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*Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton*



# CHARTER ♦ DAY CONVOCATION

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**Tuesday • April 7, 2026 • 3 p.m.**

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# About Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton



## CHARTER DAY

Since its founding, Seton Hall has made, and continues to make, moral education a priority of the first rank.

— *Seton Hall University  
Statement on Catholicity*

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Living out the commitment to moral education has been the foundation of Seton Hall University for more than 160 years — and continues to be our mission in the 21st century. Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Charter Day offers our community an opportunity to reflect on the University's great history, and to renew our commitment to that purpose and mission. Charter Day commemorates the granting of a charter to Seton Hall College by the State of New Jersey in 1861.

Today the University will honor the recipients of the Bishop Bernard J. McQuaid Medal for Distinguished Service. This award recognizes the unflagging efforts of members of the University community who strive with excellence to fulfill Seton Hall's mission every day. Commissioned in 1964 in honor of the first president of Seton Hall, the medal is presented to members of the University faculty, staff and administration who render outstanding service to the institution.

A complete synopsis of Seton Hall's history can be found on the Charter Day web site: [www.shu.edu/charter-day](http://www.shu.edu/charter-day)

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# Program

Processional

**University Bagpipers**

Master of Ceremonies

**John T. Saccoman, Ph.D.**

*Department Chair, Professor and Program Advisor;  
Department of Mathematics and Computer Science*

National Anthem

*Singer* **Kiana Afsharnia '28**

*Accompanist* **Diana Malenkova '26**

Invocation

**Reverend Gabriel B. Costa, Ph.D.**

*Retired Associate Professor of Mathematics and  
Computer Science; Retired Minister to Clergy for  
the Archdiocese of Newark*

Welcome and Presentation  
of Honorees for  
the President's Award for  
Student Service

**Reverend Monsignor**

**Joseph Reilly, S.T.L., Ph.D.**

*President*

Presentation of Honorees  
for The Bishop Bernard J.  
McQuaid Medal for  
Distinguished Service

**Erik Lillquist, J.D.**

*Interim Provost, Executive Vice President,  
and Chief Administration Officer*

Presentation of  
Servant Leader Scholars

**Reverend Colin Adrian Kay, M.Div. '05**

*Vice President for Mission and Ministry*

Reading of the  
Seton Hall Charter

**Kendall Williams '26**

**Keyarah Quiroz, M.A. '29**

**Timothy J. Garofalo '27**

Alma Mater

**Kiana Afsharnia '28**

**Diana Malenkova '26**

# 2026 Servant Leader Scholars

## FRESHMEN

- Patrick Comeford**, Chemistry  
**Fadilla ElMahdaoui**, Nursing  
**David Ghobrial**, Biology  
**Jennifer Jyothis**, Nursing  
**Peter Kotowski**, Finance and Economics  
**Caden Lazzor**, Undecided Business  
**Andre Malacaria**, Physics  
**Amanda Sorrentino**, Secondary Special Education — English  
**Lucy Stuckenberg**, Biology and Philosophy  
**Antoni Szeligowski**, International Relations and International Economy  
**Jane Weinfeld**, Social Work  
**Elijah Weintraub**, Communication

## SOPHOMORES

- Daniel Dutches**, Social Work  
**Abigail Felten**, Criminal Justice  
**Julian Gray**, Business and Pre-Law  
**Abil Hameded**, Biology  
**Michael LaVista**, Political Science  
**Quentin Pace**, Finance and Accounting  
**Benjamin Pereira**, Finance Technology  
**Nicole Sedutto**, Biology  
**Valerie Tuning**, Biology  
**Corinne Williams**, Nursing

## JUNIORS

- Paul Belasic**, Secondary Special Education — History  
**Emily Bruni**, Social Work  
**Jessica Burgeson**, Psychology  
**Elizabeth Cronk**, Psychology and Philosophy  
**Justin Mayewski**, Biology  
**Yudit Pena**, Diplomacy and International Relations  
**Arianna Valte**, Biology and Philosophy

## SENIORS

- Arianna Cox-McClary**, Interprofessional Health Sciences — Athletic Training  
**Gabriella DeGuzman**, Psychology Honors  
**Dahlia Diaz**, Biochemistry and Philosophy  
**Antonio DiBerardino**, Biology  
**Gabriella Fernandez**, Diplomacy and International Relations  
**Amanda Grace**, Secondary Special Education — English  
**Alyssa Housley**, Psychology  
**Jacob Hummel**, Finance  
**Aliye Pehlivan**, Biology

## GRADUATES

- Kelsi Loewen**, Physician Assistant  
**Susanna Testa**, Physician Assistant  
**Marissa Todd**, Speech-Language Pathology

# 2026 McQuaid Medal Recipients



## **Matthew Borowick** '89/M.B.A.'94 *Vice President for University Relations*

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Seton Hall University has long been a significant part of Matthew Borowick's life. While in elementary school, Matt's mother Bernadine gifted him with a love of the Catholic faith, Catholic education and college basketball.

When it came time to choose a college, there was only one possibility, Seton Hall University. He earned a B.A. in Economics in 1989 and an M.B.A. in Finance in 1994.

During Matt's period in the financial industry, he was an involved alumnus. In 1999, Matt came Home to the Hall to establish the University's Government Relations. He was later trusted with additional roles, leading Alumni Relations and then University Advancement. Through these roles, he engaged a wide array of organizations and individuals to support Seton Hall's mission. Advocating for Seton Hall, mentoring students and colleagues, managing dedicated teams, presenting in classes and securing resources for the University have been enriching experiences — all of which Matt deeply values.

Seton Hall did not just shape Matt professionally; it had an even bigger impact on his personal life. In addition to countless friendships, the greatest gift Seton Hall gave Matt was meeting Kathy '90, his wife of 35 years. They met in Boland Hall, September 1986.

There are many branches of Pirates in his family tree, including children Meghan '16, Alexander '19, Lauren '20 and future Pirate Jenny '30.

For Matt, Seton Hall continues to fulfill its promise to “foster all your dreams.” He is honored to be among the Setonians recognized with the Bishop Bernard J. McQuaid Medal for Distinguished Service.

## 2026 McQuaid Medal Recipients



### **Melinda D. Papaccio, M.A.**

*Lecturer*

*Department of English*

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For more than 20 years, Professor Melinda Papaccio has served our university as a First-Year Writing Instructor in the English Department. She teaches Journey of Transformation and Christianity and Culture

in Dialogue within the University Core. A longstanding GEM Fellow in Seton Hall's Praxis Program of the Advanced Seminar on Mission, she applies the principles of Bernard Lonergan's Generalized Empirical Method to enhance critical thinking, foster intellectual conversion and focus on authenticity in her students.

As a consecrated missionary of The ITHIRST Initiative, under Trinity Missions Missionary Cenacle Apostolate, she empowers the church to be a resource for those suffering from addiction and their families. Combining commitment to the ministry and the University Mission, she has created a unique service-learning curriculum for her University Core classes, which brings ITHIRST's recovery community into dialogue with her students to promote understanding of the spiritual nature of addiction and to dispel stigma.

# 2026 President's Award for Student Service



## **Christopher Aurilio** '05, M.A.

*Director of Production/Facilities  
College of Human Development, Culture,  
and Media*

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Chris Aurilio is the Director of Production/  
Facilities at Seton Hall University's College  
of Human Development, Culture, and Media  
(CHDCM). At the School, he has also served

as the Technical Theatre Facilitator and as an adjunct Professor in  
Theatre and Visual Sound Media.

In his role, Chris provides leadership to 89.5FM WSOU, SHU TV,  
SHU Theatre, and other areas of media and arts production within  
CHDCM. He also works alongside a professional staff team that  
supports faculty and students in the School's dynamic learning spaces  
and activities.

From 2008 to 2016, Chris was Managing Assistant at The Peoples Improv  
Theater (The PIT) and later held concurrent roles as Director of Classes  
and General Manager. He managed day-to-day operations for the popular  
NYC comedy theater venue, its school of improv and sketch comedy and  
its associated concessions and bars. While instructing sketch comedy,  
improv and acting at The PIT; Chris also wrote, directed and performed  
many live comedy shows. Currently, he is enrolled in Seton Hall's Ph.D.  
program in Higher Education Leadership, Management and Policy.

Chris continues to produce short films and independent television pilots,  
including *Death Lives*, the original pilot he wrote and directed, which  
was a special selection at the 2017 North Fork TV Festival. He also won the  
Best Screenplay Award at the NJ Horror Con and Film Festival in 2018.

Chris holds a Master of Arts in Theatre Studies from Montclair State  
University, and is ecstatic to return to his undergraduate alma mater  
Seton Hall University — continuing to work in the fields he adores.

# 2026 President's Award for Student Service



## **Jay Wolferman, M.A.**

*Assistant to the Director  
Institute of Judaeo-Christian Studies*

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Born in the Bronx, Jay Wolferman earned his undergraduate degree in religion from the University at Albany. In 1995, he completed a Master of Theological Studies at Emory University's Candler School of Theology. That same year, he came to Seton Hall University to pursue a master's degree in Jewish-Christian Studies, serving as graduate assistant to Father Lawrence Frizzell in the Institute of Judaeo-Christian Studies. Since 1997, he has continued his work with the Institute, where he now serves as secretary.

After completing his second master's degree, Jay remained at Seton Hall and continued his collaboration with Father Frizzell. As Secretary to the Editor, he assisted in completing the book *European Pioneers in Jewish-Catholic Relations*. Over the years, Jay has become a valued source of support to students, faculty and colleagues within the College of Arts and Sciences and across the University. Within the Jewish-Christian studies program, he regularly assists with academic questions, technology needs and navigating connections across campus. Though modest in manner, Jay's steady dedication and behind-the-scenes contributions have had a meaningful impact on the University. He currently lives in Bergen County with his wife Myra.

# 2026 President's Award for Student Service



**Lisa DeLuca**, M.P.A., M.L.I.S.

*Assistant Dean of Public Services  
Associate Professor, University Libraries*

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Lisa DeLuca is the Assistant Dean for Public Services at University Libraries and an Associate Professor. In the Assistant Dean role, she manages a team of librarians, staff and student workers. The Public Services team provides innovative research, programming and access services for the Seton Hall Community. Lisa also co-founded and co-manages the Data Services Team. At Seton Hall University for 12 years; she has been in administration for 5 years and a Social Sciences Librarian for 7 years. She has mentored student workers and graduate assistants with library and outreach initiatives.

Lisa is also the Assistant Director of Prestigious Faculty Fellowships in the Office of Grants and Research. She has served on the University Strategic Planning Committees for *Harvest Our Treasures* and the current *Inspiring Great Minds to Greater Purpose*. From 2021-2024, Lisa was the Compliance Committee Chair for Middle States Accreditation (MSCHE).

Lisa earned her M.P.A. from Seton Hall University, her M.L.I.S. from Rutgers University and a Bachelor of Science from Cornell University. Her scholarship promotes the use of government information, open data and civic technology.

## *Past McQuaid Medalists*

Abalos, David .....	2000
Adesanya, Ibiyemi .....	2020
Ahr, Peter .....	1995
Ambrosio, Michael .....	2003
Ander, Paul .....	1985
Andrushkiw, Joseph W. ....	1977
Augustine, Robert L. ....	1977
Azzara, Elizabeth .....	1986
Balkun, Mary McAleer .....	2016
Barnas, Paul .....	2001
Baumgartner, Elizabeth .....	1984
Boccia, Francis E. ....	1980
Bochicchio, Louis .....	1974
Boroff, Karen .....	2024
Botti, John .....	1974
Browne, George P. ....	2008
Boutilier, Mary .....	2001
Bucior, Autumn .....	2023
Byrne, Martin .....	1975
Cafone, Monsignor James M. ....	2012
Callan, John H. ....	1977
Carmella, Angela .....	2023
Carroll, Owen T. ....	1967
Celiano, Reverend Alfred V. ....	1973
Champion, Francesca .....	1988
Chirovsky, Nicholas .....	1984
Chu, Petra .....	1997
Citarelli, Antoinette .....	1995
Clarcken, Mary Louise .....	1982
Cohrssen, Walter J. ....	1972
Collins, Eugene .....	1984
Coleman, Monsignor Robert F. ....	2017
Colo, Thomas .....	1988
Colón, Mayra I. ....	2018
Condon, Dolores .....	2001
Connolly, Mary T. ....	1972
Connors, Richard J. ....	1974
Conover, Milton .....	1969
Cregan, James .....	1971
Cunningham, Joseph .....	1993
Cunningham, Robin L. ....	2011

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Cunningham, Monsignor Thomas .....	1964
Davis, Margaret .....	1993
Davis, Monsignor John .....	1964
De Deo, Dolores .....	2004
Deehan, John P. ....	1980
Delabar, Mary .....	1990
Denning, Catherine .....	1975
DePierro, Joseph V. ....	2010
DeProspro, Nicholas .....	1971
Deyrup, Marta Mestrovic .....	2022
Diab, Robert A. ....	1980
Dillon, Kathryn M. ....	1976
Dippel, R. Gordon .....	1979
Dlugos, Barbara .....	2000
Doerflinger, William J. ....	1976
Donovan, Alfred D. ....	1964
Dunham, William J. ....	1983
Enright, Nancy .....	2015
Farrell, Mary Ellen .....	1999
Field, Monsignor William Noé .....	1980
Fisher, Paul E. ....	2021
Fitzgibbon, Edward M. ....	1970
Fitzsimmons, Marie .....	1965
Fleischman, Francis F. III .....	2022
Flowers, Charles .....	1999
Ford, Ralph .....	1974
Fortune, Juanita .....	2021
Franzese, Paula .....	2015
Freitag, Joanmarie .....	2002
Frizzell, Reverend Lawrence E. ....	2007
Garbini, Dennis J. ....	2006
Geibel, Matthew M. ....	2018
Gengaro, Reverend Nicholas S. ....	2022
Gibson, John .....	1967
Gilhooley, Monsignor Thomas J. ....	1967
Glenn, Marian .....	2014
Goertz, Gustav .....	1969
Gottlieb, Agnes Hooper .....	2009
Grieco, Chrysanthy .....	2006
Gross, Mary Levante .....	2012
Grosse, Eberhard .....	1996

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Hanbury, Reverend Kevin M. ....	2005
Hansell, Phyllis .....	2002
Harper, Jacqueline E. ....	2024
Havas, Edwin .....	1996
Hendrickson, Edward .....	1987
Holmes, Reverend Paul .....	2019
Horgan, Reverend John J. ....	1973
Hutchison, Ruth .....	1992
Iorio, Josephine .....	1978
Jeffrey, Catherine .....	2007
Kaiser, Mary Cooper .....	1976
Keefe, Lawrence O. ....	1981
Kleinman, Leona .....	1999
Klose, A. Paul .....	1986
Knight, Brenda .....	1994
Kosakowski, Stanley .....	1984
Kozub, Vera .....	1986
Kraft, Herbert C. ....	1987
Kroeger, Beverly .....	2013
Kropp, Martin .....	2005
Laferrera, Judith .....	2000
Larkin, Monsignor Edward J. ....	1968
Le Compte, Thomas .....	2007
Lennon, Reverend Peter .....	1995
Liddy, Monsignor Richard .....	2014
Lothian, Judith .....	2021
Louiscek, Anthony .....	2020
Ludlow, Howard T. ....	1983
Magovern, Robert .....	1994
Mahon, Monsignor Dennis .....	1993
Mahoney, Joseph .....	1990
Marren, Margaret .....	1998
Matta, Kathleen .....	2019
McCabe, William .....	1985
McClain, Ruthie .....	2015
McCloud, Alyssa .....	2025
McDermott, Angela .....	2003
McGlone, James .....	2002
McKenna, Donald .....	1998
McLaughlin, Denis .....	2009
McMenamin, Helen .....	1976

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McQuade, Francis P. ....	1981
Meehan, Grace E. ....	1973
Menza, Nicholas ....	1976
Mercadante, Rose ....	1985
Miller, Julia ....	1987
Moon, John ....	1996
Morley, Reverend John ....	1991
Murphy, Reverend Daniel ....	1966
Murphy, Joseph T. ....	2009
Murphy, Wyatt Rorer Jr. ....	2009
Nardone, Mary Ann ....	2011
Nourse, Constance B. ....	1976
O'Brien, Monsignor John F. ....	1991
Ochojski, Paul ....	1976
Ockay, Reverend Clement A. ....	1968
O'Donnell, Jimmy ....	2013
O'Donnell, Miriam ....	1974
Oehling, Edward ....	1975
Palma, Salvatore ....	2008
Palumbo, Lillian.....	1985
Parnham, Thomas.....	1968
Petrone, Amelia E. ....	1977
Porter-Vaughn, Latisha ....	2025
Pritchett, Forrest ....	2003
Quartaro, Emma ....	1994
Raffa, Dennis ....	1997
Raimo, Angela ....	1991
Rawn, Mary Kirk ....	2004
Rebhan, M. Anne ....	1984
Regan, Richard ....	1991
Regan, Sue ....	1998
Reilly, George L.A. ....	1970
Rooney, Miriam T. ....	1967
Russell, John J. ....	1973
Russell, Reverend Joseph W. ....	1968
Rylko, Alphonse ....	1983
Saccoman, John J. ....	2005 / 2025
Sarot, Eden ....	1968
Schesler, Esther ....	1977
Scholz, Bernhard ....	1997
Shannon, John H. ....	2010

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Shannon, Pat .....	1992
Shea, Reverend Joseph .....	1970
Sheppard, Michael J. ....	1990
Sheppard Sr, Robert M. ....	2024
Smith, William .....	1988
Snow, Nicholas H. ....	2018
Somers, Marie .....	2014
Stack, Bernard J. ....	1981
Stark, Judith C. ....	2013
Strand, Stanley .....	1978
Sullivan, Charles A. ....	2011
Sullivan, Francis .....	1987
Sullivan, Monsignor Edwin .....	1982
Sweeney, John D. ....	2004
Theroux, John T. ....	1989
Tsu, John B. ....	1970
Turner, George .....	1970
Warren, Rebecca .....	2006
Wefing, John B. ....	1988
Weiss, Charles J. ....	1989
Wong, Mabel A. ....	2010
Zuchowski, Stephen .....	2020

# Planning Committee

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*Teaching, Learning, and Technology Center*

## **ACT TO INCORPORATE SETON HALL COLLEGE**

- I.** Be it Enacted by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey, that James Roosevelt Bayley, Patrick Moran, Bernard J. McQuaid, John Mackin, Michael Madden, Henry James Anderson, Orestes A. Brownson, Edward Thebaud, Jr., Daniel Coghlan, William Dunn, Dominic Eggert, Michael J. Ledwith and John B. Richmond, and their successors, being members of the Roman Catholic Church, shall be and they are hereby constituted a body politic and corporate by the name of "Seton Hall College," and by that name shall have perpetual succession, and may sue, and be sued, implead and be impleaded, and may purchase and hold property, whether acquired by purchase, gift or devise, and whether real, personal or mixed, and may make and have a corporate seal, and the same break and alter at their pleasure, and shall have all other rights belonging to similar corporations by the law of this State.
- II.** And be it Enacted that the object of said Association be the advancement of education.
- III.** And be it Enacted that the entire management of the affairs and concerns of the said corporation and all the corporate powers granted, shall be and are hereby vested in a board of thirteen trustees, a majority of whom shall always be citizens of this State, and a majority of the trustees shall constitute the necessary quorum for the transaction of all business matters connected with the said institution; the persons named in the first section to be the first trustees; the Roman Catholic Bishop of Newark for the time being to be also a trustee ex-officio and the President of the board.
- IV.** And be it Enacted that the trustees shall have power from time to time to enact by-laws, not repugnant to the constitution or laws of the United States, or of this State, or to this act, for the regulation and management of the said corporation or college; to fill up vacancies in the board, and to prescribe the number and description, the duties and powers of the officers, the manner of their appointment, and the term of their office: and special meetings of said trustees may be called by the President, or any six or more of said trustees, upon ten days' notice in writing of the time and place thereof being given or sent to each of said trustees.
- V.** And be it Enacted that for the purpose of carrying out of the object declared in the second section of this Act, the said corporation shall have power from time to time to purchase, have and hold real and personal estate, and to sell, lease or dispose of the same.
- VI.** And be it Enacted that the said corporation shall have and possess the right and power of conferring the usual academic and other degrees granted by any other college in state.
- VII.** And be it Enacted that this act shall take effect immediately.

# The Seton Hall Alma Mater

Music by Nicola A. Montani  
Revised Walter Cochrans, 1978  
New choral and brass arrangement:  
John Nowik, 2000

Lyrics by Charles A. Byrne ('37)

1. To Al - ma Ma - ter all be loy - al, keep her  
2. (When on) life's hard stones you stum - ble pray to

name in pu - rest Light, ne - ver wa - ver from her  
God to be your guide. Think of Se - ton Hall your

pre - cepts guard her ban - ner blue and  
mo - ther then forge on in stead - y

white. Oh, sing her praise to high - est skies and be ye faith - ful  
stride.

in her eyes for she will fos - ter all your dreams her name is Se - ton

Hall, her name is Se - ton Hall. 1. 2. When on Hall.