

# THE COLLEGE OF ST. SCHOLASTICA COMMENCEMENT



DULUTH, MINNESOTA



Mother Scholastica Kerst, founding prioress of St. Scholastica Monastery, purchased the land that would be home to The College of St. Scholastica. “My dream,” she said, “is that someday there will rise upon these grounds fine buildings like the great Benedictine abbeys. They will be built of stone; within their walls, higher education will flourish.”

Since the College offered its first classes in 1912, generations of dedicated faculty, staff and students have made Mother Scholastica’s dream a reality. Though the College is now independent, the Duluth Benedictines remain its inspiration.

Congratulations to the graduates who receive their degrees today. The College is proud of their accomplishments and confident in their capability to benefit their communities and the world.

## MISSION STATEMENT

Shaped by the Catholic Benedictine heritage, The College of St. Scholastica provides intellectual and moral preparation for responsible living and meaningful work.

## VISION STATEMENT

The College of St. Scholastica aspires to be a diverse and inclusive academic community of excellence, grounded in the rich Catholic Benedictine heritage, sending forth thoughtful leaders sharpened and sensitized by the liberal arts, who are prepared and committed to serve and transform the world.

## VALUES FROM OUR BENEDICTINE HERITAGE

### COMMUNITY

Sharing responsibility to create and support community. Creating a climate which promotes a sense of community while valuing the uniqueness of the individual. Manifesting an ability to adapt to circumstances without compromising our values.

### HOSPITALITY

Creating a welcoming atmosphere personally and institutionally. Listening and responding sensitively to all. Extending warmth and acceptance to all. Welcoming new ideas and being open to change.

### RESPECT

Cherishing and promoting the worth of all human life. Treating all people with dignity and reverence. Honoring and supporting the spirituality of each person. Valuing the dignity of all work. Promoting the participation of all persons in the decisions affecting their lives.

### STEWARDSHIP

Utilizing human resources responsibly. Providing wise and respectful use of all material and monetary resources. Promoting prudent use of natural resources and energy. Finding time for work, play and prayer in daily life which will promote physical, mental and spiritual growth.

### LOVE OF LEARNING

Preserving the intellectual and material heritage entrusted to us by past generations. Transmitting the treasures of human culture to new generations. Creating scholarly, artistic and scientific works that enrich and enlarge human life. Integrating thought and action as complementary aspects of a full human life.



## ORDER OF COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

At 2 p.m., Sunday, May 11, 2025, in the Duluth Entertainment Convention Center, AMSOIL Arena

## THE ACADEMIC PROCESSION

**Pre-Ceremony Music**  
Accompanied by Emily Valine

**Processional**  
Kerry Welsh, Bagpiper

**“Pomp and Circumstance”**  
(recording)

**Faculty & Trustee Marshals**  
Heidi Johnson, MLIS, MA, Assistant Professor  
Library Department, Faculty Representative to the  
Board of Trustees

Amber E. Schlater, PhD, Associate Professor  
Biology Department and Chair of Faculty Assembly

**Processional Marshals**  
Kaisa Syväoja, OTD, OTR/L, Assistant Professor  
Occupational Therapy

Greg White, DNP, APRN, Associate Professor  
Traditional Undergraduate Nursing Program Director

**Benedictine Cross**  
Ellie Norvitch, Class of 2026  
Student Government Association Vice President

**Registrar**  
Maria Greene, MSL

**Master of Ceremonies**  
Ryan Sandefer, PhD  
Vice President of Academic Affairs  
Interim Vice President for Enrollment Management  
and Student Affairs

**Miziweykaamikiinaang** - Honor Song  
**“Around the Earth”**  
American Indian Drum Group

**“America the Beautiful”**  
Jenna K. Altonen, Class of 2025  
Bachelor of Arts in Music Education  
Accompanied by Emily Valine

*O beautiful for spacious skies,  
For amber waves of grain,  
For purple mountains Majesties  
Above the fruited plain!*

*America! America!  
God shed His grace on thee  
And crown thy good with brotherhood  
From sea to shining sea!*

**Invocation**  
Carolyn Mikel, Class of 2025  
Bachelor of Arts in Music Education

**Welcome**  
Michelle (Mimi) Stender  
Board of Trustee Member; Chair of Enrollment,  
Marketing and Student Experience Committee

**Greetings**  
Barbara McDonald, Ed.D.  
President

As a courtesy to all graduates and members of their families, the audience is asked to hold applause until all candidates have received diplomas and to remain seated until the end of the Commencement ceremony. We additionally ask that all graduates and guests stay for the entirety of the ceremony.

Student Address

Jason T. Amireault, Class of 2025  
Bachelor of Arts in Business Management and Marketing

Amy N. Leopold, Class of 2025  
Doctor of Physical Therapy

Music Selection

Callahan Armstrong, Class of 2025  
Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education and Music  
Accompanied by Emily Valine

The Conferring of Degrees

Ryan Sandefer, PhD  
Vice President of Academic Affairs  
Interim Vice President for Enrollment Management  
and Student Affairs

Conferring of Degrees

Barbara McDonald, Ed.D.  
President

Ed Crawford, Class of 1978  
Chair of Board of Trustees

Card Readers

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Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences

Brenda Fischer, EdD  
Dean of the Stender School of Leadership,  
Business and Professional Studies

Rick Revoir, EdD  
Interim Vice President for College Advancement

Michael Wendinger, EdD  
Essentia Health Dean of the School of Health Professions

Hood Marshals

Dalerie Lieberz, PhD, DPT, PT, Associate Professor and Chair  
Doctor of Physical Therapy

Jena Ogston, PhD, MPT, PT, Professor  
Transitional Doctor of Physical Therapy Program Director

Sheryl Sandahl, DNP, RN, Professor and Chair  
Department of Nursing

Sara McCumber, DNP, Professor  
FNP/AGPCNP Program Director

Chery Lucarelli, PhD, Professor  
Doctor of Educational Leadership Program Director

Neil Witikko, EdD, Associate Professor  
Department of Education

Alumni Welcome

Jennifer Alaspa, Class of 2000 (MBA 2015)  
President of Alumni Association Board of Directors

Benediction

Jonathan Olson, Class of 2025  
Master of Social Work

Alma Mater

“Vivat! Vivat, St. Scholastica!”  
Carolyn Mikel, Class of 2025  
Bachelor of Arts in Music Education  
Accompanied by Emily Valine

Please join in the singing of the alma mater.

Verse 1:

Vivat, Vivat, St. Scholastica  
To thy fame a tribute raise  
Fount of learning, forge of friendship  
Home of happy college days

Chorus:

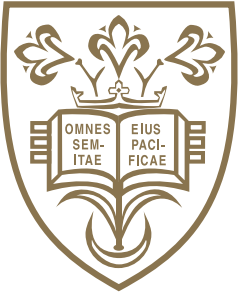
Pledge we our faith to alma mater  
Pledge to her our heart and hand  
Where e’re we bide she’ll be our guide  
We will praise her throughout the land

Verse 2:

Lakes and hills and spreading campus  
All thy nat’ral charms we love  
And we glory in thy greatness  
Blessed with favors from above

Verse 3:

When, in faith and knowledge grounded  
Enter we the world of strife  
May thy counsels, strong and holy,  
Aid us in our course through life.



CONGRATULATIONS  
GRADUATES

Reception

The College of St. Scholastica Alumni Engagement invites the graduating class, with their families and friends, to gather immediately following the ceremony for a reception in the Lake Superior Ballroom located in the Duluth Entertainment Convention Center.



CANDIDATES FOR THE BACHELOR’S DEGREE

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VIVAT! VIVAT, ST. SCHOLASTICA! – OUR ALMA MATER

The song lyrics were written by Sister Loretta Sheehan and selected in an all-school contest in 1931. Around 1950, the melody was changed by Sister Wilfrid Jordan of the music faculty; that version was used until 2011. Gradually, the song fell from favor and was no longer sung. The Dean’s Council reinstated it in 1999, but it was only used for ceremonies - primarily Convocation, Commencement, and Reunion. In 2011, a new arrangement of the song was created by Mina Kaiser and Michael Buck in honor of the College’s Centennial year. The launch of the new arrangement has been accompanied by the incorporation of Vivat St. Scholastica into more College activities.

THE HONOR SONG TRADITION

The College honors its long partnership with the Indigenous community of the region. Our continuing commitment to American Indian students and communities is expressed by starting our commencement ceremony with a traditional Honor song.

The drum is the center of our being and the heart of our existence as Indigenous people. When the drum reverberates, it echoes in all corners of creation. When the songs are sung, the voices of the people are heard throughout creation. The drum is a gift of communication and prayer from the Creator. The name of The College of St. Scholastica’s drum is Odagaaki-bines (O- da- gay- k- bin- es); it means “Thunderbeing on the Hill.”

DESCRIPTION OF THE BENEDICTINE CROSS

The Benedictine Cross is four-directional, but it is contained within the circle of life, which has no beginning or end. At any point of the circumference all are equal. The crossbars reach out north, south, east and west, encompassing the whole earth, the whole universe. Our Benedictine Cross calls us to embrace all of life and to be centered in peace. It is displayed in various prominent places in the College and in the Monastery. The cross is carried forth as part of commencement’s academic procession.

THE SHIELD OF THE COLLEGE

The field is blue. Upon this field is a lily, blooming with three flowers symbolizing the three Persons of the Blessed Trinity. The base of the lily is enclosed by a crescent, the heraldic symbol of the Virgin Mary, and likewise, the purity of Christian teaching. A golden crown of the medieval regal shape in heraldry encircles the lilies above, recalling the dedication of the Chapel to the Queen of Peace.

The heraldic indication of a college is always a book. Hence, a book occupies the center of the field. On its open pages is the motto of St. Scholastica. It is taken from the third chapter of the Book of Proverbs, and in reference to Wisdom it reads: “Her ways are ways of beauty, and all her paths are peace.” In keeping with the traditional Benedictine motto, “Pax,” St. Scholastica has chosen the second part of the verse for her motto. It reads in Latin: “Omnes semitae eius pacificae.”



CONGRATULATIONS  
GRADUATES



## THE ACADEMIC PROCESSION

The traditional academic procession introduces many of the more formal and significant events at St. Scholastica as it does on most college and university campuses. Although the history of wearing distinctive apparel as an indication of scholarship and academic rank dates to the Middle Ages, the practice was not adopted in the United States until around 1900.

The cap worn almost universally in academic processions is the Oxford cap, commonly known as the mortarboard. It is almost always black.

The use of a dark robe in academic processions is thought to have arisen from the clerical practice of wearing a cape or mantle in religious processions in the 12th and 13th centuries when universities developed from cathedral schools. Traditionally, gowns are also black. However, a number of universities have adopted alternate colors.

The academic hoods, worn around the neck and down the back of the gown, are lined with the official colors of the college or university that conferred the degree. A blue and gold cord identifies faculty members who have received the Max H. Lavine Award, the College's highest award for teaching excellence.

## HONORS FOR BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

A student whose cumulative grade point average is 3.90 or above graduates with highest honors (summa cum laude). These students are wearing a blue and gold double honors cord.

A student whose cumulative grade point average between 3.70 and 3.90 above graduates with great honors (magna cum laude). These students are wearing a blue double honors cord.

A student whose cumulative grade point average is between 3.50 and 3.70 graduates with honors (cum laude). These students are wearing a gold double honors cord.

Students achieving honors have met all degree requirements and have earned a minimum of 48 graded credits at The College of St. Scholastica.

### SISTER BEVERLY RAWAY SCHOLAR

Our RN to BS academic honors program is named in tribute to Sister Beverly Raway, OSB. As a nursing faculty for over twenty years, Sister Beverly exemplified scholarship and academic excellence in her teaching and mentoring of students and as chair of the research and scholarship committee for Sigma-Theta Xi Chapter, an International nursing honor society. Sister Beverly shared her expertise in evidence-based practice with fellow graduates of the RN to BS program. Sister Beverly currently serves as Prioress of St. Scholastica Monastery. A student whose cumulative grade point average in RN to BS program courses is 3.90 or above will graduate as a Sister Beverly Raway Scholar. Sister Beverly Raway Scholar recipients are awarded an apricot colored honor cord.

### THE WEBSTER SCHOLAR

The title of Webster Scholar is awarded to students who have successfully completed the requirements for The College of St. Scholastica Honors Program. These requirements include earning a B or better in the requisite number of Honors courses and maintaining an overall GPA of 3.50 or higher. Honors courses require the students to become actively involved in their own learning. The Honors Program is named after Lee Webster, a much-beloved faculty member, whose untimely death from cancer deeply affected the College community. Webster epitomized the love of life and learning, and Honors Program graduates proudly bear his name. Webster Scholars are awarded a medallion and a gold diploma cover.

## HONORS FOR GRADUATE DEGREES

Due to the academic standards required in the graduate programs at The College of St. Scholastica, all doctoral and master's students graduate with high academic achievement.

## HONOR SOCIETIES

### ALPHA ALPHA ALPHA

Alpha Alpha Alpha honor society recognizes the academic achievements of first-generation college students. Induction into Tri-Alpha is earned by exceptional academic achievement and lasts for a lifetime. Students are awarded a pin and wear a blue and grey double honor cords.

### GAMMA OMICRON

Gamma Omicron recognizes students who demonstrate academic excellence, contribute to the profession of occupational therapy through their scholarships and show promise for professional leadership. Students are awarded blue and gold double honor cords.

### PHI ALPHA, OMEGA ALPHA BETA CHAPTER

Phi Alpha Honor Society is an undergraduate national honor society for social work. Its purpose is to provide a closer bond among students of social work and promote humanitarian goals and ideas. Phi Alpha fosters high standards of education for social workers and invites into membership those who have attained excellence in scholarship and achievement in social work. Students are awarded a blue and gold honor cord.

### PSI CHI

Psi Chi is the undergraduate national honor society in psychology. There are nearly 1,000 chapters at colleges and universities throughout the United States. The College of St. Scholastica was approved as a chapter in the 2000-01 academic year. Psi Chi membership criteria include a declared psychology major or minor, at least nine semester hours of psychology college courses, an overall GPA that places students in the top 35 percent of their class and at least a 3.0 psychology GPA. Students who have met the above criteria are identified by their platinum and dark blue double honor cords.

### SIGMA THETA TAU INTERNATIONAL, THETA XI CHAPTER

This International Honor Society for Nursing was officially established through the Department of Nursing in 1986 with a mission of supporting the learning, knowledge and professional development of nurses committed to making a difference in health worldwide. Student membership eligibility criteria include: completion of at least one-half of the nursing program curriculum; achieve academic excellence; rank in the upper 35 percentile of the graduating class; and meet the expectation of academic integrity. STTI student inductees are awarded purple and white double honor cords.

## CO-CURRICULAR AND LEADERSHIP PROGRAMS

### TRIO STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

TRIO Student Support Services (SSS) empowers, advocates for and supports eligible students in their pursuit of an undergraduate degree. SSS graduates are awarded a red and black honor cord.

### TRIO MCNAIR SCHOLARS

Students recognized as TRIO McNair Scholars have completed a rigorous co-curricular program including educational seminars, research internships, and scholarly activities that support enrollment and success in graduate study. McNair Scholars are awarded a McNair Scholar white stole.

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