

CALUMET COLLEGE  
OF ST. JOSEPH

SIXTY-THIRD ANNUAL  
COMMENCEMENT



MAY 9, 2026

**COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES**  
**MAY 9, 2026**  
**NOON**  
**THE DENNIS AND LESLIE RITTENMEYER ATHLETIC CENTER**

Processional.....Pomp and Circumstance

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

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

Welcoming Remarks.....Lawrence Meyers  
Calumet College of St. Joseph Board of Trustees

Awarding of Honorary Degree Citation..... Mablene Patrick, M.B.A.  
Interim Provost

Conferral of Honorary Degree.....Lawrence Meyers  
Calumet College of St. Joseph Board of Trustees  
and  
Amy McCormack, Ed.D.  
President, Calumet College of St. Joseph

Commencement Address.....Most Reverened Robert J. McClory  
Bishop of the Diocese of Gary

Valedictorian Address.....Sadie Olesh, '26

Presentation of Degree Candidates.....Mablene Patrick, M.B.A.  
Interim Provost

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

Presentation of Master Degree Candidates.....Mablene Patrick, M.B.A.  
Interim Provost

Hooding of Master Degree Candidates

Master of Arts in Psychology.....Roy Scheive, Ed.D.  
Chair, Department of Business and Technology  
and  
Tina Ebenger, Ph.D.  
Program Director, General Studies

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 and Technology  
and  
Catherine Lopez-Gonzalez, Ph.D.  
Program Director, MBA and Business Fast Track

Master of Science in Public Administration.....Danny McGuire, Ed.D.  
Executive Director, Public Service Institute  
and  
Sean Joyce, Ph.D.  
Instructor, Graduate Program, Public Service Institute

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..... Victoria Merrill Washington, Ed.D., '81  
President, Alumni Association

Benediction..... The Most Reverend Robert J. McClory  
Bishop of the Diocese of Gary

Recessional..... Celebration

## 2026 COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

### **Most Reverend Robert J. McClory** **Bishop of the Diocese of Gary**

Most Reverend Robert J. McClory was appointed by Pope Francis as the fifth bishop of the Diocese of Gary on November 26, 2019, and ordained and installed at Holy Angels Cathedral on February 11, 2020 (Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes).

Born in Detroit, MI, he is the youngest of four children and attended school in Royal Oak before studying political science and communications at Oakland University (B.A., 1985), public administration at Columbia University (M.P.A., 1987), and law at the University of Michigan (J.D., 1991).

After three years of civil law practice, he entered Sacred Heart Major Seminary (Detroit) and continued formation at the Pontifical North American College in Rome. He received a Bachelor of Sacred Theology from the Pontifical Gregorian University (1998) and a licentiate in canon law from the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas (Angelicum) (2000).

He was ordained a deacon in St. Peter's Basilica on October 8, 1998, ordained a priest for the Archdiocese of Detroit on May 22, 1999, and named Chaplain to His Holiness by Pope Benedict XVI in 2005 (monsignor). Archdiocesan leadership roles included secretary to Cardinal Adam Maida, chancellor (2003), and vicar general/moderator of the curia (2009). In 2017, he became pastor and rector of the National Shrine of the Little Flower Basilica in Royal Oak and president of Shrine Catholic Schools.

Bishop McClory has taught canon law at Sacred Heart Major Seminary and served in numerous consultative and leadership roles in the Church, on community boards, for Catholic organizations and business apostolates, and through membership in organizations including the Canon Law Society of America and the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre.

Bishop McClory is a member of the Board of Governors of the Pontifical North American College and serves the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops on the Budget and Finance Committee and the Committee for Religious Liberty.

As Bishop of Gary, he has guided parishes through the COVID-19 pandemic, encouraging the faithful to "thrive" with hope in the Lord. He reinvigorated the diocesan synod process through additional synod listening sessions, which informed his first pastoral letter, *We Proclaim Jesus as Lord!* (February 2, 2022), which illustrated ten principles of missionary discipleship. In 2023, Bishop McClory established an advisory committee to support pastoral planning, to form vibrant parish communities empowered to serve the faithful well into the future.

# VALEDICTORIAN

**Sadie Olesh**

**Bachelor of Arts in Digital and Studio Arts**

**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, 2025 and May, 2026 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:

Active Minds.....	Blue and Green
Alpha Phi Omega.....	Yellow and Blue
Athletics.....	Maroon and Grey
Black Student Union.....	Red, Yellow and Black
Emmaus Catholic.....	Navy Blue and Silver
English & Creative Writing.....	Hunter Green and Silver
First Generation.....	White
Future Teachers of CCSJ.....	Sky Blue
St. Gaspar's Honors Learning Community.....	Gold
Science Club.....	Cream
Los Amigos.....	Yellow, Green and Gold
Philanthropy.....	Grey
Student Government Association.....	Yellow and Red
United States of America Military Veterans.....	Red, White and Blue

Students wearing a white stole are recognized for their exceptional commitment to leadership, having held officer positions and served in key leadership roles throughout their time at CCSJ.

International students are wearing stoles which represent their home countries.

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## ASSOCIATE DEGREES

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Hailey Ann Marie Lester	A.S. Business Management	Cedar Lake, IN
Cameron AlexZander Lee Perry	A.S. Neuroscience	Munster, IN
Lania Ramirez	A.S. Associates of Science Degree	Lake Station, IN
Vanessa Saldana	A.S. Associates of Science Degree	Chicago, IL

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## BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

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Zaid Abadallah	B.S. Public Service Management	With Distinction	Chicago, IL
Eric A Acevedo	B.S. Public Service Management	With Distinction	Chicago, IL
Mark Acosta	B.S. Public Service Management	With Distinction	Chicago, IL
Lucio Xavier Adorno	B.S. Business Management	With Distinction	Chicago, IL
Elias Agalianos	B.S. Public Service Management	With Distinction	Lake Villa, IL
Zaid Aljazi	B.S. Public Service Management	With Distinction	Chicago, IL
Erica Allen	B.S. Public Service Management	With Distinction	Avondale Estates, GA
Reshawn Allen	B.S. Business Management	With Distinction	Montgomery, IL
Jaylynn Mable Allison	B.S. Biomedical Science		Calumet City, IL
Wesley Anderson	B.S. Public Service Management	With Distinction	Chicago, IL
Darwish Akram Arekat	B.S. Public Service Management	With Distinction	Chicago, IL
Navonte Letrell Arnold	B.A. English & Media Communication		Munster, IN
Stephanie Arroyo	B.S. Public Service Management	With Distinction	Chicago, IL
Jose Javier Avila Pineda	B.S. Psychology	Cum Laude	Orlando, FL
Santino Barbosa	B.S. Criminal Justice		Whiting, IN
Hormiz Barwari	B.S. Public Service Management	With Distinction	Chicago, IL
Brandon Paul Bonin	B.S. General Studies	With Distinction	Stickney, IL
Kenyonna Danae Brown	B.S. Psychology		Sauk Village, IL
Anthony P Bruno	B.S. Public Service Management	With Distinction	Chicago, IL
Diana Mercedes Burgos	B.S. Public Service Management	With Distinction	Chicago, IL
Joshlyn S Burns	B.S. Human Services		Hobart, IN
Trevor Alexander Busse	B.S. Kinesiology	Magna Cum Laude	Knox, IN
Macario Chavez	B.S. Public Service Management		Chicago, IL
Michael Robert Chernik	B.S. Public Service Management	With Distinction	Chicago, IL
Ian D Clark	B.S. Kinesiology	Summa Cum Laude	Griffith, IN
MelodyAnn M Clark	B.S. Business Management		Highland, IN
Brian Collins	B.S. Public Service Management	With Distinction	Chicago, IL
Kayvionne Lamont Cook	B.S. Public Service Management	With Distinction	Hobart, IN
Jose A Cortes Vargas	B.S. Business Management		Kankakee, IL
Timothy Crawford	B.S. Public Service Management	With Distinction	Chicago, IL
Jared Angel Cuevas Cottrell	B.S. Business Management	Cum Laude	Griffith, IN
Christopher Davis	B.S. Public Service Management	With Distinction	Chicago, IL
Quindarius T Davis	B.S. Business Management		Whiting, IN
Jeremy M Diaz	B.S. General Studies		Gary, IN
Jodi Marie DiGiovanni	B.S. General Studies		Chicago Heights, IL
Frank Thomas Digiovanni	B.S. Business Management		Chicago Heights, IL
Maureen A Digiovanni	B.S. Criminal Justice		Chicago Heights, IL
Michelle Linda Gaona	B.S. Public Service Management		Chicago, IL
Jesus Baldemar Garcia	B.S. Public Service Management	With Distinction	Chicago, IL
Crystal Garcia Duran	B.S. General Studies		East Chicago, IN
Brian T Gatewood Jr	B.S. Business Management		Louisville, KY

Esteban Gonzalez	B.S. Public Service Management	With Distinction	Chicago, IL
Manuel Gonzalez	B.S. Public Service Management	With Distinction	Chicago, IL
Matthew Guifarro	B.S. Psychology and Human Services	With Distinction	Lindenhurst, IL
Chante Hall	B.S. Public Service Management	With Distinction	University Park, IL
Jose Miguel Hernandez	B.S. Business Management		Waukegan, IL
Amya R Higgins	B.S. Human Services		Michigan City, IN
Virginia Elizabeth Hights	B.S. Public Service Management		Chicago, IL
Timothy James Holtz	B.S. Public Service Management	With Distinction	Chicago, IL
Gioele Salvatore Iacono	B.S. Business Management	Cum Laude	Italy
Samaria Chakira Jordan	B.S. Business Management		Gary, IN
Kamila Anna Kresymon	B.S. Public Service Management	With Distinction	Chicago, IL
Maria Catherine Kuc	B.S. Public Service Management	With Distinction	Chicago, IL
Ariana Lemons	B.S. General Studies		Michigan City, IN
William LePine	B.S. Public Service Management	With Distinction	Chicago, IL
Christos Liagridonis	B.S. Public Service Management	With Distinction	Chicago, IL
Alexander M Linnenbrink	B.S. Business Management		Fairport, NY
Antonio A Madrueno	B.S. Business Management		Whiting, IN
Jamie E Manojlovic	B.S. Business Management		Whiting, IN
Okeitho N Marshall	B.S. Kinesiology		Chicago, IL
Enrique A Martinez	B.S. Public Service Management	With Distinction	Chicago, IL
Jonathan Martinez	B.S. Public Service Management	With Distinction	Chicago, IL
Da'kiyah D McNeil	B.A. English & Media Communication		Hammond, IN
Ashley Kay Meade	B.S. Biomedical Science	Summa Cum Laude	North Vernon, IN
Amelia Charise Medina	B.S. General Studies		Whiting, IN
Magdalene Medina	B.S. Public Service Management	With Distinction	Chicago, IL
Ismael Mendez	B.S. Public Service Management	With Distinction	Chicago, IL
Daniel Mondaine	B.S. Public Service Management	With Distinction	Chicago, IL
George Anthony Montes	B.S. Business Management		Kokomo, IN
Cameron Moore	B.S. Public Service Management	With Distinction	Chicago, IL
Andrea Margarita Moreno	B.S. Psychology	Summa Cum Laude	Hammond, IN
Matthew Steven Mortrud	B.S. Business Management	Summa Cum Laude	Lowell, IN
Darius A Moses	B.S. General Studies		Gary, IN
Noah S Munoz	B.A. English & Media Communication		Whiting, IN
Mayda J Nunez	B.S. Public Service Management		Chicago, IL
Kathryn E O'Brien	B.S. Business Management	With Distinction	Highland, IN
Christopher Oehmen	B.S. Public Service Management	With Distinction	Chicago, IL
Dmitriy V Okunskiy	B.S. Public Service Management	With Distinction	Chicago, IL
Sadie Skye Olesh	B.A. Digital & Studio Arts	Magna Cum Laude	Hammond, IN
Milce Oliva	B.S. Criminal Justice		Hammond, IN
Edward Olszewski	B.S. Criminal Justice	Cum Laude	Griffith, IN
Justin Charles Orange	B.S. Public Service Management		East Chicago, IN
Danielle M Paszek	B.S. Elementary Education		Hammond, IN
Veronica Perez	B.S. Business Management		East Chicago, IN
Michael Anthony Perry	B.S. Business Management		Highland, IN
Jaclyn Faith Piper	B.S. Criminal Justice	Magna Cum Laude	Crown Point, IN
Felipe Javier Poblete	B.S. Business Management		Chile
Kira Maire Pride	B.S. Biology		Arvada, CO
Jordan Miguel Ami Pulley	B.A. Digital & Studio Arts		Dolton, IL
Walter Anthony Quinn	B.S. Criminal Justice	Cum Laude	Lansing, IL

Estefany Michelle Ramos	B.S. Public Service Management	With Distinction	Chicago, IL
Richard Redding	B.S. Business Management	Magna Cum Laude	Gary, IN
Jayden M Rhyne	B.S. Business Management		Highland, IN
Michael Riley	B.S. Public Service Management	With Distinction	Chicago, IL
Janette Rivera	B.S. General Studies	Summa Cum Laude	Chicago, IL
David L Robertson	B.S. Public Service Management	With Distinction	Matteson, IL
Josue O Rodriguez	B.S. Public Service Management	With Distinction	Chicago, IL
Michelle Rosado	B.S. Public Service Management	With Distinction	Chicago, IL
Luke Sterling Ruminski	B.S. Business Management		New Carlisle, IN
Irene Salinas	B.S. Public Service Management	With Distinction	Chicago, IL
Jose Augusto Sanchez	B.S. Public Service Management	With Distinction	Chicago, IL
Michael Scanlon	B.S. Public Service Management		Chicago, IL
Daniel Ryan Scott	B.S. Criminal Justice	With Distinction	Whiting, IN
Gladys C Segoviano	B.S. Kinesiology	Summa Cum Laude	Chicago, IL
Nick P Semancik	B.S. Business Management		Whiting, IN
Matthew Joseph Shaughnessy	B.S. Public Service Management	With Distinction	West Dundee, IL
Brendan James Shields	B.S. Public Service Management	With Distinction	Chicago, IL
Patrick Michael Smith	B.S. Public Service Management	With Distinction	Chicago, IL
Aiden B Smith	B.A. Digital & Studio Arts		Whiting, IN
Devin D Smith	B.S. General Studies		East Chicago, IN
Joel Soto	B.S. Public Service Management	With Distinction	Chicago, IL
Karlie Lynn Stiles	B.S. Business Management	With Distinction	Hammond, IN
Brian Stoyak	B.S. Public Service Management		Chicago, IL
Tre M Strong	B.S. Kinesiology		Hammond, IN
Tamico Tashay Strong	B.S. Public Service Management		Chicago, IL
Samuel Francis Sullivan	B.S. Kinesiology		Shorewood, IL
Joshua Ricardo Tejada	B.S. Kinesiology		Hobart, IN
Miguel Torres	B.S. Public Service Management	With Distinction	Chicago, IL
Francisco Trevino	B.S. Criminal Justice		Hammond, IN
Jasmine Valentin	B.S. Public Service Management		Chicago, IL
Nicholas R Verta	B.S. Public Service Management		Chicago, IL
Ashanta Rashaada Wadley	B.S. Public Service Management	With Distinction	Chicago, IL
LaDarryl L Walls	B.S. Public Service Management	With Distinction	Chicago, IL
Michael V Walsh	B.S. Public Service Management	With Distinction	Chicago, IL
Matthew Shamus Ward	B.S. Public Service Management	With Distinction	Chicago, IL
Jada Nicolette Watkins	B.S. Medical Lab Science		Dolton, IL
Colby Isaiah Wiggins	B.S. Kinesiology		Flint, MI
Brenna Michelle Willer	B.S. Elementary Education		Joliet, IL
Purley D Williams	B.A. Digital & Studio Arts		Dolton, IL
John Michael Zinchuk	B.S. Public Service Management	With Distinction	Chicago, IL

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## MASTER'S DEGREES

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Saul Avila	M.S. Public Administration	Chicago, IL
Jose Ayala	M.S. Public Administration	Chicago, IL
Thomas Beazley	M.S. Public Administration	Chicago, IL
Pete Best	M.S. Public Administration	Chicago, IL
Jason Boettcher	M.S. Public Administration	Chicago, IL
Nadia Lynn Brown	M.A. Psychology	Merrillville, IN
David Wayne Butkiewicz	M.S. Public Administration	Smyrna, TN
Kali Nicole Caine	M.S. Public Administration	Chesterton, IN

Dexter Calhoun	M.S. Public Administration	Chicago, IL
Delorian R Carlyle	M.S. Public Administration	Seagoville, TX
Carlos H Castillo	M.S. Public Administration	Chicago, IL
Zachary Scott Costello	M.S. Public Administration	Morris, IL
Floyd Jackson Davis V	M.A. Psychology	Whiting, IN
Richard R DeLaVega	M.S. Public Administration	River Grove, IL
Gerald R DiPasquale	M.S. Public Administration	Chicago, IL
Cody Daniel Viviano Esparza	M.S. Public Administration	Chicago, IL
Erica Estrada	M.S. Public Administration	Chicago, IL
Kelly Mariah Fitzmaurice	M.A. Teaching	Schererville, IN
Jason Park Fong	M.S. Public Administration	Chicago, IL
Joseph J Fuentes	M.S. Public Administration	Chicago, IL
Miguel A Garcia	M.S. Public Administration	Chicago, IL
Santino Ghiotto	M.S. Public Administration	Chicago, IL
Scott Gowan	M.S. Management	Rockford, IL
Tonacia Granado	M.S. Public Administration	Chicago, IL
Jade Annette Green	M.S. Management	Whiting, IN
Kenia Hernandez	M.S. Public Administration	Hammond, IN
Michael J Howe	M.S. Public Administration	Chicago, IL
Peter Jamil Khio	M.S. Public Administration	Niles, IL
James G Kinney	M.S. Public Administration	Chicago, IL
Jeffrey R Langan	M.S. Public Administration	Chicago, IL
Ameer I Lawrence	M.A. Psychology	Hammond, IN
Louis Leathers	M.S. Public Administration	Chicago, IL
Marina Lopez	M.A. Psychology	Spain
Taylor Jean Matthis	M.S. Public Administration	Chicago, IL
Josselline Marielos Monge	M.A. Psychology	Guatemala
Alyssa M Morales	M.S. Public Administration	Chicago, IL
Catheryn Munoz	M.A. Teaching	Chicago, IL
Nathaniel Myles	M.S. Public Administration	Chicago, IL
Brandon Antonio Neita-Scott	M.S. Public Administration	Chicago, IL
Lana Renee O'Neill	M.A. Teaching	S Chicago Hts, IL
Hitesh Patel	M.S. Public Administration	Chicago, IL
Jorge Raul Rivera	M.S. Public Administration	Chicago, IL
Ricky Rivera	M.S. Public Administration	Chicago, IL
Sunshine Anna Rodriguez	M.S. Management	Chicago, IL
Norma Rodriguez	M.A. Psychology	Whiting, IN
Brian J Spataro	M.S. Public Administration	Chicago, IL
Pawel Swierczynski	M.S. Public Administration	Chicago, IL
Joseph Francis Tandyk	M.S. Public Administration	Chicago, IL
Zachary J Verta	M.S. Public Administration	Chicago, IL
Tomasz M Zatora	M.S. Public Administration	Chicago, IL

# 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 actually those who graduated last December, those graduating now, 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 crimson and gray, the official colors of Calumet College of St. Joseph. The crimson 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 Administration	Peacock
Public Service Management	Purple

# CALUMET COLLEGE OF ST. JOSEPH

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## STUDENT GOVERNMENT 2025-2026

Aubrie Morales - President

Ashley Meade - Vice President

Emily Michalak - Secretary

Jamall Warnell - Treasurer

## VISIT THE GRADUATION EXPERIENCE



**SCAN THE QR CODE TO VIEW OUR DIGITAL COMMENCEMENT BOOKLET**

While you enjoy this momentous occasion with family and friends, be sure to use **#CCSJGrad26** to tag your photos

# SIXTY-FOURTH ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT AWARDS

## *GRADUATE PROGRAM AWARDS*

### PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

#### **LT. JOE E BARNES OUTSTANDING STUDENTS**

A Public Administration 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 Lt. Joe E. Barnes, Jr.

Pete Best  
Jason Boettcher  
David Butkiewicz  
Kali Caine  
Dexter Calhoun  
Delorian Carlyle  
Carlos Castillo  
Zachary Costello  
Richard DeLaVega  
Gerald DiPasquale  
Cody Esparza  
Erica Estrada

Jason Fong  
Joseph Fuentes  
Miguel Garcia  
Santino Ghiotto  
Tonacia Granado  
Kenia Hernandez  
Michael Howe  
Peter Khio  
James Kinney  
Jeffrey Langan  
Louis Leathers  
Taylor Matthis

Alyssa Morales  
Nathaniel Myles  
Brandon Neita-Scott  
Hitesh Patel  
Jorge Rivera  
Ricky Rivera  
Brian Spataro  
Pawel Swierczynski  
Joseph Tandyk  
Zachary Verta  
Tomasz Zatora

#### **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.

Pete Best  
Jason Boettcher  
David Butkiewicz  
Kali Caine  
Dexter Calhoun  
Delorian Carlyle  
Carlos Castillo  
Zachary Costello  
Richard DeLaVega  
Gerald DiPasquale  
Cody Esparza  
Erica Estrada

Jason Fong  
Joseph Fuentes  
Miguel Garcia  
Santino Ghiotto  
Tonacia Granado  
Kenia Hernandez  
Michael Howe  
Peter Khio  
James Kinney  
Jeffrey Langan  
Louis Leathers  
Taylor Matthis

Alyssa Morales  
Nathaniel Myles  
Brandon Neita-Scott  
Hitesh Patel  
Jorge Rivera  
Ricky Rivera  
Brian Spataro  
Pawel Swierczynski  
Joseph Tandyk  
Zachary Verta  
Tomasz Zatora

## **ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE**

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

Saul Avila  
Jose Ayala  
Thomas Beazley  
Pete Best  
Jason Boettcher  
David Butkiewicz  
Kali Caine  
Dexter Calhoun  
Delorian Carlyle  
Carlos Castillo  
Zachary Costello  
Richard DeLaVega  
Gerald DiPasquale

Cody Esparza  
Erica Estrada  
Jason Fong  
Joseph Fuentes  
Miguel Garcia  
Santino Ghiotto  
Tonacia Granado  
Kenia Hernandez  
Michael Howe  
Peter Khio  
James Kinney  
Jeffrey Langan  
Louis Leathers

Taylor Matthis  
Alyssa Morales  
Nathaniel Myles  
Brandon Neita-Scott  
Hitesh Patel  
Jorge Rivera  
Ricky Rivera  
Brian Spataro  
Pawel Swierczynski  
Joseph Tandyk  
Zachary Verta  
Tomasz Zatora

## ***UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM AWARDS***

### **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.

George Montes

### **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.

Reshawn Allen  
Jose Hernandez

**BUSINESS MANAGEMENT LEADERSHIP AWARD**

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

Matthew Mortrud

**HAROLD E. BURNS EDUCATION AWARD**

Presented to graduates who majored in education, excelled in education courses and student teaching, and who exemplify qualities vital to the education profession.

Danielle Paszek

**DVORAK LEADERSHIP IN TEACHING AWARD**

This award is presented in recognition of professional leadership and praiseworthy efforts as a student in the Education Department of Calumet College of St. Joseph, achieving success in the field of academics, exhibiting a commitment to social justice, and demonstrating leadership and character.

Brenna Willer

**R. ALLEN BROWN J.D. AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE**

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

Milce Oliva  
Edward Olszewski

Jaclyn Piper  
Walter Quinn

Daniel Scott  
Francisco Trevino

**GERALDINE MARTIN SENIOR ENGLISH AWARD**

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

Noah Munoz

### **OUTSTANDING FUTURE EDUCATOR AWARD**

Presented to graduates who have demonstrated academic excellence, preparation and implementation of exemplary learning activities during clinical experiences, and who have demonstrated sensitivity to students' needs.

John Muckian

### **OUTSTANDING MEDIA AND FINE ARTS AWARD**

Presented to the Media and Fine Arts student who has demonstrated excellence in artistic achievement and contributed significantly to the life of the arts on campus.

Sadie Olesh

### **OUTSTANDING PSYCHOLOGY GRADUATE AWARD**

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

Jose Avila Pineda  
Andrea Moreno  
Matthew Guifarro

### **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.

Ian Clark  
Ashley Meade

### **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.

Gladys Segoviano

## **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.

Navonte Arnold  
Ashely Meade

## ***ACCELERATED PROGRAM AWARDS***

### **PUBLIC SERVICE MANAGEMENT**

#### **CAPT. MARK C. MARIANOVICH PUBLIC SERVICE LEADERSHIP AWARD**

This award is given to a Public Service 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.

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Enrique Martinez  
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Ismael Mendez  
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Jasmine Valentin  
Nicholas Verta  
Ashanta Wadley  
LaDarryl Walls  
Michael Walsh  
Matthew Ward  
John Zinchuk

## **ATTORNEY MICHAEL MCCAFFERTY PUBLIC SERVICE MANAGEMENT AWARD**

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

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## **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 crimson, 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, Professor Amanda Copeland honors the College and represents the faculty and the graduating class as our Mace Bearer. She earned a B.S. in Math Secondary Education from Aurora University and M.A. in Mathematics from Appalachian State University.

Professor Copeland serves as the Director of Assessment and the Faculty Senate Chair. She has been working with other Mathematics Faculty on the highly successful Supplemental Instruction model that has been shared at conferences across the country.



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## MISSION

Calumet College of St. Joseph is a Catholic institution of higher learning informed by the values of its founding religious community, the Missionaries of the Precious Blood (C.P.P.S.). The mission of the College is to cultivate the academic, spiritual and ethical development of our students by affirming the inherent dignity of all people, promoting social justice and an ethic of service and providing opportunity and empowerment.

# COMMENCEMENT ETIQUETTE

## **PRESENTATION:**

During the presentation of graduates, each graduate will have his or her name announced and receive a diploma cover from the President of Calumet College of St. Joseph. Graduate students will also be hooded by their department representative. Graduates should return to their seats and remain for the rest of the ceremony and the recessional, as a courtesy to their fellow graduates.

## **PHOTOGRAPHS:**

Each graduate will have his or her picture taken during the presentation. If you are interested in purchasing your official commencement photo, they will be available on **gradimages.com**. Family and friends who want to take pictures of the ceremony are asked to do so from their seats.

Share your photos on Instagram, Twitter, Facebook, and LinkedIn using the hashtag **#CCSJGrad26**. Be sure to tag Calumet College of St. Joseph!

## **SPECIAL THANKS TO**

### **Commencement Chair:**

**Dionne Jones-Malone, Ph.D.**, *Vice President of Student Engagement & Retention*

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