



SALVE REGINA UNIVERSITY

Graduate Commencement Exercises

May 5, 2022
3 p.m.
Newport, Rhode Island



The University Seal

1934

This seal depicts Our Lady of Mercy enclosed in a circle and standing before a cross. Around Our Lady's head is inscribed the motto: *Maria Spes Nostra*, Mary our Hope. On one side of the base is the lamp of wisdom, and on the other, the book of learning. This seal, according to the bylaws, shall be affixed to all official documents and decrees prepared by Salve Regina University.

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ADDRESS TO THE GRADUATES

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LAURA JOHNSON DAHLKE

“Not of Woman Born? Extra-Uterine Destining and the Individual, Social and Spiritual Implications of Ectogenesis”

AMANDA R. DARLING

“Machiavelli in Modernity: The Prince’s Continued Relevancy as Reflected in the Fall of Imperial Russia”

DONNA MARIE GAMACHE-GRIFFITHS

“Fundamentally Human: Creating a Response to Technological Unemployment based on the Papal Encyclicals”

LORI MICHELLE HAWKS

“A Handbook for Overwhelmed Educators in a Post-Trauma World: The Case for Incorporating the Expressive Arts into the High School ELA and Undergraduate Writing Classroom.”

LAUREL LUISE KING

“The Algorithm Did It: Legal Responsibility and the Regulation of Artificial Intelligence”

Doctor of Philosophy

KEVIN J. MCDONALD

“Designing a Curriculum for Addressing Human Enhancement and Transhumanism”

ERIN ELIZABETH MEEHAN

“Dervish the Oral Poetry Doctor in Somalia: A Study at a Semiotic Chora”

JOSE GABRIEL PEREZ

“The Monster in Our Midst: Society’s Perception of Convicted Felons”

TATEN COLEMAN SHIRLEY

“The Industrial Brontës: Advocates for Women in a Turbulent Age”

ROBIN ANN SMITH

“Acculturation Strategies of Cold War and Post-Soviet Russian Immigrants in the United States”

JOSEPH ROBERT UPTON

“Thomas Aquinas, Defensor Hominis Integralis: The Enduring Relevance of Thomist Anthropology in a Technological Age”

Doctor of Nursing Practice

ANGELICA MUSCATELLI

“The Implementation of Screening Pediatric Patients Ages 8-11 for Depression with a Screening Tool in the Outpatient Setting”

REBECCA SOUZA

“Teamwork: The Strongest Virtue in Hospice”

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Academic Regalia

When universities were taking form in the twelfth and thirteenth centuries, they were under the jurisdiction of the Church. Most of those studying were clerks in Holy Orders, monks, or priests. They wore a habit or cloak, to which was attached a cowl or hood. This could be pulled up over the head or thrown back, according to the weather. Gowns were necessary for warmth in the unheated buildings, and hoods served to cover the tonsured head before the use of the skull cap.

Today, the academic costume of cap, gown and hood has taken on a symbolic meaning. Colors and shapes conform to a generally accepted code and indicate the faculty conferring the degree and the kind of degree conferred. Gowns for the bachelor's degree are worn closed and are distinguished by their long, pointed sleeves. Master's degree gowns are designed to be worn open. They have very long sleeves, oblong in shape. Gowns for the doctoral degree, usually black, are also designed to be worn open and have velvet panels. Three velvet bars are stitched to the upper part of the full, bell-shaped sleeves.

Hoods are trimmed with a slim strip of velvet to indicate the specific faculty awarding the degree. The colored lining is the official color of the institution conferring the degree. Hoods may be trimmed to represent the following academic areas:

Arts, Letters, Humanities.....	White
Business Administration	Light Brown
Education.....	Light Blue
Fine Arts.....	Brown
Musical Arts	Pink
Nursing.....	Apricot
Philosophy	Dark Blue
Science	Golden Yellow
Theology.....	Scarlet

Music

Salve Regina University Brass Quintet

The Mace

The mace and its bearer represent a custom that dates back to the Middle Ages. From the sixteenth century in England and since colonial days in America, it has become a symbol of office carried by the procession leader. In the academic world, the mace signifies teaching authority.

The Salve Regina University mace was designed by Rhode Island sculptor Paul A. Cavanagh as an octagonal, formalized flower. The staff of ebony represents *lignum vitae* — the tree of life. A circle of eight rigid geometric forms of silver, peaked with pyramids of lapis lazuli, are representative of the Virtues. The Intellectual and Moral Virtues enable one to lead a fruitful and good life. The extending leaves of blossom deriving from the silver forms are symbolic of one's development in the world. An inner circle of leaves, in close embrace with the central form, and pistil-like cruciform with crown, suggest one's development in love of Christ and the cross.

The President's Medallion

The sterling silver medallion worn by the University President at all formal academic functions symbolizes the leadership and authority of the institution's highest office.

Handcrafted by John Cavanagh, the design is based on the University shield, which symbolizes the commitment of the Sisters of Mercy to Salve Regina University, the dedication to learning by all members of the Salve Regina community, and the unending search for wisdom that flows from the knowledge of the liberal scholar. Each link of the chain is a "Mercy Cross," with a crown superimposed over the face of each cross.

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Hail, Holy Queen enthroned above, O Maria!

Hail Mother of mercy and of love, O Maria!

Triumph all ye Cherubim, Sing with us ye Seraphim,

Heav'n and earth resound the hymn:

Salve, Salve, Salve, Regina!

Our life, our sweetness here below, O Maria!

Our hope in sorrow and in woe, O Maria!

Triumph all ye Cherubim, Sing with us ye Seraphim,

Heav'n and earth resound the hymn:

Salve, Salve, Salve, Regina!

