College of the Holy Cross

ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-EIGHTH

Commencement



AT TEN-FIFTEEN IN THE MORNING
FRIDAY, THE TWENTY-FOURTH OF MAY
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY-FOUR



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READING OF THE DEGREE

Latin Degree read by Elliott Visconsi '95, Provost and Dean of the College

Q.B.F.Q.S.

Et Rei Publicae Literariae Bene Vertat Collegii Sanctae Crucis S.J Vigornii Praeses et Professores Has Literas Inspecturis S.P.

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emensum curriculum sollemni judicio ad certos honoris evehantur gradus. Quod insigne decus studiisque
fovendis adjumentum ne huic nostro Sanctae Crucis S.J Vigornii Collegio deesset, sapienti Rei Publicae
Massachusettensis Concilio et auctoritate cautum est. Quare cum studiis
naviter peractis factoque periculo scientia insignem se nobis probaverit, et ei
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hunc honorem gratulamur. Has insuper conferimus literas Collegii sigillo nostraque manu firmatas, quae
promeriti collatique honoris certam legentibus fidem faciant.

die vicesimo quarto Maii anno bis millesimo vicesimo quarto



As an augury of good fortune and prosperity, and as a boon to the Republic of Letters!

To all who shall read this document, greetings from the President and Faculty of the College of the Holy Cross, of the Society of Jesus, in Worcester. It has been a time-honored custom among the more cultivated peoples to distinguish by recognized titles of honor those who have completed a prescribed course of study and exhibited to the satisfaction of qualified examiners marked excellence in learning. And provision has been made by the learned and authoritative General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts that the power of granting this distinction, as an aid to learning, should be vested in this our College of the Holy Cross, of the Society of Jesus, in Worcester.

Wherefore, since "__________ "having successfully completed this course of study and undergone the prescribed examinations, has proven to us distinction in learning, we confer and bestow the degree of Bachelor of Arts, with all the rights and privileges pertaining thereunto, and we offer congratulations on the meritorious achievement of this honor. Furthermore, we confer this diploma, signed by our own hands and authenticated by the Seal of the College, to certify to all readers that the receiver has merited this honor.

THE FOUNDING OF HOLY CROSS



From the beginning of his tenure as the second Bishop of Boston, Benedict Joseph Fenwick longed to establish a Catholic college within the boundaries of his all-New England diocese. Catholics in great numbers, fleeing religious persecution and famine, and seeking economic opportunity, were pouring into the region. He recognized the need to educate them and to provide priests for his growing number of parishes as a major challenge of his episcopacy.

An alumnus of Georgetown College, Bishop Fenwick later served twice as president of his alma mater. As a Jesuit, his religious life had been marked with a certain academic mentality that prepared him well to undertake the establishment of a college. He was enterprising and courageous. And he knew that he could call upon the resources of his fellow Jesuits of the Maryland Province if and when he needed them to staff a school.

The location in Worcester was fortunate. Other sites had been considered, but here, in 1836, Rev. James Fitton purchased 52 acres of land and began an academy for boys. The academy prospered but Fr. Fitton's pastoral responsibilities in Worcester, Rhode Island, and Connecticut left him neither time nor energy to manage a boarding school, and he gladly conveyed the property and buildings to Bishop Fenwick for his college. The Bishop's letters record his enthusiasm for the project as well as its location.

"Next May I shall lay the foundation of a splendid College in Worcester. ...It is calculated to contain 100 boys and I shall take them for \$125 per an. & supply

them with everything but clothes. Will not this be a bold undertaking? Nevertheless I will try it. It will stand on a beautiful eminence & will command the view of the whole town of Worcester."

He gave the College the name of his cathedral church, the Cathedral of the Holy Cross. The cornerstone was put in place with great solemnity on June 21, 1843 and on the second day of November, with six students aged 9 to 19, the first classes were held. The College held its first Commencement in 1849.

Within three years, the enrollment had increased to 100 students. In spite of very limited finances, the College was beginning to grow until, in the summer of 1852, a catastrophic fire destroyed it. Were it not for the insistence of Bishop John B. Fitzpatrick, who had succeeded Bishop Fenwick, and the tireless labors of Father Anthony F. Ciampi, S.J., the fourth president, the Jesuits would have abandoned the project and returned to Georgetown. Funds were raised to rebuild the College, and in 1853, it opened for the second time.

Petitions to secure a Charter for the College from the General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts were denied in 1847 for a variety of causes, including anti-Catholicism on the part of some legislators. Nonetheless, the College conducted its business and awarded its diplomas, which were signed by the president of Georgetown. Finally, with the energetic support of Governor John A. Andrew, the Charter for College of the Holy Cross was officially granted on March 24, 1865.

THE COLLEGE SEAL



The College's seal identifies Holy Cross as an educational institution founded by Rev. Benedict J. Fenwick, S.J., second Bishop of Boston. The outer circle of the seal states in Latin "College of the Holy Cross, Society of Jesus, Worcester, Massachusetts."

The inner shield contains an open book, which is a symbol of learning, and a cross of gold symbolizing the Christian faith. The Latin motto on the book is associated with Constantine the Great. According to Eusebius of Caesaerea (chapter 28, *Life of Constantine*, dated 339) God had sent the Emperor a vision of a cross of light in the heavens with an inscription "in hoc signo vinces" (in this sign you will conquer). Shortly thereafter, Constantine defeated his co-emperor Maxentius at the battle of the Milvian Bridge in 312 to become sole

emperor of Rome. In 313, he proclaimed the Edict of Milan, which allowed Christians freedom of worship. The breadth of the Emperor's tolerance was clear: "to no one whatsoever should we deny liberty to follow either the religion of the Christians or any cult of his own free choice."

The cross divides the lower part of the shield into quarters, which are alternately red and sable, the colors on the ancient shield of Worcester, England.

The upper part of the shield has in its center the emblem of the Society of Jesus, a blazing sun with the letters IHS, the first three letters of Jesus' name in Greek. On either side is a martlet, reminiscent of those on the ancestral crest of Bishop Fenwick.

ORDER OF EXERCISES



PRELUDE

First Suite in Eb, Chaconne, Intermezzo, March, Gustav Holst Fields of Gold and K2, Julie Giroux

ACADEMIC PROCESSION

Pomp and Circumstance, Op. 39, No. 1-4, Edward Elgar/Retford/ed. Alfred Reed

NATIONAL ANTHEM

Senior Treble Voices of the College Choir

INVOCATION

Marybeth Kearns-Barrett '84, Director of College Chaplains

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS

Vincent D. Rougeau, President of the College

HONORARY DEGREES ARE CONFERRED

Vincent D. Rougeau, President of the College

HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENTS

Rev. Paul Frederick Harman, S.J. Laurie A. Leshin, Ph.D.

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Laurie A. Leshin, Ph.D.

READING OF THE DEGREE

Elliott Visconsi '95, Provost and Dean of the College, Holy Cross Latin Degree

DEGREES IN COURSE ARE CONFERRED

Vincent D. Rougeau, President of the College

VALEDICTORY ADDRESS

Kevin Hamilton '24

BLESSING

Rev. Timothy W. O'Brien, S.J., '06, Associate Vice President for Mission

ALMA MATER

Douglas Weeks, *Conductor* Senior Treble Voices of the College Choir

RECESSIONAL

Procession of the Nobles, Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov; Amparito Roca, Jaime Texidor Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, J. P. Sousa; Under the Double Eagle, Josef Wagner

MARSHAL-IN-CHIEF

Patricia M. Ring

ASSISTANT MARSHALS

Debra Gettelman

Francisco Gago-Jover

Sarah A. Petty

Constance S. Royden

MARSHALS OF THE FACULTY

Robert Bellin, Biology

Michael Creane, Psychology

Joshua Farrell, Chemistry

Alex Hindman, Political Science

Carmen Alvaro Jarrín, Sociology and Anthropology

Reginald McGee, Mathematics and Computer Science

Ryan Mruczek, Psychology

Paige Reynolds, English

Allison Richardson, Economics and Accounting

Mary Roche, Religious Studies

Ann Sheehy, Biology

Stephanie Yuhl, History

THE COMMENCEMENT CEREMONIAL BAND

Douglas Weeks, Conductor

DEGREES IN COURSE



BACHELOR OF ARTS HONORS

Omar Khaled Afifi, Cum Laude
George William Caldwell, Cum Laude
Catherine Jamie Cannamela, Summa Cum Laude
Sophie Laine Cassarino, Magna Cum Laude
Henry Ware Cavanaugh, Summa Cum Laude *
Hannah Beatrice Cavanaugh-Gouvea, Summa Cum Laude

- * Adam Shane Cooper, Magna Cum Laude Kieran Paolo Corcoran, Magna Cum Laude Lauren Joan Drillock, Summa Cum Laude Makenna Renee Eccles, Cum Laude
- Milo Christopher Fallon, Magna Cum Laude
 Elia Xiangquan Freitas Fisher, Summa Cum Laude
 Ayden Leonard Fleming, Summa Cum Laude
- ⁺ Robert Stephen Janes
- ⁺ Caitlin Kiyoko Kawamura, Summa Cum Laude
- Jannette Maria Kazlauskas, Summa Cum Laude Maya Rose Krzywda, Magna Cum Laude
- ⁺ Anna Ming-An Lee, Summa Cum Laude

- + Emmeline Adele Lignowski, Summa Cum Laude Nicholas Thomas Lupone, Summa Cum Laude Liam MacLean Martin, Summa Cum Laude Kerry Leigh McDermott, Summa Cum Laude
- ⁺ Diane Guadalupe McDonough, Magna Cum Laude
- ⁺ Aidan David Spinner McGahey, Summa Cum Laude Audrey Hope McGrail, Summa Cum Laude
- Rea Fayez Nassif, Magna Cum Laude Riley Elizabeth Peck, Magna Cum Laude Jailanny Pena, Cum Laude Shanil Perez Lantigua, Cum Laude
- Natalia Rose Powers, Summa Cum Laude Emma Rose Robinson, Summa Cum Laude
- James Paul Rogus, Magna Cum Laude Sarah Rose Synan, Magna Cum Laude
- Deysi Lupe Tirado-Rosillo, Magna Cum Laude
- ⁺ Catherine Landau Yackira, Summa Cum Laude

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Jonathan Loyace Abrams ***

Samantha Adams

Andrew Vincent Aldi IV, Cum Laude

Leonidas John Alexandris, Magna Cum Laude

Rigoberto Antonio Alfonso

Misk Shakir Aljeboure Iacques Allard

Jacques Allaru

Janelle Eureka Allen

Josue O. Alvarado *

Brendon Alvarez

John William Ambrosino, Cum Laude

Kasamba Amiri

Avir Khari Asante *

Martell T. Audate

Carla Laeticia Augustin

Jonathan O. Ayala ***

Joshua Moses Azor

Lianna XiangQiong Baatz, Magna Cum Laude

Katherine H. Babineau, Summa Cum Laude

⁺ Cecilia Anne Baillon, Summa Cum Laude

Elizabeth Mae Diepenbrock Baker, Magna Cum Laude

Alana Jolie Baldari

Cerys Ann Balmer

Daniel Bango

Josiah Bargmann

Christopher Barone, Cum Laude

Benjamin Barrera, Cum Laude

Bryce Jay Barron

Emma Louise Barry **

Charlotte N. Barton

Katelyn Rose Battagliese, Magna Cum Laude

Gabrielle Mary Beal, Magna Cum Laude

Molly Callahan Beaupré

Madison Lynn Beck

Colman Thomas Benson

Nicholas Scott Bettenhauser

Thomas Edward Beutz

Patrick James Blowe

Alexandra Grace Bodnar

⁺ Isabella Anne Bokan, Cum Laude

Dante Mekhi Bolden

Elizabeth Grace Boucher, Magna Cum Laude

Aidan Elizabeth Bowler

⁺ Elizabeth Ann Breen, Cum Laude

Molly Elizabeth Bresnahan, Magna Cum Laude

Charles McDonough Briley, Cum Laude

Michael Thomas Britt

Catherine Rosemarie Brodie, Magna Cum Laude

Jordyn Amber Brown

Lucy Isabelle Brown, Cum Laude

⁺ Nicholas Sean Brumble, Magna Cum Laude

David Brush, Summa Cum Laude

Alexander Harding Bryant

Kimy Alexi Buere, Cum Laude

⁺ Catherine Buhse, *Magna Cum Laude* Christina Huong Bui, *Cum Laude*

Jack Roger Buotte

Joseph Trimboli Burgio, Magna Cum Laude

Andrew Burton, Cum Laude

Aidan Busconi

Emma Jane Buxbaum Serena Elyse Cahalane **

Charlotte Lu Cahill, Magna Cum Laude

Alessia Caira, Cum Laude

Karina Calhoun, Summa Cum Laude

Maura Kelly Campbell Emma Kathleen Canning

Alexis Megan Cantin, Magna Cum Laude

Kathryn Elizabeth Cappello, Magna Cum Laude

Ralph Daniel Carbone, Cum Laude

Aidan Christopher Carey Danna Yadira Carrillo

Isabella Devereaux Carroll, Magna Cum Laude

Halle Elizabeth Carter **

Sarah Ann Carter, Summa Cum Laude

Samantha Elizabeth Casciani, Magna Cum Laude Aldona Stephanie Casey, Summa Cum Laude

Levi Jehiel Cass, Summa Cum Laude Patrick F. Casserly, Cum Laude Benjamin Charles Castle, Cum Laude Lauren Nicole Catherall, Cum Laude Michael Thomas Cavanaugh IV Rory Ann Cayer, Cum Laude Michelle Victoria Cepeda

Grace Elizabeth Cerrato, Summa Cum Laude

Katelyn Elizabeth Cerulli, *Cum Laude* Kyra Marie Ceryanek, *Magna Cum Laude* Elisabeth Cape Chace, *Magna Cum Laude*

Zhiyan Chai

Aleesha Lynne Chandhok Ayden Murphy Chanin

Lillian Jean Chapman, Magna Cum Laude

Diana Belen Chavez Cruz

Ackiara J. Chhim, *Magna Cum Laude* Andrew Joseph Chin, *Summa Cum Laude* Joshua Bennett Choi, *Summa Cum Laude*

Alexander James Christie

Aidan Thomas Christman, Cum Laude ² Francesca Grace Ciatto, Cum Laude

Alec Joseph Cicero Victoria Marie Cini

Janelle Grace Clancy, Summa Cum Laude

Anne Julié Clark, Cum Laude

Christopher James Clark, Cum Laude

Julia Marie Clifford

Ava Marie Cloghessy, Summa Cum Laude

Christopher Michael Clow

Abigail Katherine Aubois Coburn, Cum Laude

Julia Katharine Colangelo, Cum Laude

Angie Consuelo Colin Jacobo

Maria Kathryn Comerford, Cum Laude

Emma Concaugh

Max MacDonald Congdon Alissandra Rose Conlon

Jennifer Marie Connolly, Magna Cum Laude Kelsey Josephine Connor, Magna Cum Laude

Amelia Conte Matthew Conway Aubree R. Cookson Vienna Francesca Copado

⁺ Timothy Cordes

Ethan Lyle Core, Cum Laude

Andrea Grace Correia Christopher Louis Cosenza

Louth-Mohamed Kankoua Coulibaly

Edward Collins Coursey, Magna Cum Laude

Andrew Cowles

Sarah Rose Crinnion, Summa Cum Laude

William Duncan Crocker, III

John Joseph Cronin, Summa Cum Laude

Brian Patrick Cunningham, Magna Cum Laude Frances Elizabeth Curley, Summa Cum Laude

Ryan Patrick Curry, Cum Laude

Matthew Curtis Jack Dinsmore Custer Andrew Ryan D'Agata

Michael Anthony D'Ambrosio

Eleanor Carr d'Arbeloff

Gabrielle Marie D'Ippolito, Cum Laude

Troy Francis Dalton

Bridget Elisabeth Daly, Magna Cum Laude

Athanasios Danas

Androniqi Petraq Danga

Christina Daoud, Magna Cum Laude

Brian Pierce Davenport

Haley Elizabeth Davis, Cum Laude

Kamill Dawkins

Eric David DeCoste, Magna Cum Laude Annabel Lin DeGroat, Magna Cum Laude Kyra Solveig DeGroat, Magna Cum Laude

Rory Nicholas DeLuca ***
Connor DePiero ***
Julia Marie DeRubeis

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Phoenix Michael Dickson

Declan Reeh Diestel, Summa Cum Laude

Jiayue Ding

Jacob Louis Dobbs, Magna Cum Laude **

Maura Kathleen Doherty Grace Frances Dolan

Camille Elizabeth Dominguez

Jacqueline Dominguez

Jake Kevin Donahoe, Cum Laude

Michael Kevin Donahoe

Will Donahue, Magna Cum Laude

Bradley Remington Donegan, Cum Laude

Céili Siobhan Donnelly James C. Donovan *

+ Jennifer Mary Dooley, Magna Cum Laude

Jensen Abigail Dooley

⁺ Charlotte Katherine Doran, Magna Cum Laude

Mona Jhanes G. Doronila * Meghan Elizabeth Dowling

Mallory Courtney Doyle, Magna Cum Laude

Delia Anne Drace, Cum Laude

Grace Winter Driscoll, Magna Cum Laude Johnny James Driscoll, Magna Cum Laude Katherine Sinead Driscoll, Cum Laude

Matthew Paul Duchemin

Elyse Christine Duff, Cum Laude

Tyler Durling Jared J. Dyer

Julia Isabella Katherine Eagan, Summa Cum Laude

Pierce Gian Elliott, Cum Laude

Jenna Rose Erb

Eileen Honour Evans, Cum Laude

William I. Ezema

Joseph John Faccone, Cum Laude Emily Ann Faghan, Summa Cum Laude

Maya Elizabeth Faich

Clare Elizabeth Fallon, Magna Cum Laude

⁺ Jiaqi Fang

Daisy Jazz Fanter, Cum Laude Katherine Flanagan Farley Liam Henry Farrell *** Madeleine Eileen Farrell

Lauren Maria Farren, Cum Laude

Connor Faughnan

Brendan Fay, Magna Cum Laude

Mia Fedeli

Lillian M. Feeney, Summa Cum Laude Sidney Elizabeth Ficht, Magna Cum Laude Elizabeth Una Fier, Summa Cum Laude

Emma Grace Finnegan Kerry Marie Finnegan Sophia Anne Fiordalice

Michael Colin Fischer, Magna Cum Laude Carolyn Elizabeth Fisk, Magna Cum Laude

Shaye Hope Fitzgerald, Cum Laude

Alanna Eileen Fitzpatrick Abigail Elizabeth Flaherty * Regan Elizabeth Flanagan

Regan Elizabeth Flanagan Nicholas Michael Fletcher

Erika Florez-Villamarin, Magna Cum Laude

Garrett Daniel Flynn, Cum Laude Madelyn Elizabeth Flynn, Cum Laude Molly Kathleen Flynn, Summa Cum Laude

Sophia Nicole Foley Maeve Olivia Folger Jordan Forrest **

Emily Rose Fountaine, Magna Cum Laude

Ellen Anne Woolsey Foy, Cum Laude

Kaylee Fradsham

⁺ Julienne Frasch, Magna Cum Laude

Antoinette Frascone Molly Elisabeth Friday Dawson Day Friers Bradley Karsten Fruehauf Mariana Kathleen Fry William Joseph Fuschillo ** Elizabeth Riley Gaeta *** Owen McCarrick Gaffney

Max Gaffny

Mary Cecelia Gajda, *Magna Cum Laude* Grace Kelly Galanthay, *Summa Cum Laude*

Frances Elizabeth Gallagher Clement Hunter Galluccio Mara Christina Galvin Valentine Elisabeth Ganis

Lara Josefeen Garabedian, Magna Cum Laude

Esmeralda Garcia

Elizabeth Garfield, Cum Laude

Michelle Garrison Ava Elizabeth Gayman

Shannon Annette Gear, Cum Laude

Aaron Joseph Georges **
Tyler Scott Ghirardosi
Devyn Claudia Gianino

Stephen John Giannikas, Magna Cum Laude

Liam Gill, Cum Laude

Erin Barbara Gilrein, Cum Laude

Isaiah Rafael Gomez Karla Dayanara Gonzalez Logan Robert Gooley Katherine Grace Gourley Ellen Gracia, *Cum Laude* Jason Andrew Grande Cesar A. Grande Castro

Lexis Vera Grandel, Summa Cum Laude

George Ryan Grant, Cum Laude

Vaia Elizabeth Susanne Graves, Cum Laude Emma Elizabeth Grayeb, Magna Cum Laude

Elizabeth Griffith, Magna Cum Laude

Patrick Robert Grudberg, Summa Cum Laude

Emily Jane Gualdino
Katherine Nicole Guden
Matthew Anthony Guerra

⁺ Leonersy Jesus Guerrero
Andrew James Guillocheau

Andrew Chengrui Guo, Summa Cum Laude

Hunter Edward Gutt, Cum Laude *

Erin Marie Haddad Tate Gearen Hadges Nathaniel Haley

Colleen Macnamara Halleron, Cum Laude

Elizabeth Margaret Halleron, Magna Cum Laude **

Grace Elizabeth Hamerschlag

⁺ Kevin Daniel Hamilton, Summa Cum Laude Melissa Elaine Hamilton, Summa Cum Laude Amy Rachel Hampson, Magna Cum Laude

Kylie Lauren Hampton Gabriel Samir Hanna Kerstin Marie Hansen

Christopher James Hanson **

Cade Patrick Harkins

Aidan Christopher Hart-Nova

Devin J. Haskins **
Christopher Neil Hatem
Patrick Aidan Haughney **
Lloyd A. Haughton

Hunter Thomas Hawley, Cum Laude 2

Bridget Mary Hayden Maeson D. Hayes ** Mia Catherine Hayes

⁺ Minxuan He

Kristina Jocelyn Hekkala, *Cum Laude* Jacob Robert Hendricks, *Summa Cum Laude*

James Carroll Hennessy, Cum Laude

Sean Kinsella Herber Lizbeth Hernandez

Anyelly Yamilka Herrera Marte, Cum Laude

Jake Paul Higgins, Cum Laude

Robert Hjort
Lilly Grace Hoehn
Catherine Grace Hollick

Madelyn Rose Holmes, Magna Cum Laude Lili Stuart Houlihan, Summa Cum Laude Charlotte Jane Hurley, Cum Laude

Timothy Michael Iannarone

⁺ Katharine Elisabeth Iannelli, Magna Cum Laude

Luke Alexander Ivanoski Sydney Johanna Ives ¹ Miles Marcelino Jackson

Ishanpepe Ann Jagusah, Cum Laude

Marie Jeglum James

Caroline Y. Jang, *Cum Laude* * Angela Marisol Jaramillo Perez

Morgan Jensen-Magne
Emily Grace Johnson
Grace Lauren Johnson
Peter Edward Jussaume
Nicole Kamel, *Cum Laude*Edward Maximilian Kane
Michael Ryan Kane
Joseph Grey Kapavik
Harry John Karavolas
Gabriella George Kareh
Charlotte May Keane

Thomas Peter Keane, *Cum Laude* William Kenneth Kelleher

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Caitlin Alexandra Kennedy-Jensen, Magna Cum Laude

Eliza Ann Kerivan Thomas R. Kiessling * Joseph Henry Klier Abigail Theresa Koczko Thomas Francis Koenen

Eliza Kathleen Koorbusch, Cum Laude

Garen Paul Korian

John Charles Kraemer, Cum Laude Robert Cole Kratovil, Cum Laude

Jared T. Kreimer **

† Damon Marcus Kruppa

Luca Bruno Kuhns, Cum Laude

Olivia Alice LaMarco, Magna Cum Laude Katharine Therese Lagasse, Magna Cum Laude

Regina Gabriela Lage

William Raymond Lallier, Cum Laude

Hunter Lane

Alexandra Elizabeth Lannon, Magna Cum Laude

William Dugan Lasch Francis Ryan Lavoie

Matthew Christopher Lawrence

Zachary Jeffris Lawrence, Summa Cum Laude

Tan Minh Le, Summa Cum Laude Anne Louise Le Gassick, Cum Laude Allison Claire Leahy, Magna Cum Laude

Casey William Lee

Dante Leo, Summa Cum Laude

⁺ Alexandra Marie Lesnik, Magna Cum Laude

Kirsten Marie Letourneau Teresa Frances Levine

Grace Margaret Lillis, Magna Cum Laude

Isabelle Caroline Lindhurst

Marin Cait Lis, Magna Cum Laude

Mingyu Liu

Nicole Anna Lobont

Molly Elizabeth Lombard, Cum Laude

Daniela Londono Ramirez, Magna Cum Laude

Alexandre Antonio Lopes-Gomes **
Nicholas Paul Lopez, Cum Laude

Saia Elisa Lorenzo Sagine Louis

Olivia Jean Lucey, *Magna Cum Laude* Ryan William Lukas, *Summa Cum Laude* Mikaila Teresa Lupoli, *Magna Cum Laude*

Viktor Lutsyshen ***
An Hue Ly, *Cum Laude*

Jude Brendan Lynch, Cum Laude

Maeve Margaret Lynch

Olivia Grace Lynch, *Magna Cum Laude* Anthony Mitchell Mabardy, *Cum Laude*

Cullen Vincent MacDonnell

Andrea Kathryn MacFarlane, Cum Laude *
Charlotte Powers Mackin, Magna Cum Laude
Emily Rose MacKinnon, Magna Cum Laude
Lila Grace Macklin, Magna Cum Laude
Daniel Patrick Maddigan, Magna Cum Laude

Andrew William Madsen Spencer Nicholas Maher

Elizabeth Catherine Mahoney, Magna Cum Laude

Yunhao Mai, Cum Laude

Matthew Simon Major, Summa Cum Laude

Cole Reynolds Malnati

Deanna Marie Maltese Timothy Francis Manzella Emma Claire Manzi

John Patrick Manzo, Cum Laude

Christina Desmond Marciano, Summa Cum Laude

Nathan Robert Marconi

† Julianna Frances Mariani, Magna Cum Laude

Emily Marino, Magna Cum Laude

[†] Lindsay Marjanski, Summa Cum Laude
Liam Edward Marrinan, Magna Cum Laude
Ashley Grace Marshall, Magna Cum Laude
Christopher Mathewson, Cum Laude

Michael Richard Mazzocca

William Charles McAlpine, Magna Cum Laude

Katherine Elizabeth McAninch Elizabeth Marion McBreen Kyle Brian McCabe Claire Elizabeth McCann

Danielle Marie McCarthy, Magna Cum Laude

John McCarthy

Joseph Patrick McCarthy, *Cum Laude* Katelyn McCarthy, *Magna Cum Laude* Ronan Michael McCarthy, *Cum Laude*

Tyler J. McCauley, *Cum Laude* Ryleigh Arden McComas Kathryn Ann McConnell

Rory Collins McConville, Cum Laude

Cara Anne McCormack

Brenna Kathleen McCormick, Magna Cum Laude Ella Power McCormick, Magna Cum Laude

Emma Sean McCuin

John Francis McDonald, *Cum Laude*Mia Claire McDonald, *Magna Cum Laude*

Allison Mary McDonough Anne McElroy, *Cum Laude* ** John Edward McElroy, Jr. Matthew Charles McGonigle ** Bridget Ellen McGunigle

Michaela Jane Barry McHugh, Cum Laude **

Owen McIntosh, *Cum Laude* Lauren Ellen McLaughlin

Molly Anne McLaughlin, Cum Laude Rory Hugh McLaughlin, Cum Laude

Hannah Quinn McLeod, Summa Cum Laude

John Stewart McMillan
Patrick B. McMurtrie **
Ryan Munsell McWilliams *
Yasmine Louise Mechrefe

Litzy Mejia Brynne Menen

Katherine Wade Meszaros, Magna Cum Laude

Emily Metzger, Magna Cum Laude

Matthew Dino Miano Zachary W. Mickle

Jacob John Milan, Magna Cum Laude

Riley Rebecca Millburne, Summa Cum Laude

William Patrick Miller

Kelsey Juliet Minister, Cum Laude

Michael Alexander Mitrokostas, Cum Laude

Kamryn Molton **

Jackson Monteiro, Cum Laude

Jalen Montgomery

Catherine Reed Mooney, Cum Laude

Arianna J. Moore

Anna Moran, Fenwick Scholar, Summa Cum Laude Bridget Eileen Moriarty, Magna Cum Laude

Sean W. Morris ** Titus Eugene Morrison Jake Michael Morrow

Gabriella Madeleine Moscardelli, Cum Laude Jessica Marie Mott, Magna Cum Laude Aidan Thomas Mullen, Cum Laude William Brooks Mulvaney, Cum Laude ** Catherine Marie Mungovan, Magna Cum Laude Molly Elizabeth Mungovan, Summa Cum Laude

Emily Lynn Murphy, Magna Cum Laude

Phoebe Helen Murphy Ryan J. Murphy *

Caroline Claire Nairus, Magna Cum Laude

Anthony James Nardelli Charles Matthew Nascimben Kristin Nastasi, *Magna Cum Laude*

Paige Naumnik Alyssa Ellie Nee

Connor Christopher Nelson

Dianne Elizabeth Newcomb, Summa Cum Laude

Luke Gordon Newman Kevin Tien Nguyen Thuy Thanh Nguyen Natasha Nicholas

Matthew Nickerson, Magna Cum Laude

Patrick Nistl

Meaghan Elizabeth Noone, Magna Cum Laude

Evan Tor Nordby

Larissa Marques Nunes, Cum Laude Danielle Deveau Nutter, Magna Cum Laude

Ashley Lynn O'Brien, Cum Laude Nicholas O'Brien, Cum Laude

Timothy Patrick O'Callaghan, Magna Cum Laude

John Edmund O'Connor, Cum Laude

Gardner Declan O'Flynn

Anna Patricia O'Neill, *Magna Cum Laude* Seton Mason O'Scannlain, *Magna Cum Laude*

Joseph Thomas Octave Elsi Kathleen Ojanen Jack Ostrosky **

Tarynn Olivia Pacheco **
Bryan Louis Pacific
Thomas Hastings Pacious
Margaret Rose Panasci
Grace Papa, Cum Laude

Anastasia Papacharalampous ** Alexandria Paradise, Cum Laude

Anna Siobhan Parker, Summa Cum Laude

Alexandra Genevieve Parsons, Magna Cum Laude

Jennifer Stella Paul, Cum Laude

Mary Catherine Pawlus

+ Ethan Peng, Magna Cum Laude

John Frederick Peplau Isabella Sabina Perault Connie Francis Perez Julianna Zenaida Perez Fernanda Perez-Alvarez

Kyle Bryanton Peterson, Cum Laude

Tyler Petrie

Anhthi Nguyen Phan, Magna Cum Laude

Colleen Marie Phelan, Cum Laude

Gabriel Alexander Pichay

Anthony Michael Pierotti, Cum Laude

Colson Elijah Pierre * Nicole Pimentel, Cum Laude

Olivia Annalise Pistorio, Magna Cum Laude

Frederick Mitchell Pohlen Timothy Michael Polk *

Kallie Rose Poon, Magna Cum Laude

Julia Porter, Cum Laude Jessica Claire Postiglione

Mary Powell

Bronagh Karl Power-Cassidy, Magna Cum Laude

Emma Nicole Puglisi, Cum Laude Julia Ann Puppolo, Magna Cum Laude Tyler Judson Purdy, Cum Laude **

Youqi Qi, Cum Laude

Amanda Quintino dos Santos, Cum Laude

Michael Rabinovich

Matthew Alexander Rae, Magna Cum Laude

Patrick O'Keeffe Raidt John Paul Michael Raiger Adam Rainer Ramondo

Janel Ramos

Isabella Marie Raso, Magna Cum Laude Allison Morgan Raynor, Summa Cum Laude

Gabrielle Marie Reed, Cum Laude *

Kyle Francis Regan

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HONORARY DEGREES



DOCTOR OF MINISTRY Paul Frederick Harman, S.J.

Benevolent servant to mission and community. Dedicated advocate and educator. Exemplary spiritual and academic leader.

Reverend Paul F. Harman, S.J., you have faithfully served the Society of Jesus and higher education since 1955, as both a spiritual leader and longtime member of the College of the Holy Cross' administration.

Your journey in higher education began by earning both undergraduate and master's degrees in philosophy from Boston College. In 1955, you entered the Society of Jesus, were ordained a priest in 1968, and are now a member of the USA East Province Society of Jesus.

You first joined the Holy Cross community in 1970 as a visiting lecturer in theology, while completing your doctorate in education at Columbia University. You were then appointed associate academic dean and served a nine-year tenure as executive vice president, during which time you were an instrumental member of the College's leadership during the transition to coeducation. You led the Committee for Co-Education, served as Affirmative Action Officer and served on the Ad Hoc Committee for the Status of Women.

You later returned to Holy Cross and served as the College's vice president for mission and then chief mission officer from 2011 to 2019. In these roles, you made tremendous advances in strengthening the mission and identity programs of the College, drawing from the long and rich traditions of the Church and the Society of Jesus.

Your commitment and service to education and the Jesuit order also extends far beyond our own community. You taught at Baghdad College in Iraq, served as Provincial Assistant for Formation for the New England Province of the Jesuits, Secretary for Formation for the Jesuits in the United States, and rector of the Jesuit Community at Boston College. You have held positions on numerous boards of trustees, including Boston College, Georgetown, Loyola University of Chicago and here at Holy Cross. You currently serve as spiritual director at the St. Peter Faber Jesuit Community.

That all may know of our great esteem for you and our strong support for your faithful service and spiritual leadership, the College of the Holy Cross confers upon you this day the degree, Doctor of Ministry, *honoris causa*.

HONORARY DEGREES



DOCTOR OF HUMANE LETTERS Laurie A. Leshin, Ph.D.

Renowned geochemist and space scientist. Inspiring and empathetic educator and academic leader. Trailblazing advocate for women and girls in science.

Dr. Laurie Leshin, you have pioneered innovation and discovery in planetary science throughout your distinguished career in academia, government, and leadership at NASA.

You led the strategy, planning, and implementation of more than 50 Earth and space flight projects, first as director of science, then as deputy director for science and technology at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center.

You oversaw future human spaceflight as deputy associate administrator of the Exploration Systems Mission Directorate at NASA Headquarters.

You brought your leadership and scientific expertise to higher education, first as dean of the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute School of Science, and later as the 16th president — and first woman president — of Worcester Polytechnic Institute. As president of WPI, you helped grow the institution into a globally recognized STEM institution with a flourishing research enterprise. You also made a significant impact on the City of Worcester and Central Massachusetts by strengthening the K-12 STEM pipeline, supporting local innovation and career opportunities, and providing steadfast guidance during the COVID-19 pandemic. For this instrumental work, you were honored with the Key to the City of Worcester from Mayor Joseph Petty, as well as a proclamation from the Massachusetts House of Representatives and State Senate.

You then returned to the California Institute of Technology, where you earned your master's and doctoral degrees in geochemistry, to serve in your current role as the first woman director of the NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory. You are also a vice president of Caltech, a Bren Professor of Geochemistry and Planetary Science, and co-investigator for two instruments on NASA's Mars Curiosity rover. In these roles, not only do you lead efforts to advance scientific research and innovation, but you also inspire and educate the next generation of scientists and space explorers.

Your significant contributions to science have been honored with NASA's Outstanding Leadership Medal and Distinguished Public Service Medal, and the Meteoritical Society's Nier Prize for outstanding research by a scientist under the age of 35. The International Astronomical Union named asteroid 4922 Leshin after you. You advised President George W. Bush on space policy, and were appointed to the Smithsonian Institution's National Air and Space Museum advisory board by President Barack Obama.

That all may know of our great esteem for you and our strong support for your trailblazing work to advance space science and to empower women and girls in the fields of science, technology, engineering and math, the College of the Holy Cross confers upon you this day the degree, Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*.

THE COLOR PURPLE



There are two theories of how College of the Holy Cross chose purple as its official color. One suggests that it was derived from classical Roman tradition that clothed a triumphant general in a solid purple toga during his state celebration. Thus the Emperor Constantine was dignified by the "purple." As a corollary, the imperial family had exclusive control of an Egyptian quarry that produced purple porphyry stone for portraits and funerary monuments.

The other story is attributed to Walter J. Connors, an 1887 graduate, and was printed in the October 1940 issue of the Alumnus. According to the account, there was a disagreement during the 1870s between Holy Cross students from Massachusetts and those from Connecticut concerning the colors of the school's baseball uniforms. The students from Massachusetts purportedly favored the crimson of Harvard, while those from Connecticut favored the deep blue of Yale. Legend has it that a fellow student with a sense of diplomacy resolved the dispute in the chemistry lab, where he mixed copper sulphate (blue) with iron oxide (red) to produce the color of purple.

ALMA MATER



The Holy Cross alma mater was composed by Augustine P. Coniff, Class of 1902, and set to the tune of "Maryland, My Maryland," best known today as the former state song of the state of Maryland. Many will also recognize this melody as the tune of the German Christmas song "O Tannenbaum." Both "Maryland, My Maryland" and "O Tannenbaum" were derived independently from a 16th-century folk tune known as "Lauriger Horatius." "Maryland, My Maryland" was retired as the state song of Maryland in 2021 due to its use by Confederate sympathizers during the Civil War as a battle hymn and its lyrics disparaging President Lincoln and the Union. Like other songs written at the time, "Maryland, My Maryland" was the product of a larger American culture of racism whose legacies persist today.

At the 2022 Academic Conference, a group of students in Professor Daniel DiCenso's *Race, Identity, and Hip-Hop Studies* seminar presented the results of a research project they had undertaken to understand the history of blackface minstrelsy at Holy Cross and the relationship between the *Songs of Holy Cross* and the songs of the Confederacy or songs of southern origin celebrating the institution of slavery. Their findings have sparked an important conversation on campus that continues today.

THE COLLEGE MACE



Originally used as a weapon of war, the mace was an emblem of physical strength in the Middle Ages. Its look changed with its purpose: Maces were once heavy clubs with spike-covered metal balls attached to the ends or swinging from short chains. By the 16th century, maces were decorated with jewels and precious metals and no longer used as weapons. Today, the mace is viewed as a symbol of intellectual authority and is often carried during ceremonial academic and ecclesiastical processions.

At Holy Cross, it is tradition for the College's registrar to carry the mace while leading processions at the baccalaureate Mass, commencement, special academic convocations, and at inaugurations of the College's presidents.

Holy Cross' own intricately designed, hand-crafted silver mace was presented to the College in 1984 by blacksmith Kenneth Lynch Sr., the late owner of Connecticut-based ironwork firm Kenneth Lynch & Sons. It replaced a wood and metal mace that was a gift of the Class of 1940, now stored in the College's Archives and Special Collections. In a 1984 edition of Crossroads, the precursor to Holy Cross Magazine, Lynch explained that he gifted the mace because two of his brothers were Jesuit priests, and he was a great admirer of Holy Cross. (Lynch also worked on the wrought iron fence along College Street).

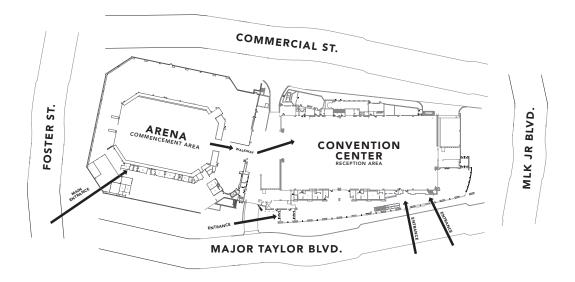
The gleaming result measures more than three feet in length with three layers of polished silver covering its bronze base. The names of the College presidents and their years of service are inscribed on the head of the mace, which features a cross-topped dome. The bottom of the mace bears the College's seal.

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF COEDUCATION



In September 1972, the first woman enrolled at College of the Holy Cross, lighting the way for generations to follow, women who would advance to create lives of personal and professional impact across all vocations across the globe, inspired by the foundation of a Jesuit, Catholic liberal arts education.

Beginning in September 2022 and continuing through May 2024 (the 50th anniversary of the first women graduates), the College is recognizing and celebrating the impact of women on Holy Cross. Through a series of meaningful and inclusive commemorative events, we are honoring the pioneers of coeducation, reflecting on the impact of coeducation on the College and exploring the challenges we face in becoming the best community that we can be.

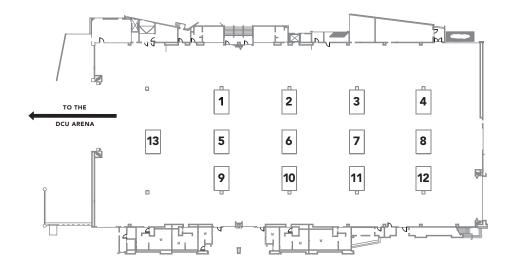


Welcome to the 178th Commencement Exercises of the College of the Holy Cross. We're glad you're here to celebrate the achievements of the Class of 2024 with us!

The commencement ceremony will begin at 10:15 a.m. and lasts approximately two and a half hours. Please join us immediately after the ceremony for a reception in the adjoining Convention Center. This map notes the entrances to the Convention Center; you may either walk

along the outside of the building, or walk through the arena floor after the graduates and faculty have recessed.

There are volunteer student ushers throughout the arena, who can help provide directions or additional information as needed.



CONVENTION CENTER RECEPTION AREA

BANNER LOCATIONS

- 1 World Language, Literatures and Cultures Spanish
- 2 English
- 3 Education Psychology Neuroscience
- 4 Economics and Accounting
- 5 Center for Interdisciplinary Studies Philosophy Religious Studies
- 6 International Studies Political Science
- **7** Asian Studies Sociology and Anthropology
- 8 Mathematics and Computer Science Naval Science
- 9 Music Theatre & Dance Visual Arts
- 10 Classics History
- 11 Biology Environmental Studies
- 12 Chemistry Physics
- 13 Class Dean

ALMA MATER

OH, HEAR THY VOICES ONE IN SONG
HOLY CROSS, O HOLY CROSS.
THY SPIRITS LOYAL, TRUE AND STRONG
HOLY CROSS, O HOLY CROSS.
THY PURPLE BANNER FLOATS ON HIGH,
WHILE SONGS OF PRAISE SWELL TO THE SKY,
THY HONORED NAME SHALL NEVER DIE,
HOLY CROSS, O HOLY CROSS.

Words: Augustine P. Conniff, Class of 1902

(Revised 19 Jan. 1976) Tune: *Maryland, My Maryland*

