



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!

We applaud your achievements and share in enthusiastic anticipation of your continued success.

Steeped in the Mercy tradition, your Saint Xavier University experience has prepared you to lead with confidence and compassion in service to the common good. Today, you move forward with deeper knowledge and a sharper instinct for generosity and sense of responsibility to the larger world. Your resilience and resolve are admirable, and we are confident your talents will be used to uplift those around you.

We are grateful you entrusted the Saint Xavier University community with the responsibility to help you cultivate a better future for yourselves and your families. We will cherish the fond memories and lasting friendships we built with you along your journey with us. We hope you remain active in the alumni network ensuring that those who come after you have access to the same transformative SXU experience.

My best wishes to you as you embark on the next exciting chapter of your story.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Laurie M. Joyner".

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 men and women 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 will be an educational institution that responds to people with dignity and promotes thought leadership, giving voice to that effort through the scholarship and prominent work of our faculty and staff. We will use that leadership to develop mutually beneficial relationships and strategic partnerships with external communities so that we can create increased opportunities for a diverse community of ethical, motivated and socially engaged learners who are prepared for 21st century careers.

## *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 an honored 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 and Procession*

“The formal academic regalia being worn today had its origin 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. Master's 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	Silver Gray
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 Management  
and School of Nursing  
Honorary Degree Recipient***

***Citation honoring Kenneth W. Lukhard  
Immediate Past President, Advocate Christ Medical Center  
Upon the conferral by Saint Xavier University of the degree  
Doctor of Public Service, *honoris causa****



Kenneth W. Lukhard has served hospitals and medical centers for 30 years as a president/CEO, leading multiple hospital turnarounds and several top 100 hospitals, with his most recent leadership position being at Advocate Christ Medical Center, the largest integrated health care provider in Illinois.

A recipient of the American College of Health Care Executives “Lifetime Achievement Award,” Lukhard joined Advocate Health Care in fall 2005 to lead the strategic, operational turnaround and expansion of Christ Medical Center, a 790-bed major teaching and quaternary-care hospital in the south suburbs of Chicago.

Engaging several hundred key stakeholders, including over 100 physicians, village leaders, the hospital’s governing council and key associates, Lukhard led the development of a 10-year strategic plan that would transform Christ from an undersized large community hospital with tertiary services to a greatly expanded quaternary referral center.

The transformation was built upon the commitment to:

- Attain top decile results in health outcomes, physician, associate and patient satisfaction
- Build comprehensive institutes for heart, cancer, neurosciences and pediatric care
- Dramatically increase the capacity of inpatient, surgical, ambulatory and emergency services
- Partner with physicians and engage them as co-leaders in a dyad leadership model

Lukhard’s vision grew roots that permeated deep into the organization and was embraced by the medical staff and associates to create a culture of high accountability and success.

The results speak for themselves. For eight years, Christ has consistently been named a top major teaching hospital by Truven, Health Grades, Beckers and U.S. News & World Report. Health outcomes, associate and physician satisfaction all reached and exceeded the top decile. Hospital margins went from 2-3 percent to 8-10 percent. An \$800 million expansion was launched and completed. All three transplant programs (heart, lung and kidney) were launched and have had stellar results. The LVAD/heart transplantation program is among the most successful in the country. Lukhard’s leadership style fostered strong working relations at all levels of the organization, transforming the culture. Along the way, he effectively mentored and coached multiple leaders, many of whom were promoted into key leadership roles across the company.

Lukhard holds a B.A. degree in theology and biblical studies from Azusa Pacific University, an M.A. degree in counseling from Wheaton College, and an MPA degree in Health Services Administration from the University of San Francisco.

For this and other pertinent reasons, we are most pleased to confer on Kenneth W. Lukhard the degree Doctor of Public Service, *honoris causa*, with all the rights and privileges thereof. Done in Chicago, this fifth day of May 2018.

# *Graham School of Management and School of Nursing Ceremony*

## **Musical Prelude**

The University Wind Ensemble  
Joshua Thompson, D.M.A., Conductor  
*Director of Instrumental Activities*

## **Processional**

*Triumphal March, Op. 56*  
By Edvard Grieg

The University Wind Ensemble

## **Order of Procession**

Marshal

Karen Benjamin, Ph.D.  
*Vice President, Faculty Senate  
Associate Professor, History  
Coordinator, Social Science Education*

Master of Ceremonies

Julie Reinhart, Ph.D.  
*President, Faculty Senate  
Professor and Coordinator, Grade 9-Adult and K-12 Programs*

Faculty

Staff

President's Senior Leadership Team

Deans

Members of the Board of Trustees

Honorary Degree Recipient

President of the University

## **Procession of Graduates**

*Fanfare and Processional "Pomp and Circumstance"*  
By Sir Edward Elgar

The University Wind Ensemble

## **Welcome**

Julie Reinhart, Ph.D.

## **Invocation**

Sister Sheila Megley, R.S.M. '68, Ph.D.  
*Trustee*

## **The National Anthem (please stand)**

*The Star-Spangled Banner*  
By John Stafford Smith  
Words by Francis Scott Key

The University Wind Ensemble

## **A Special Request to All Guests**

*To assure that today's ceremony is a joyous occasion for all present, we respectfully request that guests silence cell phones and remain seated during the entire ceremony unless otherwise noted. As student names are called, please refrain from shouting, whistling or making other noise. At the end of the ceremony, please remain seated until all graduates have exited the building. Thank you.*

*May 5, 2018*

President's Address	Laurie M. Joyner, Ph.D.
Student Speaker	Stephanie Schmeski Ryan <i>Bachelor of Science, Nursing</i>
Conferral of Honorary Degree	Laurie M. Joyner, Ph.D.
Commencement Address	Kenneth W. Lukhard <i>Honorary Degree Recipient</i>
Presentation of Candidates	
Graham School of Management	Faisal Rahman, Ph.D. <i>Acting Dean</i>
School of Nursing	Peg Gallagher, Ed.D., RN, CNE <i>Interim Dean</i>
Announcer of Recipients	Victoria Lowczyk, B.M. '97, M.M.
Alumni Association Welcome	Brandon M. Swanson, B.A. '15 <i>Associate Director of Alumni Relations</i>
Closing Remarks	Laurie M. Joyner, Ph.D.
Benediction	Deirdre Kleist, M.Div. <i>Campus Ministry Director</i>
Recessional <i>Sine Nomine</i> By Ralph Vaughan Williams	The University Wind Ensemble
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.*

# ***Graham School of Management***

Faisal Rahman, Ph.D., Acting Dean

## ***Bachelor of Business Administration***

Ryan M. Aardema	Kevin Fervil	Sebastian J. Michniak
Javier Abarca, Jr.	Yonit Andrea Godoy Figueroa	Leah Mitchell
Adam A. Abdelhamid	Jonathan J. Filipski	Oscar Moreno
Sanad M. Abdeljaber	Britnee E. Flanagan	Asya M. Muhammad
Esraa M. Aburass	Nicole Marie Gagliardi	Elizabeth Muñoz
Fuad A. Abuzerr	Julie Helen Gardner	Jesse J. Nasadowski
Waleed Alkaraki	Robert Gliwa*	Mario Nevarez
Jose Luis Alonso, Jr.	Jocelyn Gonzalez	Quinn N. Niego
Hamdi Henan Alqaisi	James H. Gory	Jessica M. Norden
Angela M. Alsup	Michelle M. Griskell	Eloy Nuñez
Bryan R. Anderson	Agustin Guerrero, Jr.	Megan Eileen O'Brien
Jeremy D. Anderson	Mohammad Omar Hamdan	Michele M. Odierno
Rodolfo Antuna	Rhonda Hammad	Daniel C. Omiecinski
Brandon R. Barlage	Trevor A. Hancock	Thomas Joseph Oneill
Mark Vincent Bilanzic	Tyler Nickolas Hebel	Leonel Ontiveros
Mark R. Brabec	Daniel R. Heller	Peter D. Para
Calvin Dewayne Bragg, Jr.	Gladys Herrera	Cameron M. Peirce
Yesenia Briones-Villalpando	Tyrishae Monae Hiley	Cindy P. Peralta
Crystal Cabada	Jairo Ivan Jaramillo	Jaelyn Rose Pipolo
Niko Cahue	Courtney E. Joyce	Ellese B. Podlasek
Michael G. Capone	Kamila Kania	Phillip A. Powe
Juan L. Castillo	Noreen M. Kinney	Alyssa M. Prosapio
Samantha Castillo	Adam R. Knade	Michael S. Puzynski
Latoya L. Cauley	Kara M. Krolicki	Kelly A. Quattrocchi
Ricardo Cebrero	Jelena Kukuruzovic	Alejandro Ramon Rada
Shelby M. Ciraulo	Caroline F. Kuzel	Alex Ramirez
Brittany Ann Collins	John L. Ladd	Aliya Rhodes
Rocio Cortez	Katia F. Lara-Cruz	Jose Rivera
Christopher J. Crosby	Madison N. Lembeck	Joshua Eloy Rocha
Paloma C. Cruz	Korey J. Little	David Rodriguez
Lucas A. Daurer	Robert W. Lively	Sayra Luz Rueda
Maximiliano De Santiago	Aaron Lopez	Vanessa Salas
Crystal G. Delatorre	Jesse Andrew Z. Lopez	Mario Saldana
Juan Ramon Delgado	Oscar Lopez	Omar Haitham Saleh
Declan H. Dennehy	Ana K. Magana	Jesus Sanchez
Nicholas D. Devonish	Gregory A. Magrum II	Lisa Sanchez
Alicia Claire Dutkiewicz**	Abdul Mahdi	Terrin Margaret Scanlan
Alexis Espositista-Aliga	Daniel W. Maka	Darlene Scott-Polk
Barrett P. Evans	Adilene Maldonado	Yomi Sevier-Anderson
Daniel T. Ewers	Samantha Mata	Tanya D. Silva
Bryant P. Fairley	Matthew Alexander McKenzie	Michael E. Snee
Daniel Falkowski	Kaitlain M. McLaughlin	Jake M. Stano
James D. Fanelli	Brian P. McNamara	Lauren M. Stewart
	Sydney J. McPhillips	Andrea Pauline Strohmaier
	Juan Mendiola, Jr.	DeVante Terrell Styles

\*Honors Core \*\*Honors Scholar

# ***Graham School of Management***

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Jacob Stypula  
Robert J. Sullivan  
Danny Tan  
Damian M. Taraszka  
Yzan Tawil  
Mary J. Thies  
Kacper Tryskuc  
Frank Valle  
Emma Vanegas  
Cesar J. Vazquez  
Alicia M. Velazquez\*  
Valerie Venuso  
Jacqueline T. Vitkauskas  
Stephen M. Wasilewski  
Ashley S. Willis  
Ian George Woodworth  
Amy Angeline Zalud  
Rosario Zavala  
Ahmad J. Ziada

## ***Master of Business Administration***

Ali Jameel D. Alanaazi  
Assmaa Jamaan Alghamdi  
Naif Alkhalidi  
Ahmad Alkishi  
Rebecca M. Allpow  
Abdulaziz Almarri  
Mohammed Almohrij  
Somaiah Ibrahim Alotaibi  
Maram Alrasheed  
Maria T. Aranda  
Wesam Aref  
Alfreda Therese Baran  
Daniel Patrick Bernier  
Jason Bobko  
Quiana Bradley  
Patricia D. Briseno  
John B. Burzinski  
Cecilia Carmona  
Margaret C. Cashman  
Nicholas J. Cemenio  
Niesha A. Chism  
Christina M. Christiano  
Montreal S. Coleman  
Caitlin Corcoran

John V. DalPonte  
Kerimu Deji  
Ivana Angela Elzy  
Cristina Estrada  
Kelli Nicole Finn  
Kellie Caitlin Finn  
Joseph I. Fino  
Megan M. Gage  
Robert Gawron  
Michael David Graham  
Latecia M. Green  
Shaneetra S. Gross  
Julio Cesar Guevara  
Mary Lou Gutrich  
Alexander D. Hamilton  
Yolanda M. Hatch  
Rodney G. Hill  
John Hillmann  
Earl Dameion Jenkins  
Keith A. Johnson  
Kurt Kaner  
Michael Kapor  
Susan Mary Karim  
Latonya Kelly-Hales  
Nasser Ali M. Khalufi  
Mehrad Khazey  
Joan Elizabeth Knox  
Milton Lasticly  
Mary Lattas  
Tracy Louise Lee  
Tabitha Louis Faith Leverette  
Meghan E. Luce  
DeShawnte' Antrace Maurice  
Mackmore  
Marc Magrini  
Joseph J. Marusz  
Catherine McCline  
Stacy N. McDade  
Brian Michael Miller  
Craig Miller  
Esraa Amen A Moazzen  
Keiala M. Moseley  
Ruqayyah Ayesha Muhammad  
Cormack James Mulcahy  
Donald Allen Murry  
Mandy Nawrot

Chenyea A. Parker  
Nicole Danielle Paul  
Daniel Pavesic  
Leslie A. Pearson  
Joseph Perez  
Ralph A. Peyton  
John-Long Pham  
Christopher Joseph Pinzine  
Robert L. Przybylski  
Tiesha De'Bora Rhoden  
John M. Rinderer  
Emily A. Rohan  
Courtney T. Sanders  
Kevin J. Schodrof  
David Showers  
Andrew William Smith  
Chenell Lenise Smith  
Kathrina Smith  
Daniel J. Solomacha  
Taylor B. Spencer  
Amanda Marie Spevacek  
Cassidy C. Sponsler  
Raymond T. Stallworth  
Monica Jessica Startek  
Constance S. Taylor  
Meghan E. Tomasek  
Erica S. Uzzell  
Jeffrey Jason Vega  
Veronica Velazquez  
Sarah Elizabeth Wantiez-Olivas  
Tiffini G. Washington  
Martin L. Weathers  
LaKenya N. White  
Sarah Winker  
Tiffany Wynne  
Steven J. Zajack  
Brian R. Zilly

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# ***Graham School of Management***

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## ***Master of Science***

Jeffrey M. Bauer

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Jaepil Choi

KatherineAnn Serina Christiano

Charles K. Evans

Anthony Fournier-Ehrhart

Rukayat Ikugbagbe

Jared A. Jones

Mariia Kot

Ronald J. Luce

Linda Medina

Justin A. Ratajczak

Nicholas James Stimac

# *School of Nursing*

Peg Gallagher, Ed.D., RN, CNE, Interim Dean

## **Bachelor of Science in Nursing**

Vanessa Annete Abraham	Tiavian T. Franco	Daisy Marquez
Maggie L. Acosta	Nakia R. Franklin	Vanessa Marquez
Taiwo A. Adeoye	Maria A. Cordoba Galvis	Ryan B. Marshall
Lauren Olivia Alexander	Carla Gamboa	Marisol Martinez
Nisreen Alharsha	Jasmine M. Garcia	Barbara C. Martinez-Romero
Suha Y. Ali	Katherine M. Garcia	Michaela C. Maslanka
Nour J. Allan	Michelle-Maria Garcia	Thomas A. Matonis
Raisa M. Aqel	Susana Garcia	Meghan E. McKenna
Yasmeen S. Bader	Lisa M. Gawron	Bridget McMahan
Madelyne A. Bagley	Mary K. Glavas	Andrea Christine McNally
Kayla Danielle Baratta	Lauren Ashley Gonzalez*	Shauna Michelle Meagher
Marianne Catherine Beechy	Vanessa M. Gonzalez	Mary Katherine Medel
Taylor Danielle Behling	Jason Gruzlewski	Matthew Clark Monks
Jeffrey M. Benin	Cristina Guerrero	Alexandra Ann Montgomery
Katlyn Irene Bermele	Sara Hamdan	Soo Ji Moore
Gemini Ashok Bhimani	Adrienne E. Hanus	Miriam Nakhleh
Brittany Boll	Juanita Yvette Harris	Carmin Navarro Mena
Ashley M. Bonnett	Mary Katherine Healy	Maribel Negrete
Shelby Marisa Braden	Carley Morgan Hennessy	Stacy L. O'Brien
Hannah Elizabeth Bressner	Jazmin Hernandez	Alyssa Olson
Colin M. Brew	Jennifer Marie Hernandez	Michael E. O'Sullivan
Nicole M. Bryson	Amanda L. Hobert	Erika Pasindo
Nora K. Butler	Jasmine Rachelle Jackson	Amanda Ariel Perez
Robert J. Bzdyk	Nicole Y. Johnson	Christy M. Poppish
Ana Puglise Carlasare	Amanda N. Jones	Catherine G. Quinn
Alyssa Marie Castillo	Erin Joneson	Jessica Ashley Ramos
Diana Chojna	Morgan L. Jozsa	Ciara Nicole Garvez Requierme
Tyler J. Conover	Ye Eun Jun	Yasmine M. Reyes
Meghan A. Conway	Diana Juzenaite	Ayanna Rhodes
Jetaime C. Covelto	Miriam H. Kanan	Stephanie Rios
Cecilia N. Duarte	Ryan Thomas Keating	Lashanda Denise Robinson
Celina L. Echevarria	Jacqueline A. Keegan	Bianca J. Rocco
Dina S. Elmosa	Edward Joseph Kennedy	Kevin E. Roche
Tess M. Erwinski	Taylor Rae Knoop	Erika Mae C. Rodriguez
Christopher Esparza	Brian Joseph Knott	Jessica Rosenbrock
Maribel Eulloqui	Rachel Lyn Koronkiewicz	Daisy Ruiz
Colbi C. Fair	Barbara A. Koszarek	Brittany T. Ryan
Cassandra Nicole Farias	Paulina E. Kulach	Megan Marie Ryan
Isabel Fernandez	Katie J. Lagowski	Stephanie Marie Schmeski Ryan
Andrea J. Fierro	Catherine Lasak	Shota Sabriu
Kathleen P. Flanagan	Senad Likovic	Cecilia Sandoval
Evelyn A. Forgiel	Noemi M. Lunar	Paige M. Seehausen
Antoinette Jean Fox	Bridget J. Manahan	Amy Catherine Shuford
	Claire M. Manguerra	Jamella M. Sims
	Justin T. Mark	Elizabeth R. Smerz

# *School of Nursing*

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Evelin Solano	Mara Faith Ford	Urvi Patel
Gerald M. Soukal	Lorena L. Forte	Kayode O. Penn
James Michael Stalley	Tiffani R. Fuller	Lauren Nicole Prosser
Sarah R Stangel	Madeline I. Gehrig	Maria Lea Quiane
Marilyn P. Stone	Hulya Gudenler	Jennifer A. Rivera
Elizabeth T. Strubin	Sendu Hailu	Aileen D. Rucker
William James Sullivan	Todd Harelstad	Colleen Rosemarie Russell
Ruta Survilaitė	Jocelyn Little Henderson	Heather Marie Sailor
Sarah Lynn Szewczyk	Carmen Hernandez	Jill Marie Schaeffer
Daniela Godinez Torres	Velesha Holliday	Courtney L. Sedlacek
Delaney E. Urban*	Jacinta T. Holston-Paige	Heather Rose
Alissa A. Widlacki	Georgina R. Howard	Seldal-Gilbertson
Amanda Renee Wierzicki	Jeremy W. Hutson	Jalyn N. Shearer
Mateusz M. Wilczek	LaTrice Jones	Kendra M. Smith
Lacey Rae Wittenkeller	Yoon Young Jung	Kimberly M. Staebell
Zaneta P. Wojas	Irene Chiara Juson	Britany Marie Stanley
Brooke Nanette Woods	Christina Gillette Karcz	Tracey Jeanne Stilley
Elizabeth Zahdan	Tamara N. Kee	Stephanie Lynn Stokes
	Andrew Koch	Julie E. Stomp
<b>Master of Science in Nursing</b>	Karsen Koehncke	Kathryn M. Strama
Elizabeth A. Anderson	Christine Ann Kreider	Sonam Thind
Candice Michelle Pielago	Laura E. Kukulski	Jeothy Thomas
Aphaivong	Thanayi Lambert	Kristine Camille Ong
Angel Arroyo	Jennifer A. Lawrence	Valenzuela
Janis L. Astle	Natalie Michelle Leonard	Marianne Verrengia
Matthew T. Bagley	Paula Anne Lewis	Bonnie L. Via
Arthur Bairagee	Laura Marie Lo	Kimberly Diane Vuckovich
Bernadette T. Barsch	Jeri Lobato	Lekeysha S. Walker
Corrine Marie Benacka	Jessica W. Lussier	Christopher Andrew Williams
Alexandria Boyd	Michael Christopher Malloy	Jordan P. York
Sarah R. Burke	Jennifer T. Maloney	
Miranda K. Caldwell	Emily J. Mapes	
Aline Marie Castillo	Meaghan Elizabeth Maroney	
Bianca Cherry	Sarah L. Mayne	
Sara L. Clark	Sarah Lynn McCann	
Michelle Composto	Andrea J. Mitchell	
Margareth I. Contreras-Bravo	Kirsti Mitchell	
Sheilah Cornelio	Eileen Morissette	
Kristen Danielle Council	Bryant Joseph Motykowski	
Katlyn J. Dean	Evangeline deJesus Murray	
Eileen Hodorowicz Dowdall	Kathryn A. Noriega	
Zachary J. Eaton	Rosemary Catherine Olivier	
Frances Eileen Evers	Lila Day Ortuno	
	Christina D. Overly	
	Bijal Patel	

\*Honors Core

# *College of Arts and Sciences*

## *Honorary Degree Recipient*

Citation honoring Maudlyne Ihejirika  
Urban Affairs Reporter and Columnist, Chicago Sun-Times  
Upon the conferral by Saint Xavier University of the degree  
Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*



Maudlyne Ihejirika is an award-winning Chicago Sun-Times urban affairs reporter and columnist with nearly 30 years of experience in newspaper journalism, public relations and government. She currently pens the Sun-Times's "Chicago Chronicles" column, long-form stories on "people and places that make Chicago tick," with particular focus on African-American and Hispanic communities.

A Sun-Times staffer for 25 years, she has served as assistant city editor and covered beats from crime and inner city issues to housing and education, politics and philanthropy. Ihejirika left the Sun-Times in 1997 to serve as Gov. Jim Edgar's press secretary for the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services; and in 1999, she left the state government to launch the Ihejirika Media & Communications Group. Her niche public relations firm managed the successful re-election campaign of U.S. Rep. Bobby Rush in 2000 when he was challenged by a then little-known politician by the name of Barack Obama. It would be the only race the former President Obama would lose on his upward trajectory to the U.S. presidency.

After returning to the Sun-Times in 2003, Ihejirika was honored with numerous awards, including the 2016 Chicago Defender Women of Excellence Award, the prestigious 2015 Studs Terkel Award and the 2015 National Association of Black Journalists (NABJ) Salute to Excellence Award for best newspaper series nationally. She also earned NABJ's Salute to Excellence Award for best newspaper features in 2011 and 2014, the Vernon C. Jarrett Par Excellence in Journalism Award in 2013 and two Society of Professional Journalists Lisagor Awards in 2008.

She is a frequent guest contributor on WTTW-TV's "Chicago Tonight: Week in Review" and FOX-32's "Good Day Chicago" and has appeared as a political analyst on CNN, TV One, ABC and CBS, as well as WBEZ, WVON and V103 radio stations.

She is the author of "Escape from Nigeria: A Memoir of Faith, Love and War," a riveting tale of her family's survival of the brutal Nigerian-Biafran War and the miracles that brought them to the U.S. as refugees on June 9, 1969 through the help of five American couples who undertook this humanitarian effort.

In 2016, Ihejirika served as a special guest speaker for a Kappa Delta Pi Society event hosted by Saint Xavier University's School of Education. She gave an informative talk on the education beat, providing students with inspiring stories of the best teachers she had encountered and the qualities that set them apart.

Also that year, Ihejirika wrote a piece for the Chicago Sun-Times featuring Saint Xavier University's commencement. In the article, she wrote: "It's that time of year when the famous don academic robes and ascend college commencement stages across the nation in hopes of inspiring the next generation." Ihejirika gave an inspirational speech at Saint Xavier's 2017 commencement ceremony.

For this and other pertinent reasons, we are most pleased to confer on Maudlyne Ihejirika the degree Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*, with all the rights and privileges thereof. Done in Chicago, this fifth day of May 2018.

# College of Arts and Sciences Ceremony

## Musical Prelude

The University Wind Ensemble  
Joshua Thompson, D.M.A., Conductor  
*Director of Instrumental Activities*

## Processional

*Triumphal March, Op. 56*  
By Edvard Grieg

The University Wind Ensemble

## Order of Procession

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## Procession of Graduates

*Fanfare and Processional "Pomp and Circumstance"*  
By Sir Edward Elgar

The University Wind Ensemble

## Welcome

Julie Reinhart, Ph.D.

## Invocation

Sister Margaret Mary Knittel, R.S.M. '68, D.Min.  
*Trustee*

## The National Anthem (please stand)

*The Star-Spangled Banner*  
By John Stafford Smith  
Words by Francis Scott Key

Members of the University Chorale  
Laura Kempa Bogan, M.M., Conductor  
*Director of Choral Activities*

## A Special Request to All Guests

*To assure that today's ceremony is a joyous occasion for all present, we respectfully request that guests silence cell phones and remain seated during the entire ceremony unless otherwise noted. As student names are called, please refrain from shouting, whistling or making other noise. At the end of the ceremony, please remain seated until all graduates have exited the building. Thank you.*

*May 5, 2018*

President's Address	Laurie M. Joyner, Ph.D.
Student Speaker	John Lafe Shannon <i>Bachelor of Arts, Sociology</i>
Conferral of Honorary Degree	Laurie M. Joyner, Ph.D.
Commencement Address	Maudlyne Ihejirika <i>Honorary Degree Recipient</i>
Presentation of Candidates	
College of Arts and Sciences	Greg A. Coutts, Ph.D. <i>Acting Dean</i>
Announcer of Recipients	Victoria Lowczyk, B.M. '97, M.M.
Alumni Association Welcome	Brandon M. Swanson, B.A. '15 <i>Associate Director of Alumni Relations</i>
Closing Remarks	Laurie M. Joyner, Ph.D.
Benediction	Deirdre Kleist, M.Div. <i>Campus Ministry Director</i>
Recessional <i>Sine Nomine</i> By Ralph Vaughan Williams	The University Wind Ensemble
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

Greg Coutts, Ph.D., Acting Dean

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### ***Member Institutions***

#### Founded

1846	Saint Xavier University	Chicago, Illinois
1853	Mount Aloysius College	Cresson, Pennsylvania
1908	Georgian Court University	Lakewood, New Jersey
1912	Saint Joseph's College of Maine	Standish, Maine
1923	College of Saint Mary	Omaha, Nebraska
1924	Misericordia University	Dallas, Pennsylvania
1926	Mercyhurst University	Erie, Pennsylvania
1928	Mount Mercy University	Cedar Rapids, Iowa
1929	Carlow University	Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
1932	University of Saint Joseph, Connecticut	West Hartford, Connecticut
1934	Salve Regina University	Newport, Rhode Island
1941	University of Detroit Mercy	Detroit, Michigan
1948	Gwynedd-Mercy College	Gwynedd Valley, Pennsylvania
1958	Maria College	Albany, New York
1958	Trocaire College	Buffalo, New York
1995	Mercy College of Health Sciences	Des Moines, Iowa

### ***Mercy Heritage***

Founder and sponsor of Saint Xavier University, the religious congregation of the Sisters of Mercy originated in Dublin, Ireland. Today, nearly 10,000 Sisters of Mercy, along with Mercy Associates and Companions, serve more than 40 countries on all the continents except Antarctica. The Sisters of Mercy sponsor 16 colleges and universities in the United States and server more than 34,000 students.



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## *The Suscipe of Mother Mary Catherine McAuley*

(1778-1841)

Founder of the Religious Sisters of Mercy (1831)

Declared Venerable by Pope John Paul II (1990)

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.”

The original wording of “The Suscipe” as found  
in *Catherine McAuley and the Tradition of Mercy*, by Mary C. Sullivan, R.S.M.



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