

Saint Mary's College
176th Annual

Commencement

May 20, 2023



Saint Mary's College Welcomes you to the 176th annual Commencement

Order of Ceremony

Academic Procession

National Anthem

Andrea Lindback '23

Invocation

Sister Veronique Wiedower '70, CSC

Member, Board of Trustees

President, Sisters of the Holy Cross

Welcome

Katie Conboy, Ph.D.

President

Lumen Christi Award

Julianne E. Wallace, D.Min.

Vice President for Mission

Madeleva Award

Colleen M. Hoover, Ph.D.

Associate Provost and Dean of Graduate Studies

Presentation of Valedictorian Medals

Barbara May, Ph.D.

Provost and Senior Vice President

Emily Morin

Chyan Rangel

Natalie Volling

Valedictory Address

Chyan Rangel

President's Medal

Katie Conboy

Conferral of Honorary Degrees

Barbara May and Katie Conboy

Commencement Address

Molly A. Burhans

Citations for Graduate and Undergraduate Degrees in Course

Barbara May

Presentation of Graduates

Tracy P. White

Senior Academic Advisor

Conferral of Degrees and Charge to the Class

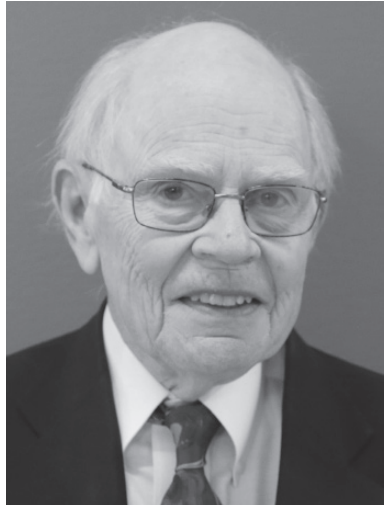
Katie Conboy

The Bells of Saint Mary's

Cailynn Murphy '23

Recession

Guests are asked to remain seated until the recession is complete.



William J. Schmuhl, Jr.
President's Medal

The President's Medal is presented rarely and exclusively to those who have offered exceptional contributions to the life of the College and society.

William Schmuhl is a consummate business professional who enjoyed a long and successful career at Heywood Williams USA Inc., ultimately serving as Chairman and Director before retiring. He has been active in the life of Saint Mary's for over 30 years. His connections to the College are multi-faceted: as an adjunct instructor, Schmuhl still teaches in the Business Administration and Economics Department, chairing the department for two years. Schmuhl was a member of the Saint Mary's College Board of Trustees for ten years, serving terms as Board Chair and Treasurer. After his retirement from the Board in 2006, he has remained active as *Trustee Emeritus* for the last 16 years. Schmuhl's connections to Saint Mary's are also personal: his wife, sister, and two nieces are alumnae of the College. Schmuhl's generous spirit and civic responsibility extend beyond Saint Mary's campus to the greater South Bend community. He has served on several boards, including WNIT, the Girl Scouts of Northern Indiana-Michigan, The Stanley Clark School, and Discovery Charter School. He earned both a BBA and a JD from the University of Notre Dame and an MBA from the University of Chicago.



Gretchen Ann Flicker '93

Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters, Honoris Causa

Gretchen Flicker graduated from Saint Mary's College in 1993 and later earned an MBA from the University of Chicago Booth School of Business. She has two family connections to Saint Mary's—both her niece and a cousin attended the College. Flicker has been a strong supporter of Saint Mary's for several decades: she served on the Madeleva Society Steering Committee and volunteered for the Reunion Gift Campaign Committee three times since her graduation. She is also a member of the Mother Pauline Society. Her most significant engagement was her 11-year tenure on the Board of Trustees. Besides faithfully serving on several committees, she was elected Treasurer and then Vice Chair, ultimately becoming Chair in 2019. Under her collaborative and engaged leadership, Flicker guided the College during a presidential transition, the tumult of a pandemic, and a time of significant social unrest in the United States. After a long and successful career at Dimensional Fund Advisors that spanned over two decades, Flicker retired in 2019. In her retirement, she served on the board of Friends of Avila Pier, Inc, in Avila Beach, California.



Ida J. Stockman, Ph.D.

Honorary Doctor of Science, Honoris Causa

Dr. Ida Stockman is professor emerita in the department of communicative sciences and disorders at Michigan State University. Stockman taught at Jackson State University, Howard University, and City University of New York. Her career spans four decades of research, teaching, and professional services, with contributions in the areas of autism spectrum disorders, the interface of human and machine learning and development, and speech and language development. She also made a significant impact by studying typical and atypical development of children who speak African American English. She has more than 200 scholarly contributions, including journal articles, conference presentations, and workshops. Since “retiring” in 2007, Stockman continues to research, consult, and mentor young professionals in the field. Her work has infused diversity within the curriculum and shaped clinical training and practice. In 2020, the Michigan Speech, Language and Hearing Association renamed one of their esteemed awards the “Dr. Ida J. Stockman Achievement in Diversity and Infusion Award” to honor her vast accomplishments and impact in the field of communication sciences and disorders, diversity and infusion, and the personal and professional lives of many.



Molly A. Burhans

*Honorary Doctor of Letters, Honoris Causa
Commencement Speaker*

Molly Burhans is an internationally recognized environmentalist, cartographer, and social entrepreneur. As the founder and executive director of GoodLands, she leads its work to mobilize large landholders to use their property for environmental and humanitarian good. Burhans was the chief cartographer for the first global data-based maps of the Catholic Church. These maps premiered at the Vatican in 2016. Her work combines faith, environmental stewardship, and technology, and has received international acclaim from academic, governmental, and private sector organizations. She is a United Nations Young Champion of the Earth, representing North America in 2019. She is a Sierra Club EarthCare laureate, one of Encyclopedia Britannica's 2022 20 under 40, a National Geographic Emerging Explorer (2021), an Ashoka Fellow (2019), and a Henry Arnhold Conversation Fellow (2020). She was a member of the Vatican Arts and Technology Council and has been a delegate at various United Nations events, Vatican symposia, including the Vatican Youth Symposium. Burhans is a visiting scholar at Canisius College and an adjunct professor at Columbia University's Graduate School of Architecture, Planning, and Preservation. She earned a BA from Canisius College and an MS in Ecological Design from The Conway School.



Class of 2023

The Degree of Doctor of Nursing Practice

Casey Crawford Brighton
Manchester, NH
Family Nurse Practitioner
Director: Nicole Mentag

Ann Mazza Crowe
Chicago, IL
Family Nurse Practitioner
Director: Kim Minich

Devin Matthew Sullivan
Stevensville, MI
Family Nurse Practitioner
Director: Nicole Mentag

Zeinab Mohamed EL-Housseini
Indianapolis, IN
Family Nurse Practitioner
Director: Sue Anderson

Bancy W. Mwangi
Granger, IN
Family Nurse Practitioner
Director: Jenna Bauer

Gina LaVonna Thornton
Granger, IN
Family Nurse Practitioner
Director: Kim Minich

Emily James Forney
Huntington Beach, CA
Family Nurse Practitioner
Director: Kim Minich

Yumi Otsuka
Elkhart, IN
Family Nurse Practitioner
Director: Patricia Keresztes

Jillian Sophia Witt
Erie, PA
Adult Gerontology Acute Care
Director: Dani Edson

Laura Kanyimbo
South Bend, IN
Family Nurse Practitioner
Director: Dani Edson

Olivia Caradene Rhoades
Chicago, IL
Family Nurse Practitioner
Director: Nicole Mentag

Ellen Martha Wray
Chicago, IL
Adult Gerontology Acute Care
Director: Annette Peacock Johnson

Kelly Nicole Lyp
Valparaiso, IN
Adult Gerontology Primary Care
Director: Nicole Mentag

Renee Lynn Schutze
Niles, MI
Family Nurse Practitioner
Director: Kim Minich

The Degree of Master of Autism Studies

Kathleen Marie Brewer
Clarkston, MI
Autism Studies

Mikayla Sarai Lanzillo
Murrieta, CA
Autism Studies

Lucero Varela Zavala
Chicago, IL
Autism Studies

Emily Lauren Jezek
Bloomington, IL
Autism Studies

Meghan Carol Martin
Aurora, IL
Autism Studies

Kelsie Louise Verhoeve
Crown Point, IN
Autism Studies

Isabella Irma LaFemina
Tinley Park, IL
Autism Studies

Rebecca Lynn Sites
Pottsville, PA
Autism Studies

Megan A. Wilcoxon
Emmett, MI
Autism Studies

The Degree of Master of Science

Emma Valeria Ault
Valparaiso, IN
Speech Language Pathology

Kathleen Marie Brewer
Clarkston, MI
Speech Language Pathology

Madison Sean D'haenens
Gilbert, AZ
Speech Language Pathology

Sarah M. Fletcher
Indianapolis, IN
Speech Language Pathology

Kayla N. Harretos
Valparaiso, IN
Speech Language Pathology

Katelynn P. Harris
Frankenmuth, MI
Speech Language Pathology

Katherine Quinn Haseley
Mount Prospect, IL
Speech Language Pathology

Claire Elizabeth Hatton
Carmel, IN
Speech Language Pathology

Miranda Nicole Hettinger
Winamac, IN
Data Science

Emily Michelle Hoffer
Plymouth, IN
Speech Language Pathology

Katie Rose Huiskens
Macomb, MI
Speech Language Pathology

Emily Lauren Jezek
Bloomington, IL
Speech Language Pathology

Alayna Lynn Kriegel
Fort Wayne, IN
Speech Language Pathology

Erin Terese LaCourt
South Bend, IN
Data Science

Meghan Carol Martin
Aurora, IL
Speech Language Pathology

Madison McCulloch
Portage, IN
Speech Language Pathology

Meghan Marie McNamara
Harrison Township, MI
Speech Language Pathology

Elizabeth Medina
Kenosha, WI
Data Science

Isabelle Catherine Minnich
Redkey, IN
Speech Language Pathology

Vivian Nguyen
South Bend, IN
Speech Language Pathology

Emily Elizabeth Paul
Clearwater, FL
Speech Language Pathology

Lindsey Michelle Pelletier
Mishawaka, IN
Speech Language Pathology

Molly Paige Ryan
Kalamazoo, MI
Data Science

Zaniya Naomi Sconiers
South Bend, IN
Data Science

Jillian Joy Seger
Jasper, IN
Speech Language Pathology

Ashley Nichole Sherman
Walkerton, IN
Speech Language Pathology

Hannah Marie Spore
Howell, MI
Speech Language Pathology

Manuel Steele
Tempe, AZ
Data Science

Lucero Varela Zavala
Chicago, IL
Speech Language Pathology

Alexia Carolina Velazquez
Plano, TX
Data Science

Kelsie Louise Verhoeve
Crown Point, IN
Speech Language Pathology

Megan A. Wilcoxon
Emmett, MI
Speech Language Pathology

The Degree of Bachelor of Arts

Emma Marie Abrahamian
Arlington Heights, IL
Theatre

Georgina Acquah
Ghana, West Africa
Elementary Education
Magna Cum Laude

Aliyah J. Anderson
Willmar, MN
Psychology
Summa Cum Laude

Grace Anspach
Miamisburg, OH
Humanistic Studies

Carstyn Reese Barna
South Bend, IN
Communication Studies

Taylor Marie Bean
South Bend, IN
Communication Studies
Cum Laude

Kelsie Josephine Bies
Grand Rapids, MI
Communication Studies

Nicole Elizabeth Bilyak
Chesterton, IN
Creative Writing/Communication
Studies

Mackenzie J. Bledsoe
Youngstown, OH
Political Science

Allison Eileen Bogs
Clarendon Hills, IL
Speech Language Pathology

Rachel Borg
South Bend, IN
Speech Language Pathology
Magna Cum Laude

Moira Clare Boyle
Munster, IN
Psychology

Sydney Marie Brooks
Cassopolis, MI
Speech Language Pathology

Peyton Wynne Buss
Plainfield, IL
Elementary Education
Summa Cum Laude

Kendall Jane Carnes
Argos, IN
Global Studies
Cum Laude

Alexia Jasmine Ceja
East Chicago, IN
Global Studies

Miya Necole Cepeda
Chicago, IL
Speech Language Pathology

Maggie Jane Clancy
Hickory Corners, MI
Speech Language Pathology
Summa Cum Laude

Genevieve Olivia Coleman
South Bend, IN
Literature in English and Creative
Writing/Secondary Education
Magna Cum Laude

Grace Kathleen Conlon
Springfield, IL
Literature in English/Secondary
Education
Magna Cum Laude

Fiona Elizabeth Connelly
Grand Beach, MI
Philosophy
Cum Laude

Mariah Marie Contreras
Schererville, IN
Psychology

Lillian Mary Corso
Palos Park, IL
Communication Studies

Julianna Baily Cortes Martinez
Portage, IN
Psychology

Amelia Elizabeth Crowe
Evanston, IL
Communication Studies
Cum Laude

Jaden Daher
Aurora, CO
Literature in English and Creative
Writing
Summa Cum Laude

Libbey Rose Demske Detcher
Garrett, IN
Political Science
Magna Cum Laude

Eliza Yvonne Dobrzelewski
Vanderbilt, MI
Communication Studies/Gender and
Women's Studies
Summa Cum Laude

Dianna Isabel Dorantes
Indianapolis, IN
Psychology

Sarah King Downs
Elkhart, IN
Psychology

Claire Elizabeth Doyle
Murphy, TX
Elementary Education
Summa Cum Laude

Maura Colleen Doyle
Glen Ellyn, IL
Psychology
Cum Laude

Cara Christina Dunn
Taylor, MI
Psychology

Sydney Nicole Ellis
Hobart, IN
Global Studies
Magna Cum Laude

Mary Carolyn Elsinger
Woodstock, IL
Global Studies/History
Magna Cum Laude

Clarissa Guadalupe Espinoza
Valparaiso, IN
Communication Studies/Gender and
Women's Studies
Summa Cum Laude

Christina Esposito
Chicago, IL
Psychology

The Degree of Bachelor of Arts

Riley Kathryn Eviston

Peotone, IL
Psychology
Cum Laude

Emma Elizabeth Feller

Palm Desert, CA
History
Cum Laude

Zelia Alycia Peña Flores

San Antonio, TX
Computing and Applied Mathematics

Isabel Ann France

Wabash, IN
Mathematics/Secondary Education
Cum Laude

Jessica Frear

Johnstown, PA
Sociology
Magna Cum Laude

Francesca Marie Giuliano

Elgin, IL
Gender and Women's Studies/Religious
Studies and Theology

Olivia Elizabeth Goodwin

Frankfort, IL
Psychology
Cum Laude

Guetzemany Guardado

Chicago, IL
Global Studies/Spanish

Haley Marie Gustad

Novi, MI
Elementary Education
Magna Cum Laude

Josephine Santina Haas

New Lenox, IL
Spanish/ Secondary Education
Summa Cum Laude

Emma Haigh

South Bend, IN
Humanistic Studies

Julia Margaret Hannigan

Chicago, IL
Creative Writing
Magna Cum Laude

Margaret Clare Harper

West Chicago, IL
Speech Language Pathology
Magna Cum Laude

Shannon Rose Haverty

Mishawaka, IN
Literature in English/Secondary
Education
Cum Laude

Kirsten Symone Hayes

West Palm Beach, FL
Psychology

Katherine Marie Hopkins

Traverse City, MI
Communication Studies

Margaret Mary Hopper

Algonquin, IL
Elementary Education

Jessica Leigh Hudson

Chicago, IL
Psychology

Caroline Marie Jakalski

Schererville, IN
ISDM: Psychological Health Care

Sinai Jimenez

Dallas, TX
Speech Language Pathology

Ja'Kaylah La-Neice Johnson

South Bend, IN
ISDM: Youth and Community
Non-Profit Outreach

Jessica Lyn Joyce

Ave Maria, FL
Speech Language Pathology
Cum Laude

Jacquelyn A. Junco

Forest Park, GA
Global Studies

Sophie Keller

Dallas, TX
Psychology

Alexis Marie Kilcoi

Granger, IN
Creative Writing
Summa Cum Laude

Elliott Kostielney-Hurley

South Bend, IN
Mathematics/Secondary Education
Cum Laude

Ashley Rose Kraker

Westerville, OH
Speech Language Pathology
Summa Cum Laude

Alaina Kraus

Huntsville, AL
Mathematics/Secondary Education

Karena Anne Lamm

Green Bay, WI
Sociology

Isabelle Orion Latsch

Cheboygan, MI
Speech Language Pathology
Cum Laude

Olivia Madison Lauck

Indianapolis, IN
Psychology

Madeline Grace Law

Petoskey, MI
Literature in English/Communication
Studies
Summa Cum Laude

Delia Lopez

Portage, IN
Communication Studies

Angeline Lorenz

Pittsburgh, PA
History/Secondary Education
Cum Laude

Kassandra Loza

Lake Station, IN
Gender and Women's Studies

Dixie Lucas

Pontiac, MI
Psychology
Cum Laude

Ashley Anne Lurquin

Oak Lawn, IL
Psychology

Emily Jane Mack

Rochester, MI
Elementary Education

The Degree of Bachelor of Arts

- Sarah MacLachlan**
Syracuse, NY
Statistical & Actuarial Mathematics
- Abigail Marie Maday**
Grand Rapids, MI
Communication Studies
- Paige Jay Madden**
Davenport, IA
Philosophy/Humanistic Studies
- Anne Elizabeth Maher**
South Bend, IN
Environmental Studies/Communication
Studies
Summa Cum Laude
- Hanna Maheras**
Palos Heights, IL
Elementary Education
Magna Cum Laude
- Trinity Marie Marshall**
Western Springs, IL
Communication Studies
Magna Cum Laude
- Anna Frances Martin**
Iowa City, IA
Speech Language Pathology
Magna Cum Laude
- Brianna Marie Martinez**
Bakersfield, CA
Physics
- Angela Michelle Martinez Camacho**
Fort Worth, TX
Sociology/Psychology
Cum Laude
- Anna Mason**
Rochester, NY
Art
- Hannah Mathis**
Coloma, MI
Psychology/Sociology
Summa Cum Laude
- Kaitlin Mary McCann**
Woodstock, IL
Global Studies/Spanish
Magna Cum Laude
- Megan Anne McIntyre**
Troy, MI
Elementary Education
Magna Cum Laude
- Caledonia McLeod**
Plymouth, NH
Elementary Education
Magna Cum Laude
- Elizabeth Mendez**
Plymouth, IN
Global Studies
Summa Cum Laude
- Alexandra Victoria Mesquita**
Goodyear, AZ
Statistical & Actuarial Mathematics
- Abigail Louise Middendorf**
Hamilton, OH
Speech Language Pathology
Summa Cum Laude
- Catalina Ann Milbrand**
Ramona, CA
Physics
- Kasey M. Miljenovich**
Johnstown, PA
Psychology
- Ashley Jean Miller**
Bloomington, IL
Communication Studies
Magna Cum Laude
- Anna Marguerite Mojica**
Glen Ellyn, IL
Psychology
Magna Cum Laude
- Emily Nicole Morin**
South Bend, IN
Elementary Education
Summa Cum Laude
Co-Valedictorian
- Molly O'Mara Mullett**
Grand Rapids, MI
Computing and Applied Mathematics
Magna Cum Laude
- Ariel Muñoz**
Schererville, IN
Global Studies
Cum Laude
- Katherine Yarmain Murray**
Beverly Hills, MI
Elementary Education
- Janet Nantumbwe**
Uganda, East Africa
Elementary Education
Magna Cum Laude
- Mariela Nevarez**
Forest View, IL
Speech Language Pathology/Spanish
Cum Laude
- Alexis Nunez**
Chicago, IL
Elementary Education
- Julia Claire O'Grady**
Mount Prospect, IL
Speech Language Pathology
Summa Cum Laude
- Nina Palma**
Hinsdale, IL
Speech Language Pathology
Magna Cum Laude
- Megan Kathleen Palmer**
Fort Wayne, IN
Literature in English/Secondary
Education
Summa Cum Laude
- Madelyn Pascale**
Frankfort, IL
Psychology
- Adriana Kekoa Patacsil**
San Antonio, TX
Political Science
- Courtney Ann Pelletier**
Mishawaka, IN
Psychology
- Mackenzie Pepper**
Monument, CO
Elementary Education
Magna Cum Laude
- Magdiel Perez**
Yuma, AZ
Elementary Education
Magna Cum Laude
- Neal E. Perkins**
Los Angeles, CA
Communication Studies

The Degree of Bachelor of Arts

Alexandria Perns

Mokena, IL
Communication Studies

Kelsey Marlaine Pettrone

La Grange, IL
Computing and Applied Mathematics
Cum Laude

Alexis Janel Polite

Chesterton, IN
Sociology
Magna Cum Laude

Anna Quinn

Granger, IN
Sociology
Cum Laude

Shania Quintana

Chicago, IL
Global Studies
Magna Cum Laude

Crystal Ramirez

Dallas, TX
Global Studies/Political Science

Grace Beatrice Reid

Naperville, IL
Psychology
Magna Cum Laude

Kaitlynn Renee Riba

South Bend, IN
Elementary Education
Cum Laude

Kathryn Elizabeth Risner

Nashville, TN
Communication Studies

Jamie Lee Roberts

Niles, MI
Psychology

Yajali Rodriguez

Chicago, IL
Environmental Studies/Economics

Roberta Anne Ross

Medford, NJ
Psychology
Cum Laude

Madeleine Grace Rzepka

Walled Lake, MI
Speech Language Pathology
Summa Cum Laude

Kayla Anne Sachs

Libertyville, IL
Elementary Education

Elena Sarmiento

Northbrook, IL
Psychology/Economics
Summa Cum Laude

Audrey Rose Schlueter

Lemont, IL
History/Secondary Education

Sophia Marie Severson

Valparaiso, IN
Sociology

Christina Rose Shadid

Norman, OK
Communication Studies

Erin Margaret Shea

Fort Wayne, IN
Psychology/Sociology
Summa Cum Laude

Rylee Sites

Pottsville, PA
Psychology

Savannah Brooke Smallwood

Fort Wayne, IN
Sociology/Political Science
Summa Cum Laude

Annika Kierstin Smith

South Bend, IN
Mathematics
Summa Cum Laude

Gabrielle Jane Soller

Cincinnati, OH
ISDM: Health and Human Services

Delaney Makay Stacey

Niles, MI
Creative Writing

Bridget Ann Flynn Starner

Hershey, PA
Psychology

Scout Nicole Steinhiser

Michigan City, IN
ISDM: Environmental Education

Sarah Stephenson

Knox, IN
History/Humanistic Studies/Gender and
Women's Studies
Magna Cum Laude

Brittany Stewart

Austin, TX
ISDM: Sustainable Fashion

Erin Lynn Stiner

Tipton, IN
Political Science/History
Magna Cum Laude

Sofie Layne Stratton

South Bend, IN
Speech Language Pathology
Magna Cum Laude

Emily Ann Stross

Strongsville, OH
Elementary Education

Madison Suseland

Cassopolis, MI
Literature in English and Creative
Writing
Summa Cum Laude

Cecilia Joyce Swanson

Muskegon, MI
Psychology
Cum Laude

Annika Marie Sweetland

Vero Beach, FL
Communication Studies
Cum Laude

Sofia Taskey

Kokomo, IN
Global Studies/Political Science
Summa Cum Laude

Mia Loren Tobar

Chicago, IL
ISDM: Health and Human Services

Anahy Torres-Vega

Atlanta, GA
Global Studies/Psychology
Magna Cum Laude

Mikayla Marie Trumbla

Dearborn Heights, MI
Sociology

The Degree of Bachelor of Arts

Marissa Ann Underwood
Chicago, IL
Philosophy

Shannon Darenka Vergara
Rochester Hills, MI
Psychology
Cum Laude

Anna Volpe
Louisville, KY
Art

Jocelyn D. Walters
Goshen, IN
Spanish/Secondary Education
Cum Laude

Emma Rose Watford
Mishawaka, IN
Psychology

Brianna Marie Willison
East Grand Rapids, MI
Communication Studies
Cum Laude

Hannah Kathleen Fritz Yeager
San Clemente, CA
Literature in English/Secondary
Education

The Degree of Bachelor of Business Administration

Julia Larkin Allen
Bloomington, IL
Accounting
Cum Laude

Reese Kuniko Allen
Downers Grove, IL
Business Administration

Elizabeth Terese Andersen
Hinsdale, IL
Marketing

Kathryn Barnes
Naperville, IL
Business Administration
Cum Laude

Emily Ann Bennett
Martinsville, IN
Accounting
Magna Cum Laude

Erin Taylor Bennett
Martinsville, IN
Marketing
Cum Laude

Julia Ann Bobosky
Batavia, IL
Business Administration

Julia Marie Brett
Schererville, IN
Business Administration

Olivia Faustina Busk
Niles, MI
Business Administration
Cum Laude

Hannah Margaret Cavanaugh
Jackson, MI
Accounting
Magna Cum Laude

Camille Ann Coenen
Charlotte, MI
Business Administration
Magna Cum Laude

Gabrielle Leanne Cortier
Mishawaka, IN
Business Administration
Magna Cum Laude

Anna Grace DeMars
Crown Point, IN
Business Administration/Statistical &
Actuarial Mathematics
Cum Laude

Carmen Denja
Plymouth, MI
Marketing
Cum Laude

Anna Doyle
Villa Park, IL
Business Administration

Nicole Christine Drummond
Holland, MI
Business Administration/Economics
Magna Cum Laude

Sophia Grace Fleming
San Diego, CA
Business Administration

Nancy Galindo
South Bend, IN
Business Administration

Megan Elizabeth Galvin
Lake Orion, MI
Marketing
Magna Cum Laude

Brianna Geary
Mokena, IL
Business Administration
Magna Cum Laude

Sydney Nicole Haislip
Munster, IN
Business Administration

Madison Mabel Hansen
Crown Point, IN
Marketing

Erin Lynne Harrington
Plantation, FL
Business Administration

Claire Katherine Hemmelgarn
Dayton, OH
Business Administration

Alyssa Michelle Hernandez
Santa Barbara, CA
Business Administration

Hannah Eve Huelskamp
Lookout Mountain, GA
Accounting

Elise Karaman
Niles, MI
Business Administration
Magna Cum Laude

Sydney Lynn Kasperski
Peru, IL
Business Administration

The Degree of Bachelor of Business Administration

Madison Elizabeth Kinniry

Fort Wayne, IN
Business Administration
Magna Cum Laude

Stephanie Marie Lee

Fort Wayne, IN
Accounting
Cum Laude

Leslie Jane Lynch

Wheaton, IL
Accounting
Magna Cum Laude

Grace Anne Marcheselli

Wheaton, IL
Marketing
Magna Cum Laude

Morgan Louise Martin

Mishawaka, IN
Business Administration
Cum Laude

Jessica Rose Messano

Tampa, FL
Business Administration

Mary Catherine Mihalik

Naperville, IL
Accounting

Gabrielle Jolie Miles

Fort Wayne, IN
Business Administration
Magna Cum Laude

Nicole Lynn Murphy

Chicago, IL
Business Administration
Magna Cum Laude

Molly O'Shea

Clarklake, MI
Business Administration
Cum Laude

Sarah Fagen Page

Valparaiso, IN
Business Administration
Cum Laude

Katherine E. Peak

South Barrington, IL
Accounting
Cum Laude

Shana Warner Rosenbaum

Hagar Shore, MI
Business Administration
Cum Laude

Emily Ann Rusch

Fond du Lac, WI
Accounting
Magna Cum Laude

Emma Rose Scheibert

Sanford, MI
Accounting
Magna Cum Laude

Hannah Shoemake

Schererville, IN
Marketing
Cum Laude

Ioanna George Skiadopoulos

Schererville, IN
Accounting

Sara Frances Steve

Pittsburgh, PA
Accounting
Summa Cum Laude

Mary Caroline Joy Sturm

Fort Wayne, IN
Marketing

Maria Kathryn Ugo

Indianapolis, IN
Accounting
Magna Cum Laude

Hillary Nicole Ziemba

Clarklake, MI
Business Administration
Magna Cum Laude

The Degree of Bachelor of Fine Arts

Grace Anne Aubry

Toledo, OH
Art
Magna Cum Laude

Elisabeth Gangwer

Chaska, MN
Art
Magna Cum Laude

Hannah Elizabeth O'Farrell

DeWitt, MI
Art
Summa Cum Laude

The Degree of Bachelor of Music

Meaghan Grace Gould

Philadelphia, PA
Music Education
Magna Cum Laude

Andrea Ann Lindback

Muskegon, MI
Music Education
Magna Cum Laude

Cailynn Gabriele Murphy

Mishawaka, IN
Music Education

The Degree of Bachelor of Science

Rachel Lois Adams

Westchester, IL
Mathematics

Kayla Ambrose

Joliet, IL
Mathematics
Magna Cum Laude

Angela Rachele Bannan

Egg Harbor Township, NJ
Computing and Applied Mathematics

Grace Isabelle Beauchamp

Plainwell, MI
Physics & Applied Mathematics

Kalyn McCue Borger

Bristol, IN
Biology
Magna Cum Laude

Alexis Marie Bowdish

Manteno, IL
Biology
Magna Cum Laude

Jillian Elizabeth Bowen

Manchester-by-the-Sea, MA
Mathematics
Cum Laude

Jenna Nicole Bowman

Martinsville, IN
Biology
Magna Cum Laude

Abigail Frances Brown

South Bend, IN
Physics
Magna Cum Laude

Madeleine R. Brown

Battle Creek, MI
Chemistry

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Biology/Art

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Biology
Cum Laude

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Magna Cum Laude

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Biology

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Biology
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Mathematics
Summa Cum Laude

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Biology
Cum Laude

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Chemistry/Mathematics
Summa Cum Laude

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Biology/Psychology
Magna Cum Laude

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Biology
Summa Cum Laude

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Biology
Magna Cum Laude

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Biology
Magna Cum Laude

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Neuroscience
Cum Laude

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Mathematics
Cum Laude

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Chemistry
Magna Cum Laude

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Biology

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Godley, IL
Biology
Cum Laude

Annabelle Rose Murray

Atlanta, GA
Biology

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Tinley Park, IL
Biology
Summa Cum Laude

The Degree of Bachelor of Science

Katherine Mary O'Connell

Natrona Heights, PA
Chemistry
Cum Laude

Tyana Phillips

South Bend, IN
Biology

Clara Prasse

Naperville, IL
Biology
Summa Cum Laude

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Neuroscience
Summa Cum Laude
Co-Valedictorian

Eleanor Riddell

Zionsville, IN
Biology
Summa Cum Laude

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Kings Mills, OH
Mathematics

Hannah Sanchez

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Computing and Applied Mathematics

Jennifer Schrader

La Grange, IL
Neuroscience

Maria Elisabeth Carole Schudt

Macomb, MI
Physics

Skye Sharp

Granger, IN
Biology
Magna Cum Laude

Aranza Sabrina Sierra

Indianapolis, IN
Mathematics

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Grand Rapids, MI
Biology
Magna Cum Laude

Coleen Joelle Tapang Valencia

Dededo, GU
Computing and Applied Mathematics
Magna Cum Laude

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Statistical & Actuarial Mathematics
Summa Cum Laude
Co-Valedictorian

Samantha Vorderer

Mokena, IL
Physics

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Nappanee, IN
Chemistry

Alexandria Weihs

Lake Villa, IL
Chemistry

Alexa Marie Zeese

New Carlisle, IN
Mathematics

The Degree of Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Alyssa Nicole Aguilar

Schererville, IN
Nursing

Grace Genevieve Benak

Naperville, IL
Nursing

Eknoor Bhullar

La Porte, IN
Nursing

Isabella Monroe Burke

Naperville, IL
Nursing

Elizabeth Bai He Campbell

Evergreen Park, IL
Nursing

Sophia Mary Campos

Canfield, OH
Nursing

Alma Rosa Carrillo Flores

Mexico City, Mexico
Nursing

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Nursing

Josephine Marie Ciaravino

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Nursing

Makenzie Deane

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Nursing
Cum Laude

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Nursing

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Nursing

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Nursing

Emily Marie Farley

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Nursing
Summa Cum Laude

Caroline Marie Foster

Mill Creek, IN
Nursing

Caitlin Joan Fox

Shakopee, MN
Nursing

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Little Falls, MN
Nursing
Cum Laude

Nina Michele Gante

Harrisburg, PA
Nursing

The Degree of Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Giuliana Josephine Geati
Arlington Heights, IL
Nursing

Claire Louise Hawkinson
Frankfort, IL
Nursing

Sabina Aniela Jaromin
Des Plaines, IL
Nursing

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Nursing

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Nursing

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Nursing
Magna Cum Laude

Lauren Elizabeth Lambros
Chicago, IL
Nursing
Cum Laude

Trang Thanh Le
South Bend, IN
Nursing
Cum Laude

Skyler Leach
Niles, MI
Nursing

Graciella Kristi Lintner
Grand Rapids, MI
Nursing

Grace Mahon
Glenview, IL
Nursing

Allison Jade McPeck
Tinley Park, IL
Nursing

Ashley Giselle Moreno
Elkhart, IN
Nursing
Summa Cum Laude

Emily Mariette Moriartey
Davison, MI
Nursing
Cum Laude

Katherine Rose Murphy
Frankfort, IL
Nursing

Jillian Dayle Nalepinski
South Bend, IN
Nursing

Cindy Sarahi Nunez Gomez
Chicago, IL
Nursing

Gianna Marie Pusateri
Chicago, IL
Nursing

Sarah Elizabeth Reuschlein
Kalkaska, MI
Nursing

Madelyn Elizabeth Rongers
Valparaiso, IN
Nursing

Hannah Marie Rypma
South Bend, IN
Nursing
Magna Cum Laude

Rosali Francesca Sorrentino
Dyer, IN
Nursing
Cum Laude

Cassidy Nicole Swartz
South Bend, IN
Nursing

Brenna Grace Taylor
Granger, IN
Nursing

Christina Marie Thomas
Dallas, TX
Nursing
Summa Cum Laude

Samantha Grace Veome
La Grange Park, IL
Nursing

Michelle Anne Zeiger
Bremen, IN
Nursing

The Degree of Bachelor of Social Work

Therese Rosemary Diamond
Lockport, IL
Social Work/Humanistic Studies
Summa Cum Laude

Galilea Falcon
Chicago, IL
Social Work/Spanish
Cum Laude

Breyona Jewell Gray
South Bend, IN
Social Work
Summa Cum Laude

Citlalli Guadalupe Jurado
Plymouth, IN
Social Work

Isabel Nakoa Patacsil
San Antonio, TX
Social Work

Isabel Angelina Reid
Joliet, IL
Social Work
Summa Cum Laude

Suzanne Alejandra Rivas
Westfield, IN
Social Work

Hannah Danielle Roberts
Three Rivers, MI
Social Work

Kaitlin Eliza Ward
Mishawaka, IN
Social Work
Cum Laude

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Art

Saint Luke's Medal – Hannah O'Farrell
Sister Edna Service Award – Diana Cervera

Biology

Mother M. Rose Elizabeth, CSC Award – Annabelle Murray
Sister M. Rosaleen Dunleavy, CSC Award – Alexis Dukesherer
George and Juanda Bick Nature Award – Hana Larkins

Business Administration and Economics

Frank A. Yeandel Service Award – Sarah Page
Jerome L. McElroy Outstanding Achievement Award – Gabrielle Miles
Academic Achievement Award – Sara Steve
Achievement Award (Accounting) – Sara Steve
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Achievement Award (Finance) – Hillary Ziemba
Achievement Award (Management) – Anna DeMars
Academic Achievement Award (Management Information Systems) – Gabrielle Cortier and Kathryn Barnes
Academic Achievement Award (Marketing) – Gabrielle Miles
Ernst & Young Award – Emma Scheibert
Deloitte Award – Emily Bennett
PricewaterhouseCoopers Award – Hannah Cavanaugh

Chemistry and Physics

Mother M. Rose Elizabeth, CSC Award – Megan Irene Collantes, Abigail Houser and Hailey Meyer
American Institute of Chemists Award – Abigail Houser
Richard Tarara Academic Excellence in Physics Award – Abigail Brown
The F.Lee Benton Exceptional Service and Research in Physics Award – Kathleen Connick

Communication Studies, Dance, and Theatre

Ann Plamondon Award for Excellence in Communication Studies – Eliza Dobrzelewski and Anne Maher
Terpsichorean Award for Excellence in Dance – Elena Sarmiento

Education

Mary A. McDermott Award – Claire Doyle and Emily Morin
Mary (Mimi) Cabrini Doherty Junior Elementary Education Award – Anne Goralczyk '24
IACTE Outstanding Future Educators Award – Claire Kloska, Angeline Lorenz, Megan McIntyre and Magdiel Perez
Schmuhl Early Childhood Education Award – Madeleine Rzepka
Grace Sullivan McGuire Award – Meaghan Gould and Josephine Haas

Department Awards

English

Elisabeth A. Noel Literature Prize – Madeline Law and Megan Palmer
The Laura Haigwood Literary Citizenship Prize – Genevieve Coleman
The Laurie A. Lesniewski Creative Writing Award – Jaden Daher and Alexis Kilcoin

Environmental Studies

Environmental Studies Award – Anne Maher and Yajali Rodriguez

Gender and Women's Studies

Mary Frances Eder Halpin Award in Gender and Women's Studies – Cassandra Loza

Global Studies

Outstanding Achievement in Global Studies – Sofia Taskey
Outstanding Senior Comprehensive Award in Global Studies – Mary Elsinger

History

Martha Montgomery Schurz Memorial Award for Excellence in History – Erin Stiner
Martha Montgomery Schurz Memorial Award for Excellence in the Senior Seminar Research Paper – Angeline Lorenz
Martha Montgomery Schurz Memorial Award for Excellence in Writing in the Women's History Program – Sarah Stephenson

Humanistic Studies

Thomas More Award – Therese Diamond

Mathematics

Milko Jeglic Award – Abigail Houser
Elizabeth Lin Lo Award – Madeline Pooler '24
Donald E. Miller Award – Anna Heger and Natalie Volling

Modern Languages

Leonilda Francesca Acerra and Dominico Enrico Christofaro Award in Italian – Elena Sarmiento
Anne Cashore Borjas Award in Spanish – Josephine Haas
Spanish Service Award – Galilea Falcon
The Bayhouse-Marcy Award in French – Fiona Connelly and Shania Quintana

Music

Emma Krost Eder Award for Musical Excellence – Meaghan Gould

Nursing Science

Evelyn McGuinness Award for Excellence in Nursing – Christina Thomas
Humanitarian in Nursing Award – Makenzie Deane and Ashley Moreno
DNP Daisy Award – Bancy Mwangi and Ellen Wray
Outstanding DNP Practice Innovation Project Award – Zeinab EL-Housseini

Philosophy

Award for Excellence in Philosophical Writing – Paige Madden

Political Science

Juliette Noone Lester Award – Libbey Detcher

Department Awards

Psychology

Animating Spirit Award – Cecilia Swanson
Joseph Miller Outstanding Scholarship Award – Aliyah Anderson and Erin Shea

Religious Studies

Helen Carroll Award – Francesca Giuliano and Alexis Kilcoin
David J. Murphy Carmelite Award – Kathleen Hannon '24 and Margaret McNabb '24

Social Work and Gerontology

Academic Excellence Award – Therese (“Tess”) Diamond
Leadership Award – Isabel Reid and Suzanne Rivas
Josephine Murphy Kuhl Research Award – Breyona Gray, Isabel Patacsil, and Hannah Roberts
Kristi A. Morris Award – Galilea Falcon

Sociology

Sociology Award – Angela Martinez Camacho

Speech Language Pathology

Ancora Imparo Award – Maggie Clancy
Carolyn S. Langley Award (Graduate Program) – Lucero Varela Zavala

College Awards

Mary Ellen Smith Academic and
Athletic Achievement Award
Madeleine Rzepka

Saint Mary’s College Alumnae Association
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Formal Academic Regalia

The formal academic regalia worn by today's graduates and faculty have their origin in the clerical costumes of medieval Europe and have evolved into a great variety of patterns and styles. Late in the last century, American colleges and universities agreed to standardize their regalia; however, there is now a movement to return to individual designs for each institution.

The gown worn by those holding or receiving the bachelor's degree is plain black with pointed sleeves. The master's gown is characterized by a uniquely long, closed sleeve with a slit at the elbow, through which the arm protruded; this peculiarity is now being replaced by a sleeve more like that of a bachelor's. The doctoral gown has very full bell sleeves and is trimmed with velvet panels down the front and stripes across the sleeves.

The familiar mortarboard cap bears only a faint resemblance to its close relative, the clerical biretta. Some institutions now specify that a soft cap somewhat like a tam o'shanter is worn. The cap worn by those with a bachelor's degree is decorated with a black tassel or a color indicative of the area of study. Those earning a master's degree wear black tassels. Those earning a doctorate wear either black or metallic gold.

Most symbolic and informative of the regalia is the hood, which is no longer raised over the head but is hung down the back just as a cleric wore it when baring the head in church. The bachelor's hood is three feet long, the master's is three-and-one-half feet, and the doctoral's is four feet long with a rectangular panel which once served as a shoulder cape when the hood was raised. All of the hoods have a velvet border in the color of the degree according to the same system used for the trim of the doctoral gown (see below).

Degree colors (tassels and hood trim)

*Arts and Humanities *White*

*Science *Golden Yellow*

*Fine Arts *Brown*

*Music *Pink*

*Business *Drab (Light Brown)*

*Social Work *Citron*

*Nursing *Apricot*

Philosophy *Dark Blue*

Education *Light Blue*

Theology *Scarlet*

Library Science *Lemon*

Engineering *Orange*

Law *Purple*

**Saint Mary's College degrees*

Other colors may be found on faculty hoods, although most hold a Ph.D. or doctorate of philosophy, so their hoods will have dark blue trim.

The colors and patterns of the satin lining of the hood identify the college or university conferring the degree; most prominent in the procession today is the light blue background and white chevron of Saint Mary's College.

Richard C. Pilger Jr.
Marshal Emeritus



Sister Madeleva's Walking Stick

The walking stick of Sister Madeleva Wolff, CSC serves as a reminder of the College's founders and sponsors, the Congregation of the Sisters of the Holy Cross. As one of the College's longest serving presidents, Sister Madeleva guided Saint Mary's to its status as the country's premiere Catholic liberal arts college for women, and it is appropriate that an artifact from her life serves as a link to the College's history.

Sister Madeleva associated walking sticks with the pilgrim's staff used to traverse the *Camino de Santiago* in Spain. So this walking stick also serves as a symbol of both the path our students will tread as they leave the College as pilgrims in life and the support they will need on the way.

Each new president chooses which, of the many walking sticks that Sister Madeleva collected over her life, is to be used during that president's tenure. The selected symbol leads the processions at academic ceremonies, much as a ceremonial mace does at other colleges. The stick used in the procession today is a brightly colored cane attributed to southern Mexico. It contains a series of carvings and paintings celebrating some of the cultures that melded over the years to create today's Mexico, including Aztec and Spanish images.

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The Bells of Saint Mary's

arr. Sprague

Oh, Bells of Saint Mary's, We always will
Saint Mar - y's, Saint Mar - y's, We hear your voice

love you. With your in spir - a - tion girls, We ne girls - ver will
call - ing, Your old girls, your young girls, the girls you love

fail. Your chimes will for - e - ver - bring sweet me - m'ries
best. To you Al - ma Ma - ver, with beau - ty - en -

of thra - you. So proud - ly our ring hearts out while we sing praise for
ling, we bring our hearts we sing our praise be -

1. you and for me. 2. lov - ed and best!

Mission Statement

Founded by the Sisters of the Holy Cross in 1844, Saint Mary's College promotes a life of intellectual vigor, aesthetic appreciation, religious sensibility, and social responsibility. Saint Mary's is a Catholic, residential, women's, liberal arts college offering undergraduate degrees and co-educational graduate programs.

A pioneer in the education of women, the College fosters an inclusive, academic community where students discover and develop their talents as they prepare to make a difference in the world. All members of the College contribute to this mission in their response to the complex needs and challenges of contemporary life.

Statement of Philosophy and Purpose

As a center of higher education, Saint Mary's fosters an academic climate of scholarship and learning for faculty and students alike. Through excellence in teaching and the example of its own active scholarship, the faculty challenge students to expand their horizons and support them in their intellectual pursuits. A broad-based course of study invites students to think critically and creatively about the natural world and human culture. Acknowledging the need to prepare women for an array of careers, the College provides a liberal arts foundation for all students. Through their years at Saint Mary's, students acquire depth and breadth of knowledge, competence in quantitative skills and modern languages, the ability to think clearly about complex problems, and the capacity to communicate with precision and style.

As a Catholic college, Saint Mary's cultivates a community of intellectual inquiry, liturgical prayer, and social action. The College creates an open forum in which students freely and critically study the rich heritage of the Catholic tradition, raising the questions necessary to develop a mature religious life. The celebration of liturgy encourages students to explore the fullness of life and its mysteries. The College nurtures awareness and compassion for a troubled world and challenges students to promote human dignity throughout their lives. In preparing women for roles of leadership and action, Saint Mary's pays particular attention to the rights and responsibilities of women in the worlds of work, church, community, and family.

Dedicated to the personal and social growth of its students, Saint Mary's cultivates a community of students, faculty, and staff, which responds to the needs of women. In order to offer the richest educational experience possible, the College strives to bring together women of different nations, cultures, and races. It provides a residential environment where women grow in their appreciation of the strengths and needs of others. Through a host of co-curricular programs on campus and in the local community, Saint Mary's initiates students in the habits of civic responsibility. Engaging in all aspects of the college experience, students acquire the hallmarks of a liberally educated woman: keen self-knowledge, lively imagination, lifelong intellectual and cultural interests, and the ability to make socially responsible choices about the future.

