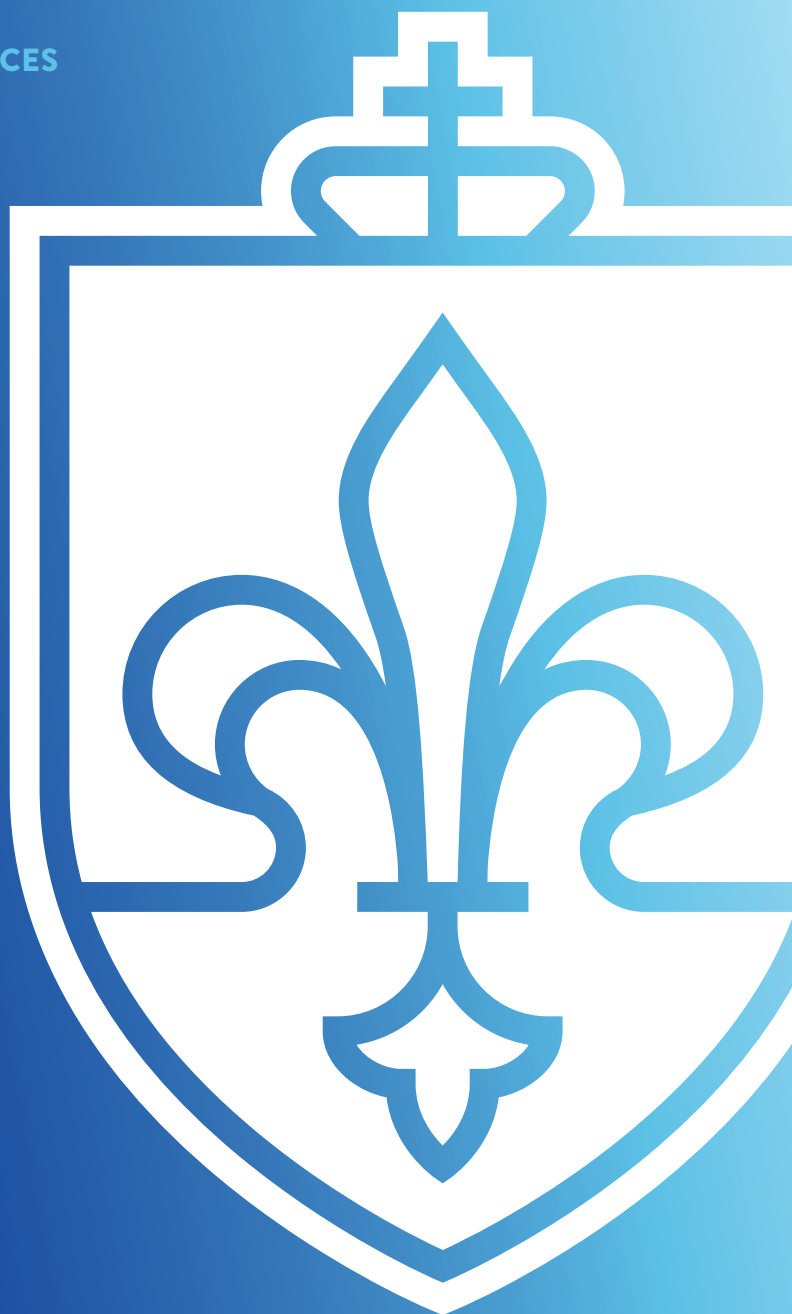


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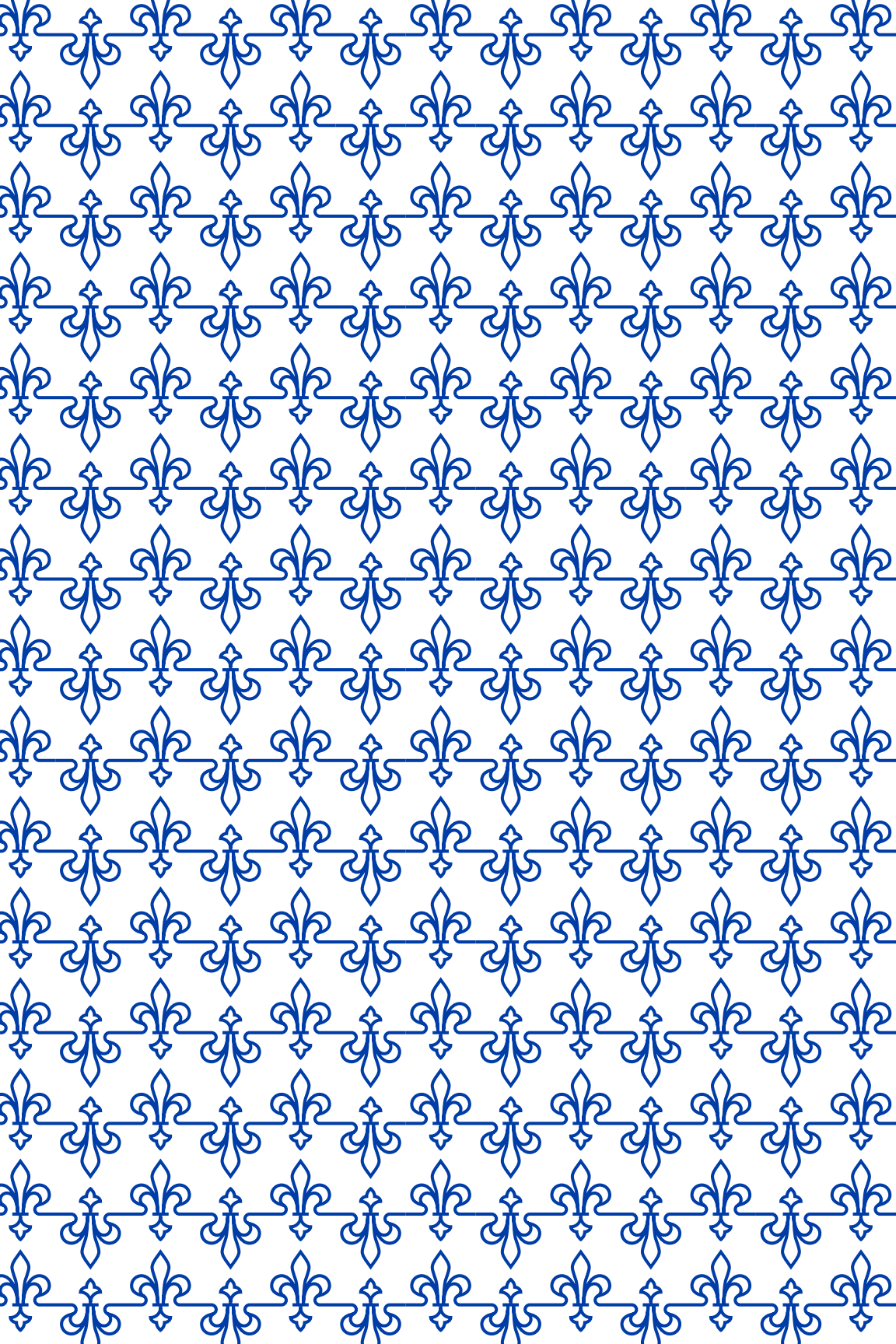
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THURSDAY, MAY 15
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A LETTER FROM THE DEAN

“Our prime educational objective must be to form men and women for others, people who cannot even conceive of love of God which does not include love for the least of their neighbors....”

Pedro Arrupe, S.J.
Former Superior General, Society of Jesus

Dear Graduate:

On behalf of the administration, faculty, and staff of the College of Arts and Sciences, I extend my congratulations to you and to those who have helped you reach this milestone in your life.

Your diploma is a symbol of double significance. Not only does it provide tangible proof of your academic competence, but it also represents a foundation for life rooted in the Jesuit tradition of service to others. As you commence your path as an alumnus or alumna of the College of Arts and Sciences, with an undergraduate or graduate degree, the building blocks of competence, reflection, spirituality, justice and compassion—taught and reinforced here at Saint Louis University—will supply a reliable foundation for your life.

I invite you to remain an active member of the University family after you graduate. As the years pass, you will find new meaning in your days here as you help new generations of students who also aspire to the Saint Louis University experience.

My best wishes to you in your future life. We look forward to welcoming you back when you are in the area and to seeing you at alumni events.

Sincerely,

Donna J. LaVoie, Ph.D.
Dean

ORDER OF EXERCISES

PROCESSIONAL

GRADUATES OF THE CLASS OF 2025

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DEANS AND GUESTS

INVOCATION

Reggie Williams, Ph.D.

Department of Theological Studies

GREETINGS AND INTRODUCTIONS

Donna LaVoie, Ph.D., Dean

RECOGNITION OF HONOR SOCIETY AND SPECIAL AWARD GRADUATES

Donna LaVoie, Ph.D., Dean

FACULTY ADDRESS

Jill Waring, Ph.D.

*2024 Recipient of the Robert A. Johnston, S.J. Award for
Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching in the Social Sciences*

Presentation of Candidates

PRESENTATION OF DOCTORAL DEGREE GRADUATES

Donna LaVoie, Ph.D., Dean

PRESENTATION OF MASTER'S DEGREE GRADUATES

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PRESENTATION OF BACHELOR'S DEGREE GRADUATES

Donna LaVoie, Ph.D., Dean

CLOSING REMARKS

Donna LaVoie, Ph.D., Dean

RECESSIONAL

GRADUATE HONOR SOCIETIES AND SPECIAL AWARDS

MATTHEW J. MANCINI AWARD - AMERICAN STUDIES

The Matthew J. Mancini Award for Outstanding American Studies Dissertation or Thesis was established to honor the contributions of Matthew Mancini, department chairperson from 2000 to 2015. The annual award recognizes graduate-level scholarly achievement.

Graduates: Bryonie Anne Carter and Darby A. Ratliff

OUTSTANDING GRADUATE STUDENT RESEARCH AWARD - BIOLOGY

In recognition of outstanding research performance by a graduate student in the Department of Biology.

Graduate: Fangli Weng

OUTSTANDING GRADUATE STUDENT TEACHING AWARD - BIOLOGY

In recognition of outstanding teaching by a graduate student in the Department of Biology.

Graduate: Maisie Pritchett

KATHLEEN FARRELL OUTSTANDING GRADUATE STUDENT AWARD - COMMUNICATION

Award given to recognize an outstanding graduate student who has promoted public welfare, political enlightenment, or social awareness in community, civic or academic arenas.

Graduates: Gloria Akua Annan and Gurwinder Kaur

LAMBDA PI ETA - COMMUNICATION

Lambda Pi Eta, a national honor society in communication, recognizes, fosters, and rewards outstanding scholastic achievement.

Graduates: Ulla Kuziez, Daniel D. Martin, Mary G. Schleuter and Isabella S. Smith

THE WALTER ONG AWARD - ENGLISH

The Rev. Walter J. Ong, S.J., Award, named in honor of a long-time SLU faculty member and one of the great scholars of the twentieth century, is presented annually to a doctoral student in English in recognition of genuinely exceptional research as well as scholarly achievement and promise.

Graduate: Colten Biro

THE MCCARTHY OUTSTANDING GRADUATE STUDENT AWARD - HEALTH CARE ETHICS

Thanks to a gift from the Msgr. Robert L. McCarthy Trust, this award is presented by the faculty to a graduating doctoral student in Health Care Ethics who exemplifies excellence in scholarship, teaching, and service

Graduate: Kelly Turner

OUTSTANDING GRADUATE STUDENT TEACHING AWARD - HEALTH CARE ETHICS

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Graduate: Stephanie Tillman

THE THOMAS P. NEILL DISSERTATION AWARD - HISTORY

The Department of History bestows this award annually on a doctoral dissertation in History judged to be outstanding

Graduate: George Summers

THE JOSÉ SANCHEZ GRADUATE TEACHING AWARD - HISTORY

The Department of History bestows this award annually on a graduate student whose efforts as a Teaching Assistant have been recognized as exemplary.

Graduates: Judith Nelams and Kenan Nerad

STEVEN PURO AWARD - POLITICAL SCIENCE

In honor of Dr. Steven Puro, former faculty member. Awarded to an academically outstanding Political Science M.A. student.

Graduate: Vivian Walter

OUTSTANDING GRADUATE STUDENT IN CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY

Awarded to a clinical psychology student in recognition for excellence in clinical psychology.

Graduate: Emily Wiegers

HAROLD AND MARY JANE TALL AWARD - PSYCHOLOGY

Awarded in recognition of the accomplishments of a graduate student in the clinical program who has significantly impacted the morale of other students and demonstrates excellence in both the classroom and clinical practice.

Graduate: Rachel Hawk

GRADUATE HONOR SOCIETIES AND SPECIAL AWARDS

MARILYN K. RIGBY AWARD - PSYCHOLOGY

Presented in recognition of a student from the Industrial-Organizational and/or Experimental Psychology program who best exemplifies dedication to scholarship and excellence in teaching and service.

Graduate: **Brandon Brewster**

GAYLE A. OLSON AND RICHARD D. OLSON THESIS AWARD - PSYCHOLOGY

Recognizes the best thesis in the Experimental Psychology graduate program.

Graduate: **Carrie Burnett**

NICHOLAS J. COLLARELLI - PSYCHOLOGY

This award is named for Nick Colarelli who was a member of the Psychology Department and founder of the consulting firm Colarelli, Meyer and Associates. This award recognizes an IO student for outstanding achievement in the application of IO Psychology.

Graduate: **Iwan Webster**

DAVID C. MUNZ AWARD - PSYCHOLOGY

The Munz Award was established in 2011 in honor of Dave Munz, a co-founder of the IO Program. Now an emeritus professor, he is our longest serving IO faculty member. This award is given to recognize an IO student who excels in the science and practice of IO Psychology.

Graduate: **Madeline Billeaud**

THE NAPOLI ENDOWED TEACHING AWARD - PSYCHOLOGY

Recognizes the accomplishments of outstanding teachers in training in our graduate programs.

Graduate: **Brandon Brewster**

THE THOMAS J. KRAMER AWARD - PSYCHOLOGY

Recognizes outstanding contributions by a student to the Industrial-Organizational Psychology Program.

Graduates: **Madeline Billeaud and Dulce Vega**

THE JAMES GILSINAN AWARD - PUBLIC AND SOCIAL POLICY STUDIES

In honor of Dr. James Gilsinan, former faculty member, awarded to an academically outstanding Public and Social Policy Studies Ph.D. student.

Graduate: **Vanessa de Becze**

THE GEOSPATIAL RESEARCH AND INNOVATION AWARD

This award recognizes scientific, methodological and visualization innovations in geospatial science. The award is given annually to a graduate student who has demonstrated significant creativity in applied research demonstrated by peer-reviewed publications, conference presentations, thesis or dissertation research, and other creative works.

Graduate: **Vanessa de Becze**

UNDERGRADUATE HONOR SOCIETIES AND SPECIAL AWARDS

ALPHA KAPPA DELTA - SOCIOLOGY

Alpha Kappa Delta is the international sociology honor society. The society's goals are to study humankind for the purpose of service, to promote human welfare and to develop scientific knowledge that may be applied to the solution of social problems. To be inducted in AKD, students must have exemplary academic records and exhibit leadership and service commitments.

Graduates: **Faith Abrams, Sugandha Bollu, Josie Germain, Lucas Koch, Kayla Parisi, Ollie Schilling and Peyton Vasquez**

ALPHA PSI OMEGA - THEATRE

Alpha Psi Omega is the national theatre honor society. Founded in 1925, the society acknowledges those demonstrating a high standard of accomplishment in theatre. Members of Alpha Psi Omega enhance their knowledge of theatre and prepare for professional work through a variety of theatrical activities. To be initiated, students must maintain a level of academic excellence and participate in University Theatre productions in multiple areas of theatre.

Graduates: **Maddy Chatham, Celeste Gardner, Aadi Kadam, London Kimble, Richa Kulkarni, Jordan Miller, Jake Santhuff, Sophie Smith and Alexia Thornton**

BETA BETA BETA - BIOLOGY

Tri Beta Biological Science Society seeks to encourage scholarly achievement in this field of learning by reserving

its membership for those undergraduates who have superior academic records and have a special aptitude and interest in the life sciences. Names marked with * denote past or current president.
Graduates: **Aditya Chandu*, Henry Davis*, AJ Fenske, Eleanor Oxford, Aryn Rehr and Brian Shard**

DELTA DELTA EPSILON - FORENSIC SCIENCE

The national honor society dedicated to recognizing and encouraging excellence in scholarship in the Forensic Sciences, Delta Delta Epsilon also promotes leadership, attitudes of professional responsibility for the public good, and encourages high standards of practice and ethical behavior.

Graduates: **Katerine Bohn, Shayne Clegg, Emily Crowley, Abby Hericks and Kathryn Piette**

DELTA PHI ALPHA - GERMAN

The national German honor society, Delta Phi Alpha, seeks to recognize excellence in the study of German. The society aims to promote the study of German language, literature and civilization and endeavors to emphasize those aspects of German life and culture which are of universal value and contribute to humanity's eternal search for peace and truth.

Graduates: **Riley Christian, Lydia Cohen, Blerta Hysenaj, Remy Koch, Chloë Olliff, Natalia Shuniakova and Becca Treis**

DOBRO SLOVO - RUSSIAN

The National Slavic Honor Society serves as a means for the recognition of academic excellence in the study of Slavic languages and literatures and provides incentive for scholarly interest in Slavic life and culture.
Graduate: **Benjamin Walsh**

LAMBDA ALPHA - ANTHROPOLOGY

Lambda Alpha National Collegiate Honors Society for Anthropology was founded on March 15, 1968, at Wichita State University. It offers opportunities for both student and professional publication in the Lambda Alpha Journal as well as scholarships for undergraduate students and Graduate Overseas Grants to help support thesis and dissertation research overseas. To qualify for membership, anthropology students must maintain an overall GPA of 3.2 and a minimum GPA of 3.6 in anthropology.

Graduates: **Iyzach Gray, Charlotte Gregg, Karson Million and Victoria Soerries**

UNDERGRADUATE HONOR SOCIETIES AND SPECIAL AWARDS

NU RHO PSI - NEUROSCIENCE

Nu Rho Psi is the National Honor Society in Neuroscience, founded in 2006 as an independent non-profit, grass-roots organization composed of neuroscientists and students interested in the field. The SLU NRP chapter was founded in 2018 to provide a universal resource for SLU undergraduate students to achieve academic, professional, and personal success. By combining exposure, mentorship, and networking, members are thoroughly prepared during and beyond their undergraduate careers. The organization also strives to promote SLU's neuroscience program and the field as a whole.

Graduates: **Nana Yaa Ashie-Winns, Marisa Bugarin, Aditya Chandu*, Rutuja Deoskar, Riley Dyer, Han Jing, Mariana Moctezuma, Laelle Novotny, Yennhi Phan, Shreya Patel, Jannah Qazi, Jacob Roth and Megan Sandhu**

PI DELTA PHI - FRENCH

Pi Delta Phi is the national French honor society founded at the University of California in 1906. The aim of the society is to promote and recognize excellence in French Studies. Students initiated into the society must be enrolled in upper division French courses and maintain at least a B average.

Graduates: **Isabella Camba, Julia Gele, Anissah Groark, Bridget Guerin, Caroline McGilvray, Ashley Tran, Sophia Lopez-Alviar and Juliana Martin**

PI SIGMA ALPHA - POLITICAL SCIENCE

Pi Sigma Alpha is the national political science honor society. Its chapters are established in colleges and universities offering political science programs that meet the standards of the society. Membership is determined by the political science faculty solely on the basis of high academic achievement.

Graduates: **Liliana Cisneros, Noa Glover, Kaleigh Heisterkamp, Driese Jesse, Matthew Lemberger, Joseph Mrazek, Anna Skrobis, and Elizabeth Skrobis**

PSI CHI - PSYCHOLOGY

Psi Chi is the national honor society in psychology, founded in 1929 for the purpose of encouraging, stimulating, and maintaining scholarship in the field of psychology. Psi Chi serves two major goals: to provide academic recognition to students who excel in the field of psychology and to nurture the spark of academic accomplishment by providing congenial and stimulative environment for learning.

Graduates: **Shyla Bakshi, Mary Margaret Bausch, Ella Bolling, Maryah Burrell, Jamilyn Carpenter, Emily Carril, Alexis Charles, Lauren Colton, Hoda Elbeshbeshy, Reilley Forman, Anissah Groark, Sami Hussein, Lizzie Kayser, Skylar Kellogg, Roshni Kurian, Savannah Marchi, Michael Poirier, Aaron Qian, Emmy Robson, Levi Rosing, Divya Sivakadachan, Amethyst Soulier and Leah Zanin**

SIGMA IOTA RHO - INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

Sigma Iota Rho is the national honor society in International Studies. SLU's chapter was newly established in 2013, but since 1984, the purpose of this organization has been to promote and reward scholarship and service among students and practitioners of international studies, international affairs, and global studies and to foster integrity and creative performance in the conduct of world affairs.

Graduates: **Sara Albarcha, Bridget Guerin, Matthew Lemberger, Thomas Morgan, Charles O'Leary, Ann Marie Razny and Benjamin Walsh**

SIGMA TAU DELTA - ENGLISH

Sigma Tau Delta is the national honorary society for students of English. A select organization open to both undergraduate and graduate students, Sigma Tau Delta recognizes significant scholastic accomplishment and seeks to provide a context in which students can find their interests in and enthusiasm for the study of English nurtured and stimulated.

Graduates: **Hope Abrams, Gabriella Caruso, Audrey Estep, Sophie Gloriod, Jane Hunter, Hayley Knapik, Christian Rickert, Allison Marietta, Nyla Nawab, Aileen O'Connor, Nathaniel Reyes, Richard Quay, Victoria Riordan, Valerie Rosqueta and Mariya Yasinovska**

PHI BETA KAPPA

Founded in 1776, the Phi Beta Kappa Society is the oldest honor society for the liberal arts and sciences in the United States. Phi Beta Kappa aims to promote and advocate excellence in the liberal arts and sciences. Invitations into Phi Beta Kappa are extended to members of the top 5% of the Junior class and the top 10% of the Senior class.

Graduates: **Bylan Bjorn, Sugandha Bollu, Gabriella Caruso, Sophie Crane, Danijela Doncevic, Avery Fenske, Bridget Guerin, Abigail Hericks, Vivian Kieffer, Ava Larson, Allison Marietta, Ashley Marietta, Erald Murati, Chloe Olliff, Shreya Patel, Sean Patterson, Christian Rickert and Madeline Shormas**

JAMES D. COLLINS AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN STUDENT ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

The College of Arts and Sciences annually presents the James D. Collins Awards for Excellence in Student Academic Achievement to recognize scholarship and creative achievements among undergraduate students. One student is chosen by faculty in each department and three programs of the college.

Graduates: **Grace Fatuga (African American Studies), Aileen O'Connor (American Studies), Sugandha Bollu (Biology), Carina Swonger (Catholic Studies), Lauren Hutchens (Communication), Hope Abrams (English), Rosslyn Garbarini (Forensic Science), Sophie Crane (Health Care Ethics), Chloë Olliff (History), Bridget Guerin (Languages, Literatures**

and Cultures), Kieran Favazza (Mathematics and Statistics), Kelci Crandall (Neuroscience), Christian Rickert (Philosophy), Benjamin Kemper (Political Science), Maryah Burrell (Psychology), Charlotte Gregg (Sociology and Anthropology), Sean Patterson (Theological Studies), Madeline Shormas (Visual and Performing Arts) and Emma Lercher (Women's and Gender Studies)

SPECIAL AWARD - AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDIES

THE KARLA SCOTT AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDIES This award, established in 2018, is presented to the graduating student(s) with the highest GPA in African American Studies.

Graduates: **Madysen Johnson and Clara Reyes**

SPECIAL AWARDS - AMERICAN STUDIES

THE KATE PETERSON AWARD honors SLU American Studies BA alumna Katherine (Kate) Peterson, who graduated in 2022 and passed away the following year. The award grants \$150 toward books or other supplies needed for American Studies courses or research projects. All majors and minors are eligible.

Graduate: **Aileen O'Connor**

SPECIAL AWARDS - BIOLOGY

THE MEDOFF TEACHING AWARD honors Judith Medoff, Ph.D., Professor 1973-2004.

Graduate: **JiYeon Nam**

THE KEATH RESEARCH AWARD

honors Elizabeth J. Keath, Ph.D., Professor 1990-2004.

Graduates: **Riley Luebbers and Natalie Walsh**

SPECIAL AWARDS - CATHOLIC STUDIES

CATHOLIC STUDIES SENIOR LEADERSHIP AWARD The St. Ignatius Loyola, SJ Leadership Award honors a student for building up the Catholic Studies community through leadership and organization.

Graduate: **Christian Rickert**

CATHOLIC STUDIES SENIOR LITURGY AWARD The St. John Berchmans, SJ Liturgy Award honors a student for edifying the Catholic Studies community through organizing liturgical worship.

Graduate: **Sean Patterson**

CATHOLIC STUDIES SENIOR SERVICE AWARD The St. Alphonsus Rodriguez, SJ Service Award honors a student for enriching the Catholic Studies community through regular acts of humble service.

Graduate: **Lauren Bowers**

SPECIAL AWARDS - COMMUNICATION

THE JOHNSTON AWARD is named in honor of the Rev. Robert A. Johnston, S.J., who was the first chairperson of the Department of Communication. It is an annual award given to the outstanding graduate of the department chosen by the faculty.

Graduates: **Anna Godlewski, Ryan Moore and Valerie Rosqueta**

UNDERGRADUATE HONOR SOCIETIES AND SPECIAL AWARDS

THE JOHN J. PAULY AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING STUDENT

ACHIEVEMENT honors graduating seniors who hope to put their communication education in the service of democracy. To be considered for this award, students must demonstrate academic excellence as well as interest in a career that enhances the quality of public life.

Graduates: **Nadia Abusoud, Ulaa Kuziez and Mary Schleuter**

AWARD FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

- **COMMUNICATION** This award is presented to graduating seniors in communication who achieve a grade point average of 3.5 or higher for all their course work at Saint Louis University.

Graduates: **Nadia Abusoud, Nathaniel Anderson, Eric Battle, Madison Baylor, Brennan Cairns, Ajla Civic, Rocio De La Rosa, Kiera Dunne, Sloane Egan, Marin Finnerty, Anna Godlewski, Katherine Hoerner, Lauren Hutchens, Reegan-Tate Johnson, Elizabeth Killion, Margaret Kimble, Ulla Kuziez, Claire Lyons, Daniel Martin, Ryan Moore, Amra Music, Callia Nutt, Faith Rauen, Lawson Redmon, Chloe Rhine, Valerie Rosqueta, Mary Schleuter, Isabella Smith, Caroline Sottoriva, Nia Stevenson, Agatha Thomas, Leah Thomas and Jane Topping**

SPECIAL AWARD - ECONOMICS

LEROY J. GROSSMAN OUTSTANDING STUDENT AWARD - ECONOMICS

Leroy J. Grossman, Ph.D., was a teacher and mentor of students, and a compassionate colleague to the faculty and staff of the

John Cook School of Business. In recognition of his service to the university community, the Department of Economics established the Leroy J. Grossman Outstanding Student Award. The award recognizes a graduating senior(s) majoring in economics whose dedication to scholarship and service best exemplifies Dr. Grossman's commitment to value-based teaching and learning.

Graduate: **Ashley Marietta**

SPECIAL AWARDS - ENGLISH

THE HELEN MANDEVILLE PRIZE IN ENGLISH STUDIES, presented annually by the English Department, recognizes the student judged by the English faculty as exhibiting excellence within the discipline of English / Literary Studies.

Graduate: **Gabriella Caruso**

THE ALBERT J. MONTESI ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FOR CREATIVE WORK is named for A. J. Montesi, a beloved emeritus professor in the Department of English. It is intended to celebrate the creative work of students at Saint Louis University.

Graduates: **Birch Fábregas, Aurora Hofius, Calla Truschel Jacobs and Fiona McNeill**

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Graduate: **Colten Biro**

SPECIAL AWARD - FORENSIC SCIENCE

FORENSIC SCIENCE OUTSTANDING STUDENT AWARD This award is given to a graduating forensic science student who has exemplary performance in the classroom as well as in roles serving the forensic science program.

Graduate: **Abby Hericks**

SPECIAL AWARD - HISTORY

PHI ALPHA THETA OUTSTANDING HISTORY STUDENT AWARD Phi Alpha Theta annually presents an Outstanding History Student Award in recognition of conspicuous attainments and scholarship in the field of history.

Graduate: **Chloë Olliff**

SPECIAL AWARD - NEUROSCIENCE PROGRAM

THE DR. WILLIAM S. STARK UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH AWARD was established in 2020 to recognize Emeritus Professor Stark's exemplary contributions to the Neuroscience program. The award honors a graduating neuroscience student who has demonstrated excellence in research.

Graduate: **Michael Riley Dyer**

SPECIAL AWARDS - POLITICAL SCIENCE AND INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

GRUEBER AWARD FOR CAMPUS GLOBALIZATION in honor of Johann Grueber, an early Jesuit of Saint Louis University. Awarded for their contribution to campus globalization.

Graduates: **Bridget Guerin and Diyadatt Seeryada**

THE TIMOTHY LOMPERIS AWARD

honors a former faculty member in Political Science and is given to a Political Science s International Studies student who, like the award's namesake, demonstrates academic excellence, a consistent effort to exceed stated expectations, concern for the education of the whole person, engagement with issues of contemporary relevance, and a commitment to treat others with respect and cordiality.

Graduate: **Riley Connelly, Hayden Turley (Honorable Mention)**

THE FATHER LOUIS BARTH, S.J.,

AWARD is given to Russian and East European Area Studies graduate who best has achieved interdisciplinary understanding of the former Soviet Union and Central and Eastern Europe. Fr. Barth founded the program in 1968, the first interdisciplinary program in Arts and Sciences, and for many years in the classroom, in administration, and through personal example he fostered knowledge and understanding of the region in the university and wider communities.

Graduate: **Benjamin Walsh**

SPECIAL AWARDS - SOCIOLOGY AND ANTHROPOLOGY

THE WILLIAM (BILL) J. MONAHAN AWARD is presented in honor of Dr. William J. Monahan, former faculty member. This award is presented to a senior student for their contribution to social action and service.

Graduate: **Grace Fatuga**

THE GISCIENCE AWARD is

presented to an undergraduate student that made a significant contribution in geospatial academic research or service to the Saint Louis University research community.

Graduate: **Ollie Schilling**

SPECIAL AWARDS - THEOLOGICAL STUDIES

THE SISTER MARY ANTONA EBO AWARD is given to a senior who has demonstrated excellence both in their academic work and in their commitment to promoting faith and justice in the spirit of the Gospels. Sister Mary Antona Ebo (1924–2017) gained national attention in 1965 when she marched with Martin Luther King, Jr., and other civil rights activists in Selma, Alabama. Her commitments to the pursuit of knowledge and the pursuit of justice in her life of faith guided her through decades of civil rights work, including service on the Human Rights Commission of the Archdiocese of St. Louis and work on the streets of Ferguson during the protests that followed the killing of Michael Brown.

Graduate: **Benjamin Kemper**

THE CLAUDE HEITHAUS, S.J. AWARD

is given to a senior who has demonstrated outstanding academic achievement and desire to pursue advanced study in theology or religion. Claude Heithaus, S.J., (1898–1976) joined SLU's faculty in 1930, and he gave a homily at College Church in 1944 calling for the integration of SLU, which had refused to admit Black students, including Black

Catholic students. Fr. Heithaus's homily advanced a theological argument for racial integration, demonstrating how the life of the mind constantly confronts the challenges of human experience and can meet those challenges with integrity and conviction.

Graduate: **Carina Swonger**

SPECIAL AWARDS - VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS

ART HISTORY: THE MAURICE B. MCNAMEE, S.J. AWARD is named in honor of Father McNamee, founder of the program in art history. This award is presented each year in recognition of outstanding achievement in Art History.

Graduate: **Karson Million**

MUSIC: THE ARION AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING GRADUATING SENIOR IN THE MUSIC PROGRAM Chosen by the full-time music faculty, the winner of this award exemplifies the highest attributes of a Saint Louis University graduate in the areas of scholarship, citizenship, leadership, and musicianship.

Graduate: **Isabella Smith**

STUDIO ART: THE MAURICE B.

MCNAMEE, S.J. AWARD is named in honor of Father McNamee, founder of the program in studio art. This award is presented each year in recognition of outstanding achievement in Studio Art.

Graduate: **Amari Moore**

UNDERGRADUATE HONOR SOCIETIES AND SPECIAL AWARDS

THEATRE: THE WAYNE LOUI AWARD

for Outstanding Senior in Theatre is presented annually in honor of Mr. Loui, former chair of the Department of Fine and Performing Arts.

Graduate: **Maddy Chatham**

SPECIAL AWARDS - WOMEN'S AND GENDER STUDIES

THE OUTSTANDING ACTIVISM AWARD recognizes student contributions to efforts for social change both within and beyond the university.

Graduate: **Ollie Schilling**

THE OUTSTANDING LOCAL ST. LOUIS ACTIVISM AWARD recognizes student contributions to efforts for social change in the St. Louis Community.

Graduate: **Levi Rosing**

UNIVERSITY HONORS PROGRAM

During all undergraduate years, University Honors Program students engage in demanding courses that require high-levels of academic inquiry and critical interdisciplinary thinking. The honors community represents a variety of colleges, majors, interests, and backgrounds. Students earning the University Honors Program indication on their transcripts have completed the honors curriculum and maintained a final cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher.

Graduates: **Sarah Abdel-Samad, Mary Margaret Bausch, Nicole Bergen, Shreya Bollu, Sugandha Bollu, Marisa Bugarin, Jamilyn Carpenter, Gabriella Caruso, Sean Cavanaugh, Aditya Chandu, Varenaya Chilukuri,**

Sophie Crane, Henry Davis, Danijela Doncevic, Michael Dyer, Abigail Frank, Anna Godlewski, Bridget Guerin, Abigail Hericks, Isha Kadakia, Kalina Kapetanovic, Elizabeth Kayser, Benjamin Kemper, Evan Lakhia, Ava Larson, Allison Marietta, Ashley Marietta, Anna Marlin, Imandi Mendis, Almedina Mrguda, Nyla Nawab, Chloe Olliff, Alexandra Peddie, Yennhi Phan, Christian Rickert, Enrique Riojas, Madeleine Robb, Valerie Rosqueta, Alexander Rozar, Emina Sakanovic, Ollie Schilling, Trenton Schultz, Diyadatt Seeryada, Elizabeth Skrobis, Carina Swonger, Hayden Turley

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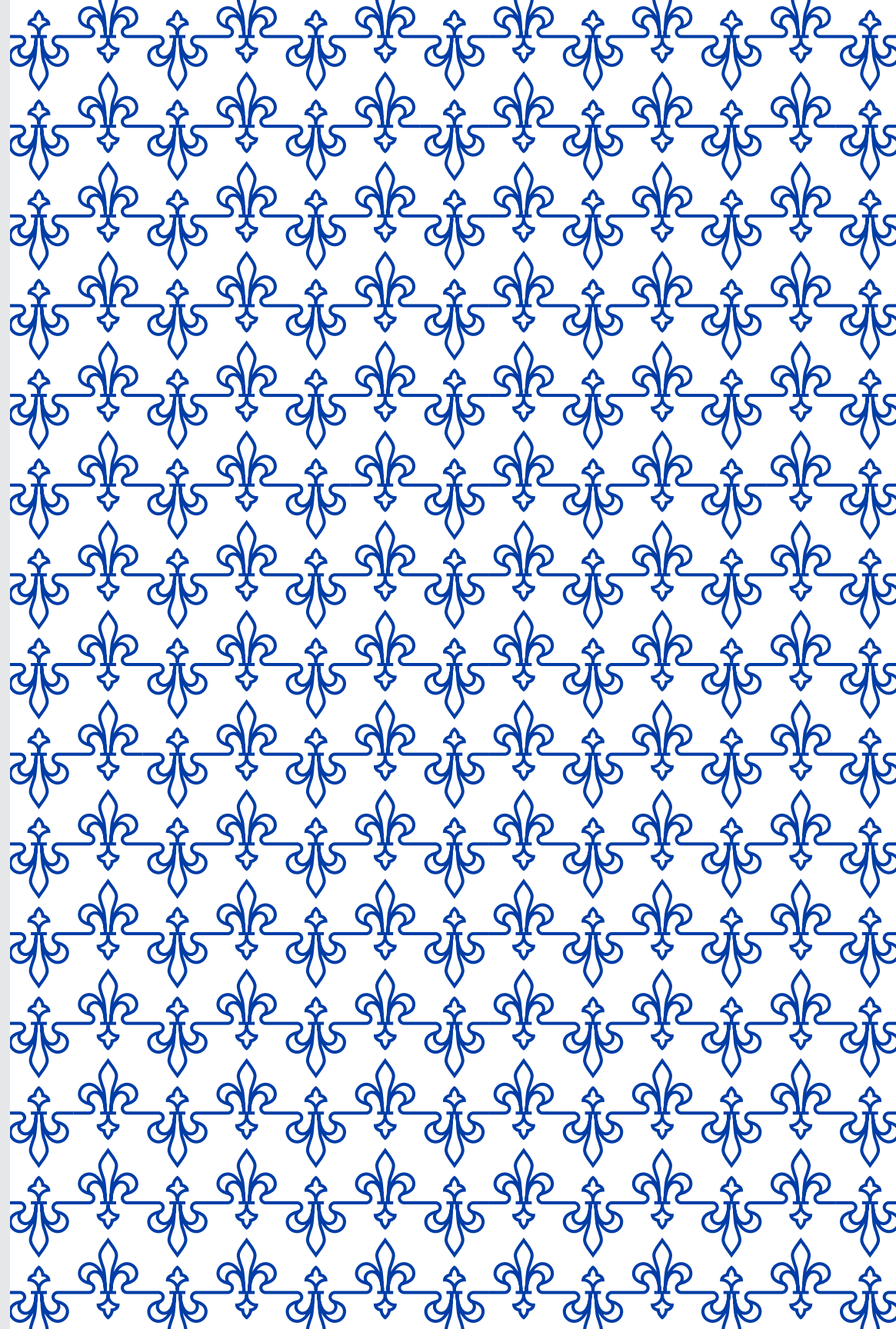
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