



ST. JOHN'S  
UNIVERSITY

*Undergraduate  
Commencement Exercises*  
**2021-2022**

SUNDAY, MAY 22, 2022

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.

# 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 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**

**Lisa H. Hochstein '73GP**

*Associate Professor and Industry Professional*

*Department of Clinical Health Professions*

*College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences*

*St. John's University*

## **OPENING OF CEREMONY**

**Simon G. Møller, Ph.D.**

*Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs*

*Office of the Provost*

*St. John's University*

## **PRESENTATION OF COLORS**

**St. John's Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps Battalion**

## **THE NATIONAL ANTHEM**

**Anna Fitzpatrick '21Ed, '22GEd**

*The School of Education*

## **INVOCATION**

**Rev. Tri M. Duong, C.M. '00C**

*Campus Minister, Staten Island Campus*

*Office of University Ministry*

*St. John's University*

## PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS

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

## PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATES FOR THE HONORARY DEGREES AND PRESIDENT'S MEDAL

### READING OF CITATIONS

**Simon G. Møller, Ph.D.**  
*Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs*  
*Office of the Provost*

## CONFERRAL OF THE DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF HUMANE LETTERS

upon  
**Margaret La Rosa D'Angelo '70Ed**  
*Member, Board of Trustees*  
*St. John's University*

## CONFERRAL OF THE DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF HUMANE LETTERS

upon  
**Sr. Caroline Tweedy, R.S.M.**  
*Executive Director*  
*St. John's Bread and Life*

## PRESENTATION OF THE PRESIDENT'S MEDAL

to  
**André McKenzie, Ed.D.**  
*Vice Provost and Interim Chief Diversity Officer*  
*Office of the Provost*  
*St. John's University*

## COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

**André McKenzie, Ed.D.**  
*Vice Provost and Interim Chief Diversity Officer*  
*Office of the Provost*

## 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*  
*Office of the Provost*

## RECOGNITION OF THE PRESIDENT'S ACADEMIC GOLD MEDALISTS

**Simon G. Møller, Ph.D.**  
*Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs*  
*Office of the Provost*

## PRESENTATION OF THE VINCENTIAN MISSION AWARDS

**Rev. Bernard M. Tracey, C.M. '70C**

*Executive Vice President for Mission*

*Office of University Mission*

*St. John's University*

## PRESENTATION OF THE OUTSTANDING STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT MEDALS, SENIOR CLASS GIFT, AND STUDENT SPEAKER

**Kathryn T. Hutchinson, Ph.D. '92G**

*Vice President for Student Affairs*

*Division of Student Affairs*

*St. John's University*

## STUDENT ADDRESS

**Hajarah Dar**

*Candidate, Bachelor of Science*

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

*Class of 2022*

## RECOGNITION OF THE GRADUATING MEMBERS OF THE PRESIDENT'S SOCIETY

**Simon G. Møller, Ph.D.**

*Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs*

*Office of the Provost*

## GRADUATING MEMBERS OF THE PRESIDENT'S SOCIETY

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*The Peter J. Tobin College of Business*

**Sarah Cullivan**

*The Peter J. Tobin College of Business*

**Joashaha Drakes**

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**Lizbeth P. Edwards**

*The Peter J. Tobin College of Business*

**Carl Jijita**

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**Huy N. Le**

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**Kyra Lewis**

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**Naya Regina Lipkens**

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**Jason A. Nikolatos**

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**Samantha Reichert**

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**Sabrina Rizzi**

*St. John's College of Liberal Arts and Sciences*

**Colin L. Robinson**

*The Peter J. Tobin College of Business*

**Angela Saric**

*College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences*

**Matthew D. Schmeiser**

*St. John's College of Liberal Arts and Sciences*

**Gajendra A. Sookdeo**

*St. John's College of Liberal Arts and Sciences*

**Danielle Lilianna Spencer**

*The School of Education*

**Michael Urbano**

*The Peter J. Tobin College of Business*

**Alexa Williams**

*The Peter J. Tobin College of Business*

**Mikesha Withanachchi**

*St. John's College of Liberal Arts and Sciences*

**Yueran Yu**

*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*

*Office of the Provost*

## **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*

*Office of the Provost*

## DEANS OF THE SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES OF THE UNIVERSITY

**Gina M. Florio, Ph.D., Interim Dean**  
*St. John's College of Liberal Arts and Sciences*

**Aliya E. Holmes, Ph.D., Interim Dean**  
*The School of Education*

**Norean R. Sharpe, Ph.D.**  
*The Peter J. Tobin College of Business*

**John M. Conry '96P, '98Pharm.D., Interim Dean**  
*College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences*

**Glenn Gerstner, Ed.D. '81SVC**  
*The Lesley H. and William L. Collins College of Professional Studies*

## FACULTY MARSHALS OF THE SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES OF THE UNIVERSITY

**Elizabeth DeLuna, M.F.A., Professor and Chair**  
*Department of Art and Design, St. John's College of Liberal Arts and Sciences*

**Michael P. Downton, Ph.D., Associate Professor and Associate Dean for Undergraduate Education and Assessment**  
*Department of Curriculum and Instruction, The School of Education*

**Niall C. Hegarty '92CBA, '94MBA, '10Ed.D., Associate Professor and Associate Dean for Undergraduate Programs**  
*Department of Management, The Peter J. Tobin College of Business*

**Aaron Muth, Ph.D., Associate Professor**  
*Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences*

**Joseph G. Kenny, Esq. '81L, Associate Professor**  
*Division of Administration and Economics, The Lesley H. and William L. Collins College of Professional Studies*

## STUDENT MARSHALS OF THE SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES OF THE UNIVERSITY

**Andrew John Draheim, Candidate, Bachelor of Science**  
*St. John's College of Liberal Arts and Sciences*

**Brianna N. DeSimone, Candidate, Bachelor of Science in Education**  
*The School of Education*

**Elina J. Goykhman, Candidate, Bachelor of Science**  
*The Peter J. Tobin College of Business*

**Julia Panchenko, Candidate, Bachelor of Science**  
*College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences*

**Victoria A. DeGrezia, 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  
Office of the Provost*

## BENEDICTION

**Rev. Bernard M. Tracey, C.M. '70C**

*Executive Vice President for Mission  
Office of University Mission*

## ST. JOHN'S ALMA MATER—"OLD ST. JOHN'S"

**Anna Fitzpatrick '21Ed, '22GEd**

*The School of Education*

*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 leave the area.
- \*\* To ensure that the name of each graduate is heard, the audience is requested to refrain from prolonged applause. Graduate names are scrolled on the large viewing screens as a graduate's name is announced.



## COMMEMORATIVE PROGRAM

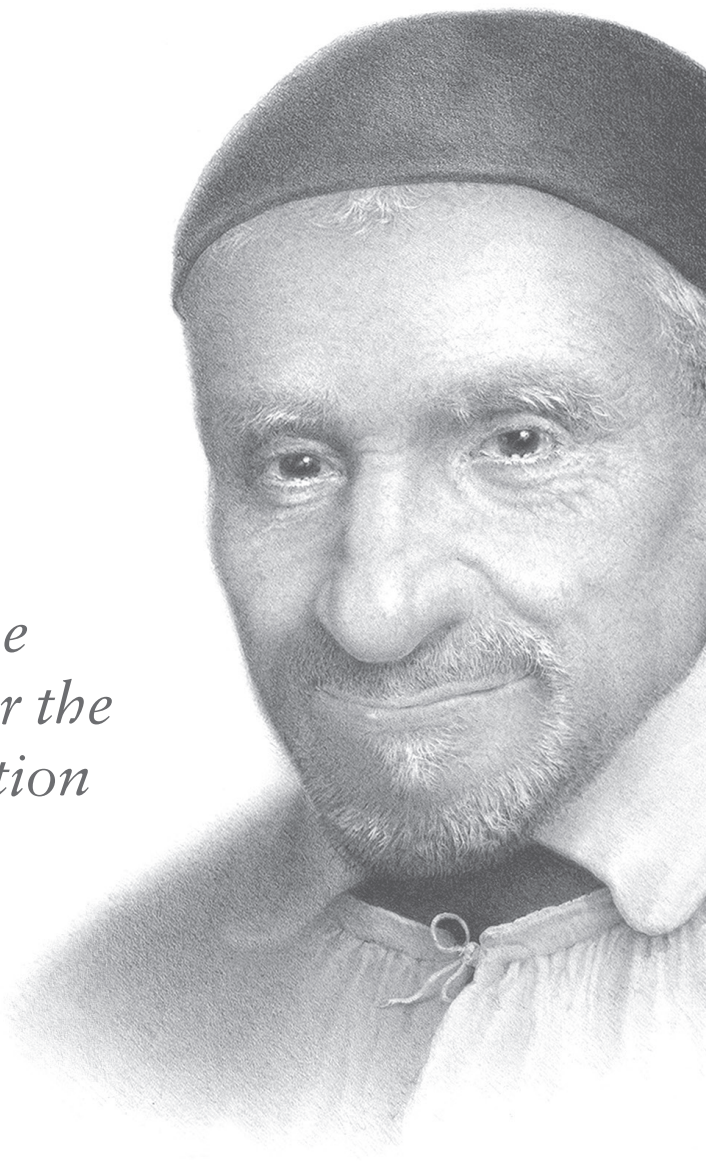
Thank you for attending the St. John's University Undergraduate Commencement Exercises. In keeping with the University's sustainability initiative, the University has produced this streamlined program for all guests of the ceremony to view online. Graduates receive a commemorative program that includes a full list of graduate names when they pick up their diplomas.

## DIPLOMAS

Diplomas can be picked up from your dean's office beginning on Monday, July 18. Please call your dean's office beforehand; order date determines diploma availability.

St. John's University does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, 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, Interim Director of Equal Opportunity and Compliance and Title IX Coordinator, Office of Human Resources, University Center, 8000 Utopia Parkway, Queens, New York 11439, 718-990-2660; 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