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DEAR GRADUATE,

Today, we celebrate your hard work, perseverance and commitment to lifelong learning. Commencement is a time to applaud your accomplishments thus far and look ahead to new beginnings.

As a DePaul graduate, you are prepared to serve a changing world,

and I know you will continue to make your university proud. On behalf of the entire DePaul community, congratulations on your graduation.

Sincerely,

A. Gabriel Esteban, PhD

President

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Because of printing deadlines, it is possible that the roster of degree candidates or honor distinctions as represented in this program may not be entirely accurate. We request that all candidates for graduation, their families and their guests, remain seated until the conclusion of the ceremony.

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DePaul is the largest Catholic university and the 14th-largest private, not-for-profit institution of higher learning in the country. The university enrolls about 22,400 students in 10 colleges and schools and offers a wide range of academic and professional programs on two Chicago-area campuses. DePaul's reach extends internationally, from degree programs offered in Bahrain to study-abroad opportunities around the globe. With Chicago, the metropolitan area and the world as its classroom, DePaul has a reputation for innovative courses and personalized instruction. The university is the hub of an innovative and diverse community that enables students, faculty, staff, alumni and friends to advance personally, professionally and intellectually.

Founded by Vincentian Fathers in 1898 to teach the children of immigrants, DePaul remains committed to students from a broad range of cultural backgrounds, especially first-generation and non-traditional students. Named for and inspired by the life of St. Vincent de Paul, the university has a distinct mission: to foster through higher education a deep respect for the God-given dignity of all persons, especially the materially, culturally and spiritually deprived; and to instill in its students a dedication to the service of others.

DePaul launched a new strategic plan in 2018, "Grounded in Mission: The Plan for DePaul 2024." It has six goals that commit the university to deepening the commitment to its Catholic, Vincentian, and urban mission; ensuring a welcoming and inclusive campus environment; preparing students for global citizenship and success; expanding access to high-quality, affordable academic programs; elevating academic excellence and embracing a culture of creativity and discovery; and, employing bold approaches to ensure fiscal strength for future generations.

DePaul's distinguished colleges and schools are known for the excellence of their academic programs and the achievement of their students.

The College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences encompasses more than 50 degree programs and 11 centers and institutes. Students take courses across the humanities, social sciences, and studio art, with special emphasis on interdisciplinary approaches and experiential learning through community and project-based learning, internships and study abroad.

Established in the 2011-12 academic year, the College of Science and Health offers its students classroom, laboratory, clinical, research, and field experiences with multiple programs in science, allied health, and technology. The college also houses the Family and Community Services Center, the Institute for Nature and Culture, the Center for Community Research, and the STEM Center.

DePaul's College of Law has been a highly respected name in the Chicago legal community for more than a century and is nationally known for its intellectual property and information technology, health law, and public interest law programs. In addition to the Juris Doctor, the College offers seven dual degree programs and four graduate programs.

The Driehaus College of Business and its Kellstadt Graduate School of Business produce career-ready graduates through the college's highly respected, real-world programs and strong business community connections. The college houses programs that are nationally recognized, including three top-15 rankings for its accountancy programs based on a TaxTalent survey of hiring managers and top-25 rankings for its undergraduate and graduate entrepreneurship programs from The Princeton Review.

The College of Computing and Digital Media, through its schools of Computing, Cinematic Arts, and Design, offers practical and innovative undergraduate and graduate degree programs in computer and information sciences; film and television production, animation, and screenwriting; and a wide range of creative and technical design disciplines.

The College of Education's primary mission is to prepare students to become teachers, educational leaders and counselors. Partnerships with Chicago Public Schools, the Archdiocese of Chicago, charter and private schools as well as with social service agencies have enhanced the experiences of faculty, our students and those Chicagoland individuals whose lives they touch.

The School for New Learning is an internationally recognized leader in educating adults, offering flexible undergraduate and graduate degree programs. It is a pioneer in individualized degree programs, online learning for adult students, the assessment of learning outside the classroom, and competence-based education. Its innovative approach to professional and lifelong learning has been used as a model around the world.

Founded as the Goodman School of Drama in 1925, The Theatre School is the Midwest's oldest theatre conservatory and is renowned as one of the top professional theatre training programs in the United States. A new facility to house the school opened in 2013 and includes a 250-seat thrust theatre and 100-seat black box theatre.

For over 100 years, the School of Music has been dedicated to excellence in music teaching and performance with distinguished faculty including members of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, the Lyric Opera and renowned jazz artists. The school, which opened the new Holschneider Performance Center earlier this school year, offers robust programs in music education, performing arts management and sound recording technology.

The College of Communication's programs examine communication in all forms, with an emphasis on research, theory, new technology, media literacy, and ethical practices. A diverse faculty with wide-ranging scholarship, extensive professional expertise and industry connections have positioned the college as one of the top places to study communication.

DePaul's Irwin W. Steans Center for Community-based Service Learning and Community Service Studies is home to the Egan Office for Urban Education and Community Partnerships and the Asset-Based Community Development Institute. The center is nationally recognized and supports over 3,500 service-learning student placements a year.

DePaul's 15 intercollegiate men's and women's athletic teams are members of the NCAA Division I, BIG EAST Conference. In 2019, the women's basketball team marked its 17th consecutive appearance in the NCAA tournament. Numerous DePaul teams have claimed BIG EAST Team Academic Excellence Awards in recent years.

This year's graduates and DePaul's more than 186,000 living alumni are linked by more than their degrees. DePaul's graduates have succeeded in a learning environment that values both academic achievement and community responsibility—values that will remain with them throughout their lives as they carry on the heritage of St. Vincent de Paul.

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THE VINCENTIAN CHARACTER

DePaul, a Catholic, Vincentian and urban university, takes its name from Saint Vincent de Paul. The religious community founded by Saint Vincent, commonly known as Vincentians, established the university and endowed it with a distinctive spirit: to foster in higher education a deep respect for the God-given dignity of all persons, especially the materially, culturally and spiritually deprived, and to instill in educated persons a dedication to the service of others. The women and men of DePaul have retained this spirit as a highly valued heritage and a vital influence in every succeeding generation of the university's development.

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

Saint Vincent de Paul (1581–1660), for whom the university is named, lived in seventeenth century France. He was a compassionate and deeply spiritual priest who dedicated his life to serving the poor. He founded the Congregation of the Mission, commonly known as the Vincentians. This is the Roman Catholic religious community that established and continues to sponsor DePaul University.



Vincent brought together and inspired groups of like-minded women and men to join him in addressing the needs of the poor and the reasons for their poverty and marginalization.

Vincent also was a man of wisdom who believed in the power of education to transform the world for the better. He believed in the sacredness of life and the God-given dignity and inestimable value for each person. He is aptly known as the "Apostle of Charity."

THE COAT OF ARMS

The main section of the shield consists of nine panes forming a heraldic cross, the symbol of the Christian faith. The center pane holds a heart, which represents Saint Vincent de Paul, for whom the university is named. Because he spent his life in the service of God and people, especially the poor, Saint Vincent is considered to be the Apostle of Charity. The pane above the heart holds a crescent symbolizing Mary, the Immaculate Conception, patroness of the United States.



The upper section contains a fleur-de-lis, symbol of France, Vincent's homeland. Three are shown, representing the Trinity. This section also carries two symbols of Chicago. A line suggestive of the wall of a fort represents Fort Dearborn. The phoenix rising from the flames atop the shield is both a symbol of the Resurrection of Christ and the resurrection of the City of Chicago after the Great Fire of 1871.

The inscription 1898 refers to the year DePaul was first chartered by the State of Illinois as St. Vincent's College. In 1907 a new charter was granted in the name of DePaul University.

The motto of DePaul University, "Viam sapientiae monstrabo tibi," is taken from the biblical book of Proverbs (4:11) and is translated, "I will show you the way of wisdom."



THE TREE OF WISDOM

The symbol expresses the university's integration of education and religion by combining the forms of a tree and a cross. Central to the symbol is a modified cruciform, suggestive of the Catholic roots of the university. This cruciform also is expressive of the human form, with arms uplifted and outstretched to give spirit and life to the environment. The figure stands erect and balanced suggesting a strength of knowledge and values.

Viewing the symbol as a single unit, one sees our "Tree of Wisdom" resting firmly on the ground, with its square base and raised limbs in symmetry. It has age and fullness in its trunk and limbs, suggesting tradition; and youth and simplicity in its internal negative spaces, representing leaf forms suggestive of sapling growth.

Typographically, the symbol incorporates and combines the lower case letterforms d, p and u. The "u" form extending upward from the trunk is a true arc, a section of a perfect circle. Its position relative to the figure represents support, rather than containment, just as the university supports the human spirit in the pursuit of knowledge and the deepening of religious values.



DePaul University and each of its 10 colleges and schools have a distinctive heraldic banner. These banners play a prominent ceremonial role in the university's commencement ceremonies.

The university banner features DePaul's colors, red and blue. The interrelationship between the university and the city is illustrated by the skyline motif.

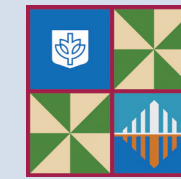
The banners of each of DePaul's 10 colleges and schools are shown below, in the order in which they became a part of DePaul.



COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Academic Colors: White for the arts and letters, citron for the social sciences

The alternating panes of color symbolize the interrelationship of the diverse courses of study in the arts and social sciences.



SCHOOL FOR NEW LEARNING

Academic Color: Yellow green

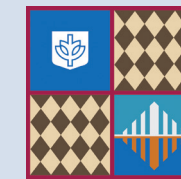
The "gyronny," a heraldic pattern of eight lines radiating out from the center, symbolizes the school's wide-ranging programs of study.



DRIEHAUS COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Academic Color: Taupe

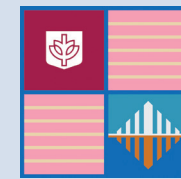
The "party per cross" design uses two tinctures to impart the quantitative nature of business enterprise.



THE THEATRE SCHOOL

Academic Color: Brown

The "lozengy," or two-color diamond pattern, symbolizes the arts and also is reminiscent of the harlequin of the Commedia dell'Arte, theatre of the Italian Renaissance.



SCHOOL OF MUSIC

Academic Color: Pink

Heraldic bars of white against a pink field represent the 10 lines of the musical staff, a translator of the musical language.



COLLEGE OF COMPUTING AND DIGITAL MEDIA

Academic Color: Yellow

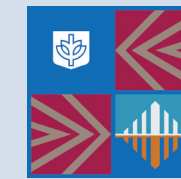
The triangular shapes represent the three primary areas of emphasis in the school, and the reversal of colors of the triangles in the squares the fundamental binary nature of computing.



COLLEGE OF LAW

Academic Color: Purple

The double-reversed chevrons illustrate the traditional scales of justice associated with the field of jurisprudence.



COLLEGE OF COMMUNICATION

Academic Colors: Silver grey (communication studies) and crimson (mass communication)

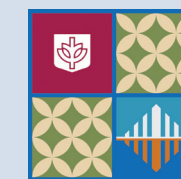
The arrows call to mind early communication models representing sender and receiver, but depicted here in a dynamic geometric model that acknowledges the complexity of human and mediated communications.



COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Academic Color: Light blue

The "saltire" (a corner-to-corner cross) is the heraldic symbol illustrating change and growth, the dual results of the educational process.



COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND HEALTH

Academic Colors: Yellow for the sciences and sage for health

The alternating panes of color symbolize the interrelationship of the diverse courses of study in the sciences and health.

ACADEMIC DRESS

The tradition of academic dress dates back to the Middle Ages, when gowns were a common form of attire in early European universities. Since those universities were founded by the church, students were required to wear the prescribed gowns at all times. They represent an adaptation of the cape or mantle worn by religious dignitaries in processions.

The traditional color of academic gowns has been black, but over the years, other colors and styles were adopted. In 1896, the colleges and universities of the United States adopted a uniform code governing academic dress.

The style of gown varies according to the academic degree awarded. The color of the lining of the hood indicates the college or university of the wearer’s degree.

For graduates of DePaul University, sky blue with a red chevron is used. The border of the hood is trimmed in a color indicating the field of study. Below is a list of the most common academic colors.

White	Arts and Letters
Scarlet	Theology
Purple	Law
Green	Medicine
Dark Blue	Philosophy
Yellow	Science
Brown	Architecture and the Fine Arts
Pink	Music
Lilac	Dentistry
Orange	Engineering
Olive	Pharmacy
Light Brown	Business
Lemon Yellow	Library Science
Light Blue	Education
Peacock Blue	International Affairs
Citron Yellow	Social Work
Cardinal	Journalism

PLEDGE OF SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Those graduates wearing green ribbons on their gowns today have made a personal commitment to practice social responsibility in their life and work.

THE DEPAUL UNIVERSITY MACE

DePaul University has created, as part of its permanent institutional academic regalia, a university mace. The mace was commissioned by the Office of Mission and Values.

Originally used as a weapon in medieval warfare, the mace has been used ceremonially since the 12th century. Traditionally bearing coats of arms or other heraldic images, the mace was borne in procession—always on the right shoulder—as a symbol of civil, ecclesiastical and academic authority and jurisdiction.

Designed by the renowned liturgical artist Joseph Luiz Rameriz of Axis Mundi Studios in Chicago, the DePaul University mace has been hand-crafted utilizing the finest materials and the talents of crafts-persons on two continents. The silversmith for the work was Huseyin Baykal, a distinguished Turkish artist. The silver work of the mace is called repoussage. It is a process of beating sheets of silver on dense beds of tar. The silversmith taps the silver thousands of times with steel punches to bring forth the intricacies of the envisioned design.

Measuring approximately 48 inches long, the mace is made of hand-turned yew wood. Covering the yew wood are twining silver rose stems and buds symbolizing the passage of time and the renewal of life.

Surmounting the mace is a phoenix from the university’s coat of arms. The phoenix rising from the flames is both a symbol of the Resurrection of Christ and the resurrection of the City of Chicago after the Great Fire of 1871. Also at the top of the mace are enameled pendants of hearts and the crescent moon. These symbols also are taken from the coat of arms. The heart represents Saint Vincent de Paul. The crescent symbolizes Mary, the Immaculate Conception, patroness of the United States.



THE PRESIDENTIAL MEDALLION

The presidential medallion symbolizes the authority conferred as a sacred trust by the Board of Trustees upon the president as the chief executive officer of the university. By virtue of his office, the president is personally entrusted with the responsibility of promoting the mission and values that underlie DePaul University’s service to its students and its distinctive identity as a Catholic, Vincentian and urban institution.

Created in 2004 by the renowned Chicago silversmith William N. Frederick, the DePaul University presidential medallion is in the form of the university seal, cast in silver and suspended from a chain with links to the heraldic symbols of each of the university’s 10 schools and colleges.

The new medallion was commissioned by the Office of Mission and Values and the Office of Academic Affairs in honor of the inauguration of the Rev. Dennis H. Holtschneider, C.M., as the university’s eleventh president.

GRADUATION WITH HONOR

The bachelor’s degree with honor is conferred upon candidates who have achieved exceptional scholastic proficiency, in degree programs other than competency-based education programs. The distinction “*Summa Cum Laude*” is conferred upon those candidates who have demonstrated remarkable scholastic ability by attaining a 3.85 grade point average. The distinction “*Magna Cum Laude*” is conferred upon those candidates who have demonstrated definite superior ability by attaining a 3.7 grade point average. The distinction “*Cum Laude*” is conferred upon those who have distinguished themselves by attaining a 3.5 grade point average.

The level of honor is verified after spring quarter. The honor notation is recorded on the student’s diploma and academic record.

The university has recognized the following graduating students as exceptional leaders who have given their time, talents and service to improving the quality of student life at DePaul. These individuals epitomized the qualities of leadership during their tenure at DePaul University.

SENIOR RESIDENTIAL LEADER

Shelby Hoffman

OUTSTANDING STUDENT LEADERS IN ATHLETICS

- Eli Cain, *Men’s Basketball*
- Franny Cerny, *Women’s Soccer*
- Noah Deck, *Men’s Cross Country/Track & Field*
- Kyle Decker, *Men’s Track & Field*
- Mart’e Grays, *Women’s Basketball*
- Morgan Greenwood, *Softball*
- Harry Hilling, *Men’s Soccer*
- Isaac Jimenez, *Men’s Track & Field*
- Caroline Kurdej, *Women’s Cross Country/Track & Field*
- Ashton Millender, *Women’s Basketball*
- Elizabeth Parrilli, *Women’s Soccer*
- Alysia Rodriguez, *Softball*
- Anton Sell, *Men’s Soccer*

SENIOR LEADERS IN MULTICULTURAL STUDENT SUCCESS

- Barbara A. Sizemore Leadership Award*
Tiffany Lucas
- Oscar Romero Leadership Award*
Larissa Aranda
- Barbara Smith Leadership Award*
Kayla D. Johnson
- Jose Rizal Leadership Award*
Nahal Hashemian

HONORARY SOCIETIES

Since 1954, DePaul University has recognized academic honorary societies in order to highlight students' superior academic achievement and leadership. Students are selected to join honorary societies based on their superior academic record within their specific major or across all colleges. DePaul University strives to recognize students' outstanding academic performance and is proud of the rich tradition that these valuable organizations have provided to the university community. Many graduating students choose to highlight their honorary society membership by wearing academic honor chords at graduation. Below is a list of each honorary society, its academic discipline or specific group, year it was founded at DePaul University and academic honor chord colors.

Name	Discipline/Specific	Date of DePaul Founding	Academic Honor Cord Color
Beta Alpha Psi	Accounting, Finance and MIS	1958	Black and Red
Beta Gamma Sigma	Business	1958	Royal Blue and Gold
Kappa Delta Pi	Education	1962	Purple and Green
Psi Chi	Psychology	1966	Royal Blue and Gold
Sigma Pi Sigma	Physics	1972	Forest Green and Ivory
Phi Alpha Theta	History	1974	Red and Light Blue
Omicron Delta Epsilon	Economics	1979	Blue and Gold
Sigma Theta Tau	Nursing	1982	Purple and White
Pi Sigma Alpha	Political Science	1983	Red, Black and White
Sigma Tau Delta	English	1983	Black and Red
Lambda Pi Eta	Communication	1987	Crimson and Silver
Sigma Delta Pi	Spanish	1987	Red and Gold
Gamma Kappa Alpha	Italian	1989	Red, White and Green
Phi Beta Delta	International Education	1997	Red and Gold
Theta Alpha Kappa	Religious Studies	1998	Scarlet
National Society of Collegiate Scholars	All	2000	Gold and Maroon
Alpha Sigma Lambda	Non-traditional Students	2002	Burgundy
Upsilon Pi Epsilon	Computer Science	2003	Maroon and White
Iota Iota Iota	Women's and Gender Studies	2004	Blue and White
Lambda Alpha	Anthropology	2007	Royal Blue, Gold and White
Gamma Theta Upsilon	Geography	2009	Brown, Light Blue and Gold
Order of Omega	Fraternity and Sorority Community	2009	Gold and Ivory
Pi Alpha Alpha	Public Administration	2009	Blue and Gold
Nu Lambda Mu	Nonprofit Management and Leadership	2012	Green and Yellow
Pi Epsilon Pi	Writing Studies	2012	White
Phi Sigma Tau	Philosophy	2014	Purple and White
Nu Rho Psi	Neuroscience	2017	Black and Gold
Delta Alpha Pi	Students with Disabilities	2019	Blue and Gold

THE THEATRE SCHOOL AND COLLEGE OF COMPUTING AND DIGITAL MEDIA

PROGRAM

THE THEATRE SCHOOL AND COLLEGE OF COMPUTING AND DIGITAL MEDIA

PROCESSIONAL

Pomp and Circumstance (*Edward Elgar*)

WELCOME

Lori Holland, MBA, *Vice-Chair, Board of Trustees*

UNIVERSITY MARSHAL

Jason Beck, BFA, *Assistant Dean, The Theatre School*

Denise Nacu, PhD, *Assistant Professor, School of Design, College of Computing and Digital Media*

INVOCATION

Rev. Paul Sisul, C.M., *Senior Professional Lecturer, School of Computing, College of Computing and Digital Media*

NATIONAL ANTHEM

John Concepcion, *Vocalist*

STUDENT ADDRESS

Jessica F. Morrison, *MFA Candidate in Acting, Class of 2019*

REMARKS

A. Gabriel Esteban, PhD, *President*

CONFERRAL OF DEGREES

John Culbert, MFA, *Dean, The Theatre School*

David Miller, PhD, *Dean, College of Computing and Digital Media*

A. Gabriel Esteban, PhD, *President*

REMARKS

Salma Ghanem, PhD, *Acting Provost*

ALUMNI INDUCTION

Jessica F. Morrison, *MFA Candidate in Acting, Class of 2019*

Carrie Emge, BS, *Interactive and Social Media, Class of 2013*

RECESSIONAL

THE THEATRE SCHOOL

Established as the Goodman School of Drama in 1925

CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

Presented by **John Culbert, MFA**, *Dean, The Theatre School*

Candidates' names announced by Sarah Charipar and Shariba Rivers

MASTER IN FINE ARTS

Theodore Brierre Boone, Jr.

Acting
With Distinction

Matthew Hannon

Acting

Derek Jepsen

Acting
With Distinction

Charlotte Elizabeth Markle

Acting
With Distinction

Jessica F. Morrison

Acting
With Distinction

Kathryn Travers

Acting
With Distinction

Marian Adele van Noppen

Acting
With Distinction

Ashlea Jean Woodley

Acting
With Distinction

Harmony Zhang

Acting
With Distinction

Jeremy Aluma

Directing
With Distinction

April Christine Cleveland

Directing
With Distinction

BACHELOR IN FINE ARTS

David S. Barber

Theatre Arts
Magna Cum Laude

Brenna Alexis Barborka

Theatre Arts
Magna Cum Laude

Lyndsey Irena Bentham

Acting
Magna Cum Laude

Rachel Corlisa Blakes

Acting
Cum Laude

Andrei Ciobanu Borges

Lighting Design
Cum Laude

Kya Taylor Brickhouse

Acting

Jacob Michael Broschart

Theatre Arts
Psychology
Magna Cum Laude

Aiden Brown-Rivkin

Acting
Magna Cum Laude

Madeleine R. Byrne*

Costume Design
Summa Cum Laude

Cullen Flynn Clancy

Acting
Magna Cum Laude

Hailey Cohn

Theatre Management
Cum Laude

Emma Lynn Colbaugh

Costume Technology
Public Relations & Advertising

Jillian Cutro

Theatre Arts
Cum Laude

Camille Denholm

Sound Design
Summa Cum Laude

Olive L. Earley

Costume Design
Summa Cum Laude

Allison Ernst

Costume Technology
Magna Cum Laude

Christina Annette Euphrat

Acting
Summa Cum Laude

Daniel Joseph Fender*

Stage Management
Summa Cum Laude

Gregory Jai Fields

Acting
Magna Cum Laude

Ethan Gill

Theatre Technology
Summa Cum Laude

Gabriella E. Gillespie

Acting
Summa Cum Laude

Noah Glaser

Acting
Summa Cum Laude

Jessica Francine Glionna

Costume Technology

Ryan Goldenberg

Theatre Management

Sara Elizabeth Greenspan

Theatre Management

Grace Grindell*

Theatre Arts
Summa Cum Laude

Madison Grubbs

Playwriting
Magna Cum Laude

Angela Hamilton

Theatre Management
African and Black Diaspora
Cum Laude

Brendan J. Hein

Theatre Technology

Cedric Hills

Acting
Cum Laude

Marguerite Grace Hoffecker

Stage Management
Magna Cum Laude

Natalia Zofia Janusz

Lighting Design
Magna Cum Laude

Isabelle Rita Jennings

Acting

Jasper Blue Johnson

Acting
Magna Cum Laude

Hannah S. Kaplan

Theatre Arts
English
Summa Cum Laude

Thalis Karatsolis-Chanikian

Acting

Alexandria Klote

Theatre Management
Summa Cum Laude

Jay Koch

Lighting Design
Magna Cum Laude

John Brian Lancaster

Acting
Cum Laude

Natalie Lawrence

Theatre Management
Summa Cum Laude

Jayson Lee

Acting
Cum Laude

**Katelyn Nicole
Le-Thompson**

Lighting Design
Cum Laude

Paloma Locsin

Scene Design

Tia Nicole Lui

Costume Design and Technology
Cum Laude

Gabrielle Marcelo Maalihan
Acting
Cum Laude

Maria T. Matheus
Acting

Cody Bell McGlashan
Acting
Magna Cum Laude

Allison Grace Millar
Costume Technology
Magna Cum Laude

Angela Lynn Mix
Costume Design

Alyssa L. Mohn
Scene Design
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John F. McDonough

President and CEO of the Chicago Blackhawks

Having played a vital role in the franchise success of the Chicago Cubs and Chicago Blackhawks over the last four decades, John McDonough is one the city's most influential sports executives in recent history. Whether he is making sports more widely accessible to audiences or encouraging employees to think outside the box, his strategic leadership, savvy business acumen and award-winning marketing campaigns have been the driving force behind Chicago's biggest franchise turnarounds.

Born and raised in Chicago, McDonough graduated from Saint Mary's University of Minnesota in 1975 before starting his first job as a sports executive with the professional soccer team the Chicago Sting.

In 1983, he made the jump to Major League Baseball, where he would spend 24 years with the Chicago Cubs. McDonough held various roles in the marketing department and eventually worked his way up to serve as president. During his tenure, the Cubs won the 2007 National League Central Division. He also played a major role in increasing the Cubs' fan base and attracting sponsorships, helping one of the most successful professional sports franchises in America consistently reach record attendance and revenue figures. McDonough conceptualized the celebrity "guest conductor" concept during the seventh-inning stretch at Wrigley Field and created the annual Cubs Convention, which is now viewed as a prototype for team and league fan festivals.

McDonough was recruited in 2007 by Chicago Blackhawks owner Rocky Wirtz to be president of the then-struggling National Hockey League franchise. Through a series of swift changes, successful marketing campaigns and smart broadcast deals, the Blackhawks revitalized its fan base and recruited a winning team in what Forbes Magazine called the "The Greatest Sports-Business Turnaround Ever." His crucial role in the franchise's newfound success earned McDonough the title of chief executive officer in 2011.

Since McDonough joined the Blackhawks, the team has won Stanley Cup titles in 2010, 2013 and 2015, becoming the first organization in the NHL's salary cap era to capture three championships. He also created the team's "One Goal" slogan, a mantra that has become the cornerstone of the Blackhawks marketing, branding and organizational culture. In addition, the Blackhawks have grown their season ticketholder base by 300 percent, led the NHL in attendance for eleven consecutive seasons and consistently achieve enormous viewership numbers on local and national broadcasts.

In the last decade, McDonough has been instrumental in bringing marquee events to Chicago, including the 2009 NHL Winter Classic between the Blackhawks and Detroit Red Wings at Wrigley Field, the 2014 Stadium Series game between the Blackhawks and Pittsburgh Penguins at Soldier Field, the NCAA Frozen Four in April 2017, the NHL Draft in June 2017 and the annual Blackhawks Convention, the first of its kind in the National Hockey League.

Outside of the office, McDonough lends his expertise as a frequent lecturer at the University of Notre Dame's Mendoza College of Business and Northwestern University. He serves as a Sustaining Board Member for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation Illinois Board, and sits on the Athletic Advisory Board of Saint Mary's University of Minnesota, the Special Olympics Illinois Foundation Board, Chicago Blackhawks Foundation Board of Directors, the NHL Club Business Advisory Board and the NHL Board of Governors.

His exemplary leadership and contributions to the sports marketing world have earned McDonough several honors and awards, including Major League Baseball's Marketing Excellence Award and Chicago Baseball Executive of the Year. In addition, he was named to The Hockey News' "100 People of Power and Influence" and he was inducted into the Chicagoland Sports Hall of Fame in 2008. He also has been recognized with the Saint Mary's University of Minnesota Presidential Medal for Outstanding Merit, the Bill Veeck Lifetime Achievement Award, a place in the Notre Dame College Prep Hall of Fame and the 2008 Executive of the Year Award by the Chicago chapter of the Public Relations Society of America. Most recently, he was awarded the first-ever John F. McDonough Humanitarian Award by St. Juliana Parish in Edison Park, Illinois, in 2018.

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Internationally Renowned Neuroscientist, Neurosurgeon and Humanitarian

The fight against brain cancer pits an intelligent disease against doctors and researchers who must learn its mysteries and outmaneuver its destruction. Dr. Alfredo Quiñones-Hinojosa, The William and Charles Mayo Professor, and Chair of the Department of Neurologic Surgery at Mayo Clinic’s campus in Florida, is on the front lines. A leading neurosurgeon and neuroscientist, he studies how cancer migrates within the brain and uses this knowledge to develop new therapeutic targets to improve patients’ survival. He’s also a champion of access to medical care through a nonprofit he co-founded to provide brain surgeries in less-developed countries. His work extends lives where previously there was little hope.

Quiñones-Hinojosa, also known by many as “Dr. Q,” was born in a small village outside Mexicali, Mexico, where his family lived in the back of a gas station owned by his father. The family struggled after devaluation of the peso in the 1980s led to the gas station’s financial collapse. As a child, Quiñones-Hinojosa sold hot dogs on the corner to contribute to their survival.

With few economic prospects in Mexico, he sought opportunity in America. On the day before his 19th birthday, he scaled and jumped an 18-foot border fence topped with barbed wire—and, almost immediately, was turned away by border police. Later the same day, he tried again and succeeded. He found work as a farm laborer in the San Joaquin Valley and, later on, loaded sulfur and fish lard onto railroad freight cars. All the while, he never lost sight of his dream to achieve more. He used earnings from the railroad to enroll in night classes at a local community college.

From there, he continued to pursue higher education. At age 23, he enrolled at the University of California-Berkeley on scholarship. He gravitated to the sciences and met a mentor in the psychology department who introduced him to neuroscience. Quiñones-Hinojosa thrived in the field, and, at the urging of several mentors, he applied to Harvard Medical School. At Harvard, he remained devoted to neuroscience and became a U.S. citizen.

Quiñones-Hinojosa established his neurosurgery and research career, first at the University of California San Francisco as a resident in Neurosurgery where he obtained his first NIH grant, and subsequently at Johns Hopkins School of Medicine. From 2005 to 2016, he taught medical students, treated patients, and conducted research with a focus on the surgical treatment of complex primary and metastatic brain tumors. Today, he is chair of the Department of Neurologic Surgery at Mayo Clinic’s Florida campus and he holds the prestigious title of Mayo Professor. More than 150 years of medical history have been bestowed on him by the Mayo Board to honor the work he has done in science and

patient care. At the Mayo Clinic, Quiñones-Hinojosa performs more than 200 surgeries per year on brain cancer patients and conducts research funded by the National Institutes of Health to help cure brain cancer. He teaches oncology, neuroscience, and neurosurgery, directs a neurosurgery clinic and leads a laboratory studying brain tumors. His hope is the research will help him and other neurosurgeons better understand brain cancer—how it moves through the brain and why it recurs—so they can deliver the best possible care to patients. He has written several textbooks, as well as more than 370 peer-reviewed publications.

Quiñones-Hinojosa is co-founder and president of the Mission: BRAIN (Bridging Resources and Advancing International Neurosurgery) foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that brings surgical expertise, medical supplies and educational resources to patients and families in dire need throughout the world. With a team of world-renowned neurosurgeons and other medical providers, Mission:BRAIN providers perform surgeries for people who lack financial resources for treatment. It has conducted outreach trips in the Philippines and several locations in Mexico, Peru, and is scheduled to be in Panama, Colombia, Dominican Republic, Ecuador and further evaluating a future role in Haiti.

Quiñones-Hinojosa’s journey from migrant farmer to brain surgeon is chronicled in his book, “Becoming Dr. Q.” A movie about his life, “Dr. Q” is under development by actor Brad Pitt’s production company, Plan B.

CITATION

Alfredo Quiñones-Hinojosa, MD, through sheer perseverance, intelligence, aptitude and a drive to help others, you overcame considerable life circumstances to establish a scientific career that helps brain cancer patients worldwide. From your childhood in Mexico and early years working as a migrant farm worker in California, you learned to recognize the humanity in all people, no matter their backgrounds. In your long tenure at Johns Hopkins and now the Mayo Clinic, you have conducted research to extend the lives of cancer patients and you share your knowledge to educate the next generation of neurosurgeons and neuroscientists. By establishing Mission:BRAIN, you bring urgent medical care to the poor in underserved countries, an endeavor that embodies the idealism of DePaul’s namesake, St. Vincent de Paul. Your life story is a meaningful demonstration of the American dream and the power of never losing hope. For these reasons and more, DePaul University is privileged to confer upon you the degree of Doctor of Humane Letters, honoris causa.

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Bryan Stevenson, MMP, JD

Founder and Executive Director of the Equal Justice Initiative, Lawyer, Educator and Best-selling Author

Bryan Stevenson, one of America's most widely acclaimed public interest lawyers, has fought against racial and economic inequities in the United States criminal justice system for more than three decades. As the founder and executive director of the Equal Justice Initiative (EJI)—which has freed more than 125 wrongly convicted prisoners from death row—Stevenson has dedicated his career to helping the poor, the incarcerated and the condemned. His numerous achievements include winning a historic ruling that mandatory life-without-parole sentences are unconstitutional for all children under the age of 18 and founding a memorial dedicated to the legacy of enslaved African Americans.

Stevenson is a graduate of Harvard University with a master's degree in public policy from the Kennedy School of Government and a juris doctor from the School of Law. Upon graduation in 1985, he began offering pro-bono representation to capital defendants and death row prisoners in Alabama, a state that Stevenson says has historically used capital punishment in a racially biased way.

He quickly discovered that defending most of the inmates on Alabama's death row was not a feat he could tackle himself. In 1989, he founded the Alabama Capital Representation Resource Center, now EJI, in an effort to provide quality legal representation to those who have been illegally convicted and unfairly sentenced. Under his leadership, and against great odds, EJI has won major legal challenges eliminating excessive and unjust sentencing, exonerating innocent death row prisoners, confronting abuse of the incarcerated and the mentally ill and aiding children prosecuted as adults.

In addition to the important legal representation it provides, EJI offers re-entry assistance to formerly incarcerated individuals, conducts research and provides recommendations to assist policymakers in the important work of criminal justice reform. Stevenson and his staff also have initiated major new anti-poverty and anti-discrimination efforts that challenge the legacy of racial inequality in America, including major projects to educate communities about slavery, lynching and racial segregation. Last year, EJI opened the nation's first memorial dedicated to lynching victims, The National Memorial for Peace and Justice, and a companion museum, The Legacy Museum: From Enslavement to Mass Incarceration. Both shine a spotlight on America's dramatic history of racial injustice and inequality through compelling visuals and data-rich exhibits.

In addition to his work with EJI, Stevenson has been educating the next generation of lawyers for more than 20 years as a professor of clinical law at New York University. He finds that being an educator offers an opportunity to explore ways of training law students to consider the legal needs of the poor and serve resource-deprived regions.

Stevenson is the author of the critically acclaimed New York Times bestseller "Just Mercy," a true story about the potential for mercy in every individual and a rallying call to fix a broken justice system. It was named by Time Magazine as one of the 10 Best Books of Nonfiction for 2014 and has been awarded several honors including the Carnegie Medal by the American Library Association for the best nonfiction book of 2014 and a 2015 NAACP Image Award.

Stevenson's work has won him numerous awards and honors including the prestigious MacArthur Foundation "Genius Grant," the National Medal of Liberty from the American Civil Liberties Union, the Olaf Palme Prize for international human rights, the NAACP William Robert Ming Advocacy Award, the Ford Foundation Visionaries Award and the Franklin D. Roosevelt Freedom from Fear Award. In 2014, he was appointed by former President Obama to the White House Task Force on 21st Century Policing and he was inducted into the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. He also was the recipient of the Lannan Foundation Cultural Freedom Prize and was named on Fortune's 2017 World's Greatest Leaders list.

CITATION

Bryan Stevenson, your impassioned commitment to end mass incarceration and to fight for the rights of the underrepresented has led to the exculpation of many who are among the most vulnerable population in America's justice system. As the founder of the Equal Justice Initiative, you have made strides in changing the narrative about race in the United States by shining a light on the nation's history of racial injustices and by litigating on behalf of those whose trials have been marked by racial bias and economic inequities. Not unlike the university's namesake, St. Vincent de Paul, you believe in the basic human rights of every individual and that even the excluded and oppressed deserve justice, love and mercy. Your life's work serves as an honorable example of how young people can use their knowledge and education to assess the needs of their community and change our world for the better. For these reasons and more, DePaul University is privileged to confer upon you the degree of Doctor of Humane Letters, honoris causa.

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