One Hundred Fifth

Commencement

December 15, 2019

Lewis University
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A SPECIAL REQUEST FOR THE GUESTS OF OUR GRADUATES

To assure that the Degree Ceremonies 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.

NOTE TO GRADUATES: DECEMBER 2019

Every effort has been made to list correctly the candidates for degrees, individuals graduating with honors, and recipients of awards. The listing of August and December degree candidates and the 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. The Lewis University graduation date is officially recorded as December 15, 2019.

On behalf of the Alumni Association, congratulations to all Lewis graduates! Please share photos of your special day by using #LewisU on social media. You can find Lewis University Alumni & Friends on Facebook to learn more about upcoming news and events.
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!
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 105th 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 over 46,000 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!

Anthony Sam ’07, B.S., ’08, M.B.A.
President, Lewis University Alumni Association

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

“It is our hope that you will always look back on your student experience fondly and with pride at what you’ve accomplished.”
Morning Undergraduate Degree Ceremony  
College of Business  
College of Education and Social Sciences

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  
Mathias Plass, D.Sc., Assistant Professor, MIS

Saint John Baptist de La Salle Banner Bearer  
Clarisa Iztel Alvarez '19, B.A., Social Work

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  
Christopher Sindt, Ph.D., Provost

Invocation  
Kristi Kelly ’08, M.A., ’14, Ed.D., Chief Diversity Officer

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

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

Lasallian Student Commencement Address  
Carley June Patterson ’19, B.S., Marketing

Presentation of Candidates  
Ryan Butt, J.D., Dean, College of Business  
Bonnie Bondavalli, J.D., Ph.D., Dean, College of Education and Social Sciences

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

Alumni Association Welcome  
Christopher Hueg ’11, B.A., ’16 M.A.  
Lewis University Alumni Association Board

Prayer for Our Graduates  
Jacob DeMarais, M.A., Associate Director, University Ministry

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

Bachelor of Arts

August
Lucas Dane Sefcik **
Christopher John Werr *

December
David Esparza
Zachary Fitzgibbons
Blake Marks

Bachelor of Science

August
Suhail Ali Abdulmajid
Sahar Abdullah Alsaleh
Brandon D. Post
Andrew F. Randazzo
Ryan Andrew Sadler
Robert Scott Thomas
Eric J. Whatley

December
Archibald Agyemang ★
Salman Wahir M. Alajmi **
Mohammed Ali M. Alasri **
Abdulrahman Albatili *
Malissa K. Alonzo **
Bara Alzoubi
Keenan Patrick Ary
Kayla N. Baker ***
Ahmed Saeed A. Bamosa **
Mohammed Ahmed M. Bashammakh *
Guillaume J. Bolivar
Kejuan Anthony Brown

Maria Fernanda Cazares ***
Connor J. Childs
Isaac Lee Copeland
Ariana Corral *
Ibrahim Saleh A. Dabil
Brad M. Darcy *

Abbigale Davies **
Amber Jordan Esparza *
Ashley Estrada ★
Dawn Marie Fash *
Colton J. Ford

Maria Garcia
Brenda A. Gonzalez-Arellano

* Honors (white cord)
** High Honors (red cord)
*** Highest Honors (gold cord)
^ Scholar of the University
^^ Distinguished Scholar of the University
★ Veteran/Military

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Bachelor of Arts

August
Anthony V. Duran
Valerie J. Haygood
Carlton M. Jones
Leena Mahlaoui
Danielle A. Priorello
Ethan David Ridgell
Savannah Catherine Rucker ** ★
Janine-Sara Ali Shalash
Bethany Barbara Timm
Marjorie Alice Ureche
Daniel Keith Valley ★

December
Clarisa Iztel Alvarez
Hannah Anderson
Rosalyn Angileri

Berenisse Audelo-Luna **
Justin J. Barma
Brokkan Kristyn Blaskey **
Daisy Lisette Cabral **
Geovani Cajero
Quinn T. Caldwell
Dana Calvillo
Elizabeth Campa
Ethan J. Cane ★
Michael John Carey ★
Sean Patrick Carey *
Alejandro Angel Carreno
Mariangela Carreon-Facio ***
Ariel Kyair Chambers
Kristina Lauren Chellino
Julie Laurite Clarke
Melissa Cobos
Jordan Margaret Cuthbert
Staci Marina Dabrowski *
Mary Gabrielle Daley *
Alexis M. Del Toro
Sebastian C. Dodero
Kayla Katrice Dorcy
Mark Thomas Doyle
Caitlyn J. Dynes *

AUDREY HOPE-JULIANA FARK
SAMANTHA ROSE FRANKOWSKY ***
SWATI GHODHVI ***
VERENIS GALLARZO
GINA GALLOW
CHRISTINA AMANDA GARIBAY **
MARK GASIENICA
ANTHONY GAUTIER *
FRANK DOUGLAS GIUNTI
GERARDO GONZALEZ
LINDITHANA GORENCA
JAVIER GUIERCA
AMIR F. HALEEM **
TANYA D. HARRINGTON **
NICOLE M. HERVIEUX
NICHOLAS RAYMOND HOFFMANN
JENNIFER HUERTA
KIMBERLY ELIZABETH HUERTA-PADILLA
ASEEL SALIM JABER *
MIKAELA MAY JOINER **
LAUREN B. KILMARTIN
JAMIE LEE KMIECIACK
SAMANTHA K. KOS
STEVEN KENT KRUEGER
MEGAN JEAN LAGA
AUTUMN CHERI LEWIS
KAMIL LICHON
NATALIE R. LINCHESTER **
DOROTHY MARIA LO DUCA *
AMANDA GAYLE LOTTIE

Christopher David Mack
Nathaniel Marquez ★
Curtis Wayne Marschinkke
Megan Ryan Mateja ***
Patrick David McBrady, Jr. *
Rebecca L. Michalak
Scott Daniel Minarik ***
Samantha Nicole Moffett *
Deanna Elaine Mucerino
Layth Mustafa
Sean Martin Nevin ***
Thomas Nickels
Jia Marie Noelle
Adrian Ortiz
Emily May Pearce **
Brook Isaak Pelayo
Autumn A. Raines
Sophia Ramos
Sarah E. Renaud
Carolann Richardson
Gregory Michael Rizzo
Sarah Jean Robertson
Karla Rodriguez
Emma Jeanette Singla
Zachary David Spesia
Paulina Stafira *
Chloe Josephine Szt
Hannah Rose Tassone
Kimberly Vazquez **
Michael Varela ***
Mary Katherine A. Wilsson
Christopher Shane Wong
Jocelyn Zambrano

Bachelor of Science

December
Michael T. DeBow
Graduate and Accelerated Degree Ceremony

**Processionals**
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**Saint John Baptist de La Salle Banner Bearer**
Abigail Beauty Tiu-Kemph ’19, M.A., Clinical Mental Health Counseling

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Erica R. Davila, Ph.D., Professor, Educational Leadership

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

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**Presentation of Candidates**
Christopher White, Ph.D., Dean, College of Aviation, Science and Technology
Ryan Butt, J.D., Dean, College of Business
Bonnie Bondavalli, J.D., Ph.D., Dean, College of Education and Social Sciences
Susan Muller, Ph.D., Dean, College of Nursing and Health Sciences
Anne Rapp, Ph.D., Dean, School of Graduate, Professional and Continuing Education

**Hooding of Graduates**
Christopher Sindt, Ph.D., Provost
Anne Rapp, Ph.D., Dean, School of Graduate, Professional and Continuing Education

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

**Alumni Association Welcome**
Anthony Sam ’07, B.S., ’08, M.B.A.
President, Lewis University Alumni Association Board

**Prayer for Our Graduates**
Steven Zlatic ’96, B.A., M.Div., Director of University Ministry

**Recessional**
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Graduate and Accelerated Degree Ceremony December 15, 2019

COLLEGE OF AVIATION, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
Department of Aviation and Transportation Studies

Master of Science

August
Samantha Margaret Blackburn
Lashonda Monique Clarke
Whitcliffe B. Roberts

December
Ulises Bonilla
Shean Mitchell Lester Christie
Marie L. Connelly
Tsung Han Lee
Megan Joy Shaffer
Xinyi Xu

Departments of Chemistry and Physics

Master of Science

August
Eric Herbert
Victoria Rose Holmes

December
Dina Samir Hejja
Brenna Duane Hyslop
Maria G. Salinas
Amber L. Tabaka
Jessica Lydia Tabert

Department of Computer and Mathematical Sciences

Master of Science

August
Robert Scott Cyze
Hakim G. Damulira
Stephen D. Dingle
Stephanie Diorka
Stephen Martin Evans
Stewart Victor Galloway
Richard P. Givens ★
Brandon W. Joutras
Kent David LaFary
Michael Lee McCoy
Nuria Donado Mera

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** High Honors (red cord)
*** Highest Honors (gold cord)
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Matthew T. Mowery
Omar Alonso Rosales
Eric Rocco Schumacher
Matthew A. Seludo
Rocky Shepherd
Dzintra Strong
Hetal N. Talati
Patrick Loc Tran
Michael Donald Wilson
Jacob Wirtala ★

December
Kent A. Absalonsen
Gabriel Samaniego Alindogan
Ricardo Morales Ballesteros
Robert W. Barton
Scott Alan Burgholzer
Paulette M. Cocco
Janis Lynn-Harris Corona
Johannah Kim Cushing
Danielle Dale
Brian R. Dutremble
Anthony Foteh
Keri Anne Gallagher
John Garcia ★
Margaret Gintzler
Brandon Elijah Jacobs ★
Dong Jiang
Joseph Khalil
John Kofi Kuagbenu
Tyler H. Kummer
Victoria Dominique Lester
Joshua Mathew
Cassandra Marie McCandless
Richard Ryan McGee
Matthew Thomas Mercer
Edwin Julian Moses
Dung T. Ngo
James Patrick Rangel
Hasan Rauf
Syed Ali Raza
Martin Peter Reba
John M. Rinderer
Dillon Matthew Rotz
Jennifer Nicole Ruiz
Courtney Alan Sampson ★
Thomas John Schantz
Thomas David Swed
Thomas A. Szum
William Wen Jan Tam ★
Shirley Minh Hanh Vu
Wambura Naomi Wasira
Brian Lloyd Wetter
Christopher E. Wilson
Joan Yoon

Post Baccalaureate Certificate

December
Lucien Gnegne Meteumba ★

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS
Graduate School of Management

Master of Business Administration

August
Ahmed Mohamed Hussein Albaiti
Juan Alfaro
Phillip O. Cleary ★
Peter G. Holland ★
Dennis V. Johnson
Dina Louise Porro
Brittney Danielle Price
Jessica Ann Talley Rachal
Hayley K. Tisoncik
Ryan Patrick Vaughn ★
Michael John Vennetti

December
Christopher Atta-Agyemang
Annamarie Burgess
Ashley Marie Eisenbeis
Timothy J. Fary
John Joseph Flanagan
Heather Lynn Frick
Veronica Hernandez
Katie Marie Hickey
Rachel Loren Hozzian
Alexandra Nina Ivosevic
Heather Jones
Hilary Lauren Kent
Mohammed Ahmed Khan
Huyen Thi Le
Kathleen Anne Lehman
Erin Renae Lesko
Kyle Michelle Link
Luis Miguel Loza
Nereyda Miranda
Rafal Pabich
Nisha R. Patel
Emma A. Peele
Jea M. Ramiro
William Russell
Ryan S. Serrano
Brad Skwarski
Erica S. Swanberg
Jerry Trujillo
Kelly Urquidi
Veronica L. Wade

Master of Science

August
James R. Addis
Mohammad Mahmoud Faleh Alsmadi
Angela Delores Clemens

December
Adedayo Aderinto
Jayanth Arcot
Kevin L. Douglas
Leslie Lyn Finlon
Patrick John Howard ★
Michael F. Jones
Susan E. Medina
Sarah Elizabeth Price
Carmen Rae Rhoden
Vincent J. Swan
Sabra R. Thomas

Department of Organizational Leadership

Master of Arts

August
Melissa S. Barrett
Laura R. Boyne
La’Toya A. Carter
Adriana Castrejon
Karen Ann Connelly
Agnes Eva Czesak
Noah Daniel Eggleston
Brian John Kinnane
Jacqueline Marenco Minutillo
Susan M. Olenek
Stephanie Leah Swyers
Ann Elizabeth Thornton
John Andrew Todd
Taryn Carroll White
Floyd Williams, Jr.
Nicole Ariel Zimmerle
James Brian Zimmerman ★

December
Kate Lizabeth Coombs
Stephanie Lynn Darnell
Carolyn L. Eloby
Megan Patrice Graves
Francine Hawkins-Birgans
Stephanie Bernadette Jalove
Mariah Jasmine Latrese Jamison
Michelle Jiles
Germaine Leslie Johnson
Alexis M. King
Sheri Lynn Meyers

Adam J. Wallace
Andrew Burns Walsh
Deena Marcella Wright

Graduate and Accelerated Degree Ceremony December 15, 2019
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Janet Patricia Moro
Jeremy Michael Newman
Valerie Anne Peterson
Tra’Lisha Sherlyn Lavina Renteria
Jeffrey Karl Schmitz ★
Rachel Elisabeth Sharpe
Irliner Speights
Timothy L. Thorpe

Post Baccalaureate Certificate

August
Sherrie Poindexter Mitchell
December
Vanessa Blake ★
LaToya N. Burch
Farrah K. Edward
Rebecca Elizabeth Sattler

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Department of Education
Doctor of Education
Educational Leadership for Teaching and Learning

August
Heather Ann Hall

Dissertation Title:
A critical Historical Analysis of the World’s Columbian Exposition and its Contemporary Counterparts as Vehicles for Public Pedagogy through the Means of Spectacality

Dissertation Director:
Dr. Brad Porfilio

December
McKenna R. Lulic

Dissertation Title:
A Thin Red Line: A Critical Race Analysis of Mentors’ Approach to Interrupting the School-to-Prison Pipeline

Dissertation Director:
Dr. Laura Quaynor

Elena Jeannette Withers

Dissertation Title:
Black Women in Corporate America: The Influence of Intersectionality and Black Feminism

Dissertation Director:
Dr. Erica Davila

Master of Education

August
Abdullah Ali E. Alotaibi
Daniel Borne, Jr.
Elizabeth Felicia Capiziano
Monica Carrie Caputo
Melissa Anne Broxius
Rebecca Lynne Campbell
Kristel Groth Garcia
Virginia Gonzalez
Troy Anthony Holder
Evan Christopher Katsenis
Gina Rose Majewski
Rafael Orlando Mendoza
Kelsey Elizabeth Miller
Krystyn M. Misheck
Allison P. Nakayder
Karla M. Rodriguez
Fabian Rojas
Caitlin Ann Slattery
Kathleen Kane Stillo
Natasha Nicole Tripolitakis

December
Leanne Ashley Adams
Terri Lynn Arain
Anna Marie Assaf
Lauren Baker
John J. Conrad
Erin Marie Contreras
Ronnie Faraj
Martha Santiago Flores
Angelina M. Formenti
Kiara Franklin
Maria Del Carmen Garcia ★
Delta Gonzalez
Rachel E. Harms
Candice Nicole McClain
Lisa Marie McLeish
Jameson Michael Oster
Maura M. Slatery
Danielle DeLoice Solis

Master of Education

August
AnnMarie Teresa Bachmann
Melissa Ann Brosius
Rebecca Lynne Campbell
Kristel Groth Garcia
Virginia Gonzalez
Troy Anthony Holder
Evan Christopher Katsenis
Gina Rose Majewski
Rafael Orlando Mendoza
Kelsey Elizabeth Miller
Krystyn M. Misheck
Allison P. Nakayder
Karla M. Rodriguez
Fabian Rojas
Caitlin Ann Slattery
Kathleen Kane Stillo
Natasha Nicole Tripolitakis

December
Leanne Ashley Adams
Terri Lynn Arain
Anna Marie Assaf
Lauren Baker
John J. Conrad
Erin Marie Contreras
Ronnie Faraj
Martha Santiago Flores
Angelina M. Formenti
Kiara Franklin
Maria Del Carmen Garcia ★
Delta Gonzalez
Rachel E. Harms
Candice Nicole McClain
Lisa Marie McLeish
Jameson Michael Oster
Maura M. Slatery
Danielle DeLoice Solis

Department of Justice, Law and Public Safety Studies
Master of Science

August
Matthew William Small
Emma Brenda Leal Vrlec
Carla Cion Williams

Department of Justice, Law and Public Safety Studies
Master of Science

August
Nikisha J. Bailey
Viktoria Sheridan Baldacci
Yana Bechta
Eric Judson Burgess
Thomas A. Flood
Gabriel Garcia ★
Christopher Nathan Hubbard
Ann Marie Latzo
Robert Layne Leveille ★
Kevin Licko
Matthew J. Mannino
Brian James McEnery ★
Kelly Anne McNally
Vito Antonio Pacione
Michael John Pakosta
Daniel Joseph Piemonte
Marco Antonio C. Pinto
Phillip Peter Quattrocchi, Jr.
Daniel Sanchez
Roy Aaron Selvik
Adam T. Timko

December
James John Ahern
Marc Joseph Badali
Robert Anthony Brown ★
Kathryn Cawley ★
Christopher William Chin
Christopher J. Cihak
Timothy Francis Griffin
Gina Lynn Hugelier
Nancy Nallely Jimenez
Jithin J. Kanialy
John P. Kennedy
Anthony Peluso
Craig Brian Roscoe
Adam S. Zimmer

Department of Psychology
Master of Arts

August
Heather Lynne Bauer
Darla Cabrera
Kiara Cruz
Kornelija Dunojute
Ashley Eller
Kayley R. Johnson
LaNisha J. Jones
Constantine George Sparagis

Jeffrey William Weiss
December
Lauren L. Adolfo
Kelly Marie Cartina
Brittany Anne Ekey
Elizabeth Terese Eulitz
Andrea C. Holm
Kelly L. Ketelaar
Danielle Eileen Lucio
Katherine Jean Fitzpatrick Oko
Melissa Ann Simonek
Najia Husam Sobhy
Julie A. Molony Stephan
Abigail Beauty Palacio Tiu

Department of Social Work
Master of Social Work

December
Tiffany J. Johnson

COLLEGE OF NURSING AND HEALTH SCIENCES

Graduate Studies in Nursing
Doctor of Nursing Practice

August
Julia C. Koklys

Scholarly Project Title:
Nurse Practitioner Perceived Readiness for Full Practice Authority

Scholarly Project Director:
Dr. Daisy Sherry

Katelyn Sauve Myroniak

Scholarly Project Title:
Improving Safety and Competence of Medication Administration with Simulation in a New Graduate Nurse Residency Program

Scholarly Project Director:
Dr. Stacie Elder

December
Joyce Ann Allen

Scholarly Project Title:
Factors Which Influence Nurse Volunteerism at Free and Charitable Clinics

Scholarly Project Director:
Dr. Stacie Elder
Aleksandra Barbara Bielawiec  
**Scholarly Project Title:** Feasibility of Skin Cancer Screening and Melanoma Prevention in a Medical Spa  
**Scholarly Project Director:** Dr. Kathleen Fitzgerald

LaNora Ann Hernandez  
**Scholarly Project Title:** Minimizing Delays in Transitioning Levels of Care  
**Scholarly Project Director:** Dr. Michele Kramer

Mary Kate Sweeney  
**Scholarly Project Title:** Resilience Among Nurse Managers and Assistant Nurse Managers  
**Scholarly Project Director:** Dr. Linda Ryan

**Certificate of Advanced Study**

**December**  
Ajide-Okoro  
Melissa Jane McGovern  
Anu Stephen

**Master of Science in Nursing**

**August**  
Ruanda L. Mejia

**December**  
Rhonda Pettaway Ansier  
Catherine Anton  
Jennifer Anne Aversano  
Tara Lynn Barnes-Cherry  
Gina Marie Becker-Espinoza  
Laura Ann Booe  
Crystal Bozzelli  
Aaron Charles Bubb  
Michael R. Castaneda  
Joanna Czmiel  
Sara K. Doombosch  
Kathryn M. Frazier  
Heather Lynn Frick  
Amy Marie Gambardella  
Lindsay A. Gifford  
Julia Ann Gottschalk  
Nataliya Grandt  
Katherina Kristine Guatelara

Michelle A. Hapavovich  
Colleen Hately  
Claudia Heald  
Veronica Hernandez  
Lidyia Jacob  
Damyrs E. Karson  
Courtney Kormes  
Amanda M. Larkner  
Michael Robert Larkner  
Kristine Afalla Leal  
Rui Li  
Jolene K. Manuyag  
Patricia Jazmin Martinez  
Trisha Lee Martinez  
Jaclyn Marie McPheeters  
Adelrea Lilisa Ngysa  
Janet Perez  
Tarun Prajapati  
Jea M. Ramiro  
Matthew D. Rathbun  
Ariana Sandoval  
Kelsey Schluntz  
Allaji Saidu Sesay  
Jennifer H. Smazil  
Ashley Nicole Smith  
Ketita L. Smith  
Joanna Sturniek  
Alaine Gorespe Tenedor  
Joelle Marie Tolentino  
Aneta K. Trybula  
Erin Williams  
Sophia Angelina Wolak  
Esmeralda Zamora

**SCHOOL OF GRADUATE, PROFESSIONAL AND CONTINUING EDUCATION**

**Bachelor of Arts**

**August**  
Anthony R. Fincher **  
Corey Alan Hitt  
Timothy M. Jordan ***  
Derria Dekayus Kemp *  
Stephanie Marie Kielma **  
Peter Makarski ***  
James Allen McClain  
Sabine Mueller  
Anna Pilipczuk  
Natalie M. Porterfield ***  
Brett A. Rice **

**December**  
Ramiro Arrez ★  
Tracy Leigh Baldys *  
Katryna Angeli DeLoyola  
Leif Goff  
Diana Gomez  
Sean P. Harrington *★  
Martha Eugenia Herrera  
Anthony Ray Jones, Jr. ★  
Amanda McGowan  
Diana Melero-Sena ★  
Jennifer Molloy  
Ryan M. Palermo ★  
Edward Julian Pedersen  
Raul Jovani Ramirez  
Doreen Salazar ***  
Chayanne Villegas ★  
Renata L. Worrell

**Bachelor of Science in Nursing**

**August**  
Cristian Benitez  
Michael Egidio Colombini ★  
William A. Dinon  
Fernando Espitia  
Angela Marie Fitts  
Karen Lynn Maestas  
Sarah Makhamre **  
David Stanley Malinowski ★★★  
Steven Robert McGlumphy  
Renee Lee Spencer *★  
James Anthony Woodson

**December**  
Zach Shawn Avery  
Russell Edward Cygan ***  
Christian James Kilgore **  
Ricardo Lozano  
Orlando F. Mendoza ★
Afternoon Undergraduate Degree Ceremony
College of Aviation, Science and Technology
College of Humanities, Fine Arts and Communications
College of Nursing and Health Sciences

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
Dr. Jennifer Roberts, Ph.D., Professor, Biology

Saint John Baptist de La Salle Banner Bearer
Katarzyna Majchrowicz-Wolny ’19, B.A., English
2019 Lincoln Academy of Illinois Student Laureate

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
Christopher Sindt, Ph.D., Provost

Invocation
Hannah Rose Cross ’19, B.S., Aviation Flight

Word of Welcome
Michael Parker ’77, B.A., Vice Chair, Board of Trustees

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

Conferral of Honorary Doctoral Degree
James Healy, Ph.D.
Director, Office of Family Ministry (retired), Diocese of Joliet

Presentation of Candidates
Christopher White, Ph.D., Dean, College of Aviation, Science and Technology
Laura Franklin, D.M.A., Dean, College of Humanities, Fine Arts and Communication
Susan Muller, Ph.D., Dean, College of Nursing and Health Sciences

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

Alumni Association Welcome and Fr. Aquinas Award Presentation
Lauren Pratl ’14, B.S.
Lewis University Alumni Association Board

Recipient of the Father Aquinas Colgan Award
Samantha Nicole Moffett ’19, B.A., English/Secondary Education

Prayer for Our Graduates
Jennifer Rutherford, B.A., University Minister and Coordinator of Retreats and Faith Formation

Recessional
*Pomp and Circumstance March No. 1* by Sir Edward Elgar
CONFERRAL OF THE HONORARY DEGREE
DOCTOR OF HUMANITIES, honoris causa

James Healy, Ph.D.

For more than three decades, Dr. James Healy has served as the Director of the Office of Family Ministry of the Catholic Diocese of Joliet, Illinois, sharing his expertise and insight throughout the country and abroad, helping “tens of thousands of couples get married or stay married.” Throughout this time, he has also directed related family ministries, including baptism and work with divorced and widowed people.

Dr. Healy retired this past September, having served under three bishops and as an advisor to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops’ Committee on Marriage and the Family. According to Joliet Diocese Bishop R. Daniel Conlon, “... Dr. Jim Healy...has ministered to and trained thousands in a vital component of our faith life—the domestic church. I am grateful for his expertise and his leadership these many years in family ministry, linking the journey of family life to the Paschal Mystery of Jesus Christ.”

A highly-regarded speaker, writer, and consultant, both nationally and internationally, Dr. Healy has presented extensively on topics related to marriage and family for more than thirty dioceses, at national conferences throughout the United States, and abroad. He has created widely-used writings on marriage, including “How to Be Married and Stay Engaged,” “Living Together and Christian Commitment,” “Spirituality and Religion in Your Marriage,” and “Making Happiness a Habit: Four Steps to a More Joyful Marriage.”

Drawing on his extensive experience and expertise, Dr. Healy has contributed chapters to numerous books on marriage and family ministry, including “Marriage Among the Spiritual but Not Religious,” in Love One Another: Catholic Reflections on How to Sustain Marriages Today (2010). His work has been featured in such magazines as Family Perspectives, Catholic World, Liguorian, Marriage, and Deacon Digest. Dr. Healy has also created online content for the United States Council of Catholic Bishops website, For Your Marriage; for the electronic newsletter for newly married couples, First Day and For Ever; and for Franciscan Media’s Everyday Catholic.

Dr. Healy also helped the Catholic Church respond to, as he describes, “the scourge of sexual abuse” by selecting and leading the program “Protecting God’s Children” in the Diocese of Joliet. “In the first year alone,” notes Dr. Healy, “we trained 21,000 clergy, staff, and volunteers in how to recognize and prevent child sexual abuse.”

Born in Decatur, Illinois and raised in Joliet, Dr. Healy entered the seminary as a high school student and continued through his college years at the College (now University) of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minnesota, where he received a B.A. in English with minors in Theology and Philosophy. Indeed, not planning to marry but instead to become a priest, Dr. Healy notes, “Since I thought I would be a priest until I was age 22, marriage and parenthood were definitely not a given. When they arrived, marriage and parenthood came as unexpected and extraordinary gifts, and I still feel that way.”

Dr. Healy received his M.A. in the Social Sciences from the University of Chicago and his Ph.D. in Counseling Psychology from the University of Illinois. As part of his educational training, he provided individual, couple, family, and group therapy for several organizations. Inspired by the example of influential mentors, who “showed...the powerful ways in which personal faith and psychology could intermingle,” Dr. Healy combined his grounding in Catholic formation with his educational background in psychology to serve the Church and its married couples and families.

Dr. Healy and his wife, Dr. Madonna Wojtaszek-Healy, who serves as Consultant for Special Needs to the Joliet diocesan Office of Youth Formation, have been married for thirty-five years. Reflecting on the blessing of his own marriage, Dr. Healy notes: “My marriage to my wife Madonna has been the most formative experience for the last thirty-five years of my life. The three transcendental values that bring us closer to God are beauty, truth, and goodness, and I was blessed to find all three in abundance in one person.”

Together they have raised four children and recently welcomed their first grandchild. Despite both his personal and professional experiences with marriage and family, Dr. Healy submits: “I still have a lot to learn about families, both personally and ministerially.”

Dr. Healy also served as the Region VII representative to the board of the National Association of Catholic Family Life Ministers (NACFLM), is national chair for its Scholarship Committee, and has served on numerous related committees for the organization over many years. In 2000, Dr. Healy was honored with the NACFLM Family Ministry Award.

For more than thirty years, Dr. Healy has served the Catholic marriage and family ministries of the Joliet Diocese with exceptional zeal, knowledge, and faith, reflecting the Catholic and Lasallian Mission values of Lewis University. His helpful and extensive writings and teachings, and his tremendous appreciation for the blessings of marriage and family, serve as a model for others similarly called.

For these and other pertinent reasons, we are most pleased and privileged to confer on Dr. James Healy, the degree of Doctor of Humanities, honoris causa, with all rights and privileges thereof. Done at Romeoville, Illinois, this 15th day of December, 2019.
COLLEGE OF AVIATION, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Bachelor of Arts

December
Jackson P. Hansen *
Gytis Jankauskas
Halima K. Shuchi

Bachelor of Science

August
Hannah Rose Cross **
Jonathan Hernandez
Kaetlyn E. Hernandez *
Steven Thor Hungness ★
Kamila Legun
Kimberly Mascote
Joseph Andrew Michelli
Bianna M. Morgan
Alan Jeffrey Morrow *
Robin Falkoner ★
Anong Sean Phetchanpheng
James A. Potter *
Cody Robert Scott *
Diana Silva
Christopher T. Stevens *
Seth Osric Asis Torralba
Jonathan Joseph Zapotoczny

December
Rafael Castaneda Alegria
Mohamed Adulaziz M. Alshaer
Jakob Anderson
Spyridon P. Angelos
Shazil Ansari
Josimar Alex Arias
Emily Bernhard
Ansis Ryan Borg *
Monique Estelle Cauty ***
Carlos K. Chaves
Joshua Paul Chesney
Austin K. Chuning
David Joseph Clark ★
Ryan Clark
Alisha M. Cletcher ★
Joshua I. Colvin *
Alvi Renyl B. Cortes ***
Ryan Alan Cunningham
Keller Dellinger ***
Alexandria Denig ***
Nicholas George Diakoumis
Kathryn K. Doherty
Sean Michael Doody
Clifford Francis Eiring IV
Tristan John Fermaizin
Jacob Floresca
Jessica Forlenzo *
Ethan William Fosen *
Baleace Ashley Foster
Noah J. Fowler **
Lukasz Piotr Gabrys **
Christina Lynn Gibbons
Andrew Michael Glory ★★
Daniel I. Gonzalez ★
Fred Leon Grays ★
Michael John Hagberg *
Michael A. Hall
Jackson P. Hansen *
Israr Haq
Ross L. Harris **
Brenden George Hartdegen
Adam David Hoffmann
Grant Wilhelm Holve ***
John Anthony James
Resul Jashari *
Rubab Kazmi
Christopher Scott Kidd ★
Joshua S. Kolodziejczyk
Samanta K. Kos
William C. Kraatz
Ethan Aric Kurtz
Alexander Lye Lakomy
Joseph A. LaMantia
Anthony J. Maduzia
Austin C. Martorano ***
Lindsay Ruth Melvin
Melanie Mendoza
Lucas R. Mickelson ***
Justin D. Miller
Pablo G. Moreno, Jr.
Matthew Jacob Nessinger
Dalal Reziz Omran
Akshay D. Patel ★
Andres A. Paz-Colon *
Bryce Reed Perl *
Daniel P. Radz *
Fidel Ramirez
Miguel Alejandro Ramirez
Israel A. Ramos III ★★
Sean M. Ranahan
Fernando Antonio Renteria
Morgan Lynn Rink **
Eduard M. Romanovich ★★
Mauricio Angel Sandoval **
Rodgene Francis J. Santos
Scot William Scholz
Halima K. Shuchi
Kamil J. Szopa *
Tyler Tashji
Edward R. Trybula
Anthony Rene Valadez ★★★
Edgar J. Vallejo
Ryan Max Wiegel *
Victoria Rose Young *
Quinn Michael Zajkowski
Mahmoud Zayyad
Azbi Zekiri

Associate of Science

August
Peng Wang ★

December
Kurtis James Moore
Jessica Morgan Wilson

Post-Secondary Certificate

December
Tanupreet Kaur

COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES, FINE ARTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Bachelor of Arts

August
Bianna Natalia Barth
Adam C. King
Monica Ruiz-Rosas

December
Elizabeth L. Anderson
Max W. Benedict **
Robert E. Boswell *
Matthew Patrick Buckley *
Michael R. Burke *
Angela M. Ciarlette ***
Patrick J. Cibulka
Kyle Joel Coleman-Boyer
Marie A. DeCarlo
Audrey Hope-Juliana Folk
Victoria Jean Foster ***
Shannon M. Gerry *
Reinaliz Glory Irizarry *
Adam M. Kordower ★
Katarzyna Majchrowicz-Wolny ***
Eric Martinez ★
Samantha Nicole Moffett *
Andrew D. Muñoz *
Aaron Edward Ostrowski *
Kyle William Paup **
Audrey L. Pearson *
Efuia K. Richardson *
Ana Karen Sandoval
Xuxa T. Santos
Robert Michael Thomsen
Oana Carmen Trus
Matthew Stephen Vogrin
Tyler A. Woodward
Jacob R. Zdanowski

Bachelor of Elected Studies

August
Raymond William McGlynn

December
Christopher M. Boril
Tara M. McIvor

* Honors (white cord)
** High Honors (red cord)
*** Highest Honors (gold cord)
★ Scholar of the University
★★ Distinguished Scholar of the University
★☆ Veteran/Military
COLLEGE OF NURSING AND HEALTH SCIENCES

Bachelor of Arts

August
Caitlin M. Hill
Lane A. Kadlec *

December
Melissa J. Johnson

Bachelor of Science

August
Andrew M. Franzen*
Jamie Marie Hopper
Levi R. Schmillen

December
Keyenna R. Altizer
Jessica Barnes
Meaghan Anne Bower *
Valerie J. D'Angelo
Jason M. Harvey *
James Daniel Lucia *
Kylie Nicole McGivney
Cierra Latrice Pulliam

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

August
Cynthia Ann Schultz

December
Rebecca Allison Baran
Teagan Prentice Barnes
Ariel D. Bickham
Gabriela Lidia Bogacz
Magdalena Maria Borzecka
Ryan Joseph Brown
Marisa Lucia Castrogiovanni
Sarah Rose Collie
Molly J. Frey
Alexandria Nicole Haumann
Kaitlin Marie Jaros
Jessica M. Karlic
Dylan T. Krug
Paolo Joshua Lutero
Natalia Metelski
Molly Eileen Pohrebny
Jessa Danielle Ramirez
Josefina N. Ramos
Michelle Ann Rutkowski
Tucker Tyler Rzonca
Kirsten A. Schultz

Aivaras Sineokis
Bridget R. Sonnemaker
Kaitlyn N. Souder
Rebecca M. Stroube
Jessica Maria Zajac
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.

LASALLIAN STUDENT COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS
Each Commencement, a graduate is chosen to present the Lasallian 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 wear honor cords. 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.

LINCOLN ACADEMY STUDENT LAUREATE
The Lincoln Academy Student Laureate Award is presented annually to an outstanding senior from each four-year college and university in Illinois. Faculty and staff may nominate students for this prestigious award. The award is presented by the Governor in ceremonies at the State Capitol in Springfield. The Lincoln Academy Laureate participates in his or her Degree Ceremony and is seated on the Platform with other special guests and honorees.

NOYCE SCHOLARS
Noyce Scholars are outstanding students chosen for their excellent academic record in a STEM field as well as a commitment to working in a high needs classroom setting to become a highly qualified math of science teacher. This award provides financial support for their academic studies and opportunities to work in their field of study during the summer and attend content and pedagogical conferences. The following graduate is the recipient of the prestigious Noyce Scholarship: Maura M. Slattery.

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.
The Ceremonial Mace

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.

Presidential Chain of Office

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.
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.

Sanctified Zone

Guided by its Catholic and Lasallian heritage, Lewis University is firmly committed to fostering a campus atmosphere that is permeated by its Mission values of Fidelity, Wisdom, Knowledge, Justice, and Association. Accordingly, we have declared the University campus to be a Sanctified Zone, a place and a people United in Diversity. The active promotion of diversity and the opposition to all forms of prejudice and bias are a powerful and healing expression of our desire to be Signs of Faith (Signum Fidei) to each other.
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 64 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.”
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 90 undergraduate majors, 37 graduate programs and two doctoral programs. Five colleges (Aviation, Science and Technology; Business; Education and Social Sciences; Humanities, Fine Arts and Communications; and Nursing and Health Sciences) and the School of Graduate, 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. 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.

The College of Nursing and Health Sciences’ basic professional program is approved by the State of Illinois Department of Financial and 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. 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.

The Paralegal Studies program is approved by the American Bar Association (ABA).

The Bachelor of Social Work Program is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) Commission on Accreditation. The Master of Social Work Program is in Candidacy for CSWE accreditation.

All teacher preparation programs are approved for entitlement by the Illinois State Board of Education in conjunction with the Illinois State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board. The College of Education and Social Sciences earned accreditation by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE), and accepted by the Council for the Accreditation of Education Preparation (CAEP). For further information, visit CAEP at http://caepnet.org.

Lewis University has voluntarily withdrawn from accreditation by the Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education (CAATE) effective August 31, 2021. We are no longer accepting students into the undergraduate athletic training program. Current students who complete their course of study by August 31, 2021 retain their eligibility to sit for the Board of Certification examination.

Lewis University is an institutional member of the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (SARA).

Lewis University has approval to operate our Albuquerque locations from the New Mexico Higher Education Department.

Documents describing the status of Lewis University with these bodies can be found and reviewed in the Office of the Provost.

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 657 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 6,359 students, more than half are women (56%); 4,274 are undergraduates, and 2,085 are graduate students. While Lewis attracts students mainly from Cook, Will and DuPage counties in Illinois, the enrollment includes students from 46 of the United States, Puerto Rico, D.C. and 54 foreign countries.

Now the seventh largest among private colleges and universities in Illinois, Lewis University has over 46,000 alumni who have contributed 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.
Distinguished Affiliates

FOUNDERS
Michael Fitzpatrick (1844-1933)
Frances Fitzpatrick (1847-1950)
Frank J. Lewis (1867-1960)
Franciscan Brothers of the Holy Cross

HONORARY FOUNDERS
Bishop Martin D. McNamara, D.D. (1965)
Brother I. Philip, FSC (1965)
Mrs. Frank J. (Julia Deal) Lewis (1965)
Dr. Irving Crown (1965)
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Arthur J. Schmitt (1965)
Reverend John Brennan (1966)
William Joyce, Sr. (1966)
Thomas H. Andersen (1967)
Brother Louis De La Salle Seiler, FSC (1967)
John R. Lewis (1967)
A. P. Dailey (1967)
Dr. Leslie J. Farrington (1968)
Matthew Stefanich (1983)
Frank J. Gospodaric (1983)
Brother Joel Damian, FSC (1984)
Peter J. J. Kosiba (1999)
Brother James Gaffney, FSC (2015)

PRESIDENTS
Bishop Bernard J. Sheil (1932-1951), President Emeritus
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General Paul X. English (1954-1960)
Brother Leander Paul McGinnis, FSC (1960-1967)
Brother Paul French, FSC (1967-1971), President Emeritus
Dr. Lester Carr (1971-1976)
Dr. Paul A. Whelan (1977-1981)
Brother David Delahanty, FSC (1982-1987)
Brother James Gaffney, FSC (1988-2016), President Emeritus
Dr. David J. Livingston (2016+)

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