

Saint Francis University

Commencement

May 10 & May 11, 2025

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Commencement Message

If the Lord does not build the house, in vain do the builders labor. (Psalm 127:1)

In His earthly ministry, Jesus went to great lengths to bring healing and hope to those who had no hope. Our graduates go forth, called to do the same. They bring light into darkness. Their Franciscan values are evident to those with whom they interact, both personally and professionally.

Our graduates are needed to give prophetic witness to Franciscan values. Secular culture and Franciscan values collide in the public square. It was Pope Benedict XVI, who stated: "We see the need for an engaged, articulate and well-formed Catholic laity endowed with a strong critical sense vis-à-vis the dominant culture and with the courage to counter a reductive secularism."



This clarion call is applicable to all Christians and people of faith. Hearken back to the first letter of Saint Peter (3:15): "But sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts. Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope, but do it with gentleness and reverence." In his remarks to persecuted Christians in Iraq, Pope Francis reminded us all, quite simply, that, "Hope is stronger than hate."

We ask God's blessing on our graduates. They are well educated and well prepared to give prophetic witness as role models and leaders in society. They are ambassadors of the university who go forth animated by Franciscan values.

In the words of Pope Francis, "Help one another. This is what Jesus teaches us. This is what I do. And I do it with my heart." It is now ours to go and do likewise.

Sincerely,

Very Rev. Malachi Van Tassell, T.O.R., Ph.D.

Fr Malachi Van Panell noc

President



Student, Faculty and Staff Awards

The Mr. and Ms. Frankie Awards, presented annually to the top male and female students of the senior class, are based on scholastic achievement; commitment to Franciscan values; volunteer service to the University and the community; personal character and demeanor; and diverse membership and leadership in campus activities and programs.

Mr. Frankie - Jackson Hudkins
Ms. Frankie - Nicole Himes

Academic Achievement:

The Saint Francis University Alumni Association presents this award to the graduating senior with the highest QPA over his or her entire college career.

Awardees: Sienna Fiorenza
Gracie Azzato Joshua Koval
Adrianna Boldizar Patrick Reese
Connor Clarke Caleb Stivanelli

E.G. "Bud" Shuster Memorial Scholarship and Government Internship:

This scholarship and internship is intended to support summer internships in the U.S. Congress or the Pennsylvania General Assembly. The student should have a strong academic background, possess good communication and research skills and have a genuine interest in legislative processes and serving the public.

Awardee: Riley Knox

Ursula Pawlowski Memorial/Dr. Vincent and Joyce Remillard International Scholars Award:

Awarded to a sophomore, junior or first semester senior to enhance his or her undergraduate education with advanced language study abroad. The award is intended to defray costs associated with study abroad.

Awardee: Morgan Vogel



Presidents of Saint Francis College / University

President	Tenure
Bro. Giles Carroll, O.S.F.	1850
Bro. Bernardine Rogers, O.S.F.	1860
Bro. James O'Connell, O.S.F.	1880
Bro. Athanasius Gleason, O.S.F.	1889-1891, 1895-1896
Bro. Lawrence O'Donnell, O.S.F.	1870, 1881-1882
Bro. Angelus Laughlin, O.S.F.	1882-1884, 1897-1900, 1904-1906, 1909-1910
Bro. Francis Carney, O.S.F.	1891-1893
Bro. Joseph Conway, O.S.F.	1901-1902
Bro. Aloysius Gilmartin, O.S.F.	1907-1908
Fr. Victor Brown, T.O.R.	1910-1911
Fr. Cyril Murphy, T.O.R.	1911-1912
Fr. Linus Lynch, T.O.R.	1912-1914
Fr. John Doyle, T.O.R.	1914-1916, 1921-1924
Fr. Damian J. Segourn, T.O.R.	1916-1917
Fr. Louis Donahue, T.O.R.	1917-1918
Fr. Benedict English, T.O.R.	1918-1921
Fr. DeSales Dwerlkotte, T.O.R.	1924-1926
Fr. Raphael E. Breheny, T.O.R.	1926-1933
Fr. John P.J. Sullivan, T.O.R.	1933-1937, 1940-1945
Fr. Edward P. Caraher, T.O.R.	1937-1940
Fr. John Bocella, T.O.R.	1945-1946
Fr. Adrian J. Veigle, T.O.R.	1946-1953
Fr. Xavier T. Crowley, T.O.R.	1953-1956
Fr. Kevin R. Keelan, T.O.R.	1956-1959
Fr. Columba J. Devlin, T.O.R.	1959-1962
Fr. Gabriel J. Loncosky, T.O.R.	1962-1966
Fr. Vincent R. Negherbon, T.O.R.	1966-1972
Fr. James P. Long, T.O.R.	1972
Fr. Sean M. Sullivan, T.O.R., Ph.D.	1973-1977
Fr. Christian R. Oravec, T.O.R., Ph.D.	1977-2004
Fr. Gabriel J. Zeis, T.O.R.	2004-2014
Fr. Malachi Van Tassell, T.O.R., Ph.D.	2014-Present



Professors Emeriti / Emeritae

Dr. Emilie Allan

Professor Emerita of Sociology

Dr. Rosemary Bertocci

Professor Emerita of Religious Studies

Dr. Robin Cadwallader

Professor Emerita of English/Communications & Women's Studies

Dr. William Duryea

Professor Emeritus of Biology

Dr. Patricia Fitzgerald

Professor Emerita of Physical Therapy/ Exercise Physiology

Dr. Elizabeth Gensante

Professor Emerita of Education

Dr. Stephen Gilmour

Professor Emeritus of Psychology

Dr. John Harris

Professor Emeritus of Engineering

Dr. Sara King

Professor Emerita of Psychology

Dr. Marian Langer

Professor Emerita of Biology

Dr. James Logue

Professor Emeritus of Accounting

Dr. Mark Lynch

Professor Emeritus of Social Work

Dr. Dennis McIlnay

Professor Emeritus of Business Administration

Dr. Jean Samii

Professor Emerita of Nursing

Dr. Devonna Sue Shoemaker

Professor Emerita of Biology

Dr. Peter Skoner

Dean & Professor Emeritus of Physics

Dr. Wayne Takacs

Professor Emeritus of Biology

Dr. Dee Ann Wallace

Professor Emerita of Education

Dr. Kirk Weixel

Professor Emeritus of English

Dr. Daniel Wetlow

Professor Emeritus of Computer Science

Dr. Timothy Whisler

Professor Emeritus of History



The University Mace

The mace has been used as a symbol of authority for centuries. Official emblems were carried before ancient Roman magistrates, and in the Middle Ages, ceremonial maces were borne by bodyguards of French and English monarchs. Later, the mace became an important symbol of office in both civil and academic processions. One of the oldest traditions in academia, dating from 1385 at the University of Vienna, the university mace is meant to reflect the character and values of an institution. The mace precedes the University President in academic processions as a symbol of order and authority, responsibility and service.

The re-designed Saint Francis University mace was first used in 2001 to celebrate the 150th Commencement at Saint Francis and our first as a University. The mace is topped with a Celtic cross, signifying the preeminence of Jesus Christ in the University's life, the institution's Catholic identity, and the Irish heritage of the six Franciscan friars who established Saint Francis Academy in 1847.

The cross rests atop an orb, which symbolizes the global vision and universal mission of Franciscan higher education and represents the many countries of the world from which Saint Francis students, staff, and alumni have come. A band of brass carries the three names by which our institution has been known while spanning three centuries: Saint Francis Academy, Saint Francis College, and Saint Francis University.

The orb rests upon an octagon, its eight sides symbolizing the eight Articles of the first Charter written by the Franciscan founders for their friary and academy in 1848 and the eight Goals of Franciscan Higher Education at Saint Francis developed in 1991. The octagon incorporates eight symbolic elements on its lateral faces.

On four sides of the octagon, institutional seals are engraved: the seal of Saint Francis Academy, which is also the seal of the Third Order Regular of Saint Francis (T.O.R.), the Franciscan Order to which the friars of Saint Francis University belong; the seal of the Province of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, that portion of the Third Order Regular in the United States which sponsors the University; the seal of Saint Francis College, the name of the institution for over one hundred years; and the seal of Saint Francis University. The same four seals are represented on the Presidential Chain of Office, worn by the University President for Commencement and other special institutional functions.

The other four sides have: Saint Francis of Assisi, the patron of the University, as he is depicted on the fountain sculpture in the center of the campus mall; the rose window from the University Chapel, portraying "The Canticle of the Creatures" of Saint Francis of Assisi; the Bell Tower, one of the oldest structures on campus and the only remnant of Old Main, once the primary building for the Academy and the College; a pine cone and branch, symbolizing both the newness of life and the evergreen trees that have graced the school "among the pines" from its beginning.

Below the octagon, the staff of the mace is decorated with fluting, common to classical columns. The entire mace is constructed from the wood of pine, maple, and black walnut trees, all of which are found on the University campus.

The Saint Francis University mace was designed by Dr. Stephen Rombouts, retired Registrar, from a concept proposed by the Very Rev. Christian R. Oravec, T.O.R., Minister Provincial, Sacred Heart Province, and was constructed by Leonard Siedlarczyk, former master carpenter at Saint Francis. The cross and brass elements were crafted by Servinsky Jewelers of Cresson, Pennsylvania.



Academic Attire

The academic attire worn today originated in the universities of the Middle Ages, when a warm gown and hood were useful for scholars and clerics in unheated buildings—the distinctive gown served to set students apart from fellow citizens. The cap, or mortarboard, usually has a black tassel, though doctoral tassels may be of gold.

The cap is worn throughout the entire ceremony. Gentlemen remove their caps during prayer, the national anthem, and the alma mater. Degree candidates wear their tassels on the right, shifting them to the left when diplomas are received.

Although academic gowns may appear similar, there are differences that denote the wearer's educational degree. Sleeves are pointed for the bachelor's degree, oblong for the master's, and full, round, and bell-shaped for the doctor's. The doctoral gown may also be faced with velvet.

The hoods worn with the gowns also vary according to academic degree, the bachelor's hood being 36 inches long, the master's hood 42 inches long, and the doctor's hood 48 inches long. The colored inner lining of the academic hood is the official color of the institution granting the degree. The velvet edging of the hood, the width of which varies from two inches to five inches according to the degree, represents the academic field for which the degree was granted.

The colors of the edging on the hoods and the banners on display represent various academic disciplines, including the following:

Arts, Letters, & Humanities: White Journalism: Crimson Philosophy: Dark Blue

Business Administration: **Drab** Law: **Purple** Physical Therapy: **Teal**

Economics: Copper Library Science: Lemon Physician Assistant: Green

Education: Light Blue Medicine: Green Science: Golden Yellow

Engineering: Orange Music: Pink Social Science: Cream
Fine Arts: Brown Nursing: Apricot Social Work: Citron

Human Resources: **Drab** Occupational Therapy: **Slate Blue** Theology: **Scarlet**

The University Seal

The official seal of the University bears the University's name in Latin, date of founding, coat of arms, and motto.



The left side of the shield contains symbols of the Franciscans who founded Saint Francis Academy in 1847 and the friars of the Province of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus of the Third Order Regular of Saint Francis.

On the upper left are the cross among clouds and the Franciscan symbol of the crossed arms of Jesus and Saint Francis of Assisi. In the center a crown of thorns and three nails reflect the passion of Christ and signify sacrifice, conversion and reconciliation. On the lower left, flames issue from the Sacred Heart of Jesus, symbolizing love. The crescent moon symbolizes Mary, the Mother of Jesus.

The right side of the shield bears symbols reflecting the University. On the top right, the open book symbolizes wisdom and knowledge. The left page of the book bears a circle, a sign of eternal truth, while the right page shows a straight vertical line, a sign of finite truth. The ray emanating from the book expresses the Franciscan spirit of teaching truth, knowing truth, and loving truth. The ray of light begins as a narrow burst and widens to suggest that truth originates from and is imbued with the divine.

On the bottom right, the evergreen tree is a sign of the Irish heritage of the founding Franciscan friars as well as the school's designation for many years as "the College among the Pines."

Atop the shield rests a crown to represent Saint Louis, King of France, and Saint Elizabeth, Queen of Hungary, patron and patroness of the Third Order of Saint Francis. Below the shield is the Latin motto Virtus, Veritas, Virtus (Valor, Truth, Honor). The entire University community is called to embrace truth with valor and honor.

Academic Honors

Degrees with honors are conferred by the University for exceptional scholastic achievement. Graduates are presented with bronze, silver, and gold medallions to be worn around their necks to designate these honors.



The degrees with honors are as follows:

Cum Laude for a general Q.P.A. of 3.5 Magna Cum Laude for a general Q.P.A. of 3.7 Summa Cum Laude for a general Q.P.A. of 3.9



Those receiving the Honors Program diploma have maintained a minimum cumulative Q.P.A. of 3.25 and have completed the Honors Program curriculum, including a thesis requirement. To qualify for Departmental Honors, a student must have department approval and must complete an independent study of at least six credits that earns an "A."



Anthem to Saint Francis University

O Saint Francis University you crown the Laurel hills, gracious bounty of the Friars, who have led us where God wills. we recall the days of friendship and we cherish olden times, that we shared with each other among the ancient pines.

There we searched for truth and virtue and sought God's love to know, as we carried forth his message as our Francis, long ago.

Interlude

And when all has passed and we have gone to meet beyond the pall; we will greet each other in embrace and praise "My God My All."

Alma Mater

Hail, Saint Francis, ever true we stand and sing of love for thee from the halls of inspiration onward move in dignity.

Chorus:

Praise thee ever, Alma Mater virtue with love combines proudly now we hail to thee Alma Mater among the pines.

When our college days are through we will ever loyal be to the memories that we cherish and the love of friends we knew.

Chorus:

Praise thee ever, Alma Mater virtue with love combines proudly now we hail to thee Alma Mater among the pines.

Saint Francis University

Graduate Ceremony
School of Health Sciences & Education

Order of Ceremony Saturday, May 10, 2025

Prelude and Processional

Rev. Christopher Dobson, T.O.R., organist

Division III: Master and Doctoral Degree Candidates

Marshals

Dr. Melissa Kagarise, DHSc, Professor, Physician Assistant Science Dr. Lorie Rowles, OTD, Associate Professor, Occupational Therapy

Division II: Faculty

Marshals

Mark Boland, DPT, Clinical Associate Professor, Physical Therapy Amy Hudkins, DHSc, Clinical Associate Professor, Occupational Therapy

Division I: Platform Party

Grand Marshal

Pedro Muíño, Ph.D., Professor, Physical Chemistry

Presiding

The Hon. Judith Ference Olson '79, Vice Chair, Board of Trustees

Invocation

Br. Matt Aubin, T.O.R., Director, Dorothy Day Outreach Center

National Anthem

Adrianna Boldizar

History/ Secondary Education Major, Senior

Welcome

Very Rev. Malachi Van Tassell, T.O.R., Ph.D. President, Saint Francis University

Honorary Degree Conferral and Introduction of Speaker

Very Rev. Malachi Van Tassell, T.O.R., Ph.D. Michael R. Milner, DHSc, PA-C (Doctor of Humane Letters)

Commencement Address

Michael R. Milner, DHSc, PA-C

Interlude

Anthem to Saint Francis University
Adrianna Boldizar, vocalist
Rev. Christopher Dobson, T.O.R., organist

Presentation of Degree Candidates

Michael McGinnis, Ph.D.
Vice President for Academic Affairs

Kerri Golden, Ed.D. Dean, School of Health Sciences & Education

Conferral of Degrees and Presentation of Diplomas

Very Rev. Malachi Van Tassell, T.O.R., Ph.D.

Welcome to New Alumni

Eric Horell '13, M.B.A. '17, Assistant Vice President for Advancement and Alumni Engagement

Alma Mater

Adrianna Boldizar, vocalist

Benediction

Br. Matt Aubin, T.O.R., Director, Dorothy Day Outreach Center

Recessional

Rev. Christopher Dobson, T.O.R., organist

Dr. Michael R. Milner

Michael R. Milner, DHSc, DHL, PA-C, DFAAPA is a retired Rear Admiral and former Assistant U.S. Surgeon General in the United States Public Health Service (USPHS). Throughout his distinguished career, he has held key leadership roles, including Regional Health Administrator for New England and Chief Health Services Officer for the USPHS, overseeing national health policy, workforce development, and emergency preparedness efforts. His leadership in disaster response included deployments for Hurricane Katrina and pandemic influenza preparedness.

Dr. Milner has been deeply involved in healthcare education and advocacy, serving as Dean and Professor at the School of Physician Assistant Studies and holding leadership positions with the PHS Commissioned Officers Foundation, Manet Community Health Center, and the Veterans Caucus of the American Academy of Physician Assistants. He also served as Chief Physician Assistant for the Indian Health Service, shaping national policies for tribal healthcare providers. His clinical work includes nearly a decade as a Compensation and Pension Examiner for the Veterans Administration, evaluating disability claims for U.S. veterans.



In addition to his federal service, Dr. Milner has contributed to numerous healthcare initiatives aimed at improving access to care, integrating behavioral health into primary care, and enhancing emergency medical readiness. He has advised government agencies on workforce development, health equity, and national preparedness strategies, helping shape policies that impact healthcare professionals and underserved populations across the country.

A decorated officer and clinician, Dr. Milner has received the USPHS Distinguished Service Medal, the President's Award from the American Academy of Physician Assistants, and multiple commendations for his contributions to public health and emergency response. He has served as an adjunct professor at institutions such as Midwestern University and the University of Washington and has been a featured speaker at national and international conferences.

Beyond his professional achievements, Dr. Milner remains dedicated to service through volunteer work with the Knights of Columbus and the Massachusetts Medical Reserve Corps. His lifelong commitment to public health, education, and veteran care continues to shape policies and inspire the next generation of healthcare professionals.

Doctor of Physical Therapy

Lauren N. Aubry Shaelyn Black Mattie R. Bossler Julia Bradford Leanna K. Choo Rebecca M. Dgien Monica H. Gregg Tyler R. Groff Ryan J. Harman Levi M. Hobson Jessica L. Jones Corey Koss Rev. Joseph Marie Krilich, T.O.R. Jacob E. McCloskey Mikayla Mignogna Amyia D. Moss Andrew J. Pearson Hailey J. Prestash Lauren D. Ruby Julia G. Springer Nayah Kianna Williams Mason Wong

Master of Education

Alyssa M. Baxter
Benjamin T. Bruni
Brittany Carlson
Nicole V. Crum
Jason D. Hatch
Jesse Kochara
Janelle Konkle
Megan J. Kumpf
Rev. Dominic Perera, T.O.R.
Sophia R. Petrucci
William Renninger
Jonathan Rice
Bro. Kolbe J. Spencer, T.O.R.

Master of Physician Assistant Science

Adrian Luna Armenta Priyanka Arora Jada Dawn Bailey-Clyburn* Ashlyn R. Barcheck Jacqueline A. Beck* Justin Michael Birkhimer Timothy J. Bodenschatz Jasmine Chan Hunter S. Clair Emily G. Clark Madison Elizabeth Curran Sean D'Souza

Master of Physician Assistant Science (cont.)

Maria Ernst Kristen D. Ewing Brian Matthew Feronti Kaitlyn Gannon Emily R. Glatt Brynn Laura Hershbine Emma R. Kissell Madeline Ashley Kuchta Samuel Lauer Hannah Alexis Lockhart Brian T. Long Julianna E. Marshall Lvdia Claire Mathews Kira A. Mitchell Lauren M. Moore Olivia M. Muffitt Gabrielle Nelson Colletta Ozbey **Brijesh Patel** Samuel R. Pilcher Joseph B. Pisarcik Sarah E. Pisula Sadie Rebecca Powell Junaid Qureshi Sara Elizabeth Richards **Hector Javier Rodriguez** Rachel Elizabeth Ronczka Aarati Sarikonda Lille X. Schanck Margaret Spann Corey Alexander Stack Summer Hailey Stagman Nathaniel James Stevens Laura R. Susick Isabella Tuttoilmondo Alexandra Williams Mackenzie Ann Wisniewski

Master of Occupational Therapy

Katie Linn Addison Sydney Baker Tyler Barosky Cassidy R. Bezek Mikayla A. Burke Kayla Mae DeHetre Koral R. Esposit **Emily Folk** Caroline E. Fyock Erin A. Gianneski Claire E. Hildebrand Olivia Noel Hite Madison E. Jordan Gabrielle G. Krug Stephanie Lawruk Mary Katharine McCann Sarah D. McConnon

Master of Occupational Therapy (cont.)

Faith Mary McMullen Alana Renae Michener Faythe Mackenzie Miller* Sara M. Muriceak Valarie Nealen Zoey Novella Caroline I. Ribich Hannah G. Wiseman Elisabeth Marie Zajdel

Master of Health Science

Abigail Caspar Megan Powers Sage Voyles

Master of Science in Exercise Oncology

Jacqueline H. Broehl Marie-Therese Jacinta Cooper Kristina Faupel Julianna Giarrusso Shannon G. Novello

Master of Science in Nursing

Lauren Bodenschatz Nicole Brubaker Cassandra D. Bryar Jillian E. Gresko Tayia Hoover Lana Ness Alicia Roman Alesha VanFossen Courtney A. Wendekier Jessica Woodhead

Master of Public Health

Rayna Andrews Kinda Barakat Alia Camacho Kaylee Campagna Nicole Deneen Laina P. Mastovich Avery N. Nagle Scarlet Pujols Recio Haley Sanko Lauren E. Whitney Tara Young

*Indicates Degree Completion Summer 2025

Saint Francis University

Undergraduate Ceremony
School of Health Sciences & Education

Order of Ceremony Saturday, May 10, 2025

Prelude and Processional

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Dr. Suzanne Black, DSW, Clinical Associate Professor, Social Work Dr. Jill Cavalet, DHSc, Clinical Professor, Physician Assistant Science

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Marshals

Dr. Stephanie Ivory, D.Ed., Dept. Chair/Associate Professor, Education Dr. Thomas Woods, DHSc, Professor, Physician Assistant Science

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MaCalus V. Hogan, MD

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Kerri Golden, Ed.D.

Dean, School of Health Sciences & Education

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Tassel Ceremony

Julianne Dee, Senior Class President

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Alma Mater

Adrianna Boldizar, vocalist

Benediction

Fr. Stephen Waruszewski, T.O.R., Director, Campus Ministry / Mission Officer

Recessional

Rev. Christopher Dobson, T.O.R., organist

Dr. MaCalus V. Hogan

MaCalus V. Hogan, MD, MBA, is a board-certified orthopaedic surgeon by the American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery. He obtained his undergraduate degree in Biochemistry from Xavier University of Louisiana where he was also a Howard Hughes Institute Scholar. He attended Howard University College of Medicine, where he completed his medical degree and then moved on to the University of Virginia Health System to complete his training in orthopaedic surgery with a research focus in Musculoskeletal Regenerative Engineering as a NIH T32 fellow. Following residency, Dr. Hogan completed his foot and ankle fellowship at the Hospital for Special Surgery where he served as a consultant for the New York Ballet Company, American Ballet Theatre as well several professional and collegiate sport teams. Dr. Hogan also obtained his Executive Master of Business Administration (EMBA) from the University of Pittsburgh Katz School of Business. Currently, Dr. Hogan serves as the David Silver Professor and Chair of the UPMC Department of Orthopaedic Surgery and Chief of the UPMC Orthopaedic Surgery Service Line. Additionally, Dr. Hogan currently holds the position of director at the Foot and Ankle Injury Research (FAIR) group within the department of Orthopaedic Surgery.



He is a member of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons, the American Orthopaedic Association, the Orthopaedic Research Society, the International Society of Arthroscopy, Knee Surgery, and Orthopaedic Sports Medicine, the American Orthopaedic Foot & Ankle Society, and the J. Robert Gladden Orthopaedic Society the latter two of which he serves on the board of directors. Dr. Hogan has also made major contributions to the field of Orthopaedic Surgery through his research. During his residency, Dr. Hogan completed a Clinician Scientist fellowship at the National Institutes of Health (NIH). Since then, he has over 200 manuscripts, book chapters, and presentations both nationally and internationally.

In addition to his clinical and research practice, Dr. Hogan serves as a foot and ankle consultant for the athletic departments at the University of Pittsburgh, Carnegie Mellon University, Duquesne University, and Robert Morris University. He also serves as the assistant team physician for Point Park University, including the Conservatory of Performing Arts, Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre, Pittsburgh Penguins and Pittsburgh Steelers. He holds secondary appointments with the School of Engineering-Bioengineering, Clinical and Translational Science Institute (CTSI) and Katz Graduate School of business-International EMBA Program at the University of Pittsburgh.

Bachelor of Arts

Emma Carter Haley Connor Dwavne M. Maiors Jacob Sharbaugh

Bachelor of Science

Jill Marie Abell Madison A. Adams Rhoda Alaban-Tafon Brooke Karen Alexander Colten Troy Allison Autumn Dawn Ansell Gracie J. Azzato Elizabeth Bai Autumn Nicole Baum*

Cheyanne Ruth Beiswenger Brooke Marie Benson Michelle Isabella Binder Alexzva M. Biornberg

Abigail Boulos

Andrea L. Bean

Amalia Huifeng Bradburn Hannah Brenneman Kaelee Bresslin Olivia Brocklehurst Amber Bryan Jessica Buchan

Miranda N. Butterbaugh Grace Martha Callahan Shannon E. Callihan Baylee Larue Carpenter Brooke Catherman Leighann Nicole Chalmers

Sydney Marie Clements

Emily J. Conklin

Julianna Sophia Crisfulla Anna Grace Crumrine Shane Patrick Curran Allison Jane Daly Madison Lauren Dando

Julianne Marie O'Connell Dee

Cierra M. Denny

Lauren Elizabeth Dzialowski

Tomke Dziesiaty Ava Brianne Dzurenda Erin R. Eckenrode Emma C. Fenton Jocelyn M. Fetter Taylor Field Lucilia Fink

Sienna Lee Fiorenza Emma M. Fleck Aaron L. Frey Mason Robert Frye Sophia A. Fusaro Seamus John Girdusky Natalie Grace Glessner

Bachelor of Science (cont.)

Danielle Josephine Goedhart

Tristen E. Gressick Therese Guido Tesslyn Helms

Gabrielle Rebecca Helsel*

Brianna Henry

Hallie Shiann Hillegass

Chloe Hoffman* Joel D. Hogue Karissa L. Holt Taigen Dalton Hood Olivia F. Hotchkiss Garrett M. Hutton Jenna Ireland Emma J. John Sophia Z. Josephson

Tiffany Kinley Rita J. Kendziora **Taylor Kennedy** Olivia Grace Kiray

Paige Annalise Kistner Abbie L. Kitt

Annie Laine Kitt Madelyn Rose Kline John Lawrence Kmiecik Matthew D. Kozar

Maddax Laret Cecelia Leardi Rachael Nichole Lilly Kadiya Lingenfelter Abigail R. Lobick

Nicholas Pierce Lynch Jenna Madonna Sierra Marcuzzo Alexa Mardis

Jude Francis Martyak Madelyn Marzina Laina P. Mastovich Ami L. Mattingly

Brooke Marielle Maxwell

Jonathan McCall Ashley J. McCoy Katlyn McDonald Reece McManamy Pauline Hayes Meagher Parker James Meholick Olivia Marie Metz Genevieve M. Miller Brooke Madison Morgan

Allison N. Murray Makayla Olivia Murray

Koryn Nagle Courtney L. Nave David C. Niang Olivia Noto

Carissa M. Novotny

Innocende Renee Patterson

Isabella V. Pesce Morgan R. Philibin

Bachelor of Science (cont.)

Ekaterina R. Priel Lauren B. Pyle **Grace Raquel** Kayla Rhoads Cheyenne M. Risbon Danielle F. Roberts Jocelyn Hailey Robertson **Natalie Noel Rodgers**

Noel Rucosky Lindsav Ruffner Cassie E. Runk **Emma Sawich**

Lindsav Marie Schanck

Bella Schlouch Mavsen D. Seile Morgan Shughart Bella Shupp **Taylor Sies**

Ava Josephine Silva Madison G. Soellner Sydney L .Sowers Dylan B. Spiker **Dominic Strong** Madison Nicole Suman

Ryan Yamuta Tandoc Kalli Anne Tavlor Hayley Teeter Brett R. Thaler Olivia V. Theisen Abbigail Uhl Olivia Ulam Kirstyn Lee Vitez Olivia Vlasak

Kevin Andrew Waite Drew Wallech Josilvn Ann Wehner Trinity R. Weimer Mykenzie Ruth Werner Jordyn P. Williamson Angelica Elizabeth Ybarra

Bailev Yon

Emma Claire Zawalnicki

Alvson N. Zell

Combined Ceremony

Executive Doctor of Education in Organizational Leadership and Innovation

Shields School of Business

School of Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, & Mathematics

Division of Professional Studies

Order of Ceremony

Sunday, May 11, 2025

Prelude and Processional

Rev. Christopher Dobson, T.O.R., organist

Division III: Associates, Bachelors, Masters, and Doctoral Degree Candidates

Marshals

Dr. Patrick Farabaugh, Ph.D., Professor, Communications Dr. John Miko, Ed.D., Professor, Management Information Systems

Division II: Faculty

Marshals

Dr. Rose Clark, Ph.D., Professor, Analytical Chemistry Dr. Edward Zovinka, Ph.D., Professor, Inorganic Chemistry

Division I: Platform Party

Grand Marshal

Pedro Muíño, Ph.D., Professor, Physical Chemistry

Presiding

Very Rev. Joseph Lehman, T.O.R., Ph.D. Chairman, Board of Trustees

Invocation

Rev. Jason Wooleyhan, T.O.R. Instructor, Business Administration

National Anthem

Adrianna Boldizar,

History/ Secondary Education Major, Senior

Welcome

Very Rev. Malachi Van Tassell, T.O.R., Ph.D. President, Saint Francis University

Honorary Degree Conferrals and Introduction of Speaker

Very Rev. Malachi Van Tassell, T.O.R., Ph.D.

Brother Gabriel M. Amato, T.O.R., (Doctor of Humane Letters) in absentia The Hon. D. Brooks Smith (Doctor of Laws)

Commencement Address

The Hon. D. Brooks Smith

Interlude

Anthem to Saint Francis University
Adrianna Boldizar, vocalist
Rev. Christopher Dobson, T.O.R., organist

Presentation of Degree Candidates

Michael McGinnis, Ph.D.

Vice President for Academic Affairs

Tricia McFadden, Ph.D., Director of Executive Doctor of Education in Organizational Leadership and Innovation

Randy Frye, Ed.D.

Dean, Shields School of Business

Arthur Remillard, Ph.D.

Dean, School of Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, & Mathematics

Julie Warnick, Ed.D.

Dean, Division of Professional Studies

Conferral of Degrees and Presentation of Diplomas

Very Rev. Malachi Van Tassell, T.O.R., Ph.D.

Tassel Ceremony

Paige DeBias, Biology/Pre-medicine Major, Senior

Welcome to New Alumni

Eric Horell '13, M.B.A. '17, Assistant Vice President for Advancement and Alumni Engagement

Alma Mater

Adrianna Boldizar, vocalist

Benediction

Rev. Jason Wooleyhan, T.O.R. Instructor, Business Administration

Recessional

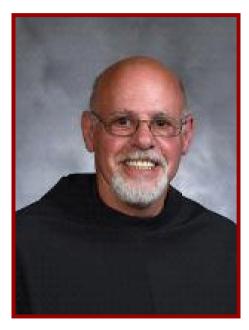
Rev. Christopher Dobson, T.O.R., organist

Honorary Doctorate Recipient

Bro. Gabriel M. Amato, T.O.R.

Brother Gabriel M. Amato, TOR, DHL has devoted more than 50 years to religious life as a Franciscan friar, guided by a deep commitment to service, humility, and compassion. Born in New Rochelle, New York, and given the name James at birth, he began discerning his vocation at St. Francis Prep School in Pennsylvania and professed his first vows in 1972.

After his solemn vows in 1976, Brother Gabriel served in various roles, developing culinary and pastoral skills at Franciscan communities in Pennsylvania and Ontario before joining a friary in the Bronx, where he spent over a decade ministering to the elderly and homebound. indelible mark—one of generosity, faith, and a quiet but powerful devotion to the Gospel message.



After caring for his ailing parents, Brother Gabriel returned to Loretto and embraced his most enduring ministry as Director of the Dorothy Day Outreach Center (DDOC) at Saint Francis University. For over 20 years, he led the Center in service to the poor, guiding students, local schools, and volunteers in living out the corporal works of mercy. Known for his hands-on leadership and Franciscan spirit, Brother Gabriel became a beloved figure across the community—someone people instinctively turned to in times of need. His work not only provided food and assistance, but also offered dignity and compassion to countless individuals.

In recognition of his lifelong service and transformative leadership at the DDOC, Saint Francis University awarded Brother Gabriel the Doctor of Humane Letters, Honoris Causa. Though now easing into retirement, he continues to serve as Local Vicar at St. Francis Friary and remains involved in spiritual and community life. Brother Gabriel's legacy of faith and service exemplifies Pope Francis's vision of a "revolution of mercy" lived out through small daily acts of love and charity.

Whether leading a food drive, mentoring postulants, or offering a kind word to a stranger, Brother Gabriel has remained steadfast in his mission to see Christ in the poor and to serve them with humility. His presence at Saint Francis University and throughout the broader community has left an indelible mark—one of generosity, faith, and a quiet but powerful devotion to the Gospel message.

Commencement Speaker Combined Ceremony: Executive Doctor of Education, Shields School of Business, STEAM, and Division of Professional Studies

The Hon. D. Brooks Smith

D. Brooks Smith is a Senior Judge on the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. He has served on the Third Circuit since 2002 and was Chief Judge of that court from October 2016 to December 2021. Prior to his elevation to the Third Circuit, Judge Smith was the Chief Judge of the United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania.

Judge Smith serves by appointment of the Chief Justice of the United States on two committees of the Judicial Conference of the United States JCUS): the Committee on Rules of Practice and Procedure and the Committee on Judicial Conduct and Disability. He previously served for ten years on the JCUS Space and Facilities Committee, concluding a three year term as its chair in 2016. In the 1990s, he was a member of the JCUS Advisory Committee on Criminal Rules. He was a member of the Executive Committee of the JCUS from 2019 to 2021.



Judge Smith currently chairs the Third Circuit's "Courts, Community and Rule of Law" Committee, which promotes public understanding of the judicial process. Throughout his career, he has contributed to international rule of law programs in Eastern Europe, Russia, and China. He also served as an adjunct professor at Penn State Law, teaching class actions and complex litigation from 2008 to 2022. Additionally, he has held trustee positions at Saint Francis University and Mount Aloysius College and, in 2023, became a Judicial Fellow in Residence at Waynesburg University.

Recognized for his service, Judge Smith has received honorary doctorates from Mount Aloysius College and Waynesburg University. His achievements have been honored with awards such as the Judge Justin Johnson Award and Penn State's Distinguished Alumni Award. The Weis Federal Courthouse in Pittsburgh features the "Judge D. Brooks Smith Lobby" in recognition of his contributions.

Before his federal appointment, Judge Smith served as a judge on the Blair County Court of Common Pleas, Blair County District Attorney, and managing partner at a private law firm. Early in his career, he was part of a two-prosecutor team investigating organized crime in Central Pennsylvania, earning a commendation from the Pennsylvania State Police for his role as the case's "legal shepherd."

Executive Doctor of Education in Organizational Leadership and Innovation

The Francis 2022 Cohort represents the inaugural class of the Executive Doctor of Education (Ed.D.) in Organizational Leadership and Innovation at Saint Francis University. These scholar-practitioners have engaged in rigorous inquiry to address complex challenges across diverse industries, communities, and organizational settings. Each dissertation reflects a commitment to servant leadership, innovation, and the integration of theory and practice. The topics presented here embody the cohort's dedication to advancing knowledge, promoting meaningful change, and leading with purpose.

Transforming Leadership Through Research: Francis 2022 Cohort (Ed.D. Class of 2025) Dissertation Topics

William A. Aurandt

NCAA Individual Profitability Legislation and Impact on Perceived Definition of the Amateur Athlete **Dissertation Committee:** Dr. Tricia McFadden (chair), Dr. Patrick Farabaugh, Dr. Amy Brown

Joseph A. Coray

Exploring the Interplay Between Teal Practices and Familiness on Performance and Succession Outcomes in Family-Owned Small Businesses

Dissertation Committee: Dr. Tricia McFadden (chair), Dr. John Miko, Dr. Kent Tonkin

Mark J. DeRubeis

Exploring Teachers' Perceptions of How Principal Candidates Are Identified and Selected and Its Influence on Motivation **Dissertation Committee:** Dr. Melissa Peppetti (chair), Dr. Matthew Thomas, Dr. Stephanie Ivory

Anthony J. DeRubis

The Role of Servant Leadership in Enhancing Teacher Morale and Reducing Attrition in Public Education **Dissertation Committee:** Dr. Matthew Thomas (chair), Dr. Robin Cadwallader, Dr. Susan Anderson

Douglas J. Fleegle

Measuring Purposeful Rounding Practices by Staff and Its Impact on Operations to Better Understand Fall Rates, Readmission Rates, and Nursing Turnover

Dissertation Committee: Dr. Randy Frye (chair), Dr. Pete Skoner, Mr. Allen Buchta

Sherri L. Fredlock

Standing Out in the Group: How Generation Z Is Motivated in Small Independent Funeral Homes

Dissertation Committee: Dr. Leah Spangler (chair), Dr. Kellie Hobbs, Dr. Barry Lease

Hannah E. Harley

Unraveling the Leadership Dynamics of Alfred Stieglitz A Study of His Influence on Transatlantic Cultural Collaboration During 1910-1918 Using Correspondence Case Studies

Dissertation Committee: Dr. Tricia McFadden (chair), Dr. Denise Damico, Dr. Matthew Conboy

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Genaro C. Iglesias

Well-Being Through Mindfulness: Mitigating First Responder Stress and Allostatic Load with the Healthy Minds Framework **Dissertation Committee:** Dr. Tricia McFadden (chair), Dr. Mark Buckwalter, Mr. Jay Roberts

Nicole C. Itle

Exploring the Influence of Mentoring Relationships on SECI Knowledge Sharing Practices: A Qualitative Analysis of ICU Nurses

Dissertation Committee: Dr. Amy Hudkins (chair), Dr. Matthew Thomas, Dr. Gabriel Beam

Sherri L. Link

Exploring Authenticity: The Impact on Authentic Leadership on Organizational Culture, Employee Motivation, and Job Satisfaction

Dissertation Committee: Dr. Kerri Golden (chair), Dr. Tricia McFadden, Dr. Susan Makosy

Tammy L. Miceli

How Do Experienced Pre-licensure Nursing Faculty Define Qualified BSN Pre-licensure Clinical Nursing Faculty? **Dissertation Committee:** Dr. Tricia McFadden (chair), Dr. Leah Spangler, Dr. Mindy Guinard

Brandi L. Penatzer

A Mixed Method Study to Investigate Athletic Trainers' Perceptions and Experiences with Telemedicine on a Rural College Campus for the Assessment and Treatment of Athletic Injuries

Dissertation Committee: Dr. Donald Walkovich (chair), Ms. Melissa Anna, Mr. Jay Roberts

Allison P. Ritchey

Empowering Post-Secondary Leaders: The Significance of Training in Student Assessment **Dissertation Committee:** Dr. Pete Skoner (chair), Dr. Melissa Peppetti, Dr. Kellie Hobbs

Jo-Ann Semko

Student Growth Models: See Every Child

Dissertation Committee: Dr. Brennan Thomas (chair), Dr. John Woznak, Dr. Donna Messner

Justin M. Skipper

Authentic Leadership Among PADI Professionals: Facilitating Awareness, Growth, and Development **Dissertation Committee:** Dr. Patrick Crawford (chair), Dr. Gail Drus, Dr. Patricia Fitzgerald

Pamela J. Sprigler

A Mixed Methods Study to Examine What Factors Impact Effective Teacher-Parent Communication in an Urban Catholic Middle School

Dissertation Committee: Dr. Brennan Thomas (chair), Dr. Patrick Crawford, Sr. JoAnn Hohenbrink O.P., Ph.D.

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