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May 11, 2024



COLLEGE OF
Saint Benedict



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Clemens Field House

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St. Joseph, Minnesota

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PROCESSIONAL*

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**Audience stands as they are able for the Processional and Recessional.*

Please remain at your seat until the graduates have recessed from the building.

*All are invited to attend a reception in honor of the graduates immediately following the ceremony on the plaza in front of the
Benedicta Arts Center.*

MUSICAL SELECTIONS

College of Saint Benedict and Saint John's University Brass Choir

Conductor

Dr. Jacob Grewe

Visiting Assistant Professor of Music

Prelude

Quintet.....Kevin Lamb
Class of 2019

Ashokan Farewell..... Jay Unger
Arranged by Lew Buckley

Grand Valley Fanfare Eric Ewazen

Processional

The Mace and the Medal (A Ceremonial March)..... Dr. Brian Campbell
Associate Professor of Music

Recessional

Rondeau..... Jean Joseph Mouret
Transcribed by Robert King

Musicians

Trumpet

Josie Beneke
Frank Doyle
Tanner Haag
Maureen Staelgraeve

Euphonium

Isabella Schutta
Sophia Turja-Hubbard

Tuba

Evan Eisinger
Pedro Miguel
Owen Talberg

Trombone

Rebecca Daniels
Tarin Gatchell
Kevin Lamb
Tymek Luiken

AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL

O beautiful for spacious skies,
For amber waves of grain
For purple mountain majesties
Above the fruited plain!
America! America! God shed his grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea.
O beautiful for patriot dream
That sees beyond the years
Thine alabaster cities gleam,
Undimmed by human tears!
America! America! God shed his grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea.

Words: Katherine L. Bates, 1859-1929, alt.
Music: MATERNA, Samuel A. Ward, 1848-1903

SAINT BENEDICT'S EVER

Staunch guardian of truth, diffusing Thy light
To all who love wisdom and honor the right.
Saint Benedict's forever, Thy praises we sing,
Our love and our loyalty gladly we bring!
With thee as our guide we follow the quest
Of learning that frees us but binds us no less
To accept what is true, to do what is right:
The sword of the Spirit, our light and our might!

Arranged by Dr. Brian Campbell
Associate Professor of Music

LATIN HONORS

These academic honors are conferred upon students who have maintained high scholastic excellence. To be eligible for latin honors, students must have the following standing:

* *egregia cum laude*, meaning “with outstanding praise,” is awarded with a cumulative grade point average of 4.00;

** *summa cum laude*, meaning “with highest praise,” is awarded with a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.90;

*** *magna cum laude*, meaning “with great praise,” is awarded with a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.75;

**** *cum laude*, meaning “with praise,” is awarded with a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.65.

Latin honors are displayed on both the diploma and the undergraduate transcript.

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Nursing

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Nursing

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Nursing

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The appearance of a candidate's name in this commencement program may not be taken as evidence that all requirements for the degree have been fulfilled.

GPA honors for spring 2024 commencement are calculated through fall 2023 semester grades.

ALL COLLEGE HONORS

All College Honors is a distinction earned by students who have completed the five courses that make up the College of Saint Benedict and Saint John's University Honors Scholars for Community and Collaborative Leadership program. The interdisciplinary program culminates in a two-semester research project developed by our Honors Scholars in collaboration with local community partners, the goal of which is to enhance the common good of the community.

Chiamaka Chizaram Chijioke	Kelly M Kieser	Sarah Marie Skrove
Brigid Kathleen Conway	Peyton Julaine Kopel	Fiona Jo Smith
Morgan Mae Ebel	Emma Danielle Lundgren	Savannah Marie Supan
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ALPHA ALPHA ALPHA

Alpha Alpha Alpha, also known as Tri-Alpha, is a national honor society established in 2018 recognizing the academic success of first generation college students. Criteria for induction include being a first-generation student with a sophomore status or having completed at least 30 credit hours and a grade point average of 3.2 on a scale of 4.0 at the time of induction.

Dana Soledad Alcala	Clair Elizabeth Moonen	Kennedy Julann Pexa
Amelia Marie Kahlhamer		

DELTA EPSILON SIGMA

National Catholic Honor Society

Delta Epsilon Sigma is a national scholastic honor society for students, faculty and alumnae/i of colleges and universities with a Catholic tradition. The three criteria for selection include a record of outstanding academic achievement, a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.9 at the time of induction and a commitment to service.

Anne Elizabeth Beuning	Claire Caroline Hoye	Ella Millie Madson
Reagan Jean Bos	Samantha Rose Imholte	Elizabeth Brianna Selisker
Courtney Lynn Connelly	Peyton Julaine Kopel	Sarah Marie Skrove
Lauren Clare Funke	Anne Elizabeth Koslowski	Ashley Ann Tarrolly
Isabelle Faith Heim	Lana Michelle Krautkremer	
Reilly Belle Hennen	Emma Kay Kuboushek	

PHI BETA KAPPA

Established in 1776, Phi Beta Kappa, as the oldest and most prestigious academic honor society, celebrates and advocates excellence in the liberal arts and sciences. Its campus chapters invite for induction the most outstanding arts and sciences students at America's leading colleges and universities. The Society sponsors activities to advance these studies — the humanities, the social sciences, the fine arts and the natural sciences — in higher education and in society at large. About 10 percent of the nation's institutions of higher learning have Phi Beta Kappa chapters and only about 10 percent of the arts and sciences graduates of these distinguished institutions are selected for Phi Beta Kappa membership. Each year, approximately one college senior in a hundred, nationwide, is invited to join.

The following students have been invited to the Phi Beta Kappa Academic Honor Society:

Sophia Francine Anderson	Amelia Marie Kahlhamer	Victoria Lynn Schwieters
Maria Grace Beck	Claire Gabrielle Kouri	Talane Anastacia Sealey
Tiana Lynn Ellis	Emma Danielle Lundgren	Caitlin Grace Shaw
Lauren Clare Funke	Erin Anne Martin	Savannah Marie Supan
Equoia Sukanya Gibson	Sara Grace Mayeux	Genevieve Marie Woods
Elizabeth Helen Hamak	Grace Isobella Potter	
Sara Rose Hoppe	Mikayla Celise Santiago	

SIGMA BETA DELTA

Sigma Beta Delta recognizes scholarship and accomplishment among students of business, management and administration. Membership into Sigma Beta Delta is the highest national recognition a business student can receive at a college or university. To be eligible for membership, a student must rank in the top 20 percent of their junior or senior class and be invited by the faculty officers. College of Saint Benedict and Saint John's University also require inductees to have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.75.

Anne Elizabeth Beuning	Lauren Marie Pfeffer	Brynn Kathleen Sexauer
Bryn Anika Carlstrom	Maggi Jean Pierret	Amelia Rose Skartvedt
Ellee Lynn Clausen	Kaylee Elizabeth Ringstad	Emily Elizabeth Smith
Samantha Anne Dietrick	Sydney Marie Rohrer	Anna Jane Streed
Rebecca Anne Goral	Margaret Jean Rothstein	Abigail Lynn Willenbring
Elizabeth Anne Kuntz	Elise Marie Sande	
Payton Ann Marker	Lauren Grace Schuler	

THE SEAL OF THE COLLEGE OF SAINT BENEDICT



In 1956, Jacquelyn Dubay, OSB, was teaching in the art department at the College of Saint Benedict. Having studied Heraldry while working toward an art degree at Mount Mary College in Milwaukee, then dean of the college, Johanna Becker, OSB, asked S. Jacquelyn to design a crest for the College of Saint Benedict. S. Jacquelyn tried to pick out the salient things from life at the college to include on such a crest: symbols of the college, the place where the college resides and the values at the heart of the college.

Of premier importance to all incoming first-year women at the time was the fall Pageant, a huge outdoor extravaganza full of theater, dancing and choral music. This was an annual event chronicling the Benedictine love of knowledge throughout the ages and culminating in the passing of the torch of learning to all new students. That torch is represented on the left side of the crest.

St. Cloud was named after Saint-Cloud in France, and so S. Jacquelyn chose the fleur de lis to represent the place of the college as a part of the St. Cloud Diocese. The fleur de lis is found in the upper right hand of the crest.

The College of Saint Benedict is a Benedictine institution, holding and teaching Benedictine values. As a result of the presence and awareness of these values among the faculty, staff and students, S. Jacquelyn included a Benedictine cross in the lower right hand of the crest.

The crest is enclosed in a black seal with the lettering "College of Saint Benedict: St. Joseph, Minnesota." In the white space between the black outer ring and the crest are the words, "Sic Luceat Lux Vestra," Latin for "So let your light shine." The year 1913 is included, signifying the year the college was founded.

The original crest in the college seal was approximately five inches in diameter and was used primarily on stationery. In the early 1970s, the crest was adopted by the new nursing department for its official pin and worn by all nurses designating their alma mater. It is only in recent years, though, that the college seal has taken hold as an official emblem of the college. When S. Jacquelyn returned to the campus, she was surprised and delighted to see the college seal with the crest on sweatshirts being worn by students. The college bookstore now sells numerous items sporting this emblem.

FLAGS ON DISPLAY

The international flags displayed represent the individual countries of this year's graduates.

The tribal flags displayed are the 11 federally recognized tribal nations in Minnesota. They are flown to respect and honor the original caretakers of this land who were forcibly removed from, and are still connected to this territory.

MISSION OF THE COLLEGE OF SAINT BENEDICT

The mission of the College of Saint Benedict is to provide for women the best undergraduate residential liberal arts education along with select graduate programs, in the Catholic and Benedictine traditions. The college fosters integrated learning, exceptional leadership for change and wisdom for a lifetime.

VISION OF THE COLLEGE OF SAINT BENEDICT

The College of Saint Benedict will be nationally recognized as a community that provides a liberal arts education preparing women to think critically, lead courageously and advocate passionately.

ACADEMIC REGALIA

The custom of wearing academic dress originated in the universities of the Middle Ages when a warm gown and hood were useful for scholars and clerics in unheated buildings. The distinctive apparel indicated the academic brand of its wearer. Most of the early academic garments were black, but by Renaissance times Oxford and Cambridge had added touches of color. The costumes worn at the universities of continental Europe became increasingly colorful. Academic caps of various shapes eventually superseded the hood as a head covering.

At the end of the 19th century, American universities and colleges adopted a code for academic costumes and ceremonies. It is possible to recognize the degree granting institution, the degree and the field of study of the person wearing academic regalia.

The gown designating the bachelor of arts or bachelor of science ordinarily is black with long, pointed sleeves. The master's gown has oblong sleeves. Bell-shaped sleeves crossed with three wide bands of velvet indicate the doctor's gown.

The greatest degree of symbolism is shown by the hood. The color and width of the velvet border indicate the degree and field of study. The length of the hood varies with the degree, from three feet for the bachelor's to four feet for the doctor's. The bachelor's hood is somewhat pointed in shape; the doctor's is rounded. The official colors of the institution conferring the degree line the hood. The color of the velvet strip on the hood indicates the field of study in which the degree was earned or granted. Some faculty will be wearing gowns with distinctive colors: Harvard's crimson; Chicago's and Minnesota's maroon; Yale's blue; Cornell's red; Stanford's bright red; Brown's brown; Oxford's black and red.

The purpose of academic costume and ceremonies is to celebrate formally the academic goals and achievements of an institution's students, administration, faculty and staff.

THE COLLEGE MACE

An academic mace, the ceremonial instrument used in formal academic processions since 1385, was carried by a senior member of the faculty. The mace is oval in shape; the handle profile is in the shape of a cross. The convex face of the mace has "CSB" inscribed and is covered with gold leaf. The reverse side is a slight abstraction of the Benedictine cross also covered with gold leaf. The body and handle are made of walnut and burl with a gold ball at the bottom. The mace is displayed on the stage.

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It is with great appreciation that we honor the following members of the CSB and SJU faculty who are retiring this year. Thank you for your many years of service and dedications to our institutions.

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Kathleen Cahalan, Theology

Jeanne Cook, Communication

Tony Cunningham, Philosophy

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