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Undergraduate Commencement Exercises

Sunday, May 18, 2014

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NATIONAL ANTHEM* ............................................................................................. FRANCIS SCOTT KEY

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CLOSING PRAYER* .............................................................................................. Sean Francis McCall

ALMA MATER ....................................................................................................... DANIEL J. RODDEN

RECESSIONAL (Trumpet Voluntary) .................................................................. JOHN STANLEY

Musicians: Crosstown Brass Quintet Vocalists: Karim M. Brooks, Anthony Carbone, Reneé Magdalene DeVine-McClinton, Kevin Andrew Eurice, Augusta Mbalu Kamara, Tori Lynn Pisco, Tahira Saida Washington

National Anthem

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,
Thro’ the perilous fight
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?

— Francis Scott Key

Alma Mater

GLORY LA SALLE

Above Explorers valiant,
Here under thine eyes,
Thy blue and gold banners
Unfurl ‘neath the skies!

Chorus:

La Salle, La Salle, thy glory,
Thy triumphs we praise!
Thy name in song forever
Shall we proudly raise!

Thy sons and daughters standing
Await thy command,
Thou fortress of faith
In our God and our land!

Chorus:

La Salle, La Salle, thy glory,
Thy triumphs we praise!
Thy name in song forever
Shall we proudly raise!

— Daniel J. Rodden

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Honorary Degree Recipient

Presented by

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Chair, La Salle University Board of Trustees

Brother Michael J. McGinniss, F.S.C., Ph.D.
Doctor of Educational Leadership

Brother Michael J. McGinniss, F.S.C., Ph.D., became La Salle University’s 28th President on July 1, 1999, and will step down at the end of his current term on May 31, 2014.

Under Br. Michael’s direction, the University has developed a new strategic plan and significantly increased enrollment, giving, and alumni involvement in the life of the University. He has led efforts that have raised $133 million for various facilities, programs, and other initiatives, and, during his tenure, the University’s endowment has increased by 88 percent—from $42 million to $79.4 million. Undergraduate enrollment has also increased by 13 percent and graduate and doctoral enrollment by 24 percent.

Br. Michael leaves a strong legacy at La Salle, including several critical initiatives that have had a profound effect on the University. In 2005, the University built and opened a new residence hall and adjoining dining facility and completed expansion of the Bucks County Center in Newtown, Pa. The physical footprint of the University’s main campus also expanded with the acquisition of the former Germantown Hospital in 2007, taking the campus from 100 to 133 acres, creating a West Campus and a new, expanded space for the School of Nursing and Health Sciences. In 2008, the University opened a Montgomery County Center in Plymouth Meeting, Pa., and, in 2009, La Salle celebrated the opening of the renovated and expanded Holroyd Hall, featuring the Hugh and Nancy Devlin Center for Science and Technology. Recently, Br. Michael finalized planning for the development of a new School of Business.

One of Br. Michael’s key accomplishments as La Salle’s President has been to support the economic viability of the surrounding neighborhood. The construction of the Shoppes at La Salle, achieved through a partnership between La Salle and developers, brought the first supermarket in 40 years to the neighborhood. Outreach to the community has also been a priority, and the University’s commitment to service has earned the Community Engagement Classification from the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, a recognition that has been bestowed on less than 1 percent of higher education institutions in the United States.

A native Philadelphian, Br. Michael joined the De La Salle Christian Brothers in 1965 and graduated maxima cum laude from La Salle in 1970 with a degree in English. He earned his master’s degree and Ph.D. in theology from the University of Notre Dame.

In 1984, Brother Michael joined the faculty at La Salle on a full-time basis, becoming Chair of La Salle’s Religion Department in 1991. The following year, he received the Lindback Award for Distinguished Teaching.

In 1994, he became President of Christian Brothers University in Memphis, Tenn. After five productive years, during which enrollment and retention rates increased and other campus enhancements were made, Br. Michael returned to La Salle University as its President.

His academic areas of expertise are pastoral theology, history and theology of ministry, methods and models of theological reflection, ecclesiology, and Lasallian spirituality, and he has presented and been published extensively on these topics.

Br. Michael serves on the boards of the American University of Rome, Manhattan College, La Salle College High School, the Association of Independent Colleges and Universities of Pennsylvania, the Urban Affairs Coalition of Philadelphia, and the Greater Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce. In addition, he is a member of the District Council for the Christian Brothers District of Eastern North America.
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BACHELOR OF ARTS

MAXIMA CUM LAUDE

Donna Marie Kenny
Nichole Marie Scanlon

CUM LAUDE

Geraldine Anne Canalley
Lisa Candela
Jacqueline May
GENERAL UNIVERSITY HONORS

The students whose names appear below have satisfied the requirements specified by the University for graduation with the distinction of "General University Honors."

Johanna Lynn Beck
Amy Leigh Bonsal
Catherine Frances Buck
Emily Jeanne Caine
Salvatore Sebastiano Calvo
Justin Michael Campbell
Angelica Analyses Cancel
Anthony Carbone
David Charles Comberiate
Carolyn Mary DiFiore
Robert Francis Duffy
Paul Andrew Dunne
Julia Roisin Eastwood
Matthew A. Fares
Thomas Patrick Farrell, Jr.
Gregory Paul Fat
Molly Eileen Fay
Rachel Finkbeiner
Greg Harrison Fischer
Bianca Paige Gallagher
John Matthew Gibbons
Molly Theresa Gibbons
Taylor Terese Givnish
Julia Harrington
Matthew Jacob Howell
Katherine Emig Hummel
Steven A. Johnston
Kevin Lukasz Juchniewicz
Ezekiel J. Leeds
Katherine McBeth
Gavin T. McLaughlin
James Padraic Murphy
Ariel Ngoc Nguyen
Kaitlyn Marie Petruccelli
Taylor Marie Strickland
Stephen E. Szyszkiewicz
Maggie Vimon Tappitake
Basil Thommen
Phillip Sheldon Wedge

The list of Honors recipients is tentative, the University reserving the right to make any changes required. Honors should appear on diplomas of eligible undergraduates. Undergraduate students eligible for Honors whose diplomas do not bear the appropriate notation should return the diplomas to the Registrar’s Office within two weeks. Honors will be added and diplomas mailed.
ACADEMIC PROGRAM AWARD WINNERS

SCHOOL OF NURSING AND HEALTH SCIENCES

BSN (Day) BSN-Achieve (Evening) Health Studies Nutrition RN-BSN Speech-Language-Hearing Science

Marialaina Soto Lauren Grace Franchetti Shance Renee Johnson Michele Louise Patten Chris James Cunicelli Doreen Annice Randone

SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

Accounting Finance International Business Management & Leadership Marketing

Patricia Lynn Oswald David Charles Comberiate Alexandra Elaine Aughe Cara Michelle Spinosa Sarah Theresa Kennedy

SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SCIENCES


COLLEGE OF PROFESSIONAL AND CONTINUING STUDIES

Organizational Leadership

Donna Marie Kenny
STUDENT AWARD WINNERS

DR. VICTOR D. BROOKS AWARD
(Academic Excellence, Continuing Studies)
Beth Anne Campellone-Wood

DENNIS DOUGHERTY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
(Fraternity and Sorority Service and Leadership)
Jonathan D. Weingarten

JAMES A. FINNEGAN MEMORIAL AWARD
(Judeo-Christian Ideals of Social Justice, Day Division)
Matthew Jacob Howell

JOSEPH F. FLUBACHER AWARD
(Outstanding Leadership, Day Division)
Kaitlyn Marie Petruccelli

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT AWARD
(Academic Excellence and Service)
Ariel Ngoc Nguyen

JOHN J. MCSHAIN AWARD
(Public Welfare, Day Division)
Catherine Frances Buck

BROTHER EMERY C. MOLLENHAUER AWARD
(Commitment to Service, Peace, and Justice)
Daniel Bowers

FEMALE SCHOLAR ATHLETE
Renee Washington

MALE SCHOLAR ATHLETE
Alfredo Jose Santana

STUDENT-ATHLETE ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AWARD
Chloe Gabrielle Trave

W.W. SMITH CHARITABLE TRUST SCHOLARSHIP
Ashley Laurie Allan
Brittany Grace Cohen
Dawn Lindsay Cohen
Samantha Victoria Elmer
Shakira Nachelle Hayward
John Michael McComas
Robert David Morrissey
James Padraic Murphy
Rosa C. Nhim
Nataliya Panochko
Lindsey N. Ragen
Saahir Richardson
Madiaba S. Sheriff

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Notes on Academic Dress

The history of academic dress begins in the early days of the oldest universities. A statute of 1321 required all “Doctors, Licentiates, and Bachelors” of the University of Coimbra to wear gowns. In England during the second half of the 14th century, the statutes of certain colleges forbade “excess in apparel” and prescribed the wearing of a long gown. It is still a question whether academic dress finds its sources chiefly in ecclesiastical or in civilian dress. Gowns may have been considered necessary for warmth in the unheated buildings used by medieval scholars. Hoods may have served to cover the tonsured head until superseded for that purpose by the skullcap. The cap was later displaced by a headdress similar to ones now recognized as “academic.” European institutions continue to show great diversity in their specifications of academic dress. However, when American colleges and universities adopted a system of academic apparel a half-century ago, a code was devised for all to follow.

Gowns—The gown for the bachelor’s degree has pointed sleeves and is worn closed. The gown for the master’s degree has an oblong sleeve, open at the wrist, with the sleeve base hanging down in the traditional manner. The rear part of the sleeve’s oblong shape is square cut and the front part has an arc cut away. It may be worn open or closed. The gown for the doctor’s degree has bell-shaped sleeves and may be worn open or closed. Bachelor’s and master’s gowns have no trimmings, but the doctor’s may be faced on the front with black or colored velvet and with three bars of the same across the sleeves. If color is used, it is the color distinctive of the subject to which the degree pertains, and it matches the edging or binding of the hood.

Hoods—Hoods are lined with the official color or colors of the college or university conferring the degree. The binding or edging of the hood is the color indicative of the subject to which the degree pertains, except that the doctor’s cap may have its tassel of gold thread.

Caps—Mortarboards are generally worn as part of the academic costume. The long tassel fastened to the middle point of the cap’s top is either black or the color appropriate to the subject. It is customary for degree candidates to wear the tassels on the right front side before degrees are conferred and to shift them to the left when the degrees are awarded. This custom is in some respects a substitute for individual hooding.

For all academic purposes, including trimmings of doctors’ gowns, edgings of hoods, and tassels of caps, the colors associated with the different subjects are as follows:

- Agriculture – Maize
- Arts, Letters, Humanities – White
- Commerce, Accountancy,
- Business – Drab
- Dentistry – Lilac
- Economics – Copper
- Education – Light Blue
- Engineering – Orange
- Fine Arts – Brown
- Forestry – Russet
- Journalism – Crimson
- Law – Purple
- Library Science – Lemon

- Medicine – Green
- Music – Pink
- Nursing – Apricot
- Oratory (Speech) – Silver Gray
- Pharmacy – Olive Green
- Philosophy – Dark Blue
- Physical Education – Sage Green
- Public Administration – Peacock Blue
- Public Health – Salmon Pink
- Science – Golden Yellow
- Social Work – Citron
- Theology – Scarlet
- Veterinary Science – Gray