

SAINT XAVIER UNIVERSITY



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CLASS *of* 2014

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*Commencement*  
EXERCISE

SATURDAY, MAY 10, 2014





*Beverly Gulley, Ph.D.*

Dean, Saint Xavier University  
School of Education  
1996-2013



Dr. Gulley served as dean of the School of Education for 17 years and worked tirelessly to advance programs in early childhood, elementary and secondary education – both at SXU and throughout the State of Illinois. She was the longest serving dean of education in State of Illinois history and was instrumental in leading the School of Education through an accreditation process for the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education. At that time, SXU was one of only 23 universities in Illinois to receive national accreditation.

Another of her prized accomplishments was the creation of the Barbara Vick Early Childhood and Family Center. This landmark program emphasizes a close partnership among educators, families and the community, providing multidisciplinary intervention and support to children aged 3 to 5 who are at-risk and have been diagnosed with special needs. Advisory councils for each of the School's education programs were also initiated by Dr. Gulley in an effort to build collaborative partnerships with education and community neighbors. In honor of her many years of dedication and success at SXU, the Sarah Beverly Gulley Educational Leadership Lecture Series was established in December 2013.

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*Blessed is the woman living in good company, for whom work is a pleasure, by whom her friends are encouraged, with whom strangers are made comfortable, in whom a clear conscience abides. Blessed is the woman whose strength is enhanced by her tenderness, whose wisdom is based on her faith and whose courage is made complete by her compassionate heart.*

– Adapted from the Book of Proverbs



## *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.

This seal, designed by art department faculty member Sister Mary Solina Hicks, R.S.M., 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,<sup>1</sup> 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 posit 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.

<sup>1</sup> 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.



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 10,000 members and serve in over 27 countries on all the continents except Antarctica. The Sisters of Mercy sponsor 18 colleges and universities in the United States and serve more than 40,000 students.

## History

Founded in 1831 by Mother Mary Catherine McAuley, and known as “the walking Sisters,” this congregation of Roman Catholic women moved beyond convent walls to walk amid and serve the poor, the sick and the uneducated of their day. Such “secular” work outside the walls of the convent was unusual at the time because most communities of women religious were cloistered and had little contact with anyone outside the walls of the cloister.

In 1843, seven Sisters of Mercy left Ireland and sailed to the United States to establish the first Mercy Foundation in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. In 1846, the needs of Irish immigrants drew the Sisters of Mercy from Pittsburgh to the pioneer town that was Chicago.

Under the guidance of Mother Frances Xavier Warde, for whom the Warde Academic Center at Saint Xavier University is named, five Sisters of Mercy, all under the age of 25, arrived in a diocese that was barely three years old. The first and only group of women religious in Chicago for the next 10 years, the Sisters quickly established St. Francis Xavier Female Academy, the forerunner of Saint Xavier University and Mother McAuley Liberal Arts High School.

Within eight years of their arrival, all but one of the original group of SXU founders had died, most as a result of the nursing care they gave to victims of the cholera epidemic. But other Sisters of Mercy came and joined in spreading the Good News of the Gospel by their good example, through their prayer, tireless good works, acts of compassion and hospitality, and by means of their constantly expanding institutional ministries.



## Historical Highlights

- In 1846, the Sisters of Mercy opened Chicago's first Catholic elementary school, thus founding the Archdiocese of Chicago's parochial school system.
- In 1852, the Sisters of Mercy founded Chicago's first permanent general "Hospital and Orphan Asylum," now known as Mercy Hospital and Medical Center.
- During the Civil War, some Sisters of Mercy went South to nurse the Union Army, courageous service that drew a commendation from President Abraham Lincoln. Others stayed in Chicago to tend Confederate prisoners of war who were interned at Camp Douglas at 39th and Lake Shore Drive.
- Sisters of Mercy spread out across the Midwest to serve parishes and to establish schools in other parts of Illinois, Wisconsin and Iowa.
- On October 8, 1871, the Sisters of Mercy watched 25 years of service to Chicago go up in smoke, even as they shepherded student boarders and women residents to safety through the rubble of the Great Chicago Fire.
- In 1921, the Sisters of Mercy began to house and care for unwed mothers, a work that evolved to the care of physically and mentally challenged people at Chicago's Misericordia/Heart of Mercy.
- In 1956, Saint Xavier Academy, a high school, and Saint Xavier College moved to 103rd and Central Park, the current site of both SXU's Chicago campus and Mother McAuley Liberal Arts High School.
- In recent years, the Sisters of Mercy have expanded their sponsored ministries to include the Presence Health serving Chicago, its suburbs and downstate Illinois communities; and Mercy Housing, Inc., providing service-enhanced housing in Chicago and Milwaukee. The Sisters have also continued their century-plus ministry at St. Catherine Residence in Milwaukee, serving women in transition.
- In 2007, formal sponsorship of Saint Xavier University transferred from the Sisters of Mercy, Regional Community of Chicago, to the Conference *for* Mercy Higher Education (CMHE). The CMHE is the sponsor for 16 of the 18 colleges and universities in the United States founded by the Sisters of Mercy.
- In 2008, the Sisters of Mercy headquartered in Chicago combined their members and their ministries with Sister of Mercy groups situated in five other locations — Auburn, Calif.; Burlingame, Calif.; Omaha, Neb.; Cedar Rapids, Iowa; and Detroit, Mich. — to form the West Midwest Community of the Sisters of Mercy. With just over 800 Sisters, the West Midwest Community sponsors 11 educational ministries, three hospitals and five multi-institution health care systems, four residences for women, three long-term care facilities and three retreat centers. The West Midwest Community's administrative headquarters are in Omaha.

Since 1846, Saint Xavier University has benefited from the continuous support of the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas who currently number over 4,000 Sisters and over 3,000 Associates. Through the witness of their lives and the service of their ministries, the Sisters of Mercy, Mercy Associates and the Companions in Mercy continue to extend God's mercy to others in the tradition of Mother Catherine McAuley and Mother Frances Xavier Warde.





## *University Philosophy Statement*

Saint Xavier University continues to build upon the ideals of its founders and sponsors, the Sisters of Mercy, who in 1846, inspired by their Catholic faith and its mandate of union and charity, established an academy defined by intellectual rigor in the tradition of the liberal arts, the encouragement of religious faith and action in solidarity with the economically poor of the world, especially women and children.

Consistent with this tradition, the University offers challenging undergraduate, graduate and professional programs, characterized by a collegial alliance of faculty, students, staff, administration and community members who are committed to providing coursework, resources, activities and instructional facilities that support excellence in teaching and learning. While chiefly concerned with students' intellectual development, the University also supports their moral and spiritual growth, and enhances their capacity for leadership through cocurricular programs.

At the heart of the academic mission is the University's commitment to a strong general education program that introduces students to college life and learning, broadens their knowledge in the arts and sciences, helps them integrate learning and community concerns, and prepares them for success in their major fields of study and life after graduation. In all programs of study, the University encourages the examination of fundamental questions of human concern, respectful dialogue in the context of diverse points of view and experience, as well as the search for truth and justice.

In an atmosphere of intellectual rigor made possible by academic freedom, University faculty develop and teach courses in their areas of advanced study, extend research in their disciplines, produce scholarly and creative work, and serve the University and community. Faculty are also responsible for academic policies and the design and content of the University curriculum. In teaching, scholarship and service, faculty represent one of the most visible examples of the intellectual life of the University.

Students at Saint Xavier encounter a wide range of coursework, cocurricular activities, community experiences and support services designed to enhance their learning at all levels, and to help them develop more fully as confident, contributing citizen leaders of an ever-increasingly complex and global community. The University seeks students of diverse talents, experiences, knowledge, interests and cultures who are willing and prepared to learn, and to seek excellence in themselves and others.

Vital to the success of teaching and learning are the dedicated members of variously skilled academic support services and the administrative leadership charged with fostering strategic planning, institutional assessment and effective stewardship and deployment of University resources.

The enduring fellowship of alumni, emeriti faculty, Sisters of Mercy sponsors, trustees and other friends and contributors in the community at large demonstrate their continuing faith in the central mission of Saint Xavier through various acts of giving, prayer and support.

Infusing this community of shared concern are the distinctive qualities and values of Saint Xavier University, including the belief that faith and reason can interact in mutually fruitful ways. Therefore, the University membership encourages a full search for truth, including religious truth, while respecting freedom of personal expression. It also promotes a vigorous and compassionate dialogue among the various faith traditions, and between them and the academic disciplines. At its foundation, teaching and learning at Saint Xavier are premised upon and committed to the fundamental dignity and unique worth of each human person.



## 2014 Honorary Degree Recipient Undergraduate Ceremony

### Citation honoring Sister Lillian Murphy, R.S.M. Upon the conferral by Saint Xavier University of the degree Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*



Sister Lillian Murphy, R.S.M., is a national spokesperson for the cause of affordable housing and the needs of people who are economically poor.

Sister Lillian Murphy, R.S.M., has been Chief Executive Officer of Mercy Housing since 1987 and recently retired from her position in June 2014. The Mission of Mercy Housing is “to create stable, vibrant and healthy communities by developing financing and operating affordable, program-enriched housing for families, seniors and people with special needs who lack the economic resources to access quality, safe housing opportunities.” Under her leadership, Mercy Housing has grown to become an award-winning, national, not-for-profit housing organization with a staff of 1,300.

It serves more than 152,600 people in more than 45,800 quality, affordable homes with a presence in more than 200 cities, 43 states and the District of Columbia.

In 1981, the Sisters of Mercy in Omaha created Mercy Housing to alleviate residents’ health and education problems linked to poor access to decent, affordable housing.

Sister Lillian combines passion for the affordable housing mission with a sharp eye for possibility. Looking for new ways to fund buildings and services, Sister Lillian realized that there could be a connection between Catholic hospital systems and Mercy Housing. It was an innovative move. Catholic Healthcare West (CHW), now Dignity Health, underwrote loans, donated land for tax write-offs and made alternative investments in Mercy Housing properties. These relationships became the Strategic Healthcare Partnerships. Nine hospital systems across the U.S. have been tapped in creative ways to help with housing by donating land and buildings and granting or underwriting loans.

In the recent housing crisis, foreclosures devastated Chicago’s single family home neighborhoods. Mercy Housing stepped in to stem the misery with Mercy Portfolio Services (MPS) to manage the Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) with the City of Chicago, Federal funds have been channeled through NSP to purchase foreclosed homes, rehab them and sell them to low-income buyers.

Sister Lillian holds a master’s degree in public health from the University of California at Berkeley and a bachelor’s degree in social science from the University of San Francisco. Before becoming CEO of Mercy Housing, Sister Lillian worked in the health care field for 16 years. In 1998, the University of San Francisco recognized Sister Lillian by awarding her an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters. In 1999, she received the prestigious Non-Profit Housing Association of Northern California’s Affordable Housing Leadership Award for Lifetime Achievement. In 2006, Sister Lillian received the 25th Annual Housing Leadership Award from the National Low Income Housing Coalition. In 2009, Sister Lillian was inducted into the Affordable Housing Hall of Fame by *Affordable Housing Finance* magazine. In 2011, Sister Lillian was named Housing Person of the Year by the national Housing Conference. Sister Lillian is only the second CEO to lead the organization since its founding 32 years ago.

Sister Lillian serves on the boards of the National Housing Trust, the Alegent Health System in Omaha, Neb., and the Editorial Advisory Board of *Affordable Housing Finance* magazine. She is a past member of the Affordable Housing Advisory Council for the Federal Home Loan Bank, the Fannie Mae National Housing Advisory Council, Washington Mutual’s National Community Council and the Advisory Committee of the Bank of America Community Development Bank. She has served on the boards of the Catholic Health Corp., Catholic Healthcare West, The Colorado Trust and the Low Income Investment Fund and as a public interest director for the Federal Home Loan Bank in Topeka, Kan.

A Sister of Mercy from the Burlingame, Calif., community for 50 years, Sister Lillian resides in Denver.

For these and other pertinent reasons, we are most pleased to confer on Sister Lillian Murphy, R.S.M., the degree of Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*, with all the rights and privileges thereof. Done at Chicago, Illinois, this tenth day of May, 2014.



## *2014 Honorary Degree Recipient Graduate Ceremony*

### **Citation honoring Ms. Barbara Byrd-Bennett, Upon the conferral by Saint Xavier University of the degree Doctor of Public Service, *honoris causa***



Barbara Byrd-Bennett is the Chief Executive Officer for Chicago Public Schools (CPS). CPS serves approximately 402,000 students in more than 681 schools. It is the nation's third-largest school system. In April 2012, Ms. Byrd-Bennett was appointed as Chief Education Advisor for CPS. Prior to her work in Chicago, she spent more than two decades as a teacher and principal in the New York City Department of Education, the largest system of public schools in the United States. She also served for more than seven years as the CEO of the Cleveland Municipal School District.

Ms. Byrd-Bennett was a teacher for 12 years in New York's public school system, where she taught at both the high school and elementary levels. She spent eight years as the principal of a Harlem school that was recognized by the New York State Department of Education for instructional leadership and featured in a PBS documentary. Ms. Byrd-Bennett went on to become the superintendent of New York's third-largest district, Crown Heights in Brooklyn, for two years, where she helped dramatically raise math and reading scores.

Following her success in Brooklyn, Byrd-Bennett was tapped to serve as the Superintendent of the "Chancellor's District" in New York, a special district composed of about a dozen of the system's lowest-performing schools. Under Ms. Byrd-Bennett's leadership, children in these schools received more one-on-one tutoring, smaller class sizes and specially trained teachers-a strategy that resulted in significantly higher reading scores. Ms. Byrd-Bennett's "high priority" zone approach laid the groundwork for New York's alternative schools programs and the eventual revamp of the city's GED program.

In 1998, Ms. Byrd-Bennett was appointed by Cleveland's mayor as the first Chief Executive Officer under mayor control. During this time, Ms. Byrd-Bennett helped stabilize the district's finances, ensuring it was removed from the state's fiscal emergency list. Ms. Byrd-Bennett increased spending for teacher training and support services, raised per-student expenditures and focused on hiring quality principals. Her dedication to training and supporting educators led the school district to name one of its buildings in her honor: the Barbara Byrd-Bennett Professional Development Center.

Ms. Byrd-Bennett spent four years as an Executive-in-Residence at Cleveland State University followed by a three-year stint as the Regional Executive Officer of New Leaders for New Schools in Washington, D.C. In 2009, Byrd-Bennett was recruited to serve as the Chief Academic and Accountability Manager for Detroit Public Schools at the request of Emergency Financial Manager Robert Bobb. During her two years in this role, Byrd-Bennett is credited with developing the district's academic reform plan, aligning curriculum and programming, developing teacher and principal evaluation instruments to increase professional accountability and improving achievement scores as measured by both the state and National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) tests.

Ms. Byrd-Bennett is a member of numerous boards, commissions and advisory councils, including: Common Core, the United States Department of Education National Assessment Governing Board, the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards, the Education Commission of the States, the National Center for Education Accountability and the Albert Shanker Institute. She also was appointed chair of the American Federation of Teachers Innovation Fund, on which she currently serves.

Ms. Byrd-Bennett holds a master of science from Pace University, a master of arts from New York University and a bachelor of arts from Long Island University. Ms. Byrd-Bennett also holds honorary doctorate degrees from Cleveland State University, Baldwin-Wallace College, John Carroll University and the University of Notre Dame.

She is married and has one daughter and twin grandsons.

For this and for other pertinent reasons, we are most pleased to confer on Ms. Barbara Byrd-Bennett, the degree of Doctor of Public Service, *honoris causa*, with all the rights and privileges thereof. Done at Chicago, Illinois, this tenth day of May, 2014.



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# *Undergraduate Program*

## Musical Prelude

The University Wind Ensemble  
Directed by Jeff Malecki, D.M.A.  
Director, Bands and Orchestra  
Assistant Professor, Department of Music

## Announcements

Ryan Cleary, B.A. '08  
Project Manager, Office of the President

## Chorale Prelude

*Above Me, Round Me Lie*  
by Stephen A. Paulus

The University Chorale  
Directed by Jan E. Bickel, D.M.A.  
Director, Vocal Studies  
Professor, Department of Music

I say that we are wound  
With mercy round and round  
As if with air; the same  
Is Mary, more by name.  
She, wild web, wond'rous robe,  
Mantles the guilty globe,  
Since God has let dispense  
Her prayers his providence:  
Nay, more than almoner,  
The sweet alms' self is her  
And men are meant to share  
Her life as life does air.

Be thou then, O thou dear  
Mother, my atmosphere;  
My happier world, wherein  
To wend and meet no sin.

Above me, round me lie  
Fronting my froward eye  
(With sweet and scarless sky;)  
Stir in my ears, speak there  
Of God's love, O live air,  
Of patience, penance, prayer.

World-mothering air, air wild,  
Wound with thee, in thee isled,  
Fold home, fast fold thy child.  
Above me, round me lie.

"Above Me, Round Me Lie" has been adapted by Stephen A. Paulus from  
"The Blessed Virgin Compared to the Air We Breathe" by Gerard Manley Hopkins, S.J.

Commissioned by Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hoeschler in honor of former President Judith A. Dwyer, Ph.D.,  
and premiered at Saint Xavier University on Founders' Day, December 2004

# *Undergraduate Program*

## Processional

*Pomp and Circumstance No. 1*

by Sir Edward Elgar

The University Wind Ensemble

## Order of Procession

Marshal

Graduates

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Honorary Degree Recipient

President of the University

## Welcome

Michael Bathgate, Ph.D.

Marshal and Master of Ceremonies

President, Faculty Senate

Associate Professor, Department of Religious Studies

## Invocation

Graziano Marcheschi, D.Min.

## The National Anthem

*The Star-Spangled Banner* by John Stafford Smith

Words by Francis Scott Key

Arranged by James McKelvy

The University Chorale

## President's Remarks

Christine M. Wiseman, J.D.

President

## Student Speaker

Jessica Muñoz

BS/Biology/Pre-Health

## Conferral of Honorary Degree

Christine M. Wiseman, J.D.

President

## Honorary Degree Recipient

Sister Lillian Murphy, R.S.M.

## Commencement Address

Sister Lillian Murphy, R.S.M.

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Thank you.*



# *Undergraduate Program*

## Conferral of Degrees

Christine M. Wiseman, J.D.  
President

## Presentation of Candidates

College of Arts and Sciences

Kathleen Alaimo, Ph.D.  
Dean, College of Arts and Sciences

Graham School of Management

John Eber, Ed.D.  
Dean, Graham School of Management

School of Education

Richard Venneri, Ph.D.  
Associate Provost  
Interim Dean, School of Education

School of Nursing

Gloria Jacobson, R.N., Ph.D.  
Dean, School of Nursing

## Alumni Association

Sean M. Hickey, B.A. '93  
President, National Alumni Board of Directors

## Closing Remarks

Christine M. Wiseman, J.D.  
President

## Benediction

Esther M. Sanborn, M.Div.  
Director, Campus Ministry

## Recessional

*Fanfare and Flourished*  
by James Curnow

The University Wind Ensemble

*All participants and guests are cordially invited to a reception in the diner of the Warde Academic Center, immediately following this ceremony.*

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## Commencement Address

Barbara Byrd-Bennett

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Christine M. Wiseman, J.D.  
President

## Benediction

Esther M. Sanborn, M.Div.  
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## Recessional

*Fanfare and Flourished*  
by James Curnow

The University Wind Ensemble

*All participants and guests are cordially invited to a reception in the diner  
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## *The University Wind Ensemble*

Jeff Malecki, D.M.A., Assistant Professor of Music

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University Bands and Orchestra

### **Flute**

Rebecca Weisenritter, *principal*

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### **Oboe**

Ian Rigg

### **Bassoon**

Nathaly Gal

### **Clarinet**

Nalleli Herrera, *principal*

Guillan Algenio

Joseph Wilkinson

Amy DeRossi

Kimberly Percudani, *bass*

### **Saxophone**

Kevin Boevers, *principal alto*

Kristopher Sanchez, *alto*

Jose Robles, *tenor*

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### **Horn**

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Felix Ponce, *principal*

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### **Euphonium**

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Hector George

### **Tuba**

Errol Olson, *principal*

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Becki Brown, *principal*

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## College of Arts and Sciences

Kathleen Alaimo, Ph.D., Dean

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## *College of Arts and Sciences*

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### **Bachelor of Science**

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## *Graham School of Management*

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## *School of Education*

Richard Venneri, Ph.D., Interim Dean

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## *School of Nursing*

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## *College of Arts and Sciences*

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## *Graham School of Management*

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# Graduate Program

## School of Education

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## *School of Education*

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# *Graduate Program*

## *School of Nursing*

Gloria Jacobson, R.N., Ph.D., Dean

### **Master of Science in Nursing**

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Tina M. Closson  
Dawn M. Cnossen  
Amber Marie Cuello  
Megan Ethington  
Julie Ann Ferguson  
Kathleen K. Fowler  
Kadeidra Gadson  
Gina M. Golem  
Kearson M. Green  
April A. Hamlet  
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Kara Ann Kersten  
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Bridget Catherine McFadden  
Monica M. McGee  
Melissa K. Mercurio  
Rebecca DiSaia Minus  
Jacqueline Moncrief

Natalie N. New  
Modupe Sadiat Oduyungbo  
Linda Marie Pettit  
Sherry Puzon-Arboleda  
Janis D. Robinson  
Ama M. Sanders  
Kristi A. Schmidt  
Chomrawee Somkul  
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## *Conference for Mercy Higher Education*

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.

### *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 College	Erie, Pennsylvania
1928	Mount Mercy College	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	Trocaire College	Buffalo, New York
1964	Marian Court College	Swampscott, Massachusetts



## *Founders*

Mother Mary Frances Xavier Warde, R.S.M. †  
Sister Mary Vincent McGirr, R.S.M. †  
Mother Mary Agatha O'Brien, R.S.M. †  
Sister Mary Gertrude McGuire, R.S.M. †  
Sister Mary Josephine Corbett, R.S.M. †  
Sister Mary Veronica Schmidt, R.S.M. †

## *Presidents of Saint Xavier College/University*

1912-1916	Mother M. Xavier Flanagan, R.S.M. †
1916-1919	Mother M. de Sales Ryan, R.S.M. †
1919-1925	Mother M. Sophia Mitchell, R.S.M., Ph.B. †
1925-1928	Mother M. Cyril McGurn, R.S.M. †
1928-1936	Mother M. Sophia Mitchell, R.S.M., Ph.B. †
1936-1939	Mother M. Genevieve Crane, R.S.M., A.B. †
1939-1945	Mother M. Inez Bogan, R.S.M., Ph.D. †
1945-1960	Mother M. Huberta McCarthy, R.S.M., M.S. †
1960-1963	Sister M. Joesetta Butler, R.S.M., Ph.D. †
1963-1968	Sister M. Olivia Barrett, R.S.M., Ph.D. †
1968-1969	Marvin G. Osborn, Jr., M.A., <i>Interim</i>
1969-1972	Harry A. Marmion, Ph.D. †
1972-1982	Sister M. Irenaeus Chekouras, R.S.M., Ph.D. †
1982-1994	Ronald O. Champagne, Ph.D.
1994	Sister Colette Mahoney, R.S.H.M., Ph.D., <i>Interim</i>
1994-2003	Richard A. Yanikoski, Ph.D.
2003-2009	Judith A. Dwyer, Ph.D.
2009-2010	Angela Durante, Ph.D., <i>Interim</i>
2010-	Christine M. Wiseman, J.D.



## *Deans of Saint Xavier College/University*

1915-1936	Sister M. Irma O'Brien, R.S.M. †
1936-1937	Sister Mary of the Angels Simon, R.S.M., Acting Dean †
1937-1940	Sister M. Celeste Leger, R.S.M. †
1940-1960	Sister M. Josetta Butler, R.S.M. †*
1961-1967	Sister M. Silveria Lederer, R.S.M., Ph.D. †
1967-1979	Evangeline Bollinger, Ph.D. †
1979-1985	Rev. J. Peter Carey, S.J., Ph.D.
1985-1994	Sister Maureen A. Scott, R.S.M., Ph.D. Vice President and Dean of Faculty
1995-2000	George C. Matthews, Ph.D. Vice President for Academic Affairs
2001-2004	Christopher I. Chalokwu, Ph.D. Vice President for Academic Affairs
2004-2008	Dominick J. Hart, Ph.D. Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs (2004-2005) Provost (2005-2008)
2008-2013	Angela Durante, Ph.D. Provost
2013-	Paul L. DeVito, Ph.D. Provost

\* Beginning with Sister Josetta, deans were often subsequently promoted to a vice presidency that included responsibility for faculty and academic affairs. Thus, Sister Josetta was Executive Vice President and Dean of Faculty, 1955-60. Sister Silveria (Dr. Mary Roby) was Vice President and Dean, 1963-67; she resigned as dean to pursue graduate studies, but retained the title of vice president until 1969. Dr. Bollinger was Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean Faculty, 1970-79. Rev. Carey was Vice President and Dean of Faculty, 1983-85. (See Joy Clough, R.S.M., *First in Chicago: A History of Saint Xavier University*, 1997, 88.)



## *Board Chairs at Saint Xavier University*

1971-1977	Thomas A. Lewis †
1977-1979	Cornelius M. Ryan
1979-1981	Thomas J. Nessinger †
1981-1988	Martin J. Detmer
1988-1989	William B. Graham III
1989-1997	James J. McDonough
1997-2003	John C. McCarthy
2003-2006	John P. Sweeney
2006-2010	Thomas E. Chomicz
2010-	John T. Costello

From 1847 to 1971 in virtue of her office, the major superior of the Sisters of Mercy of Chicago functioned as head of the group responsible for the Saint Xavier Corporation, though that group had different names and configurations through the years.

The first lay trustees, Edward J. McAdams and Raymond J. Spaeth, joined the Board on November 23, 1966.

Saint Xavier altered its bylaws in 1970 to allow for the possibility of a lay trustee to serve as chairperson of the Board of Trustees. (See Joy Clough, R.S.M., *First in Chicago: A History of Saint Xavier University*, 1997, 75.)

## *School Names*

Saint Francis Xavier Academy for Females	1846
Saint Francis Xavier College for Women	1912
Saint Xavier College	1957
Saint Xavier University	1992



## *Honorary Degree Recipients*

1950	Ms. Mary Amberg	1984	Mr. A. N. Pritzker †
1950	Ms. Marie Plamondon †	1985	Sister Mary Brian Costello, R.S.M.
1952	Ms. Laura B. Corbett	1985	Mr. Arthur Rubloff †
1960	Honorable Richard J. Daley †	1985	Mr. Jonathan E. Schell
1960	Mr. Benjamin F. Lindheimer †	1986	Mr. Wallace E. Carroll †
1960	Mr. Charles F. Murphy †	1986	Ms. Ardis Krainik †
1960	Mr. Morgan Murphy †	1986	Sister Sheila Lyne, R.S.M.
1961	Very Reverend John E. Marr, O.P.	1987	Mrs. Marjorie C. Benton
1961	Mother M. Huberta McCarthy, R.S.M. †	1987	Mr. Robert W. Galvin
1961	Mr. Peter M. Shannon †	1987	Honorable Daniel P. Moynihan †
1961	Mr. Thomas J. Walsh †	1988	Joseph Cardinal Bernardin †
1961	Mother M. Regina Cunningham, R.S.M. †	1988	Ms. Margaret Hillis †
1963	Mrs. Eleanor Daley †	1988	Mr. Arturo Velasquez †
1963	Dr. Gertrude Engbring †	1989	Mr. Lester Crown
1965	Ms. Esther Garrison	1989	Mr. Anthony DeSantis †
1965	Honorable Edith Green	1989	Monsignor John J. Egan †
1965	Mr. R. Sargent Shriver †	1989	Mrs. Maria T. Paschen
1971	Mr. Donald O'Toole †	1990	Mr. John F. Cuneo, Jr.
1971	Mr. Marvin G. Osborn, Jr.	1990	Dr. Martin E. Marty
1978	Mr. Thomas A. Lewis †	1990	Mrs. Jayne C. Thompson
1981	Dr. Edmund D. Pellegrino	1991	Monsignor Ignatius D. McDermott †
1983	Mr. William B. Graham †	1991	Dr. Donna Shalala
1983	Most Reverend John R. Roach, D.D. †	1991	Mr. Jerrold Wexler †
1983	Dr. Rosemary R. Ruether	1992	Dr. Leon Lederman
1984	Mrs. Gwendolyn Brooks †	1992	Mr. Andrew J. McKenna
1984	Archbishop Dom Helder Camara †	1992	Ms. Kathy Osterman †
		1993	Ms. Eppie Lederer †



## *Honorary Degree Recipients*

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1993	Mr. Frank W. Luerssen	2005	Sister Margaret A. Farley, R.S.M.
1993	Dr. Garry Wills	2005	Mr. Norman C. Francis
1994	Mr. Frank W. Considine	2006	Sister Rosemary Connelly, R.S.M.
1994	Ms. Mary Gordon	2007	Mr. Warner Saunders
1994	Mr. William A. McIntosh	2007	Mr. Norman R. Bobins
1995	Sister Alice Gallin, O.S.U.	2007	General Colin L. Powell (Ret.)
1995	Mr. Michael Novak	2007	Sister Ana Maria Pineda, R.S.M.
1995	Mr. Martin Ozinga, Jr. †	2008	Mr. James J. O'Connor
1996	Sister Doris Gottemoeller, R.S.M.	2008	Mr. James J. McDonough
1996	Dr. David Tracy	2008	Mrs. Margaret Corbett Daley †
1997	Ms. Tracy Chapman	2008	Mr. Elie Wiesel
1997	Dr. Muhammad Yunus	2008	Sister Sharon Ann Euart, R.S.M.
1998	Mr. Robert E. Hord, Sr. †	2009	Mr. Robert Stump
1998	Mr. David S. Logan †	2009	Mrs. Mary Rita Stump
1998	Dr. Elaine M. Schuster	2009	Mr. Richard H. Driehaus
1998	Mr. Christopher Zorich	2009	Sister Mary Aquin O'Neill, R.S.M.
1999	Mr. Bernard L. Downey	2010	Mr. Larry R. Rogers, Sr.
1999	Ms. Mary Houghton	2010	Reverend Michael M. Boland
1999	Dr. Janet D. Rowley	2010	Dr. Jeanette Rodriguez
1999	Mr. Brian O. Shannon †	2010	Sister Lois Graver, R.S.M.
2000	Mr. Marshall B. Front	2010	The Honorable Virginia A. Rugai
2000	Mr. Arthur R. Velasquez	2011	Mr. Michael Carroll
2001	Mr. Ramsey Lewis	2011	Mr. Donald Paul Hahn
2001	Sister Christian Molidor, R.S.M. †	2011	Mr. Dominic Belmonte
2001	Reverend John J. Wall	2011	Most Reverend Moses B. Anderson, S.S.E. †
2002	Mr. John Callaway †	2011	Mr. Sidney Finkel
2002	Mr. Terry G. Hillard	2012	Sister Marilyn Lacey, R.S.M.
2002	Mr. James T. Joyce	2012	Dr. Courtney H. Lyder
2002	Mr. Jack Simmerling	2012	Dr. Joseph Parisi
2003	Mr. Richard E. Terry	2013	Mr. Edward D. Maloney
2004	Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.	2013	Reverend Donald A. Doll, S.J.
2005	Ms. Margaret T.G. Burroughs †		



## *Shield of Saint Xavier Award*

The Shield of Saint Xavier is the University's highest honor. The Shield is awarded annually to outstanding people who are nominated by the University community and chosen by our Board of Trustees. Recipients of the Shield of Saint Xavier are honored for their support of Saint Xavier's mission of academic excellence and social concern and for their demonstrated commitment to these important values through their own quest of learning and commitment to service.

## *Recipients of the Shield of Saint Xavier Award*

- 1988 Sister Catherine Gallagher, R.S.M. '45 †
- 1989 Sister Mary Huberta McCarthy, R.S.M. '32 †  
Sister M. Josetta Butler, R.S.M. '35, Ph.D. †  
Mayor Richard J. Daley †  
Morgan F. Murphy †  
Peter M. Shannon †  
Thomas J. Walsh †
- 1990 Mayor Richard M. and Margaret Corbett † Daley
- 1991 Honorable Marty A. Russo
- 1992 Sister Sheila Lyne, R.S.M. '60, '65
- 1993 Joseph J. Ahern
- 1994 Christopher Columbus
- 1995 Patricia Daley Martino, '60
- 1996 Senator Paul and Jeanne Simon †
- 1997 Bishop Moses Anderson, S.S.E. '68 †  
Sister Denis O'Grady, R.S.M. '37, Ph.D. †  
Sister Patricia Crowley, O.S.B.  
William Ferris †  
Toby Herr
- 1998 James and Jacque McDonough
- 1999 Sister Rosemary Connelly, R.S.M. '57
- 2000 Mary A. Dempsey  
Monsignor John J. Egan †
- 2001 Thomas F. and Susan Carey
- 2002 Robert and Mary Rita Stump
- 2003 Sister Elizabeth Barrett, R.S.M. '42, Ph.D. †  
Sister Irenaeus Chekouras, R.S.M. '55, Ph.D. †  
Sister Lucille McKillop, R.S.M. '51, Ph.D. †  
Sister Sheila Megley, R.S.M. '68, Ph.D.
- 2004 James and Ellen O'Connor
- 2005 Arthur and Joanne Velasquez
- 2006 Richard H. Driehaus
- 2007 Honorable Edward M. Burke
- 2008 Honorable William M. Daley
- 2009 Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I., Ph.D.
- 2010 Frank M. Clark
- 2011 Dr. Gerald and Mary Clare Loftus, '65
- 2012 James A. and Patricia A. Morris '83, Ph.D.
- 2013 Henry Bros. Co.
- 2014 Thomas E. Chomicz  
Sheila Butler King '69  
John P. Sweeney



## *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. Please respect all of the graduates by refraining from shouting, whistling or extraneous noise as names are being called.

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 at the awarding of the diploma.

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 Junior Year Fieldwork and Senior Year Research or Creative Project.



## *The Suspice 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 Suspice” as found  
in *Catherine McAuley and the Tradition of Mercy*, by Mary C. Sullivan, R.S.M.





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