

St. John's University (Collegeville, Minn.). College of Arts and Sciences. Office of the Dean.

Records, 1923-

SJU Archival Collection 10

102.25 cubic ft. (215 archive boxes) as of August 28, 2024

ABSTRACT: Collection contains records of the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences from St. John's University.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE: The collection includes minutes, correspondence, reports, statistics, and financial records. Frequent topics include academic departments, faculty development, curriculum, and scholarships.

ADMINISTRATIVE HISTORY: When the office of the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences was established in 1921, St. John's University included the Seminary, the College, and the Preparatory School. The Abbot was the President. He was assisted by the Rector, also called the Vice President. The Dean of the College was therefore responsible for a division of the University, and particularly for its academic program.

In 1979, the office of the Dean of the College was split from that of the Vice President for Academic Affairs. The Dean's responsibilities included overseeing academic advising and freshman Colloquium, coordinating faculty assignments, and making recommendations about faculty hiring and promotion. Academic Deans have also been involved in planning curriculum and conducting assessment.

In 2022, Student Development at both the College of Saint Benedict and St. John's University came under the Provost's Office, and two academic dean roles were created: Dean of Curriculum and Assessment; and Dean of Academic Student Engagement (later, Dean for Student Academic Success). The Deans have been:

Severin Gertken, OSB	1921-1923
Virgil Michel, OSB	1923
Gilbert Winkelmann, OSB	1924
Mark Braun, OSB	1924-1932
Walter Reger, OSB	1933
Virgil Michel, OSB	1933-1938
Walter Reger, OSB	1938-1939 (Acting Dean)
Ernest Kilzer, OSB	1939-1943

Martin Schirber, OSB	1943-1952
Arno Gustin, OSB	1952-1958
Dunstan Tucker, OSB	1958-1967
Hilary Thimmesh, OSB	1967-1969
John Lange	1969-1972 (and Academic Vice President)
Gunther Rolfson, OSB	1971-1979
Robert Spaeth	1979-1988
Dietrich Reinhart, OSB	1988-1991
Joseph Farry	1991-1996
Cheryl Knox	1996-1997 (Acting Dean)
Cheryl Knox	1997-2003
Rita Knuesel	2003-2006 (Associate Provost/Academic Dean, CSB/SJU)
Joe DesJardins	2006-2007 (Interim Academic Dean and Associate Provost, CSB/SJU)
Joe DesJardins	2007-2011 (Academic Dean and Associate Provost, CSB/SJU)
Richard Ice	2011-2014 (Academic Dean)
Karen L. Erickson	2014-2017
Barbara May	2017-2022
Karyl Daughters	2022-2023 (Interim Dean of Curriculum and Assessment)
Karyl Daughters	2023- (Dean of Curriculum and Assessment)
John Andrick	2023- (Dean for Student Academic Success)

ARRANGEMENT: The files are organized alphabetically.

ACCESS RESTRICTIONS: The collection is open to all members of the public, and there are no access restrictions on most of the materials. Access to some personnel information is restricted. See Archivist.

COLLECTION CITATION: This collection should be cited as:

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RELATED COLLECTIONS: See also **AC 02**, Vice President for Academic Affairs/Provost.

ACQUISITION: The collection was transferred to the archives in small sections by a number of donors over the years. Accessions numbers: 118, 274, 274A, 292, 312, 314, 315, 339, 358, 362, 390, 398, 402, 418, 445, 445B, 458B, 468, 513, 546, 575, 623, 638, 652, 1978-001, 96-012, 97-004, 2000-009, 2001-009, 2001-014, 2006-005, 2008-013, 2010-013, 2018-002, 2019-009.

INVENTORY: For contents, see the "[Dean of the College Office](#)" collection in the Saint John's University Archives and Special Collections database.

SUBJECT TERMS:

- St. John's University (Collegeville, Minn.)—Administration.
- St. John's University (Collegeville, Minn.)—Curricula.
- St. John's University (Collegeville, Minn.)—Faculty.
- St. John's University (Collegeville, Minn.). College of Arts and Sciences. Office of the Dean—History—1938-