



Commencement

May 8, 2017

WELCOME

Congratulations to each of you on this special day! In order to ensure everyone's enjoyment, we ask that you observe the following guidelines.

Ticketed guests are invited to be seated in any of the open seating areas of Chaifetz Arena. If you need to use handicap accessible seating, please ask for assistance from a member of the Chaifetz guest services personnel located in the main concourse. Only the graduating students and those participating in the ceremony are permitted on the arena floor at any time. For those unable to attend the ceremony, it will be simulcast live online. Visit www.fontbonne.edu/commencement to link to the live stream.

In order to keep distractions to a minimum, please turn off the ringer on your cell phones and avoid loud conversations with fellow guests so that everyone may hear the speakers' presentations and the graduates' names as they are announced. Noisemaking devices of any kind are not permitted in the arena.

Guests are not allowed to stand in the aisles or along the railing during the ceremony.

Restrooms are located throughout the main concourse of the arena.

Concessions are also available in the main concourse both before and during the event.

Chaifetz Arena is a non-smoking facility, including the use of e-cigarettes. A smoking exit is available at Gate E.

A professional photographer will take individual pictures of all graduates as they cross the stage to receive their diplomas.

At the end of the ceremony, we encourage you to immediately exit the arena via the exit doors closest to you off the main concourse area. Graduates will exit directly outside from the lower level of the arena. You may meet your graduates outside, on the north side of the arena, immediately following the ceremony.

Thank you for your attention and cooperation!

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COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

Monday, May 8, 2017, 4 p.m.

Invocation.....	Lori Helfrich, M.Div. <i>Director of Campus Ministry</i>
Star-Spangled Banner.....	Michelle Palumbo, M.A., B.S. '02 <i>Associate Vice President for Admission</i>
Welcome and Introduction.....	J. Michael Pressimone, Ed.D. <i>President</i> Dennis G. Gipson <i>Chair, Board of Trustees</i>
Remarks by Graduating Student.....	Ethan Daniel Borrowman, B.A. '17
Conferring of Honorary Degree.....	J. Michael Pressimone, Ed.D. <i>President</i>
Introduction of Commencement Speaker.....	J. Michael Pressimone, Ed.D. <i>President</i>
Commencement Address.....	James D. White, M.B.A. '96
Presentation of Master's Degree Candidates	Carey H. Adams, Ph.D. <i>Vice President for Academic Affairs</i>
Conferring of Master's Degrees.....	J. Michael Pressimone, Ed.D. <i>President</i>
Presentation of Undergraduate Degree Candidates	Carey H. Adams, Ph.D. <i>Vice President for Academic Affairs</i>
Conferring of Undergraduate Degrees.....	J. Michael Pressimone, Ed.D. <i>President</i>
Alumni Hood Award.....	Sarah E. Blasko, B.A. '17
Welcome to the Alumni Association.....	Jennifer Millikan, M.A., B.S. '96 <i>President of the Fontbonne Alumni Association</i>
Alumni Chain Ceremony.....	Amy Marie Koncar, B.S. '17 Yuvaraj S. Mistry, M.B.A. '17
Benediction.....	Fr. Speratus Kamanzi, Ph.D. <i>University Chaplain</i>

Celebrating 50 Years

Leading today's procession are members of the class of 1967. We are honored by their presence.

MASTER OF ACCOUNTANCY
Bonnie and L. B. Eckelkamp College of
Global Business and Professional Studies
Department of Business Administration

Amber Bruno	Alexandra Renee	Christopher Walleman
Derek W. Engelkemeyer	Quackenbush	David Withers
	Briana Rae	

MASTER OF ARTS
College of Arts and Sciences

Department of Fine Arts

Yusuf Bayer	Michelle Dillard	Nicole Shanks
Samuel Bazdresch	Netra Bahadur Khattri	Saroj Shrestha
Marcia Marie Camp	Ling Li*	Dan A. Wine
Sharon Charmley	Kevin M. McKernan	
Kenneth F. Clay	Holli Segura	

College of Education and Allied Health Professions

Department of Communication Disorders and Deaf Education

Karen M. Ackerman*	Kimberly Fly*	Katelyn S. Schwoeppe*
Haifa Abdulaziz Alefan*	Holly C. Frigerio*	Jessica Sidebottom*
Fatimah Abdullah Alhaddad**	Jeanette Marie Humphreys*	Taylor Super*
Nichole Marie Bosas	Kelsey Large*	Alyssa BreeAnne Wagner□
Deirdre Clabby*	Deborah Christine Mongillo*	Catherine Worrall*
Heather Flick*	Alyssa Nappi*	

Department of Education/Special Education

Thani Abdullah Almughira	Tina Marie Fairbanks	Joanna Maria Kunz
Shams Alotaibi**	Kari Farrell	Lauren Fitzgerald Lakin
Asmaa Alramadhan	Elisha Ferguson	Phyllis A. Lewis
Asha Salim Alshahrani	Chelsea Forste	Bradford P. Nadziejko
Safiah Hashim Alzahrani	Bridget Colleen Gaffney	Spencer Joseph Sander
Amanda Elizabeth Bay*	Stephen Greenberg	Jacob Martin Arthur Schultz
Jeffery A. Bolen	Julie Grillion	Amanda Victoria Slavik
Andrea Dreste Boyle	Jessica Leigh Hall	Audra Kathleen Smith
Rhonda Echols Bradford	Julie Ann Holtz	
Donall Brown	Jamie Nicole Kessler	

Department of Family and Consumer Sciences

Constance N. Bevirt	Rachel Kim	LeAnn Michelle Robley
Lei Bornhorst	Hannah Ruth Kutzin	Rachel Megan Rubatt
Sarah Drayton	Samantha Murdoch	Joseph Tintera
Catherine Gallagher	Kimberly Niccolai	Sarah Volling

MASTER OF ARTS IN TEACHING

College of Education and Allied Health Professions

Department of Education/Special Education

Michael Adams	Jennifer J. Daeumler*	Madeline Claire Manougian
Dawn Marie Allen	Kiley Kristine Dalgaard	Kyle Menges
Katherine Bertram	Kelly Daniel	Lisa Obermark
Gregory Wayne Bettis	Kathryn Marie Dee	Raichel Panicker
Michelle Bird*	Maureen A. Finley	Juliet Puckett*
Max Buehler	Traci Garrett	Erin K. Tiernan
Katherine A. Campbell	Melissa B. Guttman	Mallory Vandermus
Laura R. Carlson	Mary C. Handrahan*	Anastasia Volarich
Anne Castro	Brittany Brooke Heavner	Allen K. Weltig
Danielle Collins*	Stephanie Michelle Holland	Samantha M. Wilson
Robert Murry Cymber	Andrew William Kremer	

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Bonnie and L. B. Eckelkamp College of Global Business and Professional Studies

Aigul Abdyl daeva	Alejandra Beatriz Gavidia	John Ronald Ritz
Sumner J. Ahearn	Quezada	Jennifer Carrillo Rojas
Abdullah Mohammed Alaslani**	Jose Maria Gonzalez Martinez	Katherine Elizabeth Rotzenberg
Rachana Aryal	Megan J. Hansen	Susruth Reddy Samala
Kristopher R. Bankhead	Kathleen M. Hulsey	Matthew T. Schroeder*
Priyanka Bidari Sharma	Tracey A. Kane	Trenika Starks
Bradley D. Brockmeier	John Merle Knie*	Peibing Tan
Clay Burnett	Philip A. Larabee	Elizabeth Tegart*
Corwyn M. Clark*	Yifan Li**	Darrell C. Todd
Alex Cooke*	Samuel R. Lund	Logan Ward
Sitong Dai	Jarrett McBride, Sr.	Terence R. Williams
Manoj Kumar Engala	Yuvaraj S. Mistry	Tia LaKeisha Renee Winston
Christopher John Frazier	Joanna K. Nelson	
Erin Elizabeth Frazier	Ebere Maph Ogbueli	
	Cody Orr*	

MASTER OF FINE ARTS

College of Arts and Sciences

Department of Fine Arts

Reem Abid D Alharbi**	Kenneth F. Clay	Kevin Myers
Aryaf Alnasuan	David Dusan Dolak	Jennifer Grace Watt
Eman Alsulami**	Khulood YahYa M. Labban**	Rebecca Kaye Webb
Scott M. Beaty	Dawn M. Miller	

MASTER OF MANAGEMENT
Bonnie and L. B. Eckelkamp College of
Global Business and Professional Studies
Department of Business Administration

Maurice Anthony*	Anthony Effan	Adam N. Mahlandt
Jaclyn M. Clauson	Karen Dornise Jackson	Steve McCarty
Denise Renee Cobbs*	Amanda Grace Johnston	Wendy White

MASTER OF SCIENCE
Bonnie and L. B. Eckelkamp College of
Global Business and Professional Studies
Department of Business Administration

Brenda K. Ali	Kevin J. Grulke Jr.	Patricia Marie Mosley
Megan Whitney Barker	Jennifer Harris	Marie Suzanne Pea
Rachel Cline*	Incheol Jang	Tasha Chanta Sain
Julie A. Curtis	Renae Nicole Kenny	Minnette C. Scruggs
Sherrie L. Dixon	Kevin D. Lai	Angela Wacker*
Matthew K. Fischer	Carrie Leinicke	Michael Paul Wray
Megan Garrido	Tami L. Lozier	Rhonda L. Wren
Brenda Sue Gerber	Shaneda Lynch	Rebecka Wyrde
Michael Gibson	LaToya Merriweather	Lin Yang
Catrina D. Gregory	Kevin Moore	

College of Arts and Sciences

Department of Mathematics and Computer Sciences

Srinivasa Murthi Adigarla	Amarnath Reddy Marrivagu	Ameruddin Syed
Gouthami Aleti	Ashfaq Ahmed Mohammed	Kyle Tipton
Mir Hussain Ali	Sai Tharun Reddy Nalabolu	Abhilash Reddy Vedavally
Brianna Benoit*	LaWaune Michelle Netter	Santhosh Kumar
Raghavendar Reddy Billa	Zalak Patel*	Viswanatham
Nishit Bodawala	Cheston Plegge	Anuraag Vodnala
Michelle M. Ehler*	Siva Rama Krishna Rajulapati	Samuel W. Wade
Humaira Fatima	Abdul Rehman**	Sharmista Yeleti
Sreeja Gogineni	Kefeng Shi*	Mohammed Ziauddin
Feroz Ali Khan	Pramod Reddy Simuni	
Gopi Sai Yadav Kollipara	Shiva Kumav Sirumalla	
Trinadh Reddy Konda	Megan Sneed	

College of Education and Allied Health Professions

Department of Communication Disorders and Deaf Education

Denise Renee Addis	Mark N. Brown	Emily M. Geringer
Emily Louise Barton-Maher	Allison Marie Clayton	Julia Marie Gust
Beverly D. Blust	Andrea Crow	Elizabeth James

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MASTER OF SCIENCE (continued)
College of Education and Allied Health Professions

Department of Communication Disorders and Deaf Education

Nolan Brewer Johnson	Emily Elizabeth McLeod	Carolyn Frances Silveira
Emily Keating	Christine Rich	Amanda Louise Stromme
Chia-Jung Anita Lin	Kelly Elizabeth Roy	Joyce Diane Vincent
Claire Colleen McCarthy	Gwen Elizabeth Sabo	Alyssa BreeAnne Wagner [□]
Heather Rachelle McCrory	Lauren Elizabeth Schmuke	

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN TAXATION

**Bonnie and L. B. Eckelkamp College of
Global Business and Professional Studies**

Angela Elizabeth Hill Keel

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[□]Dual Degrees

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Bonnie and L. B. Eckelkamp College of Global Business and Professional Studies

Department of Business Administration

Nasya Monet Buckley	Stephanie Horton*	Amy Trankler
Laura Ann Eikerenkoetter	Kathleen S. Morgan	Larry W. Vancil
Quisha M. Foster	Kaylan Averi Pickett*	Vicki Sharmain Washington
Jeremy Gajdosik	Letitia R. Raney*	Mary Ann Winkeler
Kizzy Antoinette Gammon	Holly Ann Rogers	
Kaye Campbell Hinson <i>magna cum laude</i>	Andrey Ross	

College of Arts and Sciences

Department of Behavioral Sciences

Celest Cooper	Trina M. Prince	Marc John George Viglasky
Candiss Dickson	Elizabeth Taaffe	Erin G. Williams
Ciara Holloway*	Abigail Towle	Lena R. Williams
Hayden Alexander Patterson	<i>summa cum laude</i>	

Department of English and Communication

Zaid Hassan Al-Mohdhar	Anne McKenzie*	Waleed Hasan Tkruni
Devan Cecilia Brewer <i>magna cum laude/University Scholar</i>	<i>Dean's Award</i> Myriah Mestas <i>cum laude/University Scholar</i>	Janet L. Welsh Lauren Wendell
Rio Justice Chandler		
DeMarcus Davis	Kerri Peer	

Department of Fine Arts

Hannah Aniela-Seelig Ehret	Emily Virginia Jones	Geoff Peasall
Patti Jo A. Gardiner	Marki A. Miller [□]	Sarah Jennifer Skaggs*
Remel Howard		

Department of History, Philosophy and Religion

Blake Everett Bleisch	Bailey Geist	Tony C. Watkins III <i>magna cum laude</i>
Jessica G. Boxdorfer	Daniel Hannan	Keshia S. Williams
Meghan Margaret Easton	Jelena Lojpur*	
Megan Noelle Force	Anne McKenzie*	

College of Education and Allied Health Professions

Department of Communication Disorders and Deaf Education

Sarah E. Blasko	Emily Crouse <i>summa cum laude/University Scholar</i>	Havanna Zachary <i>Dean's Award</i>
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Department of Education/Special Education

Nina Lynn Barbaglia	Melinda Marie Christisen	Taylor Lauren Green
Caleb Ethan Boyer <i>magna cum laude</i>	Kristin Dahlin	Mary Jo Hughes

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BACHELOR OF ARTS (continued)

College of Arts and Sciences

Department of Education/Special Education

Rachel Jaycox
magna cum laude

Jenna L. Migneco

Shaun O'Leary

Mariana Rogers*

Sydney Tornetto

John Trankle
summa cum laude

Amy Marie Vilimek

Kasey E. Walsh

Rebecca E. Warren
summa cum laude

Lauren Willis
cum laude

Morgan Louise Wunsch
University Scholar

Department of Family and Consumer Sciences

Mary Elizabeth Seise

BACHELOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Bonnie and L.B. Eckelkamp College of Global Business and Professional Studies

Department of Business Administration

Marcus Bernard Allen II

Shari L. Coffie

Melody C. Gross

Dean's Award

Brenda J. Lewis

George R. Saffold

Donna D. Scheppler

magna cum laude

Austin Willenbrock

BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS

College of Arts and Sciences

Department of Fine Arts

Glenda Jo Jedlicka

Jonathan C. Lambert

Nathalie Low

Daniel Madrigal

Elizabeth Sheck

Dean's Award

Danielle Sposato

magna cum laude

Lauren Frances Zera

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Bonnie and L.B. Eckelkamp College of Global Business and Professional Studies

Department of Business Administration

Mohammed Awad Alatawi

Mohannad Abdulrahman

Aljamaan

Maram Mohammed

Alqasem*

Rand Abdulrahman

Alsedrani

Steven G. Belovich

cum laude

Caitlin M. Bolinger

Dean's Award

Taylor Renea Bond†

cum laude

Destiny Alisa Booker

Michelle Boyer

Robert T. Cronley

Ryan Michael Curran†

cum laude

Richard Lee Titus

Dorhauer

Shay P. Garner†

Karen Denise Gaudreault

Chelsy Gibson

Zachary Goers†

summa cum laude

Benjamin Wesley Greenway

Julia Kathlyn Guzdial

Connor Hanley

Jessica Hellmann

James Michael Herrel*

Matthew Brady Hixson*

Deena L. Hoke*

Dominic Joseph Huber

Jolanda L. Jackson

Alexandra B. Kirchherr

Dean's Award

Andrew Malcinski

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BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (continued)

Bonnie and L.B. Eckelkamp College of Global Business and Professional Studies

Department of Business Administration

Garrett Scott McDowell ⁺ <i>cum laude</i>	Alexandra Ann Reiter	Jeffrey Smith*
Heather A. Merzweiler <i>magna cum laude</i>	Ashlynn Marie Reiter	Chesney Renéé Stittum
Logan A. Mueth	Alexander John Rivera	Allyson L. Swisher
Thomas Nieman	Damona Robinson	Elizabeth Kay Theisen
Victoria Null	Fahad Mohammed A. Sabhan	Kelsey Theobald
Alexandra M. Overschmidt <i>Dean's Award</i>	Rosario Sedodo	Julie L.J. Trejo
Stephen Keith Pfeifer	Patrick Kenneth Shuff	Miguel E. Villegas
DeAmbra Pilkinton ⁺ <i>cum laude</i>	Austin Thomas Sides <i>Dean's Award</i>	Morgan S. Walton
	Alexander Joseph Smith ⁺ <i>cum laude</i>	Lynsey Wehrenberg <i>cum laude</i>
		Patricia Welch ⁺ <i>summa cum laude</i>

Department of Fashion Merchandising

Joanna P. Bogert <i>cum laude</i>	Jessica Lott <i>Dean's Award</i>	Erin Elizabeth Simokaitis <i>cum laude</i>
Courtney Bruncic*	Marki A. Miller [□]	Jordan K. Sutter*
Lindsey Ann Darby*	Kaitlin F. Roepke <i>Dean's Award</i>	Alison M. Waters <i>Dean's Award</i>
Lourdes Paola Davis	Paige Roth <i>cum laude</i>	Jordyn Kiley Weiss
Amanda Louise Dooley		Jessica C. Wheeler*
Celeste Herrmann*		
Ashley Nicole Kemper <i>summa cum laude</i>		

College of Arts and Sciences

Department of Behavioral Sciences

Ellen Marie Ahearn	Shelia Ann Johnson	Kerry Jeanne O'Brien
Nicole M. Bondurant <i>cum laude</i>	Nicole Jones <i>summa cum laude</i>	Audrey M. Oldani
Shonda Vernic Byrd-Ayers	Alexander Robert Munton	Nathan Charles Spiess*
Savannah Caela Davis	Carly B. Niedbalski*	Shelby L. Wilfong <i>cum laude</i>
Danica Catherine Hoyt	Ashley Nicole Norton*	Keith Tyler Williams

Department of Biological and Physical Sciences

Pascaline Akitani	Ameera Jaouni	Justin Rujawitz <i>Dean's Award</i>
Christopher Graham <i>summa cum laude</i>	Christian I. King	Heather R. Wiegmann <i>summa cum laude</i>
Olivia R. Hollander	Bradley T. Macklin	
	Alana M. Metzger	

Department of Mathematics and Computer Science

Mohammed Ali A. Alajaj	Ethan Daniel Borrowman <i>summa cum laude</i>	Garrett Scott McDowell [□] <i>cum laude</i>
Osama Mohamed Alharthy	Isaiah Eichen <i>summa cum laude</i>	Doan Minh Trieu*
Orkan Bakis	Alexander L. Jacobs	Natasha Zumalt
Holly Elizabeth Beckett		
Aidan Thomas Begley*		

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BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (continued)

College of Education and Allied Health Professions

Department of Communication Disorders and Deaf Education

Bailey Benes <i>Dean's Award</i>	Nicole Paige Hacking	Briana Neavill <i>summa cum laude</i>
Elizabeth Eileen Brooks <i>Dean's Award</i>	Lauren Hanebrink <i>magna cum laude</i>	Allison Taylor Phelps <i>summa cum laude</i>
Alyssa Michelle Conley	Elisabeth Hickle <i>cum laude</i>	Julie Schrum
Devin Fisher <i>summa cum laude</i>	Cathleen A. Hill	Natalie Sipole
Haylee Freeman <i>cum laude</i>	Amy Marie Koncar <i>summa cum laude/University Scholar</i>	Nicole Juliet Wientge <i>summa cum laude</i>
Shannelle Antoinette French	Sarah Elizabeth Leibrand <i>cum laude</i>	Molly Elizabeth Zuhlke <i>cum laude</i>
Thelmajeau Lucille Guiffrida	Julia Elaine Maxwell	

Department of Education/Special Education

Danielle Renee Baldwin <i>Dean's Award</i>	Carrie Ann Decker	Meredith Kathleen Meyer <i>cum laude</i>
Julia Elise Barbieri <i>Dean's Award</i>	Carolyne Griffin	Trina Denise Mitchell
Gabriella Giovanna Biundo <i>cum laude</i>	Christine Hinman	Kelly K. Mundwiler <i>magna cum laude</i>
Emily Brizendine	Carol Marie Hoffman	Nicki L. Pace
Synetra Butler-Walters	Kathleen Hussey	Paige Pfankuch <i>cum laude</i>
Amber Chaidez	Nicole Joerger	Kara Lynn Simmons
Eleanor Rose Battersby Clark <i>Dean's Award</i>	Kassie L. Kleeschulte	Jennie Stare**
	Casie Lanzendorf <i>cum laude</i>	Teene Williams
	Stephanie Nicole Ligé	

Department of Family and Consumer Sciences

Mary Christine Banholzer	Loc Dinh	Cassie Mattingly
Taylor Bradley Beard	Sarah Anne Fennewald	Katie Schnable
Kaitlin Renee Becherer	Elizabeth Flowers	Alyssa Simonds
Olivia Anne Beggs	Lauren Hutchings	Wendy C. Voyer
Brittany P. Corey	Chelsea Renee Koenigsfeld	Merissa Louise Wenzara
Aimee Cunningham	Mary Kurtz	Lauren Wilkins

BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK

College of Arts and Sciences

Department of Social Work

Abiola Sarah Afolayan	Donna Simoné Hakim	Kara Bray Moreno
Meghan Christine Barron	Terri A. Hodges*	Jami Russo
Taylor Rae Bourbon*	Kyle LaChance*	Kalah Alyssa Webb
Larry Edger II*	Corinne Sheridan Layne*	Danielle Nicole Winston*
Ashley Rae Fisher-Knox	Amanda Leigh Maloney <i>magna cum laude</i>	

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***December 15, 2017 graduation*



HONORARY DEGREE

awarded to

James D. White

Doctor of Humane Letters, honoris causa
This Eighth Day of May, Two Thousand and Seventeen

James D. White, M.B.A. '96, is the immediate past president, chairman and CEO of Jamba, Inc., and current member of the board of directors of Panera Bread. He retired in 2016 after 33 years in the food production and consumer goods industry. He is extraordinarily well-regarded across the globe for his successful turnaround and transformation of Jamba from a made-to-order smoothie shop to a global, active lifestyle brand. Under his leadership, Jamba has become a leading health brand recognized for innovative marketing and international partnerships.

Mr. White serves on a variety of major corporate and nonprofit boards, including Panera Bread, Callidus Cloud Board, DeVry Education Group, Conscious Capitalism, NASDAQ Entrepreneurial Center and the GenYouth Foundation.

In addition to his graduate degree from Fontbonne, Mr. White earned a B.S. in marketing from the University of Missouri-Columbia and completed the Food Executive Program at Cornell University.



LATIN HONORS

Latin honors reflect the academic excellence of all of the undergraduate coursework taken in preparation for the undergraduate degree. Students must earn a combined grade point average of 3.7. The correct Honors category will be noted on the student's diploma and transcript based on the final GPA calculation.

DEAN'S AWARD

The Dean's Award is presented to graduating seniors who transferred to Fontbonne and achieved a cumulative grade point average of 3.7 or above on a minimum of 60 credit hours taken at Fontbonne.

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARS

To earn the distinction of University Scholar at commencement, a student must have fulfilled the requirements for honors as defined by his or her major and the Honors Program.

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE CHAIN CEREMONY

In 1927, the first class of Fontbonne began a tradition that continues today. Originally connected to the shovel used for Fontbonne's ground-breaking in 1924, a bronze chain bears the year of the first graduating class at its head, and each subsequent graduating class is connected by square links inscribed with each graduation year. A new link is added each year at commencement ceremonies to continue this unique part of the university's history.

DECADE BANNERS

The banners displayed represent each decade of graduates in Fontbonne's history. The purple and gold banners display the school colors in remembrance of the more than 18,000 alumni who have graduated from Fontbonne since the first class in 1927.

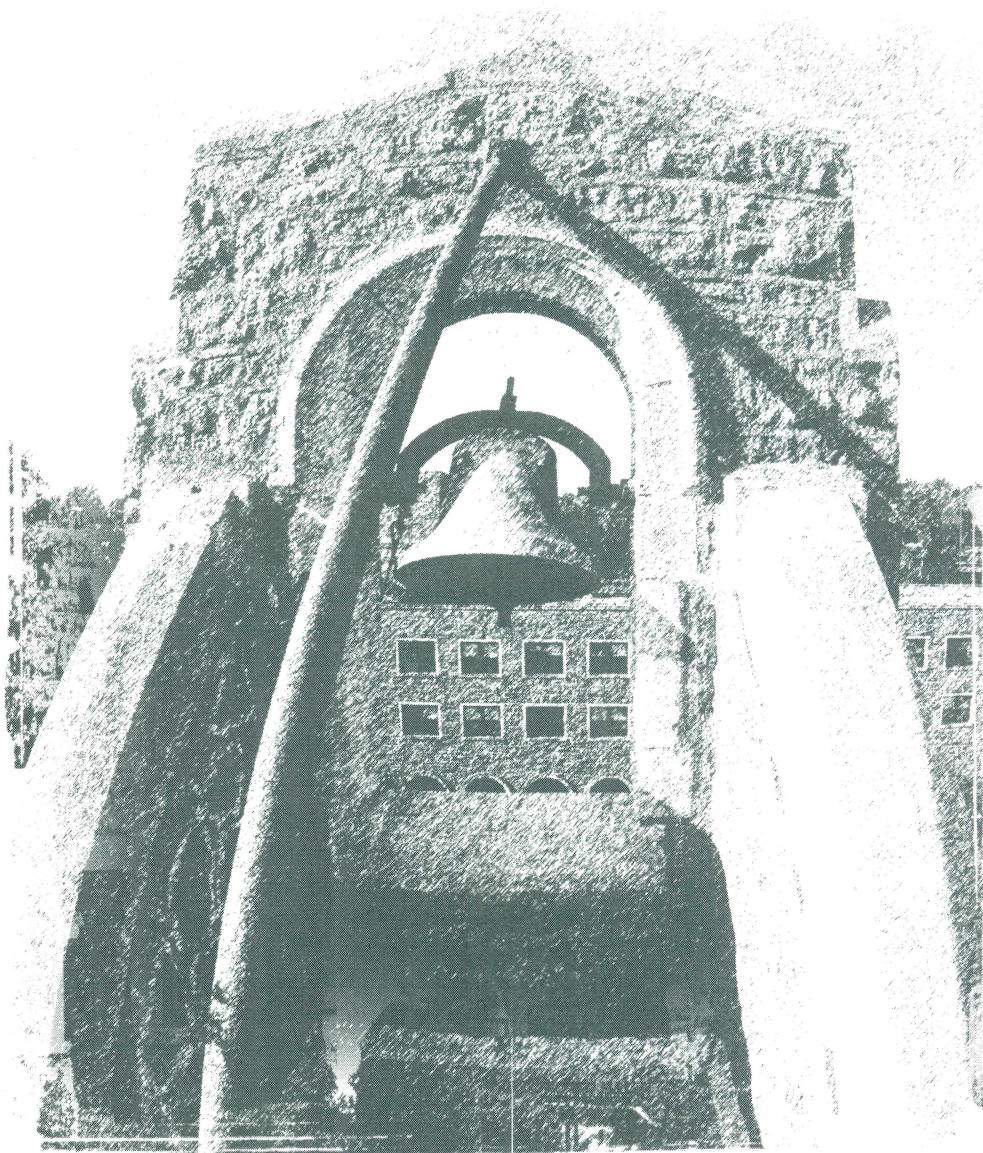
THE MEANING OF THE SEAL

The Fontbonne seal contains elements that represent the University and with the history of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet, Fontbonne's sponsoring body. The *fleur-de-lis*, a French word for lily, is the symbol of the French royal family. In the Fontbonne seal, the *fleur-de-lis* symbolizes the French origin of the Sisters of St. Joseph, founded in France in 1650. The six *fleur-de-lis* in the seal represent the first six Sisters who came to the U.S. in 1836. The lily is also the signature of St. Joseph, spouse of the Virgin Mary, foster father of Jesus, and patron saint of the Sisters of St. Joseph. The Latin words, "Virtus et Scientia," indicate the nature of Fontbonne's mission and can be translated as "virtue and knowledge," "valor and erudition," "religion and scholarship."

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

The women of the class of 1949 donated a bell for the Ryan Hall Chapel. For many years, the bell was rung for a variety of occasions, including daily prayers. The bell was also rung at each commencement, with the number of rings coinciding with the year of the graduating class (60 rings in 1960, 74 rings in 1974, and so on).

The current tradition finds graduating students each ringing the bell once — following the sending ceremony — as a way to celebrate individual effort and success.



ACADEMIC DRESS

American academic dress consists of three types of gowns and three styles of hoods, adopted from commencement rituals of English universities.

The bachelor's gown has long, pointed open sleeves with no ornamentation.

The master's gown has even longer sleeves, which are closed at the bottom but feature openings halfway down for the hands. The doctoral gown has full-length lapels of velvet and bell-shaped sleeves with three horizontal velvet bars. The color of caps and gowns is usually black; however, some universities feature doctoral gowns of distinctive colors.

The doctoral hood is the longest and fullest. The major field of study can be determined from the velvet facing on the hood according to the following color scheme. The hood is lined with silk in the colors of the institution which granted the degree. Fontbonne University's hood lining colors are purple and gold.

At commencement, undergraduates wear the tassel on the right side of their mortarboards, moving it to the left when their degree is conferred.

The gold cord worn by undergraduates represents graduation honors. The purple and gold cord is worn by a University Scholar. Other cords and medallions represent honor societies in which graduates are members. The wearing of white stoles signifies participation in academic convocation. International students may be wearing stoles representative of their home countries.

The academic procession is led by the faculty marshals. The marshals are traditionally the faculty members with the longest service to the university. Following the marshals are the degree candidates. Members of the Fontbonne University faculty and administrative staff then follow, wearing the academic dress of their respective degree-granting institutions. The procession ends with the Fontbonne University Board of Trustees and members of the platform party.

ACADEMIC COLORS

Accountancy, Business, Commerce.....	drab brown
Agriculture	maize yellow
Architecture.....	deep lilac
Arts, Humanities, Letters	white
Dentistry.....	lilac
Economics.....	copper
Education.....	light blue
Engineering.....	orange
Fine Arts	brown
Foreign Service, Public Administration	peacock blue
Forestry	russet brown
Journalism.....	crimson red
Law	purple
Library Science.....	lemon yellow
Medicine	green
Music.....	pink
Nursing.....	apricot
Oratory (Speech)	silver grey
Pharmacy	olive
Philosophy.....	royal blue
Physical Education.....	sage
Public Health	salmon pink
Science.....	gold
Social Work.....	citron yellow
Theology	scarlet red
Veterinary Science	grey

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MISSION STATEMENT

Fontbonne University, a Catholic institution sponsored by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet, is committed to the common good through the daily pursuit of transformative education, inspiring students to become global citizens who think critically, act ethically and serve responsibly.

VISION

Fontbonne University aspires to be a preferred destination, committed to providing a holistic learning experience rooted in excellence, for those seeking to be educated as leaders to serve a world in need and for those dedicated to educating them.

VALUES

Fontbonne University honors the values and heritage of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet by fostering excellence, integrity, respect, diversity, community, justice, service, faith and Catholic identity.

COMMITMENT

Fontbonne University is committed to:

- Achieving academic and educational excellence
- Advancing historical remembrance, critical reflection and moral resolve
- Promoting dialogue among diverse communities
- Demonstrating care and respect for each member of the community
- Serving the larger community
- Preparing individuals to be an ethical and responsible presence to the world



STATEMENT OF CATHOLIC IDENTITY

Fontbonne affirms its identity as a Catholic university. Sponsored by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet, it is founded on the beliefs that all creation reveals God, that the ministry of Jesus began a process of redemption that extends to this day, and that the Holy Spirit continues to impart grace through the daily experiences of women and men. Among the many signs of God's grace are teaching and learning, which at Fontbonne are pursued by people sharing a variety of religious beliefs and an understanding of the importance of education.

"Catholic" means "universal" and "throughout the whole," like leaven permeating bread. The permeating quality of Fontbonne is our commitment to know, to love, and to serve the truth that unites faith and reason, nature and grace, the human and the divine. The desire for a greater understanding of creation and its Creator is one of the most profound expressions of human dignity. In this sense, to learn is to augment one's capacity for love so that the thoughtful and loving acts of an educated person are a witness to the transformation of the world that began with the Resurrection and continues with the enlivening of humanity. What makes us truly human helps to unite us with the divine as we seek to understand, love and serve God and neighbor without distinction.

The permeating and universal nature of Catholicism gives rise to the mission and vision of this university. Because Fontbonne is Catholic, we embrace openness and inclusiveness. Because Fontbonne is Catholic, we pursue educational excellence. And because Fontbonne is Catholic, we seek to recognize the presence of God in all creation and to participate in the continuing transformation of ourselves and a world in need.





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