

Commencement,

December 11, 2009

WELCOME

Welcome to the Dunham Student Activity Center for Fontbonne University's 2009 December Commencement ceremony.

Guests are invited to be seated in designated areas on the gym floor, in the bleachers or in the Alumni Caf' on the second floor. The ceremony will be simulcast on closed circuit television in the Alumni Caf'. A professional photographer will take individual pictures of all graduates as they cross the stage and receive their diplomas.

Out of respect for our graduates, please turn off the ringer on your cell phones and pagers. Keep conversations with fellow guests at a minimum, both in the gym, lobby area and in the Alumni Caf' so that everyone may hear the speakers and the graduates' names.

Restrooms are located on the main floor directly behind the guest seating area and to the south of the reception desk opposite the main entrance, and on the second floor at the east end of the Alumni Caf'.

In order to ensure everyone's enjoyment of the event, we ask you to observe the following guidelines:

- 1. Smoking is not permitted anywhere in the Dunham Student Activity Center or in any building on campus.
- 2. For safety reasons, guests will not be allowed to stand in the following areas:
 - the main entrance lobby
 - the hallway at the south end of the gym floor directly behind guest seating
 - the third floor running track

Please remain seated until the graduates have left the building. At that time, we encourage you to use the exit doors closest to you. Exits are located at the north end of the gym floor on either side of the stage, at the east end of the gym floor directly behind the guest seating area, and at the main entrance to the building.

Thank you for your attention and cooperation, and congratulations to each of you on this special day!

Commencement Program

Friday, December 11, 2009 7:30 p.m.

Processional	Metropolitan Brass
Invocation	Sarah Schumacher Boul Director of Campus Ministry
Introduction	Daniel J. Ferry, Jr. Chair, Board of Trustees
	g Center, Inc. and Fair Share Housing Development, Inc.
Presentation of Graduates	Joyce Starr Johnson, Ph.D. Interim Vice President and Dean for Academic Affairs
Conferring of Degrees	Dennis C. Golden, Ed.D. President
Alumni Hood Award	Krista R. Smith B.A. '09 (dual majors)
Conferring of Honorary Degree	Dennis C. Golden, Ed.D.
Remarks by Graduating Student	
Welcome to the Alumni Association James G. Steinkoetter B.B.A.'00, M.B.A.'05	
Alumni Chain Ceremony	Amber M. Schnurbusch B.S. '09
	Nicole S. Harris B.B.A. '09
Benediction	Sister Helen Flemington, CSJ Province Leadership Liaison
Recessional	Metropolitan Brass

A reception for all the bachelor's and master's degree graduates from the College of Global Business and Professional Studies, including the OPTIONS program, will be held in the $1^{\rm st}$ floor Dining Room – Ryan Hall.

A reception for all other bachelor's and master's degree graduates will be held in the lobby of the Library.

MASTER OF ARTS

Communication Disorders and Deaf Education Department Early Intervention in Deaf Education

Abigail E. Swofford

Education/Special Education Department

Jeff A. Anderson Genia Nesper Goulet Melanie Ann Bloomfield-Smith Patricia Helen Greer Paris DeBerry Bouchard Ravetta Ranique Jackson Mary E. Choice Ann Marie Jeffers Charlotte Germaine Cruesoe Ruth Ellen B. Jones Ianice E. Didier Wanda Christine Kent Carrie Elizabeth Doll-Morman Kate Marie Montgomery Brooklyn Jane Dunihoo Elizabeth Catherine Mosher Catherine Anne Fontana Kristen V. Ogletree-Cook Karen Blakley Ghrist Mary Thompson Oldham Martha Christine Goode Patti Mason Pelayo

Jacqueline L. Purchase
Jodi J. Ramos
Iris Robinson Riddle
Robyn Ericka Robinson
Robin Silisa Roseman
Terri Thweatt Safdari
Sean Patrick Scanlon
Katherine Marie Schmitt
Alana Renee Ware
Desiree' Michelle Warford
DaMaris Alysia White

Fine Arts Department

Andrew Michael Brandmeyer Melinda C. Calvert Darnell Kareem Deanes Brian David DePauli Anne Carson Foard Kate Ann Garrabrant Lindsay A. Higa Craig Curtis Hoffmann Samantha Ruth Lowrey

MASTER OF ARTS IN TEACHING

Education/Special Education Department

Heather Lynn Carl Tommie Lee Dabney Sarah Louise Dalton Lauren Celeste Daproza Allison Michelle Elam Antoinette D. Everson Jean M. Glass Laurie Christine Mason

Laurie Christine Mas Anjuli E. Mehra Mary Margaret Meyer Dorothy A. Nelson Molly Ann Oliverio Melissa Anne Rodgers

Master of Business Administration

College of Global Business and Professional Studies

Joseph John Berner Scott David Boyd Parath Chadchen Sasithorn Dokyaw David Enoch Higgins Pankaj K.C. Kannika Piluek Warangkana Piya-Aksornsak Hang Thi Reeder Tarik Sahraoui Sory Soumano Nathan Edward Switzer Chalad Wangnitivong

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (continued)

College of Global Business and Professional Studies

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Zelda Denise Bond

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Angela L. Hester Michael D. Higgins Jeromy P. Hockett

Emina Jasarevic Debbie A. Jones Matthew Allan Jones Angela M. Kendall Craig A. LaChance Lakisha F. Lewis Timothy Duane Lindsey

Michelle Lanette Lovings Michael G. Mangiore

Marneen Lianne Maxey Joshua L. McConachie

Anita Marie Manion

Mandy Leniece McCrory Charles E. Melton Brian T. Miller

Theoda E. Mills, Jr. Anita M. Morgan

Kimberely A. Murphy-Geier

Monette Overton Alfreda Parker Latresa M. Parker

Michael Phillips Shawnté Nicole Pirtle Jarret Dean Randoll Charles K. Raspberry Ramona R. Reed Frank William Ricchio Patricia Rice-Wilson*

Willie Charles Robinson, Sr.

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Jennifer C. Wells Sean C. White Iamila O. Wilkes Christina D. Williams

Felicia Ann Williams Hulon Mike Willis*

Sharon Worth

Mikia M. Wright-Haynes

James L. Yamnitz

MASTER OF FINE ARTS

Fine Arts Department

Sanita E. Jetton

Nancy Rogers

Denise M. Schilling

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College of Global Business and Professional Studies

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Lisa L. Dokes Heidi Louise Duffie

Pier N. Finn Lynn R. Griffard Kimberly Ann Harris Valorie Maria Holden Tonya C. Hornberger

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Carol H. Kwiatkowski Leslie Marie Lockett

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Lupe D. Ponce Malonnie D. Pratt

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Tamara Shanquita Servick

Holly Nicole Shortt Crystal Nicole Spinner

Scott James Spinner Julia T. Tate Pamela Terry Shaun T. Travis Yolunda Renee Turner Valarie Valentine

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Corey Patrick Carter

Jie Chen

Karen L. Cigliana

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Christina Kasmarzik Duepner Walter Allen Murray, III

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Li Luo

Ursula Claire Mepham

Geoffrey R. Mueller

Patricia M. Rowe Scott Shippey Pamela Ann Smythe

Sara M. Verplaetse

Cassandra Michelle Wallace

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Stefanie N. Giacopelli Kelbe Rachael Hollrah Christine M. Meyer Elizabeth I. Stachecki

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Mathematics and Computer Science Department

Jennifer Lee Bradford Cynthia S. Freeman Sarah Jane Jennings

Stefanie L. McPherson Deanna Marie Pratt

Eric H. Trice

Barbara Jean Vaughn Rachelle Lynn Wilson

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College of Global Business and Professional Studies

George Bernard Kruse

Jerry Russell Lang

Morita Rae Lawson

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College of Global Business and Professional Studies

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Drew B. Estes Jawana Rená Hammonds Rechell Rena Hatley Joshua William Helbig Kimberly Diane Hicks Leona Renee Hogan Sharon Denise Hoye Nicholas Charles Iones Melissa Lynn Kemmis Amy Marie King Angela M. Lovatto Thomas J. Magnan magna cum laude Nichole S. Marshall Kim Robin Massingale-Chilton Angela Flowers Thompson Adrian Denise McGee-Brown Rhonda M. McKenzie Theresa M. McRee Lynette Marie Mitchell

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Carlotta Michelle Neal

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Lilli A. Grove

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Meghan E. Hogan Chanté N. Leopold

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Rosemary Catherine Pattersor

cum laude Nicole L. Respi Tara Lynn Stitzel

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Fine Arts Department

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Todd Robert Brown

Elton Clinton Manion

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Amanda Nicole Gabbert

Anthony Frank Sansone, III

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College of Global Business and Professional Studies

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Jeannette Noel Poindexter Sandra K. Reed Robert Scott Reiche Deborah A. Riley Charles Julius Rotter Amanda Stephanie Schnaus Iulie E. Schneider-Green Steven D. Shannon Jacquelyn Marie Stepka cum laude Sherylyn Anne Stevens Tiffany H. Swanigan Tashana Capri Syas Kelli Jo Thompson Jessica Lynn Tucker Jamila Eshe Valentine Tammy Renita Washington Cynthia L. Wichmann Denise L. Wiese Chervl L. Winkelmann cum laude

BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS

Fine Arts Department

Julia Lynn Easter

Kelvin LaMont Green

Emily Christina Reid

Matthew August Walkenhorst

Linda Kay Wofford

magna cum laude Scott A. Workes

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Dawn Renee White magna cum laude Ashley M. Wingerter

Human Environmental Sciences Department

Michele Elaine Bildner Victoria Lynn Blake Martina Lucy Jackson Jessica Ann Jorns Meghan Elizabeth Klosterhoff Amber Marie Schnurbusch

Taryn Léighn Lyons

Whitney Shelton McRoberts Danielle Marie Ronco Kelly Maureen Rose Ellen K. Rother

cum laude

Patricia Marie Schodrowski*** University Scholar/ summa cum laude Emily R. Schriewer Mary E. Valli Jaema Rae Younge

Mathematics and Computer Science Department

Anna Elizabeth Mazzola magna cum laude

Honorary Degree

Fontbonne University celebrates its Catholic identity and heritage with pride and commitment. Faithful to its mission, the University seeks to educate women and men to think critically, decide ethically and serve responsibly. In promoting this philosophy, Fontbonne recognizes individuals whose lives give evidence of embracing the mission, vision, values, commitment and Catholic identity of Fontbonne University.

As a dedicated and unyielding advocate for social justice, Mr. Peter J. O'Connor serves his community by creating a better place for all of God's people.

Mr. O'Connor has served admirably as an attorney advocating for the rights of all, as the founder and director of a public interest law firm, and as the sponsor, developer and property manager of hundreds of affordable housing developments. His efforts have led to important changes in legislation, as well as the betterment of thousands of individuals and families.

He has accomplished this with wisdom, passion and grace.

In the message he brings to others, Mr. O'Connor exemplifies the type of leadership to which Fontbonne graduates aspire.

In recognition of his achievements, the president and the board of trustees of Fontbonne University confer upon

Mr. Peter J. O'Connor

Doctor of Humane Letters, honoris causa This Eleventh day of December, Two Thousand and Nine

GRADUATING CLASS GIFT FUND

Fontbonne University commends the following graduates for their participation in the Graduating Class Gift Fund. In a spirit of philanthropic support for Fontbonne University's future, each has made a four-year pledge of at least \$25 per year. We thank these graduates and welcome them as partners in our efforts to continue the tradition of quality, private education at Fontbonne.

Clare Anderson Yvette C. Barnard Scott Boyd Frank A. Craig III Kimberly Edmunds Alicia Harper Tiffany Helms Lisa M. Jackson Teresa Jones Donyell Kennard Mary Komo Amanda Kopff Thomas Magnan Anita Manion Theresa McRee Beth Rabinowitz Hang T. Reeder Willie Charles Robinson Sr. Robert A. Schacht Gloria Shinuald Krista Smith Cheryl Winkelmann Jaema R. Younge

PARENTS AND FRIENDS GIFT FUND

(alphabetized by student's last name)

Patricia and Franklin Busse for daughter, Leigh Busse Richard and Denise Jackson for daughter, Lisa M. Jackson

University Scholars

To earn the distinction of University Scholar at Commencement, a student must have fulfilled the requirements of the Honors Program, including 15 credit hours of honors seminars and courses and a senior honors project.

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE CHAIN CEREMONY

In 1927, the first class of Fontbonne began a tradition that is carried on 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 near the stage during commencement represent each decade of graduates in Fontbonne's history. The purple and gold banners display the school colors in remembrance of the more than 14,000 alumni who have graduated from Fontbonne since the first class in 1927.

THE MEANING OF THE SEAL

The Fontbonne seal contains elements that deal with 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 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. It is believed that 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).

In 2000, a new tradition was started and the bell was rung one time for each graduating student as a way for Fontbonne to celebrate each individual student's effort and success. Now, all graduating students are invited to participate in the ringing. The bell rope will be lowered into the Meadow so each student can ring the bell. This opportunity will be available for approximately 30 minutes after the Commencement ceremony ends.

ACADEMIC DRESS

American academic dress was not established until 1895. It consists of three types of gowns and three styles of hoods, adopted from commencement rituals of English universities. As early as the fourteenth century, the statutes of certain colleges prohibited "excess in apparel" and required the wearing of a long gown. It is still an open question as to whether academic dress finds its sources chiefly in ecclesiastical or civilian dress. It is often suggested that gowns and hoods were the simplest and most effective method of staying warm in the unheated, stone buildings which housed medieval scholars.

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. Many schools outside the United States have also adopted colorful gowns.

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.

The academic procession is led by the faculty marshal. The marshal is traditionally the faculty member with the longest service to the University. Following the marshal 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 Rusiness Commerce
Accountancy, Business, Commerce
Architecture
Arts, Humanities, Letterswhite
Dentistrylilac
Economics
Educationlight blue
Engineeringorange
Fine Artsbrown
Foreign Service, Public Administration peacock blue
Foreign Service, Public Administration
Journalismcrimson red
Lawpurple
Library Sciencelemon yellow
Medicinegreen
Musicpink
Nursingapricot
Oratory (Speech) silver grey
Pharmacyolive
Philosophy royal blue
Physical Educationsage
Public Healthsalmon pink
Science
Social Workcitron yellow
The sale was
Theologyscarlet red
Veterinary Sciencegrey

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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.

MISSION STATEMENT

Fontbonne University, a Catholic coeducational institution of higher learning sponsored by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet, is rooted in the Judeo-Christian tradition. The university is dedicated to the discovery, understanding, preservation and dissemination of truth. Undergraduate and graduate programs are offered in an atmosphere characterized by a commitment to open communication, personal concern and diversity. Fontbonne University seeks to educate students to think critically, to act ethically and to assume responsibility as citizens and leaders.

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.

Vision

Fontbonne University aspires to be acknowledged as one of the nation's premier Catholic universities, educating leaders to serve a world in need.

We will:

- Be known for a synthesis of liberal and professional education that promotes life long learning and that enables students to see themselves as part of a diverse and changing world.
- Work together to develop academic programs and educational opportunities that reflect high standards, interdisciplinary thought and integrated understanding.
- Continue to promote thoughtful experiential and service learning, bridging the gap between theory and practice by taking the student beyond the university walls.
- Build or strengthen alliances with individuals and organizations that are bringing about positive changes in the global community.
- Graduate students who will be distinguished by their appreciation of learning and the arts, their social conscience, and their ability to reflect, communicate and act.



