

Staten Island

COMMEMORATIVE BOOK

2019-2020

# 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.

Mission Statement of St. John's University, New York. Approved by the Board of Trustees, December 1991. Modified and reapproved in March 1999, March 2008, and October 2015.



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.

President

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

Academic Affairs

### Graduating Members of the 2019–2020 President's Society

Taylormarie Capoziello............The Lesley H. and William L. Collins College of Professional Studies, Staten Island Celeste Alana Daniel . . . . . . . . . The Peter J. Tobin College of Business Elvira Garcia . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . The School of Education, Staten Island Daniel C. Haynes. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . The Lesley H. and William L. Collins College of Professional Studies Bethanie R. Jones ............The Lesley H. and William L. Collins College of Professional Studies, Staten Island Jordan Kamp ......St. John's College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Matthew D. Macatula . . . . . . . . The Lesley H. and William L. Collins College of Professional Studies Marlo Mitchell . . . . . . . . . . . . The Lesley H. and William L. Collins College of Professional Studies Thomas Moore . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . St. John's College of Liberal Arts and Sciences **Deven Rodriguez** . . . . . . . . . . . . The Peter J. Tobin College of Business Giselle Athena R. Rosario. . . . . . . The School of Education David Targett . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . The Peter J. Tobin College of Business Emily Sarah Morrissey Tovar . . . . . St. John's College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Nicholas E. Wunsch . . . . . . . . . The Peter J. Tobin College of Business Aarij Shakil Zubair . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . St. John's College of Liberal Arts and Sciences



## Class of September 2019

Jeffrey W. Fagen, Ph.D., Dean

### The Degree of Bachelor of Arts

Joseph E. Bellantuono

Jillian G. DeMarco

The Degree of Bachelor of Science

Karlo L. Arce

Peter McNamee, cum laude

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# Class of January 2020

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### The Degree of Bachelor of Arts

Sarah M. Alkhanbeshi Jennifer R. Dragoy Jordan A. Garrett Sarah Kahany Nicole R. Kaye, magna cum laude Marissa A. Oginsky Samantha M. Rizzo, magna cum laude Ciaris L. Rodriguez, summa cum laude ◆

### The Degree of Bachelor of Science

Thomas P. Ceci Joseph D. Morrone



Jeffrey W. Fagen, Ph.D., Dean

### The Degree of Bachelor of Arts

Majda Ahmetasevic Toluwalope M. Akintade, cum laude Amanda Aurilia, summa cum laude •

Odran Branley

Chelsea Breslin, cum laude

Matthew L. Bruzzese, cum laude

Victoria Burgarella, summa cum laude

Michael A. Callahan, summa cum laude ♦

Samantha M. Casella, cum laude

Angelica R. Chirco, magna cum laude

Natalie M. Ciavola

Kayla Marie Circolone, summa cum laude ♦

(Gold Medal)

Salissa Crespo, cum laude

Kayla Croner

Christina M. Cullen, cum laude

Alexis Dada

Francesca Del Maestro, summa cum laude •

Cassandra Devine

Amanda R. DiBerardino

Gabriella Dominguez

Samantha Esposito, magna cum laude

Mikayla A. Fiumano

Allison R. Gass, magna cum laude ♦

Marlene George, summa cum laude ♦

Theresa L. Giambanco

Gianna Giaquinto, magna cum laude

Brianna Gravagna

Hayley M. Hancock, summa cum laude

Juline M. Hanna, summa cum laude ♦

Kayla L. Ilund, magna cum laude

Gabriella M. Imperato, magna cum laude

Brianna-Marie A. Joerger, magna cum laude •

Nicolette T. Johnston, magna cum laude

Brendan J. Kain, summa cum laude

Matthew J. Kramer

Kyrene J. Le

Amanda Lowery, summa cum laude

Alexandra Macri, magna cum laude

Mia A. Marcucilli, magna cum laude •

Allison J. McGarvey, magna cum laude 🛧

Marisa N. Milone, magna cum laude

Alexandra Monaco

Alyssa Mustacchia, summa cum laude •

**Emine Nalbat** 

Angelica Orzillo, magna cum laude

Amanda Pluchino, cum laude

Jessica T. Reneri, magna cum laude

Amanda M. Seaman, cum laude

Alyssa C. Solari

Madison L. Spinelli

Liana J. Sprance

Amanda R. Susi

Gwyneth Swinburne, summa cum laude ♦❖

Vivian L. Terziario, cum laude

Gia Tilatitsky, summa cum laude

Sara Trepca, summa cum laude ♦

(Bronze Medal)

Dina M. Tsimaras, summa cum laude •

(Silver Medal)

★ Catholic Scholar



# Class of May 2020 Jeffrey W. Fagen, Ph.D., Dean

### The Degree of Bachelor of Science

Keegan L. Chaney, summa cum laude Matthew F. Cipriani, magna cum laude George E. Dunphy Matthew Gissi, magna cum laude ◆ Mutasim Mim, summa cum laude ♦ Yuriy Shkvarok Dorian Vejuka Khalil Wood



# Class of January 2020

David L. Bell, Ed.D., Dean

### The Degree of Master of Science in Education

Robert J. Cammarata Christine N. Cormican

Meaghan Denesopolis Francesca DiCanio

♦Honors Program



David L. Bell, Ed.D., Dean

### The Degree of Master of Science in Education

Gabrielle M. Adinolfi †
Jeanette V. Alvarez
Nicole J. Breslow
Teresa M. Cannon †
Sophie W. Cheung
Priscilla M. Cicero
Brendan Clancy
Alexandra Conanan
Ellen M. Copeland
Salina Cruz
AnnaMaria Demonte †

Deanna L. DiGiallonardo Jessica Fiorentino Amber N. Guzzo † Sabrina A. Huie Tkeyah M. Kennedy Tiffany A. Muscio † Matthew D. Newberry Victoria L. Reinhardt Alexandra Sillaro Gabrielle L. Vega †



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The Degree of Bachelor of Science in Education

Michael Rangel ♦

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# Class of January 2020 David L. Bell, Ed.D., Dean

The Degree of Bachelor of Science in Education

Priscilla M. Cicero



David L. Bell, Ed.D., Dean

### The Degree of Bachelor of Science in Education

Albert A. Buchholz, summa cum laude ◆
Erica M. Catalano, summa cum laude
Lexi M. Darcy, summa cum laude,
 (Silver Medal)
Ariana M. Didonato, cum laude
Joey C. Eskenazi, summa cum laude
Gianna N. Federico, magna cum laude ♣
Katelyn A. Feminella
Erika Franchi, summa cum laude
Elvira Garcia, magna cum laude ♣
Adriana L. Guarino, magna cum laude
Anthony V. Guglielmo, magna cum laude
Juliette Lippo
Jenna R. Marrazzo, summa cum laude

Julia M. Milisci, cum laude
Ashleigh Molinaro, cum laude
Samantha M. O'Leary, magna cum laude
Jocelyn Parra, magna cum laude
Lucia R. Piatkowski, summa cum laude ◆
(Bronze Medal)
Jennifer H. Policastri, summa cum laude
Rabah A. Rabah
Joey Lynn Rasile, summa cum laude
Barbara A. Ruggiero, magna cum laude
Marianna Scaringella, cum laude
Monica B. Suggs, cum laude
Amanda R. Thompson, summa cum laude
(Gold Medal)

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Norean R. Sharpe, Ph.D., Dean

### The Degree of Master of Science

Danniel V. Acosta Vincent J. Amoia Tyler J. Bruce Thomas N. Caiazzo Megan Chadwick Desiree N. Ciccone Christine M. Connors Manpreet Dhillon Leah DiSpirito Nicolas J. Donadio Dominique G. Fisichella William R. Gunderson Jake M. Larsen Samantha M. Mancato Michael C. Mascarelli † Joselyn Matamoros Amneek K. Nagra John J. Struthers Konstantine T. Tettonis Leonard H. Tusa Joseph R. Vann Salvatore A. Vecchione



# Class of January 2020

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### The Degree of Bachelor of Science

Chase C. Lemma Vincent Palmisano Fernando A. Placencia

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### The Degree of Bachelor of Science

Alan V. Abramzon

Joseph Acri

Rickey J. Affronti

Derrik Ajay, magna cum laude

Spiro A. Andrianos

Michael P. Assenza

Paul V. Bajada

Tony T. Balyan, cum laude

**Deion Barnes** 

John V. Bartocci

Joseph Bertone ♦

Justin P. Blank

Salvatore V. Bommarito

Thomas P. Bonviso, cum laude

Randy Briscoe

Gabriella Camilleri

Noah Canderozzi

John J. Castellane

Joseph A. Cavalcante

Briana Ciechalski, magna cum laude

Thomas C. Coluccio, cum laude

Nicolette Comello

Charles F. Corrado

Connor J. Creagh

Anthony Cunsolo

Matthew J. Dambakly

Jordyn D'Amico

Frederick L. Davis

Chrysovalanti M. Demetriades

Sabrina W. DiGennaro, magna cum laude

Joseph W. Dimeo

Danielle M. Drugan

Bjondina Duka

Ahmed Elmohands

Alexander Figueroa

Christopher M. Filippides

John Fominykh, cum laude

Michael T. Giudice, cum laude

Lauren Gonzalez, cum laude

Sara G. Gottlieb, summa cum laude ♦

(Bronze Medal)

Allyson Grant, cum laude

John Grieci

Nicholas N. Hindy, cum laude

Robert D. Jones

Xheisi Kamenica

Shahannah Z. Karim

Brenda Kien, magna cum laude



Norean R. Sharpe, Ph.D., Dean

### The Degree of Bachelor of Science

Nicholas S. Konoiko, cum laude ♦ Samantha P. Leax, magna cum laude Juliana Licciardi, magna cum laude 🔸 Andrew J. Lombardo

Brendan Lynch Julianne Marsala Stephon Mathieu

David J. Megaro, summa cum laude,

(Silver Medal) Robert J. Meli

Anthony F. Molinaro, magna cum laude ♦

Khant T. Mon Andrea G. Moodie Christina Nasella

Joseph P. Neville, magna cum laude ♦ Dana-Marie Nickolauk, summa cum laude

Matthew J. O'Byrne Anthony N. Ognibene Taylor A. Orsino John Michael Padovano Frank E. Popper, magna cum laude ♦

Alexa R. Portaro John Privracky Giovanni M. Rizzo, cum laude

Sean K. Rodriguez Chase M. Rosato Olivia J. Russell Corrine Scimeca

Marco A. Settinieri

Stephen C. Shannon, cum laude Zachary Sicurelli, magna cum laude

Thomas C. Smith Nicole M. Supino

Alyssa N. Taranto, magna cum laude

Jessica L. Testaverde

Nicole E. Thompson, summa cum laude

Brandon M. Trefcer, cum laude

Joseph Zamalkany

Nicholas A. Zangrillo, summa cum laude ♦ (Gold Medal)



## Class of May 2020

Glenn Gerstner, Ed.D., Interim Dean

### The Degree of Master of Professional Studies

Eric A. Capizzi Eric B. Levin † Peter R. Quercia



### Class of September 2019

Katia Passerini, Ph.D., PMP, Dean

### The Degree of Bachelor of Arts

Jordan J. Della Rocca

### The Degree of Bachelor of Science

Andrew J. Barbaro Taylor Block Patrick J. Costantino, summa cum laude Raymond S. McAuliffe

James M. Murphy Nicole Sabella Sarena Salonia, cum laude

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\*McNair Scholar



## Class of January 2020

Katia Passerini, Ph.D., PMP, Dean

### The Degree of Bachelor of Arts

Karmela Alperez

### The Degree of Bachelor of Science

Joseph A. Basile Jared M. Brown Lijeda Demko, cum laude Alexa L. Donofrio, cum laude Tara M. Duffy Brian D. Finn, summa cum laude Justine Jacobs
Taylor L. Martello
Briana T. Pietanza
Justin Scalera, magna cum laude
Joseph G. Todaro, magna cum laude
Alessandra Tormenia, magna cum laude



### Class of May 2020 Glenn Gerstner, Ed.D., Interim Dean

### The Degree of Associate of Science

Anthony J. Mangi

Steven J. Smithwrick

The Degree of Bachelor of Arts

Nicholas J. Vitale, magna cum laude

★Catholic Scholar

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## Class of May 2020

Glenn Gerstner, Ed.D., Interim Dean

### The Degree of Bachelor of Science

Perla A. Acevedo Courtney R. Ahern, magna cum laude Alexsandra Arlia Kristin E. Auld, cum laude Kyrillos Awad, cum laude John J. Azzato, cum laude Christopher J. Bivetto Steven Bivona Katelyn Blyn, magna cum laude Nicholas M. Bocchino, cum laude Nicholas J. Bowzeres Elias J. Brenes Taylormarie Capoziello, cum laude Maryrose A. Caria, magna cum laude Justine P. Cavello Andrew V. Cimmino Christin D. Corradi Kaysea L. Criscuolo, summa cum laude ♦

Vincent Esposito, summa cum laude Maegan A. Eustaquio, summa cum laude ♦ (Silver Medal) Caitlin J. Faustner, cum laude Giuseppe Fiorentino, cum laude Andrea M. Fiorica, summa cum laude Olivia Fleming Amanda Flores, magna cum laude Carol A. Giordano Brittany E. Haneman, cum laude Matthew D. Johansen, magna cum laude Bethanie R. Jones, summa cum laude • (Gold Medal) Timothy J. Kenney, magna cum laude Christopher A. Kettyle, cum laude Ryan P. Lawrence, cum laude Victoria R. Lorenzo Andrea J. Lozano, summa cum laude Nicholas Maalouf, cum laude

Amanda M. DeMeo, summa cum laude ♦

Alexandra C. DiMauro, magna cum laude

John A. DiPietro, cum laude

Mark Echevarrieta

(Bronze Medal) Matthew C. Crocitto

Anthony J. D'Ambrosio

Mahjouba Dazzazi

Alyssa DeFillipo



### Class of May 2020

Glenn Gerstner, Ed.D., Interim Dean

### The Degree of Bachelor of Science

Brianna N. Maiorano, cum laude
Anthony Martinez
Michael Mascarella
Louis Matrone
Antonio Pecoraro, cum laude
Kimberle R. Rader
Janinka Ranasinghe, magna cum laude
Teresa M. Reinhardt, magna cum laude
Allan J. Rodriguez
Chelsea B. Ryan, magna cum laude
Danielle R. Santora-Casuccio, cum laude

Jonna M. Scopellito, magna cum laude & Sophie E. Selwood, summa cum laude Allison K. Sisto, cum laude Alison M. Taradash, summa cum laude Nicholas R. Teutonico, cum laude Adam Varela, magna cum laude James T. Vega Mateo Velez Robert J. Venezia Mengli Yang, magna cum laude Gregory N. Zagorski, magna cum laude

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Degree conferral for the May list is pending the successful completion of all degree requirements.

\*McNair Scholar  $lap{*}$ Ozanam Scholar  $lap{*}$ Catholic Scholar 21

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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
Audiology Spruce Green
Business Administration
Education Light Blue
Fine Arts
Law Purple
Library Science Lemon
Pharmacy Olive Green
Philosophy
Public Health Salmon Pink
Science

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.

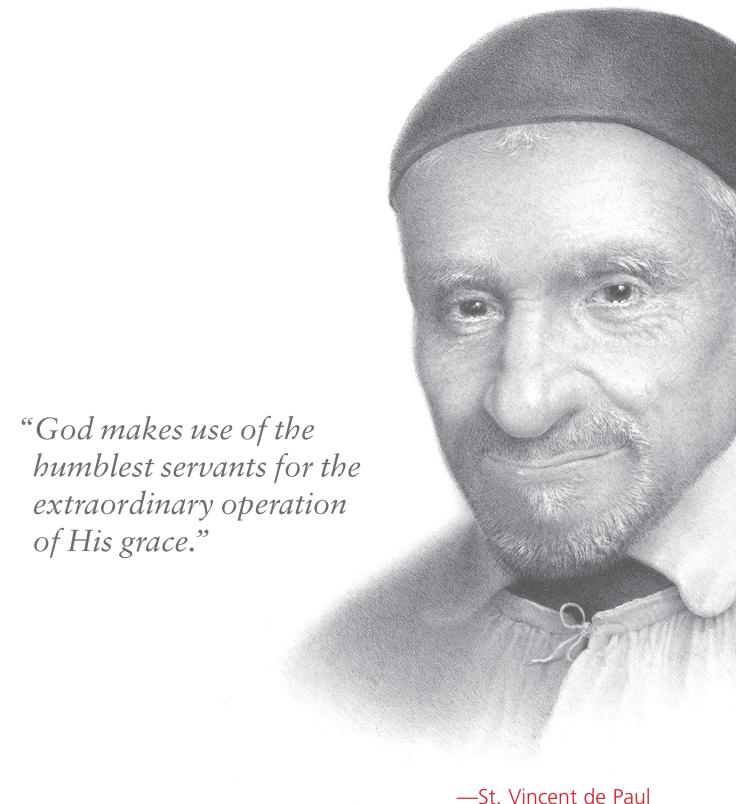
#### Alma Mater

### "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.





—St. Vincent de Paul Founder of the Vincentian community

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