101st Commencement
December 16 & 17, 2017
A SPECIAL REQUEST FOR THE GUESTS OF OUR GRADUATES

To assure that the Degree Ceremonies for both the graduate and undergraduate students are joyous occasions for all those present, we respectfully request that guests of the graduates remain seated during the Ceremonies. Directions will be given for those who wish to leave their seats to take photographs in the designated area. To assure that everyone can see the graduates clearly, we ask that guests do not walk in front of the stage during the ceremony or processions.

- Please respect all of the graduates by refraining from shouting, whistling or extraneous noise as names are being called.
- At the end of the ceremony, guests are asked to remain in their seats until the recessions are complete.
- There will be a reception following each of the Degree Ceremonies for graduates, their families and guests.

NOTE TO GRADUATES: DECEMBER 2017

Every effort has been made to list correctly the candidates for degrees, individuals graduating with honors, and recipients of awards. The listing of December degree candidates and the announced honor distinctions are tentative and subject to final certification of graduation. Please note that the listings of the graduates are prepared for program purposes and do not constitute official records.

Although the University holds three ceremonies on two separate days, the Lewis University graduation date officially is recorded as December 17, 2017.
Prayer for Our Graduates

Leader: Gracious, Loving Lord,
Thank you for our graduates,
for inspiring them to apply their gifts and talents
and to grow as individuals,
as emerging professionals,
and as engaged members of society.

All: Thank you for encouraging them to enrich
the Lewis University Community
through their commitment to learning,
and through their prayers, love and service.

Leader: Bless them today with joy.
Sustain them in the years to come with hope in you.

Encourage them with your grace,
to continue learning and growing,
to always seek the truth,
to become wiser and more compassionate,
to foster community in all places,
to serve those in need,
and to work for peace and justice.

All: And finally, Lord,
let them be assured that you are with them always. Amen.

Leader: Saint John Baptist de La Salle…
All: Pray for us!
Leader: Live Jesus in our hearts…
All: Forever!
About Lewis University

Lewis University is an independent Catholic institution of higher learning, sponsored by the De La Salle Christian Brothers. The University offers a values-based curriculum with more than 80 undergraduate majors, 35 graduate programs and two doctoral programs. Four colleges (Arts and Sciences, Business, Education, and Nursing and Health Professions) and the School for Professional and Continuing Education offer bachelor’s and master’s degrees in liberal, scientific, professional, and technical subjects. An associate degree is available in aviation. Post-master’s certificates are available. Doctoral programs are offered in Educational Leadership for Teaching and Learning (Ed.D.) and in Nursing Practice (DNP).

Lewis University is accredited by, and a member of, the Higher Learning Commission. The College of Nursing and Health Professions’ basic professional program is approved by the State of Illinois Department of Professional Regulation. The baccalaureate, master’s, Doctor of Nursing Practice and post-graduate APRN certificate program at Lewis University are accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, One Dupont Circle, NW, Suite 530, Washington, DC 20036, (202) 887-6791. For more information, visit the CCNE. The College of Business programs are accredited by the Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs. Department of Aviation programs are approved by the Federal Aviation Administration under Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR): Approved Dispatcher Program, Approved Flight School, and Approved Aviation Maintenance Technician School. Lewis University is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education (CAATE), 6850 Austin Center Blvd., Suite 100, Austin, TX 78731-3101. Effective February 19, 2016, CAATE has placed the Athletic Training program on probation. We remain an accredited program. Probation is the result of first-time pass rates on the Board of Certification exam in 2013-14. The University has taken several corrective measures and anticipates being removed from probation in 2017. The Paralegal Studies program is approved by the American Bar Association (ABA). The Social Work Program has been awarded initial accreditation through 2017 by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) Commission on Accreditation. All teacher education programs are approved for entitlement by the Illinois State Board of Education in conjunction with the Illinois State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board. In addition, the College of Education has earned NCATE (National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education) accreditation. For further information, visit the NCATE Web site at www.ncate.org. Inquiries concerning regional accreditation should be directed to the Higher Learning Commission, 230 S. LaSalle St., Suite 7-500, Chicago, Illinois 60604. By phone, (800) 621-7440 or (312) 263-0456. Lewis University has provisional approval to operate in the state of New Mexico by the New Mexico Higher Education department. Lewis University is registered with the Maryland Higher Education Commission to offer online programs in the state.

Founded by the Archdiocese of Chicago, Lewis was dedicated on May 30, 1932. A pioneer in aviation studies, Lewis gradually evolved into a junior college, then a four-year liberal arts college and finally a comprehensive university, providing academic programs and services. In 1960, at the request of the Bishop of Joliet, the De La Salle Christian Brothers assumed responsibility for Lewis College. Accreditation by the North Central Association was achieved in 1963. Rapid growth ensued in the 1960s and 1970s, and in 1973, Lewis was incorporated as a university.

Today, Lewis is a diversified, coeducational university, served by nearly 600 dedicated, competent lay and religious faculty and staff. Courses are offered at multiple locations throughout the Chicago region to serve the needs of adult students. In fall 2009, Lewis opened a new site in Albuquerque. Of the University’s 6,500 students, more than half are women (57%); 4,506 are undergraduates, and 2,000 are graduate students. While Lewis attracts students mainly from Cook, Will and DuPage counties in Illinois, the enrollment includes students from 45 of the United States, Puerto Rico and 44 foreign countries.

Now the seventh largest among private colleges and universities in Illinois, Lewis University has nearly 43,000 alumni who contribute significantly to business, community, professional, and church organizations. Alumni rate Lewis University very favorably in aiding their intellectual, personal, and social development. Eighty percent of Lewis alumni reside in Illinois.
Dear New Lewis University Graduate:

On behalf of the faculty, staff and administration, it is my pleasure to congratulate you on your graduation from Lewis University during our 101st Commencement Exercises.

Your experience here at Lewis University has been made even more meaningful because you have benefited from the Lasallian core value of Association – that is, the sense of purpose, unity, and commitment to student success and to your holistic development that inspires our faculty, staff, administrators, and trustees to advance and support our Mission in all that they do. As graduates, your education has been very positively impacted by our Catholic and Lasallian Mission in innumerable ways.

Our distinctive academic programs blend liberal and professional education, and focus on the interaction of knowledge and fidelity in the search for truth. In the Catholic tradition, this values-based approach to higher education is rooted in the Lasallian philosophy of high-quality teaching, a supportive environment, personal interaction between students and faculty, a commitment to service and social justice, and sensitivity to the poor and the marginalized.

Our hope for you, as new alumni of Lewis University, is that you leave this institution as ethically grounded graduates who are intellectually engaged, socially responsible, globally connected and ready to make a unique contribution to your community, the region, and the world.

As you, your guests and the University Community celebrate your impressive academic achievements this weekend, please remember to show your appreciation to all those who have accompanied you on this educational journey. Remember, also, to return to campus occasionally and to become involved in the Lewis University Alumni Association.

We are so very proud of all that you have accomplished during your time at Lewis and are very hopeful for your future and the positive difference you will make in society.

Sincerely,

David J. Livingston, Ph.D.
President
Dear New Lewis University Graduate:

On behalf of the Lewis University Alumni Association (LUAA) and the Office of Alumni Relations, we would like to congratulate you on your accomplishment and welcome you to the LUAA family. While you are a student for just a few short years, you are one of our alumni for life. You are now a part of a community of nearly 43,000 proud alumni in 35 countries that has, at its core, the Lewis Mission values of Knowledge, Fidelity, Wisdom, Justice, and Association.

Your passion for Lewis certainly does not have to stop today. There are many ways to remain involved with the University. Whether it’s networking at a Lewis event, volunteering to speak to a class or student group, or giving back to help the next generation of Flyers enjoy a positive experience, there are plenty of ways to stay engaged. As an alumna/us, you can also continue to utilize the benefits of our Office of Career Services, get alumni discounts, and tap into the alumni database through our free NetCommunity. You can find out more about these and other alumni opportunities by visiting the alumni homepage at alumni.lewisu.edu.

It is our hope that you will always look back on your student experience fondly and with pride at what you’ve accomplished. Congratulations to you and your loved ones on this very special day. We wish you much continued success. Go Flyers!

Marie Ryan ’94, B.A., ’12, M.A.
President, Lewis University Alumni Association

Luigi Amendola ’01, B.S., M.B.A.
Vice President for University Advancement
Graduate Degrees

Processionals
Pomp and Circumstance March No. 1 by Sir Edward Elgar
To Welcome A New Day by Michael Stewart
Signum Fidei Brass Quintet

University Marshal
Safwan Omari, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Management Information Systems (MIS)

Saint John Baptist de La Salle Banner Bearer
Jessica Edith Hernandez De Leon ’17, M.B.A.

Presentation of the Colors
Lewis University Student Veterans of America
and Reserve Officer Training Corps

National Anthem
The Star-Spangled Banner by Francis Scott Key
Lewis University Chamber Choir, Jeremy Landig, Conductor

Master of Ceremonies
Stephany Schlachter, Ed.D., AFSC, Provost

Invocation
Jessica Edith Hernandez De Leon ’17, M.B.A.

Word of Welcome
Russ Smyth, M.B.A., Chair, Board of Trustees

President’s Message
David J. Livingston, Ph.D., President

Presentation of Candidates
Bonnie Bondavalli, J.D., Ph.D., Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences
Ryan Butt, J.D., Dean of the College of Business
Pamela Jessee, Ed.D., Dean of the College of Education
Peggy Rice, Ed.D., Dean of the College of Nursing and Health Professions

Hooding of Graduates
Stephany Schlachter, Ed.D.
Nan Yancey, Ph.D., Dean of Graduate, Professional, and Continuing Education

Conferral of Degrees
David J. Livingston, Ph.D., President

Alumni Association Welcome
Marie Ryan ’94, B.A., ’12, M.A.
President, Lewis University Alumni Association Board

Prayer for Our Graduates
Nancy Kennedy, Ph.D., Professor, Elementary Education

Recessional
Pomp and Circumstance March No. 1 by Sir Edward Elgar
**College of Education**

**Doctor of Education**

**Educational Leadership**

December

Jessica Marina Ruiz

Dissertation Title:
The Mexican Immigrant Women of Interwar Chicago

Dissertation Director:
Dr. Lauren Hoffman

Kenneth Scott

Dissertation Title:
Africana Thought, Black Existentialism, and Hip Hop Education

Dissertation Director:
Dr. Christopher Kline

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**College of Arts & Sciences**

**Master of Arts**

**Organizational Leadership**

August

Phyllis Ann Adkins
Mallorie Marie Ascencio
Kathryn Elizabeth Boatwright
Sarah Anne Caldwell
Rebecca Couvillion
Angela M. Dalton
Alysha Michele Davis
Shannon R. Feeney
Jennifer Lynn Funk
Lynette Johnson
Katelynn D. Kenney
Raymond Joseph Norwich
Yessenia Olivas
Darlene Anita Smith-Hill
William Robert Tedrow

December

Steve Aguilar
Martha Graciela Martinez Alanis
Zakia T. Clayton
Bethany Rose Conrad
Deborah Ann Fragel
Linder Gendron
Vicki E. Gueringer-Williams
Ewelina A. Janiszewski
Aaron L. Jordan
Leslie Kaehn-Jarvis
Karissa L. Kienast
Elizabeth Lynn Kowats
Tina Louise Lindsey
Porche N. Mickle
Marijo Millette
Lindy Caitlin Morgan
Jessica J. Perkinson
Kathleen Marie Peteroccelli
Stephanie Rose Ridd
Jason R. Saikin
Kevin P. Scott
Regina S. Scott
Marcellus Summers

**Clinical Mental Health Counseling**

August

Lindsey R. Antos
Niesha Melissa Cory
Lauren Jeanne Farrell
Shawn Gerhardt
Dawn J. Leahy

Joan M. Lockridge
Michael N. Twombly

December

Andrew Nicholas Ansell
Ashley J. Castelo-Schissler
Carrah L. Demos
Alexandra R. Divito
Ashley Ann Heis
Lauren Juliano
Danielle Ann Karcz
Katelyn McNellis
Rachel N. Reardon
Michael Edward Schuetter
Courtney Lynn Smith
Gloridy Taloff
Joanna Melone Turner
Dennis Waclawik

**Counseling Psychology**

December

Sinar Steele

**School Counseling**

August

David Eugene Mattes
Muriel McDonald
Rose Marie Multron
Elizabeth Paige Pizzuto
Miranda Rose Spal

December

Michelle Ann Abbate
Vincent E. Harper
Samanda Denise Johnson
Tameran Michelle Johnson
Tameran Michelle Polowy

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**College of Nursing & Health Professions**

**Doctor of Nursing Practice**

August

Teresa Ann Dubovich

Scholarly Project Title:
Evaluation of a Domestic Abuse Prevention Program for Ninth-Graders

Scholarly Project Director:
Dr. Daisy Sherry

Stephanie Ann Gedzyk-Nieman

Scholarly Project Title:
Attitudes of Acceptance of Males in Nursing by Female Nurses and Male Nurses Perceptions of Acceptance

Scholarly Project Director:
Dr. Gwen Svoboda

Donna L. Matacha

Scholarly Project Title:
Reducing Infusion Pump Alarms through Quantitative Analysis of Infusion Pump Logs

Scholarly Project Director:
Dr. Daisy Sherry

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**Computer Science**

August

Bryan J. Pierard

**Data Science**

August

Sherree Lynne Cunningham Araya
Mousumi Chakrabarty
Peter Kim
Kent Mercier
Ehab Mohamed
Gaddiel Tan

December

Candace Marie Bethune-Brown
Derek Vincent DeFrank
Jessika Renee Hill
Nicolas Alan Johnson
Jeffrey Adam Kristoff
David Jerome Machado
Lisa Megan Chou Nicoll
Matthew Arden Thomas
Charlye Tran
Jefferson Samuel Tweed
Divya Vuduthala
Trevor Michael Warren

**Information Security**

August

Steven Roy Mallinson
Caitlin Louise Rapp
Michael William Smith
Timothy Wayne Waldo

December

Adel Mohammed A. Alqudhaibi
Abdulaziz Moraya Assiri
Jeffrey George Brick, Jr.
David John Farrell
Jennifer Marie Fowler
Vara Praveen Gandi
Nathan J. Harness
Jessica Edith Hernandez De Leon
John Rafael Martinez
Toni M. Morin
Michael Y. Ofei
Hadeel Maya Russell
Hassan Ali H. Shafei
Travis Tasharski

**Chemistry**

December

Samantha J. Brain

**Physics**

December

Matthew Leonard Kubacki
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**Criminal Justice**

*August*

- Nikisha Jeanay Bailey
- Mary Catherine Coghan
- Nicole Victoria Gibson
- Juan G. Salgado
- Tasha L. Turner
- Gerard P. Wodka

*December*

- Janis M. Dacanay-Montecillo
- Alyson Marlene Hoogstraten
- Lisa Elaine McClain
- Laura Rose Nelin
- Melody Faith Rissman
- Nicholas Wright
- Nicholas D. Yates

**Public Safety Administration**

*August*

- Beverly A. Deans
- Brian C. Duhig
- Francis Gerard Evans
- Mark E. Flechsig
- Milica L. Milivojevic
- Brian R. Stack

*December*

- Tenisha Shana Berry
- Matthew James Bozicevich
- Charles M. Cordin
- Michael J. Corrigan, Jr.
- Daniel Domke
- Kristina Gossage
- Bradley Derek Gutwillig
- Steven Bruce Harland Hoffmann
- Sajid Iqbal Malik
- Peter J. Podgorski
- David Matthew Swain
- Anna Marie Voss

**Post Baccalaureate Certificate**

*August*

- Jennifer Schwing

*December*

- Joyce Delaine Dawkins
- Violet A. RamirezDetre

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**COLLEGE OF BUSINESS**

**Master of Business Administration**

*August*

- Sultan Saleh S. Alamri
- Abdulhamid Sawaed G. Alazizi
- Daniel D. Doll
- Paul A. Erickson
- Floyd A. Gardner III
- Leroy Junior Johnson
- Nga Thi Nguyen
- Michael N. O’Reilly
- Mallory E. Petrozzi
- Lisa M. Schneider
- Stephen VanDyke
- Markisha Janaya Woodson

*December*

- Naif Aedh Alharbi
- Tareq Faisal D. Alharbi
- Ahmed Waleed Al Massary
- Laila Hasan H. Almuhanna
- Hamed Fadhilah H. Almuwallad
- Shaykhah Hameed H. Alnefaie
- Dawood Ahmed D. Alomar
- Abdullah Nasser S. Alqahtani
- Mohammad Bejad S. Alqahtani
- Mohammad Thalb A. Alshamrani
- Riyadh Humoud M. Alshehri
- Mohammed Mutlaq S. Alsubaie
- Emily Barak
- Ala’a Saeed O. Bashnaim
- Nuha Saeed O. Bashnaim
- Christian Giovanni Battistini
- Angela Theresa Bellino
- Keith L. Boyland
- Danielle M. Bradley
- Muna Abdulaziz M. Bukhamseen
- Taylor A. Calcagno
- Mary M. Caruvana
- Shannon M. Coder
- George Kendall Enriquez
- Janna J. Eudave
- Teresa Parlante Faris
- Kelli Elizabeth Femrite
- Richard J. Furjanic III
- Gail Gill
- Maximillian Wolfgang Grabenkort
- Melika Tonnette Gray
- Thomas Edward Haes
- Jody L. Henderson
- Jessica Edith Hernandez De Leon
- Mithaq Jabarti
- Jamie L. Jakich
- J. Reagan Johnson
- Michael K. Johnson
- Christopher Jones
- Puneet Kaur Kahlon
- Samantha Lynn Kazak
- Merideth Kessen
- Kevin Knot
- Kelly Marie Kolton
- Christopher L. Kovacevich
- Leila Ladmia
- Samantha M. Marchetti
- Martin Masterson
- Stacey S. McSwine
- Madeline P. Mikrut
- Alaa Zuhaier I. Mohammedhussain
- Danyh Taha A. Mohtasib
- Stefanie R. Offerman
- Liliana Popa
- Stefanie Ann Powers
- James E. Pressley II
- Daniel Joseph Quinnett
- Catelyn Jeneane Radkte
- Carolyn Nicole Redmond
- Derreone J. Rodgers
- Melvin Rowe, Jr.
- Filiz Sav
- Emily Elizabeth Scheck
- Nii Ayertei Tettey
- James J. Thuot
- Amnah Ali H. Thuqbi
- Geoffrey H. Tuttle
- James A. VandenBergh
- Julisa Vasquez
- Andrew Michael Viola, Jr.
- Victoria L. Watts
- Amber Winchell
- Anna J. Zapotoczny

**Finance**

*August*

- Bartlomiej Kowalczyk
- Eakapon Sangchot

*December*

- Perpsectual Bempah
- Fabiola Enriquez
- Carl P. Holst III
- Huimin Long
- Gideon Sawyer Nanor
- John L. Schaeffer

**Information Security**

*August*

- Clever Mapuranga
- Favian Eric Raygoza

*December*

- Carlos Lamon Bell
- JiWoong Chang
- Tara Michelle Hill
- Antonia Law
- Frank Henry Samaniego
- Ramandeep Singh

**Project Management**

*December*

- Brandon L. Richardson

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**Master of Science**

**Business Analytics**

*August*

- Joshua Mackenzie Carter
- Dillon Thomas Tinlin
- Abigail Turklin

*December*

- Sravya Arolla
- John Luke Comerouski
- Mitchell William Deck
- Alicia Miranda Hammonds
- Ryan Michael Hanks
- Andres E. Mendez

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**Project Management**

*December*

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COLLEGE OF EDUCATION  

Master of Arts  
Elementary Education  
August  
Marie Elizabeth Lange  
Rodolfo Jesus Perez  
Sheryl R. Rice  
December  
Joseph Christopher Blandi  
Reading Specialist  
August  
Patricia M. Brennan  
Secondary Education  
December  
Daniel M. Biniewicz  
Brandon T. Ceplecha  
Special Education  
December  
Megan Marie Baker  
Chad Martin Coleman  
Kaitlynn Curwick  
Paige Elizabeth Galvin  
Zachary R. Joritz  
Stephanie Kunold  
Sarah Ann McMahel  
Kevin Miller  
Valerie M. Pater  
Teresa Anne Runyon  
Bo Douglas Starkey  
Krystal Stawychey  
Titus Michael Thompson  
Ross Michael Wintersteen  
Master of Education  
Curriculum and Instruction: English as a Second Language  
August  
Ashwag Ibrahim Abdullah Alnashar  
Abdullah Awad A. Alshehri  
Claudia Victoria Jasso  
December  
Abdullah Ali H. Albaqshi  
Wafaa Mohammad Almutairi  
Khaled Abdullah A. Alyoubi  
Jose M. Arias  
Curriculum and Instruction: Instructional Technology  
August  
Stacey Lynne Basarich  
Jamen Josiah Helton  
Tina Michalek-Mathews  
Brittany E. Williams  
December  
Jessica Elizabeth Good  
Curriculum and Instruction: Literacy & English Language Learning  
August  
Kristen E. Beres  
Timothy Berg  
Bridget O’Reilly Winz  
December  
Melanie Bava  
Nicholas S. Czerwinski  
Rachel G. Ganzer  
Erica J. Horne  
Sara Elizabeth Kosiek  
Amanda Murphy  
Mary L. Quirarte  
Rebecca Mae Weber  
Curriculum and Instruction: Reading Teacher Endorsement  
August  
Jillian Ann Altenburg  
Cristina Diaz  
Kathryn King  
Tasha J. Knapczyk  
Johnathan Anthony Pontarelli  
Corie Dee Sanders  
Jason Verdin  
December  
Kristin Debra Murphy  
Educational Leadership  
August  
Erick Russell Passarelli  
Michael John Rumbaugh  

COLLEGE OF NURSING & HEALTH PROFESSIONS  

Certificate of Advanced Study  
Family Nurse Practitioner  
December  
Chinnu A. Varkey  
Master of Science in Nursing  
December  
Commeleana Octavian Addison  
Maria Anderson  
Mitchelle Vicente Ang  
Alexander Anooshah  
Katelyn Rose Bednarczyk  
Monica Lisa Bleszczad  
Christine Laverne Bolden  
Mary Therese Cala  
Jelena Koledin Cejka  
Hyojoon Cha  
Anthony Lemuel Duran  
Dominique Michelle Eaves  
Nicole S. Fitzgerald  
LaTeisha Nicole Fort  
Christina Gavoni  
Pamela Rose Gayatin  
Gail Gill  
Krista Kay Grobe  
Anthony M. Hasson  
Erika Hernandez  
Emily A. Hoefer  
Jacqueline Marie Khilfeh  
Barbara Malec  
Julie A. Mills  
Supal Modi  
Lora L. Motluck  
Agnieszka Nieciunski  
Diana Michelle Olsen  
Elvia Ortiz  
Miral N. Patel  
Stefanie Ann Powers  
Miriam Vejar Ramirez  
Clarence Rojo  
Laurie Kathleen Sabol  
Claudia Santoyo  
Jordan A. Shanahan  
Lindsay Kathleen Shanahan  
Molly Frances Sokolowski  
Abigail Catherine Stec  
Megan E. Sulich  
Michelle Marie Swanson  
Mary Catherine Walsh  
Anna Ingrid Watson  
Diane E. Weibeler  
Kaitlyn Jamie White  
Richard Yullambo Yenkong  
Sarah Elizabeth Gonzales Zoeteman  

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Chas Ernst Martinetz ’17, B.S., Aviation Administration and Air Traffic Control Management

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President’s Message
David J. Livingston, Ph.D., President

Lasallian Student Commencement Address
Alexis Ann Luna ’17, B.A., Psychology

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Bonnie Bondavalli, J.D., Ph.D., Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences

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David J. Livingston, Ph.D., President

Alumni Association Welcome and Fr. Aquinas Award Presentation
Marie Ryan ’94, B.A., ’12, M.A.
President, Lewis University Alumni Association Board

Recipient of the Father Aquinas Colgan Award
Dominica Maria McNair ’17, B.A., Criminal Justice

Prayer for Our Graduates
Sr. Emily Brabham, OSF, B.A., University Minister and Coordinator of Social Justice Formation

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College of Arts & Sciences

Bachelor of Arts

August
Anna Bialo
Matthew James Brick
Alma L. Caballero
Peter A. Capron II
Brandon William Collins *
Gianni Sito Davila
Brennan Liam Duffy
Andrew L. Fisher
Suzette Patricia Foscett ***
Germaine M. Gill
Amanda LeAnn Gladney **
Sean Riley Halnon
Bradley Jerome Hojek, Jr. ***
Stephanie E. Jimenez *
Brittany L. Kamp
Lyndsey Sarah Kandich *
Brian John Kinnane
Eric J. Leong ***
Robert L. Leveille, Jr. *
China Denise Mulcahy
Nika L. Mcgarvey
Raymond J. McNemey *
Kelly Anne McNally
Jennifer Elizabeth Meyer **
Shaun W. Mulcahy
Carolyn S. Nojiri
Dennis P. Nordike *
Jamie M. Palamkunnel
Nicole Brittany Ramotowski **
Fernando J. Rea
Jenna E. Selby *
Robert A. Szybilski
Benny E. Trevino **
Tamar Celeste Walker
Joella Carol Wernig **
Talva J. Wilson *

December
Joseph M. Alberico
Alyssa Antos *
Angelica Arriaga *
Joyce M. Balash **

Steven Raymond Banas *
Melissa A. Barma
Cristian Raul Barrea
Dalayah Lillian Beard ***
Yana Bechta
Michael A. Belcastro *
Michael Bilski
Ryan K. Biscan *
James Ray Black, Jr. *
Alfonso Blanco
Darian Glenn Blanks, Sr. **
Nikki D. Bocanegra
Stephen A. Bolton
Jack M. Book, Jr.
Dana Bryant
Theresa A. Buck
Joseph Caballero
Alejandro Calderon
Anne Coleman
Patrick J. Conoby
Denise M. Contreras **
Mary Jo Gerise Corcoran-Theis
Ana K. Correa
Samuel Whit Couch
Kaitlyn Curnute
Courtney B. Dallon ***
Annette M. Damron *
Christina Marie Davis ***
Jose Enrique DeJesus, Jr.
Danielle Lynn DeMarke *
Jared J. Domenico *
Eric Dunn
Daniel P. Engelhardt ***
Nicholas Hugh Cosgrove Falese *
Jamie M. Fionda *
Miranda Christine-Martart Frail
James P. Frederickson *
Soñia Gallo-Rolon
Yesenia R. Garcia
Melissa C. Gaston
Morgan Graefen *
Kelly Marie Green
Elizabeth Salguero Guevara
Katelyn Veronika Guzman
Sara Kathleen Hartney *
Jason Hausknecht
Rachel Lynn Henry
Cesar Ricardo Hernandez
Jessica F. Hernandez
Breanne Dee Hrizch
Ra'naa M. Iqbal
Tara Rae Janski

Jessica M. Krszemien
Sylvia Kupiec
Kristi Lange
Matthew J. Larsen *
Leah Laren Laskowski *
Morgan C. Layfield-Galvan ***
Amber Marie Lebeda
Isaac Lechuga
Zachery Leo
Jamie L. Leonard
Parker R. Loizon **
Elizabeth Lopez **
Alixes Ann Luna
Kenneth L. Madsen, Jr. *
Frank W. Malina
Dominica Maria McNair *
John C. Meade
Mariela Mendoza
Michelle Loren Mercado
Brittany A.D. Miller
Sergio F. Miranda
Katherine Rose Kozlowski Mitchell
Saleha Mohiuddin
Celia L. Morales-Barrera
Isabelle Marie Munoz **
Sarah Jane Murray
Megan Mary Myers
Jonathan Myslinski
Anissa M. Nuñez *
Eric Ocampo
Kathleen O'Hagan
Ryan Oles
Martha Ortiz
Jessica R. Osif
Danielle Cherie Paveza
Nichole Cassity Pemenko
Xavier Perez
David Pineda
Jon F. Placik **
Drew Ashley Polaczek **
Sherrie A. Poyer ***
Jessica Lynn Puiggros **
Sean Quirk
Tiana Rankins
Carl Raschke *
Jennifer L. Raymond
Johana Renteria
Rachel A. Rentfro **
Robert Robledo
Khandice Ross
Ebonie N. Rucker
Candice Helena Rudd

Cecilia Ruiz *
Brittany Y. Russell *
Joseph Russo
Michael A. Rygula
Alejandra Sanchez
Ann C. Sceniak-McIrvin
Steven Thomas Seum
Jillian A. Sharp
Michele M. Shelly *
Victoria Anastasia Sibalich **
Alyson Sibley
Jeremy Rawlins Simmons
Jeffrey E. Simon
Samantha M. Singh
Dina M. Soto **
Elizabeth Soto
Camilla M. Steczek
Sarah M. Swientek *
Antonio Thomas Tessari **
Alexis P. Tollios **
Olivia Justine Tomasiewicz
Karina Torres-Castellanos *
Jabaree Deshawn Vaughn
Raechele L. Verbsicar
Brandon Scott Wagemann
Takia Darshelle Washington *
Sean Patrick Whigham
Jillian L. Whisnant
Nia Jay White
Brian S. Wildman
Monaka Sharea Williams *
Emily A. Winterroth
Patrick Wrodraczyk
Barbara A. Zoller *

Bachelor of Science

August
Dora Andrejszki **
Alan Jefferson Barrier *
Crystal Elizabeth Lea Daugherty *
Adam E. Foster, Jr.
Elizabeth Ann Kiser
Matthew W. Leibovitz
Chas Ernst Martinetz **
Lainie M. Schweickert
Jane Justyna Zieba *

December
Nilly Albeitoni ***
Nadine Alwawi
Rami A. Arabi
Anthony J. Avila

* Honors (white cord)
** High Honors (red cord)
*** Highest Honors (gold cord)
A Scholar of the University
AA Distinguished Scholar of the University
* Veteran/Military
Daniel Beltran
Taylor Marie Benes *
Matthew E. Bochenski
Allison R. Brandle *
Eric M. Brewster
Robert D. Bryan ***
Brian R. Burgess
Becky Cabral *
Michael Roman Galloway, Jr.
Francisco A. Cano *
Abdel Castillo
Marc Anthony Cerda ***
Randall W. Ciarlette
Alison Ann Cross
Geoffrey D. Culloton
Thomas Ian Davison ★
Julia N. Dawson
Zachary Kenneth Demos
Lorenzo A. Dominguez **
Robert Anthony Dudasik ***
Brody A. Fay
Robert C. Fosen *
Devin B. Fowler *
Brittani J. Giersch ★
Ryan J. Golden
Cody Drake Harms
Sara Kathleen Hartney *
Mylene June Haus
Tayler Hayes *
Stephanie Henderson
Arthur A. Horino ★
Kyrioskos Kalamaras
Mariusz E. Kalita
Tiana M. Karopoulos **
Justin A. Keuch **
Hallee Elizabeth Klukis
Justin Michael Kroger
Robert A. Krueger
Candice Marie Kryzaniak
Laura N. LaBeau
Gerald Philip Langosch III
Michael S. Leet
Sonia Ivette Lima
Ezekiel Z. Lutz
Kaitlin J. Mach **
Darrin J. Mayotte
Michael John McAuliffe, Jr. ***
Fnu Meenakshi
Sean M. Miarnowski ★
Shawn W. Milhauser **
Amanda Renee Miller **
Habel Mutiso Mulumbi
Lyela Mutille Mutisya
Trevor A. Neenan
Michael Cameron Nietert
Josiah Benamin Norman
Jessica M. Oliver
Emilio J. Ortega
Alan William O’Shea
Ray Alan Lim Palangan *
Sara M. Papiez **
Nikolas M. Paramo
Gregory S. Patel
Nirmal Patel
Eric A. Pepich
Thomas Robert Poorman
Ernesto J. Puig
Ashley F. Pulla
Greta Rainys
Alfonso Ramirez, Jr.
Daylili Otzumi Pahuw Raya
Ryan A. Regnier
Carlos S. Rivera ★
Francisco Alberto Rodriguez *
Nicholas E. Rodriguez
Robert Andrew Rodriguez III
Donatas Ruzys **
Joseph F. Santelli III
Nathan G. Sarkisian
Danica Rae Schreck
Asher P. Scott
Robin Lynn Shapley
Krzysztof Szwebel
Benjamin Omar Vega
Matthew R. Vitt
Randall M. Von Zee
Matthew A. Wiese *
Hannah Nicole Wills **
Michael P. Witty *
Dean J. Wojtak
Emily Grey Wolf

Bachelor of Elected Studies
August
Fatima Nataly Flores
December
Jeffrey R. Lambert
Mark Loren McCaffer
Andrew R. Pilot
Micaela P. Wolf

Associate of Science
December
Evan Ross Schlottman

Post-Secondary Certificate
December
Kathleen E. Candler
Professional Colleges

Processionals
Pomp and Circumstance March No. 1 by Sir Edward Elgar
To Welcome A New Day by Michael Stewart
Signum Fidei Brass Quintet

University Marshal
Vicky Weidling ’08, BSN, MSN, Instructor, Nursing

Saint John Baptist de La Salle Banner Bearer
Kelsey L. Bakker ’17, B.A., Special Education

Presentation of the Colors
Lewis University Student Veterans of America
and Reserve Officer Training Corps

National Anthem
The Star-Spangled Banner by Francis Scott Key
Lewis University Chamber Choir, Jeremy Landig, Conductor

Master of Ceremonies
Stephany Schlachter, Ed.D., AFSC, Provost

Invocation
Kourtnee E. Fitzgerald ’17, BSN

Word of Welcome
Kathleen Halloran ’74, M.B.A., Vice Chair, Board of Trustees

President’s Message
David J. Livingston, Ph.D., President

Presentation of Candidates
Ryan Butt, J.D., Dean of the College of Business
Pamela Jessee, Ed.D., Dean of the College of Education
Peggy Rice, Ed.D., Dean of the College of Nursing and Health Professions
Nan Yancey, Ph.D., Dean of Graduate, Professional, and Continuing Education

Conferral of Degrees
David J. Livingston, Ph.D., President

Alumni Association Welcome
Marie Ryan ’94, B.A., ’12, M.A.
President, Lewis University Alumni Association Board

Prayer for Our Graduates
Jacob DeMarais, M.A., University Minister and Coordinator of University Ministry Service

Recessional
Pomp and Circumstance March No. 1 by Sir Edward Elgar
COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Bachelor of Arts

August
Jessica Salgado **
James R. Viles *
Danica Vujanovich

December
Rosine Nzaramba Umugwaneza

Bachelor of Science

August
Brandon Marc Abbinante
Omar Zuhair Bashqawi ***
Wesley Edward Burtttram ★
Martha Cecilia Dirtorn ★
Edward D. Donkor **
Stephany Garcia
Sharmaine D. Hendrix-Miller
Jacob T. Herron *
Pilar Jarabin ★
John Walter Janas *
Dustin T. Long ★
Samantha Ann Lymperopoulos **
Katrina A. Lyon ★
Michael J. Mizanskey
Brenna N. Neumann *
Piotr Okon *
Aaron Foster Riha
Brenda Salamanca *
Cesar V. Sanchez ★
Ryan T. Walker

December
Phillip Adame **★
Krystalene G. Anciulis
Deimante Bagdonaviciute
Jennifer Banike *
Matthew Scott Bennett *
Ahilen Bernal
John Bernardo ★
Anthony A. Brazzale
Taylor J. Bregenzer *

Adilene Chavez
Hannah Cillick
Deborah L. Czorniak ***
Alberto Diaz *
Beth A. Dickman
Daniel J. Dotseth ★
John Gregory Dukowski ★
Ashley Marie Eisenbeis
Ariana Marie Esquivel ★★
John J. Flanagan III
Marisela Garcia *
Rubi Garcia
Rosemary V. Gonzales
Alexandra N. Gousset *
Kellyanne Grady *
Nikko A. Guardiola
Regina Latrice Hampton
Joshua C. Harder *
Wojciech Iwan *
Paul Jan Jozwik
Austin Julvezan
Nichol Kaczanowski ★
Susan A. Kleczkowski ***
Eileen F. Kmetty *
Zachary A. Kruzhich ***
Nicole T. Laba
Amanda Juanita Lara *
Kimberly Jones Lee *
Shutshe M. Luhahi
Jason Madlock
Benjamin Joseph Marks
Kevin Michael McShea *
Jennifer Sophia Meas
Patrick C. Miller
John J. Moyolt *
Zachary M. Muscolino
Patience Ntow
Michael John Pagliuco *
Alec Grieg Pederson *
Orlando Perez
Christian A. Quintanilla
Joseph Francis Rataj
Nathan A. Roney

Sheryl D. Sanders ***
Matthew P. Shackley *
Andrew Paul Smolek ★
Zachary T. Stadtlar
Natalia S. Stanek
Sarah A. Stephens ***
Lidia Stramecka *
Tiffany N. Tarnow
Kevin J. Tishka *
Fabiel Urzua
Stephen James Wessel ***
Marisol Wieckhorst *
Sydney Jenelle Wolak **
Victoria Constance Zajec

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Bachelor of Arts

December
Tyler T. Adams *
Kelsey L. Bakker **
Emily Ann Busko ***
Izabel M. Deleon ★
Jared J. Domenico *
Erin R. Doorneweerd
Scott W. Dunning ***
Kendall Lauren Edmier ***
Nicholas Hugh Cosgrove Falese *
Marian Fatima Iqbal ***
Danielle C. Knaak
Jami R. Loftus ***
Brianna Michele Meath ***
Samantha M. Miller ***
Danielle M. O’Brien *
Adriane F. Radulski ***
Breana A. Rohrbacher ***
Brittany Y. Russell *
Joseph Russo
Jacob P. Smietanski
Madeline Nicole Stein **
Kayla Stenstrom ***
Kimberly Mary Stremme
Daniel C. Winter *
Emily A. Winterroth
Sarah Victoria York **
Chelsea Elizabeth-Rose Young ***
**COLLEGE OF NURSING & HEALTH PROFESSIONS**

**Bachelor of Science in Nursing**

**August**
- Kerstin Jean Agustin
- Dara Jessica Chanthavong
- Devan Renee Chinderle
- Susan Marie Gehris ***
- Brian Matthew Grossart
- Colleen Marie Kowalski
- Sarah Elizabeth Leahy
- Daniel Eric Max ★
- Heidi Miller
- Jennifer Ann Marie Mugnaini
- Matthew Christopher Proszek
- Martha Kathleen Ryzner
- Megan L. Scace
- Ewelina M. Ustupska
- Nicole Lynn Vieceli

**December**
- Sherry P. Agate
- Puja Akoliya
- Marisa Leigh Barrowman
- Nickolas T. Bergstrom
- Penny Mailand Beyer
- Autumn Lee Bromfield
- Marisa R. Cafcules
- Jessica M. Consola
- Danielle M. DeGuzman
- Julia N. Dodoo
- Courtney Duy
- Ogbonnaya Emeraghi
- Benjamin Ferrusquia, Jr.
- Kourtnee E. Fitzgerald
- Domenica MG Flanagan
- Nida Francis
- Nora I. Garcia
- Taelor Krystyne Gibson *
- Danielle F. Gornick
- Ryan S. Gromnicki
- Geena M. Grzeca
- Alla Gut
- Karen Ann Guzzo
- Barbara Hadowski
- Brittany Leigh Hancock
- Brianna S. Hayes *
- Catherine A. Hiemenz
- Patcharaporn Gift Intaly
- Liya Maria Joy
- Baljot Kaur
- Rachel A. Lewan
- Maria Christina Romero Lomibao
- Kelli McCormick
- Laura A. Menard
- Kelly Lynn Murphy
- Joan E. Musso
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- Donald E. Owsley
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- Virginia Taylor
- Rebecca C. Tongson
- Marissa Thao Tran
- Michael M. Tran
- Kathleen Anne Wolf
- Haleigh Jordan Ziebell

**SCHOOL FOR PROFESSIONAL & CONTINUING EDUCATION**

**Bachelor of Arts**

**August**
- Susan A. Sheldon ***

**December**
- Ericka M. Taylor **
Special Recognition

**PROCessional MUSIC**
The processional music for both Degree Ceremonies is performed by the Signum Fidei Brass Quintet, led by Michael Stewart. The traditional *Pomp and Circumstance March No. 1* by Sir Edward Elgar provides a dignified and traditional backdrop for the student and faculty processions, as well as for the recessional. *To Welcome a New Day*, written by Stewart, was first performed on April 7, 2017 during the Inauguration of Dr. David J. Livingston to celebrate his appointment as President of Lewis University.

**Lasalian Student Commencement Address**
Each Commencement, a graduate is chosen to present the Lasalian Address as a representative of the undergraduate men and women receiving degrees on Sunday. Students are nominated for this honor by faculty or staff. Selection of the student speaker is based upon grade point average; character; public speaking ability; participation in University academic, cultural and social activities; and a strong commitment to the Catholic and Lasallian values that are central to the Mission of Lewis University.

**Father Aquinas Colgan Award**
The Father Aquinas Colgan Award is presented to a graduating senior who has shown exemplary personal, intellectual and social development in the spirit of the Mission during his or her years at Lewis University. Established in 1955, the award is presented in memory of Father Aquinas Colgan, O.Carm., who was chaplain early in the University’s history. A U.S. Army chaplain during World War II, he died on May 6, 1945, while attempting to rescue a wounded corpsman. Father Aquinas is remembered for his character, heroism, persistence in pursuing goals and deep personal faith.

**Graduation Honors**
Bachelor’s degree recipients are eligible to graduate with honors if they have achieved cumulative grade-point averages as follows: 3.500 - 3.749 with honors; 3.750 - 3.899 with high honors; 3.900 - 4.000 with highest honors. Honors at graduation will be indicated on the student’s diploma and transcript. At Commencement, students will receive an honor cord. Graduate, associate, and certificate students as well as bachelor’s degree recipients who have not earned a minimum of 56 classroom hours at Lewis do not participate in honors designation.

**Veterans and Military Service Personnel**
Lewis University is proud to honor past and future members of the military community. Students participating in the Degree Ceremonies who are veterans and military service personnel who are currently serving or about to serve the United States of America are identified in the program with a ★.

**Scholars Distinction**
The Scholars Academy offers students an intellectually challenging set of opportunities to enhance and deepen their educational development at Lewis University. This is achieved through courses and contracts with faculty to pursue learning beyond scheduled coursework. Open to all undergraduates, membership in the Scholars Academy requires an ACT score of 24 or higher, or a grade point average of 3.25 (B) or better.

Members of the Scholars Academy who successfully complete six Scholars Classroom Activities (Scholars Contracts and/or Scholars Courses, including a capstone experience) and required out-of-classroom activities will be designated on their individual diplomas as a Scholar of the University. Each Scholar who completes eight Scholars Activities (Scholars Contracts and/or Scholars Courses, including a capstone experience) as well as the required out-of-classroom activities will be designated as a Distinguished Scholar of the University.

**James Madison Graduate Fellowship**
The James Madison Memorial Fellowship Foundation offers one fellowship per state, per year to individuals desiring to become outstanding teachers of the American Constitution at the secondary school level. Applicants compete against other applicants from the states of their legal residence for the fellowship. After graduation, each Fellow must teach topics related to American history, American government, or civics in grades 7-12 for one full year for each academic year of funding received under a fellowship. Brandon Coplecha, a graduate from the College of Education participating in Saturday’s Graduate Degree Ceremony, is the recipient of this prestigious honor.
The Mission Statement of Lewis University

A Catholic University in the Lasallian Tradition

Lewis University, guided by its Catholic and Lasallian heritage, provides to a diverse student population programs for a liberal and professional education grounded in the interaction of knowledge and fidelity in the search for truth.

Lewis promotes the development of the complete person through the pursuit of wisdom and justice. Fundamental to its Mission is a spirit of association which develops community in all teaching, learning and service.

Mission Values
These five interconnected values are distinctive features which guide the University in fulfilling its Mission:

Knowledge The result of a lifelong pursuit of learning fostered through creative and critical interaction in a community of learners.

Fidelity The spirit which recognizes God as ultimate reality, unifying the diverse forms of knowledge in the pursuit of fullness of truth, while recognizing the diversity of human experience.

Wisdom The result of the integration of reflection and action developed through higher learning throughout all of life.

Justice The affirmation of the equal dignity of every person and the promotion of personal and social responsibility.

Association A commitment to student learning, development, and success accomplished through collaboration, mutual respect, collegiality, and dedicated service in the spirit of our Catholic and Lasallian Mission.

The Seal of Lewis University

When the De La Salle Christian Brothers accepted sponsorship of Lewis University in 1960, the University adopted the seal of the Christian Brothers. The Signum Fidei (the Sign of Faith) symbolically represents the integration of the distinctive values of knowledge, fidelity, wisdom, justice, and association. Each of these values is significant, but it is only in their union that the Mission is realized. The Signum Fidei is a symbol of the Lasallian spirit which unifies these distinctive values proclaimed by the University.

Faith may be understood as the search for truth that cannot be understood by reason alone. In this context, the University develops the relationship between faith and daily life in each individual and in the situations in which individuals live and act.

Just as the seal of the University provides a common symbol for identification, the Mission defines the values of the institution and inspires and unifies the work of its members.
The Ceremonial Mace is part of Lewis University's institutional academic regalia. Made of hand-turned cherrywood and measuring 36 inches long, the Mace, at its top, features a dual-sided cherry-framed bronze medallion depicting, on one side, the Seal of Lewis University and on the other, a relief of Saint John Baptist de La Salle, Founder of the De La Salle Christian Brothers and Patron Saint of Educators. An engraved platform collar beneath the medallion prominently features the five Mission values of the University: Knowledge, Justice, Wisdom, Fidelity and Association. The cherrywood shaft of the Mace is wrapped with engraved brass banners representing the four colleges of the University: the College of Arts and Sciences, the College of Business, the College of Education, and the College of Nursing and Health Professions.

This Mace was designed for and first used during the December 2010 Commencement Weekend to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the sponsorship of Lewis University by the De La Salle Christian Brothers. It replaces the now-retired five-foot long, walnut Mace that was hand-carved and painted in 1980 by Brother Richard Benton-House, FSC.

The Mace is carried by the University Marshal, a member of the Lewis University faculty. The University Marshal leads the faculty procession and also escorts the Platform Party, which consists of the members of the Board of Trustees, the President of the University, members of the faculty, staff, and administration, as well as graduates, alumni and special guests who are participating in the degree ceremony.

Originally used as a weapon in medieval warfare, the mace has been used ceremoniously since the 12th century. Traditionally bearing coats of arms or other heraldic images, the mace is carried in procession as a symbol of civil, ecclesiastical, and academic authority and jurisdiction.

The Chain of Office, worn by President David J. Livingston, Ph.D., symbolizes the authority conferred as a sacred trust by the Board of Trustees to the President as the chief executive officer of Lewis University. By virtue of his office, the President is personally entrusted with the responsibility of promoting the Mission and values that serve as the foundation of Lewis University’s service to its students and its distinctive identity as a Catholic University in the Lasallian Tradition. The Chain of Office represents the President’s authority to award degrees to students at each of the Degree Ceremonies “with all their rights, privileges, and responsibilities.”

The Chain of Office was conferred for the first time at the Inauguration of the University’s ninth president, Brother James Gaffney, FSC. It was presented to Dr. Livingston in a special ceremony that took place during his inauguration as President on April 7, 2017. It features the seal of the University; an image of Saint John Baptist de La Salle, Founder of the Christian Brothers and Patron Saint of Christian Educators; as well as an image of the Sancta Alberta Chapel bell tower. In addition to Dr. Livingston’s name, which appears on a panel directly above the seal, the Chain of Office also includes the names of the nine other Presidents who have served since 1932.
Saint John Baptist de La Salle (1651-1719)
Patron Saint of Educators
Founder of the Brothers of the Christian Schools

John Baptist de La Salle was born into a world very different from our own. He was the first son of wealthy parents living in Reims, France over 300 years ago. At the age of sixteen, De La Salle was named Canon of the Reims Cathedral, a high-level position in the Church. Though he had to assume the administration of family affairs after his parents died, he completed his theological studies and was ordained a priest on April 9, 1678. Two years later, he received a doctorate in theology. Meanwhile, De La Salle became involved in a project that involved training a group of rough and barely literate men to become teachers in order to establish schools for poor boys. At that time a few people lived in luxury, but most were extremely poor: peasants in the country and slum dwellers in the towns. Only the wealthy could send their children to school. Moved by the plight of the poor, De La Salle determined to put his talents to use and advanced education for young people who had little hope for the future. To be more effective, he abandoned his family home, moved in with the teachers, renounced his position in the Church and his wealth, and so formed the community that became known as the Brothers of the Christian Schools, commonly known today as the De La Salle Christian Brothers. De La Salle's enterprise met opposition from Church authorities who resisted the creation of a new form of religious life. The educational establishment resented his innovative methods and his insistence on gratuity for all, regardless of whether they could afford to pay. Nevertheless De La Salle and his Brothers succeeded in creating a network of quality schools throughout France that featured students grouped in classrooms according to ability and achievement, integration of religious instruction with secular subjects, well-prepared teachers with a sense of vocation and mission, and the involvement of parents. In addition, De La Salle pioneered programs for training lay teachers and Sunday courses for working young men. De La Salle died on April 7, 1719 just weeks before his 68th birthday. In 1900, he was declared a Saint. In 1950, he was made Patron Saint of all those who work in the field of education. His charism, educational spirituality, and extensive writings inspired Catholic educators in his own time and continue to inspire educators from many traditions today.

The Christian Brothers and the Lasallian Movement Today: A Worldwide Network

Today, the De La Salle Christian Brothers collaborate with thousands of Lasallian lay colleagues who together live out the vision of Saint La Salle in service of over 1,000 education-related ministries in 77 countries around the world. This worldwide community of Christian Brothers, numbering about 4,000 today, serves alongside nearly 100,000 lay partners for the benefit of approximately one million students of all ages. Many of those students attend one of 63 Lasallian colleges and universities around the world. Here in the United States, there are approximately 100 Lasallian educational institutions. Lewis is one of six colleges and universities in this country sponsored by the Christian Brothers. The Brothers of the Christian Schools, by their own choice and vocation, are lay religious. They express commitment to their work through vows of association for the service of the poor through education, chastity, poverty, obedience, as well as stability of the Institute. The Brothers and the lay colleagues with whom they share their mission, approach their educational work as more than a job or a profession; it is the essence of their calling to “touch the hearts” of the students entrusted to their care and to “inspire them with the Christian spirit.”
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