

SCHOOL OF
GRADUATE STUDIES
COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES



ST. BONAVENTURE
UNIVERSITY

SATURDAY, MAY 16, 2026

ACADEMIC REGALIA

The gowns worn at Commencement reflect a tradition dating from the first universities founded in Europe almost 800 years ago. Because those seats of learning were established by religious orders, the characteristics of their dress at that time are retained, albeit in a somewhat modified form.

The colors that designate areas of study were established for the colleges and universities of the United States in 1895.

The hood, now worn symbolically, was formerly a practical part of the garment, worn over the head to protect the wearer from cold and the elements.

There are three types of robes:

The bachelor's gown is black with full sleeves.

The master's gown, also black, has long sleeves closed at the bottom and a slit midway, through which the wearers put their arms.

The doctor's gown is usually black, but other colors are also used. It is characterized by velvet facing on the front and velvet bars on the sleeves.

The gowns of the trustees are gray.

The colors used on all hoods, as well as on the velvet of the doctor's gown, indicate the area of study or type of degree.

You'll see these colors this weekend on the hoods of St. Bonaventure University undergraduate and graduate candidates:

White: Bachelor and Master of Arts.

Gold: Bachelor and Master of Science.

Tan: Bachelor and Master of Business/Accountancy.

Crimson: Bachelor of Arts in Communication.

Light blue: Bachelor and Master of Science in Education.

Green: Bachelor and Master of Science in Health Professions.

Medicine Green: Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies

Slate blue: Master of Science in Occupational Therapy

Salmon pink: Master of Public Health

The predominant faculty hood color you'll see is deep blue, for Ph.D. The color of the lining of the faculty hoods indicates the institution from which their degrees were earned.

The tassel on the mortarboard, or cap, is black with the exception that the doctor's tassel is usually gold.

The president of St. Bonaventure is wearing the presidential medallion and chain, signifying the office.

ST. BONAVENTURE UNIVERSITY COMMENCEMENT WEEKEND

Other major events May 15-17



CANDLELIGHT INDUCTION CEREMONY

8:30 p.m. Friday, May 15

UNIVERSITY MINISTRIES RECOGNITION

10 a.m. Saturday, May 16

STOLE CEREMONY

2 p.m. Saturday, May 16

Quick Center for the Arts

BACCALAUREATE MASS

4 p.m. Saturday, May 16

Reilly Center Arena

UNDERGRADUATE COMMENCEMENT

10 a.m. Sunday, May 17

Reilly Center Arena

ROTC COMMISSIONING CEREMONY

2 p.m. Sunday, May 17

Quick Center for the Arts



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GRADUATE COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

12 p.m. Saturday, May 16, 2026

REILLY CENTER ARENA



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Anne-Claire Fisher, Ed.D.

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ARTS & SCIENCES

Brian Kellogg, M.S.

Processional: “Pomp and Circumstance”.....	E. Elgar
“The Star Spangled Banner” (Please stand)	Francis Scott Key
Land Acknowledgment/Invocation (Please stand).....	Fr. Stephen Mimnaugh, O.F.M. <i>Vice President for Mission Integration</i>
Welcome (Please be seated)	Jeff Gingerich, Ph.D. <i>University President</i>
Student Address.....	Shantell Wilson <i>Master of Business Administration; Ed.D. student</i>
Distinguished Graduate Alumnus Award.....	Kate Evon Broderick
Commencement Address.....	Kate Evon Broderick
Master’s candidates presented by	Erin Sadlack Ph.D. <i>Dean, School of Arts and Sciences</i>
	Aaron Chimbel, M.S. <i>Dean, Jandoli School of Communication</i>
M.S. in Physician Assistant Studies in the DePerro School of Health Professions	
M.S. in Occupational Therapy in the DePerro School of Health Professions	
Master of Public Health in the DePerro School of Health Professions	
Master of Business Administration	
Master of Science in the School of Business	
Master of Arts in the Jandoli School of Communication	
Master of Science and Advanced Certificates in the School of Education	
Master of Science in the School of Arts and Sciences	
Conferring of Degrees.....	Jeff Gingerich, Ph.D.
Conferring of Awards	David G. Hilmey, Ph.D. <i>Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs</i>
Benediction	Alice Miller Nation <i>Director of University Ministries</i>
Alma Mater.....	Traditional
Recessional: “Song of Joy”.....	Ludwig van Beethoven

DISTINGUISHED GRADUATE ALUMNUS



Kathleen Evon Broderick

Kate Broderick has built a distinguished career across nursing, education and higher education administration, and now pursues a fourth chapter as a children's author. Her debut book, "Teaching Grandma and Grandpa," is forthcoming, with additional works in development reflecting a long-standing passion for literacy that began during her graduate studies in Education at St. Bonaventure University (MSED 1993).

She began her professional life in nursing, serving at Martha's Vineyard Hospital and later as a private-duty nurse for playwright Lillian Hellman. After relocating to Olean, she worked in the St. Bonaventure Friary before transitioning to education, earning her bachelor's degree magna cum laude in 1990. She taught elementary school in Olean and Chesapeake, Virginia, where she was twice nominated for Teacher of the Year, recognized for her ability to inspire young students in reading and writing.

She later joined Old Dominion University, where she served in the Office of Educational Accessibility as assistant director and director, overseeing services for more than 800 students annually. A respected advocate for students with disabilities, she was appointed by the governor of Virginia to the state's Disability Services Commission.

During her husband John's presidency at Old Dominion, Kate served for 13 years as first lady, contributing significantly to campus life and student success initiatives. She helped secure a transformative \$35 million gift for a new art gallery and played a key role in establishing a centralized division for student success and engagement. In recognition of her impact, students successfully petitioned to name a campus dining facility in honor of John and Kate Broderick.

She co-founded the Women's Initiative Network, mentoring first-generation female students and fostering leadership development. Her humanitarian efforts have been widely recognized, including an award from the Virginia Center for Inclusive Communities.

A devoted wife, mother of three sons, and grandmother of seven, she remains deeply committed to family, community and lifelong learning.

GRADUATE STUDENT SPEAKER



Shantell Wilson

Shantell is a graduate of St. Bonaventure's Master of Business Administration program whose professional work reflects a deep commitment to leadership, service and community impact. She serves as engagement liaison and character education developer for CITRS/CHARACTER COUNTS! within Buffalo Public Schools, where she supports initiatives that promote ethical leadership and student development.

Wilson, of Buffalo, is also the founder of Guiding Light, a nonprofit organization dedicated to youth leadership, life readiness, and character formation, through which she leads programs designed to empower young people to reach their full potential. In addition, she is a licensed real estate professional, helping individuals and families navigate pathways to stability and long-term success.

Driven by a passion for educational transformation, Wilson is continuing her academic journey at St. Bonaventure, where she is pursuing a Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership. Across all of her work, she remains dedicated to helping others recognize their inherent value, discover purpose, and lead with integrity in their communities.



Words of Wisdom

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GRADUATE ACADEMIC AWARDS

Eleanor & Joseph English Award in Education.....Brooke E. Selvaggio

Outstanding Academic Achievement Award for Excellence in the
Graduate Literacy CurriculumBrooke E. Selvaggio
Honorable Mention.....Kelsea A. Tomczak

Outstanding Academic Achievement Award for Excellence in the
Inclusive Special Education CurriculumNicole Peterson
Honorable Mention.....Anneliese Wootton

Al Nothem Student Teaching Graduate Award
in Adolescence Education Sofia G. Schwarzmuller
Honorable Mention.....Jillian E. Au

J. Francis O'Malley General Excellence Award Caleb Roller
Honorable Mention..... Ellen Greenfield

NYS Society of CPAs Graduate Award of HonorBrody M. Amidon
Honorable Mention.....Alexander L. Antonacci

Fra. Luca Pacioli Award for Excellence in Accounting
in the Five-Year Program..... Patrick M. McGreal
Honorable Mention..... Kelly R. Barnes

Eugene F. Kirk Memorial Award for an Outstanding
Finance Student in the MBA Program.....Quinn Nolan
Honorable Mention..... Patrick M. McGreal

MBA General Excellence Award.....Maura Bleech & Quinn C. Hart
Honorable Mention.....Sophia L. Strangfield

Master of Business Administration General Excellence Award
for the Online Program Samantha A. Manno
Honorable MentionNicholas M. Martel

Master of Science Sport Administration General Excellence
Graduate Award.....Kayleigh M. Miller & Giovanna Coghetto

Master of Science Business Analytics General Excellence
Graduate Award Dylan Thomas Dambaugh
Honorable Mention Catherine Louise Kinnicutt

Master of Science in Occupational Therapy
General Excellence Award.....Megan Hartsell & Erica Marshall

Deborah A. Henretta Award for Outstanding Achievement in
Integrated Marketing Communications..... Maribel Zarate

The awarding of degrees or commission to candidates who are listed in the program is contingent upon their successful fulfillment of all department, school and university requirements for their specific degrees by the appointed dates for certification of credits.



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Family members and friends of the Class of 2026 offer congratulatory messages in this promotion to benefit The Bonaventure Fund, which supports student scholarships.

Laura Bannon

You did it! We are so proud of you. A wonderful daughter, wife and mother. Now a master's degree. Great job, Talooch! Love,

Mom & Dad

Kevin Bucklin

Congrats, Kevin Bucklin (MBA) & Kelly Bucklin (BBA)! Graduates with jobs — amazing! Officially off our payroll. We're so proud. Love,

Mom and Dad

Cassandra Coyne

Congratulations to our beautiful daughter Cassy! We are so very proud of you! Keep reaching for the stars! We love you so much!

Mom, Dad & Chloe

Matteo D'Andrea

Congratulations Matteo D'Andrea! So proud of all that you've accomplished! Love,

Mom #32

James Hoffman

James we are so proud of you and for all you have accomplished! We are so grateful to the track program, Accounting, Business School and the friars. Always a Bonnie!

Michael and Emily, Elise, Mariel, Sienna, and Rosalie Hoffman, Grandma, Grandpa Paris

Alise Kaplan

WOOOO-HOOOO! Go Alise!!!

Kate, Jackson, Nori and Elvis Ireland

Emily Jane Piwko

Emily, your kindness and determination make you the exact kind of teacher our world needs. Congratulations on this amazing milestone! We love ou so much!!!

Mom, Dad, Alex, Haley, Gram, Papa, Gram & Dzia

Rachel Plumley

Watching you chase your dream has been inspiring. You are not only beautiful from the outside in, but so strong and brave. Love you!

Buff, Mom, Hannah & Luke

Mackenzie E. Schlee

Congratulations on your MBA. You never cease to amaze us. Your discipline, integrity, and drive fill us with pride. We love you always.

Momma, Daddy, Jack, Hank & Hazel

Erica Wright

Congratulations! Seeing you earn your master's with honors brought us so much joy. Take time to savor this moment — many blessings are ahead. Love you.

Mom & Dad

Bookstore Hours

Saturday, May 16 | 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Sunday, May 17 | 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Food Options

Reilly Center Café: Saturday, 9 a.m. to Noon

Food Truck Rally: Saturday, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
(near the Plassmann Hall Quad area)

The Rathskeller: Saturday, 3 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Fairway View Pavilion: Saturday, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.



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