

The One Hundred Thirty-First Commencement of Saint Peter's University

Thursday, May 26, 2022

Message from the President

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Dear Members of the Class of 2022:

Today, we gather to recognize your achievement. I know the world looks a lot different today than the day you began your journey at Saint Peter's. The past two years drastically altered life as we know it. And yet during a time of great uncertainty you rose to the challenge, demonstrating great flexibility as you faced situations never faced before. I have never been prouder of the Saint Peter's community. And I am thankful we were able to return to inperson living and learning for your senior year. And what a year to do so!

There wasn't a better time to recognize the history, resilience and significance of Saint Peter's University than in 2022, the 150th anniversary of the founding of Saint Peter's, our Sesquicentennial celebration. Under the theme, *Opportunity for Generations*, we honored the legacy of Saint Peter's welcoming students from virtually every background throughout its history ... from immigrant families and their children, from first-generation college homes, from Hudson County addresses to international origins, from all faith traditions. We also recognized the impact of Saint Peter's on the greater good from the accomplishments of its more than 50,000 graduates - and today you become one of them.

The Sesquicentennial year also coincided with the Ignatian Year, which celebrated the life of Saint Ignatius Loyola, the founder of the Jesuits and the 500th anniversary of his conversion. How wonderful it was that we were able to celebrate these two milestones simultaneously. And, of course, the amazing NCAA tournament run this spring showed all of us that anything is possible with hard work and determination!

Today's ceremony recognizes the successful completion of your degree and the beginning of a new chapter in your life. However, the rest is still unwritten. Now is the time to pursue opportunities for which you have developed a genuine love and passion and in the words of Saint Ignatius, "go forth and set the world on fire."

I am confident that your education has prepared you to excel intellectually, lead ethically, serve compassionately and promote justice as your journey continues. The Ignatian values instilled in you have provided a solid intellectual, moral and spiritual foundation on which to build a life full of gratitude, knowledge and community. Unquestionably, the Class of 2022 consists of future leaders who will forever be "men and women for others."

Please remember to stay in touch with *alma mater* so that we can continue to celebrate your successes. And don't forget to visit! On behalf of everyone at Saint Peter's, congratulations!

Sincerely,

Eugene J. Cornacchia, Ph.D.

President





Sesquicentennial Timeline of Saint Peter's

- 1872 Charter awarded from the State of New Jersey to five members of the Society of Jesus for Saint Peter's College.
- 1878 Saint Peter's opens with a faculty of six Jesuits, two laymen and a student body that grows to more than 100 over the course of the academic year.
- 1907 Pulitzer Prize winning author Will Durant graduates.
- **1918** Saint Peter's is forced into hiatus due to World War I.
- 1930 College reopens at the Chamber of Commerce building at 1 Newark Ave. Later that year, the iconic Peacock, a symbol of rebirth, was chosen as the mascot.
- 1933 College acquired the Young Estate to build a campus on Kennedy Boulevard.
- 1965 Martin Luther King Jr. H '65 addresses students at Michaelmas Convocation; Saint Peter's is the only Catholic college or university to award him an honorary degree prior to his death.
- 1966 Saint Peter's College became the first co-educational Catholic college in New Jersey when 100 women entered the Day Session.
- 1968 Men's Basketball defeats Duke University during an improbable run in the NIT Tournament.
- 1972 Centennial celebration reaffirms Jesuit ideals with a visit from the Superior General of the Society of Jesus, Rev. Pedro Arrupe, S.J.
- 1979 Graduate programs are reintroduced when the Master of Arts in Education is established.
- **1980** Founding of the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC); Saint Peter's is one of six charter members.
- 1983 Opening of Veterans Memorial Court, the College's first residence hall.
- 2000 Completion of \$8.2 million renovation and modernization of Gannon Hall, the science building.
- 2004 Pedestrian bridge, linking East and West campuses, over Kennedy Boulevard opens.
- **2007** Eugene J. Cornacchia, Ph.D., appointed first lay president of Saint Peter's.
- **2010** Doctoral degree programs are introduced.
- 2011 Saint Peter's assumes responsibility for local church, establishing St. Aedan's: The Saint Peter's University Church.
- 2012 University status attained; Saint Peter's College becomes Saint Peter's University.
- 2013 Mac Mahon Student Center opens, thanks to a lead \$7.5 million gift from Thomas Mac Mahon '68.
- **2014** \$64,786,810 raised for *Students at the Center: The Campaign for Saint Peter's University*, the largest and most successful capital campaign in University history.
- Joseph A. Panepinto, Esq. '66, makes a historic gift of \$10 million, the single largest philanthropic gift in the history of Saint Peter's.
- 2019 \$10 million gift from Hon. Frank J. Guarini H '94 establishes the Frank J. Guarini School of Business.
- 2021 Run Baby Run Arena opens. The renovated facility was made largely possible by a \$5 million gift from Thomas Mac Mahon '68.
- Men's Basketball is the first No. 15 seed to reach the Elite Eight in the history of the NCAA Division I Tournament.
- 2022 Sesquicentennial Anniversary; University celebrates 150th anniversary of the founding of Saint Peter's.

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Presiding: Frederick Bonato, Ph.D., Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

Academic Procession Faculty and Administration of the University

Jubilee Class of 1972 Alumni Board of Directors Board of Regents Deans of the University

Vice Presidents of the University Honorary Degree Recipients

Board of Trustees

Provost & Vice President for Academic Affairs

President of the University

Graduating Class

Invocation Rev. Andrew Downing, S.J., Vice President for Mission and Ministry

Conferral of the Honorary Degree Nadia E. Makar, M.Ed. '69, '81

Carolyn D. Palmer Judith Valente '76 DeForest B. Soaries, Jr.

Commencement Address DeForest B. Soaries, Jr.

Recognition of the Jubilarians Class of 1972

Presentation of Graduate and Undergraduate Awards

Valedictory Address Jesse Bahia Resurreccion '22

Presentation of Doctoral Degree Graduates

Presentation of Graduates

Conferral of Degrees in Course

Farewell to the Graduates Eugene J. Cornacchia, Ph.D., President

Final Blessing Rev. Andrew Downing, S.J., Vice President for Mission and Ministry

The Aidan C. McMullen Chorale

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The Alma Mater

Composed by Frederick Joslyn Lyrics by Richard I. Nevin

Academic Recession

Commencement Address

DeForest B. Soaries, Jr.

eForest B. Soaries, Jr., D.Min., is the founder and CEO of Corporate Community Connections, Inc., an organization creating connections between corporations and underserved communities. He is also pastor *emeritus* of First Baptist Church of Lincoln Gardens (FBCLG) in Somerset, New Jersey, which he led for more than 30 years. His pastoral ministry focuses on spiritual growth, educational excellence and economic empowerment. In 1992, Dr. Soaries became the first African American male to serve as New Jersey's Secretary of State. He also served as the former chairman of the United States Election Assistance Commission, which Congress established to implement the "Help America Vote Act" of 2002.

As a pioneer of faith-based community development, Dr. Soaries' impact on FBCLG and the community has been tremendous. In 1992, he founded the Central Jersey Community Development Corporation: a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that specialized in revitalizing distressed neighborhoods. In 1996, Dr. Soaries founded the Harvest of Hope Family Services Network, Inc., which developed permanent solutions for children in the foster care system.

In 2005, Dr. Soaries launched the dfree® Financial Freedom Movement. The dfree® curriculum teaches people how to achieve and sustain financial freedom. More than 5,000 churches and organizations are currently using it.

In addition to being the author of several books, including "Say Yes to No Debt," Dr. Soaries serves as an independent director at Independence Realty Trust, Federal Home Loan Bank of New York and Ocwen Financial Corporation.

He earned a Bachelor of Arts from Fordham University, a Master of Divinity from Princeton Theological Seminary and a Doctor of Ministry from United Theological Seminary.

For his extraordinary leadership and accomplishments in the religious, public and private sectors and his humanitarian efforts and advocacy for justice - a true "man for others" in the Jesuit tradition - Saint Peter's University is proud and privileged to confer upon DeForest B. Soaries, Jr., the degree of Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*.

Honorary Degree Recipient

Nadia E. Makar, M.Ed. '69, '81

adia E. Makar, M.Ed. '69, '81 is an award-winning educator who has been named Best Science Teacher in North America and Hudson County Teacher of the Year. She is also the only teacher from Hudson County to win the Presidential Award for Excellence in Science and Mathematics Teaching. Makar was honored at the White House by former President George H. W. Bush as well as by Senator Robert Menendez '76 and former governors Thomas Kean and Jon Corzine.

She began her career teaching chemistry at Hudson Catholic Regional High School. In 1975, she received the Nichol's Award for Best Chemistry Teacher from the American Chemical Society and from the Manufacturing Chemists Association. She also received the 2022 Stanley C. Israel Award for Advancing Diversity from the American Chemical Society.

Makar joined the Union City Board of Education in 1979 where she directed the U.S. Department of Education grant for gifted & talented students in the State of New Jersey. For 10 years, she taught mathematics and physics at Union Hill High School and was named College/Industry Liaison for Union City Schools. She was then selected as science department chair and coordinator for the Summer Scholars Program in Union City where she has placed thousands of students to do research during the summer at numerous colleges, universities, hospitals and companies.

She has served on numerous national, state and local mathematics and science education committees and served on the executive boards of several organizations including the National and NJ Science Supervisors, and the National and NJ Science Teachers Associations. In addition, she has served as the coordinator for the American Chemical Society New York Section Project SEED (Summer Experience for Economically Disadvantaged Students) and for the National Project SEED Committee and the Minority Committee for the American Chemical Society.

Makar earned both a bachelor's and master's degree from Saint Peter's. She presently serves as a member of the University's Board of Regents and previously served as a member of the Alumni Board.

For her extraordinary accomplishments and work as a beloved teacher and mentor in the field of STEM education, always putting *cura personalis* at the forefront of everything she does, Saint Peter's University is proud and privileged to confer upon Nadia E. Makar, M.Ed. '69, '81, the degree of Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*.

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Honorary Degree Recipient

Carolyn D. Palmer

arolyn D. Palmer is an internationally recognized sculptor whose passion is creating larger than life-size bronze busts and figures, many of which are displayed in prominent museums and public venues as well as in various private collections.

In 2015, Palmer sculpted a larger than life-size bust of Pope Francis in honor of his visit to the United States. This sculpture greeted the Holy Father in the foyer of the Papal residence in New York City where he blessed the sculpture. This led to the commission for four larger than life-size bronze busts that were created for the entrance vestibules to St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City. The sculptures were created in honor of the Pontiffs who visited the Cathedral: Pope Francis, Pope Benedict XVI, Pope John Paul II and Pope Paul VI.

Palmer also created larger than life-size bronze busts of Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt for the entrance foyer of the FDR Presidential Library and Museum in Hyde Park, New York. These received great recognition, which prompted her to create a limited edition of nine bronze castings from the original molds, which recently traveled internationally in the Norman Rockwell Museum's six-city tour, "Rockwell, Roosevelt and the Four Freedoms." Other works include a monument of a life-size bronze Lucille Ball statue for "Lucy's" hometown Park in Celoron, NY and sculptures for the set of the television series "Madam Secretary."

In 2016, Saint Peter's University unveiled a Pope Francis sculpture by Palmer. The sculpture resides outside the Joseph A. Kelly, S.J. Office of Campus Ministry in the Mac Mahon Student Center and was graciously donated by Robert G. Lahita, M.D., Ph.D. '67. Her most recent commission was a statue of Frank Sinatra for the City of Hoboken and she is currently working on two life-size figures of the well-known shoe designer Stuart Weitzman.

Palmer earned a bachelor's degree in art education from Nazareth College in Rochester, NY. She also studied at Wells College and Syracuse University as well as the masters of sculpture throughout her European travels. Palmer is a member of the National Arts Club, Saddle River Arts Council and New-York Historical Society Chairman's Circle as well as president of the Saddle River Valley Club and previously served as a trustee for the FDR Presidential Library.

For her invaluable contributions in the areas of arts and culture and the Ignatian inspiration she brings to our students every day through her sculpture on campus, Saint Peter's University is proud and privileged to confer upon Carolyn D. Palmer, the degree of Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*.



Honorary Degree Recipient

Judith Valente '76

udith Valente '76 is an award-winning author, journalist and poet. She served as a staff writer for *The Washington Post* and in *The Wall Street Journal's* Chicago and London bureaus. She was twice a Pulitzer Prize finalist – most recently in 1993 – for her front page story in *The Wall Street Journal* chronicling the life of a Midwest father caring for his son dying of AIDS. Her articles have also appeared in *People, Parade, U.S. Catholic* and *America* magazines.

Valente has also received acclaim for her poetry, winning the 2005 Aldrich Poetry Prize for her collection "Inventing an Alphabet" and an Eric Hoffer Book Award citation for "Twenty Poems to Nourish Your Soul," an anthology of poems and reflections on finding the sacred in the everyday. These were followed by two other award-winning books, her memoir "Atchison Blue: A Search for Silence, A Spiritual Home and a Living Faith" and a book of meditations "The Art of Pausing." To help commemorate the University's Sesquicentennial she wrote the poem "Dawn Rising," published in today's commencement program.

Valente gives frequent talks on faith and work issues and often serves as a speaker at spiritual retreats for women and young professionals. She also has been a consultant to the Garrett-Medill Center for Religion and News Media at Northwestern University. In honor of her family, she established the Valente-Blihar Family Distinguished Poet Series at Saint Peter's University, which has brought several well-known poets to campus.

She served as a regular contributor to the national PBS-TV news program, *Religion & Ethics NewsWeekly*, for which she won multiple broadcast awards and has interviewed poets and authors for National Public Radio.

Valente earned a bachelor's degree in English from then Saint Peter's College, certificates from the Sorbonne in Paris and the Dante Alighieri School of Languages in Siena, Italy and a master's in creative writing from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago.

For her extraordinary contributions as an author, poet and journalist with her poignant reminders of the value of a Jesuit education through her written word, Saint Peter's University is proud and privileged to confer upon Judith Valente '76, the degree of Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*.

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Master of Science in Health Science

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College of Arts & Sciences

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College of Arts & Sciences

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Graduate Awards

The **Bucciarelli Graduate Education Medal**, donated by the Bucciarelli family, is awarded to a student in the graduate education program who shows promise and potential for continued research. The award is given this year to **Vienna Monroe Bonato**.

The **Master of Science in Nursing Medal** is awarded to the graduate nursing student who has achieved the highest average in the program. The award is given this year to **Nermin Eskaros**.

Undergraduate Awards

The **Valedictorian** is the graduating senior who has distinguished themselves academically by earning the highest grade point average in the traditional day program. The valedictorian for the Class of 2022 is **Jesse Bahia Resurreccion**.

The **Joanne Amato Memorial Award in Nursing**, funded by Anthony Amato and his children, Adrienne McDonald and Timothy Amato, is given to the student with the highest average in the nursing program and who has engaged in service to the Saint Peter's community by being part of the Student Nurse Association, Pavo Society, through participation in recruitment activities or other service activities. The award is given this year to **Fernando Murillo**.

The **Father Eugene Buechel Award** recognizes anthropology students in Jesuit institutions of higher learning who have achieved the highest standards in both scholastic achievement and service to others. The award is given this year to **Katherine A. Soto Rivas**.

The **Cappelluti Medal**, donated by the Department of History in memory of Professor Frank J. Cappelluti, is awarded for outstanding scholastic achievement and extraordinary dedication and service. The award is given this year to **Elizabeth Marie Frances Hester**.

The **Communication Medal** is given to the student who has achieved the highest grade point average in courses satisfying the requirements of the communication program. The award is given this year to **Joseph G. Caruso**.

The **Connolly Medal**, donated by the late Professor John J. Connolly in memory of his mother, Ellen Connolly, is awarded to the graduate who has distinguished themselves most in scholarship in the field of business law throughout their collegiate career. The award is given this year to **Milad Banisadeghian**.

The Coughlin Medal, donated by the Class of 1949's evening session in memory of Rev. Timothy J. Coughlin, S.J., former professor, is awarded annually to the graduate of the School of Professional and Continuing Studies who has distinguished themselves in scholarship, character and leadership in activities during their collegiate career. The award is given this year to **Jennifer Ann Kowalski**.

The **Criminal Justice Award**, sponsored by Hon. Kevin Callahan '69, is presented to a graduating senior who has demonstrated leadership and academic excellence in criminal justice. The award is given this year to **Andrea Veronica Lombeyda-Sanchez**.

The **Danesino Medal**, in honor of Angelo Danesino, founder of the Department of Psychology, is awarded for superior academic achievements and high professional commitments. The award is given this year to **Carolina Falcon**.

The International Business Fraternity of Delta Sigma Pi Scholarship Key is given to the graduating student with the highest academic average for the four years of study in international business and trade. The award is given this year to **Andrea D. Rosas**.

Undergraduate Awards

The **Dinneen Medal**, in honor of Rev. Joseph S. Dinneen, S.J., former president, is awarded to the graduate in the Frank. J. Guarini School of Business who has maintained the highest general average in accountancy throughout their collegiate career. The award is given this year to **James Apostolico** and **Bruna R. Fidencio**, *ex aequo*.

The **Economics Medal** is awarded by the Department of Economics to the student in the Frank. J. Guarini School of Business who has shown outstanding proficiency in the field of advanced economics. The award is given this year to **Valeria Alexandra Moreno**.

The **Ellis Medal**, in memory of Professor William D. Ellis Jr., is awarded to the student who has distinguished themselves in English studies. The award is given this year to **Samantha Beckett**.

The **English Department** *Emeritus* **Legacy Award** honors a top graduating senior in the program. It is made in recognition of the *emeriti* faculty members who have contributed so deeply to the department's longstanding mission to instill in students an appreciation of literature and recognize its relation to one's life, spirit and values. This year's award is made in the name of Raymond Conlon, Ph.D., and is given to **Evangelia M. Vasilakis**.

The **Gannon Medal**, in memory of Rev. Robert I. Gannon, S.J., former dean, is awarded to the graduate in the Frank. J. Guarini School of Business who has maintained the highest general average in economics throughout their collegiate career. The award is given this year to **Joosep Raim**.

The **Graphic Arts Award** is presented to a Kappa Pi International Honorary Art Society student who has developed extraordinary creativity and technical expertise in the Graphic Arts. The award is given this year to **Maryvit Brigitte Luna**.

The **Hanlon Medal**, founded by the Class of 1938 in honor of their classmate Lt. Robert A. Hanlon, who made the supreme sacrifice in World War II, is awarded to the Bachelor of Arts graduate with the highest general average for the four-year humanities curriculum. The award is given this year to **María Del Cielo Mendez Varillas**.

The **Hart Medal**, in honor of Rev. Vincent J. Hart, S.J., former president, is awarded to the graduate in arts and sciences with the highest average for the four-year social science curriculum. The award is given this year to **Mark Anthony Rotundo**.

The **Ann Heiges Medal** for Public Policy is awarded to an Associate of Applied Science degree recipient in the Public Policy Program who has demonstrated academic excellence and a commitment to public policy issues and concerns affecting urban areas. The award is given this year to **Rosemary Walker-Liggins**.

The **Hohman Medal**, in memory of Rev. Arthur J. Hohman, S.J., donated by the Collins Chemistry Society of the University, is awarded to the graduate with the highest average in the chemistry program. The award is given this year to **Christina Rivera**.

The **Hopkins Scholar Meda**l is awarded to a student in the English department whose research, writing and presentation of their Senior Capstone Seminar thesis is deemed most worthy by the department faculty. The award is given this year to **Dania Liliana Mendez**.

The **Hopper Medal**, in honor of Cmdre. Grace M. Hopper, a pioneer in programming languages, is awarded to the graduate who has demonstrated outstanding aptitude and achievement in the field of computer programming. The award is given this year to **Marcelo Camilo Munoz**.

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The **John P. Hughes Language Medal**, donated by Joseph T. Ryan, Class of 1951, is awarded for excellence in the study of Language and Literature. The award is given this year to **Iria Paz**.

Undergraduate Awards

The **Kelly Medal**, in memory of Professor Robert Kelly, founder of the program in biological chemistry, is awarded to the graduate who has demonstrated distinguished achievement in the biochemistry program. The award is given this year to **Serena S. Mohamed**.

The **Kruse Award**, donated by the Mathematics Department, in memory of Professor William E. Kruse, first Chairman of the Mathematics Department, is awarded to the graduate who has shown outstanding achievement and promise in the field of Mathematics. The award is given this year to **David Dolgitzer**.

The **Management Medal** is awarded to the member of the graduating class who has demonstrated academic excellence in business management throughout their collegiate career. The award is given this year to **Gesayri Rosario-Gomez**.

The **Marketing Medal** is awarded to the member of the graduating class who has demonstrated academic excellence in marketing management throughout their collegiate career. The award is given this year to **Jesse Bahia Resurreccion**.

The **McMackin Award**, donated by the Department of Mathematics in honor of Frank J. McMackin, Professor Emeritus, is awarded to the graduate who has shown outstanding proficiency in Mathematics in the Secondary Education Program. The award is given this year to **Matthew Joseph Goodman**.

The **McNerney Medal** is given in memory of Professor James E. McNerney by the Caulfield School of Education to the graduate in elementary education who has demonstrated outstanding qualities of leadership and character during their collegiate career and has maintained general academic excellence. The award is given this year to **Shafflyn Kallon**.

The **Oates Medal**, donated by the Spur Society in memory of Rev. Alfred B. Oates, S.J., former professor, is awarded to the graduate in the School of Professional and Continuing Studies who has distinguished themselves most in scholarship, character and leadership in university activities during their entire collegiate career. The award is given this year to **Jennifer Terese Cate**.

The **Pavonia Medal** is awarded to the graduate in the Frank. J. Guarini School of Business who has attained the highest general average in all subjects during their collegiate career. The award is given this year to **Valeria Alexandra Moreno**.

The **Petriello Award**, in honor of Richard Petriello, Ph.D., is presented to a graduate who has unselfishly volunteered efforts to any of the three biology student organizations: Beta Beta Beta, Mendel Biology Society or Students Against Violating the Earth. The award is given this year to **Stephanie Martinez**.

The **Eileen and Hugo Poiani Commencement Award**, established by Eileen L. Poiani, Ph.D., honors one student from the Caulfield School of Education and one student from the College of Arts & Sciences, both of whom will be pursuing graduate degrees at Saint Peter's University in Education or a field in the College of Arts & Sciences, respectively. The award is given this year to **Patrick Gerard Thoms-Bauer** and **Karina Yamilett Diaz**, *ex aequo*.

The **Political Science Medal** is awarded to the graduate in political science judged most eminent for their scholarship and contribution to the commonwealth of the University. The award is given this year to **Mark Anthony Rotundo**.

The **Public Policy Medal** is awarded to a Public Policy Program recipient who has maintained an outstanding academic record and an interest and commitment to improving the quality of life in urban environments. The award is given to **Brandon Peeples Wang**.

The **Rankin Meda**l, donated by alumni to honor the memory of Rev. R. Rush Rankin, S.J., is awarded to the graduate in the College of Arts & Sciences with the highest average in philosophy. The award is given this year to **Rebecca Nicole Lopez**.

Undergraduate Awards

The **Robert Rigby Urban Service Award** is in memory of Robert Rigby, a Saint Peter's graduate and long-time director of public housing in Jersey City. This award is given to a student who exemplifes a commitment to contributing to the improvement of people's lives in urban areas. The award is given this year to **Matthew George Xenitelis**.

The **Royster Commencement Award for Criminal Justice**, donated by Brian Royster, honors a student who has demonstrated academic excellence in the criminal justice program, who has been actively involved in community service and is a member of the Criminal Justice Student Association. The award is given this year to **Anushka Sindhu**.

The Royster Commencement Award for Sociology, donated by Brian Royster, honors a student who has demonstrated academic excellence as a sociology major and has been actively involved in community service. The award is given this year to **Carla Annalexis Laguerre**.

The **John C. Schlereth Medal** is awarded to the outstanding sociology graduate on the basis of scholastic achievement, service to the department and professional dedication to the discipline of sociology. The award is given this year to **Marissa Elena Morales**.

The **Shanahan Medal**, in honor of Rev. James J. Shanahan, former president, is awarded to the graduate in the Associate Degree Program in the School of Professional and Continuing Studies with the highest general average throughout their collegiate career. The award is given this year to **Rosemary Walker-Liggins**.

The **Smith Medal**, in memory of Rev. John P. Smith, S.J., former professor, is awarded to the Bachelor of Science graduate with the highest general average for the four-year natural science curriculum. The award is given this year to **David Dolgitzer**.

The **SPCS Medal** is awarded to the graduate who has distinguished themselves academically by achieving the highest grade point average in the School of Professional and Continuing Studies. The award is given this year to **Renee Engelhardt**.

The **Saint Peter's Tribune Journalism Medal** is awarded annually to the graduate who has distinguished themselves in the field of journalism through participation in student publications. The award is given this year to **Eva Rose Reid**.

The **Turing Medal**, in memory of Sir Alan Turing, a pioneer in artificial intelligence, is awarded for outstanding ability and performance in the field of computer science. The award is given this year to **Katherine A. Soto Rivas**.

The **Varrichio Award**, The Varrichio Award, donated by the alumni and faculty of the Department of Mathematics, in memory of Professor Francis A. Varrichio, is awarded to the graduate who has shown outstanding proficiency and promise in mathematics and allied disciplines. The award is given this year to **Rafael Carballeira**.

The **Wassman Medal** is awarded to the graduate with the highest average in the biology program. The award is given this year to **Elizabeth Marie Frances Hester**.

The **John F. Wrynn, S.J. Award**, in honor of John F. Wrynn, S.J., esteemed former chair of the history department, donated by Eugene O. Flinn '80 and his wife Joyce Flinn, is presented annually to a baccalaureate history student who has been judged by the full-time members of the history department to have submitted the best Senior Seminar paper. This seminar, the Tuleja Seminar, is required of every major in their last year. The award is given this year to **Matthew George Xenitelis**.

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In recognition of students who have proven to be outstanding in character, leadership, service and scholarship, the following graduates were inducted into the Order of the Cross Keys. Additionally, Honorary Cross Keys are awarded to members of the Saint Peter's University Community (faculty, administrators and staff) for exemplary service to our students and the campus.

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Academic Regalia

or Saint Peter's University, the official colors found in the hood are blue and white. Colored velvet or velveteen binds the hood and indicates the subject to which the degree pertains. For all academic purposes, the colors associated with the various subjects at Saint Peter's University are as follows:

Arts, Humanities, Professional Studies White Drab Accountancy **Business** Drab Drab **Business Analytics** Communication Crimson **Cyber Security** Golden Yellow **Data Science** Golden Yellow **Education** Light Blue **Finance** Drab

Health Science Golden Yellow

Marketing ScienceDrabNursingApricotPsychologyGold

Public Administration Peacock Blue Science Golden Yellow

Faculty Mace

he Saint Peter's University faculty mace is a symbol of the important role of faculty. It is carried by the president of the Faculty Senate at two annual occasions: the University's fall Michaelmas ceremony and spring commencement. The mace consists of three parts: the crown, hilt and handle.

The crown, which features a peacock, serves as both the visual and symbolic centerpiece of the mace. In 1930, Rev. Robert Gannon, S.J., chose the peacock to serve as the mascot of what was then a newly reopened Saint Peter's College following World War I. He chose the peacock as the institution's symbol in order to reflect the theme of "resurrection and eternal life." The ancient Greeks taught that the flesh of the peacock did not decay at death, so Fr. Gannon felt that the brightly colored bird also embodied the College's motto: "IN PERPETUUM." The metal peacock is noted for its remarkable level of detail. Burnished in high grade nickel silver, it is emblematic of Art Deco style but also serves as a reminder that Jersey City was once the metal arts and ironwork crucible of the region.

The sculptural peacock stands astride a 12 cornered block or hilt fashioned from a piece of reclaimed Aleppo pinewood. The 12 corners represent the Apostolic roots of Saint Peter's Catholic identity. The Aleppo pine used to fashion the hilt comes from Manresa, Spain, in the Catalonia region. It was there that Saint Ignatius of Loyola experienced his famed illumination and saw God in all things. The hilt is emblazoned with the University seal, which symbolizes the Catholic identity and Jesuit mission of the University.

Finally, the handle of the Saint Peter's faculty mace is fashioned from reclaimed Spanish cedar or cedrela odorata. This piece of wood once grew in the region where Jesuit missionaries first settled (1609) along the banks of the Paraná River in what is now Paraguay.

The faculty mace symbolizes the transformational presence of the Society of Jesus in the old world of Spain and the new worlds of South and North America, from Paraguay to Pavonia.

Sesquicentennial Poem

"Dawn Rising"

By Judith Valente '76

The steel girders, asphalt streets and beechwoods breaking through concrete sidewalks taught us we were strong.

We came across the Turnpike, Bayonne Bridge, Pulaski Skyway, from the Heights, the Hook, the West Side, the Square.

The courage of our immigrant forefathers, perseverance of our African ancestors coursing through our blood. Propelled forward by parents

who laid bricks, poured concrete, baked bread, sewed hems, drove buses, worked the cash register and the assembly line.

My mother resting her tired feet after an eight-hour shift hosing down cucumbers on a factory floor. My father

steering his Mack truck up Montgomery Street, dropping me off on my first day of classes, his calloused hand waving

goodbye from the windshield as I sailed toward a new landscape, a geography of the mind: of Plato's Republic and Aristotle's Poetics,

of Dante and Dostoevsky, Nietzsche and Kant. The Greek alphabet, sonnets, French verbs and equations strung across a blackboard.

The spirit of Ignatius billowing over McDermott, MacMahon, Pope, O'Toole and Dineen. Across the Pauw Wow, Pavan,



Peacock and Argus Eyes. Prodding us to see God in the hot dog man on the corner of Glenwood, the waitress

serving chili at the VIP Diner, the Boulevard bus driver, passengers on the PATH. Finding the sacred in haggard trees,

dusty park benches, the cacophony of car horns, the sparrow perched on a telephone wire. Our professors

grinding out their daily lesson plans, wading through term papers. James Conniff. John Benson. George Yanitelli. Eileen Poiani.

Mary and Larry Pontrelli. Bob Kennedy. Bill Schmidt. Doing it ad majorem dei gloria. Finding a listening ear,

an arm around the shoulder in the President's Office, Campus Ministry, Counseling Center, Dean of Students Office.

Victor Yanitelli. Ray Martignoni. Joe Kelly. Larry Malnig. Ed Heavey. Ed Reuter. Barbara Chryst. Modeling what it means to be a person for others.

Bless them all, alive in me still. What were we seeking? Knowledge? Wisdom? What we received is the gift of transformation. A diploma in love,

the heart's yearning to heal, to hope, to build, to create, to teach, to inspire, to transform the world's impenetrable darknesses into the light of new dawns.



Saint Peter's University Alma Mater

Composed by Frederick Joslyn Lyrics by Richard I. Nevin

Hail, Alma Mater,

Deathless Saint Peter's

Our loving hearts acclaim

Thy resurrected name.

Nor war nor time has power

to bind thee,

Thine is the spirit proud and free.

And as year on year comes winging,

We will still be singing praises to thy fame.

Hail, Alma Mater,

Hallowed Saint Peter's

With each new day we see

How much we owe to thee.

Truth is our guide, we shall not wander,

God is our strength, we shall not fail,

And our love will ever bind us

So that death will find us thine eternally.