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### NOTE TO GRADUATES

Every effort has been made to list correctly candidates for degrees, individuals graduating with honors, and recipients of awards. For degree candidates, honors 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 December 2023 Lewis University official degree conferral date is December 22, 2023.

### POST CEREMONY PHOTOS

Looking for a great place to take a few photos following the Degree Ceremonies? Grab your phone and head to the University Green and stop by Time Plaza (see below) or visit The Encounter monument near North Hall (see page four).

### SOCIAL MEDIA

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. Graduation Celebration Kits can be found at lewisu.edu/GradKit
President’s Message

Dear Lewis University Graduate:

On behalf of the faculty, staff, and administration, it is my pleasure to congratulate you on your graduation from Lewis University as part of our 113th Commencement Exercises. 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 those who are poor and the marginalized.

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. Our hope for you, as 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 loved ones, and members of 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. Take a moment to let those individuals know how impactful they have been to your time at Lewis University. Remember, also, to return to campus in the future and be an active member of the Lewis University Alumni Association.

We are so very proud of all that you have accomplished during your time at Lewis. We know that you are equipped with the knowledge and skills to transform the world for the better.

Sincerely,

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

On behalf of the Lewis University Alumni Association and the Office of University Advancement, we would like to congratulate you on your accomplishment and welcome you to the alumni 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 52,000 proud alumni in over 45 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 be involved with the University. Whether it is 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 wonderful experience, there are plenty of ways to stay engaged. As an alumna/us, you can network with peers via our alumni social media pages, view alumni benefits and discounts, and utilize the alumni resources provided by Career Services. You can find out more information 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.

Go Flyers!

Colleen Ahearn
Vice President for University Advancement
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!

The National Anthem

**THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER**
*by Francis Scott Key*
O say can you see by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming?
Whose broad stripes and bright stars through the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watched, were so gallantly streaming!
And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there.
O say does that star-spangled banner yet wave,
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

The Encounter

The Encounter is a monument and sculpture located near North Hall that is inspired by a pivotal moment in the life of Saint John Baptist de La Salle in 1679 that changed the trajectory of his life and contributed to his involvement in the teaching profession and the founding of the Brothers of the Christian Schools.

Today, a walk through the doors of The Encounter symbolizes the transformative experience that a Lewis University education offers students searching for meaning and purpose in their lives. Learn more at lewisu.edu/encounter.
EVENING GRADUATE DEGREE CEREMONY
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15, 7 P.M.

College of Nursing and Health Sciences
College of Aviation, Science and Technology

Order of Ceremony

Processionals
Pomp and Circumstance March No. 1 by Sir Edward William Elgar

University Marshal and Mace Bearer
Brother Pierre St. Raymond, FSC, Ph.D., Professor, Chemistry

Saint John Baptist de La Salle Banner Bearer
Harshdeep Singh Saluja ‘23, M.S., Cybersecurity

National Anthem
The Star-Spangled Banner by Francis Scott Key
Brother Armand Alcazar, FSC, Ph.D., Professor, Theology (Retired)

Master of Ceremonies
Christopher Sindt, Ph.D., Provost

Invocation
Selena O. Berry ‘23, M.S., Aviation and Transportation
Lasallian Volunteer (LV) Scholar

Word of Welcome
Timothy Ferrarell ’79, B.A., ’83, M.B.A., Vice Chair, Board of Trustees

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

Presentation of Candidates
Susan Muller, Ph.D., Dean, College of Nursing and Health Sciences
Christopher White, Ph.D., Dean, College of Aviation, Science and Technology

Hooding of Graduates
Christopher Sindt, Ph.D., Provost
Anne Rapp, Ph.D., Vice Provost for Graduate and Continuing Education

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

Alumni Association Welcome
Matt Kwiatkowski ’00, B.S., ’06, M.S.
Lewis University Alumni Association

Prayer for Our Graduates
Christopher Swanson, M.A., Director, Study Abroad

Recessional
Pomp and Circumstance March No. 1 by Sir Edward William Elgar
COLLEGE OF NURSING AND HEALTH SCIENCES
Graduate Studies in Nursing
Doctor of Nursing Practice

December
Richard R. Ellis

Dissertation Title:
Promoting a Culture of Civility and Respect by Recognizing and Reducing Incivility

Dissertation Director:
Dr. Daisy Sherry

Certificate of Advanced Study

December
Gianna K. Capperino
Ellen Hancock Dee
Jessica Lynn Helon
Katherine M. Hoedtke
Amanda Lee Hoff
Clarys Taneeka Larsen
Maureen R. McCormick
Alyssa Anne Stilp
Justine Nicole Wilson
Bobbie Ayanna-Louise Woods

Master of Science in Nursing

December
Jennifer A. Adams
Anna E. Benesiewicz
Sherllagne B. Borja
Dana Lynn Bowler
Emily Katherine Brakman
Katelyn Rose Breitenstein
Tiffany L. Bui
Elizabeth Ann Campbell
Lindsay Marleya Cerchio
Carly A Clifton
Catherine M Cooke
Alison Mary Dembowski
Alexandra Lea Dinoffria
Alyssa Lauren Ellis
Ryan T. Gallagher
Brittany Marie Gasqueoine
Mary Katherine Glavas

James John Gordon
Regina Bernadette Hagglund
Alyssa Lynn Hawk
Zabrina D Haynie
Madison Lee Hester
Heather Lynn Horn
Lauren Elizabeth Jahn
Alexis Ione Johnson
Corinne C. Jones
Natalia Anna Kata
Ashley M. Killian
Breanne Marie Klein
Stephanie Marie Koehl
Justin Conrad Koerner
Martha Alexandra Kurzawski
Theresa A. Larson
Chikondi Marin
Laura L. Martin
Bridget Christine Mehta
Amy Marie Merkel
Andrea Daniella Miranda
Ashley A. Morgan
Rana Kazem Moussa
Rachel Elizabeth Moy
Kellsie Marie Murphy
Megan N Naylor
Hillary Gorrell Nevisn
Madelyn Mason Landman Nigh
Nicholas Matthew Nowak
Kelly Eileen O'Meara
Tina M Opsenica
Laura Perez
Samanthia P. Piazzolla
Sheri Irene Pieroni
Kelly Marie Pujo
Frank A. Recchia
Ashley Candace Reeder
Janelle Ashley Reyes
Meghan Leigh Rosen
Stephanie J. Santoyo
Andrea Elizabeth Schwartz
Kathryn Anne Caufield Shay
Aileen Kathryn Sim
Lauren Marie Simon
Erin Kathleen Smith
Anna Marie Starostovic
Jacqueline Rose Swindell
Harpreet Kaur Thandi
Jennifer Tokarski
Tracey E Tuepker
Nicolette Alexandra Vaccaro
Rachel L Vetter
Kathleen Jaimee Vinik
Agata Maria Wojtczka
Raven Nicole Woodard

Department of Occupational Therapy
Master of Science

December
Hala A. Abdelrahman
Samantha Beckow
Aaron M. Beliles
Jacqueline Carole Bratt
Stephanie Carbajal
Paige Jeanne Christian
Miranda Christine DeVito
Jay Anthony Hernandez
Alexis Ann Herron
Heather Lynn Hoffmann
Naomi Elizabeth Houston
Jaimee Lynn Jacobsen
Umama Mohammed Jilani
Amina Khan
Amy King
Hannah Noel Mehnert
Amy Patel
Katelyn Schaefer
David Aaron Timm
Lauren Andrea Uy
Victor Alex Valent
Erin Marie Walsh
Garrett J. White
Elina Brianne Woufe

Department of Aviation, Science and Technology

Department of Aviation and Transportation Studies
Master of Science

August
Seung Jin Byun
Bharath Kumar Reddy Duddugunta
Mohan Reddy Ponnappedu
Devendranath Yalakanti

December
Djamel Amineur
Selena O. Berry
Zonghong Chen
Sagar Bala Chinnapa
Reddy Duggimpudi
Jaikumar Durairaj
Katarzyna J. Fasano
Wyatt Cole Franks
Santosh Gautam
Bradley Alec Hinkleman
Jaylen Q. Johnson
Gregory Sison Kharasch
Niklaas Stephen Kurth

Sai Sukeeth Reddy Marpadaga
Ahmad Riyad Salah
Teja Sri Satya Kishore Tanelanka

Department of Chemistry and Physics
Master of Science

August
Sebastian Salinas, Jr.

December
Alexis Biblian

Department of Engineering, Computing and Mathematical Sciences
Master of Science

August
Manideep Addagudi
Vishal Annaram
Sudheer Kumar Badveti
Vijay Kumar Bandlamudi
Manisai Bejanki
Bhavannarayana Boppundi
Anthony Thomas Bulvan
Nagabhushanam
Bhushan Chalagalla
Lakshmana Gandhi Chalamalasetty
Sai Kumar Chirumamilla
Ram Deepak Danda
Alexander Charles DeForge
Sharath Chandra Dondlaply
Sowmya Dugyala
Shashivardhan Dundigalla
Chaitanya Raghavendra Enugurthi
Sai Kiran Reddy Ennula
Niharika Gariakparthi
Sangeeth M. George
Avinash Godishala
Maruthi Gundati
Anish Kumar Gunnala
Benjamin Haws
Anusha Jawaji
Harshith Reddy Katta
Om Sathyai Sai Manmadha
Reddy Keesara
Surya Raghavendra Kommissetti
Rama Jashwanth Konakkala
Kreethika Jain
Aadil Bash Kurnool
Allison Nicole MacDonald
Naveen Kumar Maddula
Saieteja Mallempudi
Naveen Kumar Reddy Manukonda
José Ignacio Martínez
MORNING GRADUATE DEGREE CEREMONY
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16, 9 A.M.

College of Education and Social Sciences
College of Business

Order of Ceremony

Processionals
Pomp and Circumstance March No. 1 by Sir Edward William Elgar

University Marshal and Mace Bearer
Michael Cherry, Ed.D., Professor, Organizational Leadership

Saint John Baptist de La Salle Banner Bearer
Hannah R. Tassone '23, M.B.A.

National Anthem
The Star-Spangled Banner by Francis Scott Key
Brother Armand Alcazar, FSC, Ph.D., Professor, Theology (Retired)

Master of Ceremonies
Christopher Sindt, Ph.D., Provost

Invocation
Michael P. Bulfin '23, Ed.D., Educational Leadership

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

President's Address
David J. Livingston, Ph.D., President

Presentation of Candidates
Christopher Kline, Ph.D., Dean, College of Education and Social Sciences
Ryan D. Butt, D.B.A., J.D., Dean, College of Business

Hooding of Graduates
Christopher Sindt, Ph.D., Provost
Anne Rapp, Ph.D., Vice Provost for Graduate and Continuing Education

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

Alumni Association Welcome
Leticia Reyes Damian '18, M.A.
Lewis University Alumni Association

Prayer for Our Graduates
Angela Maffeo, Ed.D., Director of International Student & Global Scholar Services

Recessional
Pomp and Circumstance March No. 1 by Sir Edward William Elgar
**Master of Arts**

**August**
- Austin Montgomery Albright
- Kimberley Ann Brumley
- Michelle Favela
- Kimberly A. Getzin
- Brianna M. Harks
- Mark Christopher Hodges
- Amy Catherine Kelly
- Kasandra Ann Kot
- Charmaine L. Lando
- Madeline Mary Lenz
- Victoria Marie Lies
- Rebecca A. Manzella
- Kristen Julia Masse
- Alely Nunez
- Kathryn F. Pape
- Isabel J. Ruiz
- Kimberly M. Stremme
- Kathleen Margaret Tite
- Kenayah N. Wallace
- Danielle Marie Weck

**December**
- Alicia Marie Abrego
- Fatiama Alharhashi
- Kyana Lynn Amos
- Christina G. Barbaccia
- Lilibeth Sierra Bitner
- Amanda Leigh Cash
- Penny Davis
- Susana Diaz
- Bridget Heard
- Bahar Jahshan
- Theodore M. Karamanski
- Lauren Renee Magafas
- Kati Lin McNicholas
- Ryan Angelo Mollo
- Lisa Ann Nobles
- Katherine Quinn Porter
- Lizette Rios
- Victoria Ann Robert
- Anita Marie Scott
- Paola Vieyra
- Daniel Schaeffer Walton
- Melissa Ortiz Wayne
- John Charles Wickey

**Master of Science**

**August**
- Nina Biram
- Kyla Denise Chalmers
- Kristina Ruth Kirk
- Dylan B. Mientus
- Daniel J. Murphy
- Alison Marie Teevan
- Jiawen Wang

**December**
- Marcin Krzysztof Beskur
- Charli Nicole Bouma
- Obed Yovan Galaviz
- Karl Anthony Gotsch
- John Anthony Kissane
- Codie James-Lee Landry
- Alec Charles Lehner
- Cathleen M. Zimel

**Department of Psychology**

**Master of Arts**

**August**
- Cassidy T. Boyle
- Michelle Nicole DeMato
- Nadia Durrani
- Sylvia Kupiec
- Raven A. Robinson
- Kelley Marie Seifert
- Lauren Elizabeth Vernola

**December**
- Lauren E. Buckley
- Gloria Elisanit Castro
- Margaret Mary Crofoot
- Amanda M. DeAngelo
- Courtney M. Lloyd
- Alaina M. McKenzie
- Mariari Rodriguez
- Kendall Marie Spreitzer
- Ashley Morgan York

**Department of Justice, Law and Public Safety Studies**

**Master of Science**

**August**
- Sultana Almas Khatoon
- Nicholas K. Lassak
- Liam Daniel McGrain
- Elizabeth Anne Merritt
- Saif Mohiuddin Mohammed
- Surendra Nath Babu Raparia
- Jenna Nicole Sajdak
- Amanda Stogsdill
- Naseem Amin Virani
- Kathy Dorothy Wilczek

**December**
- Fatima Ahmedi
- Taylor Rachel Baranski
- Kevin Daniel Bhuthapati
- Rinchen Bhutia
- Anthony Michael Cappello
- Brenda Castillo
- Ashish Damodar Bhutada
- Allison Mary Dernbonowski
- Akash Nayak Dhavavath
- Purushotham Yadav Golla
- Sanita Gurung
- Stephanie Lauren Hart
- Alyssa Lynn Hawk
- Lauren Elizabeth Jahn
- Tanveer Al Jamee
- Alexis Ione Johnson
- Laina Grace Johnson
- Ashley M. Killian
- Stephanie Marie Koehl
- Vasudev Komati
- Srikan Konda
- Sainath Reddy Koukunta
- Jordan E. Kramer
- Elias Martinez
- Julian Mercado
- Prudhvi Raj Muddagouni
- Kristina H. Mulica
- Nicholas Matthew Nowak
- Thomas Daniel Nowak
- Shrusti Vinod Panchal
- Ky Nam Quach
- Natalia Quintero Rodriguez
- Bhanu Kumar Rapolu
- Colette Marie Rodriguez
- Caroline Ruiz
- Andrew Ryan Sampson
- Dibin Sunuwar
- Jacqueline Rose Swindell
- Hannah Rose Tassone
- Pranesh Thati
- Gaurav Prashant Tiwari
- Diana Valker
- Bharat Kumar Vulugundam
- Mahmakunwarba Ajaysinh Waghela
- Caitlin Rose Winckler
- Raven Nicole Woodard
- Kamaria Woods
- Zixiong Zheng

**College of Education and Social Sciences**

**Department of Education**

**Doctor of Education**

**August**
- Michael Patrick Bulfin
  - Dissertation Title: Jeanoudrillard and Theorizing Conflict in the College Classroom: The Case for a New War Pedagogy
  - Dissertation Director: Dr. Kip Kline

**December**
- Milton Bradley Harmon
  - Dissertation Title: Who's Afraid of The Big Black Wolf?: How America's Cultural Lens Controls What We See, Think, and Believe About Black Male Imagery
  - Dissertation Director: Dr. Erica Dávila

**Latricia Denise Walker**
  - Dissertation Title: Voices From Low-Income Black Mothers: Fighting for Educational Equity
  - Dissertation Director: Dr. Jung Kim

**Elizabeth Ann Protich**
  - Dissertation Title: Humanizing the Formerly Incarcerated: A Personal and Professional Journey
  - Dissertation Director: Dr. Erica Dávila

**College of Business**

**Graduate School of Management**

**Master of Business Administration**

**August**
- Nihari Alahari
- Manisha Aryan
- Miguel Carmona, Jr.
- Colin Andrew Craigo
- Crystal Cuellar
- James R. Farrell, Jr.
- Kaylynn Gillespie
- Purushotham Yadav Golla
- Sanita Gurung
- Stephanie Lauren Hart
- Alyssa Lynn Hawk
- Lauren Elizabeth Jahn
- Tanveer Al Jamee
- Alexis Ione Johnson
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- Pranesh Thati
- Gaurav Prashant Tiwari
- Diana Valker
- Bharat Kumar Vulugundam
- Mahmakunwarba Ajaysinh Waghela
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**Saturday, December 16, 9 A.M.**

**GRADUATE DEGREE CEREMONY 2023**
## Master of Science

### August
- Poorna Chander Achini
- David Lucas Ambrozic
- Bharath Kumar Barigala
- Samara Simha Reddy Bokka
- Victor Abraham Boli
- Sai Alekhy Chandramouli
- Anand Babu Devarakonda
- Haribabu Gangadhari
- Praveen Gayakwad
- Leela Madhava Reddy Gopavaram
- Omer Berk Gorgun
- Shilpa Hemanth Reddy Haik
- Nivetha Hanumantha
- Karthik Reddy Kolipaka
- Pulapaka Krishna Krishna
- Lavanya Koppula
- Srinivas Koppula
- Charitha Kuppula
- Sai Vemulapalli

### December
- Mohammad Ali Alabed
- Alrahman Abu Saif
- Kezia Manaswine Adapala
- Indrasena Ageer
- Prashanth Alapati
- Shanthi Reddy Ambavaram
- Akshay Anand Salla
- Hemanth Suresh Babu
- Divya Vattikonda

## Department of Organizational Leadership
### Master of Arts

### August
- Cynthia E. Cannon
- Ellen Louise Gibson
- Jennifer Lynn Coris
- Ticy Huttenhoff
- Elizabeth M. O'Keefe
- Brook English Rushing
- Rachel Ann Sanchez
- Julia M. Schaefer
- Carol J. Skees-Koch
- Kimberly Jeanette Wolf

### December
- Emma Isabella Burton
- Daniel T. Dorion
- Megan Lee Flinn
- Susan Jane Hinton Lohman
- Cynthia Lynn Rechenmacher
- Margo Walker
- Mikesha Mary-Janee Brown Walker
- Jon Joseph Wedel
- Marlowe J. Weingart

## Post Baccalaureate Certificate

### August
- Dusti Renae Baldwin
- Courtney N. Andrews

### December
- Eddie Brandon Ross
- Veteran/Military
AFTERNOON UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE CEREMONY  
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1 P.M.  

College of Business  
College of Education and Social Sciences  
College of Humanities, Fine Arts and Communications  

Order of Ceremony  

Processionals  
*Pomp and Circumstance March No. 1* by Sir Edward William Elgar  

**University Marshal and Mace Bearer**  
Timothy McBride, M.B.A., Assistant Professor, Sport Management  

**Saint John Baptist de La Salle Banner Bearer**  
Morgan M. Jennings ’23, B.S., History  
*Lincoln Academy Student Laureate*  

**National Anthem**  
*The Star-Spangled Banner* by Francis Scott Key  
Elaine Swearingen, M.A., Lecturer of Music  

**Master of Ceremonies**  
Christopher Sindt, Ph.D., Provost  

**Invocation**  
Destiny Reynolds ’23, B.A., Criminal Justice  

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

**President’s Address**  
David J. Livingston, Ph.D., President  

**Conferral of Honorary Doctoral Degree**  
James F. Segredo ’77, B.A., M.Ed.  
Catholic Educator and Lasallian Leader  

**Student Lasallian Commencement Address**  
Catherine D. Fiori ’23, B.S.N.  

**Presentation of Candidates**  
Ryan D. Butt, D.B.A., J.D., Dean, College of Business  
Christopher Kline, Ph.D., Dean, College of Education and Social Sciences  
Mark Swain, M.F.A., Interim Dean, College of Humanities, Fine Arts and Communications  

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

**Alumni Association Welcome**  
Bridget Terrones ’12, B.A., M.B.A.  
Lewis University Alumni Association  

**Prayer for Our Graduates**  
Valerie Hill, Ph.D., Professor, Psychology  

**Recessional**  
*Pomp and Circumstance March No. 1* by Sir Edward William Elgar
Mr. James F. Segredo has served as a dedicated Catholic educator and visionary school leader, touching the hearts of students and colleagues for more than four decades—first, at Chicago’s St. Rita High School, and then at Montini Catholic, a co-educational, Lasallian, college-preparatory high school, located in Lombard, Illinois.

After forty-six years of supporting students and leading colleagues both during the school day and at countless after-school programs, Mr. Segredo retired in June 2023.

As vocations often do, Mr. Segredo’s lifetime vocation in Catholic education began unexpectedly; After earning a bachelor’s degree from Lewis University, majoring in criminal justice, social studies, and secondary education, and preparing to enter law school with a deep desire “to help others,” Mr. Segredo was invited to teach summer school at St. Rita, his high school alma mater. That supposedly single summer of teaching led to his accepting a full-time teaching position at St. Rita, beginning that fall, and then going on to serve, for the next twenty years, in a variety of roles at St. Rita, including as teacher, coach, athletic director, director of development, and vice-president.

Mr. Segredo credits his initial students with teaching him how to be an effective educator. As he notes: “I learned very quickly that students really appreciated teachers who were well prepared for class, challenging, energetic, fair, and who genuinely showed an interest in them and their success”—essentially, providing him “the opportunity to make a difference” in their lives.

During this time, having earned a Masters in Education with certification in school administration from the University of Illinois Chicago, Mr. Segredo also made a difference administratively. He expanded the development office staff and activities; grew the school’s annual fund; established St. Rita’s first Board of Directors; expanded the development office staff and activities; grew the school’s annual fund; established St. Rita’s first Board of Directors; expanded the development office staff and activities; grew the school’s annual fund; established St. Rita’s first Board of Directors; and effectively coordinated the singular feat of moving the campus from one location to another.

In 1997, after making the challenging decision to leave St. Rita to grow and lead another Catholic school, Mr. Segredo began his twenty-six-year tenure at Montini Catholic High School, one of sixteen Lasallian schools in the Midwest, serving for seven years as principal, and for nineteen years as president.

As Montini Catholic’s principal, Mr. Segredo advanced the school in numerous ways, including: lowering class size and increasing graduation requirements; expanding Advanced Placement offerings; establishing the Signum Fidei Program, welcoming students in need of additional academic support; expanding both athletic and extracurricular programs; beginning the Kairos retreat; initiating a Thanksgiving food drive, conducted now for twenty-six years; and collaboratively leading the first phase of the capital campaign, “Celebrate our Future...Building on Success.”

Mr. Segredo has also served on Montini’s Board of Directors, the Illinois Coalition of Private Schools, and as president of a local Lions Club. He has received numerous awards for his extraordinary leadership and commitment to education, including the Illinois Board of Education’s “Those Who Excel” Merit Award; St. Rita’s Hall of Fame and Man of the Year Award; Lewis University’s Alumni Achievement Award; the Order of the Sons of Italy Leonardo da Vinci Award for Educational Achievement; and Montini Catholic’s Distinguished Lasallian Educator Award and Leadership Award.

Born and raised on the Southwest Side of Chicago, Mr. Segredo attended, with his only brother, both Catholic grade school and high school. He notes the formative example of his parents, sacrificing much for their Catholic education, and instilling a strong work ethic and commitment to helping family and others. He has been married to Terri Fitzgerald Segredo for forty years, and together they have raised three children—Jim, a Lewis alumnus, Michael, and Kristina.

Upon his recent retirement, a former colleague recognized that Mr. Segredo “is passionate about helping children, a visionary who wants the best for students, and a superb role model for the entire school, faculty, staff, and students.” In his own reflecting on his career path and vocation, Mr. Segredo noted: “Being able to work with students as a teacher and a school administrator provided me the opportunity to serve a school community and to make a difference in the lives of my students...to help others...and to touch hearts.”

Mr. Segredo’s extraordinary dedication to educating students and leading schools with vision, association, and heart, reflect well the values of Saint John Baptist de La Salle, the Christian Brothers, and the Lasallian Catholic Mission of Lewis University.

For these and other pertinent reasons, we are most pleased and privileged to confer on Mr. James F. Segredo, the degree of Doctor of Humanities, honoris causa, with all rights and privileges thereof. Done at Romeoville, Illinois, this 16th day of December, 2023.
COLLEGE OF BUSINESS
Bachelor of Arts
August
Rosa Anderson***
Timothy Ian Balsom***
Melissa Ivette Camuy
Evan Jack Clement
Luke Edward Mahar★
December
Joel Alvarez★★
Lisa Dawn Anderson
Joram Jan Floris Bogers**
Thomas Pacheco Fox*
Joram Jan Floris Bogers**
Lisa Dawn Anderson
Jinhoon Kim
Michael Aaron Huizar
Emily Nicole Huebner***
Michael Randulf Hegland
Gadomski***
Randolph Dwayne Caddy, Jr
Hai Duyen Doan**
Andrew J
Agustina Cortez***
Pedro Antonio Chavez**
Santos M
Katherine Susanna Cassidy
Marlie Louise Bulthuis*
Meghan Nicole Brixie
Matthew Joseph Brescia
Nadia Jewels Borcean
Anujin Badamjargal*
David R
Jean Karl Vega Guilbe**
Zamo Njwijah Tikum
Dakota Joseph Slagle**
Hannah R
Nicholas A
Kanzia*
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Haya Kousa*
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Anujin Badamjargal*
David R
Jean Karl Vega Guilbe**
Zamo Njwijah Tikum
Dakota Joseph Slagle**
Hannah R
Nicholas A
Kanzia*
Joel Alvarez
Haya Kousa*

Bachelor of Science
August
Jessica Andrea Aguirre Alviz
Drew Lance Andre
Jandale Kristin Garcia Balongag*
Daniel J. Caldwell*
Ana Cazacu*
Francesca Marie Cesario
Paul Logan Gordon
Marcos Martinez**
Justin Michael Nuding*
James Russell Poppengier
Jaye Tierra Tate**
Duamira Zulbeari
December
Anujin Badamjargal*
Nadia Jewels Borcean
Matthew Joseph Brescia
Meghan Nicole Brixie
Marie Louise Bulthuis*
Katherine Susanna Cassidy
Santos M. Chaparro***
Pedro Antonio Chavez**
Agustina Cortez***
Andrew J. Dingle
Hai Duyen Doan**
Benjamin W. Dornalevski**
Imran Farooqi
Randolph Dwayne Caddy, Jr.
Dylan J. Gadomski***
Michael Randulf Hegland
Emily Nicole Huebner***
Michael Aaron Huizar
Jinhoon Kim

Sean Klosowski**
Jennifer Thanh Le
Jason Robert Ludtke
Shannon Elizabeth Martin
Brandi Renee Mills*
Sarah Mitchell
Christian O. Mora
Landon Munro**
Jacob John Petit
Brandon E. Rafa
Syeda Maliaa Rizvi
Selene Abigail Rodriguez**
Danielle Laura Roeseh**
Robert T. Rouse III
Anthony Richard Sciortino
David Peter Taylor
Hayley Catherine Velasquez***
Deja C. Williams
Veronica A. Wu*

School of Graduate, Professional & Continuing Education
August
Cody R. Stock

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SCIENCES
Bachelor of Arts
August
Jacob Aaron Abrams
Danielle Asche
Kali Ferguson***
Jailene Jimenez
Cecilia K. Joy
Robert F. Korczak**
Madeyln K. Pointer**
Jamie C. Rajca
Madeline Slowikowski***
Jarod William Speiden
Benita Varanauskaite**
Melissa Ann Wagner***
Alexander Whyte
December
Jesse L. Bailey
Jasmine Nicole Bandyk***
Ozma A. Bari*
Hannah Jarmila Beck**
Colin Michael Brooks
Haley Sue Brosman
Nicholas James Burket**
Jawuan Steven Burks
Isabella Rose Burow
Kaitlynn Frances Cook
Angelina Maria Cortesi
Nicholas Matthew Crowley★
Will Parker Debolt**
Olivia De Los Reyes**
Angelica Diaz
Samuel I. Diaz
Jasmine Nicole Dillman
Alexandra Nicolette Dymbrowski*
Matthew Christopher Epstein
Stefanny Escareno
Andrea Elaine Esposito
Hayden F. Fawcett
Katllynn Laura Gladkowski**
Cody Alan Gleim**
Chloe Anne Gordon*
Nancy Rubi Green***
Abigail Mackenna Grecco**
Craig Joseph Gunty Jr. **
Vanessa Rose Hall
Calvin Michael Herion
Jace Nolan Hudson★
Phillip Charles Jaffe
Emily Ann Janeski
Patricia Johnson
Broxanna Lynn Katauskas**
Philip James Kelly
Julia Veronica Klys
Jakub H. Kmieciak
David Andrew Kozaczka*
Emma Elizabeth Lewandowski Petzke**
Jacqueline Lopez
Ashley Lynn Macica**
Emily Anne Mack**
Cristi Lynn Madlon
Bryan Florendo Marti
Arianna Renee Matthews-Garcia*
Stephon Antonio McClain
Alyssa C. McGrath**
Marco Antonio Minutti
Gianna Irene Morsovillo
Maria M. Olmo
Erica Ortiz**
Lilliana Perez
Joselino Perez-Davalos***
Mary Elizabeth Pignone
Miriya Puriy
Jevin Daero Reed**
Alaina Noelle Reitz
Destiny Alazae Reynolds
Forrest Stephen Richardson★
Colin Andrew Ries*
James M. Rozhon, Jr.
Breana Lynn Sadler**
Jovanna Sarena

Bachelor of Elected Studies
December
Haya Kousa*

COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES, FINE ARTS AND COMMUNICATIONS
Bachelor of Arts
August
Jayson Iniguez
Lizbeth Noyola
December
Kyle Walter Bales
Shawnto Maria Tiara Brown
Alondra De La Torre
Jasmine Fairbanks**
Hayden D. Fawcett
Anabel Garcia Silva★
Morgan Maria Jennings
Jason Elas Napper
Morgan Alicia Page
Charles H. Peterson
Abdurrahman Qureshi
Halimah Luna Shukair**
Shelly Nicole Vargas
Marc Anthony Vega

Bachelor of Elected Studies
December
Haya Kousa*

UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE CEREMONY KEY
★ summa cum laude (gold cord)
** magna cum laude (red cord)
*** cum laude (white cord)
* Veteran/Military

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1 P.M.
UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE CEREMONY 2023
EVENING UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE CEREMONY
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16, 5 P.M.

College of Aviation, Science and Technology
College of Nursing and Health Sciences

Order of Ceremony

Processionals
Pomp and Circumstance March No. 1 by Sir Edward William Elgar

University Marshal and Mace Bearer
Cathy Bohlin, D.H.S., Associate Professor, Health and Human Performance

Saint John Baptist de La Salle Banner Bearer
Payton J. Goudreau ’23, B.S., Aviation Administration

National Anthem
The Star-Spangled Banner by Francis Scott Key
Giana M. Fidanzia ’25, B.A.

Master of Ceremonies
Christopher Sindt, Ph.D., Provost

Invocation
Alexis R. Wantroba ’23, BSN

Word of Welcome
Bryan Durkin ’82, B.S., ’93, M.B.A., Treasurer, Board of Trustees

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

Student Lasallian Commencement Address
Catherine D. Fiori ’23, B.S.N.

Presentation of Candidates
Christopher White, Ph.D., Dean, College of Aviation, Science and Technology
Susan Muller, Ph.D., Dean, College of Nursing and Health Sciences

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

Alumni Association Welcome & Father Aquinas Colgan Award Presentation
Lewis University Alumni Association

Recipient of the Father Aquinas Colgan Award
Christopher T. MacDougall ’23, B.S., Biology

Prayer for Our Graduates
Melissa Eichelberger ’88, B.A., ’00, M.A., Ed.D.,
Assistant Director, First Year Experience and Programming

Recessional
Pomp and Circumstance March No. 1 by Sir Edward William Elgar
Shannon Catherine Weiss
Alyssa Jo Walsh*
Jared Joseph Walkover
Oliver Siafa
Candice Amber Sherlock
Oliver Siafa
Cameron Stenger
Robert Thomas Vogel*
Jared Joseph Walkover
Alyssa Jo Walsh*
Shannon Catherine Weiss
Andrew Denton Whited
December
Ghazi M. Ahmad
Sergio Alaniz★
Ammar Altaj
Asad Ali
Andres Alvarez
Kenneth Amnua★
Ryan Anderson★
Daniel Mwoia Mugambi Arimi
Benjamin P. Aronstein
Anisha Hazer Asad
Anujin Badamjargal
Murad Othman A Badri
James Anthony Barkauskas
Tyler William Black
Andrew Michael Bolles★
Nadia Jewels Borcean
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Brett Richard Candra★
Julian Thomas Capaci
Jake Matthew Carvalho★
Jasmine Alexis Casanova
Katherine Susanna Cassidy
Santos M. Chaparro
Pedro Antonio Chavez
Jefferson Abrahim Cherrington
Jenna L. Cipriani★
Sergio Esteban Cisneros
Mack Ian Ciszek★
Liam Christopher Cleary
Agustina Cortez
Ryan J. Cupples
Enkh Amgalan Davaanyam★
Kristupas De Souza Silva
Kevin Walter DeBoissiere★
Joseph M. Devito
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Benjamin W. Domalewski
Megan Louise Donnelly
Rebekah Gail Downer
Jay Thomas Dykstra★
Jacob William Engelking★
Carmina Gonzales Esquer★
Rida Faiz
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Maya T. Cronkowski★
Giovanni Guerrero-Rocha
Johnie Guo
William Ryan Hamilton★
Cheyene Renee Ray Hammond
Michael Randulf Hegland
Nicholas Gregory Herres★
Julianne Marie Hobson
Paul Richard Hrubec
Michael Gabriel Hudson
Emily Nicole Huebner
Michael Aaron Huizar
Sean Thomas Hummert
Ibrahim Mohmed Ibrahim
Michael Allen Jaime
William Christopher Jett
Brian E. Johnson
Daniel A. Juarez
Heather M. Kamuda
Daniel John Keippel
Mohammad Rayyan Khan
Shaheryar Asghar Khan
Jinhuon Kim
Sean Klosowski
Grace Marie Kohlert★
Brooke Anne Koniuszy
Jacob Anthony Kopczyk★
Joseph Russell Krella
Jennifer Thanh Le
Uyen Vu Duy Le★
Ryan Leiteritz★
Alexander Robert Lesnicki★
Earl John Quinn Barja Lim★
Rory J. Lotz★
Jason Robert Ludtke
Christopher Tyler MacDougall
Mahnoor F. Malik
Allen Kristian Blanco Malit★
Shannon Elizabeth Martin
Jithin Mathew★
Michael C. McGough
Nayal A. Merchant
Andrew Nicholas Milewski★
Brandi Renee Mills
Sarah Mitchell
Jose Alejandro Montes De Oca Morfin★
Christian O. Mora
Anthony William Morelli★
Landon Munro
Belal Abdeljawad Odeh★
Wefqi Abdeljawad Odeh★
Kelsey Elizabeth Olson★
Mauricio Ricardo Ortiz Veloz
Konrad Palenik
Foram D. Patel
Jay Bharat Patel★
David Kuruvilla Peter★
Victoria Elizabeth Petersen
Jacob John Petit
Brandon E. Rafa
Mohammed Sami Rashid
Wali Rashid
Joie Bridget Anne Reisch★
Syeda Malika Rizvi
Selene Abigail Rodriguez
Danielle Laura Roesch
Emma Louise Rogers★
Robert T. Rouse III
Brenton T. Russo
Nicoletta Fay Salvatore★
Jacob A. Scesniak
Luke J. Schafer★
Anthony Richard Sciortino
Ian Douglas Scroggs
Anam Shareef
Muhammed Tabish Sheikh
Tyler Matthew Shively-Ablang
Rafi Siddiqui
Peter Sniezko
Daniel Thomas Sowa★
Collin J. Stashak
Randall Jon James Sutton
Kevin Lee Swarts, Jr.
Kumail Hastaan Syed
Ryan Syed
David Peter Taylor
Jacob Edward Toth
Andrew Robert Vanerka
Hayley Catherine Velasquez
Dennis Joseph Wagner, Sr.
Eric Scott Wette
Austin L. Williams
Deja C. Williams
Veronica A. Wu
Gregory Zuziak

Associate of Science
August
Cameron Alexander Hall
December
Uriel Alamo
Madelyn Jay DeJong

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16, 5 P.M.
UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE CEREMONY 2023
COLLEGE OF NURSING AND HEALTH SCIENCES

Bachelor of Arts

December
Melissa Davila
Eujean Kang
Sabrina M. Mapp**
Olah K. Mehmood**
Bianca Janet Rodriguez
Elizabeth Collette Singletary

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

August
Alexandria L. Ashton
Kevin S. Berkle
Martin Patrick Blake
Camille Carol Cornils
Catherine D. Fiori
Stephanie Rose Huang
Nicolet Elizabeth Kittle
Rebecca Frances Laughman
Estefania Leon Cortes*
Sara Elizabeth Ntigue
Michael R. Murphy
Stephanie C. Niggins
Mariya Puriy
Emily Robinson
Madison Nicole Williams
John M. Wolniak
Colleen LaVerne Yerkes

December
Megan Alca Abellera
Delaney Elizabeth Boyne
Ivanna Alexandra De Leon
Abigail Fabila Dizon
Katherine Jayne Dobson
Nalleigh Marie Farrero
Anna Marie Faveron
Gabriela Krystyna Goryl
Nyla Leaann Grant
Alison Rose Krawczyk
Anais Rosas Lorden
Meghan Therese Lotti
Angela Kristyn Meister
Marlene Mercado
Samantha Carmella Novakovic
Taylor Rose Peters
Jason Xavier Pineda
Molly Elizabeth Pstrzoch
Megan Nicole Schlechte
Marina Frances Smentek
Stacy Anne Walsh
Alexis Rosemarie Wantroba*
Essence Rahje’ Winters

Bachelor of Science

August
Rilie A. Spiecker

December
Daniel Mworia Mugambi Arimi*
Special Recognition

STUDENT LASALLIAN COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Each Commencement, a graduate is chosen to present the Lasallian Address as a representative of the undergraduate men and women receiving degrees. 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.

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 nominate students for this prestigious award, which is presented by the Governor in ceremonies at the State Capitol in Springfield. The 2023-2024 Lincoln Academy Student Laureate is Morgan M. Jennings.

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 University honors if they have achieved cumulative grade-point averages as follows: 3.500 - 3.749 cum laude, formerly Honors; 3.750 - 3.899 magna cum laude, formerly High Honors; 3.900 - 4.000 summa cum laude, formerly Highest Honors. 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. Graduation honors will be indicated on the student’s diploma and transcript. Ceremony honors are tentative and subject to degree certification. For ceremony purposes, students honor cords are assigned as follows: cum laude (white cord); magna cum laude (red cord); summa cum laude (gold cord).

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 ★.
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, few people lived in luxury, and 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 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 79 countries around the world. This worldwide community of Christian Brothers, numbering about 3,000 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.”
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 five colleges of the University: Aviation, Science and Technology; Business; Education and Social Sciences; Humanities, Fine Arts and Communications; and Nursing and Health Sciences.

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.
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 arts, 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).

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 over 742 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 6,636 students in Fall 2023, 3,281 (49.4%) are women, 3,948 (59.5%) are undergraduates, and 2,688 (40.5%) are graduate students. While Lewis attracts students mainly from Cook, Will and DuPage counties in Illinois, the enrollment includes students from 44 of the United States, Puerto Rico, and 65 foreign countries.

Now the eighth largest among private colleges and universities in Illinois, Lewis University has over 52,000 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.
University Accreditation

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.

Program Accreditation

College of Aviation, Science and Technology (CoAST)

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 Bachelor of Science in Computer Engineering is accredited by the Engineering Accreditation Commission of ABET, abet.org.

College of Business (CoB)

The College of Business programs are accredited by the Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs (https://acsbpb.org/page/accreditation-overview).

The M.S. in Project Management is accredited by the Project Management Institute Global Accreditation Center for Project Management Education Programs (GAC).

The M.A. in Organizational Leadership Professional and Executive Coaching concentration and certificate are accredited by the International Coaching Federation (ICF) as an Accredited Coach Training Program (ACTP)/Level 2 training program.

College of Education and Social Sciences (CoESS)

The Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP), a specialized accrediting body recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA), has granted accreditation to the following program in the Department of Psychology at Lewis University: Clinical Mental Health Counseling, M.A., retroactive to July 14, 2019.


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

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.

College of Nursing and Health Sciences (CoNHS)

The baccalaureate degree program in nursing/master’s degree program in nursing/Doctor of Nursing Practice program and post-graduate APRN certificate program at Lewis University is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (ccneaccreditation.org).

Lewis’ basic professional program is approved by the State of Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation.

The entry-level occupational therapy master's degree program is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE) of the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA), located at 6116 Executive Boulevard, Suite 200, North Bethesda, MD 20852-4929. ACOTE’s telephone number c/o AOTA is (301) 652-AOTA and its web address is acoteonline.org. Graduates of the program will be eligible to sit for the national certification examination for the occupational therapist administered by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT). After successful completion of this exam, the individual will be an Occupational Therapist, Registered (OTR). In addition, all states require licensure in order to practice; however, state licenses are usually based on the results of the NBCOT Certification Examination. Note that a felony conviction may affect a graduate’s ability to sit for the NBCOT certification examination or attain state licensure. Additionally, students must complete 24 weeks of Level II fieldwork within 18 months following completion of the didactic portion of the program.

The Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) has awarded initial accreditation to the Exercise Science program.

Professional Licensure

Lewis University offers online and in person degree programs that lead to licensure/certification in the State of Illinois. Requirements for licensure and certification vary by state. If you are located in a state other than Illinois or plan to live in another state after you graduate, you may be required to meet additional requirements set by state licensing boards. Currently enrolled and prospective students should contact their state’s licensure board to identify licensure/certification requirements.

Online Degree Program Authorization Information

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

Lewis University participates in the National Council for State Authorization Reciprocity Agreements. NC-SARA is a voluntary, regional approach to state oversight of postsecondary distance education. As a participating institution, Lewis University may offer online programming to students in other SARA member states without seeking authorization in that state. As a member of M-SARA (MHEC), Lewis University publishes information that facilitates out-of-state students seeking to enroll in online classes with us.

The State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (SARA) is an agreement among its member states, districts and U.S. territories that establishes comparable national standards for interstate offering of postsecondary distance-education courses and programs. It is intended to make it easier for students to take online courses offered by post-secondary institutions in a state other than the one where they reside. SARA is overseen by a national council and administered by four regional higher education compacts: MHEC, NEBHE, SREB and WICHE. The four SARA agreements of those compacts are collectively treated as a plural, the Agreements.

For a complete list of programs offered at Lewis in a fully online format, visit lewisu.edu/academics/programs/onlineprograms.htm

Further questions about SARA can be addressed to the Office of the Provost at (815) 836-5639.
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Land Acknowledgment

Lewis University humbly assumes a centuries-old custom of Native Peoples to remember our common attachment to this land. As an institution of higher learning, it is our duty to remind future generations the debt we owe to the original stewards of this continent. As a Lasallian, Catholic institution, we nourish our common spirituality when we reflect upon the variety of historic experiences of people who have and will live in this sacred place. We express our appreciation to Midwest SOARRING Foundation for their support and partnership in preparing this Land Acknowledgment.

- We acknowledge the Land on which we stand and occupy today as the original home of many past Indigenous peoples—most recently the Illini, Potawatomi, Ojibwa, Odawa, Sauk, Fox, and Miami.
- We acknowledge Indigenous understanding of and reverence for the land and its resources, and the respect Indigenous people have shown towards all life upon it.
- We acknowledge the history of racism and displacement of these peoples from their homelands and disrespect for traditional cultures.
- We recognize the vast, collective wisdom of Native Nations past and present who continue to reside upon it now.
- We acknowledge the extreme hardship Native and Non-Native Americans have endured on the road to recovering their cultures spiritually, physically, and economically.
- We must now stand shoulder to shoulder to respect and give assistance to promote the inclusion of the Native Indigenous People in our society.
- We must show the same reverence towards the land and our environment as Indigenous people have so that we, together, can begin to heal our tortured past and create a unified historical narrative of our common humanity.
American Academic Costume

The academic costume worn at American college exercises today goes back in its essential feature to the Middle Ages. The oldest universities of northern Europe, such as Paris and Oxford, grew out of church schools, and both faculty and students were regarded in the Middle Ages as a part of the clergy. Hence, they wore clerical garb, largely borrowed from the monastic dress of their day, not merely on special occasions, but as their usual costume.

The head-covering of the academic costume developed out of the skullcap worn by the clergy in cold weather to protect their tonsured heads. In the universities, this skullcap later developed a point on top, which gradually evolved into a tassel. The bonnet with the tassel is still worn by degree-holders of the European universities. But in this country, it has been replaced by the familiar mortar board, which still, however, retains the medieval tassel.

The hood (the medieval caputium) was originally a head covering worn in bad weather and otherwise dropped onto the shoulders like the monk’s cowl. At first it was worn by faculty and students alike, but in the early sixteenth century, it was restricted to graduates and thus came to be the mark of the degree-holder. Today, each college has distinctive colored hood lining by which its graduates may be recognized in academic processions. At Lewis University, master’s degree candidates are hooded to distinguish them from other graduates.

The gown worn today is the medieval robe and seems to have been borrowed from the habit of the Benedictine monks. In the Middle Ages, undergraduates, bachelors, and masters could be distinguished by the simplicity or elaborateness of their gowns (the masters’ gowns were often furred), and this tradition survives today in the ornamentation found on the doctoral gowns. The wide velvet borders extending down the front of the doctoral gown, as well as the velvet bars on the sleeves, are usually colored according to the scholarly field of the wearer.

For undergraduate degree recipients at Lewis University, a white cord over the shoulders signifies cum laude, a red cord magna cum laude, and a gold cord summa cum laude.

Graduate hoods are distinguished by color with the field of study represented by the following colors:

- **Agriculture**
  - Maize
- **Arts, Letters, Humanities**
  - White
- **Business Administration, Commerce**
  - Drab
- **Dentistry**
  - Lilac
- **Economics**
  - Copper
- **Education**
  - Light Blue
- **Engineering**
  - Orange
- **Fine Arts, Architecture**
  - Brown
- **Forestry**
  - Russet
- **Human Resource Management**
  - Dusk
- **Journalism**
  - Crimson
- **Law**
  - Purple
- **Library Science**
  - Lemon
- **Medicine**
  - Green
- **Music**
  - Pink
- **Nursing**
  - Apricot
- **Oratory (Speech)**
  - Silver Gray
- **Pharmacy**
  - Olive Green
- **Philosophy**
  - Dark Blue
- **Physical Education**
  - Sage Green
- **Public Administration, Foreign Service**
  - Peacock Blue
- **Public Health**
  - Salmon Pink
- **Science**
  - Golden Yellow
- **Social Work**
  - Citron
- **Theology and Divinity**
  - Scarlet
- **Veterinary Science**
  - Gray