

ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-FOURTH ACADEMIC YEAR



ST. JOHN'S  
UNIVERSITY

2023-2024

# 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.

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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**

**Rev. Aidan R. Rooney, C.M., M.Div., M.Th. '78NDC**

*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

**Rev. Aidan R. Rooney, C.M., M.Div., M.Th. '78NDC**

*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 RECESSION\*

**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.

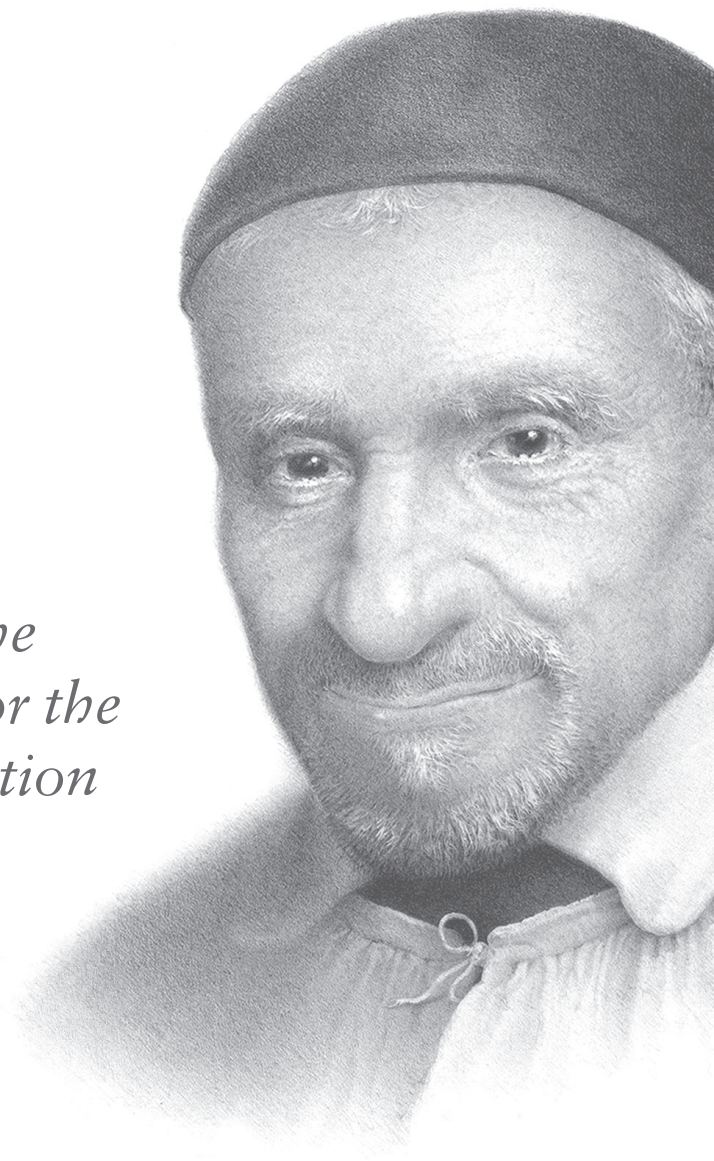
A digital commemorative program that includes a full list of graduate names will be available for graduates and their families and friends to view, print, or download by visiting the Commencement section of the University's website starting on Monday, June 24.

## 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