



THE UNIVERSITY OF SCRANTON

ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-FOURTH

Undergraduate Commencement Ceremony

Sunday, May 19, 2024

MOHEGAN SUN ARENA AT CASEY PLAZA

e Aca emi P o c e i n

Grand Marshal and Mace Bearer
Gretchen J. Van Dyke, Ph.D.

Massed Colors and Honor Guard

Marshals of the Graduates
John Deak, Ph.D.
Marian L. Farrell, Ph.D.
Michael W. Fennie, Ph.D.
Vanessa A. Jensen, Ed.D.
Nicholas B. Sizemore, Ph.D.

e Graduates

Marshal of the Alumni
Hon. Kevin J. Blaum '74

Alumni Delegates from the Golden Anniversary Class

Marshal of the Faculty
Teresa Grettano, Ph.D.

e Faculty

e Administrative and Professional Sta

Marshal of the Medalists
Mary Elizabeth Moylan, M.L.S.

Order Pro Deo et Universitate

Marshal of the Corporation
Mark R. Murphy, BSEE

University Officials and Deans

Honorary Degree Recipients

Board of Trustees

e Bishop of Scranton
Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L. , H'14

President of the University
Rev. Joseph G. Marina, S.J.

Program

Processional & Line Nomine..... Ralph Vaughan Williams (arr. Reed)

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Karla J. Shafer, Outgoing Student Government President

Maria Stephen, Outgoing Student Government Vice President

Maria Stephen, Incoming Student Government President

Amanda E. Campbell, Incoming Student Government Vice President

Welcome..... Michelle Maldonado, Ph.D., Provost & Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs

Invocation..... Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L., Bishop of Scranton

the Star Spangled Banner..... arr. Vaclav Nelhybel, H'85

Remarks for the Class of 2024..... John A. Nelson, Class Speaker

Greetings from the Alumni Society..... Paul DiPietrantonio '97, Alumni Society President

C H D

Sister Mary Persico, IHM, Ed.D..... Doctor of Humane Letters

Joseph M. Vaszily '95..... Doctor of Humane Letters

Shabana Basij-Rasikh..... Doctor of Humane Letters

C S

Address to the Graduates..... Shabana Basij-Rasikh

C D C

Rev. Joseph G. Marina, President of the University

P C

In e Panuska College of Professional Studies Victoria H. Castellanos, Ph.D, Dean
In e Kania School of Management Mark.Higgins, Ph.D Dean
In e College of Arts and Sciences. David J. Dzurec, Ph.D, Interim Dean

D D

Rev. Joseph G. Marina, President of the University

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As a courtesy to our graduates, we ask you to please silence all devices during the ceremony.

Sister Mary Persico, IHM, Ed.D.

Deep and abiding faith. A commitment to serving others. A love of education. These are the North Stars guiding the life and ministry of Sister Mary Persico, IHM.

From an early age, Sister Mary saw the transformative power of education through the lens of her parents, both of whom were teachers. Inspired by their work, Sister Mary followed in their footsteps, entering Marywood College, now University, to study French and education. During that time, she discovered a calling to religious life with the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. She continued her studies in French and education, earning a master's degree in French from Assumption College in Worcester, Massachusetts, and master's and doctoral degrees in educational leadership from Lehigh University in Bethlehem.

An accomplished and respected member of the IHM Community, Sister Mary has held leadership positions across more than four faithful decades of service. Beginning as a school teacher and then high school principal, she went on to serve the IHM community as the Congregation's Treasurer and then President.

Committed to the ministry of healing the body, mind and spirit, Sister Mary has overssn Peer of 12 (a)-9 (s ov)

Jose M. V szil '95

From Wall Street to the hardwoods, Joseph Vaszily has navigated success with focus, finesse and skill.

With an aptitude for finance and accounting, Joseph landed a job with one of the Big Four accounting firms, Cooper & Lybrand, immediately after earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting from Scranton. Sought after for his talent, he went on to serve in various leadership roles at JP Morgan and then Goldman Sachs, where he was Vice President of the Fixed Income Sales/Trading Group.

For many of the 16 years he worked in finance, Joseph juggled officiating jobs around a full-time career on Wall Street. Like his career in finance, Joseph quickly became noticed for his skill as a basketball referee. He progressed to officiating high school basketball, then college, starting in Division III and working his way up. He ultimately left his career on Wall Street to focus on what was once a second job. Since then, he's been a referee at ten Final Four games, including the 2018 and 2024 National Championships.

Ever a loyal Royal, Joseph gives back to his alma mater where the foundations of his career were laid. He's been a royal recruiter for Admissions, a member of his reunion committee, and a member of the Alumni Board of Governors. As a member of the President's Business Council, he served as co-chair for the 2012 PBC dinner. Joseph's service to the University's Board of Trustees includes one year as Board Chair. Ever willing to share his knowledge, he returns often to campus to speak to finance and business students.

Whether refereeing a championship basketball game or directing complex financial matters, Joseph is guided by an unwavering faith in God and a commitment to serve others. He holds Board leadership positions with the Kay Yow Cancer Fund and Monsignor Farrell Vir Fidelis Fund, and is a former Trustee of the New Jersey Scholarship Fund for Inner-City Students. In 2023, he quite literally put his faith in action during a pilgrimage where he walked 80 miles of the famed Camino de Santiago.

Today we honor Joseph for his goodness and the true original that he does. Therefore, we, the president and trustees of The University of Scranton, in solemn convocation assembled and in accord with our chartered authority, declare

Jose M. V szil '95

DOCTOR OF HUMANE LETTERS, HONORIS CAUSA

that he may enjoy all the rights and privileges of this, our highest honor, we have issued these letters patent under our hand and the corporate seal of the University on this nineteenth day of May, in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty-four.

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Gretchen J. Van Dyke, Ph.D, Grand Marshal

John Deak, Ph.D, Marshal of the Graduates

Marian L. Farrell, Ph.D, Marshal of the Graduates

Michael W. Fennie, Ph.D, Marshal of the Graduates

Vanessa A. Jensen, Ed.M, Marshal of the Graduates

Nicholas B. Sizemore, Ph.D, Marshal of the Graduates

Hon. Kevin J. Blaum '74, Marshal of the Alumni

Teresa A. Grettano, Ph.D, Marshal of the Faculty

Mary Elizabeth Moylan, M.L.S, Marshal of the Medalist

Mark R. Murphy, BSE, Marshal of the Corporation

Gabrielle Marie Andiarjo, Banner Bearer

Matthew J. Du y, Banner Bearer

omas Norbert Elias, Banner Bearer

P D Unive itate Awa d

The Order Pro Deo et Universitate, formally created and established in June, 1961, honors those members of the faculty, administration and staff who have faithfully and devotedly served the University of Scranton for twenty years. The awards were recently conferred by the President in a special ceremony as the 26 new members joined the 557 living members of the Order. Expressing the University's happiness and gratitude for their fidelity, we extol before the University community the following:

2024 G M R

Patrick J. Cooper
Service: 2004-2024
Dorm Maintenance Supervisor
On Campus Housing

Thomas J. Klein
Service: 2004-2024
Custodian
Redington Hall

Declan Mulhall
Service: 2004-2024
Faculty
Physics/EE

Patrick R. Donohue
Service: 2004-2024
Assistant VP for Budget
& Finance Planning
Treasurer

Kristi J. Klien
Service: 2004-2024
Coordinator, PCPS Academic Affairs
PCPS

Herbert W. Ramsey
Service: 2004-2024
Recruiting Operations Officer
ROTC

Noelle R. Drozdick
Service: 2004-2024
Administrative Assistant –
International Service & Programs
Office of Global Education

Joseph E. Kraus
Service: 2004-2024
Faculty
English & Theatre

Maria E. Rooney
Service: 2004-2024
Assistant Controller, Accounting
Aramark

Jennifer K. Galas
Service: 2004-2024
Systems Developer & Coordinator
Library

Carol Maculloch
Service: 2004-2024
Director of Leadership Gifts
Development

Paula Semenza
Service: 2004-2024
Office Manager
Office of Student Support and Success

Sonya Gesheva
Service: 2004-2024
Custodian
On Campus Housing

Frani Mancuso
Service: 2004-2024
Assistant VP for Annual Giving
& Engagement
Conferences & Event Services

Patrick A. Shafer
Service: 2004-2024
Sergeant
University Police

Margery F. Gleason
Service: 2004-2024
Director, Alumni Engagement
Alumni & Parent Engagement

Dawn M. Mazurik
Service: 2004-2024
Faculty Secretary
Nursing

Thomas A. Shimkus
Service: 2004-2024
Faculty
Math

Lucia A. Grissinger
Service: 2004-2024
Assistant Registrar, Academic Programs
and Credit Awards
Office of the Registrar

Elizabeth M. Moore
Service: 2004-2024
Jesuit Community Services
Jesuit Community

Steven J. Szydlowski
Service: 2004-2024
Faculty
Health Administration &
Human Resources

Vanessa A. Jensen
Service: 2004-2024
Faculty
Counseling/Human Services

Jerry R. Muir
Service: 2004-2024
Faculty
Math

Kevin S. Wilkerson
Service: 2004-2024
Faculty
Counseling and Human Services
Faculty

Stacey A. Muir
Service: 2004-2024
Faculty
Math

S c i a Jesuit Li • r a Art Hono P o g r a D g r e Can idate

Bethany R. Belkowski
summa cum laude
B.A., English/Public Policy
and Service

Conor Michael Kellough
cum laude
B.S., Physics

John P. Cardiges
B.A., Philosophy

Leanne Marie Kelly
summa cum laude
B.S., Biochemistry, Cell and

Catriona Corbett
summa cum laude
B.A., English/Philosophy

Zachary Lucas Danchak
cum laude
B.S., Computer Science/Philosophy

Matthew K. Dittmar
B.S., Electrical Engineering

Caitlin Julia Doughton
summa cum laude
B.S., Biology/Philosophy

Matthew J. Du y
Business Honors Program
summa cum laude
B.S., Business Analytics/Philosophy

omas Norbert Elias
summa cum laude
B.A., Philosophy/ eology
and Religious Studies

Eva Lynn Fine
summa cum laude
B.S., Biology/Philosophy

Michael P. Fox
B.A., History/Philosophy

Julia Gardocki
B.A., English/Philosophy

Christian Paul Joseph Gillich
B.S., Chemistry Business/Philosophy

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Nina J. Figetakis
summa cum laude
B.S., Accounting

Todd Fisher Monahan
summa cum laude
B.S., Finance

Georey Samuel Pizzuto
summa cum laude
B.S., Business Administration

Gabrielle Richetti
magna cum laude
B.S., Accounting

Matthew A. Roda
cum laude
B.S., Finance

Gary W. Sawyers
magna cum laude
B.S., Accounting

Magi Hono P ogra • STEM D gre

Tabitha R. Berger
summa cum laude
B.S., Biochemistry, Cell and
Molecular Biology

Fione Evans
summa cum laude
B.S., Biology

Hannah Rose Maynard
summa cum laude
B.S., Biology

Devang Rajeshbhai Patel
Special Jesuit Liberal Arts
Honors Program
B.S., Neuroscience/Philosophy

Kathryn Marie Regan
Special Jesuit Liberal Arts
Honors Program
summa cum laude
B.S., Kinesiology

Simal Sami
magna cum laude
B.S., Information Technology

Jacqueline N. Savage
Honors Program
summa cum laude
B.S., Biology

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B S

Bridget K. Abraldes
magna cum laude
Kinesiology

Kathleen O. Appau
magna cum laude
Occupational Therapy

Brooke Diane Arnold
Liberal Studies

Katherine E. Banz
Occupational Therapy

Svetlana Anne Baron
Communication Sciences
and Disorders

Juliana Bartolini
Health Administration

Elizabeth D. Behling
summa cum laude
Occupational Therapy

Alyssa Marie Benzija
cum laude
Kinesiology

Ashley S. Bolan
cum laude
Kinesiology

Alexa Krislyn Bonk
magna cum laude
Counseling and Human Services

Madison A. Borys
summa cum laude
Occupational Therapy

Jillian Grace Bradley
cum laude
Occupational Therapy

Curlissa R. Brown
Kinesiology

Allison Sara Buckman
Counseling and Human Services

Sydney L. Buechner
cum laude
Health Administration

Christopher Lee Burg
Liberal Studies

Charles Albert Burns
Kinesiology

Emily Anne Butler
Health Administration

Emily Rose Byrne
Occupational Therapy

Rose M. Camiolo
cum laude
Occupational Therapy

Megan Regina Cleary
Kinesiology

Ellen Collins
summa cum laude
Liberal Studies

Aidan R. Corrigan
summa cum laude
Kinesiology

Anya Jolie Covaleski
Kinesiology

Lauren Patricia Crotty
Liberal Studies

Gwyn Antoinette Lamayan Cruz
summa cum laude
Kinesiology

Maura Catherine Davidson
Occupational Therapy

Bella M. Davis
magna cum laude
Kinesiology

Allison Morgan DeMeo
magna cum laude
Occupational Therapy

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Penn State Berks College of Behavioral Science

B S

Emily M. DiTaranto
cum laude
Kinesiology

Kelly Donohue
Occupational Therapy

Nicole E. Esposito
Liberal Studies

Julianna Marie Fazio
Kinesiology

Vanesa Figueiras
summa cum laude
Kinesiology

Ariana Ilanit Flores
Counseling and Human Services

Patrick John Fluehr
summa cum laude
Human Resources Studies

Erin Marie Fowler
magna cum laude
Occupational Therapy

Jeanna Teresa Gailius
Kinesiology

Sophia C. Garvin
Kinesiology

Sophia Rose Gousias
cum laude
Occupational Therapy

Christopher M. Gutt
magna cum laude
Kinesiology

Austin L. Hackerd
Health Administration

Mary Grace Haggerty
magna cum laude
Occupational Therapy

Bailee N. Hendricks
magna cum laude
Kinesiology

Paige Elizabeth Hennigan
summa cum laude
Kinesiology

Maggie Karwing Ho
summa cum laude
Kinesiology

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B

Claire Mulholland
summa cum laude
Kinesiology

Margaret Rosemary Murray
magna cum laude
Occupational Therapy

Joshua J. Muth
summa cum laude
Kinesiology

Caroline Anne Napolitano
Kinesiology

Leah Elizabeth O'Brien
cum laude
Occupational Therapy

Nora G. O'Connell
cum laude
Communication Sciences
and Disorders

Kalina Marie Olson
magna cum laude
Counseling and Human Services

Jason A. Opferman
cum laude
Health Promotion

Kaitlin Ann O'Sullivan
cum laude
Health Promotion

Spencer Raymond Owens
magna cum laude
Health Administration

Jaclyn Rose Papalski
Liberal Studies

Elaena M. Pappas
Occupational Therapy

Izabella Ava Pinto
magna cum laude
Counseling and Human Services

Elizabeth M. Pogodzinski
Kinesiology

Anne Grace Raleigh

Catherine R. Redding
Occupational Therapy

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Principles of Business

Courtney Mae Wellet
magna cum laude

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B S N ,

Abbey B. Knight
magna cum laude
Nursing

Serena K. Kuehl
Nursing

Emma Riese Lehnert
Nursing

Jenna Lynn Leonhardt
Nursing

Ashley Noel Livezey
summa cum laude
Nursing

Joseph X. Lynch
cum laude
Nursing

Erika L. Mack
cum laude
Nursing

Kalindi B. Maggs
magna cum laude
Nursing

Corinna Lynn Marinello
cum laude
Nursing

Elizabeth M. Matthews
cum laude
Nursing

Taylor M. Maxson
summa cum laude
Nursing

Kaitlyn P. McGarry
Nursing

Sarah
magna cum laude
Nursing

Aisling D. McGrath
summa cum laude
Nursing

Kaniŧ Sŧh^l € , Management D gre

B S

Riley uinn Adams
cum laude
Business Administration

Timothy P. Ahern
Management

John Robert Alnor
Business Administration

Daved Alvarenga
Marketing

Corey J. Anderson
magna cum laude
Accounting

Elizabeth Anzures
Accounting

Bethann M. Baldyga
magna cum laude
Accounting

Casey J. Ballou
cum laude
Accounting

Michael Patrick Battaglino
Business Administration

Morgan Dorothy Beaudoin
Accounting

Kyle M. Bennett
magna cum laude
Finance

Catherine Patricia Bertrand
Entrepreneurship

David M. Bluvol, Jr.
Management

Aidan Bohn
Entrepreneurship

John Luke Bongiorno
Business Administration

Blaze Alexander Bono
Finance

Brian P. Boyle
Marketing

Joseph P. Boyle
cum laude
Finance

Sarah G. Boyle
summa cum laude
Accounting

James Braia
Business Administration

Braden Christian Breithaupt
Business Administration

Elisabeth G. Bressler
Marketing

Julia Ann Brown
magna cum laude
Accounting

Brian C. Bulger
Business Analytics

Jack Thomas Burdewick
Finance

Alexandra Jai Burke
summa cum laude
Marketing

Marco A. Colasurdo
International Business

Catherina N. Cortez
Finance

Joseph Anthony Costa
Entrepreneurship

Julianna Mary Crandle
magna cum laude
Accounting

Nicholas John Crowe
Finance

Eamon F. Cummins
Economics

Michael J. D'Angola
Management

Thomas N. Dao
Business Administration

Abigail Grace Davis
cum laude
Accounting

Liam Alexander Davis
cum laude
Business Administration

Sydney Elia Decker
summa cum laude
Business Administration

Andrew S. DeGuardia
cum laude
Business Analytics

Kieran Michael DeHaan
Finance

Christopher E. DeManicor
Marketing

Gary J. Dempsey
Business Administration

Dylan R. DeSimone
Business Administration

Michael P. DeVito
Finance

Dylan Vito Diana
Accounting

Owen R. DiAngelo
magna cum laude
Business Administration

Jacob D. Dougherty
Accounting

Brendan John Douthit
Marketing

Alexander R. Drake
Marketing

Liam James Dunfee
Marketing

Kyle J. Dunn
Marketing

Luke James Durdach
Accounting

Alexander Mikelis Eglitis
Accounting

Dylan J. Estevez
Economics

Daniel E. Farley
Marketing

Rebecca Elizabeth Farrell
magna cum laude
Entrepreneurship

John Capwell Fee
Business Administration

Luke S. Fekete
Accounting

Matthew J. Fitzgerald
Operations Management

Keli Jean Flanagan
Business Administration

Kaniþ Sþh^l € , Management D gre

B S ,

John J. Flannigan
cum laude
Accounting

Alyssa M. Fontana
summa cum laude
Operations Management/
Business Analytics

Gerald George Gensiejewski III
Accounting

Angelina T. Giannakopoulos
Management

Scott R. Graffam
Finance

Dominic R. Gubitosi
Finance

Laura Suzanne Haaland
Business Administration

Hunter Harley Hackling
magna cum laude
Management

Samuel Joseph Hannah
summa cum laude
Accounting

Samuel R. Hartman
Business Analytics

Madeline J. Hartnett
magna cum laude
Marketing

Niamh Rosaleen Healy
cum laude
Accounting

Daren Joseph Helmold
Accounting

Peter Joseph Heraty
Accounting

Brooke Hibsher
Business Administration

Bethany L. Hnatow
magna cum laude
Marketing/Business Analytics

Kaniþ Sþh^l € , Management D gre

B S ,

Andrea Alexandra Navarro
cum laude
Accounting

Emma Nicole Navarro
Marketing

Christopher J. Neumann
Entrepreneurship

Ryan D. Nguyen
cum laude
Business Administration

Leah C. Nolan
Finance

Seamus J. O'Callaghan
Marketing

Brendan R. O'Donoghue
Accounting

Marisol F. Olivares Hernandez
magna cum laude
Accounting

Kristopher R. Ostrowski
Marketing

Priyal P. Patel
Business Administration

Adriana L. Piscoya
Marketing

Aidan M. Plick
Accounting

Stephen C. Postupak
cum laude
Finance

James Prentice Powell III
magna cum laude
Accounting

Julia L. Praul
Finance

Nicholas F. Promutico
magna cum laude
Accounting

Steven R. Prosperino
Finance

Matthew Stephen uerey
Accounting

Yasmin Ramirez
magna cum laude
Management

Rolando Samuel Ramos
Accounting

Kathleen Mary Redmond
magna cum laude
Business Analytics

Nicholas J. Robertson
Marketing

Jessenia A. Robles
magna cum laude
Accounting

Santiago Rodriguez
International Business

Karina Marie Roettger
Entrepreneurship

Robert Gerald Romano
Business Analytics/Finance

Daniel A. Ruiz
Marketing

Audrey Annie Saliba
magna cum laude
International Business

Robert P. Salitsky
Finance

Leonard J. Scarola
Business Administration

Kyle W. Schneider
Finance/Business Analytics

Kayla Grace Schwarz
Finance

Bryce S. Shalbert
Finance

Benjamin Issac Siesputowski
Finance

Andrew D. Slevin
Business Administration

Bridget Catherine Smith
magna cum laude
Marketing

Nicole E. Smith
Business Administration

Jack Michael Steer
Operations Management

Brittney A. Sullivan
summa cum laude

Shannon Noelle Parker
magna cum laude
English

Sean Michael Pietruszkiewicz
Social Media Strategies

Thomas J. Plunkett
Communication

Francesca Ragusa
cum laude
Advertising/Public Relations

Erin R. Reich
Social Media Strategies

Nicholas A. Reposa
Advertising/Public Relations

David John Riabov
Business Communication

Meaghan E. Rising
Journalism and Electronic Media

Alison Samudio

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B S ,

Samantha Jalynn Mauceri
Biology

Matthew J. Maurer
magna cum laude
Political Science

Emily Ann McAlarney
magna cum laude
Cybercrime and Homeland Security

Logan Fera McGowan
magna cum laude
Mechanical Engineering

Clare Virginia McGrade
magna cum laude
Early and Primary Teacher Education

Dillon McLaughlin
Cybercrime and Homeland Security

Jane M. Mecca
Physiology

Thomas B. Melody
Computer Science

Anna J. Merkel
magna cum laude
Forensic Chemistry

Zuleima I. Mero
cum laude
Biology

Peter William Micara
Cybercrime and Homeland Security

Robert J. Miles
Cybercrime and Homeland Security

Stephen Salvatore Milillo
summa cum laude
Physiology

Shervin Mokhtari
Neuroscience

Zachary Scott Morrison
magna cum laude
Biology

Owen M. Mueller
Criminal Justice/Cybercrime
and Homeland Security

Andrew T. Mulhare

Co-eg• €, Art n‰ Science D gre

B S ,

Bradley W. Rausch

Cybercrime and Homeland Security

Randy Redman Perez

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The listing of degree candidates and Latin honors designations are as of May 1, 2024.

Latin honors designations may change after submission of final grades

Some candidates listed in this program will complete degree requirements
in August 2024, December 2024 or January 2025.

Award • Še Co-eg • €, Art n%o S

Excellence in Biochemistry	Dominick J. Spera
Excellence in Biochemistry, Cell and Molecular Biology	Tabitha R. Berger
Excellence in Biology	Caitlin Julia Doughton
Excellence in Biomathematics	Andrew Edward Gordos
Excellence in Chemistry	James M. Lanning
Excellence in Chemistry Business	Christian Paul Joseph Gillich
Excellence in Forensic Chemistry	Anna J. Merkel
Prof. Bernard J. McGurl Award for Excellence in Communication	Mollie M. Veres
Excellence in Computer Science	Charles John Seitz, Jr.
Excellence in Criminal Justice	Ruth Ann Deliman
Excellence in Cybercrime and Homeland Security	

Award • Še Kaniř Sřh^l € , Mana

Excellence in Accounting	Sarah.G. Boyle
Excellence in Business Administration.	Vanessa Suzanne Moylan
Excellence in Business Analytics	Luke.A. Glidewell
Excellence in Entrepreneurship.	Julia Lynn Louy . .
Excellence in Finance	Madalyne R..Buhler
Excellence in International Business.	Shelby.A. Traver
Excellence in Management	Hunter.Harley Hackling
Excellence in Marketing.	Alexandra Jai Burke
Excellence in Operations Management.	Alyssa M..Fontana

Award • Še P nus• Co-eg• € , P of

Excellence in Health Promotion.	Kaitlin. Ann O’Sullivan
Excellence in Health Advocacy Award.	Jason.A. Opferman
Excellence in Counseling and Human Services	Kathryn T. Moore
Excellence in Kinesiology Award	Gwyn Antoinette Lamayan Cruz
Excellence in Health Administration	Spencer Raymond Owens
Academic Excellence in Nursing	Ashley. Noel Livezey
Sigma eta Tau, International Honor Society of Nursing Award	Taylor M. Maxson
Excellence in Occupational erapy.	Kelly.Siobhan McGovern

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Shelby A. Traver
B.S., International Business/Political Science/Philosophy
Fulbright Award in Political Science to the University of Rwanda,
Huye Campus, Rwanda

United States Army" Commissioning Program

D M S

Lieutenant Colonel Jason S. Weniger Professor of Military Science

The following students have completed the requirements for the Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) Commissioning Program and have exhibited the requisite potential to serve the nation as caring, competent leaders. They are being commissioned as officers in the United States Army:

Second Lieutenant Gary G. Geinitz

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Second Lieutenant Andrew T. Mulhare

History – The University

The University of Scranton was founded as Saint Thomas College by Most Reverend William G. O'Hara, the first Bishop of Scranton, who had always hoped to provide an opportunity for higher education in the Lackawanna Valley. In August of 1888, with few resources at hand, he blessed a single block of granite as a cornerstone for his new college, which would admit its first students four years later. (The cornerstone of Old Main is preserved in the wall of St. Thomas Hall located at the corner of Linden Street and Monroe Avenue.)

The college was staffed by diocesan priests and seminarians until 1896 and then, for one year, by the Xaverian Brothers. From 1897 until 1942 the school, which was renamed The University of Scranton in 1938, was administered for the Diocese by the Christian Brothers. In the late summer of 1942, at the invitation of Bishop William Hafey, 19 Jesuits, including the University's first Jesuit President, Rev. Coleman Nevils, S.J., arrived on campus to administer the University.

The Jesuits restructured and strengthened Scranton's traditional and pre-professional programs with an emphasis on the liberal arts, which are the foundation for every program at a Jesuit university. This emphasis is intended to give students an appreciation for all disciplines as they develop specific subject knowledge. The University has flourished as a Catholic and Jesuit institution, growing from what was primarily a commuter college with fewer than 1,000 students to a broadly regional, comprehensive university with a total enrollment of approximately 4,825 students in undergraduate, graduate and non-traditional programs.

As we move forward, the University of Scranton embraces five bold, transformational strategic goals. Grounded in our mission, this Strategic Plan 2020-2025, "Our Core, Our Community, Our Commitments," guides our University community as we navigate changes, challenges, and opportunities today, though we believe its impact will be felt well beyond.

In September 2021, Rev. Joseph G. Marina, S.J., was inaugurated as the University's 29th president. During his tenure, the University has continued its commitment to enriching the quality and variety of its academic offerings for the success of its students.

All three of the University's colleges have added academic programs in recent years in wide-ranging areas, from STEM and the humanities to health sciences and business. New program areas include cybercrime investigation and cybersecurity, Black studies, mechanical engineering, business analytics and speech-language pathology.

In addition, the University continues to invest in its physical plant, with more than \$350 million in campus improvements made in recent years, among them the most substantial capital projects in its history — the Patrick and Margaret DeNaples Center and the Loyola Science Center. Other facilities additions include Christopher and Margaret Condon Hall and an apartment and fitness complex, which consists of the Rev. Scott R. Pilarz, S.J., Hall and Montrone Hall.

In September 2015, the new Edward R. Leahy Jr. Hall, which houses the departments of Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy and Health and Human Performance, was dedicated. In 2018, the University dedicated the 11-acre Rev. Kevin P. Quinn, S.J., Athletics Campus. Located along Broadway Street in Scranton, it is home to the University's soccer, lacrosse, field hockey, baseball and softball Division III NCAA teams. In 2021, 5,000 square feet of new mechanical engineering labs and shop area were added in Hyland Hall.

Most recently, the University broke ground for a nearly 90,000 square-foot center for workforce development, applied research and outreach located on the 300 block of Madison Avenue. The building is expected to be completed for fall 2025.

Scranton is counted among America's finest universities, according to a range of national publications. For three decades, U.S. News & World Report has ranked Scranton among the "top 10 master's universities in the North." Year after year, the University is listed among the "best colleges" by Forbes and the Princeton Review. The University is also consistently ranked among the "best values" in college education by U.S. News & World Report. PayScale's most recent Salary Report in 2023 ranks Scranton in the top 16 percent of universities listed by the median salaries of their alumni. In 2021, Washington Monthly ranked Scranton No. 84 among 616 master's universities in the nation for its "contribution to the greater good."

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The colorful attire worn by the graduates, neck and three velvet bars on each full, bell-shaped sleeve. Although black is the most common color, the velvet panels and sleeve bars may vary according to the faculty that granted the wearer's degree. The precise origins of the several parts of the academic garb are unknown, but since medieval students enjoyed the status of which the degree was awarded, and the clerics during their university years, we assume that their attire was inspired by the clerical dress of the time. Early European universities required students and teachers to wear distinctive gowns at all times. The tradition was brought to this country in colonial times, but the requirement for students soon disappeared and professors limited the custom to special occasions.

The Gown. Gowns are generally black, and there are three basic types. The bachelor's gown is plain with a fairly elaborate yoke and long, pointed sleeves. It is worn closed. The master's gown is similar to the bachelor's except that the sleeves are open at the forearms and end with an extra square-shaped swatch of cloth that originally formed a pocket for reading and writing materials. Master's gowns are worn either open or closed. The doctoral gown, the most elaborate of the three, is adorned with velvet panels on the closed front and around the

hood, for example, is lined in royal purple with a white chevron. Generally, the mortarboard or Oxford cap is worn with all degrees, although an Elizabethan-style soft cap is used with some doctoral attire. Black tassels are most often used, but many schools have adopted the practice of using tassels matching the hood color. Doctors and presidents of institutions frequently wear a gold tassel.

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Arts, Letters, Humanities.....White	Law.....Purple...	Philosophy.....Blue.....
Business.....Drab.....	Library Science.....Lemon	Physical Education.....Sage Green
Economics.....Copper	Medicine.....Green...	Physical erapy.....Teal...
Education.....Light.Blue	Military Science.....Gold..	Public Health.....Salmon
Engineering.....Orange	Music.....Pink.....	Science.....Gold.....
Fine Arts.....Brown..	Nursing.....Apricot.	Social Science.....Citron
Health Administration...Peacock Blue	Oratory.....Silver.Gray	eologyScarlet.

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e University commissioned the ten heraldic banners carried in the academic procession to celebrate the 450th anniversary of the founding of the first Jesuit college in Messina, Sicily (1548), and the 110th anniversary of the founding of Saint Thomas College (1888), the precursor of e University of Scranton.

- (e banner adorned with the seal of the Society of Jesus (IHS, surmounted with a cross above three nails and surrounded with a halo of rays) announces that e University of Scranton is a Jesuit university.
- (e banner adorned with the seal of the family of Saint Ignatius Loyola (a golden pot suspended between two wolves) bears witness to the fact that the University's educational philosophy is derived from the thought of Saint Ignatius (1491-1556), the founder of the Society of Jesus.
- (e banner adorned with the seal of the Diocese of Scranton (a star rising between two crossed keys) recalls and celebrates the fact that the University was founded by the Most Reverend William O'Hara, D.D., the first Bishop of Scranton.
- (e banner adorned with the seal of the Brothers of the Christian Schools (the ve-pointed star) honors the Christian Brothers' half century of devoted service to the students of Saint Thomas College and e University of Scranton.
- (e banner adorned with a device drawn from the seal of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (the stack of wheat) both identifies the University's location and proclaims its special mission to the citizens of Pennsylvania.
- (e banner adorned with the iconic symbol of Saint Thomas Aquinas (the radiant sunburst) recalls both the name of the University's precursor college (Saint Thomas College) and announces that Saint Thomas remains the heavenly patron of the University.
- (e banner adorned with the crown refers to the nickname of the University's athletic

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THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER

Oh, say, can you see by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming?
Whose broad stripes and bright stars, through the perilous ght,
O'er the ramparts we watched were so gallantly streaming?
And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night, that our flag was still there.
Oh, say, does that star-spangled banner yet wave?
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.

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he hours too quickly slip away
And mingle into years
But mem'ries of our Scranton days will last
Whatever next appears.
he legacy from those before
Is brie y ours to hold,
We leave the best behind for others
As the coming years unfold.

With faith in lives that touch us here
And paths that ours have crossed
We know that reaching for the rising sun
Is surely worth the cost.
May God be ever at our side,
May goodness ll our days.
We hail as loving sons and daughters
Alma mater ours always.

Edward Gannon, S.J.
Kathleen Fisher, Ph.D. '80

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