

# DePaul University

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COMMENCEMENT

**School of Continuing  
and Professional Studies**

JUNE 14, 2026



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## DEAR GRADUATE,

Congratulations to DePaul's Class of 2026!

I'm thrilled to celebrate DePaul's commencement with you and your families. Today, you're joining one of the most powerful alumni networks in the nation.

Across the country and around the globe, DePaul alumni leave with more than just a degree. They carry with them a well-rounded education, a career-ready mindset, and a deep sense of purpose, equipping them to take on the world's most pressing challenges. As you move forward, let the Vincentian question guide you: What must be done?

Our collective impact on the world is now 6,000 people stronger, because of you. I'm proud of you and look forward to following your future success.

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**Robert L. Manuel, PhD**

PRESIDENT

JUNE 2026



## DEAR GRADUATE,

My heartfelt congratulations on this important milestone.

Commencement serves a dual purpose: it celebrates all that you have accomplished at DePaul and marks the beginning of the next chapter of your life. It is both a moment of reflection and a moment of anticipation—an opportunity to look back with pride on your achievements and forward with confidence to all that lies ahead.

As you move forward, carry with you the lessons, values, and relationships that have defined your time here. Your education is not simply a record of what you have learned, but a foundation for how you will lead, serve, and make a difference. You are equipped to excel on your chosen path. Now it's time for you to go forward and make a difference in the world.

We are proud of all that you have accomplished and confident in all that you will achieve. Wherever your journey leads, you will always remain part of the DePaul community.

Go Blue Demons!

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**Salma Ghanem, PhD**

PROVOST

JUNE 2026



## DEAR GRADUATES,

Today, DePaul University celebrates you. The accomplishment we mark in this program book carries weight, because you did not pause your lives to pursue your education. You wove study into careers, families, caregiving, and service. In doing so, you remind us what education can be when it is shaped not by convenience but by conviction.

Vincent DePaul taught that “rarely is any good done without difficulty.” For each of you, that truth is not abstract. It is the shape of your days. Your degree stands as evidence of a clear-eyed conviction that your life is worth the investment of your mind.

This is the distinctive calling of the School of Continuing and Professional Studies. We educate adult learners who refuse the false choice between living fully and learning deeply. We honor a Vincentian inheritance that locates meaning not in withdrawal from the world, but in service to it. And today we send you into communities, professions, and households where your education will not rest on a shelf. It will work.

The credential you receive is a beginning, not a conclusion. Carry forward the habits of inquiry, the standards of integrity, and the conviction that learning is a lifelong act of hope. The world ahead requires those who can think clearly, act with purpose, and serve with humility. You are prepared. We are confident. The road ahead is yours to widen.

On behalf of DePaul University and the entire SCPS community, I extend my deepest pride and warmest congratulations.

With admiration,

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**Tatum Thomas, PhD**

DEAN, SCHOOL OF CONTINUING  
AND PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

JUNE 2026



## DEAR GRADUATE,

Welcome to the DePaul University alumni family. By completing your degree, you have joined an elite group of more than 220,500 alumni who share with you the knowledge, Vincentian personalism and determination characteristic of a DePaul graduate. As a new member of the DePaul alumni community, your lifelong connection to DePaul and your fellow alumni will only grow stronger from here.

The Office of Alumni Relations is here to help you maintain and strengthen that connection, and we invite you to get started by utilizing the many resources and privileges available to DePaul alumni. Our growing network of regional chapters, affinity-based groups and alumni contacts in cities around the world brings the benefits of membership closer to you. On our website, you can register for upcoming events in your area, learn about volunteer opportunities, engage with fellow alumni on our networking platform, DePaulConnect and more. Be sure to visit [alumni.depaul.edu](http://alumni.depaul.edu) to learn more about the myriad of ways you can stay connected.

Please accept our best wishes for continued success in the days and years ahead. Congratulations on receiving your DePaul degree! Go Blue Demons!

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**Katie Fraumann**

SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT, DIVISION  
OF ADVANCEMENT AND EXTERNAL  
RELATIONS

## 2026 PROGRAM

# School of Continuing and Professional Studies and College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences

## PROCESSIONAL

### UNIVERSITY MARSHALS

Arieahn Matamonasa, PhD, *Professor* | School of Continuing and Professional Studies  
Amor Kohli, PhD, *Professor* | College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences

### INVOCATION

Scott Paeth, PhD, *Professor and Chair* | College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences

### NATIONAL ANTHEM

John Concepcion

### CONFERRAL OF HONORARY DEGREES

Dr. Daniel R. Porterfield  
Citation read by Guillermo Vásquez de Velasco, PhD, *Dean* | College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences  
Hooding by Robert L. Manuel, PhD, *President* and Salma Ghanem, PhD, *Provost*

### COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Dr. Daniel R. Porterfield

### STUDENT ADDRESS

Darletta Scruggs, *BA Candidate, Class of 2026* | School of Continuing and Professional Studies

### CONFERRAL OF DEGREES

Tatum Thomas, PhD, *Dean* | School of Continuing and Professional Studies  
Guillermo Vásquez de Velasco, PhD, *Dean* | College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences

### CANDIDATES' NAMES ANNOUNCED BY

Susan McGury, PhD, *Associate Professor* | School of Continuing and Professional Studies  
Elizabeth Millán Brusslan, PhD, *Professor and Chair* | College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences  
Anna Souchuk, PhD, *Associate Professor* | College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences

### REMARKS

Salma Ghanem, PhD, *Provost*

### ALUMNI INDUCTION

Robert L. Manuel, PhD, *President*

### RECESSIONAL

#### 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 roster of degree candidates as represented in this program was reflective of degree candidates at the time of production of this program as of April 15, 2026. We request that all candidates for graduation, their families and their guests, remain seated until the conclusion of the ceremony.*

## CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

# School of Continuing and Professional Studies

### Master of Arts

**AMY ALEXANDER**  
Applied Professional Studies

**KRISTIE ANN ALLEN**  
Applied Professional Studies

**TAVARES BRIGGS**  
Applied Professional Studies

**MARCUS BROWN**  
Applied Professional Studies

**MICHELLE Y. FARLEY**  
Applied Professional Studies

**NATALY GARCIA**  
Applied Professional Studies

**ROBERT JAMES GREEN**  
Applied Professional Studies

**NEJMA HALIM**  
Applied Professional Studies

**VINCENT PAUL HERNANDEZ**  
Applied Professional Studies

**REBECCA A. MCGUFFEY**  
Applied Professional Studies

**MELLISA MICHELLE MENDOZA**  
Applied Professional Studies

**JACQUELINE A. PELLEZ**  
Applied Professional Studies

**VANESSA RIVERA**  
Applied Professional Studies

**MICHELLE MARIE ROBERTS**  
Applied Professional Studies

**ELLIOTT ALEXANDER SHERRELL**  
Applied Professional Studies

**JOSHUA TINUCCI**  
Applied Professional Studies

**NATASHA TOWNES**  
Applied Professional Studies

**ALLY VALETOVICH**  
Applied Professional Studies

**RAMONA SPRING WILLIAMS-LEWIS**  
Applied Professional Studies

### Bachelor of Arts

**SARAH BECK**  
Applied Behavioral Sciences

**MIKA BROWN**  
Applied Behavioral Sciences

**KIMBERLY RENEE COOK**  
Applied Behavioral Sciences

**ROBERT MICHAEL FLANNERY**  
Applied Behavioral Sciences

**LATASHA N. GOSBERRY**  
Applied Behavioral Sciences

**KENNETH GRIFFIN**  
Nonprofit Management

**JEREMIAH HOLMES**  
Recreation and Sport Management

**BARBARA DIAN KRATVILLE**  
Leadership Studies

**MATTHEW THOMAS MALDONADO**  
Decision Analytics

**SHRARA ISHO MCCUE**  
Leadership Studies

**JOSEPH PAGAN**  
Applied Behavioral Sciences

**MARIBEL PAZ**  
Healthcare Administration

**MEGHAN TER MOLEN**  
Recreation and Sport Management

**LAUREN TO**  
Applied Behavioral Sciences

**TRISTAN VILLALOBOS**  
Leadership Studies

**KANEISHA MAHOGANY YORK**  
Applied Behavioral Sciences

**ELANA MARIE ZAKOFF**  
Applied Behavioral Sciences

### Bachelor of Arts in Professional Studies

**RUTH H. ADAMS**  
Business Administration

**DAVID ARCOS**  
Business Administration

**VICTOR BANEK**  
Business Administration

**CHANDA BLACKAMORE**  
Business Administration

**ROBB J. BLACKBURN**  
Business Administration

**MEREDITH KAY CELLA BLAZE**  
Business Administration

**JUSTIN BLUMENBERG**  
Business Administration

**CATHERINE A. BODNAR**  
Business Administration

**LAKEIDRA C. BOLIN**  
Business Administration

**KARLA LORENA CARDENAS-BONILLA**  
Business Administration

**MICHAEL CARRANZA**  
Business Administration

**NICHOLAS DAVID CARTER**  
Business Administration

**NICHOLAS LEON ALTAMIRANO CHESNEY**  
Business Administration

**ANGELA N. CHUN**  
Business Administration

**LAWRENCE EARL CLAY**  
Business Administration

**IOANA A. CORLACI**  
Business Administration

**GLORIA D. DANIELS**  
Business Administration

**GUSTAVO DELGADO**  
Business Administration

**DIJZHANE M. DENNIS**  
Business Administration

**MELISSA M. ESCOBEDO**  
Business Administration

**NIMRA FATIMA**  
Business Administration

**BRIANNA MARIE FELTNER-WILLIAMS**  
Business Administration

**MARITZA FERRER**  
Business Administration

**VERONICA FLORES**  
Business Administration

**ALEXANDER D. FLOURNOY**  
Business Administration

**JOSE D. FUENTES**  
Business Administration

**RAYMUNDO GALENO NAVARRO**  
Business Administration

**CUAUHTEMOC GARCIA**  
Business Administration

**VANESSA GARCIA**  
Business Administration

**LUCIANA GONZALEZ**  
Business Administration

**DENZEL JAVONTE GREEN**  
Business Administration

## CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

### School of Continuing and Professional Studies

**ANTHONY JOSEPH  
GUARINO**

Business Administration

**ROBERT A. GUERRA**

Business Administration

**MICHAEL JOSEPH HANNA**

Business Administration

**CARMEL ANN HERRON**

Business Administration

**STEVEN HOFFMAN**

Business Administration

**BRANDON N. JORDAN**

Business Administration

**ALEX VASILEV KRASTANOV**

Business Administration

**EMILY RICHMAN LANYON**

Business Administration

**PETER JOSEPH LEA**

Computing

**ROBIN LEE**

Business Administration

**JOSILYN E. LEHMANN**

Business Administration

**SYLVESTER TAI YONG LING**

Business Administration

**ALISA TEDA LONG**

Business Administration

**DAVID BRYAN MANABAT**

Business Administration

**MICHAEL MARTINEZ**

Business Administration

**CYNTHIA E. MASSEY**

Business Administration

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Business Administration

**MARIAH MENDEZ**

Business Administration

**ANTHONY F. MERCER-BEY**

Computing

**WILLIAM N. MESSINO**

Business Administration

**KATARINA OTT-DURKIN**

Business Administration

**MAGDALENA ROSE**

**PARMELEE**

Business Administration

**VLADIMIR PEREPELICENKO**

Business Administration

**ISAIAH DAVID PEREZ**

Business Administration

**EDGAR PEREZ**

Business Administration

**JUSTIN ALDOBRANDON  
PIACENZA**

Business Administration

**NINA REESE PILAS**

Business Administration

**WILLIAM LOUSHAUN  
POINDEXTER**

Business Administration

**HERMAN POLONSKI**

Business Administration

**JUSTIN PETER QUAGLIA**

Business Administration

**ZACHARY RICHARDSON**

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**ELIZABETH RIO**

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Business Administration

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Business Administration

**TRACEY LYNN SIVAK**

Business Administration

**BRYANT LAMAR TRIPLETT**

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**STEPHANIE ANNE**

**VELAZQUEZ**

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**ALAJAH VIRASACK**

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Business Administration

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Business Administration

**SAMER ZEESHAN MOHSIN**

Business Administration

CONGRATULATIONS!

