

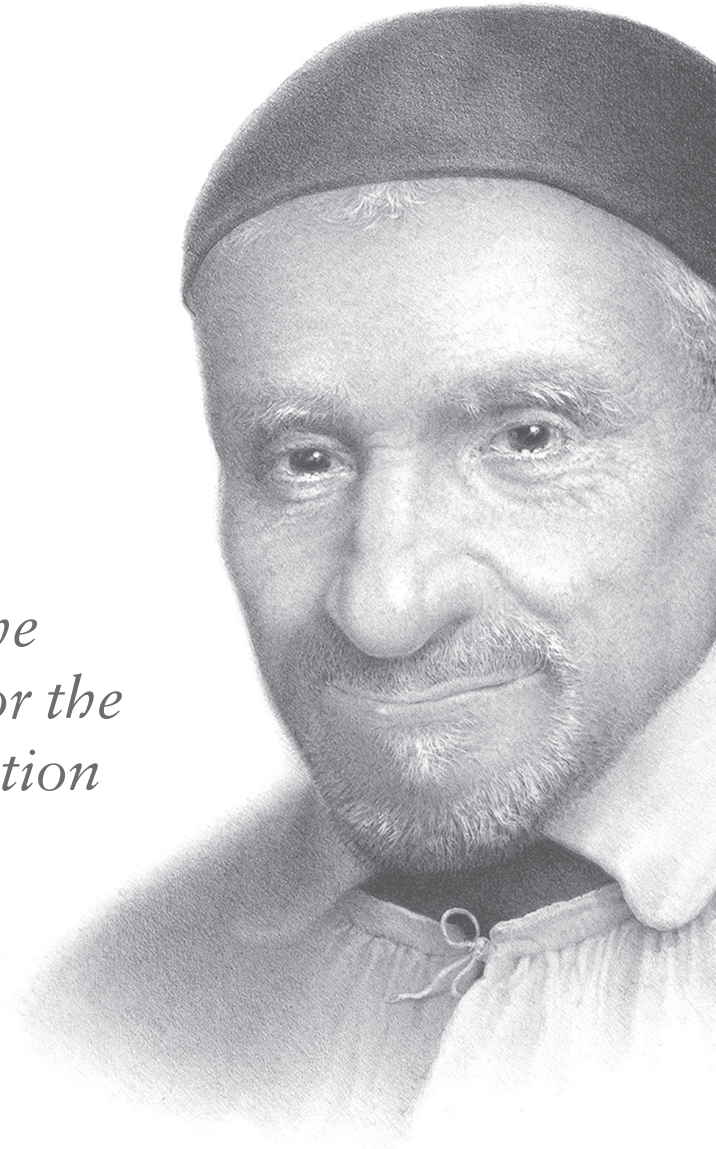
ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-SIXTH ACADEMIC YEAR



ST. JOHN'S
UNIVERSITY

2025-2026

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



—St. Vincent de Paul
Founder of the Vincentian Community

Graduate-Level Commencement Exercise

THE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION
THE PETER J. TOBIN COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

FRIDAY, MAY 15, 2026
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.

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

**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

Gina Cicco '97NDC, '00M.S.Ed., '07Ed.D., *Associate Professor and*
Coordinator for School Counseling Program, Department of Counselor Education
The School of Education
St. John's University

OPENING OF CEREMONY

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

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

Tanisha Guirand
Candidate, Master of Business Administration
The Peter J. Tobin College of Business
Class of 2026

INVOCATION

Rachel Burgos '21SJC, *Residence Campus Minister for Vincentian Outreach,*
Wellness, and Leadership
Office of Campus Ministry
St. John's University

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS

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

CEREMONY ADDRESS

Robert J. Adams '84CBA, '88M.B.A., *Executive Vice President,*
Chief Operating Officer, and Head of Operations and Services Group,
Fidelity Investments, and Member, Board of Trustees
St. John's University

RECOGNITION OF ACADEMIC DEANS AND FACULTY

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

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

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

RECIPIENT OF THE DR. GENE GEISERT OUTSTANDING DISSERTATION AWARD

Andrew Steven McIntosh '26Ed.D.

The School of Education
Class of 2026
and

Edward John Storck '26Ed.D.

The School of Education
Class of 2026

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

Gerard Buckley, *Candidate, Doctor of Education in Instructional Leadership*
The School of Education
Class of 20256

PRESENTATION OF THE OUTSTANDING DISSERTATION AWARD IN LITERACY

Olivia G. Stewart, Ph.D., *Associate Professor, Department of Education Specialties*
The School of Education
St. John's University

RECIPIENT OF THE OUTSTANDING DISSERTATION AWARD IN LITERACY

Lindsay K. McDermott '26Ph.D.

The School of Education
Class of 2026

PRESENTATION OF THE OUTSTANDING DISSERTATION AWARD IN CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

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

RECIPIENT OF THE OUTSTANDING DISSERTATION AWARD IN LITERACY

Jason S. Fuller '26Ph.D.

The School of Education
Class of 2026

CERTIFICATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES EARNED IN COURSE

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

DEANS OF THE SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES OF THE UNIVERSITY

James D. Wolfinger, Ph.D.

The School of Education

Maciek Nowak, Ph.D.

The Peter J. Tobin College of Business

FACULTY MARSHALS OF THE SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES OF THE UNIVERSITY

Seokhee Cho, Ph.D., *Professor, Department of Administrative and*

Instructional Leadership

The School of Education

John Angelidis, Ph.D., *Professor, Department of Management, Entrepreneurship,*

Consulting, and Operations (MECO)

The Peter J. Tobin College of Business

STUDENT MARSHALS OF THE SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES OF THE UNIVERSITY

Kalliopi Karydis

The School of Education

John Flemm

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 Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs*

BENEDICTION

Rev. Richard J. Rock, C.M., *Campus Minister for Athletics*

Office of Campus Ministry

St. John's University

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.

** 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 Graduate-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, and/or download by visiting the Commencement section of the University's website starting on Monday, June 22.

DIPLOMAS

Diplomas will be available the week of July 13, 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: Esther Hutchinson, Director of Equal Opportunity and Compliance and Title IX and Title VI Coordinator, Office of Human Resources, University Center, 8000 Utopia Parkway, Queens, New York 11439, 718-990-1488, press 4; hutchine@stjohns.edu.