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2019-2020
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, you are now among the more than 190,000 St. John’s alumni who are permanent and proud members 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 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,

Conrado “Bobby” Gempesaw, Ph.D.  
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“INVESTIGATION OF COMPACTION BEHAVIOR OF PHARMACEUTICAL POWDERS: AN ELUCIDATION BASED ON PERCOLATION THEORY”
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Heta Desai
“FORMULATION DEVELOPMENT, CYTOTOXICITY ASSESSMENT AND PERMEABILITY STUDIES OF SEDDS CONTAINING LONG-CHAIN LIPIDS”
Abu T. Serajuddin, Ph.D., Mentor

Yuan Le †
“SIGNALLING CHARACTERIZATION OF UP-REGULATION OF MOUSE AND HUMAN BILE SALT EXPORT PUMP (BSEP) EXPRESSION BY BERBERINE”
Xingguo Cheng, Ph.D., Mentor

Pavankumar Nukala
“DEVELOPMENT OF ABUSE DETERRENT FORMULATIONS USING HOT MELT EXTRUSION”
Ketan D. Patel, Ph.D., Mentor

Natalie Orie
“ESTABLISHING A MOUSE MODEL OF CUTANEOUS CANDIDIASIS FOR THE PURPOSE OF EVALUATING ANTIFUNGAL DRUG CANDIDATES”
Blase C. Billack, Ph.D., Mentor

Anuja Paprikar
“DEVELOPMENT, EVALUATION AND APPLICATION OF INSULIN SOLUTION AND FILM DOSAGE FORMS FOR SUBLINGUAL ADMINISTRATION”
Senshang Lin, Ph.D., Mentor

Xuwei Shao
“CHEMICAL SPACE EXPLORATION AROUND THIENO[3,2-d]PYRIMIDIN-4(3H)-ONE SCAFFOLD LED TO A NOVEL CLASS OF HIGHLY ACTIVE CLOSTRIDIUM DIFFICILE INHIBITORS”
Tanaji T. Talele, Ph.D., Mentor

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“INVESTIGATION OF DISSOLUTION AND DISPERSION BEHAVIOR OF RITONAVIR FROM AMORPHOUS SOLID DISPERSION”
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Huijing Zhuo
Obaid Zia
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Degree conferral for the May list is pending the successful completion of all degree requirements.
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. Carl 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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