Graduate Commencement Exercises

May 17, 2018
3:00 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.
Academic Procession

CHIEF MARSHAL

FLAG BEARERS

DEGREE CANDIDATES

Doctor of Philosophy

Master of Arts

Master of Science

Master of Business Administration

GRADUATE KEYNOTE SPEAKER

FACULTY

PRESIDENT’S MARSHAL

PRESIDENT’S PARTY

Graduate Program Directors

Administrators

Members of the Board of Trustees

President
Order of Exercises

PROCESSIONAL

MASTER OF CEREMONIES
J. David Arnold, Ph.D.
Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

INVOCATION
Ms. Amy Cady
Campus Minister, Mercy Center for Spiritual Life

UNIVERSITY HYMN
Salve Regina

ADDRESS TO THE GRADUATES
Giuliana F. Sandonato, M.S.
Class of 2018

MESSAGE TO THE GRADUATES
Jane Gerety, RSM, Ph.D.
President of the University

AUTHORIZATION OF DEGREES
Janet L. Robinson
Chairman of the Board of Trustees

CONFERRING OF DEGREES
Jane Gerety, RSM, Ph.D.
President of the University

THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION INDUCTION
Dr. Gerald Willis
Director of Alumni and Parent Programs

RECESSIONAL
Doctor of Philosophy

ALI AL ABRI
“Security Challenges to Oman’s Religious Tolerance and Balanced Foreign Policy: An Analysis of Countering Violent Extremism (CVE)”

ALBERT R. ANTOSCA
“Singularitarianism and the New Millennium: Techno-theology in the Transhumanist Age of Re-enchantment”

CHERYL ANN BAILEY
“Through the Lens of Accelerationist Utopia: The Critical Role of Science Fiction in the Transition to a Post-Capitalist World in Kim Stanley Robinson’s Mars Trilogy”

CHELSEA PAIGE BUFFINGTON
“TechnoHumanity: Films as a Lens for Examining How Humans and Technology Co-Shape the World”

MICHAEL JUNGE

RYAN MATTHEW MARNANE
“Consider the Audiobook, or The Hermeneutics of Close Listening: Literary Sound Studies, Critical Theory, and David Foster Wallace’s Literary Journalism”

TODD JAMES MELE
“Marx’s Materialist Sociology of Knowledge: Colliding Empirical Frameworks of Consciousness”
Doctor of Philosophy

BERYL S. POWELL
“Networks of Survival in Kinshasa, Mumbai, Detroit, and Comparison Cities: an Empirical Perspective”

NORAH LYNN SCHNEIDER

MICHAEL LESTER SCULLY
“The Digital Incunabula: The Future of Storytelling in the Digital Age”

LAMONT A. SLATER
“The Namibian Genocide: Reframing the Conflict to Explore Intercultural Connectivity, Inclusiveness and Accurate Memorialization”

DONALD JOSEPH THIEME, II
“The Nation-State and Biopower: Impacts on Individuals, Empowerment, and the Limitations of Liberty”

GARY VASPOL
“Abiding the Postmodern World: An Ethical, Existential, and Cinematographic Examination of The Big Lebowski”
Master of Arts

MOHammed Sharaf Al-Fasih
International Relations

MOIEN ABDALLAH AHMAD
ALGHUWAIRIN
International Relations

Jacqueline Marie Allee
International Relations

Adil Mahfoodh Salim Alnaimi
International Relations

Christina Maria Battista
Rehabilitation Counseling

Amy K. Bayer
Applied Behavior Analysis

Chelsea Jane Beaulieu
International Relations

Pascal Laurent Belhumeur
International Relations

Karen Hancock Camp
Holistic Counseling

Jessica-Patrice Dorsey Coulter
Holistic Counseling

Justin David Cox
Applied Behavior Analysis

Tiarra Shafer Cupp
Applied Behavior Analysis

Alyssa C. Doner
Rehabilitation Counseling

Alexandra Stephanie Ellis
Holistic Counseling

Tracy Louise Folan-Skurka
Humanities

Jennifer Lynn Forgit
Applied Behavior Analysis

Lia Teresa Gambardella
Applied Behavior Analysis

Erin Jean Mancini-Geer
Holistic Counseling

Terace E. Genest
Applied Behavior Analysis

Cindy M. Gonzalez
Holistic Counseling

Yana Grigoryeva
Applied Behavior Analysis

Kelly Cabral Hagerstrom
Holistic Counseling

Tetsuya Higashikawa
International Relations

Alexander James Hoglund
Applied Behavior Analysis

Danalyn Holdredge
Applied Behavior Analysis
## Master of Arts

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Degree</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>STEVEN L. HUCKLEBERRY</td>
<td>International Relations</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>BENJAMIN RYAN JACK</td>
<td>Applied Behavior Analysis</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ELIZABETH KELLEY JANICK</td>
<td>Applied Behavior Analysis</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>REBECCA LYNNE JENDZEJEC</td>
<td>Applied Behavior Analysis</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ABRAHAM ERNESTO JORGE BATISTA</td>
<td>International Relations</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ALLISON BETHANY KINOIAN</td>
<td>Applied Behavior Analysis</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SAMANTHA L. KNIGHT</td>
<td>Holistic Counseling</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>KELSEY LARAMEE</td>
<td>Applied Behavior Analysis</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DEBRA A. LEANDER</td>
<td>Holistic Counseling</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>KELLY D. LEIGHTON</td>
<td>International Relations</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CHRISTA M. LINDSAY</td>
<td>International Relations</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>JULIETTE HANNAH LONGVALL</td>
<td>Applied Behavior Analysis</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SUSAN L. MCCORMACK</td>
<td>Rehabilitation Counseling</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>JUNTA NAKASHIMA</td>
<td>International Relations</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>AMIRAH R. NELSON</td>
<td>Holistic Counseling</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TAHIR STANLEY NGADA</td>
<td>International Relations</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>BROOKE ASHLEY O’GARA</td>
<td>Rehabilitation Counseling</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PAVLOS PANAGIOTOPoulos</td>
<td>International Relations</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>JESSE D. PERRIN</td>
<td>Applied Behavior Analysis</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>JESSICA LYN PLANTE</td>
<td>Applied Behavior Analysis</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DANIEL PLASENCIA NAVEDA</td>
<td>International Relations</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DAVID RENZI</td>
<td>Holistic Counseling</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TAYLOR KATHLEEN RICKER</td>
<td>Applied Behavior Analysis</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MANUEL ANTONIO ROBIOU</td>
<td>International Relations</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>GAMELL SYMONDS ROBLES</td>
<td>Rehabilitation Counseling</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MAGEN LYNNE ROCCAFORTE</td>
<td>International Relations</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Master of Arts

JUAN CARLOS ROMAY
International Relations

MELISSA CARLA ROSSKOTHAN
Applied Behavior Analysis

CAMERON M. SHALKOWSKI
Applied Behavior Analysis

TOBIAS SÖDERBLOM
International Relations

CONNIE STIEN
International Relations

STANLEY MAZI CHUKWUEMEKA UMEH
International Relations

CODY RAY VOLPE
Rehabilitation Counseling

KEVIN A. WEBSTER
International Relations

CHRISTINA T. SOUZA
Applied Behavior Analysis
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Title</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Master of Science</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>FEYIKEMI ADERONKE AGBOOLA</td>
<td>Health Care Administration and Management</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MONIQUE LAFORCE ALBERTS</td>
<td>Innovation and Strategic Management</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>BANDAR MITIQ ALENAZI</td>
<td>Administration of Justice and Homeland Security</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>JARED J. ANDREWS</td>
<td>Administration of Justice and Homeland Security</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>GRAIG ROBERT ANGARELLA</td>
<td>Administration of Justice and Homeland Security</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NICHOLAS JOHN BATES</td>
<td>Administration of Justice and Homeland Security</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ALISON TAYLOR BETTENCOURT</td>
<td>Health Care Administration and Management</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MELINDA A. BETTENCOURT</td>
<td>Health Care Administration and Management</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>KATHRYN L. BILLINGS</td>
<td>Nursing</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>KIMBERLY M. BISSELL</td>
<td>Nursing</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CORY MATTHEW BLANKMEYER</td>
<td>Administration of Justice and Homeland Security</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ALYSSA BOTTOO</td>
<td>Health Care Administration and Management</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TIMOTHY PATRICK BRADY</td>
<td>Administration of Justice and Homeland Security</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ANTHONY WILLIAM BRENNAN</td>
<td>Administration of Justice and Homeland Security</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ALEXANDRA JOY BRODEUR</td>
<td>Administration of Justice and Homeland Security</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>KELSEY ANNE BROWN</td>
<td>Health Care Administration and Management</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ALYSSA LYN BRUNO</td>
<td>Health Care Administration and Management</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>VERNON ALBERT ELDON BURNETT</td>
<td>Administration of Justice and Homeland Security</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>KIMBERLY ANNE CAPLIK</td>
<td>Administration of Justice and Homeland Security</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Master of Science

CHRISTOPHER WILLIAM CARON
Health Care Administration and Management

SUZANNE ELIZABETH CARSON
Health Care Administration and Management

STACEY D. CARTER
Innovation and Strategic Management

INGRID DANIELA CASTRO
Health Care Administration and Management

JOHN PAUL CERRA
Administration of Justice and Homeland Security

JAMIE LYNN CALOURO
Administration of Justice and Homeland Security

MARY HELENE CHAPLIN
Health Care Administration and Management

JILLIAN P. CLIFFORD
Nursing

AMANDA LYNNE COLAFRANCESCO
Administration of Justice and Homeland Security

ALFRED ARTHUR COOKE, III
Administration of Justice and Homeland Security

RACHEL SUZANNE CORREIA
Health Care Administration and Management

THOMAS R. COULOMBE
Administration of Justice and Homeland Security

DANIELLE A. CROWELL
Nursing

JOSEPH PATRICK CUCCIA
Administration of Justice and Homeland Security

ROBERT JAMES CUCCIA
Administration of Justice and Homeland Security

MICHAEL CUDJOE
Administration of Justice and Homeland Security

ALEXANDRA DEANNE CURTIS
Administration of Justice and Homeland Security

ANNA-MARIE HRIPSIME DANAYAN
Health Care Administration and Management

TIFFANY ELYSE DAVILA
Administration of Justice and Homeland Security

MARGARET M. DUNPHY
Health Care Administration and Management
Master of Science

MANUEL ENRIQUE FACHIN MESTANZA  
Innovation and Strategic Management

MARK ANTHONY FANELLA  
Administration of Justice and Homeland Security

MADILIN GRACE GATES  
Health Care Administration and Management

GIANNA MARIE GERACE  
Innovation and Strategic Management

ELYSE M. GOODMAN  
Administration of Justice and Homeland Security

MELISSA O. GOSSET  
Nursing

JOSHUA PAUL GRAY  
Innovation and Strategic Management

LINDSAY JOY HECKMANN  
Health Care Administration and Management

MARY-ELLEN JENKINS  
Health Care Administration and Management

CLAUDIA M. JIMENEZ  
Innovation and Strategic Management

KEVIN JAMES JOHNSTON II  
Administration of Justice and Homeland Security

RUTH T. JOSEPH  
Nursing

STEVEN F. JUCHNIK  
Health Care Administration and Management

KATERYNA O. KOVALENKO  
Administration of Justice and Homeland Security

DANIEL JAMES LABRIE  
Administration of Justice and Homeland Security

KATHLEEN KERR LAVOIE  
Health Care Administration and Management

JAMES JOHN LEBEAU  
Administration of Justice and Homeland Security

ALEXANDER F. LEDDY  
Administration of Justice and Homeland Security

ANDREW JOHN LEDDY  
Administration of Justice and Homeland Security

DUARTE BORGES LOE  
Innovation and Strategic Management
LUSANGA BASILE LUSANGA  
Administration of Justice and Homeland Security

DIANE MEDEIROS  
Health Care Administration and Management

CASSIDY PAIGE LYNCH  
Administration of Justice and Homeland Security

VINCENT JAMES MONTI  
Administration of Justice and Homeland Security

ALYSSA GRACE LYONS  
Health Care Administration and Management

ELYSE RENAE NASSAR  
Innovation and Strategic Management

JESSICA LYNN MACIEL  
Health Care Administration and Management

RACHEL M. NOURSE  
Health Care Administration and Management

MARISSA ANNE MACIEL  
Health Care Administration and Management

STEFANIE LYNN PAOLINO  
Health Care Administration and Management

MICHAEL P. MARSHALL  
Administration of Justice and Homeland Security

MICHAELA ELIZABETH PERRY  
Health Care Administration and Management

MATTHEW T. MASCARI  
Innovation and Strategic Management

CHRISTOPHER J. PIACITELLI  
Administration of Justice and Homeland Security

DAVID PATRICK MAVILA  
Administration of Justice and Homeland Security

JONATHAN J. QUARANTO  
Administration of Justice and Homeland Security

NICOLE ANN MCGOVERN  
Administration of Justice and Homeland Security

BENJAMIN JOHN QUINN  
Health Care Administration and Management

ALLYSSA RAE MEDEIROS  
Administration of Justice and Homeland Security

ANDREINA REYES  
Administration of Justice and Homeland Security
Master of Science

ELIZABETH F. RIGBY
Health Care Administration and Management

SEAN WILLIAM STEWART
Innovation and Strategic Management

RYAN ROSA
Administration of Justice and Homeland Security

BENJAMIN ROSS TETSCHNER
Administration of Justice and Homeland Security

COLLEEN HARRINGTON RUSSO
Innovation and Strategic Management

ERIC B. TORRES
Innovation and Strategic Management

GIULIANA FRANCESCA SANDONATO
Administration of Justice and Homeland Security

DEBRA ANN VENANCIO
Health Care Administration and Management

ANGELO G. SCUDERI
Administration of Justice and Homeland Security

BRUNO M. VENTURA
Administration of Justice and Homeland Security

DANIEL ANGELO SERINA
Administration of Justice and Homeland Security

ROBERT SALVATORE VOLLE
Administration of Justice and Homeland Security

ALBERTO SERMINI
Administration of Justice and Homeland Security

COLE BRIAN WAGNER
Administration of Justice and Homeland Security

KARIMAH S. SHEFFIELD
Innovation and Strategic Management

NANCY NJIE WESCOTT
Health Care Administration and Management

PATRICK H. SMITH
Administration of Justice and Homeland Security

PRIYA SHARMA YADAV
Health Care Administration and Management

ALEX MICHAEL STAFSTROM
Administration of Justice and Homeland Security
Master of Business Administration

ALLISON THERESA ABGRAB
Business Administration

MICHAEL W. ALMONTE
Business Administration

EMILY YING BARKAN
Business Administration

KAITLIN MARIE BOVE
Business Administration

JOHN DAVID CABRAL
Business Administration

PAULA M. CARVALHO
Business Administration

SHANNON MARY ELLEN CURRAN
Business Administration

ALEXANDRA ROSE D’AGOSTINO
Business Administration

RITA ANNE DEL RIOS
Business Administration

ALEXANDER PATRICK DEVINE
Business Administration

AUDREY LYNN DUKEHART
Business Administration

SCOTT JENNINGS EVANS
Business Administration

ALEXA NICOLE FANELLA
Business Administration

SHERRI LYNN FELD
Business Administration

NICOLLETTE ANNE FERNANDEZ
Business Administration

HANNAH RYAN FOSSETT
Business Administration

MONIQUE C. GOURDINE-SHAW
Business Administration

NICOLE M. GROSSER
Business Administration

ALBERTO GUERRERO
Business Administration

SEAN P. HEALY
Business Administration

HEATHER MARIE HIGGINS
Business Administration

SEAN M. HOBBS
Business Administration

OLIVIA CLAIRE HOSCH
Business Administration

VANESSA ANNE ITEN
Business Administration

KARA ANNE KAUFMAN
Business Administration

CHRISTOPHER JOSEPH KELLEY
Business Administration
CATHREINE ELEANOR KETTER  
Business Administration

JOSEPH JAMES PATE  
Business Administration

FRANCIS CAMERON LEMIEUX  
Business Administration

GINA M. PAULO  
Business Administration

MARK STEPHEN MARINO, JR.  
Business Administration

ARIANA FERRARA PUOPOLO  
Business Administration

BRIAN MARTINS  
Business Administration

SYDNEY ANNE ROBINSON  
Business Administration

AARON AMILCAR CABRAL MATTEOS  
Business Administration

PETER FRANCIS ROCHA  
Business Administration

ABIGAIL ELIZABETH MCBRIDE  
Business Administration

EMMA ROSE RUSSELL  
Business Administration

MORGAN ELIZABETH MCHALE  
Business Administration

REGINE SEVERE  
Business Administration

COURTNEY PHELPS MCMORROW  
Business Administration

KAYLA ANN TOLMAN  
Business Administration

ZACHARY JOSEPH MICCICHE  
Business Administration

GINAMARIE TONINI  
Business Administration

DAISUKE NAKAGAWA  
Business Administration

BRANDON KENT VAN VLACK  
Business Administration

ELYSE R. NASSAR  
Business Administration

ANGEL M. WILLIAMS  
Business Administration

FLORENCE NORCEUS  
Business Administration

ANTHONY VAUGHN WILSON  
Business Administration

CHRISTOPHER MANUEL NOVA  
Business Administration

BRITTANY MARIE WITHERS  
Business Administration

ALLISON MARGARET PAGANI  
Business Administration

JOSEPH B. YEADON  
Business Administration
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
- Philosophy .............................. Dark Blue
- Science ................................. Golden Yellow
- Theology ............................... Scarlet

**Music**

**SALVE REGINA FACULTY BRASS QUINTET**

Craig Shadday, _director_
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.
Board of Trustees

Victoria M. Almeida '73, Esq., DM
  David G. Bazarsky
  Lily H. Bentas '06 (Hon.)
Norman R. Beretta '04 (Hon.)
  Christopher L. Carney '90
  John J. Coneys
  Peter Crowley
  Mary Ann Dillon, RSM
Jane Gerety, RSM, President
  Edward O. Handy III
  Christine Kavanagh, RSM
  Marie J. Langlois
Gloria L. Lincourt '01 (Hon.), Emerita
  Elliot E. Maxwell
  Bernard F. McKay
  Michael E. McMahon
  Sarah Rodgers McNeill
  Robert P. Moran, Jr. '86
  Cheryl Mrozowski '70
Marypatricia Murphy, RSM, '62
  David W. Nelson
  J. Timothy O'Reilly '15 (Hon.)
  Paul A. Perrault
Janet L. Robinson '72, '98 (Hon.), Chairman
  Thomas Rodgers IV
  Denice M. Spero
  Michael A. Staff '94
  Julia A. Upton, RSM
  Kathleen B. Walgreen
  Kenneth R. Walker, Sr.
Salve Regina

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!