

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

May 11, 2024

Noon

The Dennis and Leslie Rittenmeyer Athletic Center

Processional.....Pomp and Circumstance

Invocation..... The Very Reverend Jeffrey Burton
Dean, Northlake Deanery, Diocese of Gary

Introductions.....Amy McCormack, Ed.D.
President, Calumet College of St. Joseph

Welcoming Remarks.....Vicki Znavor, M.B.A.
Calumet College of St. Joseph Board of Trustees

Awarding of Honorary Degree Citation.....Derek Shouba, D.M.
Vice President for Academic Affairs

Conferral of Honorary Degree.....David Bochnowski, J.D.
Calumet College of St. Joseph Board of Trustees
and
Amy McCormack, Ed.D.
President, Calumet College of St. Joseph

Commencement Address.....Ambassador Joe Donnelly

Valedictorian Address.....Aaron Csok, '24

Presentation of Degree Candidates.....Derek Shouba, D.M.
Vice President for Academic Affairs

Associate of Science, Associate of Arts
Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Arts

Presentation of Master Degree Candidates.....Derek Shouba, D.M.
Vice President for Academic Affairs

Hooding of Master Degree Candidates

Master of Arts in Psychology Roy Scheive, Ed.D.
Chair, Department of Business Management
and
Tina Ebenger, Ph.D.
Chair, Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences

Master of Arts in Teaching.....Sean Egan, Ed.D.
Chair, Department of Education
and
Kezia Carpenter, Ph.D.
Asst Professor, Education Program

Master of Science in Management..... Roy Scheive, Ed.D.
Chair, Department of Business Management
and
Catherine Lopez-Gonzalez, Ph.D.
Program Director, Business Fast Track

Master of Science in Public Administration.....Danny McGuire, Ed.D.
Executive Director, Public Service Institute
and
Monica Lopez, M.S.
Director, Public Safety Management Program

Conferral of Degrees.....Amy McCormack, Ed.D.
President, Calumet College of St. Joseph

Associate of Science, Associate of Arts
Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Arts
Master of Science, Master of Arts

Alumni Association Remarks.....R. Louie Gonzalez, '80

Benediction.....The Very Reverend Jeffrey Kirch, C.P.P.S.
Provincial Director of the Missionaries of the Precious Blood

Recessional..... Carmen Rhapsody

2024 COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

AMBASSADOR TO THE HOLY SEE JOE DONNELLY

Joe Donnelly was nominated on October 8, 2021, and confirmed January 20, 2022, as U.S. Ambassador to the Holy See. Previously, he represented Indiana in the U.S. Senate from 2013 to 2019. He previously served in the U.S. House of Representatives (2007–13).

Ambassador Donnelly was born in New York City and raised on Long Island. He attended the University of Notre Dame, receiving a bachelor's degree (1977) in government and a law degree (1981). He worked for a law firm in South Bend before opening a printing business in nearby Mishawaka in 1996. He served on the state election board for a year (1988–89) and then on a local school board for four years (1997–2001).

Ambassador Donnelly was twice reelected to the House before running for the U.S. Senate in 2012. A moderate in a state long divided between largely Democratic urban areas and Republican suburban and rural districts, he won endorsement from newspapers and business organizations throughout the state. Donnelly won the 2012 general election, becoming the first Democrat to win a statewide race in Indiana in more than 10 years.

VALEDICTORIAN

Aaron Csok

Bachelor of Science in Business Management

Summa Cum Laude

The valedictorian of the class has achieved the highest grade point average with at least 60 hours in graded coursework at Calumet College of St. Joseph and was selected from among our December, 2023 and May, 2024 bachelor degree recipients.

GRADUATION WITH HONORS

Baccalaureate degree (December and May) graduates wearing gold stoles have cumulative grade point averages associated with honors or distinction. Students earning a baccalaureate degree graduate with honors upon completion of at least 60 hours in graded courses at Calumet College of St. Joseph with a cumulative index of 3.50 for the Cum Laude, 3.70 for the Magna Cum Laude, and 3.90 for the Summa Cum Laude recognition. Students earning a baccalaureate degree with fewer than 60 hours in graded courses taken at Calumet College of St. Joseph are awarded the honor "With Distinction" if their cumulative index is at least 3.5. August undergraduate bachelor degree candidates with honors or distinction will wear a gold honor candidate stole (until their course requirements have been fulfilled and a final GPA has been determined) and will be recognized as an honors candidate in the commencement program.

Undergraduate Honor Cords – Calumet College of St. Joseph holds all of its graduates in high esteem and takes an added measure of pride in those who have demonstrated leadership in student organizations. These students are wearing honor cords in colors representing various organizations. They are:

Athletics	Maroon & Grey
Black Student Union	Red, Yellow & Black
Education Club	Sky Blue
Emmaus Catholic Student Union	Navy Blue & Silver
English & Creative Writing	Green & Silver
First Generation Graduate	White
St. Gaspar's Honors Learning Community	Gold
Los Amigos	Yellow, Green & Gold
Student Government Association	Yellow & Red
United States of America Military Veterans	Red, White & Blue

International students are wearing stoles which represent their home countries.

ASSOCIATE DEGREES

Jeremy M Diaz	A.S.	Associate in Science Degree	Turlock, CA
Anissa Celine Ducker	A.S.	Associate in Science Degree	Whiting, IN
Lianne P. Fritz	A.S.	Associate in Science Degree	Whiting, IN
Priscilla Marie Galvan	A.S.	Business Management	East Chicago, IN
Paige Jordyn Plautz	A.S.	Associate in Science Degree	Merrill, WI

BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

Elias M Abudayeh	B.S.	Public Safety Management	With Distinction	Chicago, IL
David Alegre	B.S.	Public Safety Management		Chicago, IL
Flor Andersen	B.S.	Organization Management English & Media		Cedar Lake, IN
Eranique S Armstrong	B.A.	Communications	Summa Cum Laude	Gary, IN
Jasmine Odette Arreola	B.S.	Criminal Justice	Magna Cum Laude	Hammond, IN
Colleen Ashe	B.S.	Public Safety Management	With Distinction	Chicago, IL
Gabriela Motta Barbosa	B.S.	Psychology		Brazil
Matthew Beesley	B.S.	Public Safety Management	With Distinction	Chicago, IL
Mitchell Adam Billingsly	B.S.	Business Management	With Distinction	Evansville, IN
Carina Bolanos	B.S.	Criminal Justice		East Chicago, IN
Jenine Brittany Boyles	B.S.	Kinesiology		Chicago Heights, IL
Marcus Buenrostro	B.S.	Public Safety Management	With Distinction	Chicago, IL
Kylee Renae Bunnell	B.S.	Biomedical Science	Summa Cum Laude	Colorado Spgs, CO
David Wayne Butkiewicz	B.S.	Public Safety Management		Smyrna, TN
Gerardo Calderon	B.S.	Public Safety Management		Chicago, IL
Carlos H Castillo Armando Daniel	B.S.	Public Safety Management	With Distinction	Chicago, IL
Chagoya	B.S.	Public Safety Management	With Distinction	Chicago, IL
Jeffery Michael Colby	B.S.	Business Management		Merrillville, IN
Marvin Coleman	B.S.	Public Safety Management	With Distinction	Chicago, IL
Zachary Scott Costello	B.S.	Criminal Justice		Morris, IL
Aimee J Craig	B.S.	Organization Management		Crestview, FL
Aaron Csok	B.S.	Business Management	Summa Cum Laude	Austria
Andrew S Davenport	B.S.	Criminal Justice		Griffith, IN
Floyd Jackson Davis	B.S.	Psychology		Jonesboro, GA
Ethan Alexander Dawson	B.S.	Criminal Justice	Summa Cum Laude	Belize

Richard R DeLaVega	B.S.	Public Safety Management	With Distinction	River Grove, IL
Tabitha C DeLion	B.A.	English & Media Communications		Chicago, IL
Sergio I Diaz	B.S.	Kinesiology		Chicago, IL
Joseph D Doornbos	B.S.	Public Safety Management	With Distinction	Evergreen Pk, IL
Louie Dybel	B.S.	General Studies		Chesterton, IN
Joseph Michael Elfayer	B.S.	Public Safety Management	With Distinction	Chicago, IL
Amin Elmesquine	B.S.	Public Safety Management	With Distinction	Chicago, IL
Elody Engram	B.S.	Public Safety Management	With Distinction	Chicago, IL
Reginald Engram	B.S.	Public Safety Management	With Distinction	Chicago, IL
Areli Enriquez	B.S.	Business Management		East Chicago, IN
Armando Escamilla	B.S.	Accounting		East Chicago, IN
Eric Fager	B.S.	Public Safety Management	With Distinction	Chicago, IL
Syrshawn D Fitch	B.A.	Digital & Studio Arts		Calumet Park, IL
Maria Elena Frausto	B.S.	Business Management	Magna Cum Laude	Mexico
Joseph J Fuentes	B.S.	Public Safety Management	With Distinction	Chicago, IL
Thomas Lester Garbutt	B.S.	Business Management		Belize
Santino Ghiotto	B.S.	Public Safety Management	With Distinction	Chicago, IL
Edgar Gonzalez	B.S.	Public Safety Management	With Distinction	Chicago, IL
Tonacia Granado	B.S.	Public Safety Management		Chicago, IL
Anthony M Granat	B.S.	Public Safety Management	With Distinction	Chicago, IL
Kevin Michael Grand	B.S.	Public Safety Management	With Distinction	Chicago, IL
Breonn S Green	B.S.	Kinesiology	Cum Laude	Whiting, IN
Roman Ricshard Griffin	B.S.	General Studies		Merrillville, IN
Aman Haidari	B.S.	Public Safety Management	Honors Candidate	Chicago, IL
Raul Hernandez	B.S.	Public Safety Management	With Distinction	Chicago, IL
Kenia Hernandez	B.S.	Criminal Justice	With Distinction	Hammond, IN
Michael J Howe	B.S.	Public Safety Management		Chicago, IL
Destiny M Hughes	B.A.	Digital & Studio Arts	With Distinction	Harvey, IL
Roxanne Devine Ines	B.A.	English & Media Communications		Whiting, IN
Alyssa Sade Jasso	B.S.	General Studies		Hammond, IN
Amari L Jefferson	B.S.	Human Services		Merrillville, IN
Edward R Johnson	B.S.	Public Safety Management	With Distinction	Chicago, IL
Terrence Julian	B.S.	Public Safety Management	With Distinction	Chicago, IL
Marcia S Keilman	B.S.	Business Management	Summa Cum Laude	Crown Point, IN
DeShaun Terrez				
Kendrick	B.S.	Business Management		Indianapolis, IN
Peter Jamil Khio	B.S.	Public Safety Management	With Distinction	Chicago, IL

Alexander James Klementzos	B.S.	Public Safety Management	With Distinction	Chicago, IL
Arletta None Kubik	B.S.	Public Safety Management		Chicago, IL
Jeffrey R Langan	B.S.	Public Safety Management	With Distinction	Chicago, IL
Mackenzie Jane Lanman	B.S.	Kinesiology	Magna Cum Laude	Centerville, IN
James J Lazansky	B.S.	Public Safety Management		Westchester, IL
Cherise R Lindquist	B.S.	Public Safety Management	With Distinction	Chicago, IL
Darrius Little	B.S.	Business Management		Homewood, IL
Marina Lopez	B.S.	Psychology	Magna Cum Laude	Spain
Nayelie Johany Lopez	B.S.	Criminal Justice		Whiting, IN
Reginald Loury	B.S.	Criminal Justice		N Riverside, IL
Matthew C Mabry	B.A.	English & Media Communications		Hammond, IN
Felipe J Martinez Jr	B.S.	Criminal Justice		Calumet City, IL
Taylor Jean Matthis	B.S.	Public Safety Management		Chicago, IL
Gustavo Miguel Medina	B.S.	Psychology		Whiting, IN
Tara Anne Murphy	B.S.	Public Safety Management	With Distinction	Chicago, IL
Jazmin Najera	B.S.	Criminal Justice		East Chicago, IN
Alexandra Navarro Brandon Antonio Neita-Scott	B.S.	Accounting		Chicago, IL
Briana M Nieves	B.S.	Public Safety Management	With Distinction	Chicago, IL
Colton Dean Nott	B.S.	Elementary Education	Magna Cum Laude	Allendale, MI
Ryan Nicholas Nowaczyk	B.S.	Business Management		Lansing, IL
Joseph P Ocello	B.S.	Business Management	Summa Cum Laude	Whiting, IN
Codilyn Marie Olds	B.S.	Criminal Justice	With Distinction	Washington, UT
Idan Jeriel Ortiz	B.S.	Kinesiology		Griffith, IN
Hitesh Patel	B.S.	Public Safety Management	With Distinction	Chicago, IL
Clara Yasmin Perez	B.S.	Psychology		Chicago Heights, IL
Juan Perez	B.S.	Public Safety Management	With Distinction	Chicago, IL
Jacob C Pevion	B.S.	Business Management		Beecher, IL
Scott Pietryla	B.S.	Public Safety Management	With Distinction	Chicago, IL
Albert Powe	B.S.	Public Safety Management	With Distinction	Flossmoor, IL
Adan Ramirez	B.A.	Digital & Studio Arts		Chicago, IL
Nasheena M Roberts	B.S.	Accounting		Portage, IN
Jalen M Robinson	B.S.	Kinesiology		South Holland, IL
Lael Robles	B.S.	Kinesiology		Burbank, IL
Angel D Romero	B.S.	Public Safety Management	With Distinction	Chicago, IL
Steven T Ross	B.S.	Public Safety Management		Chicago, IL

Priscilla Paige Seniw	B.S.	Business Management	Magna Cum Laude	St John, IN
Shannon Denise Sistrunk	B.A.	English & Media Communications		Evergreen Pk, IL
Sean Smith	B.S.	Public Safety Management	With Distinction	Chicago, IN
Reyna Sotelo	B.S.	Elementary Education	Cum Laude	Chicago, IL
Brian J Spataro	B.S.	Public Safety Management	Honors Candidate	Chicago, IL
Jeremiah Szlaga	B.S.	Public Safety Management	With Distinction	Chicago, IL
Joseph Francis Tandyk	B.S.	Public Safety Management		Chicago, IL
Cristian Trejo	B.S.	Business Management		Chicago, IL
Rebecca A Ulloa	B.S.	Criminal Justice	Summa Cum Laude	Whiting, IN
Gladys Vargas	B.S.	Elementary Education	Summa Cum Laude	Hammond, IN
Edwin Chris Verde	B.A.	Digital & Studio Arts	Cum Laude	East Chicago, IN
Zachary J Verta	B.S.	Public Safety Management		Chicago, IL
Glenford P. L Wagner	B.S.	Kinesiology		Chicago, IL
Keara K. Wisek	B.S.	Human Services		Lake Station, IN
Zachary D Zborowski	B.S.	Kinesiology		Whiting, IN

MASTER'S DEGREES

Nicholas Donald Anderson	M.S.	Management		Schererville, IN
Joseph Thomas Cappello	M.S.	Public Safety Administration		Chicago, IL
Juan Diaz	M.S.	Public Administration		Chicago, IL
Julian Espino	M.A.	Psychology		Crown Point, IN
Keith Gardner	M.S.	Public Administration		Chicago, IL
Cory Lynn Glatt	M.A.	Teaching		Brookston, IN
Fernando Gomez	M.S.	Public Safety Administration		Chicago, IL
Allison R. Gonzalez	M.A.	Psychology		Chesterton, IN
Finbarr Haran	M.S.	Public Safety Administration		Lockport, IN
Lashanda Michelle Howard	M.A.	Psychology		Chicago, IL
Cynthia Inglima	M.A.	Psychology		Chicago, IL
James C Labbe	M.S.	Public Safety Administration		Chicago, IL
Melinda Anne Lopez	M.S.	Psychology		East Chicago, IN
Michael Joseph Machnic	M.S.	Management		Cedar Lake, IN
Christina Adriana Macias	M.S.	Public Administration		Chicago, IL
Arin M Mathias	M.S.	Public Administration		Park Forest, IL
Shane Bailey McKenna	M.S.	Public Administration		Chicago, IL

Michael E McNeela	M.S.	Public Safety Administration	Frankfort, IL
Danielle Moeglin	M.A.	Teaching	Dyer, IN
Josselline Marielos			
Monge	M.S.	Management	Guatemala
Imelda Morones	M.S.	Public Administration	Chicago, IL
Sandra L Mosquera	M.S.	Public Administration	Chicago, IL
Thomas F Myers	M.S.	Management	Crown Point, IN
Narvel Newson	M.A.	Teaching	Chicago, IL
Michael F Olbrich	M.S.	Public Administration	Chicago, IL
Yesenia Rodriguez	M.S.	Public Administration	Chicago, IL
Rachel Rodriguez	M.S.	Public Safety Administration	Hammond, IN
Rebecca Rosenthal	M.S.	Public Administration	Chicago, IL
Bianca Spencer	M.A.	Psychology	Kokomo, IN
Krystal L. Swain	M.A.	Teaching	Gary, IN
Todd J Tenison	M.S.	Public Administration	Chicago, IL
Joanna Maria Uchwat	M.A.	Psychology	Chicago, IL

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**SIXTY-SECOND ANNUAL
COMMENCEMENT AWARDS**

GRADUATE PROGRAM AWARDS

PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

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*Joseph Cappello
Imelda Morones*

*Juan Diaz
Rachel Rodriguez*

*Fernando Gomez
Todd Tenison*

CAPT. JAMES LAVOY LEADERSHIP AWARD

This award is presented to Public Administration students who maintain a 4.0 G.P.A. while managing a career in Public Service and who represent the leadership, integrity, ability, and excellence as personified by Calumet College of St. Joseph alumnus, Capt. James Lavoy.

*James Labbe
Michael McNeela*

*Michael Olbrich
Rebecca Rosenthal*

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

This award is presented to Public Administration students who maintain a 3.75 G.P.A.

*Joseph Cappello
Juan Diaz
Keith Gardner
Fernando Gomez
Finbarr Haran
James Labbe*

*Christina Macias
Shane McKenna
Michael McNeela
Imelda Morones
Sandra Mosquera*

*Michael Olbrich
Yesenia Rodriguez
Rachel Rodriguez
Rebecca Rosenthal
Todd Tenison*

MANAGEMENT

THE DEMONSTRATED LEADERSHIP AWARD

This award is presented to students in the Master's in Management Program who best exemplify integrity, leadership, and academic excellence and earned high academic achievement.

Josselline Monge Thomas Myers

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM AWARDS

WILLIAM P. BROZOVIC AWARD

This award is presented to the accounting graduate who best represents integrity, ability, and excellence in accounting skills as personified by CCSJ Professor Brozovic, now deceased.

Alexandra Navarro

BUSINESS MANAGEMENT CHAIR AWARD

This award is presented to a student in the Business Management Program who demonstrates academic excellence, outstanding classroom engagement, and service to the college community.

Joseph Ocello

EMIL L. KREJCI FREE ENTERPRISE AWARD

Presented to a graduating student in the Business Management program who best represents the qualities valued in free enterprise and business management personified by Emil L. Krejci, a member of the CCSJ Department of Development from 1971 to 1992.

Marcia Keilman Priscilla Seniw

BUSINESS MANAGEMENT LEADERSHIP AWARD

Presented to a graduating student in the Business Management program who best exemplifies integrity, leadership, and academic excellence.

Aaron Csok

ALLEN J. BROWN, J.D. CRIMINAL JUSTICE AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE

This award is presented to a graduate for outstanding performance in the Criminal Justice Program.

<i>Jasmine Arreola</i>	<i>Medina Gustavo</i>	<i>Felipe Martinez, Jr.</i>
<i>Carina Bolanos</i>	<i>Kenia Hernandez</i>	<i>Jazmin Najera</i>
<i>Zachary Costello</i>	<i>Nayelie Lopez</i>	<i>Codilyn Olds</i>
<i>Andrew Davenport</i>	<i>Reginald Loury</i>	<i>Rebecca Ulloa</i>
<i>Ethan Dawson</i>		

HAROLD E. BURNS EDUCATION AWARD

This award is presented to graduates who majored in education, excelled in education courses and student teaching, and who exemplify qualities vital to the education profession.

Colton Nott

GERALDINE MARTIN SENIOR ENGLISH AWARD

This award is presented to a graduate for outstanding performance in creative writing and scholarly research.

Eranique Armstrong

OUTSTANDING MEDIA AND FINE ARTS AWARD

Destiny Hughes

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD IN HUMAN SERVICES

For excellence in demonstrating the importance of persistence, mutual support, and academic performance in Human Services.

Amari Jefferson

OUTSTANDING PSYCHOLOGY GRADUATE AWARD

This award is presented to a graduating student in the Psychology Program for their outstanding performance.

Gabriela Barbosa

Marina Lopez

OUTSTANDING SCIENCE BACCALAUREATE AWARD

This award is presented to a graduate who exemplifies extraordinary academic engagement; shows an ability to make connections between diverse concepts; and thinks creatively and critically.

Breonn Green

Mackenzie Lanman

DR. ROGERS ELLIS RANDALL MEMORIAL SCIENCE AWARD

This award is presented to a graduating senior in Science who represents integrity, and has demonstrated the highest level of accomplishment in their pursuit of academic excellence, social responsibility, and commitment to community service at the University and beyond.

Kylee Bunnell

DR. EDWARD ZIVICH AWARD

This award is presented in memory of Edward A. Zivich, Ph.D., master teacher, writer and musician, whose life focused on helping people achieve their potential. The recipient is selected by the faculty as one who demonstrates cheerful enthusiasm, love of life, integrity, and service to their community.

Eranique Armstrong

ACCELERATED PROGRAM AWARDS

Organization Management

DEMONSTRATED LEADERSHIP

This award is given to students who demonstrate leadership skills in the classroom setting, display a sense of commitment to the program, are team-oriented, and demonstrate a strong sense of personal ethics and integrity.

Flor Andersen

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

This award is presented to Accelerated Program graduates who show a commitment to scholarly learning and who have achieved academic excellence.

Flor Andersen

Public Safety Management

CAPT. MARK C. MARIANOVICH PUBLIC SAFETY LEADERSHIP AWARD

This award is given to a Public Safety Management graduate who has maintained a G.P.A. of 4.0, best represents integrity, ability, and excellence as personified by Calumet College of St. Joseph alumnus Capt. Mark Marianovich.

Richard DeLaVega
Eric Fager

Michael Howe
Peter Khio

Taylor Matthis
Brian Spataro

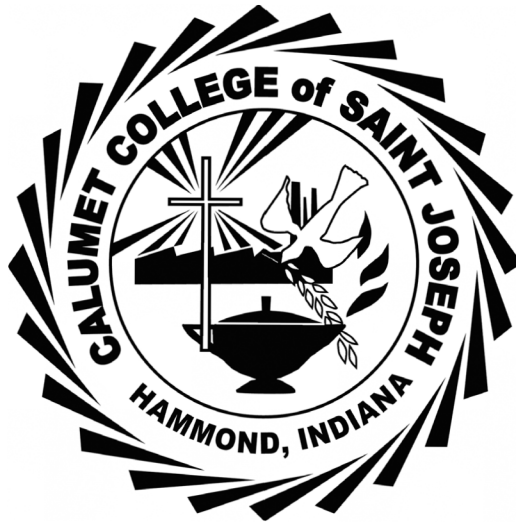
ATTORNEY MICHAEL McCAFFERTY PUBLIC SAFETY MANAGEMENT AWARD

This award is given to student for their outstanding performance in the Public Safety Management Program. It is named for deceased Calumet College of St. Joseph professor, Michael McCafferty.

Matthew Beesley
Armando Chagoya
Joseph Doornbos
Reginald Engram
Joseph Fuentes
Santino Ghiotto

Edgar Gonzalez
Anthony Granat
Kevin Grand
Raul Hernandez
Cherise Lindquist
Tara Murphy

Brandon Neita-Scott
Briana Nieves
Hitesh Patel
Jeremiah Szlaga
Joseph Tandyk



SYMBOLS IN THE OFFICIAL SEAL OF CALUMET COLLEGE OF ST. JOSEPH

The seal of Calumet College of St. Joseph contains many significant symbols. Perhaps the most obvious symbol is the cross, which represents the College's founding on Christian values of sacrifice, stewardship and love of all people. The beams of light emanating from it represent our Lord, Jesus Christ, whose power and glory permeates our universe. To the right, a white dove bears an olive branch of peace. Below, the lamp of learning, which is burning, represents the enlightenment of education. The silhouettes of a factory and chimneys in the background suggest the industry of the Calumet Region. The circle in which all are contained is our world, to be understood as both our community and the planet Earth. The circle itself speaks to completeness and harmony.

Finally, the outermost circle of slivers represents both the shims used in the construction trades, and the jagged and sharp-edged outer-most rim represents the gears of the machines used in industrial production. The seal is an excellent representation of the many facets of the college and the community it serves.

The College colors are red, representing the Missionaries of the Precious Blood; and gray, representing our dominant industry, steel making.

THE PRESIDENTIAL MEDALLION

The Presidential Medallion identifies the leadership of the College and signifies the authority of the College's chief executive. Strong leadership by Dr. Amy McCormack has established a future for Calumet College of St. Joseph, filled with a renewed commitment to fulfill the College's mission, and to expand the high-quality programmatic offerings in Northwest Indiana. The Presidential Medallion features the official seal of Calumet College of St. Joseph and was presented as a gift from the Board of Trustees to former president Dr. Dennis Rittenmeyer during graduation ceremonies in 2004.



THE CALUMET COLLEGE OF ST. JOSEPH MACE

The mace is a symbol of authority. Like the ancient Roman standard, a mace leads a ceremony with tradition and grandeur. The tradition of having a mace carried by the first person in an academic procession dates from the earliest days of the cathedral schools of Bologna, Paris, and Oxford. During those medieval times, liturgical processions were led by a verger, who carried a long wand called a verge to clear a path through the throngs gathered outside the cathedral so that the procession might make its way to the high altar and the bishop's sedile (chair). The mace eventually evolved into a ceremonial scepter that heads all academic processions on such formal and official occasions as matriculation services, and regular and special convocations. The mace symbolizes the authority to grant degrees, an authority granted to the faculty through the College's chief executive.

The Calumet College of St. Joseph mace, created by the woodworking artist John Juscik, is beautifully handcrafted with a combination of two woods representing strength and durability: oak and walnut. This combination of woods represents the student diversity of Calumet College of St. Joseph.

Each year, a faculty member is designated as the Mace Bearer. This year, Associate Professor Elizabeth Guzman-Arredondo ('86) honors the College and represents the faculty and the graduating class as our Mace Bearer. She earned a B.A. in Sociology from Calumet College of St. Joseph and an M.S.W. from Loyola University of Chicago. She became an adjunct faculty member at Calumet College of St. Joseph in 1991, moving to full-time status in 2015. Professor Guzman serves as the Director of the Human Services Program and is a member of the St. Joseph Society at Calumet College of St. Joseph.



GRADUATES

Past, Present, and Future

Calumet College of St. Joseph has three graduation dates per year, but only one commencement ceremony. The graduates you see here today are those who graduated last December, those graduating today, and those who expect to complete all requirements for graduation by this August. All who graduate at these three times are invited and encouraged to participate in our annual May commencement.

COMMENCEMENT ATTIRE

The colors of the gowns worn by our graduates today indicate their level of attainment: black for those receiving master's degrees and baccalaureate degrees, deep red for those receiving associate's degrees.

All graduate hoods are lined in red and gray, the official colors of Calumet College of St. Joseph. The red symbolizes the C.P.P.S., Missionaries of the Precious Blood, the College's sponsoring religious order. The gray represents the steel that is so much a part of the Calumet Region. The color of the velvet lining on each hood and the color of the tassels represent the discipline of the earned degree.

The color of the hood's velvet edging on the master's hoods denotes the field of learning. The tassel color denotes the field of learning as follows:

Accounting	Drab
Biomedical Science	Gold
Business Management	Drab
Criminal Justice	Purple
Digital and Studio Arts	Brown
Education	Light Blue
English, Writing and Professional Communications	White
Forensic Biotechnology	Gold
General Science	Gold
General Studies	White
Health Science	Gold
Human Services	Citron
Integrated Studies	White
Kinesiology	Gold
Media and Fine Arts	Brown
Organization Management	Drab
Psychology	Gold
Public Safety Administration	Peacock
Public Safety Management	Purple

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