



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.



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.



A Vision of Our Catholic and Mercy Identity

Saint Xavier University, founded and sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy, extends the teaching ministry of Jesus Christ to those seeking higher education. As an officially recognized ministry of the Catholic Church,¹ the University grounds its core activities of teaching, learning, scholarship and service in Catholic theological principles that affirm the goodness and value of all creation and a view of human persons as created in the image of God and thus free, rational, relational and endowed with inherent dignity.

As a Catholic university, Saint Xavier University challenges all the members of its community to search for truth, especially religious truth, and to engage in a dialogue between faith and reason that ultimately leads toward the contemplation of God's creation and social action for the common good. This search for truth demands careful observation, critical analysis, vigorous debate, personal and communal theological reflection, and ethical and engaged decision-making leading toward a life that respects both the inherent dignity of another and the worth of all creation. Setting the context for the search for truth, the University encourages its community, especially its students, to become familiar with the richness of the Catholic intellectual tradition and the imperatives of Catholic social teaching. Respecting academic freedom, the University strives to be a place where the vigorous discussion of ideas can occur, especially as they relate to its mission as a Catholic university. In the spirit of respectful and critical discourse, the University welcomes the breadth of the Catholic tradition as well as the voices of other religious and non-religious communities.

As a Mercy university, Saint Xavier challenges its community members to teach, learn, research and act not only for themselves but also for others. Thus, a seminal characteristic of the University is its commitment to service. Ideally, such service, whether direct or through the University's efforts to understand and remediate unjust systems, reflects the spirituality of Catherine McAuley, the founder of the Sisters of Mercy. This spirituality is grounded in the theology of the Incarnation, animated by the life, death and resurrection of Jesus, and expressed through acts of compassion that embody the spiritual and corporal works of mercy. In particular, the University community expresses special concern for those who are economically poor, especially women and children. In so doing, the University goes beyond simply passive expressions of heartfelt concern, and even the willingness to stand with those who suffer. It seeks to right what is wrong and restore what is broken, thereby promoting human dignity, justice and the common good.

Saint Xavier University signifies and celebrates its Catholic and Mercy heritage in its symbolic, sacramental and liturgical expressions, and in its communal and collegial ethos. The University offers many opportunities to reflect, pray, worship and access the sacraments. It symbolizes its rich faith tradition through the appropriate placement of religious symbols and artwork. Further, it observes liturgical seasons and feasts central to its Catholic and Mercy heritage and provides orientation and mentoring programs that educate the community about this identity.

¹ In its governance, Saint Xavier University is a Catholic and Mercy institution because its sponsors, the Sisters of Mercy, hold certain "reserved powers" consonant with their canonical (Church) and civil responsibilities for the University. These "reserved powers" are outlined in the University's articles and bylaws and, with limited exceptions, are exercised on behalf of the Sisters of Mercy by the Conference for Mercy Higher Education. It is through this governance relationship with the Sisters of Mercy that Saint Xavier University is recognized by the Roman Catholic Church as a Catholic institution and ministry.



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Recognizing that the search for God and the celebration of God's presence is ubiquitous, the University provides opportunities for those of other faith traditions and those on a personal journey of faith to study, to express, to worship, to celebrate and to discuss their religious beliefs in a climate that is respectful, hospitable and open to all.

To summarize, offering the opportunity for higher education within a Catholic and Mercy context, Saint Xavier University honors Jesus Christ whom it recognizes as "the Way, the Truth, and the Life," the motto of the University inscribed on its coat of arms.

Approved by the Board of Trustees, May 14, 2008

Mercy Heritage

Founder and sponsor of Saint Xavier University, the religious congregation of the Sisters of Mercy originated in Dublin, Ireland. Today, the Sisters of Mercy number over 7,200 members and serve in over 47 countries on all the continents except Antarctica. The Sisters of Mercy sponsor 16 colleges and universities in the United States and serve more than 40,000 students.

Graham School of Management

Honorary Degree Recipient

Citation honoring Carolyn Y. Woo, Ph.D.

President's Fellow for Global Development

Purdue University

Upon the conferral by Saint Xavier University of the degree

Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*



Carolyn Y. Woo, Ph.D., currently serves as the President's Fellow for Global Development at Purdue University. From 2012 to 2016, she served as president and CEO of Catholic Relief Services (CRS), the official international humanitarian agency of the Catholic community in the United States.

Before CRS, Woo served from 1997 to 2011 as dean of the University of Notre Dame's Mendoza College of Business. During her tenure, the Mendoza College was frequently recognized as the nation's leading business school in ethics education and research. Prior to the University of Notre Dame, she served as associate executive vice president for academic affairs at Purdue University.

Dr. Woo was born and raised in Hong Kong and immigrated to the United States to attend Purdue University, where she received her bachelor's, master's and doctorate degrees and joined the faculty. Her teaching, research and administrative leadership have been recognized through Best Paper Awards by the Academy of Management; selection as one of 40 Young Leaders of American Academe by Change Magazine, the journal of the American Association for Higher Education; distinguished alumna and honorary alumna by Purdue University and the University of Notre Dame; as well as the conferral of honorary doctorates from Providence College, Loyola University of Maryland, Manhattan College, Wake Forest University, the University of Notre Dame and others.

Dr. Woo was the first female dean to chair the accreditation body for business schools — the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) — and directed its Peace Through Commerce initiative. She also helped launch the Principles for Responsible Management Education (PRME) for the United Nations Global Compact.

Dr. Woo was one of five presenters in Rome at the release of Pope Francis' encyclical on the environment in June 2015. Her faith journey and work at CRS are recounted in her book, "Working for a Better World," published in 2015 by Our Sunday Visitor.

Representing CRS, Dr. Woo was featured in the May/June 2013 issue of Foreign Policy as one of the 500 most powerful people on the planet and one of only 33 in the category of "a force for good." Her Catholic News Service monthly column took first place in the 2013 Catholic Press Association Awards in the category of Best Regular Column—spiritual life.

For this and other pertinent reasons, we are most pleased to confer on Dr. Carolyn Y. Woo the degree *honoris causa*, with all the rights and privileges thereof. Done in Chicago, this fifth day of May 2017.

College of Arts and Sciences

Honorary Degree Recipient

Citation honoring R. Scott Appleby, Ph.D.

Marilyn Keough Dean and Professor of History

Keough School of Global Affairs

University of Notre Dame

Upon the conferral by Saint Xavier University of the degree

Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*



R. Scott Appleby, Ph.D., is the Marilyn Keough dean of the Keough School of Global Affairs at the University of Notre Dame, where he's also a professor of history and directs Contending Modernities, a major multi-year project to examine the interaction among Catholic, Muslim and secular forces in the modern world.

Dr. Appleby is a scholar of global religion and has been a member of Notre Dame's faculty since 1994. His research examines the various ways in which religious movements and organizations shape and are shaped by national, regional and global dynamics of governance, deadly conflict, international relations and economic development. He co-chaired the Chicago Council on Global Affairs' Task Force on Religion and the Making of U.S. Foreign Policy, which released the influential report, "Engaging Religious Communities Abroad: A New Imperative for U.S. Foreign Policy." From 2000-2014, he served as the Regan director of the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies. From 1988 to 1993, he was co-director of the Fundamentalism Project, an international public policy study conducted by the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

Dr. Appleby has served as either an author or editor for 15 books, including the widely cited volumes of "The Fundamentalism Project," which was co-edited with Martin E. Marty and published by the University of Chicago Press; and "The Ambivalence of the Sacred: Religion, Violence and Reconciliation." Most recently, Dr. Appleby co-edited with Atalia Omer "The Oxford Handbook of Religion, Conflict and Peacebuilding." He also serves as lead editor of the Oxford University Press series "Studies in Strategic Peacebuilding." Other titles by Dr. Appleby include "Catholics in the American Century" (Cornell University Press, 2012); "Peacebuilding: Catholic Theology, Ethics and Praxis" (Orbis, 2010) and "Church and Age Unite! The Modernist Impulse in American Catholicism" (Notre Dame, 1992).

Dr. Appleby graduated from Notre Dame in 1978 and received his master's and doctorate degrees in history from the University of Chicago.

A fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and the American Academy of Political and Social Sciences, Dr. Appleby is the recipient of three honorary doctorates from Fordham University, Scranton University and St. John's University in Collegeville, Minn.

For this and other pertinent reasons, we are most pleased to confer on Dr. R. Scott Appleby, the degree, *honoris causa*, with all the rights and privileges thereof. Done at Chicago, this sixth day of May, 2017.

School of Education & School of Nursing

Commencement Speaker

Maudlyne Ihejirika

Urban Affairs Reporter and Columnist, Chicago Sun-Times



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 24 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." Now, Ihejirika herself is inspiring the next generation of graduates as one of Saint Xavier's 2017 commencement speakers.



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1950	Ms. Mary Amberg	1987	Honorable Daniel P. Moynihan
1950	Ms. Marie Plamondon	1988	Joseph Cardinal Bernardin
1952	Ms. Laura B. Corbett	1988	Ms. Margaret Hillis
1960	Honorable Richard J. Daley	1988	Mr. Arturo Velasquez
1960	Mr. Benjamin F. Lindheimer	1989	Mr. Lester Crown
1960	Mr. Charles F. Murphy	1989	Mr. Anthony DeSantis
1960	Mr. Morgan Murphy	1989	Monsignor John J. Egan
1961	Very Reverend John E. Marr, O.P.	1989	Mrs. Maria T. Paschen
1961	Mother M. Huberta McCarthy, R.S.M.	1990	Mr. John F. Cuneo Jr.
1961	Mr. Peter M. Shannon	1990	Dr. Martin E. Marty
1961	Mr. Thomas J. Walsh	1990	Mrs. Jayne C. Thompson
1961	Mother M. Regina Cunningham, R.S.M.	1991	Monsignor Ignatius D. McDermott
1963	Mrs. Eleanor Daley	1991	Dr. Donna Shalala
1963	Dr. Gertrude Engbring	1991	Mr. Jerrold Wexler
1965	Ms. Esther Garrison	1992	Dr. Leon Lederman
1965	Honorable Edith Green	1992	Mr. Andrew J. McKenna
1965	Mr. R. Sargent Shriver	1992	Ms. Kathy Osterman
1971	Mr. Donald O'Toole	1993	Ms. Eppie Lederer
1971	Mr. Marvin G. Osborn Jr.	1993	Mr. Frank W. Luerssen
1978	Mr. Thomas A. Lewis	1993	Dr. Garry Wills
1981	Dr. Edmund D. Pellegrino	1994	Mr. Frank W. Considine
1983	Mr. William B. Graham	1994	Ms. Mary Gordon
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1983	Dr. Rosemary R. Ruether	1995	Sister Alice Gallin, O.S.U.
1984	Mrs. Gwendolyn Brooks	1995	Mr. Michael Novak
1984	Archbishop Dom Helder Camara	1995	Mr. Martin Ozinga, Jr.
1984	Mr. A. N. Pritzker	1996	Sister Doris Gottemoeller, R.S.M.
1985	Sister Mary Brian Costello, R.S.M.	1996	Dr. David Tracy
1985	Mr. Arthur Rubloff	1997	Ms. Tracy Chapman
1985	Mr. Jonathan E. Schell	1997	Dr. Muhammad Yunus
1986	Mr. Wallace E. Carroll	1998	Mr. Robert E. Hord Sr.
1986	Ms. Ardis Krainik	1998	Mr. David S. Logan
1986	Sister Sheila Lyne, R.S.M.	1998	Dr. Elaine M. Schuster
1987	Mrs. Marjorie C. Benton	1998	Mr. Christopher Zorich
1987	Mr. Robert W. Galvin	1999	Mr. Bernard L. Downey
		1999	Ms. Mary Houghton



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1999	Dr. Janet D. Rowley	2009	Mr. Robert Stump
1999	Mr. Brian O. Shannon	2009	Mrs. Mary Rita Stump
2000	Mr. Marshall B. Front	2009	Mr. Richard H. Driehaus
2000	Mr. Arthur R. Velasquez	2009	Sister Mary Aquin O'Neill, R.S.M.
2001	Mr. Ramsey Lewis	2010	Mr. Larry R. Rogers Sr.
2001	Sister Christian Molidor, R.S.M.	2010	Reverend Michael M. Boland
2001	Reverend John J. Wall	2010	Dr. Jeanette Rodriguez
2002	Mr. John Callaway	2010	Sister Lois Graver, R.S.M.
2002	Mr. Terry G. Hillard	2010	The Honorable Virginia A. Rugai
2002	Mr. James T. Joyce	2011	Mr. Michael Carroll
2002	Mr. Jack Simmerling	2011	Mr. Donald Paul Hahn
2003	Mr. Richard E. Terry	2011	Mr. Dominic Belmonte
2004	Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.	2011	Most Reverend Moses B. Anderson, S.S.E.
2005	Ms. Margaret T.G. Burroughs	2011	Mr. Sidney Finkel
2005	Sister Margaret A. Farley, R.S.M.	2012	Sister Marilyn Lacey, R.S.M.
2005	Mr. Norman C. Francis	2012	Dr. Courtney H. Lyder
2006	Sister Rosemary Connelly, R.S.M.	2012	Dr. Joseph Parisi
2007	Mr. Warner Saunders	2013	Mr. Edward D. Maloney
2007	Mr. Norman R. Bobins	2013	Reverend Donald A. Doll, S.J.
2007	General Colin L. Powell (Ret.)	2014	Sister Lillian Murphy, R.S.M.
2007	Sister Ana Maria Pineda, R.S.M.	2014	Ms. Barbara Byrd-Bennett
2008	Mr. James J. O'Connor	2015	Dr. Jason Canner
2008	Mr. James J. McDonough	2015	Mr. James Reynolds Jr., M.S.F.
2008	Mrs. Margaret Corbett Daley	2016	Mr. George Wendt
2008	Mr. Elie Wiesel	2016	Reverend L. Scott Donahue
2008	Sister Sharon Ann Euart, R.S.M.		



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 their 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; thus 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

A Special Request to the Guests of Our Graduates

To assure that today’s ceremony is a joyous occasion for all those present, we respectfully request that guests of the graduates remain seated during the ceremony. As names are called, please respect all of the graduates by refraining from shouts, whistles or extraneous noise.

At the end of the ceremony, guests are asked to remain in their seats until the recessional of graduates has left the Shannon Center arena.

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 fifty (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 5 of their general education requirements with Honors Program faculty.



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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CONGRATULATIONS TO THE SXU CLASS OF 2017!



We applaud your commitment to your course of study.
Your dedication and resilience have declared you a
graduate of this great University.

Today is a pivotal moment for you. Today you graduate
from student to alumna/us of Saint Xavier University,
and we'd like to welcome you to the SXU National
Alumni Association! We are a proud association that
fosters a spirit of loyalty and fellowship among alumni
at local and national levels.

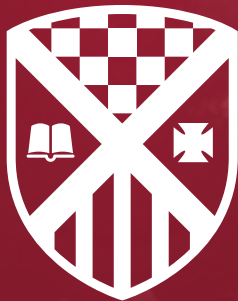
We host a myriad of events whether social, cultural,
religious or service-oriented, which are sure to pique
your interests. The first step is staying connected and
getting involved.

“Sometimes the most
ordinary things could
be made extraordinary
simply by doing them
with the right people.”

– Nicholas Sparks, an American novelist, screenwriter and producer

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