



SETON HALL UNIVERSITY

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES *Graduate Commencement and Hooding Ceremony*

MAY 16, 2026
5 P.M.
WALSH GYMNASIUM

Graduate Program

Welcome to the sixteenth annual Graduate Commencement of the College of Arts and Sciences. As Dean of the College, it is my honor to offer my congratulations to the graduates. Today, you are receiving an advanced degree, which means that you henceforth be an “expert” in some area of knowledge. This expert knowledge will increase your value to potential employers, and this is probably one of the reasons why you decided to pursue an advanced degree in the first place. As we move into a “knowledge-based economy,” a bachelor’s degree is no longer the baseline expectation for educational attainment. Employers are looking for employees equipped to deal not only with the problems of today, but who are also able to think intelligently about the future.

But please do not forget that you are receiving your advanced degree from the College of Arts and Sciences, which is the home of the liberal arts at Seton Hall, a Catholic university. You have not only learned how to do things; we have also encouraged you to ask why questions. *Why do practitioners do things certain ways? Why does my work matter?* In other words, we have asked you to put your expertise within a broader context and to think about how you can contribute to the common good.

So as you move on to the next stage in your life, please remember to think about not only how you’re doing (your career success) but also *what* you’re doing.

Congratulations, again!

Jonathan Farina, Ph.D.
Dean, College of Arts and Sciences

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MASTER OF CEREMONIES	Michael Dooney, Ph.D. <i>Associate Dean, College of Arts and Sciences</i>
THE NATIONAL ANTHEM	Singer: Laura Rondinella Accompanist: Gregory Scime
INVOCATION AND WELCOME	Reverend Gerald Buonopane, Ph.D. <i>Vice Provost for Academics and Catholic Identity</i>
REMARKS	Jonathan Farina, Ph.D. <i>Dean, College of Arts and Sciences</i>
PRESENTATION OF DEGREES	Marianne Lloyd, Ph.D. <i>Associate Dean, College of Arts and Sciences</i>

PRESENTATION OF DEGREE CANDIDATES

Doctor of Philosophy in Chemistry

Joseph Badillo, Ph.D., *Associate Professor of Chemistry and Biochemistry,
Director of Graduate Studies*
Reverend Gerald Buonopane, *Senior Lecturer of Chemistry and Biochemistry*
Gary Martin, Ph.D., *Adjunct Instructor of Chemistry and Biochemistry*
Wyatt R. Murphy, Ph.D., *Professor of Chemistry and Biochemistry*
Gregory Wiedman, Ph.D., *Associate Professor of Chemistry and Biochemistry*

Doctor of Philosophy in Molecular Bioscience

Erik Hill, Ph.D., *Assistant Professor of Biological Sciences*
Angela Klaus, Ph.D., *Associate Professor of Biological Sciences*
Sulie Chang, Ph.D., *Director of the Institute of NeuroImmune
Pharmacology (INIP)*
Jessica Cottrell, Ph.D., *Associate Professor of Biological Sciences,
Department Chair*
Bradley Martin, Ph.D., *Assistant Professor of Biological Sciences,
Director of Graduate Studies*

Master of Arts in English

Mary Balkun, Ph.D., *Professor of English*
Russell Sbriglia, Ph.D., *Associate Professor of English,
Director of Graduate Studies*
Donovan Sherman, Ph.D., *Professor of English, Department Chair*
Angela Weisl, Ph.D., *Professor of English*

Master of Arts in Jewish-Christian Studies

Anthony Sciglitano, Ph.D., *Associate Professor of Religious Studies*

Master of Science in Applied Physics and Engineering

Alper Sahiner, Ph.D., *Professor of Physics,
Department Chair*

**Master of Science in Biology
and Master of Science in Microbiology**

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Gregory Wiedman, Ph.D., *Associate Professor of Chemistry and Biochemistry*

Master of Science in Data Science and Engineering

Manfred Minimair, Ph.D., *Professor of Mathematics and Computer Science*

Master of Public Administration

Amy Hunter, Ph.D., *Professor of Social Work and Public Administration*
Adam Kuczynski, Ph.D., *Assistant Professor of Social Work and
Public Administration*
Brian Poliner, Ph.D., *Visiting Assistant Professor of Social Work and
Public Administration*
La'Tesha Sampson, Ph.D., *Director of Graduate Studies*

Master of Social Work

Amy Hunter, Ph.D., *Professor of Social Work and Public Administration*
La'Tesha Sampson, Ph.D., *Director of M.S.W. Practicum Education*

CONFERRAL OF DEGREES Paul Tyahla, M.B.A.
Member, Board of Regents

ALMA MATER..... Singer: Laura Rondinella
Accompanist: Gregory Scime

Degree Candidates

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN CHEMISTRY

Nataly Ariana Areosa Suarez
Akilah Isabel Mateen

James Daniel Mizvesky
Edrice Sediq

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN MOLECULAR BIOSCIENCE

Mary Faye Adams
Jaymes Lewis Fuller

Wenfei Huang
Viren Jadeja

MASTER OF ARTS IN ENGLISH

Bridget Helen Anderson
Francisco Tarik Attia-Soto
Sarah Bryant
Hannah Jane Gray
Samantha June Klein
Erin Grace Elizabeth Kostic

Jessica Joan McKenzie
Dov B. Rabinowitz
Laura Roca Alcayde
Mallory Kate Warner
Evan F. Weiss

MASTER OF ARTS IN HISTORY

Juliette Wester

MASTER OF ARTS IN JEWISH-CHRISTIAN STUDIES

Darlene Elizabeth Claussen
Sarina Drummond

Peter Ireorji
Lisa C. Thornton

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN APPLIED PHYSICS AND ENGINEERING

Ramiz Samir Alejilat
Joseph Israel Garrett

Jordan Alexander Marot
Musab Ahmed Siddiqui

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN BIOLOGY

Connor Patrick Jaedicke

Ashen Grā Quiambao

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN CHEMISTRY

Astrid Armas Asseng

Judith Serwaa Marfo

Degree Candidates

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN DATA SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING

Samah Faris K. Alshrief
Victor Andres Carrillo
Hansika Chawla
Aalaiah I. Cunningham
Jennifer Anne Lawless

Ashley Katherine Mathew
Daniel Chinecherem Okpom
Quentin Lee Ong
Dimitri D. Short
Kyle Uhlich

MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

Adjeilyne Bortei Akrong
Jordan Clark-Sherman
Susan Beth Comparato
Kimberly DeMarco
Lisbeth Andrea Garzon
Gabrielle Alia Kuper

Maggy Mogollon
Andrew John Paparelli
Kayla Morgan Strube
Sajon Maleik E. Weeks
Catherine Frances Winterfield
Jordan Daniel Zeigler

MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK

Amy Christine Avila Maradiaga
Nancy Wassef Barsoum
Maura Cardenas
Jackie Lillian Caruso
Lisa Clark
Zharia Nyree Crawford
Nicole Csehovics
Rhea Simone Davis
Aryaki Dixit
Natasha Angelique Donegan
Shayla Francis
Penelope Gracia
JoAnn Griffith
Juliana Guerino
Zuri Hylton
Allison Hunter Joseph
Kellen Z. Parenzin

Cynthia Patel
Anna Przygodzki
Erin J. Ramos
Madison Jade Raspanti
Kelsey Diana Robillard
Tanya Alicia Robinson
Jessica Michelle Sabatini
Frank Sanchez
Gabriella Joy Scannell
Samantha M. Schwartz
Ceren Sevinc
Mayah Siyam
Daniel Noah Taffet
Iara Estefania Vellaro
Tamara Kimberly White
Rasheena Trene' Williams

Alma Mater

Music by Nicola A. Montani
Revised: Walter Cohnssen, 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 white.
mo - ther then forge on in stead - y stride.

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

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.

