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  College of Aviation, Science and Technology

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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 May 2024 Lewis University official degree conferral date is May 17, 2024.

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
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 114th 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
From Alumni Relations

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 53,000 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

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Stay connected to Lewis University’s Alumni Online Community.
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?

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 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, MAY 10, 7 P.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
Natalia Tapia, Ph.D., Professor, Justice, Law and Public Safety Studies

Saint John Baptist de La Salle Banner Bearer
Kelly G. Bleakley, ’24, M.A., School Counseling

Presentation of the Colors
Lewis University Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) Color Guard

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
Arianna Amill-Ramos ’21, B.A., ’24, M.A., Clinical Mental Health Counseling

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
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 Doctoral Degree Candidates
Christopher Sindt, Ph.D., Provost
Dissertation Directors

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

Alumni Association Welcome
Kelly M. Kolton, B.A., ’17, M.B.A.
Lewis University Alumni Association

Prayer for Our Graduates
Rev. Paul Novak, OSM, M.Div., University Chaplain & Campus Minister

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

Jessica Lee Beyer
Paul T. Braker
Melissa Ann Cerveny
Andrew J. Curran
John Christopher Derrah
Rodolfo Garcia
Jamie Lynn Gardner-Haycox
Jessica-Christine Marie Guinia
Kara Marie Hosman
Amelia Martha Monique Hudetz
Stacy Marie Kloss
Ryné M. Koeppel
Jacob D. Lehnener
Amy K. Lilek
Brianna Danielle Marquette
Amalia Morales
Katherine Morgan
Jan Erika Sancho
Alicia M. Sink
Carly Cathryn Vandenberg
Rosa Maria Villagomez
Adam Edward Washington
Gabriela Urquiza Wesseler
Ashlei Renee White

Master of Education

Emily Jody Bufka
Kari E. Collins
Wendy Marie DePhillips
Alissa Marie Foster
Melissa N. Fry
Yarita Guzman
Katharine Helen Hadraba
Samantha Rae Helland
Brianna Olikiewicz
Chequita D. McDonald
Sarah Elizabeth Mirabella
Laura Morales
Alexandria Nicole Paulsen
Shannon D. Smith
Emily Ann Stratton
Anail B. Walker
Michael Joseph Whitt
Christine Marie Wolinski
Chelsea Elizabeth-Rose Young
Macy Zamudio

Master of Psychology

Drew Allen Moss
Joel Ortiz
Michael Gordon Sack

Department of Psychology

Master of Arts

Jocelyn Aguila
Arianna Amill-Ramos
Haley Barbara Berge
Lisa Marie Blankenship
Kelly G. Bleakley
Marc Cuiriz
Angelica Christine Del Pilar
Niyshaa Foley
Jamie Elaine Joyce
Kayleen Maretta Kaiser
Keara Kimberly Kaminski
Elizabeth Lemus Figueroa
Mary A. Malone
Ariana Lynn Marciniak
Colleen Marie McShea
Olivia Grace Monzel
Jessica A. Moore
Christopher A. Omiecinski
Stephanie Marie Ruiz
Claire Noelle Thiese
Cisco Julian Valentine

Master of Social Work

Katherine M. Boron
Paige Kathryn Bracey
Jessica Nicole Branch
Retta C. Colbert
Carolin Anne Currey
Brian Do
Hafsa Fatima
Audrey Ann Fetcho
Ashley Ann Gasienica
Dayezha D. Jordan
Cecilia K. Joy
Simon N. Mbi
Alyssa Morgan Moralis
Jordan M. Oliver
Silvia Onate
Christiane Neftaly Ortiz
Jocelyn Pasindo
Meghan Elizabeth Peters
Jamie C. Rajca
Asma Razik
Andrea Anne Richards
Darby Abigail Roth
Nora A. Santiago
Jacob Michael Stefanich
Monique Mariah Villareal

FRIDAY, MAY 10, 7 P.M.
GRADUATE DEGREE CEREMONY 2024
Master of Science

Nagavenkatasriramachandrasaiprasanth Achalla
Kanthi Rekha Allamsetty
Dinesh Kumar Appala
Nishant Arora
Sumanth Reddy Arra
Bala Ritish Kumar Atmakuri
Bharath Simha Reddy Avuthu
Abdul Irfan Baig
Mahesh Reddy Bareddy
Darinchuluun Bat Erdene
Anusha Batthina
Sukhender Reddy Beemidi
Pranish Reddy Bhavanam
Kavya Lakshmi Bojanapalli
Swapna Bungatavula
Vishwanth Reddy Bussu
Soumen Das
Kishore Dasari
Mani Sankar Dasari
Evan Sean Dennis
Venkata Sai Kiran Duggisetty
Shanmuk Eluri
Nithish Reddy Emani
Adrian A. Fernandez
Taran Kumar Gadi
Avinash Gali
Mahalakshmi Golla
Avinash Gubbala
Lakshman Sai Chowdary Gundapaneni
Sai Krishna Gundla
Sai Pranay Reddy Jakkidi
David Joy Jena
Chetan Kalloji
Rishi Ka Raj Karabuja
Neeraja Kasimahanthi
Imran Ali Kathib Syed
DaJour D. Kimbrough
Vayunandan Reddy Kommidri
Sushma Kondeti
Copi Krishna Kuppagari
Vamsi Krishna Reddy Medapati
Nafay Mohammed Abdul
Murтуза Али Mohammad
Saad Mohammed
Shankar Naik Mudavath
Vamsi Subrhamanyam Raju Mudunuri
Vineela Mutte
Paravesh Sai Reddy Nare
Renu Kumar Nelluri
Pradeep Reddy Nellypally
Oliver Nerella
SaiReddy Nuthula
Pragathi Pathi
Pranai Abilash Peruma Reddy
Abhishek Podugu
Palavi Poreddy
Jagadish Pydi
Madhusudan Reddy Rajolla
Matthew Xavier Reyna
Nikhil Reddy Sajjala
Ankit A. Shah
Samreen Iftekhar Shaikh
Obaid Ahmed Syed
Jaya Preethi Talari
Raghavendrareddy Tathireddygari
Swamy Reddy Tekulapally
Kesavaram Thripuraneni
Ravi Teja Venigalla
Riley Brian Widney
Ruben Peter van Leeuwen

Department of Organizational Leadership

Master of Arts

Courtney Nicole Andrews
Sharon Ruth Catus
Margaret Cetera
Ashley L. Cosby
Kristan Teresa Domagalski
Rachel Augustine Emory
Kristen Dixon Frago
Wilvert Ibares
Meghan Martha Lee
Zachary R. Teegen

Post Baccalaureate Certificate

Mary Ukpong
MORNING GRADUATE DEGREE CEREMONY
SATURDAY, MAY 11, 9 A.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
Tina Veale, Ph.D., Administrative Director, Speech-Language Pathology

Saint John Baptist de La Salle Banner Bearer
Grace Petersen ’24, M.S., Speech-Language Pathology

Presentation of the Colors
Lewis University Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) Color Guard

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
Adam T. Caridi ’22, B.S., ’24, M.S., Chemistry

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

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 Doctoral Degree Candidates
Christopher Sindt, Ph.D., Provost
Scholarly Project Chairs

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

Alumni Association Welcome
Christopher J. Hueg ’11, B.A., ’16, M.A., ’23, M.A.
Lewis University Alumni Association

Prayer for Our Graduates
Julie Cosimo, Ed.D., Director, Career Services

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

Anne Marie Horne
Scholary Project Title: Increasing Advanced Care Planning in the Long-Term Care Setting
Scholary Project Chair: Dr. Daisy Sherry

Kerrie Marie Samuelian
Scholary Project Title: Improving Patient Fall Outcomes through Learning from Near-miss Fall Events
Scholary Project Chair: Dr. Eleftheria T. Karapas

Desiree Merri West
Scholary Project Title: Implementation of Annual Hands-On Competency with Chemotherapy Spill Clean-Up Education and Simulation to Increase Nurse Knowledge and Confidence
Scholary Project Chair: Dr. Donna Martin

Certificate of Advanced Study
Zachary T. Carville
Christian Santos Charvet
Anna Gertsberg

Master of Science in Nursing
Ivan N. Aryee
Monica Jo Bova
Madelyn Elise Brammer
Ryan Joseph Brown
Rachael Diane Campbell
Diana Chojna
Nicholas Seunghwan Chuh
Bianca T. Conner
Meghan Conway
Jillian R. Devitt
Tiffany Marie Douyon
Erin N. Duffy
Tara A. Early
Amy Elizabeth Favia
Kassi Ann Filipiak
Arthur Bustamante Flores
Desiree-Bianca S. Garcia
Taylor Monica Gonzalez
Amanda Elizabeth Heimdal
Katherine Rae Hermann
Alyssa Ashley Herndon
Ian Michael Hogan
Kareem Ibrahim
Mehwish Rasheed Jafry
Amanda Christine Kimball
Kara A. Krueger
June Eun Jeong Lee
Mackenzie L. Maldonado
Erick Rodrigo Mariano
Lauren Keating McIntosh
Amanda L. Michalek
Sabrina Anna Milon
Jennifer Nicole Nalewski
James Patrick O’Malley
Parvinder Kaur Randhawa
Taylor Nicole Ravlin
Noel Elizabeth Rooks
Kelsey Marie Seaborg
Tulsi Viren Kumar Shah
Kira Lynn Sheedy
Samantha J. Shore
Vincent Andrew Strom
Jennifer Tenera Tan
Alexandria Nichole Taylor
April Dolores VanMilligan
Alison Elizabeth Wolf

Department of Speech-Language Pathology
Master of Science
Mya Grace Amendola
Magdalene Jon Bandyk
Ariana Jean Bermudez
Sharon Michelle Campos-Martinez
Lauren E. Colby
Alexzandria M. Coleman
Erin Julie Anna Coleman
Kassidy Danielle Collins
Allison Paige Coulson
Briana Discipio
Kelli Ferraro
Lexi Elise Fisher
Rakayla Ruth Gibson
Emilia A. Gladysz
Demenica A. Gomez
Claudia A. Gonzales
Gisela Hernandez
Carrie Lynn Hostery
Sophia Nicole Keigher
Paige Katherine Landry
Sophia Raquel Magana
Jaci Shannon McNeill
Caitlin Elizabeth Meyer
River Jade Murphy
Stephanie Rae Nold
Bridget F. Olu-Alabi
Grace Neily Peterson
Cassidy Peterson
Lisette Rodriguez
J’Vohnee M. Rosario
Olivia Hope Silva-Nano
Anna Rose Sitar
Elizabeth Anne Thorson
Abigail Hope Troemel
Tessa Nicole Troike
Madison Nicole Tryner
Aliza Jean Van Den Elzen
Ruby Vasquez

SATURDAY, MAY 11, 9 A.M.
GRADUATE DEGREE CEREMONY 2024
COLLEGE OF AVIATION, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Department of Aviation and Transportation Studies

Master of Science

Meltonique Angela Bowen
Antonio J. Elias Rodriguez
Ian F. Fitzpatrick
Daniel Luke Ford
Rosendo Garcia, Jr. ★
Genesis Dimitric Garfias
Autumn Marie Harrison
Mirazid Odilovich Ismoilov
Cajinda Nuwantha Kulasinghe
Ting Wei Lai
Joonwon Lee
Charles Joseph Melvin
Mary Quaye
Luisa Katrina Del Pilar Roque
Muzzamill Ali Shaik
Shen Hung Tsai
Departments of Chemistry and Physics

Master of Science

Adam Timothy Caridi
Matthew Leonard Kubacki
John A. Kurowski
Joseph Lawrence Powell
Alec James Werner

Department of Engineering, Computing and Mathematical Sciences

Master of Science

Vijay Kumar Adepur
Shakila Akter
Niharika Akula
Rushyendra Alapati
Mohammad Hasan Ali Alshaggag
Srirantri Anasaram
Jethin Babu Anuga Chitti
Navya Arisetty
Benjamin Ayirifa
Indrasena Badavath
Aditya Nair Balasubramanian
Ali Ahmed Bin Khaled Banagga
Sai Kumar Reddy Bandela
Sahiti Bannela Kuruva
Kshitiz Basnet
Harshavardhan S V L K K Batsala
Arun Bhattacharyay
Bharath Kumar Bobba
Bhakti Boddup
Shivakrishna Boorla
Kalyan Borra
Jorge Enrique Campos
Leela Sai Kumar Chalamalasetty
Akhilesh Chintham
Vinay Chirra
Bhanu Kumar Chivatam
Manjusha Choutupalli
Venkata Ramanathan Daggupati
Pavansai Dasari
Kiran Teja Devineni
Colton Charles Dynia
Sai Sandeep Caddipati
Varun Venkat Sai Gajula
Bhagavan Sri Sai Kumar Gamidi
Anish Reddy Gangasani
Umamaheswara Rao Gangavarapu
Sai Prathyusha Garaga
Thomas Vincent Garcia
Sai Krishna Gogineni
Anuradha Gude
Mouzzam Hussain Jaddi
Jooyitha Janupala
Uday Kiran Japala
Srikanth Reddy Jinnaram
Rachel Abigail Joseph
Suresh Kadiyal
Copinadhi Kaka
Shabnam Kaleem
Lakshmi Narayana Kanisetti
Yeswanth Chitti Sai Eswar Kanisetti
Saumith Kesupaka
Santhosh Reddy Kethireddy
Jameel Ur Rahman Khan
Mohammedd Khan
Prajith Chandra Kocherla
Srinivas Komali
Kranthi Kommineni
Srishanth Reddy Kommiti
Vaishnavi Konamoni
Venkata Sai Chandu Kotturu
Sai Teja Kumbharn
Shiva Kumar Kunde
Manishanth Kurmeti
Venktesh Kurra
Jakob London
Mani Varma Madduri
Venkata Sai Nandaanirudh Mahamkali
Sanjib Reddy Mallavarapu
Venkataananagapavani Mandadi
Anurag Marripelly
Corinne Elizabeth Medina
Syed Asad Mehdhi
Jake Mikiewicz
Samir Baig Mirza
Abdul Mubeen Mohammad
Shabaz Mohammad
Abrar Mohammed
Asrar Mohammed
Shahbaaz Mohammed
Stephan William Montague ★
Rachael Nicole Morrison
Jocelyn Rose Murray
Hareen Mutta
Mikel Myrteza
Drhuv Harshadkumar Nayee
Akhilesh Yaday Ommi
Upendra Varma Pandeti
Mony Dheeraj Pasupuleti
Havan G. Patel
Keerthana Penaganti
Joseph Reddy Pentareddy
Sri Harsha Pentela
Venkateswarlu Podila
Navya Potru
Jade Hual Provance
Hari Vardhan Reddy Pulakandam
Harshavardhan Pullakandam
Sahithi Pusapatni
Sai Sushanth Reddy Rachapalli
Ushaswini Renukunta
Rohan Reddy Sama
Koushik Samudrala
Pavan Kalyan Sandu
Vanitha Sannaobappa
Matthew Gerard Schroeder
Ajith Basha Shaik
Wasim Shaik
Prasad Shivarathri
Sindhu Sholapurkar
Naveen Siddineni
Bruno Silva de Oliveira
Satyanand Singamsetty
Maciej Stuczyn
Hyder Owaisuddin Syed
Aman Fatima Syeda
Nishma Thout Reddy
Bharath Kumar Tupakula
Nicholas J. Tutino
Manikar Ugadi
Praveen Ugge
Durga Venkata Sai Ummadi
Joseph Angelo Urso
Rinkle Ritesh Vaghela
Bharath Kumar Vakapalli
Nishanth Vallabhadasu
Ramakrishna Reddy Vedeire
Chandrika Veeramalli
Anirudh Naga Surendra Veggulla
Krishna Kiran Vinnakota
Sai Pranay Krishna Vummmanobino
Alyssa Marie Walter
Wyatt Douglas Wofersberger
Sai Yarram
Hemanth Kumar Raju Yerramaraju

Post Baccalaureate Certificate

Kevin Michal Bannon

GRADUATE DEGREE CEREMONY KEY

★ Veteran/Military

10 SATURDAY, MAY 11, 9 A.M.

GRADUATE DEGREE CEREMONY 2024
AFTERNOON UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE CEREMONY  
SATURDAY, MAY 11, 1 P.M.  

College of Aviation, Science and Technology  
College of Humanities, Fine Arts and Communications  
College of Nursing and Health Sciences

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David Anderson, Ed.D., Professor, Communications

Saint John Baptist de La Salle Banner Bearer
Matthew J. Senese ’24, B.S., Computer Science

Presentation of the Colors
Lewis University Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) Color Guard

National Anthem
The Star-Spangled Banner by Francis Scott Key
Shane Franz ’24, B.S., Computer Science

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

Invocation
Allison M. Lankowicz ’24, B.A., Radio-TV Broadcasting

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

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

Student Lasallian Commencement Address
Sofia Jehanzeb Khan ’24, BSN

Presentation of Candidates
Christopher White, Ph.D., Dean, College of Aviation, Science and Technology
Mark Swain, M.F.A., Interim Dean, College of Humanities, Fine Arts and Communications
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
Adam E. Washington ’04, B.S., M.A.
Lewis University Alumni Association

Recipient of the Father Aquinas Colgan Award
Isabel Y. Holguin ’24, BSN

Prayer for Our Graduates
Nia White ’17, B.A., Coordinator of Peer Ministry and Service

Recessional
Pomp and Circumstance March No. 1 by Sir Edward William Elgar
COLLEGE OF AVIATION, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Bachelor of Arts

Harvey Campos-Chavez**
Noelle Marie Chovanec
Noor M. Kasem
Marvin Martinez
Zechariah Daniel Rathe
Julian Rocha*

Bachelor of Science

David Albertas Abrutis***
Ahmad A. M. Abuhani
Saud M. Ahmed
Leen Albarham
Hamzeh O. Albaz
Isaías Albor
Mir Hyder Ali
Mahmoud Ibrahim
Almakharza
Heian Alrousan
Samantha Christine Altman*
Hafsa Aman
Brittany Louise Anderson
Fernando Angeles
Paulina Antolak
Carter Michael Appleton***
Bryan Arredondo
Michael W. Arrigo*
Brian Avila**
Austin Bradley Bahr
Troy Ijaylyn Bailey
Gundalai Batabold
Ryan M. Bishop*
Cristian Lucas Borges*
Rom Matthew Briner*
Tyler Donald Bresky
Adam Joseph Broniewicz
Anna Elise Brown**
Andrew William Buckingham
Zachary A. Caldwell
Harvey Campos-Chavez**
Gabriel Magcalas Castaneda
Nolan Benjamin Castino*
Sufyan Chaudhry
Rida Ahmed Chishty
Trevor Robert Christoffersen
Sean Richard Coffey
Christian William Connolley
Leonardo Christopher Coronado
Nicole Lewis Courtenay
Erin Cristina Cunningham
Rowan Elizabeth Dahl
Gabriel Oluwaseun Dasliva
Connor James Delgado
Oscar Diaz*

Kelly Shane Dobson**
Julie Grace Doshier***
Andrew David Edwards*
Arman Floyd Lopez Espina**
Deisy Esmeray Estrada
Amtul Baseer Farah***
Akbar Faruqi**
Hajira Fatihma
Laiba Ali Fazil
Stephen Paul Feddes***
Michael Peter Fischer*
Kyle Patrick Fleschman
Alexis Mikayla Flores
Ulysses Isaías Flores*
Peter Robert Frake
Shane S. Frantz
Jack Callahan Fridley
Jeremy Daniel Fuller
Joshua M. Gaddam
Katslyn Elle Gall*
Kayla Sofia Gomez
Katherine Rose Gropp**
Adrian Guerrero
Evam Frederick Gutierrez
Aaron James Hanley*
Samuel Peter Harmon
Aimar Haroon
Brooke Arden Harris*
Evam M. Hartke
Stephen P. Herman
Alejandra Hernandez
Alex Hernandez★
Eric Matthew Hix*
Alec Phillip Hoster*
Chiara Marie Hurd
Mark Christopher Husenger**
Adam Jaber
Jenny Checha Jacob***
Ethan Grant Jakubowski**
Alex Bruno Jercinovic
Ethan Everett Justice*
Alex Kaminski*
Shah Ashraf Kawash*
Syed Noman Kazmi
Khadija Abdul Khalek
Adam Suliman Khalil
Ayeshah Khan*
Khadija Khan
Safiiullah Khan
Nicholas James Kieffer**
Kathryn Michelle Knutson**
Collin A. Koldoff*
Kaylee Victoria Jane Kosulic***
Raslan Jamal Krajah
Nicholas E. Krastin
Kevin James Krause**
Caroline Blythe Kucharski
Kyle Edward Kurasz★
James Michael Kurowski
Jacob Ryan Kuska**
Caitlin Camille Lamirez
Maritza Guadalupe Lara
Michael A. Lattanzio*
Austin D. Lee
Justin Patrick Lee**
Michael Thomas Liberty
Mirian Samantha Loarca
Radoslav Stanislav Luczar
James Vern Mackowiak, Jr.
D’Mond Manns
Jolee Maree Martinez*
Wiktoria Jolanta Maslak-Schiwak* Rachel Eleanor May
Luke Isaiah Cruz Mendiola* David Mendoza
Maxwell Mensinga
Ryne Marcel Meriel*
Umamahvi Mohammed
Christina Grace Mondelli
Lizbeth Monroy**
Bryan Cole Moses
Yara Most
Erin Megan Murray*
Muhammad Naveed
Brady Ian Neuhaßen*
Kyle Nguyen Ngo
Alexander Arthur Noel
Zaina Noorul Ameen
Neil James Normando
Zachary Paul Oleneck*
Trenton John Olling**
Eric M. Ortiz★
Abullahi Osmanii***
Mon Andrew Lim Palangan*
Akash Pragnesh Patel
Francisco Adrian Patino
John William Patterson V
Nathan Aaron Paulstik
Emily May Pearce**
Reece Cameron Phipps
Jacob Michael
Murphy Prince***
Michael Raymond Pruiett
Jack Thomas Pusatera
Quinn Coulter Rafty
Anushka Akesh Raval
Huzafa Aamir Abdul Razzak
Alexander Octavio
Rios-Camacho
Osman Rivas Bu
Nicholas Matthew Roehmann*
Isaac Jacob Roifsen***
Naila Sabahat
Joseph Richard Salvesen★
Dayanna Sanchez***
Angelo Lorenzo Santos***
Joseph R. Sayed★
Austin B. Schaibley*

Ryan Michael Schreiber
Stephen Micah Schroeder
Brindyn Eugene Schultz
Ian Douglas Scroggs
Matthew J. Senese***
Maryam Shaikh
Amier Monier Shehadeh*
Sara Siepak***
Aaron Zbigniew Skoniczny★
Casey Elisabeth Smith***
Douglas Adam Sperlak
Konstantinos Dimitrios Spyropoulos
Jenna Lynn Staszewski***
Artur Stechura*
Jahi Kwadwo Stewart
Gia Maria Stramaglia*
Mariessa Renee Streiczyk*
Alexander Michael Struck
Alex Styrczula
Zaid A. Tadros, Sr.**
Amna Tasneem***
Gavin Dean Taylor
James L. Taylor
Nicholas C. Tovar**
Ryan Minh Tran
Donato Trentadue
Nicholas William
Tuminello Crande
Miguel Andre Turcios Bachez*
Emmanuel Somikene Ugwu
Juliana Brynn Elizabeth
Van Loo*
Dominic Michael Varchetto**
Angel Vargas
Dennis Kelly Vargas**
Taylor Vera
Manuel Villegas
Gunnar Waldvogel
Anthony Michael Wallk, Jr.
Justyce T. Watson
Christopher Michael Wilson*
Michael R. Woods
Matthew Peter Wysocki
Darek Jacek Wywrot
Jayson Rey M. Yabes
Tyler Ralph James
Dichti Znenek
Marcella Olivia Zwolinski

Associate of Science

Dominic Patrick Wagner

Aviation Maintenance Technology Certificate

Saair Raza Hasani
**COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES, FINE ARTS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

**Bachelor of Arts**
Joshua Irving Calvin
Gertrude Judith Casey**
Orla Róisín Clasby***
Marco Antonio Cruz
Keith Edward Fernandez
Gianna Michelle Francone***
Kandace E. Garcia**
Laila A. Hussein***
Dru Harrison Jasnoch***
Colin Joseph Kenney
Alyssa Lela Ann Khuffash*
Michael James Kristoff
Allison Mary Lankowicz**
Gerardo Lopez, Jr.***
Lauren Rosemary Lotarski***
Irvi Luarasi***
Samara Martinez
Collin B. McCarthy
Jane McLaren**
Maha K. Muhammad***
Drew A. Orr*
Linsey Jeanne Pelekoudas*
Madalyn Claire Rawski***
Citaly Romo Martinez
Angel Rafael Rubio*
Harper Alexander Saglier**
Rebecca Denise Sanchez
Grace Madison Sueflöhn***
Gracie Lynn Trevino**
Shelly Nicole Vargas
Jovaughn Earl Williams*
Payton Claudia Wuske
Nicholas Bedros Xydakis*
Bridgette Zarazua**

**Bachelor of Elected Studies**
Sandra Jarzabek**
Haya Kousa*
Marciana Olivia Kozuch
Jason Wyatt Kramer ★
Meghan R. Littig
Zachary Matthew Merwin
Abigail Ann Minyard
Kate Chrystene Moore
Kyle Camryn Arocha Obra
Brooke Renee Paulson
Grace Rebecca Rafferty
Taylor Anne Renkes
Nancy Reyes
Tracy Lynn Schwellenbach
Luke Elijah Selby*
Fibelyne Mae Mandalihan
Seville
Magda Agnes Smykowski
Cassandra S. Stupay
Ashley Ann Sullivan***
Alecia Kaitlyn Szymank
Myrian Ashley Ordillo Urbano*
Cailyn Leigh White Carnell
Olivia Brie Zediker

**COLLEGE OF NURSING AND HEALTH SCIENCES**

**Bachelor of Arts**
Hira Ashraf*
Jovanka Anna Todorovic

**Bachelor of Science**
Evelia Calderon***
Alexis Nichole Cerven
Justin Patrick Darlage
Alyssa Nicole Davidson
Jaden Kole Doran**
Jocelyn Esquivel
Anna Dawn Kozak**
Hunter Salvatore Loprino*
Gabby Nunez*
Anthony Armino Pusateri***
Victor Demarco Rosas**
Lauren Elaine Stenman
Najee Sylvester
Oliver Bogdan Wierzbicki**
Keegan Mitchell Zack*

**Bachelor of Science in Nursing**
Sydney Marie Able
Faith Christina Acosta
Marie Angeline
Ballano Andanar
Jacquelyn Sandra Angelo*
Allison M. Barclay
Julianne Marcelo Billote
Abigail Anne Bird*
Zoie Chiarella
Laura Ann Ciapas*
Jaime Lyn Covey
Naomi Concetta Cynan
Olivia Danowski*
Grace Lucille Devaux
Mary Margaret Galuska
Brittyn Claire Hawley
Isabel Y. Holguin
Grace Horky
Lynsay Monroe Humpage
Hannah M. Hutchinson
Samantha Josephine Kaeding
Sofia Jehanez Khan*
Alexander David Kohut

UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE CEREMONY KEY

* cum laude (white cord)
** magna cum laude (red cord)
*** summa cum laude (gold cord)
^ Scholar of the University
★ Veteran/Military
EVENING UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE CEREMONY
SATURDAY, MAY 11, 5 P.M.

College of Business
College of Education and Social Sciences

Order of Ceremony

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

University Marshal and Mace Bearer
John Nyhoff, M.S., M.A., Assistant Professor, Finance

Saint John Baptist de La Salle Banner Bearer
Nicole M. Manke ’24, B.A., Social Work
Recipient of the De La Salle Medallion for Excellence in Service and Community Engagement

Presentation of the Colors
Lewis University Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) Color Guard

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
Julia D. Lesnicki ’24, B.S., Digital Marketing

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

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

Student Lasallian Commencement Address
Sofia Jehanzeb Khan ’24, BSN

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

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

Alumni Association Welcome
Kiantra D. Loza ’14, B.A., ’16, M.A., Ed.D.
Lewis University Alumni Association

Prayer for Our Graduates
Norah Collins Pienta, Ed.D., Dean of Students/Assistant Vice President for Student Life

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

Bachelor of Arts

Tyler Louis Avenanti
Jenna Elizabeth Badali**
Akeisha Lynnette Boatwright
Baden Cameron Boyenko
Larissa Bueno Alves***
Beaumont Harper Frericks**
Kai Brian George
Justin J. Kimp
Sarah A. Kirby
David S. Mueller
Hailey Richmond**

Bachelor of Science

Yasmin C. Abutaa
Anabel Aguilar Ramirez**
Michael Dean Alt**
Keith Anthony
David Ascencio, Jr.,**
Bridget Maureen Babich**
Mitchell Joseph Bahnaman
Rasa Emilia Biskis**
Mathew Timothy Bohne*
Teresa Brown
Amanda Paige Buric*
Alexis Summer Carlino*
Pamela Alejandro Castro Bustos
Anuj Dhiren Desai***
Jaxon N. L. Evans
Dealani Meeyong Fishbeck
Anthony J. Fleischauer
Johnathan Michael Forneris*
Shamyra Foster*
Giovanna Garcia
Kyle Robert Godin**
Jose Luis Godinez
Analy J. Gomez
Fernando Z. Gonzalez*
Gabriel Gonzalez
Andrea Hernandez*
Sandra Hernandez
Allison Kendyl Hickey***
Sheila Hernandez
Vanessa Andrea Flores***
Kathleen Therese Flaska**
Emmymamie Haley Brand*
Ashley Nicole Buric***
Riley Ann Byers
Samantha Calabrese
Oxanna C. Carmody
Brenden Michael Cassidy***
Daisy Guadalupe Collazo***
Victoria Celeste Cortes
Julia Lauren Costa*
Lily Francis Courier
Tiffany Marie Covarrubia*
Lily Frances Couri
Julia Danuta Lesnicki
Karina Lopez
Jacquelyn Adriana Manriquez Sanchez*
Sherrie A. Marrotta
Nathan Emerson Matheu
Joseph Michael Maybrun
Nathan Samuel McLean
Madison Kate Mickiewicz***
Erick Montano
Samuel Joseph Moore
Richard T. Munoz**
Ylber Neziri*
Aaron Abraham Novakovic
Atef Omary*
Melanie Breh Patterson***
Pavlos George Peters*
Nicole E. Piernolva*
Claudia Poitarka*
Samantha Janae Portis***
Christian M. Prayer
Areli Marlene Ramos
Kelli Ann Razny
Pablo Rueda
Asadallah Mohsen Saad
Angel Arturo Sanchez*
Brianna Marie Schaaf
Michael Joseph Sclafani
Jerome Serenak III*
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Mikeya Elizabeth Stapleton*
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Jack Savage Timbo*
Adrian Vargas-Bernal
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Grace Wille*
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Veronika Zelinska***
Dominynka Zokaityte**

Adrian Brandon Lata*
Julia Danuta Lesnicki
Ewa Leszczynski***
Karina Lopez
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Hannah Gavin
Betzaida Gonzalez
Alison Mary Green***
Sabrina Marie Grobakek
Taylor Elaine Gugliuzza**
Nadiah Elizabeth Gurrola
Mia Grace Hamilton***
Keshia Nichol Hardin***
Maura Claire Harvey
Riley Marie Hepbert*
Lauren A. Hirschl
Timothy Michael Hoak
Mandy Lea Horn
Ruben Hueramo, Jr.
Janet Ibarra
Leah R. James***
Brooklyn D. Johnson
Carter Michael Kearney
Fiona Berlin Kexel
Romaan Badi Khan
Abigail Barbara Kozak**
Allison Mary Lankovicwicz*
Mackenzie Nichole Leach*
Breana Joy Lesser
Kylee Bridget Leyden
Emily Ann Ligocki*
Margarette Walker Line
Erika Diane Loh**
Flor Elizabeth Lopez Ibarra
Minerva C. Lopez
Roberto J. Lopez
Lauren Rosemary Lotsarski**
Irvi Luaras***
Sophia Margaret Macha***
Aldo David Mancera
Nicole Marie Manke*
Eduarda Marcon Padzicki Da Silva
Jamal J. Martin★
Tyler Dale Martin
Liliana Martinez
Melanie Mascote
Courtney Faith Mason**
Meredith Darlene Mathias
Stephon McClain★
Jane McLaren**
Katherine Dominguez Carrera
Marina Danielle Dragovich*
Sebastian Dziewulski
Gracie Anne Dzurney***
Michael H. Emaya***
Dina L. Esposito*
Angelina M. Fitzpatrick*
Kathleen Therese Flaska**
Vanessa Andrea Flores***
Justin Riley Freiberg
Samantha Galindo***
Mirel Gallegos
Kayla Bernadette Gapuz
Andrea Monserrath Garcia* Brithany Garcia

SILVER медаль

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Bachelor of Arts

Nadja Al-Ramahi**
Brian Alcantar
Matthew Levi Allen★
Hannah Lynn Alvey***
Kathryn Elizabeth Arndt***
Kyle Patrick Bailey
Kira Barnes
Jessica Barrios*
Theresa Rose Baudo**
Mackenzie Bell***
Kalei Ann Bellah
Kalia A. Berens*
Jordyn Terese Bigos**
Kiley Ann Bising*
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Jasmin Vuridia Cruz Villarreal
Mark Cruz
Cristian Davila**
Kaitlyn Rose De Armond
Nicholas Joseph DeBello***
Mackenzie Deboer*
Glasselle Del Toro*
Ruby Noemi Delgado*
Nina Patricia Dinon**
Logan Jacob Ditello★★
Katherine Dominguez Carrera
Marina Danielle Dragovich*
Sebastian Dziewulski
Gracie Anne Dzurney***
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Emilia Halina Nykaza**
Ashley H. O’Malley**
Drew A. Orr*
Anthony Ortiz***
Rafael Ortiz**
Michael Robert Pannitto**
Brohna Marie Perez*
Gisele Alyna Perez**
Valerie M. Perz
Caroline Patricia Pietrzyk*
Kiera Lynn Posteluk
Jalyn M. Powell ★
Kaylyn Ann Preisler*
Tia Marie Quinlery
Madeline Nadine Rabick**
Madelyn Claire Rawski***
Isabella Kay Ray***
Rebecca Lee Reardon*
Kevin R. Reyes
Jocelyn Rios
Veronica Rivera
Aylin Alexandra Rodriguez
Jeniffer Liliana Rodriguez*
Norma Patricia Rodriguez***
Kaoutar Rouane***
Angel Rafael Rubio*
Alexis Ruiz ★
Maria Guadalupe Saidana
Elizabetht Salva***
Nicholas A. Sanchez
Elizabeth Marie Sanders***
Kylie Anne Sanders***
Katie K. Sears*
Rebekkah Lynn Schimick***
Kathryn Taylor Schmidt***
Maria Serrano**
Carlie Rae Serritella
Su Hong Shanahan
Jocelyn Brianna Shaw
Megan Adrienne Signa
Ebonie C. Simmons**
Fanta Sissoko*
Jaclyn Anne Smith**
Bethany Shea Soncek***
Connor John Sparks
Hannah Marlene Spreitzer**
Aidee Teruel Stankiewicz★
Anna E. Stearns
Natalie Ellen Stefanski*
Rami Suhail
Maia Swierzbinski*
Stefany Tina Taner
Elise Jenna Tarrant***
Rebecca Dawn Temple*
Heba Thabet
Erika Torres
Leslie Giselle Torres
Alexis Kylie Troy
Kacper Norbert Turek
Michelle Lee Twardy
Juliana Brynn Elizabeth Van Loo*
Morgan E. Vandenburg
Faith Elizabeth Vaughn*
Emily Alyssa Villasenor**
Kimberly Crystal Vunci
Mary Taylor Mackenzie Wagner***
Carrie Ann Waitkus***
Jessica Marie Welmers
Elizabeth A. Wilkins**
Isabella Rose Wlkowski
Nicholas Bedros Xydakis*
Michael David Yerkes***

Bachelor of Science

Dru Harrison Jasnoch***
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.

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 gratuitity 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.”

Lasallian Education
Transforming Lives Since 1680
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

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.
About Lewis University

Lewis University is an independent Catholic institution of higher learning, sponsored by the De La Salle Christian Brothers. The University offers a values-based curriculum with more than 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 53,000 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, www.abet.org.

College of Business (CoB)

The College of Business programs are accredited by the Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs.

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 Bachelor of Social Work Program and the Master of Social Work Program are accredited by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) Commission on Accreditation.

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.

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 offers online programming to students in other SARA member states without seeking authorization in that state. As a member of M-SARA (MHEC), Lewis University offers online programming to students in other SARA member states without seeking authorization in that state. As a member of M-SARA (MHEC), Lewis University offers online programming to students in other SARA member states without seeking authorization in that state.

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, NERHE, SREB and WICHE. The four SARA agreements of those compacts are collectively treated as a plural, the Agreements http://nc-sara.org/.

For a complete list of programs offered at Lewis in a fully online format, visit here.

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 graduation exercises today dates back in its essential features 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 clothing.

The head-covering of the academic costume developed out from 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 the United States, 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 and doctoral degree candidates wear these hoods 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 (with honor), a red cord magna cum laude (with high honor) and a gold cord summa cum laude (with highest honor).
“May God continue what he has begun in you.”

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