



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,

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
Bachelor of Science, Nursing

Conferral of Honorary Degree

Laurie M. Joyner, Ph.D.

Commencement Address

Kenneth W. Lukhard
Honorary Degree Recipient

Presentation of Candidates

Graham School of Management

Faisal Rahman, Ph.D.
Acting Dean

School of Nursing

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

Announcer of Recipients

Victoria Lowczyk, B.M. '97, M.M.

Alumni Association Welcome

Brandon M. Swanson, B.A. '15
Associate Director of Alumni Relations

Closing Remarks

Laurie M. Joyner, Ph.D.

Benediction

Deirdre Kleist, M.Div.
Campus Ministry Director

Recessional

Sine Nomine

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
Javier Abarca, Jr.
Adam A. Abdelhamid
Sanad M. Abdeljaber
Esraa M. Aburass
Fuad A. Abuzerr
Waleed Alkaraki
Jose Luis Alonso, Jr.
Hamdi Henan Alqaisi
Angela M. Alsup
Bryan R. Anderson
Jeremy D. Anderson
Rodolfo Antuna
Brandon R. Barlage
Mark Vincent Bilanzic
Mark R. Brabec
Calvin Dewayne Bragg, Jr.
Yesenia Briones-Villalpando
Crystal Cabada
Niko Cahue
Michael G. Capone
Juan L. Castillo
Samantha Castillo
Latoya L. Cauley
Ricardo Cebrero
Shelby M. Ciraulo
Brittany Ann Collins
Rocio Cortez
Christopher J. Crosby
Paloma C. Cruz
Lucas A. Daurer
Maximiliano De Santiago
Crystal G. Delatorre
Juan Ramon Delgado
Declan H. Dennehy
Nicholas D. Devonish
Alicia Claire Dutkiewicz**
Alexis Espositista-Aliga
Barrett P. Evans
Daniel T. Ewers
Bryant P. Fairley
Daniel Falkowski
James D. Fanelli

Kevin Fervil
Yonit Andrea Godoy Figueroa
Jonathan J. Filipski
Britnee E. Flanagan
Nicole Marie Gagliardi
Julie Helen Gardner
Robert Gliwa*
Jocelyn Gonzalez
James H. Gory
Michelle M. Griskell
Agustin Guerrero, Jr.
Mohammad Omar Hamdan
Rhonda Hammad
Trevor A. Hancock
Tyler Nickolas Hebel
Daniel R. Heller
Gladys Herrera
Tyrishae Monae Hiley
Jairo Ivan Jaramillo
Courtney E. Joyce
Kamila Kania
Noreen M. Kinney
Adam R. Knade
Kara M. Krolicki
Jelena Kukuruzovic
Caroline F. Kuzel
John L. Ladd
Katia F. Lara-Cruz
Madison N. Lembeck
Korey J. Little
Robert W. Lively
Aaron Lopez
Jesse Andrew Z. Lopez
Oscar Lopez
Ana K. Magana
Gregory A. Magrum II
Abdul Mahdi
Daniel W. Maka
Adilene Maldonado
Samantha Mata
Matthew Alexander McKenzie
Kaitlain M. McLaughlin
Brian P. McNamara
Sydney J. McPhillips
Juan Mendiola, Jr.

Sebastian J. Michniak
Leah Mitchell
Oscar Moreno
Asya M. Muhammad
Elizabeth Muñoz
Jesse J. Nasadowski
Mario Nevarez
Quinn N. Niego
Jessica M. Norden
Eloy Nuñez
Megan Eileen O'Brien
Michele M. Odierno
Daniel C. Omiecinski
Thomas Joseph Oneill
Leonel Ontiveros
Peter D. Para
Cameron M. Peirce
Cindy P. Peralta
Jaclyn Rose Pipolo
Ellese B. Podlasek
Phillip A. Powe
Alyssa M. Prosapio
Michael S. Puzynski
Kelly A. Quattrocchi
Alejandro Ramon Rada
Alex Ramirez
Aliya Rhodes
Jose Rivera
Joshua Eloy Rocha
David Rodriguez
Sayra Luz Rueda
Vanessa Salas
Mario Saldana
Omar Haitham Saleh
Jesus Sanchez
Lisa Sanchez
Terrin Margaret Scanlan
Darlene Scott-Polk
Yomi Sevier-Anderson
Tanya D. Silva
Michael E. Snee
Jake M. Stano
Lauren M. Stewart
Andrea Pauline Strohmaier
DeVante Terrell Styles

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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
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Nicholas J. Cemenio
Niesha A. Chism
Christina M. Christiano
Montreal S. Coleman
Caitlin Corcoran

John V. DalPonte
Kerimu Deji
Ivana Angela Elzy
Cristina Estrada
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Kellie Caitlin Finn
Joseph I. Fino
Megan M. Gage
Robert Gawron
Michael David Graham
Latecia M. Green
Shaneetra S. Gross
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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
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Tabitha Louis Faith Leverette
Meghan E. Luce
DeShawnte' Antrace Maurice
Mackmore
Marc Magrini
Joseph J. Marusarz
Catherine McCline
Stacy N. McDade
Brian Michael Miller
Craig Miller
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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
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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
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LaKenya N. White
Sarah Winker
Tiffany Wynne
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Sarah R. Burke
Miranda K. Caldwell
Aline Marie Castillo
Bianca Cherry
Sara L. Clark
Michelle Composto
Margareth I. Contreras-Bravo
Sheilah Cornelio
Kristen Danielle Council
Katlyn J. Dean
Eileen Hodorowicz Dowdall
Zachary J. Eaton
Frances Eileen Evers

Mara Faith Ford
Lorena L. Forte
Tiffani R. Fuller
Madeline I. Gehrig
Hulya Gudenler
Sendu Hailu
Todd Harelstad
Jocelyn Little Henderson
Carmen Hernandez
Velesha Holliday
Jacinta T. Holston-Paige
Georgina R. Howard
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LaTrice Jones
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Irene Chiara Juson
Christina Gillette Karcz
Tamara N. Kee
Andrew Koch
Karsen Koehncke
Christine Ann Kreider
Laura E. Kukulski
Thanayi Lambert
Jennifer A. Lawrence
Natalie Michelle Leonard
Paula Anne Lewis
Laura Marie Lo
Jeri Lobato
Jessica W. Lussier
Michael Christopher Malloy
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Emily J. Mapes
Meaghan Elizabeth Maroney
Sarah L. Mayne
Sarah Lynn McCann
Andrea J. Mitchell
Kirsti Mitchell
Eileen Morissette
Bryant Joseph Motykowski
Evangeline deJesus Murray
Kathryn A. Noriega
Rosemary Catherine Olivier
Lila Day Ortuno
Christina D. Overly
Bijal Patel

Urvi Patel
Kayode O. Penn
Lauren Nicole Prosser
Maria Lea Quiane
Jennifer A. Rivera
Aileen D. Rucker
Colleen Rosemarie Russell
Heather Marie Sailor
Jill Marie Schaeffer
Courtney L. Sedlacek
Heather Rose
Seldal-Gilbertson
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Kendra M. Smith
Kimberly M. Staebell
Britany Marie Stanley
Tracey Jeanne Stilley
Stephanie Lynn Stokes
Julie E. Stomp
Kathryn M. Strama
Sonam Thind
Jeothy Thomas
Kristine Camille Ong
Valenzuela
Marianne Verrengia
Bonnie L. Via
Kimberly Diane Vuckovich
Lekeysha S. Walker
Christopher Andrew Williams
Jordan P. York

*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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Karen Benjamin, Ph.D.
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Associate Professor, History
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Julie Reinhart, Ph.D.
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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
Bachelor of Arts, Sociology

Conferral of Honorary Degree

Laurie M. Joyner, Ph.D.

Commencement Address

Maudlyne Ihejirika
Honorary Degree Recipient

Presentation of Candidates

College of Arts and Sciences

Greg A. Coutts, Ph.D.
Acting Dean

Announcer of Recipients

Victoria Lowczyk, B.M. '97, M.M.

Alumni Association Welcome

Brandon M. Swanson, B.A. '15
Associate Director of Alumni Relations

Closing Remarks

Laurie M. Joyner, Ph.D.

Benediction

Deirdre Kleist, M.Div.
Campus Ministry Director

Recessional

Sine Nomine

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.

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The mission of the Conference for Mercy Higher Education is the preservation and development of the core Catholic identity and mission of Mercy higher education in accord with the spirit, mission and heritage of the Sisters of Mercy.

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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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1912-1916	Mother M. Xavier Flanagan, R.S.M. †
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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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