THE UNIVERSITY OF SCRANTON

Graduate Commencement Ceremony

Sunday, May 19, 2024

Mohegan Sun Arena at Casey Plaza
The Academic Procession

Grand Marshal and Mace Bearer

Gretchen J. Van Dyke, Ph.D.

Massed Colors and Honor Guard

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Vanessa A. Jensen, Ed.D.
Nicholas B. Sizemore, Ph.D.

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Teresa A. Grettano, Ph.D.

The Faculty

The Administrative and Professional Staff

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Marshal of the Corporation

Mark Murphy, BSEE

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Rev. Joseph G. Marina, S.J.
Program

Processional: *Sine Nomine* .................................................. Ralph Vaughan Williams (arr. Reed)

Welcome .................................................................................. Michelle Maldonado, Ph.D.

*Provost & Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs*

Invocation .................................................................................. Mark Higgins, Ph.D.

*Dean, Kania School of Management*

*The Star Spangled Banner* ....................................................... *arr.* Vaclav Nelhybel, H’85

Class Speaker .............................................................................. Samantha Rose Bobinski

Greetings from the Alumni Society ............................................. Paul DiPietrantonio ’97

*Alumni Society President*

**Confering of the Degrees in Course**

Rev. Joseph G. Marina, S.J., *President of the University*

**Presentation of the Candidates**

In The Panuska College of Professional Studies ........................... Victoria H. Castellanos, Ph.D., *Dean*

In The Kania School of Management ............................................. Mark Higgins, Ph.D., *Dean*

In The College of Arts and Sciences ............................................ David J. Dzurec, Ph.D., *Interim Dean*

**Distribution of Diplomas**

Rev. Joseph G. Marina, S.J., *President of the University*


*President of the University*

Benediction .................................................................................. Lori A. Bruch, Ed.D.

*Associate Professor, Counseling & Human Services Department*

*The University of Scranton Alma Mater* ................................. Edward Gannon, S.J., Kathleen Fisher, Ph.D. ’80

*(arr. Nelhybel, Boga)*

Recessional: March (from “Second Suite in F”) .............................. Gustav Holst

Music provided by The University of Scranton Concert Band and Singers

*As a courtesy to our graduates, we ask you to please silence all devices during the ceremony.*
Doctor of Nursing Practice

Deborah Adwoa Antwih  
Nurse Anesthesia

Toni Baran  
Nurse Anesthesia

William Michael Bianco  
Nurse Anesthesia

Gabriel John Bigatel  
Nurse Anesthesia

Graham James Bigsby  
Nurse Anesthesia

Kevin Constantinescu  
Nurse Anesthesia

Aaron J. Crowell  
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Vincent C. David  
Nurse Anesthesia

Kelsey Ann Davis  
Nurse Anesthesia

Elijah John Emmons  
Nurse Anesthesia

Rolando S. Flores, Jr.  
Nurse Anesthesia

Umih Iskhakov  
Nurse Anesthesia

Starr Shalae Jackson  
Nurse Anesthesia

Boris Lukatskiy  
Nurse Anesthesia

Raza Waqar Mian  
Nurse Anesthesia

Calvin Ngo  
Nurse Anesthesia

Tess Ayn Nidetch  
Nurse Anesthesia

Isaac Osei-Wusu  
Nurse Anesthesia

Arthur J. Price  
Nursing Practice

Nelson Jose Ramos  
Nurse Anesthesia

Erik L. Steffens  
Nurse Anesthesia

Samantha Lina Valle  
Nurse Anesthesia

Meghan Rachael Visalli  
Nurse Anesthesia

Jeff Yalun  
Nurse Anesthesia

Doctoral degree recipients will be hooded by Mary Jane K. DiMattio, Ph.D., R.N., Professor, Department of Nursing, and Ann Culp, DNP, CRNA, Faculty Specialist, Department of Nursing.

Doctor of Physical Therapy

John-Paolo Bacareza Barcinas  
Physical Therapy

Alexander Bracken  
Physical Therapy

Lauren Grace Colella  
Physical Therapy

Sarah E. Coulson  
Physical Therapy

Connor J. Coyle  
Physical Therapy

Nicholas Daly  
Physical Therapy

Benjamin P. DeTrempe  
Physical Therapy

Haley M. Donoghue  
Physical Therapy

Adrianna N. Duranti  
Physical Therapy

Colleen E. Gaffney  
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Gina Marie Garatino  
Physical Therapy

Shannon M. Gill  
Physical Therapy

Brian W. Harrison  
Physical Therapy

Jack J. Iannucci  
Physical Therapy

Matthew R. Kinback  
Physical Therapy

William E. Laughlin  
Physical Therapy

Dylan David LeVan  
Physical Therapy

Veronica Catherine Lenox  
Physical Therapy
Doctor of Physical Therapy, continued

Alexis Nicoletta Long  
Physical Therapy

Claudia M. Mattes  
Physical Therapy

Megan E. McDermott  
Physical Therapy

Nicholas M. Mohr  
Physical Therapy

Matthew Moran  
Physical Therapy

John P. Mulligan  
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Andrew J. Murray  
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Bridget Mairead Neal  
Physical Therapy

Erin N. O’Shaughnessy  
Physical Therapy

Kyra Z. O’Toole  
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Valeria Oshepkova  
Physical Therapy

Alexis G. Pagonis  
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Nicole Parello  
Physical Therapy

Ashna B. Patel  
Physical Therapy

Stefan Rudolf Pinkston  
Physical Therapy

Collin D. Purdy  
Physical Therapy

Michele Felice Rovaris  
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Pamela K. Sbarra  
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Brooke L. Thomson  
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Samuel C. Torres  
Physical Therapy

Baylee H. Turetzky  
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Sydney M. Walters  
Physical Therapy

Carley Cecelia Wiseman  
Physical Therapy

Doctoral degree recipients will be hooded by Renée M. Hakim, PT, Ph.D., Professor, Department of Physical Therapy.

Master of Health Administration

Scarlet Jane Alexander  
Health Administration

Bethann Cancelliere  
Health Administration

Shaelin M. de Wit  
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Prabhleen Anand  
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Cecily Rose Carlson  
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Gianna Dominick  
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Danielle E. Basch  
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Jayson Alexander Carr  
Health Informatics

Lorraine Failla  
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John Paolo S. Bigalbal  
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Fatima Chaudhry  
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Rutu Sanjaykumar Gandhi  
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Dominic A. Dait  
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Leela Victoria Geeter  
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Mary Christine Burke  
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Jackson M. Danzig  
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Judith A. Deemer  
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Family Nurse Practitioner

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Kania School of Management

Doctor of Philosophy

Samantha Fazzio Falgout
Accounting

Lisa Suzanne Haylon
Accounting

Doctoral degree recipients will be hooded by Dr. James F. Boyle, DBA, CPA, Associate Professor, Department of Accounting.

Master of Accountancy

Zach T. Adams
Forensic Accounting

Wateen Yousef I Alhatlani
Accountancy

Christopher J. Bauer
Forensic Accounting

Alyson Marie Benzenhafer
Accountancy

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Accountancy

Matthew Clemow
Forensic Accounting

Michael N. DiGiovine
Accountancy

Francesca Di Maggio
Accountancy

Justin Calabrese Dunn
Forensic Accounting

Nevin Fernandes
Accounting Analytics

Emma G. FitzPatrick
Accountancy

Patrick T. Fitzsimmons
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Justin Mario Galli
Accountancy

Alexander Michael Greene
Accountancy

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Forensic Accounting

Charles R. Hansen
Accountancy

Daren Joseph Hel mold
Accountancy

Rincy Jacob
Forensic Accounting

Rajesh Jannu
Accounting Analytics

George Patrick Jenkins
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Price Ivor Jones
Accounting Analytics

Siva Mohan Kodali
Accounting Analytics

Stefan Robert Kolkka
Accountancy

Yukta Lnu
Forensic Accounting

Nadia Mack
Accountancy

Annalisa Marie Mechanick
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Alessa Morgan
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Grace Anamaria Mumaw
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Meghan E. Munkirs
Accountancy

Swapna Nagu
Accounting Analytics

Kara Jean O’Boyle
Forensic Accounting

Benjamin Walter Olszewski
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Pujan V. Patel
Accountancy

Zachery Pennington
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Meera Prajith
Accounting Analytics

Emily T. Pryor
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Ryan A. Rampersaud
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William John Raslowsky
Accountancy
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Daniella M. Savaglio-Rodriguez  
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Sindura Swarna  
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Jeffrey Thomas Bartel  
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Andrew J. Betz  
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Healthcare Management/Master of Health Administration/Health Administration

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Christopher Steven Consoli  
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**PANUSKA COLLEGE OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES**

**Doctor of Nursing Practice**
- Elijah John Emmons  
  Nurse Anesthesia

**Doctor of Physical Therapy**
- Nicholas M. Mohr  
  Physical Therapy

**Master of Health Administration**
- Scarlet Jane Alexander  
  Health Administration

**Master of Science**
- Sybil A. Keris  
  Human Resources Management
- Joseph Timothy O’Driscoll  
  Clinical Rehabilitation Counseling
- Jessica L. Opsal  
  Occupational Therapy
- Susan M. Pool  
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**KANIA SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT**

**Doctor of Philosophy**
- Lisa Suzanne Haylon  
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**Master of Accountancy**
- Emma R. Boyle  
  Accountancy
- Nevin Fernandes  
  Accounting Analytics
- Nicole Hope Weinstein  
  Forensic Accounting

**Master of Business Administration**
- Ryan Patrick Bella  
  Business Analytics
- Neil Edward Berezuik  
  Finance

**Master of Science**
- Joseph C. Beyrent  
  Management Information Systems
- Christopher Steven Consoli  
  Accounting
- Nicholas M. Consoli  
  Accounting
- Timothy C. Drake  
  International Business
- Katarina Hlinka  
  Human Resources
- Joveena Joy Raja  
  Marketing
- Doris H. Knox  
  Enterprise Resource Planning
- Reed Michael Steinbauer  
  Healthcare Management

**COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES**

**Master of Science**
- Natalie A. Edwards  
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- Andrea E. Filachek  
  Special Education
- Timothy A. Gallagher  
  Software Engineering
- Giovanni Gunawan  
  Biochemistry
- James M. Lanning  
  Chemistry
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  Cybercrime Investigation and Cybersecurity
- Pravalika Thadapaneni  
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Deborah Adwoa Antwih  
Mentors: Ann Culp, CRNA, DNP, Neal Carey, CRNA, M.S.N.  
“Accurate Recognition and Management of Suspected Local Anesthetic Systemic Toxicity of a Patient Undergoing ORIF of a Right Femur Fracture: A Case Study”

Toni Baran  
Mentors: Ann Culp, CRNA, DNP, Lynda Jakubco, CRNA, M.S.  
“Case Management During Power Failure in The Operating Room”

John-Paolo Bacareza Barcinas  
Mentor: Lori M. Walton, PT, DPT, Ph.D.  
“Creative Movement Therapy Impact on Mental and Physical Health Outcomes for Refugees Living with Trauma: A Systematic Review”

William Michael Bianco  
Mentors: Ann Culp, CRNA, DNP, Melody Schaal, CRNA, DNP  

Gabriel John Bigatel  
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“Opioid-Free Total Intravenous Anesthesia for Morbidly Obese Patient Undergoing Gastric Bypass with a History of Postoperative Nausea and Vomiting”

Graham James Bigsby  
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“Anesthetic Management of Emergent Coronary Artery Bypass Grafting in the Setting of Pulmonary Hypertension and Non-ST Elevation Myocardial Infarction: A Case Report”

Alexander Bracken  
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“The Effect of Aromatherapy on Anxiety in Patients Who Are Status-Post Myocardial Infarction: A Systematic Review”

Lauren Grace Colella  
Mentors: Anthony Carusotto, PT, DPT, Ed.D., Renée M. Hakim, PT, Ph.D.  
“Mental Health Factors and Exercise Adherence in Women with Breast Cancer Interventions: A Systematic Review”

Kevin Constantinescu  
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“Anesthetic Considerations in Surgical Patients Prescribed GLP-1 Receptor Agonists: A Case Study”

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Vincent C. David  
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“Failure to Conduct a Standard Check Leading to Can’t Intubate Can’t Ventilate Scenario with a 23-Year-Old Male Undergoing a Thyroglossal Duct Cyst Excision: A Case Report”

Kelsey Ann Davis  
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“Unanticipated Difficult Airway in a Patient Undergoing Double Lumen Tube Placement: A Case Study”

Samantha Fazzio Falgout
“The Evolution of Analytical Procedures”

Rolando S. Flores, Jr.
Mentors: Susan Elczyna, Ph.D., CRNA, Lisa Bou, CRNA, M.S.N.
“Application of Total Intravenous Anesthesia During Endoscopic Sinus Surgery: A Case Report”

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Emily Anne Petsche
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Ysobelle F. Reyes
Mentor: Amelia Randich, Ph.D.
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Pravalika Thadapaneni
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Miranda J. Woodruff
Mentor: Katherine A. Stumpo, Ph.D.
“Determination of Heavy Metals in Gray Catbird Feathers by Atomic Absorption”
History of the University

The University of Scranton was founded as Saint Thomas College by Most Reverend William G. O’Hara, the first Bishop of Scranton, who had always hoped to provide an opportunity for higher education in the Lackawanna Valley. In August of 1888, with few resources at hand, he blessed a single block of granite as a cornerstone for his new college, which would admit its first students four years later. (The cornerstone of Old Main is preserved in the wall of St. Thomas Hall located at the corner of Linden Street and Monroe Avenue.)

The college was staffed by diocesan priests and seminarians until 1896 and then, for one year, by the Xaverian Brothers. From 1897 until 1942 the school, which was renamed The University of Scranton in 1938, was administered for the Diocese by the Christian Brothers. In the late summer of 1942, at the invitation of Bishop William Hafey, 19 Jesuits, including the University's first Jesuit President, Rev. Coleman Nevils, S.J., arrived on campus to administer the University.

The Jesuits restructured and strengthened Scranton's traditional and pre-professional programs with an emphasis on the liberal arts, which are the foundation for every program at a Jesuit university. This emphasis is intended to give students an appreciation for all disciplines as they develop specific subject knowledge. The University has flourished as a Catholic and Jesuit institution, growing from what was primarily a commuter college with fewer than 1,000 students to a broadly regional, comprehensive university with a total enrollment of approximately 4,825 students in undergraduate, graduate and non-traditional programs.

As we move forward, The University of Scranton embraces five bold, transformational strategic goals. Grounded in our mission, this Strategic Plan 2020, “Our Core, Our Community, Our Commitments,” guides our University community as we navigate changes, challenges, and opportunities today, though we believe its impact will be felt well beyond.

In September 2021, Rev. Joseph G. Marina, S.J., was inaugurated as the University's 29th president. During his tenure, the University has continued its commitment to enriching the quality and variety of its academic offerings for the success of its students.

All three of the University's colleges have added academic programs in recent years in wide-ranging areas, from STEM and the humanities to health sciences and business. New program areas include cybercrime investigation and cybersecurity, Black studies, mechanical engineering, business analytics and speech-language pathology.

In addition, the University continues to invest in its physical plant, with more than $350 million in campus improvements made in recent years, among them the most substantial capital projects in its history – The Patrick and Margaret DeNaples Center and the Loyola Science Center. Other facilities additions include Christopher and Margaret Condron Hall and an apartment and fitness complex, which consists of the Rev. Scott R. Pilarz, S.J., Hall and Montrone Hall.

In September 2015, the new Edward R. Leahy Jr. Hall, which houses the departments of Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy and Health and Human Performance, was dedicated. In 2018, the University dedicated the 11-acre Rev. Kevin P. Quinn, S.J., Athletics Campus. Located along Broadway Street in Scranton, it is home to the University's soccer, lacrosse, field hockey, baseball and softball Division III NCAA teams. In 2021, 5,000 square feet of new mechanical engineering labs and shop area were added in Hyland Hall.

Most recently, the University broke ground for a nearly 90,000 square-foot center for workforce development, applied research and outreach located on the 300 block of Madison Avenue. The building is expected to be completed for fall 2025.

Scranton is counted among America's finest universities, according to a range of national publications. For three decades, U.S. News & World Report has ranked Scranton among the “top 10 master’s universities in the North.” Year after year, the University is listed among the “best colleges” by Forbes and The Princeton Review. The University is also consistently ranked among the “best values” in college education by U.S. News & World Report. In 2021, Washington Monthly ranked Scranton No. 84 among 616 master's universities in the nation for its “contribution to the greater good.” In its Best Graduate Schools 2023 guidebook, U.S. News & World Report ranked Scranton’s program in health care management No. 41, MBA specialty programs in accounting No. 19; business analytics at No. 25; and finance at No. 28 in the nation.
Academic Regalia

The colorful attire worn by the graduates, faculty and officers of the University and by the academic delegates has its roots in medieval traditions that reach back to the earliest universities – to Paris, Bologna, Oxford and Cambridge. The precise origins of the several parts of the academic garb are unknown, but since medieval students enjoyed the status of clerics during their university years, we assume that their attire was inspired by the clerical dress of the time. Early European universities required students and teachers to wear distinctive gowns at all times. The tradition was brought to this country in colonial times, but the requirement for students soon disappeared and professors limited the custom to special occasions.

The Gown. Gowns are generally black, and there are three basic types. The bachelor’s gown is plain with a fairly elaborate yoke and long, pointed sleeves. It is worn closed. The master’s gown is similar to the bachelor’s except that the sleeves are open at the forearms and end with an extra, square-shaped swatch of cloth that originally formed a pocket for reading and writing materials. Master’s gowns are worn either open or closed. The doctoral gown, the most elaborate of the three, is adorned with velvet panels on the closed front and around the neck and three velvet bars on each full, bell-shaped sleeve. Although black is the most common color, the velvet panels and sleeve bars may vary according to the faculty that granted the wearer’s degree.

The Hood. The colors of the hood reveal the level of a degree, the major field of learning in which the degree was awarded, and the institution by which the degree was conferred. The bachelor’s, master’s and doctoral hoods are three, three and one-half, and four feet long, respectively. The all-encompassing velvet trim that denotes the field of learning is likewise, two, three, or five inches, respectively. The lining of the hood is worn exposed to show the colors of the school awarding the degree. Most schools have a two-color pattern using chevrons or bars to differentiate schools whose colors may be alike or very similar. The University of Scranton hood, for example, is lined in royal purple with a white chevron.

The Cap. Generally, the mortarboard or Oxford cap is worn with all degrees, although an Elizabethan-style soft cap is used with some doctoral attire. Black tassels are most often used, but many schools have adopted the practice of using tassels matching the hood color. Doctors and presidents of institutions frequently wear a gold tassel.

Colors Representing Fields of Learning

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The Heraldic Banners

The University commissioned the ten heraldic banners carried in the academic procession to celebrate the 450th anniversary of the founding of the first Jesuit college in Messina, Sicily (1548), and the 110th anniversary of the founding of Saint Thomas College (1888), the precursor of The University of Scranton. The heraldic devices on the banners bear witness to the influences that have endowed the University with its distinctive identity.

- The banner adorned with the seal of the Society of Jesus (IHS, surmounted with a cross above three nails and surrounded with a halo of rays) announces that The University of Scranton is a Jesuit university.

- The banner adorned with the seal of the family of Saint Ignatius Loyola (a golden pot suspended between two wolves) bears witness to the fact that the University’s educational philosophy is derived from the thought of Saint Ignatius (1491-1556), the founder of the Society of Jesus.

- The banner adorned with the seal of the Diocese of Scranton (a star rising between two crossed keys) recalls and celebrates the fact that the University was founded by the Most Reverend William O’Hara, D.D., the first Bishop of Scranton.

- The banner adorned with the seal of the Brothers of the Christian Schools (the five-pointed star) honors the Christian Brothers’ half century of devoted service to the students of Saint Thomas College and The University of Scranton.

- The banner adorned with a device drawn from the seal of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (the stack of wheat) both identifies the University’s location and proclaims its special mission to the citizens of Pennsylvania.

- The banner adorned with the iconic symbol of Saint Thomas Aquinas (the radiant sunburst) recalls both the name of the University’s precursor college (Saint Thomas College) and announces that Saint Thomas remains the heavenly patron of the University.

- The banner adorned with the crown refers to the nickname of the University’s athletic teams (The Royals) and announces that, in the tradition of the Spiritual Exercises of Saint Ignatius Loyola, all of the sons and daughters of the University are called to follow Christ the King.

- The banner adorned with the picture of the sailing ship celebrates the devoted service that the members of the Maryland Province of the Society of Jesus (whose ancestors in the faith arrived in America in 1634 aboard the Ark and the Dove) have rendered to the University and its students since 1942.

- The banner adorned with the Cross of Patonce suspended above an unfurled banner bears witness to the fact that the University is a Christian institution of higher learning. The legend on the banner bears the motto of the University: “Religio, Mores, Cultura.”

- The banner adorned with the Chi Rho superimposed upon an open book testifies to the University’s belief that, as its Mission Statement says, “Jesus Christ is the primary source for the values and attitudes that imbue the culture of its campus.”
The University Mace

The University Mace is traditionally carried at the head of academic processions as a symbol of educational authority and institutional identity. The mace consists of a 56-inch polished aluminum staff topped with an engraving of the great seal of the University with sunburst accents formed by cut-metal rays. The symbol of the Society of Jesus appears on the rear of the mace. The seal is echoed on the verges, which consist of shorter hardwood rods topped with an engraving of the great seal of the University in brass.

The Presidential Medallion

In ancient and medieval Europe medallions of office were worn as breastplates by figures of authority or distinction. The University of Scranton Presidential Medallion is such a symbol, and it continues the tradition of incorporating educational, religious and historic icons that describe the institution’s distinctive character.

The center of the medallion is an enameled rendering of the great seal of the University surrounded by rays. The principal colors of the seal are the traditional colors of the University, white and royal purple. On the purple field is a horizontal silver bar containing, in purple, a star derived from the Seal of the Brothers of the Christian Schools, a symbol taken from the seal of Saint Thomas College, the predecessor of the University, and two stacks of wheat from the obverse of the coat of arms of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

The upper half of the seal contains, in gold, two wolves grasping a cauldron suspended from a chain. They are taken from the coat of arms of the family of Saint Ignatius Loyola, and they identify the University as a Jesuit institution. Below the silver bar is a golden rising sun, symbolic of Saint Thomas Aquinas, the shining light of the Church and the patron of the University.

The border of the seal reproduces the border of the shield of the Diocese of Scranton and the silver hemispheres are taken from William Penn’s coat of arms. The crest is a golden cross of the style known as Patonce. It symbolizes Christ, the goal and the norm of the University’s educational efforts, and it complements the motto the University has had since it was entrusted to the care of the Christian Brothers in 1899: Religio, Mores, Cultura.

The great seal is surrounded by the name of the institution and its founding date, 1888, and is further embellished by a sunburst of rays also derived from the iconic symbol of Saint Thomas Aquinas.

The Presidential Medallion is worn on a silver chain with links inspired by carved wooden moldings in The Estate, the ancestral home of the Scranton family. It is engraved with the names of the previous presidents and the founder of the University. The chain is connected by a link adorned with the symbol of the Society of Jesus.

The medallion was designed and crafted for the University by Mr. William Reidsema of Clarks Summit, Pennsylvania.
**Alma Mater**

The hours too quickly slip away  
And mingle into years  
But memories of our Scranton days will last  
Whatever next appears.  
The legacy from those before  
Is briefly ours to hold,  
We leave the best behind for others  
As the coming years unfold.

With faith in lives that touch us here  
And paths that ours have crossed  
We know that reaching for the rising sun  
Is surely worth the cost.  
May God be ever at our side,  
May goodness fill our days.  
We hail as loving sons and daughters  
Alma mater ours always.

_Edward Gannon, S.J._  
_Kathleen Fisher, Ph.D. ’80_