A. Mearns  
St. John’s College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

Sabrina Nardiello  
The Lesley H. and William L. Collins College of Professional Studies

Audrey Mary O’Connor  
St. John’s College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

Sullivan Donald Padgett  
St. John’s College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

Kate Reddin  
St. John’s College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

Ariana Brielle Robinson  
The Lesley H. and William L. Collins College of Professional Studies

Matthew Siegel  
The Peter J. Tobin College of Business

Jack Sullivan  
The Peter J. Tobin College of Business

Nicole Sutherland  
St. John’s College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

Eleonora Tosi  
St. John’s College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

Jennie M. Vosilla  
The Peter J. Tobin College of Business

Eric T. Weggeland  
The Peter J. Tobin College of Business

Lacy Skye Worrall  
St. John’s College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

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

Teresa Delgado, Ph.D.
St. John’s College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

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

Maciek Nowak, Ph.D.
The Peter J. Tobin College of Business

Anne Y. F. Lin ’84P, ’86Pharm.D., FNAP
College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences

Luca Iandoli, Ph.D.
The Lesley H. and William L. Collins College of Professional Studies

Faculty Marshals of the Schools and Colleges of the University

Javier Fernández Juárez, Ph.D., Assistant Professor
Department of Biological Sciences
St. John’s College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

Maria P. Mello, Ph.D., Assistant Professor
Department of Education Specialties
The School of Education

Sylvia D. Clark, Ph.D., Associate Professor
Department of Marketing
The Peter J. Tobin College of Business

Jennifer Chiu, Ed.D., Associate Professor/Industry Professional
Department of Health Professions
College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences

Francis Holland, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Theology and Assistant Chairperson,
Division of Humanities
The Lesley H. and William L. Collins College of Professional Studies

Student Marshals of the Schools and Colleges of the University

Angelina Patrice Licor, Candidate, Bachelor of Science
St. John’s College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

Thomas Blanc, Candidate, Bachelor of Science in Education
The School of Education

MaryKate Ames, Candidate, Bachelor of Science
The Peter J. Tobin College of Business

Lyndsay M. Mogland, Candidate, Bachelor of Science
College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences

Aqueena N. Alexander, Candidate, Bachelor of Science
The Lesley H. and William L. Collins College of Professional Studies
Reading of Graduate Names**

Closing of Ceremony
Simon G. Møller, Ph.D.
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

Benediction
Rev. Hugo Medellín, C.M. ’05C
University Chaplain
Office of University Mission
St. John’s University

St. John’s Alma Mater—“Old St. John’s”
Isha Nagpal
Candidate, Bachelor of Science
The Peter J. Tobin College of Business
Class of 2024

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.

Celebratory Confetti and Recessional*
The Nassau Pops Wind Ensemble

* 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.

** To ensure that the name of each graduate is heard, the audience is requested to refrain from prolonged applause. Graduate names will be scrolled on the large viewing screens as they are announced.
Commemorative Program

Thank you for attending the St. John’s University Undergraduate-Level Commencement Exercise. In keeping with the 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 24.

Diplomas

Diplomas will be available the week of July 15, depending on the order date. 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; actual or potential parental, family, or marital status; pregnancy and related conditions; 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, 8000 Utopia Parkway, Queens, NY 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