



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.

Jaurie M. Joyher

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. Used with permission.

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.

"Honors Core" students complete five of their general education requirements with Honors Program faculty.

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

Citation honoring Mr. Andrew Holmes
Upon the conferral by Saint Xavier University of the degree Doctor of Public Service, honoris causa



Andrew Holmes is a crisis responder, police liaison and community activist advocating for victims of gun violence. Mr. Holmes survived a gunshot wound as a young man, and has since dedicated his life to ending gun violence in Chicago and beyond.

As a crisis worker for the Chicago Survivors nonprofit, Mr. Holmes provides multicultural services to family members of Chicago homicide victims. Mr. Holmes also advocates for senior citizens, and started Club 100 to celebrate the lives of area centenarians. He actively supports the homeless population

of Chicago, and serves as a Village Trustee for the City of Dolton, Illinois.

Mr. Holmes is the recipient of the 2011 Crime Stoppers award, and was recognized by the Cook County Board of Commissioners in 2014 for his work with the FBI and the Chicago Police Department in the recovery of young victims of kidnapping and human trafficking. In 2014, Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel declared February 26 "Andrew Holmes Day" in recognition of his community activism.

For this and other pertinent reasons, we are most pleased to confer on Mr. Andrew Holmes the degree of Doctor of Public Service, *honoris causa*, with all the rights and privileges thereof. Done in Chicago, this seventh day of May 2022.

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

Musical Prelude

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

Processional

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

Order of Procession

Marshal

Michael E. O'Keeffe, Ph.D. Vice President, Faculty Senate Associate Professor, Philosophy, Religious Studies and Theology

Master of Ceremonies

Amanda M. López, Ph.D.

President, Faculty Senate
Department Chair and Associate Professor, History and Political Science

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

Procession of Graduates

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arr. Thomas McNichols

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May 7, 2022

President's Address

Laurie M. Joyner, Ph.D.

Student Speaker

Marcella G. Herrera-Mariona Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Conferral of Honorary Degree

Laurie M. Joyner, Ph.D.

Commencement Address

Mr. Andrew Holmes Honorary Degree Recipient

Presentation of Candidates

Graham School of Management

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

School of Nursing and Health Sciences

Charlene Bermele, DNP
Interim Dean, School of Nursing and Health Sciences

Announcer of Recipients

Ms. Cynthia Grobmeier '92, M.A. Faculty Specialist, Program Director, Communication

Alumni Association Welcome

Nevien Shaabneh '10, Ph.D.

Benediction

Patricia A. Morris '83, Ph.D. Chair, Board of Trustees

Closing Remarks

Amanda M. López, Ph.D.

Recessional

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Reception

Student Café Atrium/O'Malley Quad Warde Academic Center

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Graham School of Management

Indranil K. Ghosh, Ph.D., Director

Bachelor of Business Administration

Malak M. Abdeljaber Alejandro Aguinaga Gisselle Alvarado Trevor J. Amir Emaly Araiza

Veronica Arredondo

Hernandez
Daileen Arvizu
Aminatou Bawa
Brian J. Beran
Patrick C. Biernack
Agnes Bindokas
Claire Elizabeth Bragg

Elizabeth Buksa

Jamie L. Burgert Christina M. Cappello

Erika Carranza Alexis M. Castro Maurice Chambers Nicholas G. Chapan

Susana Chavez
Diana Chraca
Sebastiano Ciaccia
Ryan E. Cicenas
Anna Cieplucha
Dominic M. Clouse
Alejandro Corpus
Sky Angel Cruz
Jacob E. Davies
Sean M. Delegan

Alexa Diaz Sabas Diaz Jr. Sean F. Doherty

Daniel A. Dziadkowiec

Usama B. Elayyan Macca Ahmad Falaneh Jessica Fernandez Robert C. Flaga Hutton N. Flores
Isabella M. Flores
Trevor B. Fox
Alexandra Fragoso
Conrad A. Garbacz
John W. Garcia
Miguel A. Garcia
Christian J. Gloff
Iennifer Athziri Gonzalez

Victoria Gonzalez
Vicente Guerrero Jr.
Jack Mika Halverson
Jacob M. Hardie
Kyle Hassert
Trevor T. Hausherr
Tyler J. Hedman
Hannah Mae Heppner

Caitlin N. Herald Francisco Hernandez Nataly Hernandez

Esmeralda Herrera Tamia L. Hightower

Adell Hilson

Dahjé Monét Holmes Katherine Mary Hutto

Joanna Jauregui Kenya L. Jones Tyler J. Koenig Kelsey Ann Kolecki Agatha Kwak

Reighza Mirah Ramoran

Lacaya Angel Lopez Fabian Lopez

Mireya A. Lopez Oxlaj Sidney Ann Lovitsch Jacob D. Luedeman Ismael Adan Maldonado Adam T. Marusarz John Robert Mehalek Bruce J. Mesa Jr. Omar E. Meza
Khyre D. Mitchell
Andrea Y. Montelongo
Cullin D. Moonan
Yared Munoz
Peter Ken Naber**
Jacob T. Nichols
Fabian E. Ocampo
Krzysztof Ogiela
Khayra X. Othman
Jacob B. Ottenfeld
Albert M. Palomino Jr.
Jacob Bradley Paoletti
Eric J. Papierski

Anette Michell Pardiña

Lorenzana

Renwick L. Parham

Anthony Matthew Pfeiffer Madeline Anne Piniuta

Clare M. Pitlik

Melissa Ann Pitrowski
Jason John Pygon
Luis O. Quinones
Carlos A. Robles
Jennifer L. Rodriguez
Oscar A. Rodriguez
Stephanie Rojas
Caitlin Ann Ruehle
Brianna F. Ruiz
Sam R. Ryan

Hunter M. Salisbury
Athena G. Shanahan
Brendan C. Shanahan
Michael J. Shepski
Noor Shishani
Trever M. Siefert
Collin J. Sleeman
Allison Elizabeth Smith
Madeline J. Spacil

Matthew E. Szocka Timmie Taylor

Graham School of Management

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Marc Terrence T. Tolentino

Kassandra Torres
Maria Ivette Torres
Carly Elizabeth Turcich
Mairely Ruby Uribe
Crystal A. Vargas
Viviana Vergara

Shelvic J. Webb-Thomas Hannah R. Westphal Natalia Wszeborowska

Master of Business Administration

Nadia Z. Atton
Darren Bausano
Zandy Bautista
Destinee N. Beeler
Tiffany A. Bell
Patrick K. Boline
Anita Carlos-Reyes

Alexzandria N. Clemmons Shantell Denise Clinton Brock Alan Crothers Joseph M. Depinto

Lina Diaz

Antonio Elijah Diaz-Morales

Albertina DiMartino

Sara Dudlo

Michael James Durkin

Nneka L. Evans
Julie Helen Gardner
James Richard Garvin
Sarahi M. Gerardo
Matthew P. Gilles
Oscar E. Hernandez
Marcia D. Huggins

Drew Matthew Hunniford

Clarissa A. Jimenez John J. Johnson Delaney Lauren Keneipp Joshua Seongjun Lee

Anthony M. LoBurgio Gisselle Citlali Lopez

Jeffrey Bryant Mayberry Jr.

Andrew R. McCoy

Jeannetta L. McKinney

Tyler James Meyers

Thombra J. Muhammad

Luke L. Opoka

Shastina Pack-Hunt Emily Ann Papiez Michael R Passarello

Nasif S. Rabbi Mario Reyes Jr.

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Matthew R. Rillie

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Mary Jo Staresinich

Sydney C. Tarver

Andrew M. Thomas

Victor Valencia

Antonio Valentin Joseph J. Wathen

Selene Alejandra White

Evanie Nicole Williams

Kayla Williams

Benjamin L. Wishba

Tricia L. Zbonski

Master of Science

Marlena L. Spires

School of Nursing and Health Sciences

Charlene Bermele, DNP, Interim Dean

Bachelor of Arts

Zanah J. Affaneh Francesca Aniceto Marianne May R. Blando Sara N. Carrillo Shannon G. Clancy Bridget A. Connelly Nicholas Kenneth Crowe Hayley D. Divoky Alexandra R. Fieramosca Kasandra Guerrero Natali Yaressi Huerta Jillian I. Johnson Sydney E. Kent Veronica Kieta Kelsey Ann Kolecki Sarah J. Lencki Celeste Lopez Alma Karina E. Manjarrez Frankie Marie Mannerino Kathleen C. McLoughlin Madeline Ann Motola Kamryn C. Murphy Andre Nicholson Sr. Gissel N. Pena Kate Perez Amanda K. Pulido Diana Y. Reyes Alaina Darlene Sawyer Declan F. Smyth Shelvic I. Webb-Thomas Anahi Yanez

Bachelor of Science

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Bachelor of Science in Nursing

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Cailin C. Kaufmann

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Erika A. Klika

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Livia L. Szeto

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College of Arts and Sciences Honorary Degree Recipient

Citation honoring Kimbriell R. Kelly '97, B.A., M.S. Bureau Chief, Washington D.C. at Los Angeles Times

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



Kimbriell R. Kelly '97 is an esteemed graduate of Saint Xavier University and Boston University's prestigious graduate program in journalism.

Ms. Kelly currently serves as Washington Bureau Chief of the Los Angeles Times, where she leads the 30-person team responsible for reporting on national politics and policy. Described as a journalist "of infectious enthusiasm and tremendous drive" by the LA Times, Kelly has twice served as Visiting Lecturer in the Humanities Council and Ferris Professor of Journalism at Princeton University.

Kelly's local career began at the Daily Herald, a widely-circulated newspaper covering suburban Chicagoland. She then investigated issues surrounding racial and economic equality first as a reporter, and then as the editor and publisher, of the Chicago Reporter, eventually overseeing a Sigma Delta Chi award-winning investigation into tenant evictions by the Chicago Housing Authority.

Prior to joining the Times, Kelly was an investigative reporter at the Washington Post, where she started in 2012. She was a lead contributor to the paper's 2016 Pulitzer Prize for National Reporting for the critically acclaimed series Fatal Force, documenting officer-involved shootings. In 2019, Kelly was a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize in Explanatory Reporting for her coverage of unsolved urban homicides.

In addition, Ms. Kelly is the recipient of the Polk Award for National Reporting, the NABJ Salute to Excellence Award, the Herman Kogan Award, the Paul Tobenkin Memorial Award, the Clarion Award, and the Chicago Headline Club Award.

For this and other pertinent reasons, we are most pleased to confer on Ms. Kimbriell R. Kelly '97 the degree of Doctor of Arts and Letters, *honoris causa*, with all the rights and privileges thereof. Done in Chicago, this seventh day of May 2022.

College of Arts and Sciences Ceremony

Musical Prelude

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Master of Ceremonies

Amanda M. López, Ph.D. President, Faculty Senate Department Chair and Associate Professor, History and Political Science

Faculty
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President's Senior Leadership Team
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Members of the Board of Trustees
Honorary Degree Recipient
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Student Speaker

Yasmeen O. Sawalha Bachelor of Science

Conferral of Honorary Degree

Laurie M. Joyner, Ph.D.

Commencement Address

Kimbriell R. Kelly '97, B.A., M.S. Honorary Degree Recipient

Presentation of Candidates

College of Arts and Sciences

Bindhu Alappat, Ph.D. Interim Dean, College of Arts and Sciences

Announcer of Recipients

Cynthia Grobmeier '92, M.A., Faculty Specialist, Program Director, Communication

Alumni Welcome

Mr. Othiniel Demond Mahone '03, '05, '13, M.A.

Benediction

Patricia A. Morris '83, Ph.D. Chair, Board of Trustees

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Zainab Alshaheen Jeffrey Michael Alsot Samantha Gissel Alvarado

David Alvarez

Veronica Lizzette Alvarez

Kiara R. Aparicio
James M. Armstrong
Lesley C. Arroyo
Christopher Avalos
Ricardo Avalos
Adriana A. Barban
Takayla M. Barnes
Jessica D. Barrera
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My God, I am thine for all eternity;

teach me to cast my whole self into the arms of Thy Providence

with the most lively unlimited confidence

in Thy compassionate, tender pity.

"Grant, O most Merciful Redeemer,

that whatever Thou dost ordain or permit

may always be acceptable to me;

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."

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