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May 16, 2020
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HONORARY DEGREES

Honorary degrees have been awarded by American colleges and universities since early colonial times. In 1692, Harvard, only 50 years after its founding, awarded the first such degree and thus began what has become a recognized function of degree-granting institutions of higher learning. From the beginning, honorary degrees were granted to recognize the achievements of persons in the particular field of their interest.

Among the types of honorary degrees awarded are:

1. Doctor of Laws (LL.D.), first conferred in 1773, is the most frequent honorary doctorate awarded. It is regarded as the most appropriate award for a person distinguished in general service to the state, to learning and to humankind.

2. Doctor of Letters (Litt.D.), first awarded in 1892, is considered to be appropriate as an honor for scholarly work of a somewhat restricted nature. It is usually conferred upon scholars in particular disciplines.

3. Doctor of Science (Sc.D.), first conferred in 1884, is an award for persons who have made distinguished contributions and performed services in the sciences.

4. Doctor of Humane Letters (L.H.D.), first awarded in the 1880s, is the honorary doctorate given to persons who have distinguished themselves in the humanities.

The Saint John’s University Board of Trustees approves all honorary degrees.

DOCTOR OF LAWS

You have ascended to the highest echelon of the United States Military, and have been conferred with one of the most demanding and vital jobs in the world.

You have been entrusted with the cyber security of our entire nation, a challenge of unprecedented difficulty during these rapidly changing times.

And yet when presented with these enormous responsibilities, you reacted with your typical humility and humanity, and with renewed appreciation for the place where your professional journey began.

General Paul Nakasone, you have done all that and so much more, for your grateful country and for your loved ones, drawing on your strength of character and on the inspiration of your roots at Saint John's University.

As a four-star general and in your duties as Commander, U.S. Cyber Command and Director, National Security Agency/Chief, Central Security Service, you have protected crucial national security functions through four years of steadfast service and two Presidential administrations.

Those accomplishments have built on your legacy of service to your country that includes staff officer on the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Director of Intelligence in Afghanistan and command and staff positions across all levels of the Army, with assignments in the United States and around the world.

Those experiences have been shaped by your intelligence, perspective and ability to think critically, all of which were honed by your education and the friendships formed through your liberal arts education at Saint John's.

You have maintained and fostered your dedication to your alma mater, delivering the keynote address for the 2020 Fighting Saints ROTC virtual commissioning program and then delivering the Commencement address for Saint John's 2021 graduation ceremony.

Your dedication to Team Nakasone – your wife Susan and children Sarah, Daniel, David and Joseph – is even more profound. Throughout your distinguished military career, your devotion to your family reflects your faith and your embodiment of the Benedictine values.

Your willingness to share your knowledge, experience and perspective is an ongoing inspiration at Saint John's and around the world.

In recognition of your wisdom, dedication, energy and commitment to serving students and your country, Saint John's University recognizes you with gratitude and confers upon you

General Paul Nakasone

The Doctor of Laws
Honoris causa
On this 16th day of May
Two thousand and twenty-one
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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 *egregia cum laude*, a minimum cumulative grade point average of 4.00;

for the degree *summa cum laude*, a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.90;

for the degree *magna cum laude*, a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.75; and

for the degree *cum laude*, a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.65.

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*The appearance of a candidate's name in this commencement program may not be taken as evidence that all requirements for the degree have been fulfilled.

** GPA honors for spring 2021 commencement are calculated through fall 2020 semester grades.
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PHI BETA KAPPA

Founded in 1776, Phi Beta Kappa is the nation’s first Greek-letter society and its oldest academic honor society. For more than two and a quarter centuries, the Society has embraced the principles of freedom of inquiry and liberty of thought and expression. “ΦΒΚ” are the Greek initials representing the Society’s motto: “Love of learning is the guide of life.” Phi Beta Kappa celebrates and advocates excellence in the liberal arts and sciences. Its campus chapters invite for induction the most outstanding arts and science students at America’s leading colleges and universities. Each year, about one college senior in a hundred, nationwide, is invited to join Phi Beta Kappa.

The following students have been invited to the Phil Beta Kappa Academic Honor Society

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Samuel Raymond Colella
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Jacob Christopher Czech
Maximilian Austin Ditzler
Elliot Patrick Edeburn
Thomas John Gillach
Mitchell Jeffrey Hansen
Usama Suleiman Hassan
Maxwell Dominic Hennen
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William Joseph Matuska
Robert Michael McManus
Joshua Nathan Mikos
Andrew James Schmelzer
Joseph Anthony Schwamm
Michael Faddy Sulaiman
Nikolas Jacob Thompson
Ryan Dean Thompson
Colin Thomas Yakanovich
Jordan Davis Zachmann

SIGMA BETA DELTA

Sigma Beta Delta recognizes scholarship and accomplishment among students of business, management and administration. Membership into Sigma Beta Delta is the highest national recognition a business student can receive at a college or university. To be eligible for membership, a student must rank in the top 20 percent of their junior or senior class and be invited by the faculty officers. CSB and SJU also require inductees to have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.75.

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Pierce Anthony Boder-Szarkowski
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Brogan Joseph Hayden
Brandon Daniel Kramer
Logan Steven Larson
Ben Edward Lepinski
Cade Alen McComber
Andrew Joseph Newinski
Austin Thomas O’Keefe
Noah Solomon Polipnick
Jacob Michael Thorsten
THE SEAL OF SAINT JOHN’S UNIVERSITY

To most people the seal of the University is perhaps merely a design on a notebook or sweatshirt, but embodied in this little seal are all the principles for which Saint John’s University stands. It is therefore worthy of closer inspection.

The first University seal was designed in 1934 by Reverend Angelo Zankl, OSB who had done considerable work in heraldry. At the time he was the head of the Saint John’s Art Department.

A quotation from Saint Paul, “Induamur Arma Lucis,” meaning “Let us put on the armor of light,” was chosen as the motto for the crest. This theme is represented symbolically by a shield on which is emblazoned the golden sun of learning and grace displacing the darkness of ignorance and sin. Around the shield is thrown the red scroll upon which the Latin phrase is printed in blue, giving the school colors of truth and courage. Under the shield in Roman numerals is printed the date of the foundation of the school, in 1857. Bordering this is the Latin name of the University and finally an old Roman-style border.

In 1988 the University seal was revised and simplified to afford greater clarity particularly when printed in smaller sizes. Care was given in revising the design to ensure that the principles embodied in the seal were maintained. The revision was executed by Br. Alan Reed, OSB who at the time, like Father Angelo in 1934, was head of the Art Department. Final touches were provided by graphic artist Donald Skoro of Minneapolis.

FLAGS ON DISPLAY

The U.S. Flag that is displayed today was given to Saint John’s University by Lt. Col. John T. Peterson (class of 1985), U.S. Marine Corps. The flag was flown on a MV-22 Osprey by Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 162 over Al Anbar Province Iraq on September 28, 2008, while in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom 08.1.
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 clerics in unheated buildings. The distinctive apparel indicated the academic rank 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 Saint John's University Bachelor of Arts hood is lined with cardinal red and blue and is banded with white velvet and the Bachelor of Science hood is lined with cardinal red and blue and is banded with yellow velvet. 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.

ALMA MATER

High above the Sagatagan,
Towering o'er the oak and pine,
Proudly stands our alma mater,
Ever let her beacon shine.
Alma mater we'll be loyal
Ever love and praise thy name.
Hail, all hail Saint John's our mother,
We thy honor will proclaim.

Words: Eldred Cleare, SJU '43
Music: Innocent Gertken, OSB, and Dominic Keller, OSB
MISSION OF SAINT JOHN’S UNIVERSITY
Grounded in Catholic and Benedictine values and traditions, Saint John’s University provides young men a distinctive residential liberal arts education, preparing them to reach their full potential and instilling in them the values and aspiration to lead lives of significance and principled achievement.

VISION FOR THE COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES
Saint John’s University seeks to be one of the nation’s great Catholic liberal arts colleges by providing the best holistic learning experience for men in the country.
We will inspire undergraduate men to new heights of intellectual, spiritual, physical and social development that is informed by ethical reflection and grounded in our Catholic and Benedictine tradition.

MISSION OF THE SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY AND SEMINARY
Saint John’s School of Theology and Seminary, rooted in the Roman Catholic and Benedictine tradition, educates men and women for ordained and lay ministry in the church.

VISION FOR THE SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY AND SEMINARY
Saint John’s School of Theology and Seminary, cultivating its Catholic, Benedictine tradition, excels as an influential community of theological learning where study, prayer and hospitable dialogue expand understanding and deepen vocation for the sake of building up vibrant Christian communities.

VALUES
Dedicated to the pursuit of understanding, wisdom and the common good, Saint John’s University is committed to the following values:
• Community built upon relationships of hospitality, respect, cooperation and challenge.
• Openness to learning, inquiry, beauty, truth and difference.
• Respect for persons, tradition, creativity, experience, faith, reason and religious practice.
• Depth in understanding, relationships, faith and spirituality.
• Sacredness of God, being, truth, place, nature and knowledge.
• Passion for excellence, truth, learning, beauty, love and personal growth.
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It is with great appreciation that we honor the following members of the CSB/SJU faculty who are retiring this year. Thank you for your many years of service and dedication to our institutions.

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