



SAINT XAVIER UNIVERSITY
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The Seal of Saint Xavier University

From its earliest design honoring the Blessed Virgin Mary to the Coat of Arms seal of today, the seal of Saint Xavier University symbolizes a proud history of Catholic education in Chicago.

Designed by Art Department faculty member Sister Mary Solina Hicks, R.S.M., this seal includes a black-and-white checkerboard and diagonal gold bars from the family coat of arms of Saint Francis Xavier, red and gold bars and a white Jerusalem cross taken from the shield of the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas, an open book to represent education and the Scripture verse: "I am the way, and the truth, and the life." (John 14:6)

Saint Xavier University continues to use this seal as a symbol of its heritage and mission.



Congratulations, Graduates!

On behalf of the Saint Xavier University community, we look forward to celebrating your achievements and witnessing your continued success after graduation.

The experience you gained at Saint Xavier has prepared you to lead with confidence and compassion in service of the common good, as called for by our Mercy mission. Today, you begin your next chapter with a deeper understanding of your values and responsibility to help create a more just and humane world. We are confident that the creativity, critical thought, compassion and sense of resolve you demonstrated during your time at Saint Xavier will continue to lift up those around you.

We are grateful for the contributions you have made to our community and are honored to have helped you prepare for a future of professional success and meaningful service. We know the fond memories and enduring friendships you built here will last a lifetime, and we hope you remain active in our alumni network. This sustained connection to SXU helps ensure that those who come after you have access to the same transformative educational experience.

We extend our best wishes as you embark on the next exciting chapter of your story.

Sincerely,

Laurie M. Joyner, Ph.D.

President

“We can never say ‘it is enough.’”

Catherine McAuley, Familiar Instructions

Mission Statement

Saint Xavier University, a Catholic institution inspired by the heritage of the Sisters of Mercy, educates persons to search for truth, to think critically, to communicate effectively, and to serve wisely and compassionately in support of human dignity and the common good.

University Vision

Saint Xavier University, the affordable, Catholic Mercy institution, will become known for the strength of its relevant curricular and co-curricular offerings; accomplishments of its faculty, staff and students; robust community engagement; and the success of its graduates.

Core Values

The Saint Xavier University community commits itself to practicing eight core values as it engages in a search for truth and knowledge, both for personal enhancement and to understand and improve our world.

RESPECT

moves us to understand the gifts and unique contributions of every person in the University community and to value diverse perspectives.

EXCELLENCE

commits us to challenge ourselves to utilize our God-given gifts: intellectual, social, physical, spiritual and ethical.

COMPASSION

compels us to stand with and embrace others in their suffering that, together, we may experience God's liberating and healing presence.

SERVICE

calls us to use our gifts, talents and abilities to advance the genuine well-being of our community and those we encounter.

HOSPITALITY

draws us to do our daily work with a spirit of graciousness that welcomes new ideas and people of all backgrounds and beliefs.

INTEGRITY

gives us the ability to realize the greater good in our actions and programs, and challenges us to look at our work and ourselves holistically and as one united with others across the globe.

DIVERSITY

builds a community that fosters a climate that is open and welcoming to diverse people, ideas and perspectives; that promotes a constructive discourse on the nature of diversity; and that engages faculty, staff and students in activities that promote the University's core values.

LEARNING FOR LIFE

in the liberal arts tradition, encourages us to pursue knowledge and truth throughout our lives in ways that improve our communities and ourselves and that strengthen our understanding of each other.

The Ceremonial Mace

Saint Xavier University introduced a ceremonial mace to the commencement procession in January 2004. The mace is an ornamental staff that has historically symbolized academic authority and adds to the pageantry of the ceremony. The Saint Xavier University mace consists of a carved walnut staff adorned with the Saint Xavier seal, cast in bronze, and is ushered in by a faculty member serving as the grand marshal of the procession. The mace is displayed in the University's Robert and Mary Rita Murphy Stump Library.



Academic Dress

“The formal academic regalia being worn today had their origins in the clerical costumes of medieval Europe and have evolved into a great variety of patterns and styles. Late in the last century, the American colleges and universities agreed to standardize their regalia; however, there is now a movement to return to individual designs for each institution.

The gown worn by those holding or receiving the bachelor’s degree is plain black with pointed sleeves. The master’s gown was characterized by a unique, long, closed sleeve with a slit at the elbow, through which the arm protruded; this peculiarity is now being replaced by a sleeve more like that of the bachelor’s. The doctoral gown has very full bell sleeves and is trimmed with velvet in panels down the front and in strips across the sleeves. This trim may be either black or in a color that denotes the particular type of doctorate – royal blue for the Ph.D., green for the M.D. and various others.

The familiar mortarboard cap bears only a faint resemblance to its close relative, the clerical biretta. Some institutions now specify a soft cap somewhat like a tam o’shanter. The bachelor’s decorate the cap with a tassel in black or the color indicative of the degree. Masters wear black tassels; the doctors wear either black or metallic gold.

Most symbolic and informative of the regalia is the hood, which is no longer raised over the head, but is hung down the back, just as a cleric wore it when baring the head in church. The bachelor’s hood is three feet long, the master’s is three-and-one-half feet, and the doctor’s is four feet long with a rectangular panel, which once served as a shoulder cap when the hood was raised. A curious short tail at the peak of the hood is all that now remains of a long strip, which was wrapped around the throat as a scarf. All of the hoods have a velvet border in the color of the degree according to the same system used for the trim of the doctoral gown.

In the Middle Ages, academic hoods were lined with miniver, lamb’s wool or rabbit fur – a necessity in unheated schools and churches. By the 14th century, professors wore silk-lined hoods in summer; satin is now used to line the hoods. The colors and patterns of the satin lining of the hood identify the college or university conferring the degree.”

*Richard C. Pilger, Jr., Marshal Emeritus, Saint Mary’s College, Notre Dame, Indiana.
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The following is a list of common academic colors:

Arts, Letters, Humanities	White	Philosophy	Dark Blue
Business, Accounting	Light Brown	Public Health	Salmon Pink
Education	Light Blue	Science	Golden Yellow
Fine Arts	Brown	Social Work	Citron
Music	Pink	Speech	Gold
Nursing	Apricot	Theology, Religious Studies	Scarlet



Graduation Honors

Due to grade reporting and program printing deadlines, graduation honors are not listed in the commencement booklet. However, graduation honors are announced with the students' names as the diploma is awarded.

To be eligible for graduation honors, students must have completed at least 50 graded semester hours at Saint Xavier University and earned a cumulative grade-point average of:

3.50 for Cum Laude (with honors, white Honor Cords)

3.70 for Magna Cum Laude (with high honors, silver Honor Cords)

3.90 for Summa Cum Laude (with highest honors, gold Honor Cords)

The cumulative GPA is based exclusively on credits earned at Saint Xavier University and is the higher of (a) the GPA for all credits earned at Saint Xavier University or (b) the last 50 hours earned prior to graduation. If the student reaches and exceeds 50 hours in a term, then all courses earned that term are counted in the GPA for the "last 50 hours." The student is not allowed to pick the courses to equal exactly 50 hours. Graduation honors are recognized for undergraduate degrees only.

Honors announced during the commencement ceremonies are anticipated honors based upon grades posted to the student record, excluding the current active semester. The honors posted on the transcript, as part of the student's official record, are based upon grades earned through the final semester. The posted honors may differ from the announced honors.

"Honors Scholar" denotes a student who has completed all requirements of the Saint Xavier University Undergraduate Honors Program, including senior-year research or creative project.

College of Arts and Sciences

Honorary Degree Recipient

Citation honoring Sister Anita Baird

Upon the conferral by Saint Xavier University of the degree Doctor of Arts and Letters, *honoris causa*



Sister Anita Baird is part of the Religious Congregation of the Society of the Daughters of the Heart of Mary and holds degrees in sociology and theology from DePaul University and Loyola University Chicago. Sister Anita is recognized for her religious and community activism around the nation. She has been awarded an honorary Doctor of Ministry from the Catholic Theological Union in recognition of her outstanding contributions in the work for racial justice in the Catholic Church and the city of Chicago. Sister Anita is also the recipient of the National Black Sisters' Conference's Harriet Tubman Moses of Her People Award; NBC-5 Jefferson Award for exceptional community service; and Outstanding Leadership Award by the Leadership Conference of Women Religious.

A resident of Oak Park, she has served as regional superior, provincial councilor, and U.S. provincial. Sister Anita is the first African American to serve as chief of staff to the Archbishop of Chicago and the founding director of the Archdiocese of Chicago's Office for Racial Justice. Her work included directing the Archdiocese's initiatives to eradicate racism in its structures and institutions. Sister Anita also served as Francis Cardinal George's liaison for race relations in the city of Chicago. Presently, Sister Anita serves as co-chair of the LCWR's committee on racial justice and the USCCB's Sub-Committee for Jewish-Catholic Dialogue.

For this and other pertinent reasons, we are most pleased to confer on Sister Anita Baird the degree of Doctor of Arts and Letters, *honoris causa*, with all the rights and privileges thereof. Done in Chicago, this sixth day of May 2023.

College of Arts and Sciences Ceremony

Musical Prelude

Saint Xavier University Saxophone Quartet
Lara Ochoa Regan '98, M.M., Director

Processional

"Procession of the Nobles" from Mlada Suite
by Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov, transcribed by Kenneth Abeling

Saint Xavier University Saxophone Quartet

Order of Procession

Marshal

Forrest Perry, Ph.D.
Vice President, Faculty Senate
Associate Professor, Philosophy

Master of Ceremonies

Saib Othman, Ph.D.
Provost

Faculty
Staff
President's Senior Leadership Team
Deans
Members of the Board of Trustees
Honorary Degree Recipient
President of the University

Procession of Graduates

"Pomp and Circumstance" March, Op.39, No.1
by Sir Edward Elgar, arranged by Diego Marani

Saint Xavier University Saxophone Quartet

Welcome

Saib Othman, Ph.D.

Invocation

Jenny DeVivo '99, Ph.D.
Executive Director, Mission and Heritage

The Suscipe of Catherine McAuley

Sr. Dolores Nieratke, R.S.M.
arr. Thomas McNichols

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President's Address

Laurie M. Joyner, Ph.D.

Student Speaker

Mary Eileen Ward
Bachelor of Arts

Conferral of Honorary Degree

Laurie M. Joyner, Ph.D.

Commencement Address

Sister Anita Baird
Honorary Degree Recipient

Presentation of Candidates

College of Arts and Sciences

Gina Rossetti, Ph.D.
Interim Dean, College of Arts and Sciences

Announcer of Recipients

Vincent Alexander Davis '10, Ph.D.
Candidate (ABD)
Faculty Specialist, Communication Department

Alumni Welcome

Imelda Macias, Ed.D. '13
Executive Director, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

Benediction

Charles R. Newman, B.Arch
Vice Chair, Board of Trustees

Closing Remarks

Saib Othman, Ph.D.
Provost

Recessional

Saint Xavier University Saxophone Quartet
"March" from *Second Suite in F for Military Band*
by Gustav Holst, arranged by Kenneth Abeling

Reception

Student Café Atrium/O'Malley Quad
Warde Academic Center

A Special Invitation

You are invited to a reception immediately following the ceremony to celebrate our graduates. As you exit through the east doors, please follow the signs that will direct you through the Smith Morris Quad into the Warde Academic Center. Along the way, you will find many photo opportunities for students and families.

College of Arts and Sciences

Gina Rossetti, Ph.D., Interim Dean

Bachelor of Arts

Ali I. Abdelhamid	Mark James Creed	Lauryn A. Hodges
Dania G. Abidrabbu	Ethan Damian	Mariam Ibrahim
Aaron Acosta	Liam D. Daniher-Bowes	Sumer Jaber
Alex M. Acosta	Mary C. Deely	Emily J. Jachymiak
Soledad Alberto	Paige R. Deitz	Kelly E. James
Gabriella Alessandrini	Delilah C. Delgado	Jessica Jimenez
Olivia A. Alfirevich	Sean Dennis	Tyler A. Jozsa
Jacklyn Ripley Alfred*	Graciela R. Diaz	Jason A. Kudelko
Gisselle Elena Almazan	Jose A. Diaz	Ryan Landa
Jeanette J. Alvarado	Melanie N. Diaz*	Julia Lignarska
Cristina Alvarez	Kelsey Rose Donovan	Rocio D. Linares
Rubi Aragon-Hernandez	Patrick J. Doran	Carlos-Ronaldo Lopez
Daniel S. Arrington	Kevin Michael Dryer	Charles Henry Lunsford
Wendy Karina Bahena	Michael Raymond Drynan	David M. Lyons
Nicole Marie Baldwin	Nicole P. Dvorak	Michelle Ann Malatia
Chloe Elizabeth Banicki	Tala Alaa Elchami	Joslyn M. Malave
Mina Gabrielle Baniewicz	Sarah J. Enriquez	Montzerrat G. Martinez
Aliza E. Barrera	Angie Esparza	Nayeli F. Martinez Gomez
Esteban Barrera	Jose F. Estrada Jr.	Susan E. Marzano
Saira C. Barrera	Thomas J. Falvey	Madisyn Rose McDaniel
Joselin I. Barrios	Andres M. Fausto	Brenda Montalvo
Bertha Becerra	Lonell Fletcher	Joselyne Montoya
Ryan A. Bedell	Autumn Alexis Flick	Devin Lashawn Moore
Martin J. Bennett	Devin A. J. Fox	Diamond Marie Moore
Daniel Anthony Bolger	William T. Franklin	Angela Rose Morales
Kamila M. Borczyk	Ryesha Nicole Gaines	Beatriz Munoz
Sarah A. Bowen	Daniel F. Galvan	Daniel Naranjo
Casey N. Bruce	Jennifer D. Garcia	Jose L. Naranjo
Natalie K. Calderon	Jocelyn A. Garcia	Peyton Nigro
Monica Camacho	Alexis K. Gonzalez	Jacqueline Ojeda
Alfredo Cantero	Mason C. Gray	Maria Laura Olivares
Idalis Cardenas	Sean R. Greenfield	Valeria Olivares
Anthony E. Cardinal	Andres Felipe Guachichulca	Gage A. Olszak
Madeline Rose Carmona	Guadalupe Guzman*	Erthel T. Oruma
Isabel Carrillo	Jonathan Guzman	John J. O'Sullivan
Briana Ceja	Valeria A. Guzman	Anthony Otero
Ashley K. Clifton	Stephanie Hadaniak	Olivia J. Ozga
Ernesto J. Colon	Amanie H. Hammad	Robert J. Palermo
Tenishia Christine Crawford	Cassandra Hernandez	Madeleine Palmer
	Miranda E. Hernandez	Kimberly Paniagua
	Jose Hernandez-Lopez	Max Pantoja

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LaKresha Ann Parker
La'Quita Tyesha Parker
Elizabeth A. Paroubek
Michael L. Pascalo
Santiago J. Perez Guzman
Abigail R. Powell
Abigail N. Prado
Diego A. Prado
Elias Rabadi
Jennifer Ramirez
Sofia Nicole Ramos
Anita J. Raphael-McElroy
Brittney Reguyal
Ryan Elizabeth Reid
Allyson P. Rein
Thressa Marie Reyes Nelson
Monica Rios-Munoz
Michael A. Rivera
David Rodriguez
Jessica Rodriguez
Julian Cesar Rodriguez
Alejandra Rodriguez Patino
Jacqueline M. Ruiz
Sonia L. Rymus
Jena Said*
Ayah Salah
Beesan H. Salama
Ana V. Salazar
Alyssa Salgado
Crystal R. Sanchez
Omar Sanchez
Robert Sanchez Jr.
Samuel Robert Sanchez
Sophia Rose Sanchez
Dina Nicole Sarlas
Justin J. Scanlon
Peter D. Schied
Matthew A. Sciortino
Mitchell J. Seggerman
Christian Serrano
Laurie A. Shelton

Lola J. Shoemaker
Yanira I. Silva
Shaunia Darice Singleton*
Julianna Stanford
Emily Stepanek
Mason Lawrence Steponik
Zoe A. Supanich
Alexandra Takuski
Martin Tambor
Elizabeth Tenison
Jordan L. Tims
Gabriella Torres
Emily E. Torrisi
Nolan M. Trost
Kyla J. Turner
Thomas J. Tylka
Ceci K. Uruena
David Valadez
Youbeth Aylin Valdes
Paola Francesca Vaniglia
Adelita Vargas
Fabian Vazquez Vallejo
Yulisa Vega
Stephanie Vela
Franchesca Louise Villarrubia
Valerie Marie Villegas
Daniel J. Wajda
Daniel K. Walton
Mary Eileen Ward
Jeremy Joseph Widmayer
Taylor L. Woodward
Emily Zavala

Bachelor of Science

Gladys I. Acosta Gonzalez
Marissa B. Adcock
Karrington N. Albert
Morgan M. Albertsen
Hamzah Alnajjar
Abraham Altabakhi

Fernanda Y. Anaya Jimenez
Alfredo Arreguin
Elizabeth Arvizu
Esra H. Awadallah*
Lesley Baez
Erica Jacqueline Banicki
Azmi Barakat
Gabrielle Rae Barrett
Joselin I. Barrios
Brenda Batrez-Galaviz
Daniel T. Birmingham
Jessica A. Boger
Marci Jane Brandenburg
Mills*
Isela Briano
Umber Bulqueez
Bianca Bustos Ortega
Gianna M. Caruso
Kaela Shea Caveney
Brendan J. Chausse
Zihomara K. Chavez
Lauren M. Christianson
Miranda A. Clinton*
Paula I. Clohessy
Makayla D. Coleman
Hannah C. Cracco
Izabela Czerny
Nicholas J. Davies
Jessica G. Dawson
Paige R. Deitz
Lisbeth Delabra
Dalia G. Delgadillo-Silva
Jocelyn Delgado
Lisa T. Doan*
Gabriella T. Doto
Rocio Duarte
Jessica Escobedo
Jasmine M. Farias
Ailyn Y. Gallardo
Kimberly M. Gallegos
Carlos A. Galvan

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Stephanie Galvez	Alaina A. Maynez	Cheyenne G. Roberts
Jonathan Garcia	Anthony F. McFee	Haley P. Robinson
Denis R. Gelumbauskas	Meghan Elizabeth McKibbin	Ariana Rodriguez
Ken E. Gibbs	Joseph B. McMullen	Jalen D. Rodriguez
Karina V. Godinez	Kevin Michael McQuillan	Maria Del Carmen Rodriguez
Carolina Gomez	Kassandra Monserrat Medina	Gabriela Romero
Gisselle Gonzalez	Maria C. Medina	Hiyam Salameh
Jesus L. Gonzalez	Grace Lilly Medlicott	Bianca E. Salazar
Genelle L. Grabowski	Jacqueline S. Medran	Aliya R. Salem
Morgan A. Greene	Ana R. Mendez	Brian Salgado
Belinda Green-Randall	Karisa Mendoza	Benjamin Samano
Vanessa Marie Guillen	Steven M. Meyer	Emmanuel A. Samuel
Danya Hammad	Yara R. Mhanna	Adamaris P. Sanchez
Adali Haro	Nicholas J. Miller	Sarah Ann Sanders
Sama I. Hasan	Danya N. Mohamed*	Nia M. Sandifer
Jada K. Hayden	Starr Monroy	Sean William Smith
Destiny S. Haywood	Steven Monroy	Axel Sotelo
Maritza Hernandez	Britney Morales	Denise Spinos
William K. Hines	Jennifer Victoria Mulvey	Kaylee R. Springer
Horace Holifield	Ayat M. Nakhleh*	Brittney M. Stano*
Dalia A. Husein	Halimah Jihad Nassan	Hamdi Sughayar
Emily M. Jankowski	Gabriela Nava	Micah K. Swansey
Rokas Jastiuginovas	Megan C. Noonan	Jehan R. Tadros
Juma R. Kanan	Shane Joseph Noone	Lizeth Tapia-Tellez
Andrew Thomas Kay	Johnathon M. O'Grady	Alexander Nicholas Tenorio
Leena Samir Kheir-Eddin	Daniela Ojeda	Nicole Marie Tetrev
Grzegorz Knapczyk	Braulio Joel Olmedo	Steve Mathew Thomas
Scott R. Krafft	Gracy Jean O'Rahilly	Natalie Joann Tolstych
Daniel M. Lamphere	Eduardo Ortega	Reiner N. Utria-Ramirez
Javier A. Lazaro	Julia M. Ortiz	Erika Elizabeth Velazquez
Alexia Lopez	Eniola M. Oyefeso*	Mayra Velazquez
Annabel G. Lopez	Alondra L. Parquette	Christina Villa
Alex J. Lyles-Collins	Rachel Lynn Parsons	Jennifer Villanueva
Elizabeth M. MacDonald	Giana Lynn Pietkiewicz	Julian Anthony Villar
Joslyn M. Malave	Ruth Pina	Isabelle T. Walters
Arianna Maravilla	Isabella Eve Pira	Kaylan A. Waters
Katherine M. Marshall	Christian A. Ramirez	Ambria C. Westerfield
Renee S. Martin	Tasneem I. Rayyan	Denisha R. Williams
Miguel Angel Martinez	Angelle L. Reeves	Emily R. Yerkes
Selva Martinez	Roman M. Ries	Mario L. Young
Abraham Mathew	Joseph Shane Robb	Andres Zamora Jr.

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Michal Zasadni
Patrycja Zieba*
Otto H. Zimmerman

Bachelor of Music

Luke R. Walshon

Master of Arts

Joi Lynn Chapman
Carletta A. Christian
Mainard J. Easley
Robert L. Evans
Gricelda Gonzalez
Darrellyn C. Green
Carly N. Gruchot
Taylor Marie Haynes
Chi Nu Phuong Huynh
Ivy Belinda Jefferson
Lindsey K. Justin
Latonia N. Kimmons
Kevin E. Leifker
Jacob E. Luketin
Kyle L. Maloney
Assurim Manjarrez
Kassandra L. Maricle
Sophia Mohammed
Grace K. Murphy
Stella Nosike
Marissa A. Ramirez
Victoria L. Rollins
Kevin Schultz
Christina Sekula
Ashley S. Serrano
Emily R. Smith
Yasmine Tabbara
Victoria Williams
Karmisha M. Womack
Amber Rose Woods

Master of Arts in Teaching

Thahab Abduljawad
Rachelle M. Ashford
Tierra Kennyse Atkins
Abigail V. Bailey
Yasmine Ballout
Ashley R. Bartels
Jennifer Bertram
Michael Bikulcius
Elina Marie Bustamante
Karina Cahue Anguiano
Kimberly Carter
Jessica Celeste Clarke
Vifa Selali Cunningham
Afsar S. Farooqui
Melissa L. Flores
Martin John Paul Gianotti
Claudia Gonzalez
Elizabeth Gonzalez
Sean Kevin Good
Hannah E. Halcomb
Cheyanne C. Hein
Bryan Jemaar Hillman
Kimberly B. Hoffman
Jess Howard
Alexis Idrovo
Ryan Jacobs
Christin T. James
Eli Jenkinson
Zachary W. Johnson
Lindsey Jones
Emily Ann Jurica
Victoria L. Keilman
Karligh Mae Krchmery
Jamie L. Kucala
Jessica Rae Lalowski
Esteban Norberto Linares
Natalia E. Liszka
Nicole B. Maier

Elizabeth A. Martin
Jennifer L. Marynowski
Sara Mostofi Murray
Lily G. Murphy
Clarissa R. E. Myers
Melissa A. Naggles
Kiana M. Neely
Carmen Nevarez
Melinda C. Nolen
Jennifer C. O'Connell
Edith Perez
Taschell D. Pickens
Milagros Quintana
Willie J. Sims
Jennifer Talent
Angelica N. Uribe
Nancy Villanueva Aceves
Robert E. Wals Jr.
Kyran E. Weaver
Melissa L. Wortel

Master of Applied Computer Science

Nicholas K. Chatman
William H. Davis
Christian Hinojosa
Nicholas N. Josten
Cory Lody
Peter D. Para
Jose R. Paz Jr.
Shanta Shaniel Reynolds-Woods
Emily A. Roa
David Roza
Nicole Marie Salow
Jeneen R. Samara
Sami R. Samara
Alexander D. Wigsмоen

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Master of Science in Medical Sciences

Mohammad N. Ariffee

Lillian Barriga

Hayli Bryana Bentley

Arianna Marie Canales

Myles L. Carter

Jamie Murao Francisco

Anahar Ibrahim

Brittney Cierra McKnight

Aylin A. Ornelas Loreda

Salma V. Rodriguez

James George St. Clair

Darniecia J. Stevenson

Kaila Monae Swint

Bella Scarlett Tillman

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Nicholas Martin Williams

***Graham School of Mangement and
School of Nursing and Health Sciences
Honorary Degree Recipient***

Citation honoring Sister Karen Schneider, M.D.

Upon the conferral by Saint Xavier University of the degree Doctor of Public Service, *honoris causa*



Sister Karen Schneider entered the Sisters of Mercy in 1983. She holds a bachelor's degree in mathematics education, a Master of Public Health, and a Doctor of Medicine. She taught mathematics at Catherine McAuley High School in Brooklyn before earning her Doctor of Medicine from the State University of New York Health Science Center at Brooklyn. After completing a pediatric residency at Yale Children's Hospital and a pediatric emergency medicine fellowship at Johns Hopkins in 2002, she joined the faculty at Johns Hopkins University.

Sister Karen coordinates the Pediatric Tropical Medicine elective, supervising clinical experiences for residents in Haiti, Guyana, Kenya, Nigeria, and a number of other countries. She has completed more than 100 medical mission trips. She is a member of the American Academy of Pediatrics, Ambulatory Pediatric Association, and Amnesty International.

Sister Karen has been recognized for her international medical work in the service of children and has received honorary doctorates from Carlow University, Mount Mercy University, Georgian Court University, Maria College, Mount Aloysius College, St. Joseph's College, and Trocaire College. Her tireless efforts have been spotlighted by the media many times. She has been featured on CBS News, Catholic News Service, CNN, and the National Catholic Reporter.

For this and other pertinent reasons, we are most pleased to confer on Sister Karen Schneider, M.D. the degree of Doctor of Public Service, *honoris causa*, with all the rights and privileges thereof. Done in Chicago, this sixth day of May 2023.

Graham School of Management and School of Nursing and Health Sciences Ceremony

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Student Speaker

Gylshen Mante
Master of Science in Nursing

Conferral of Honorary Degree

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Commencement Address

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Honorary Degree Recipient

Presentation of Candidates

Graham School of Management

Indranil K. Ghosh, Ph.D.
Professor and Director, Graham School of Management

School of Nursing and Health Sciences

Gwendolyn George, DNP
Dean, School of Nursing and Health Sciences

Announcer of Recipients

Vincent Alexander Davis '10, Ph.D.
Candidate (ABD)
Faculty Specialist, Communication Department

Alumni Association Welcome

Imelda Macias, Ed.D. '13
Executive Director of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

Benediction

Charles R. Newman, B.Arch
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Closing Remarks

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with the most lively unlimited confidence
in Thy compassionate, tender pity.
“Grant, O most Merciful Redeemer,
that whatever Thou dost ordain or permit
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take from my heart all painful anxiety,
suffer nothing to afflict me, but sin;
nothing to delight me, but the hope of coming
to the possession of Thee, my God,
in Thy own everlasting Kingdom. Amen.”

The original wording of “The Suscipe” as found
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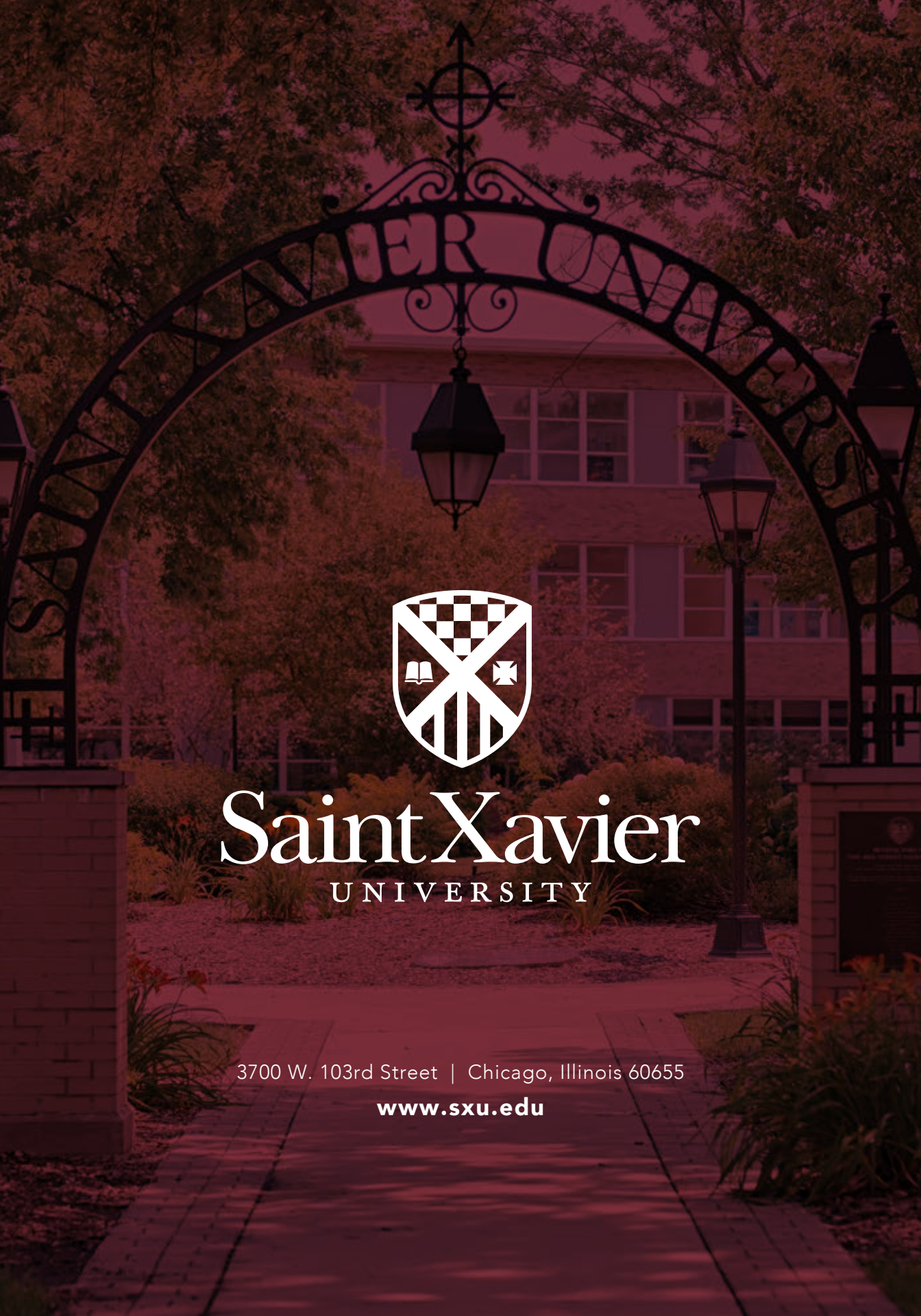


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- Catherine McAuley,
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