The One Hundredth Annual Commencement

Clemens Field House
S.L. Haehn Campus Center
Saturday, the Ninth of May
Two Thousand Fifteen
ORDER OF EXERCISES

MACE CARRIER
S. Dennis Frandrup, OSB, MFA
Professor Emerita

PROCESSIONAL*
Trustees, Faculty, Staff and Candidates for Degrees

* America the Beautiful

WELCOME
Rita Knuesel, Ph.D.
Provost

INVOCATION
S. Sharon Nohner, OSB
Director, Campus Ministry

PRESIDENT’S GREETING TO THE CLASS OF 2015
Mary Dana Hinton, Ph.D.
President, College of Saint Benedict

PRESENTATION OF THE PRESIDENT’S MEDAL
Mary Dana Hinton, Ph.D.

RITA KNUESEL, PH.D.
Provost, College of Saint Benedict and Saint John’s University

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS
Valarie Kaur
Civil Rights Lawyer, Documentary Filmmaker and Interfaith Leader

SENIOR STATEMENT
Bridget Cummings
Class of 2015

CITATION OF DEGREES
Rita Knuesel, Ph.D.

CONFERRING OF DEGREES
Mary Dana Hinton, Ph.D.

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES
Karen Erickson, Ph.D.
Academic Dean

WELCOME TO THE ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION
Jennifer Barta ’92
President, Alumnae Board

Blessing
S. Michaela Hedican, OSB
Prioress, Saint Benedict’s Monastery

RECESSIONAL*

*Audience stands during Processional and Recessional
MUSICAL SELECTIONS
College of Saint Benedict/Saint John’s University
Brass Choir

Director
Justin T. Zanchuk, Instructor of Music

Prelude
Triumphal March (from Sigurd Josafar).................. Edvard Grieg
Arranged by R. D. Ward
Edited by Kenneth Henderson

Rhosymedre ............................................ Ralph Vaughan Williams
Transcribed by David Baldwin

Processional
The Mace and the Medal (A Ceremonial March) ....... Dr. Brian Campbell
Associate Professor of Music
CSB/SJU Music Department Chair

Recessional
Canzona per Sonare No. 2 .............................. Giovanni Gabrielli
Edited by Robert King

Contrapunctus IX....................................... Johann Sebastian Bach
Arranged by John Glasel

AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL

O beautiful for spacious skies,
For amber waves of grain
For purple mountain majesties
Above the fruited plain!
America! America! God shed grace on thee,
And crown thy good with sisterhood
From sea to shining sea.

O beautiful for patriot dream
That sees beyond the years
Thine alabaster cities gleam,
Undimmed by human tears!
America! America! God shed grace on thee,
And crown thy good with sisterhood
From sea to shining sea.

Words: Katherine L. Bates, 1859-1929, alt.
Music: MATERNA, Samuel A. Ward, 1848-1903
(This text has been modified from the 1913 version.)
PRESIDENT’S MEDAL

The President’s Medal is the jewel of office worn by the president at ceremonial occasions. The medal displays the official insignia of the president of the College of Saint Benedict. The medal was crafted by James Roy, a local artist, for the inauguration of Stanley Idzerda, the college’s first lay president, in 1968. It has been passed at the time of the Inaugural Ceremony to each succeeding president, Beverly Miller; Emmanuel Renner, OSB; Colman O’Connell, OSB; Mary E. Lyons; Carol J. Guardo; MaryAnn Baenninger and Mary Dana Hinton.

The President’s Medal is awarded to those members of the College of Saint Benedict community who have demonstrated extraordinary loyalty, dedication, and service to the college and its mission of liberal arts education in the Benedictine tradition. Recipients receive a symbolic representation of the President’s Medal that exhibits the seal of the college.

Past recipients of the President’s Medal

Paul Ballantyne
Reverend Michael Blecker, OSB
Henry Borgerding
Edgar Carlson
Telzena Coakley
Dan and Mabel Coborn
Kathleen Cooney
Catherine de Huek Doherty
Vivian Drenkhahn
Nancy Judd Ehlen
Marcia Johnson Evans
Mariella Gable, OSB
Dr. Joseph Gaida
Alice Gallin
Dorothy Gorecki
Curtis Green
Joan Growe
Sylvester and Jacquelynn Haehn
Dr. Philip Halenbeck
Dr. and Mrs. Edward Henry

Harvey C. Jewett, IV
Barbara Koch
Claire Lynch, OSB
John Markert
Laura Jane Musser
Mother Henrita Osendorf, OSB
Mother Richarda Peters, OSB
Mother Evin Rademacher, OSB
Rose Reilly
Tony Reveles
Clarence Scherer
Tom and Joyce Schlough
Sisters of the Order of Saint Benedict
Stanislaw Skrowaczewski
Enid Smith, OSB
Roman Steichen
Sylvester Theisen
Hilary Thimmesh, OSB
Senator Gene Waldorf
Remberta Westkaemper, OSB
Rita Knuesel is quick to applaud the achievements of others but shuns attention on her own merits, of which there are many.

A proud Bennie, class of 1975, Rita is a lifelong champion of the liberal arts. The love for learning, intellectual resilience and skills in critical thinking she cultivated as a student have served as a foundation throughout her professional life, as professor and chair of music, academic dean at Saint Ben's, associate provost and academic dean at both the College of Saint Benedict and Saint John's University and, finally, as provost of Saint Ben's and Saint John's.

At each stage of her career, she has stayed true to her core values, leading with integrity, discipline and optimism.

Rita's impact on higher education extends beyond our campus. She is widely known for her expertise on faculty development and mentoring new faculty, and she has generously shared her wisdom with colleagues nationwide. In 2013, she was honored with the Council of Independent Colleges Chief Academic Officer Award for her contributions to enhancing the role and work of private college chief academic officers nationwide.

Those who know Rita admire her joyful enthusiasm. The positive attitude she brings to any challenge inspires confidence among her colleagues.

As provost at Saint Ben's and Saint John's since 2007, she has achieved an exquisite balance between the two institutions, making a seamless academic experience possible for all of our students.

She has made a difficult job look easy. Although her administrative talents gain little notice from the student body, students are the ultimate beneficiaries. Her commitment to administrative efficiencies and faculty representation in decision-making has ensured the best possible outcomes in the classroom.

Above all, she gets things done. A true “servant leader,” Rita practices a selfless, thoughtful leadership style based on deep respect for others. She skillfully brings together people and ideas, all the while keeping a sharp focus on the common good.

A product of the College of Saint Benedict, she is an exemplar of Bennie leadership. She is deeply committed to Saint Ben's and Saint John's. She leaves, as a lasting legacy, an imprint on our academic program that will serve as a foundation for future graduates.

In gratitude for her dedicated service to the College of Saint Benedict and her leadership in higher education, I hereby confer upon Rita Knuesel the President's Medal.
Valarie Kaur is an American interfaith leader. As a lawyer, filmmaker and Sikh activist, she helps communities channel their stories into movements for social change. She has made award-winning films and led multimedia campaigns on a range of issues: hate crimes against Sikh and Muslim Americans, racial profiling, gun violence, marriage equality, immigration detention and solitary confinement. Valarie is a regular television commentator on MSNBC and opinion contributor to CNN, NPR, PBS, The Washington Post, The Huffington Post, The Hill and The New York Times. She has reported on the military commissions at Guantanamo and clerked on the Senate Judiciary Committee. Valarie founded Groundswell Movement of 200,000+ members, America’s largest multifaith online organizing community known for “dynamically strengthening faith-based organizing in the 21st century.” A Senior Fellow at Auburn Seminary, she regularly teaches “storytelling for social change” to students, organizers and interfaith groups. She also works with the U.S. State Department to bring these tools abroad, recently traveling and teaching throughout Myanmar. She earned degrees at Stanford University, Harvard Divinity School and Yale Law School, where she founded the Yale Visual Law Project to train future lawyers to make films for social and policy change. Valarie is currently the Senior Media and Strategy Fellow at Stanford Law School’s Center for Internet and Society, where she co-founded Faithful Internet and advocates for Internet freedom and access.

The Center for American Progress calls Valarie “a standout figure in the world of interfaith organizing and activism” and among 13 progressive faith leaders to watch. In 2013, she was named “Person of the Year” by India Abroad and one of eight Asian American “Women of Influence.” A prolific public speaker, Valarie has addressed audiences at the White House, Pentagon and on more than 200 U.S. college campuses, including Stanford University where she was the youngest to deliver the Stanford Baccalaureate Commencement Address. She was honored by the World Economic Forum as a Young Global Leader in 2015. She will speak at the 2015 Parliament of the World’s Religions. Valarie is a member of the State Bar of California.

Valarie lives with her husband and filmmaking partner Sharat Raju and their son Kavi Singh in Los Angeles. She believes that “the way we make change is just as important as the change we make.”
THE VISION OF THE COLLEGE OF SAINT BENEDICT

Our history is characterized by a fierce belief in the power of liberal education, an engagement with the world around us, responsiveness to the needs of society, an enduring commitment to our Catholic and Benedictine heritage, and an unwavering focus on women's development as leaders, professionals and scholars. We envision our future as grounded in these same commitments, and we embrace the changes and challenges impacting the world with the same courage, strength and boldness of our foremothers.

THE MISSION OF THE COLLEGE OF SAINT BENEDICT

The mission statement of the College of Saint Benedict is to provide for women the very best residential liberal arts education in the Catholic university tradition. The college fosters integrated learning, exceptional leadership for change and wisdom for a lifetime.

THE COMMITMENTS OF THE COLLEGE OF SAINT BENEDICT

The College of Saint Benedict makes these mission commitments to its students:

- **A unified liberal arts curriculum** which expands the traditional knowledge base to include women's experience and promotes teaching methods that facilitate women's learning.

- **An integrative environment for learning** which ensures the quality of women's learning by recognizing the interdependence in women's personal and cognitive development.

- **An emphasis on the personal growth of women** which celebrates women and provides a culture that explicitly values women, allowing the student to see herself as a person of value.

- **An experience of Benedictine values** grounded in a women's monastic community which allows the student to see her gender in active church roles and enhances the student's faith and spiritual life.

- **The opportunity to observe and practice leadership and service** so that women recognize their ability and have confidence in their power to contribute to their community and to become agents for change.

- **The capacity to make their place in the world** and ensure success in their careers and their lives.
**ACADEMIC REGALIA**

The custom of wearing academic dress originated in the universities of the Middle Ages when a warm gown and hood were useful for scholars and cleric in unheated buildings. The distinctive apparel indicated the academic brand of its wearer. Most of the early academic garments were black, but by Renaissance times Oxford and Cambridge had added touches of color. The costumes worn at the universities of continental Europe became increasingly colorful. Academic caps of various shapes eventually superseded the hood as a head covering. At the end of the 19th century, American universities and colleges adopted a code for academic costumes and ceremonies. It is possible to recognize the degree granting institution, the degree and the field of study of the person wearing academic regalia.

The gown designating the bachelor of arts or bachelor of science ordinarily is black with long pointed sleeves. The master's gown has oblong sleeves. Bell-shaped sleeves crossed with three wide bands of velvet indicate the doctor's gown.

The greatest degree of symbolism is shown by the hood. The color and width of the velvet border indicate the degree and field of study. The length of the hood varies with the degree, from three feet for the bachelor's to four feet for the doctor's. The bachelor's hood is somewhat pointed in shape; the doctor's is rounded. The official colors of the institution conferring the degree line the hood. The color of the velvet strip on the hood indicates the field of study in which the degree was earned or granted. Some of the faculty will be wearing gowns with distinctive colors: Harvard's crimson; Chicago's and Minnesota's maroon; Yale's blue; Cornell's red; Stanford's bright red; Brown's brown; Oxford's black and red.

The purpose of academic costume and ceremonies is to celebrate formally the academic goals and achievements of an institution's students, administration, faculty and staff.

**THE COLLEGE MACE**

An academic mace, the ceremonial instrument used in formal academic processions since 1385, is carried by the most senior member of the faculty. The College of Saint Benedict ceremonial mace used in academic processions was designed by Kerry Lafferty, a faculty member of the Theater Department, and constructed by furniture builder Chris Lodemier. The mace is oval in shape; the handle profile is in the shape of a cross. The convex face of the mace has “CSB” inscribed and is covered with gold leaf. The reverse side is a slight abstraction of the Benedictine cross also covered with gold leaf. The body and handle are made of walnut and burl and has a gold ball at the bottom.
In 1956, Jacquelyn Dubay, OSB, was teaching in the art department at the College of Saint Benedict. Having studied Heraldry while working toward an art degree at Mount Mary College in Milwaukee, then dean of the college, Johanna Becker, OSB, asked S. Jacquelyn to design a crest for the College of Saint Benedict. S. Jacquelyn tried to pick out the salient things from life at the college to include on such a crest: symbols of the college, the place where the college resides and the values at the heart of the college.

Of premier importance to all incoming first-year women at the time was the fall Pageant, a huge outdoor extravaganza full of theater, dancing and choral music. This was an annual event chronicling the Benedictine love of knowledge throughout the ages and culminating in the passing of the torch of learning to all new students. That torch is represented on the left side of the crest.

St. Cloud was named after Saint-Cloud in France, and so S. Jacquelyn chose the fleur de lis to represent the place of the college as a part of the St. Cloud Diocese. The fleur de lis is found in the upper right hand of the crest.

The College of Saint Benedict is a Benedictine institution, holding and teaching Benedictine values. As a result of the presence and awareness of these values among the faculty, staff and students, S. Jacquelyn included a Benedictine cross in the lower right hand of the crest.

The crest is enclosed in a black seal with the lettering “College of Saint Benedict: Saint Joseph, Minnesota.” In the white space between the black outer ring and the crest are the words, “Sic Lucent Lux Vestra,” Latin for “So let your light shine.” The year 1913 is included, signifying the year the college was founded.

The original crest in the college seal was approximately five inches in diameter and was used primarily on stationery. In the early 1970s, the crest was adopted by the new nursing department for its official pin and worn by all nurses designating their alma mater. It is only in recent years, though, that the college seal has taken hold as an official emblem of the college. When S. Jacquelyn returned to the campus, she was surprised and delighted to see the college seal with the crest on sweatshirts being worn by students. The college bookstore now sells numerous items sporting this emblem.
GRADUATION HONORS

Honors are conferred at graduation upon students who have maintained high scholastic excellence. To be eligible for graduation honors, students must have the following standing:

For the degree *cum laude*, a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.65;
for the degree *magna cum laude*, a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.75;
for the degree *summa cum laude*, a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.90; and
for the degree *egregia cum laude*, a minimum cumulative grade point average of 4.00.

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ARTS WITH HONORS

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