DEPAUL UNIVERSITY’S 119TH COMMENCEMENT

June 10-11, 2017
DEAR GRADUATE,

On behalf of the entire DePaul community, I would like to congratulate you on your graduation. I would also like to thank you for what you as a student have brought to DePaul University. Your hard-earned degree represents the power of lifelong learning to shape your life and transform our world for the better. We are proud that you will put your education to work in the career of your choice as a DePaul alumnus. We are confident in your success and ask that God will bless you abundantly in the years to come.

Sincerely,

Rev. Dennis H. Holtschneider, C.M.

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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 23,100 students in 10 colleges and schools and offers a wide range of academic and professional programs on four Chicago-area campuses. DePaul’s reach extends internationally, from degree programs offered in Kenya 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’s Vision 2018 strategic plan is producing strong results as it enters its final year. Many new programs have been developed, including ones in science and health that are creating new pathways into job-rich healthcare fields; online courses have expanded to serve student demand; and overall graduation rates continue to trend upward.

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 45 undergraduate and graduate degree programs and 11 centers and institutes. With an overarching emphasis directed toward empowering leadership through the liberal arts, students pursue studies in such wide-ranging areas as social and political studies, media and studio art, creative or professional writing, ethics, geographical information systems, forensic archaeology, international studies, public health and modern languages.

DePaul established the College of Science and Health in the 2011–12 academic year. The college departments include the natural sciences, health science, mathematics, nursing and psychology, as well as five centers, including the Center for Community Research and the DePaul Family and Community Services.

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, health law and public interest law programs, among others. In addition to the Juris Doctor, the college offers several joint degree programs, five graduate law programs and a Master of Jurisprudence. Through the breadth and depth of its curriculum and its extensive opportunities for experiential learning, students are prepared to be lawyers who advance the law and impact Chicago and the world.

The Driehaus College of Business and its Kellstadt Graduate School of Business offer respected programs that provide real-world knowledge and strong connections to the business community. The college houses programs that are nationally recognized, including three top-10 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 offers a wide range of practical and innovative undergraduate and graduate degree programs. The college houses the School of Computing, which features technical degrees in computing, cybersecurity and computer game and web development; the School of Cinematic Arts, which showcases cinema, animation and screenwriting degrees; and the School of Design, which features degrees in media arts and graphic, game and experience design.

The College of Education’s primary mission is to prepare students to become teachers, educational leaders and counselors. Partnerships with the Chicago Public Schools, the archdiocese, 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 Theatre School, founded as the Goodman School of Drama, is one of America’s oldest and most respected theatre training schools. A new facility to house The Theatre School opened in 2013.

The College of Communication’s programs examine communication in all forms, with an emphasis on research, theory, new technology, media literacy, and ethical practices. Programs include communication studies; organizational communication; digital communication; journalism; media and cinema studies and public relations and advertising. Faculty with extensive academic, industry and international experience, along with award-winning student-led organizations, 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 nonprofit Asset-Based Community Development Institute. It has earned national accolades for integrating academics and community engagement. The center supports more than 3,400 service-learning students a year in more than 180 courses from across the university.

DePaul’s 15 intercollegiate men’s and women’s athletic teams are members of the NCAA Division I, BIG EAST Conference. In 2017, the women’s basketball team marked its 15th consecutive appearance in the NCAA tournament. Numerous DePaul teams claimed BIG EAST Team Academic Excellence Awards in recent years.

This year’s graduates and DePaul’s more than 176,000 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, the 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 ceremonious 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.

**The Banners of DePaul University**

- **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.

- **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 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.

- **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 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 Law**
  - Academic Color: Purple
  - The double-reversed chevrons illustrate the traditional scales of justice associated with the field of jurisprudence.

- **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.

- **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.

- **Driehaus College of Business**
  - Academic Color: Taupe
  - The “party per cross” design uses two tinctures to impart the quantitative nature of business enterprise.

- **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.
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 Ramirez 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 and patroness of the United States.

### 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.

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GRADUATION WITH HONOR
The bachelor’s degree with honor is conferred upon candidates who have achieved exceptional scholastic proficiency. 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.

VIA SAPIENTIAE AWARD
In 1961, DePaul University established the Via Sapientiae Award to honor individuals who have served devotedly the purposes and ideals of the university. It takes its name from the university’s motto: “Viam Sapientiae Monstrabo Tibi,” taken from the Book of Proverbs and translated from the Latin as, “I will show you the way of wisdom.” This defines the university’s highest function and provides the criteria for evaluating the contributions of those persons who have spent their lives in the university’s service.

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 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.
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**  
Edgar Rodriguez

**OUTSTANDING STUDENT LEADERS IN ATHLETICS**  
Meredith Bennett-Swanson, Women’s Basketball  
Kevin Beyer, Men’s Soccer  
Chaz Bottoms, Men’s Track  
Alex Campanella, Men’s Cross Country  
Dylan Christensen, Softball  
Tim Corwin, Men’s Tennis  
Billy Garrett, Jr., Men’s Basketball  
Jonathan Hewett, Men’s Golf  
Jessica January, Women’s Basketball  
Simon Megally, Men’s Soccer  
Shayna Nwokenkwo, Women’s Track  
Abby Reed, Women’s Soccer  
Brooke Schulte, Women’s Basketball  
Paige Skorseth, Women’s Cross Country  
Ana Vladutu, Women’s Tennis

**THE MONSIGNOR JOHN EGAN AWARD**  
Jordan Battaglia  
Mackenzie Canfield  
Afra Mirza

**UNIVERSITY MINISTRY SPIRIT AWARD**  
Sarah Fisher  
Ben Gartland  
Charles Hurt

**SENIOR LEADERS IN MULTICULTURAL STUDENT AFFAIRS**  
The Barbara A. Sizemore Leadership Award  
Binta Kanteh  
The Archbishop Oscar Romero Leadership Award  
Marisa Castillo  
The Jose Rizal Leadership Award  
Krush Parikh

**CORTELYOU-LOWERY AWARD**  
Lourdes Torres, Professor of Latin American and Latino Studies
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.

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RECESSIONAL
As a distinguished teacher and celebrated novelist, Sharon M. Draper’s influence on young lives leaps from the pages of books and permeates classrooms. Honored as the 1997 National Teacher of the Year, she is a New York Times-bestselling author and a five-time winner of the Coretta Scott King Literary Award.

Draper was raised in a close-knit Cleveland, Ohio, household filled with books. By the time she could walk, she was a regular at the public library, and she read every book in the children’s section by sixth grade. A talented student, she earned a National Merit Scholarship in high school, and after majoring in English in college, she returned to Ohio to start her teaching career.

For more than 25 years, Draper showed her students in the Cincinnati public school system the power and beauty of literature. Her ability to help students understand complex issues through literature earned her six invitations to the White House where presidents honored her contributions as an education advocate.

As a high school English Language Arts teacher, Draper’s passion for the subject was evident in her energy and enthusiasm in the classroom. And while she enjoyed teaching writing, she had no intention of becoming a writer herself. Twenty years into her career, however, a student dared her to enter a writing contest. Her story, “One Small Torch,” won first prize and publication in Ebony Magazine.

That spark ignited a remarkable writing career. Though she went on to write articles, stories and poems, she is best known for her award-winning young adult books, which cover important themes such as identity, peer pressure, slavery and abuse.

In all, she has written 31 award-winning books and two books of poetry.

Her first novel, “Tears of a Tiger,” earned her the American Library Association’s Coretta Scott King-John Steptoe Award for outstanding new book. The award is given to outstanding African-American authors and illustrators of books for children and young adults that demonstrate an appreciation of African-American culture and universal human values.

“The Battle of Jericho” from her beloved Jericho trilogy earned her the 2004 Coretta Scott King Honor Book. She crossed genres with her New York Times-bestselling historical fiction novel “Copper Sun,” which was chosen for Reading Across Continents, an international reading project; won the 2007 Coretta Scott King Literature award; was named one of the Top Ten Historical Fiction Books for Youth; and was nominated for the 2007 NAACP Image Award for Literature.

Draper continued to write about powerful subjects with “Out of My Mind,” which won the Josette Frank Award by the Children’s Book Committee of the Bank Street College of Education. The award honors books of outstanding literary merit that help young people grow emotionally and morally after dealing with difficulties in their world.

She has received broad recognition for her work as a writer and teacher. Her awards include: National Teacher of the Year, Ohio’s Outstanding High School Language Arts Educator, Ohio Teacher of the Year, YWCA Career Woman of Achievement, Ohio Pioneer in Education by the Ohio State Department of Education, and the Lifetime Achievement Award for contributions to the field of adolescent literature by The Assembly on Literature for Adolescents of the National Council of Teachers of English.

An accomplished public speaker, she travels the world motivating teachers and their students and discussing the issues facing literature, reading and education.

**CITATION**

Sharon M. Draper, your dedication to the written word as both an educator and an author has affected the lives of thousands of young people in positive ways. An English Language Arts teacher for more than 20 years, you taught students an appreciation for reading and instilled strong writing skills that will benefit them throughout their lives. Your influence extended beyond the classroom when you became a best-selling author of young adult novels. Showing considerable range, you have written both modern stories about teens and pressing social issues, as well as historical fiction that depicts the reality of slave trading. Your relatable themes transform students into voracious readers. With great generosity, you continue to educate teachers and students by traveling the world to share your wisdom. For these reasons and more, DePaul University is privileged to confer upon you the degree of Doctor of Humane Letters, honoris causa.
Sister Margaret Mary Fitzpatrick, S.C., president and CEO of St. Thomas Aquinas College in New York, became a nationally recognized leader in higher education by finding strategic ways to adapt to rapidly changing times. A member of the Sisters of Charity, she has devoted her life to serving the world through education.

Born in Brooklyn, New York, and raised in Massachusetts, Fitzpatrick had two callings: religious life and higher education. After completing her bachelor of science in mathematics, she earned a master of arts, followed by a master of education and a doctorate in higher education from Columbia University. Her dissertation, “Orientation for Social Responsibility,” explored the idea of higher education as a means to serve society.

From 1974 to 1981, she served as campus minister of Queensborough Community College in New York, then took a position as assistant dean at St. John’s University in New York. She spent 14 years at the 18,000-student multi-campus institution, overseeing the university’s opportunity programs to help students from non-traditional backgrounds succeed and thrive in college. The university quickly assigned her larger roles ranging from student life and academic administration to central administration. Colleagues admired her singular ability to motivate employees, engage students, create an intellectual dialogue and promote Vincentian values.

In 1992, Fitzpatrick was promoted to senior vice president at St. John’s. In that role, she supervised seven vice presidents, oversaw a $50 million capital campaign, formulated a university strategic plan and oversaw day-to-day operations for the Queens campus, among other duties.

In 1995, she became the eighth president of St. Thomas Aquinas, a liberal arts and sciences college with 3,000 students in Sparkill, New York. She was the first new leader of the school in 21 years. Noting that it was a time of significant change and challenge, William Mooney, Jr., then chairman of the college’s board of trustees, said “Sr. Margaret brings an energy and vitality to Sparkill which are contagious.” Fitzpatrick remains involved in teaching as a tenured professor in the fields of education, mathematics, science and religion.

As chief executive officer and academic leader of St. Thomas Aquinas, she has placed sustainability at the forefront of the college’s efforts. She created the Global Center for Ethics & Social Responsibility as a hub of these efforts and led the way for the college to join the Catholic Climate Covenant, a pledge to educate students, employees and community members on climate change. As part of the overall efforts, St. Thomas Aquinas incorporated sustainability into the curriculum and daily operations of the institution. The college’s newest building, Borelli Hall, was awarded the Silver LEED certification for sustainability due to Fitzpatrick’s guidance.

Fitzpatrick lends her wisdom and leadership to service on a number of boards, including DePaul, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops’ Committee on Catholic Education, and Ridgewood Savings Bank. She previously served on the boards for Camp Venture, CJ Foundation for SIDS and St. John’s Bread and Life Program Inc.

Her hard work and innovation have garnered many accolades. Her many honors and awards include: Outstanding Achievement by a Woman in Business by the Rockland Business Association in 2015, Woman of the Year by the Rockland Business Women’s Network in 2013, and Catholic Woman of the Year by the magazine U.S. Catholic. She is the recipient of the Trailblazer award from the New York State Education Department, the Literacy Award from the International Reading Association and the Leadership Award from the Institute for Applied Human Dynamics.

Margaret Mary Fitzpatrick, S.C., multitudes of students are on the path to success because you devoted your life to serving humanity through higher education. First as a campus minister, then as a dean and administrator, you sought innovative ways to serve students from non-traditional backgrounds and meet ever-changing challenges in higher education. As president and CEO of St. Thomas Aquinas, you transformed the institution’s campus and curriculum. Your love for the Church has led you to strengthen a number of its social ministries, universities and the lives of all those who have worked alongside you. DePaul University is particularly blessed and grateful for your leadership on its board, and is stronger because of it. 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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Pomp and Circumstance (Edward Elgar)

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STUDENT PERFORMANCE
Tarantelle, Op. 6, by Camille Saint-Saëns (1835–1921)
Emily Jeanne DePalma, BM Candidate in Music Performance, Flute, Class of 2017
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John-Paul D. Pendowski, BM Candidate in Music Performance, Piano, Class of 2017

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Rev. Dennis H. Holtschneider, C.M., President, DePaul University

RECESSIONAL
Frequently described as one of the most important and talented American composers of the last 50 years, John Corigliano is the creator of more than 100 scores, three symphonies, eight concerti, one opera, and three large-scale voice and orchestra works. His body of work, performed and recorded by some of the most prominent musicians in the world, has earned him the Pulitzer Prize, the prestigious Grawemeyer Award, five Grammy Awards and an Academy Award.

Corigliano was born into a musical legacy. His father, John Corigliano Sr., was concertmaster for the New York Philharmonic, and his mother, Rose Buzen, an accomplished pianist and educator.

After studying music in college, Corigliano began composing while working in a variety of music industry jobs, including: radio programming at local music stations, writing arrangements for rock recordings, and working on music programs for CBS.

His first recognition as a composer came when he won first place at the Spoleto Festival Competition in 1964 for his Violin Sonata. He credits his Oboe Concerto in 1975 and Clarinet Concerto in 1977 with changing the arc of his career as he first experimented with the “architectural” method of composing, allowing him to build rich thematic layers to create his signature pieces.

From there, he embarked on a series of critical and popular successes. He wrote three symphonies during his career that earned him praise as one of the most important symphonists of his era. In 1991, Symphony No. 1 was born of Corigliano’s grief over the AIDS epidemic. Inspired by The Names Project AIDS Memorial Quilt, he wrote the symphony in remembrance of friends lost to the disease. The immense power, drama and scope of the piece resulted in it being performed worldwide by more than 150 orchestras, recorded twice and earning him the prestigious Grawemeyer Award for Music Composition. His Symphony No. 2 in 2001, a reinvention of his String Quartet from 1995, earned him the 2001 Pulitzer Prize in music, and his popular Symphony No. 3 was commissioned by the University of Texas at Austin in 2004.

Corigliano’s opera, “The Ghost of Versailles” from 1991, was the first commission of The Metropolitan Opera in three decades. The rare new opera became an instant hit with both critics and audiences for successfully bringing traditional operatic notes into contemporary times. This inspired the Metropolitan opera to launch a new series of commissions.

His vocal work, “Mr. Tambourine Man: Seven Poems of Bob Dylan,” re-envisioned texts by the legendary songwriter, and earned Corigliano a Grammy Award in 2008 for Best Contemporary Composition. His other major vocal work, “A Dylan Thomas Trilogy,” was inspired by poems by the namesake poet. Written in 1960 and revised in 1999, it featured settings of four poems by Thomas.

Corigliano won an Oscar for his score to Francois Girard’s film, “The Red Violin,” perhaps his best-known work to the general public. Later, in 2005, he developed Concerto for Violin and Orchestra: The Red Violin from themes from the score.

In the midst of his flourishing career, Corigliano also found time to steward the next generation of composers. He has been teaching for more than 40 years: serving on the composition faculty at the Juilliard School of Music and holding the position of distinguished professor of music at Lehman College, City University of New York.

CITATION

John Corigliano, in writing music that is simultaneously beautiful, intense, complex and transcendent, you became one of the most outstanding American composers of the last 50 years. You have created scores, symphonies, operas and concertos that tell powerful stories and remind listeners of music’s poignant and lasting influence. You thoughtfully incorporated powerful topics, such as the AIDS crisis, into your compositions and brought timely attention to the need for societal change. In the midst of becoming one of the most celebrated composers of your generation, for more than 40 years you have shown an unyielding commitment to teaching the next generation of composers. For these reasons and more DePaul University is privileged to confer upon you the degree of Doctor of Humane Letters, honoris causa.
Judy Iwata Bundra leaves a noteworthy legacy at DePaul. As a classroom instructor, she offered students a challenging learning environment and nurtured their talent. Today, her students are leading music programs in schools across the country, and serving as mentors to the next generation of music students. As an administrator, she encouraged faculty members to pursue excellence in the classroom and refine their instructional approaches. And as interim dean of the School of Music, she helped to guide the school during challenging times, while creating a more formal academic structure and engaging its faculty in the school’s mission.

This year, Bundra is ending a 30-year career at DePaul to become dean of the Cleveland Institute of Music. She joined the School of Music in 1987, after achieving a PhD in music education. Bundra quickly rose through the administrative ranks, becoming Music Education Department chair in 1992, associate dean in 1999 and interim dean in 2015, a position she held for 18 months. At the School of Music, she encouraged faculty to become more involved in committees and the school’s mission. Her efforts engaged the music faculty more in the development of new curriculum and increased their awareness of student realities. She also cultivated faculty by offering encouragement and feedback aimed at improving classroom teaching. To promote camaraderie at the school, she frequently hosted gatherings that allowed faculty members to interact informally. Over the last few years, Bundra also played an integral role in fundraising for the new, state-of-the-art School of Music building, which is slated to open in 2018.

Bundra served as the writer and editor for the School of Music’s 1996 North Central Association accreditation report, the 1999 National Association of Schools of Music accreditation report, and the 2008 National Association of Schools of Music (NASM) report.

But Bundra’s influence at DePaul extended well beyond the school. During her three decades at the university, she served on numerous committees, boards and councils, including the President’s Diversity Council, Faculty Council, Teaching, Learning and Assessment Advisory Board, and the DePaul Women’s Network. She was also a co-founder of the Associate Deans Council and served as its convener from 2006-12.

Among her many contributions to the university was helping to develop processes to assess the progress of individual School of Music students in classes and experiential learning experiences that were always part of the school’s education process, but whose benefits needed greater documentation. The school’s assessment approaches – and its unique ability to determine how students benefit from non-classroom learning experiences – led to more meaningful experiential learning opportunities for all its students.

Her dedication to the university was recognized when Bundra received the Spirit of DePaul Award in 2012. The award recognizes a member of the DePaul community for service in the spirit of St. Vincent de Paul.

Beyond her work at DePaul, Bundra is a well-known speaker at national music conferences on a range of topics, including student wellness, music listening, music curriculum and assessment, creativity and arts integration. She also found time to help write the Illinois Standards in the Fine Arts as well as to develop innovative arts assessment tools for Illinois K-12 students. Bundra also has been a consultant on music education programs with numerous Chicago-area school districts, the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, Grant Park Symphony Orchestra and the Lyric Opera.

**CITATION**

Judy Iwata Bundra, your 30-year career at DePaul has made the university a better place because of your efforts to challenge students, faculty and administrators to continuously improve. Your eye for teaching talent nurtured the best and improved the rest. Your commitment to the highest principles of education and work in assessment helped to improve the overall student experience – first in the School of Music and, ultimately, across the entire university. The passion you exude for music education has made you a sought-after speaker as an expert in the areas of music curriculum, assessment and arts integration, and helped DePaul to achieve the international recognition it enjoys today. Your many years of service, dedication to progress and exceptional commitment to your colleagues and students demonstrate how integral you have been to the heart and soul of the School of Music. Your efforts to cultivate a culture of kindness, respect, and dignity for the individual within the school exemplify DePaul’s Vincentian values. For these reasons and more, it is a privilege to present you the Via Sapientiae Award, DePaul University’s highest honor for faculty and staff.

**VIA SAPIENTIAE AWARD**

**Judy Iwata Bundra**

*Associate Dean, School of Music*
# SCHOOL OF MUSIC

## CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

Presented by Ronald Caltabiano, DMA, Dean
Candidates’ names announced by Kurt Westerberg, DM, Associate Dean

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Music Performance
With Distinction

BACHELOR OF ARTS

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Music
Cum Laude

Jacob Robert Jang
Music

Kyle Alexander Jimenez
Music

Karlita Williams
Music

BACHELOR OF MUSIC

Carl P. Anderson
Music Performance

Andrew J. Anderson
Jazz Studies

Richard Thomas Brasseale
Music Performance
Magna Cum Laude

Olivia Michelle Breidenthal
Music Performance
Magna Cum Laude

Kelsey A. Castellanos
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Alexander Robert Chambers-Ozasky
Music Performance
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Sarah Christianson
Music Performance
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Levi H. Clinton
Jazz Studies
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Alexandria N. Conrad
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Thomas P. Hughes
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David Brett Hyder
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Charles Joseph Jacobs
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Benjamin Asher Karon
Performing Arts Management
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Kelly Nicole Kondry
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Norbert Roman Kosinski
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Julia M. Larson
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Tyler Martin
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Aaron D. Mix
Music Composition
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Chris L. Moreno
Music Performance

Robert C. O’Brien
Performing Arts Management

Daniel A. O’Hearn
Music Performance

John-Paul D. Pendowski
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David Priest
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Jazz Studies
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Cathy Kinga Szczek
Music Composition
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Benjamin Voigt
Jazz Studies
Music Education
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Jonathan Brook Walters
Music Performance
Cinema Production
Magna Cum Laude

Sean Y. Yeung
Music Performance

Connor W. Zuber
Music Performance
Magna Cum Laude

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Jack W. Campbell
Sound Recording Technology
Summa Cum Laude

Adam A. Gough
Sound Recording Technology
Cum Laude

Chris Hanson
Sound Recording Technology

John Blake Micensky
Sound Recording Technology

Evan T. Schirle
Sound Recording Technology
Computer Science
Magna Cum Laude

Aaron Stearns
Sound Recording Technology

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MASTER IN FINE ARTS
Jerome Lashad Beck
Acting
Melisa Breiner-Sanders
Acting
With Distinction
Clint Eldon Campbell
Acting
With Distinction
Elsa Rose Guenther
Acting
With Distinction
Nikhaar Natasha-Narendra Kishnani
Acting
Erin Elizabeth Kraft
Directing
With Distinction
Sarah Laeuchli
Arts Leadership
With Distinction
Elise Phelan Randall
Acting
With Distinction
Nathan Singh
Directing
Kevin Michael Spellman
Arts Leadership
With Distinction
Michael A. Stock
Acting
Adam Marcus Welsh
Acting
Greg Wenz
Acting

BACHELOR IN FINE ARTS
Catherine L. Andrade
Stage Management
Magna Cum Laude
Maggie L. Armendariz
Scene Design
Cum Laude
Devin J. Asperger
Playwriting
Cum Laude
Julia S. Atkin
Acting
Summa Cum Laude
Ayanna Bria Bakari
Acting
Chloe N. Baldwin
Acting
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Margot A. Bardeen
Costume Technology
Cum Laude
Andra M. Beatty
Acting
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Kaysie L. Bekkela
Dramaturgy/Criticism
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Drew Matthew Beyer
Playwriting
English
Summa Cum Laude
Tyler E. Blakeman
Sound Design
Todd W. Bleiman
Theatre Technology
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Klaire E. Brezinski
Theatre Management
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Madison Briede
Costume Design
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John H. Cade
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Theatre Management
Public Relations & Advertising
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Nosakhere Awari
Cash-O’Bannon
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Connor P. Ciesil
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Benjamin Claus
Playwriting
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Shea M. Corpora
Playwriting
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Dramaturgy/Criticism
Sophia Mae Hartler
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ADDRESS TO THE GRADUATES
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VIA SAPIENTIAE AWARD
Patricia Monaghan, Professor, School for New Learning (Posthumously)
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RECESSIONAL
Heralded as “one of America’s living masters of the short story,” poet and fiction writer Stuart Dybek is an award-winning author whose works are an integral part of Chicago’s literary history. Over the last four decades, he has also dedicated time to encouraging young people to succeed by teaching the next generation of great writers as a professor of English and working with underprivileged youth.

Raised on the South Side of Chicago, many of his stories and poems are based on his experiences growing up as a second-generation Polish-American in the city. Critics compare him to Saul Bellow, Sherwood Anderson, Franz Kafka and James Joyce for his distinct ability to capture a particular sense of place.

Born in 1942, Dybek spent his childhood roaming the working-class Slavic-turned-Mexican neighborhoods of Pilsen and Little Village. The urban playground of his youth – deserted factories, murals, junked cars, bridges, and empty lots – takes center stage in his writing.

After graduating from college, he worked for a short time as a county caseworker and a teacher. Then, he decided to devote more of his life to writing. He attended the famed Iowa Writer’s Workshop, where he took fiction and poetry courses from writers such as Richard Yates, Donald Justice, and John Cheever.


His collections of poetry include “Brass Knuckles,” written in 1979, and “Streets in Their Own Ink” in 2004. His works of fiction include the lauded short story collections, “Childhood and Other Neighborhoods” (1980) and “The Coast of Chicago” (1990). The former earned him the 1981 Prize for Fiction from the Society of Midland Authors, a Special Citation from the PEN/Hemingway Prize Committee, and the Cliff Dwellers Award from the Friends of Literature.

Another popular short story collection, “I Sailed with Magellan,” which Dybek describes as “an homage to music,” features 11 stories and was awarded the Prize for Adult Fiction from the Society of Midland Authors. The American Library Association also listed it as one of the best books of 2005.

Critics praised his most recent work for blurring the lines of established writing genres, mixing poetry and fictional prose. In 2014, he published “Ecstatic Cahoots: Fifty Short Stories,” a collection of “flash fiction,” or offerings that range in length from two lines to 10 pages. That was published alongside “Paper Lantern, Love Stories,” comprised of longer stories, including a novella.

His fiction and poetry have earned him numerous awards and national recognition. Dybek has received fellowships from the National Endowment for the Arts, the Guggenheim Foundation, and the MacArthur Foundation. He has also received a PEN/Malamud Prize, a Lannan Award, a Whiting Writers Award and several O. Henry Awards.

In 2007, Dybek was awarded the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation Fellowship, which noted: “Stuart Dybek roots his writing firmly in Chicago’s ethnic neighborhoods, then mines these locales for the dreams, folklore, and fantasies that flourish within.”

In addition to writing award-winning books, he is committed to teaching the next generation of writers. Dybek was a professor of English at Western Michigan University from 1974 to 2006 and has been a visiting professor at six other universities. He has also worked with the PEN/Faulkner Foundation’s Writers in Schools program to encourage creative writing in kids at inner-city high schools. He is currently the distinguished writer in residence at Northwestern University and sits on the National Advisory Council for the American Writers Museum in Chicago.

CITATION
Stuart Dybek, your poems and stories paint powerful images that engage readers’ imaginations. Mining your childhood experiences as a Polish-American growing up in Chicago, your beloved stories and poems have become an integral part of Chicago’s literary history. Your work has earned you numerous awards and national recognition, including the MacArthur Foundation Fellowship and several O. Henry Awards. With a belief that creative writing can be taught, you dedicated yourself to teaching the next generation of writers for over four decades, working with students as a professor, lecturer and writer-in-residence. Your work with disadvantaged high school kids through the PEN/Faulkner Foundation’s Writers in Schools program exemplifies DePaul’s Vincentian values. For these reasons and more, DePaul University is privileged to confer upon you the degree of Doctor of Humane Letters, honoris causa.
One measure of a university is the degree to which it instills a lifelong passion for learning among students. For 16 years, Patricia Monaghan devoted herself to finding ways to reconnect DePaul’s adult students with their sense of wonder through writing and personal development. She was passionate about creating innovative, interdisciplinary learning experiences for students, and equally committed to her citizenship in the DePaul community. She served on numerous committees and advocated the academic integration and collaboration for which DePaul’s School for New Learning is internationally recognized.

Monaghan joined the university in 1996, bringing with her years of experience in adult education. The school offers undergraduate and graduate programs designed to meet the needs of working adults, age 24 and older. Having completed her PhD in English from the Union Institute and the University Program in Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences, she embraced a multidisciplinary approach to instruction. Her different courses were taught in classrooms, in the field, and overseas as a travel study. In fact, aware that many adult learners struggle with the sciences and the arts, Monaghan specifically created travel courses to draw them in, spark their creativity and fuel their curiosity by exposing them to new experiences.

As she was promoted to associate professor in 2003 and professor of interdisciplinary studies in 2009, her scholarship continued to reflect her deep curiosity. While best known as a poet, writer and an influential scholar in the women’s spirituality movement, she wrote 20 books on topics as diverse as earth spirituality, Celtic mythology, the landscape of Ireland, techniques of meditation, mythology-based garden design and about the wineries of Minnesota and Wisconsin. She was a pioneering scholar in the women’s spirituality movement, including goddess spirituality, and produced encyclopedias about goddesses and heroines that still serve as benchmarks for authors working in the field. Her books set the standard in her field. Her poetry won the highest awards, yet was accessible and moved many thousands.

Monaghan’s many achievements have been recognized throughout her career. In 2012, she won the Enheduanna Book Award for “Goddesses in World Culture,” and she won the Paul Gruchow Memorial Essay award in 2008. In 2003, she won a Pushcart Prize for “Physics and Grief” and the Phoenix Award for Poetry. That same year, the DePaul University Research Council presented her the Spirit of Inquiry Award, honoring her research and scholarly achievements that exhibit commitment to creative inquiry.

The School for New Learning also recognized her commitment to scholarship. Monaghan advocated for scholarship summits to bring together faculty members from different disciplines to work on shared projects and build collaboration within the school. She also devoted time to numerous committees within the school, including the Personnel and Professional Development Committee to promote faculty development, and the International Committee, which encourages and considers travel study options and finding new ways to bring a global focus to the school’s work.

Monaghan was equally committed to several university-wide committees and task forces. She was the first member from the School for New Learning on the Liberal Studies Council, and served on the University Research Council, the Quality of Instruction Council, personnel committees and many others. She was also instrumental in guiding the development of the Irish Studies Program at DePaul.

Her championship of interdisciplinary connections extended beyond the DePaul campus. She was the founder and director of the Association for Study of Women and Mythology, and served on the boards of the grant-funding Foundation for the Study of Women in Religion and Nature in Literature and Story. She guided the local Celtic Women International, dedicated to honoring women from all seven Celtic nations. Her commitment to combining scholarship and art with making the world a better place led to the founding of the Black Earth Institute, an organization of artists and scholars whose work continues to address inclusive spirituality, social justice and healing the earth.

Monaghan passed away in November 2012. She was 66.

CITATION
Patricia Monaghan devoted herself to a lifelong quest for knowledge and an unending search for innovative ways to share that knowledge with others. For 16 years, she rekindled a love of learning in DePaul’s adult students by steeping them in new educational experiences designed to broaden their world view, and at the same time, teach them thoughtfully about a given subject. She challenged her colleagues to find novel ways to share their scholarly work, which resulted in increased collaborative scholarship within the school. She generously gave her time to serve the DePaul community and supported continual improvement of the university. Her scholarship inspired students, colleagues and scholars around the world. For these reasons and more, it is a privilege to present the family of Patricia Monaghan the Via Sapientiae Award, DePaul University’s highest honor for faculty and staff.
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Presented by Marisa Alicea, PhD, Dean
Graduate programs candidates’ names announced by Catherine Marienau, PhD, Resident Faculty
Undergraduate programs candidates’ names announced by Fred Wellisch, JD, Resident Faculty

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Joe Dielman
Jasmine Monique Goins
Jamie Hogan
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RECESSIONAL
As a world-renowned architect, Craig Hartman is changing the face of major cities through his inspired design of commercial, civic and cultural buildings and entire urban districts. He is also a sought-after speaker at universities and public forums on the potential of architecture and multidisciplinary collaboration to address critical societal and environmental issues.

Hartman grew up in rural Merriam, Indiana. With an early interest in art, science and math, he considered studying aeronautics and visited the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado, as a teenager. While there, instead of being awed by the science of rockets, he was fascinated by the academy’s modernist Cadet Chapel with its striking row of 17 spires.

That visit inspired him to study architecture in college, where he envisioned a career as a college professor with a small design practice. His plans changed when Walter Netsch, a senior design partner of global architecture firm Skidmore, Owings & Merrill (SOM), offered him a job. The decision to take the position shaped Hartman’s life’s work.

He has spent his entire career with SOM – first in the Chicago office, then Houston and Washington, D.C. He has been based in San Francisco since 1990 and leads SOM’s West Coast design practice.

Called an “urban philosopher” by San Francisco Magazine, Hartman’s professional philosophy is that urban neighborhoods can be designed to solve major global problems, such as environmental degradation, climate change and social inequity. His designs show a commitment to sustainability, public art, parks, public transit and new technology, while remaining authentic to place, time and culture.

Hartman frequently works in China and the United States. Some of his recent notable projects include the U.S. Embassy in Beijing, the U.S. Consulate in Guangzhou, the U.S. Courthouse in Los Angeles, the international terminal in the San Francisco International Airport, Rice University’s Bioscience Research Collaborative Building and Harvard University’s Northwest Science Building.

Architectural Record described the Cathedral of Christ the Light in Oakland, his most lauded work, as “one of the world’s most important works of architecture in the last 125 years.”

His design studies for the cathedral and the San Francisco International Terminal are held in the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art’s permanent collection.

Beyond designing singular buildings, Hartman has led the interdisciplinary design of entire urban districts in China and the U.S. In the city of Guangzhou, he directed an expansion to accommodate 750,000 new residents in a district that featured commercial hubs, repurposed historic factories and 3,000 acres of new parks. In Beijing, he was at the helm of designing a 20-block district of “Finance Street,” sometimes called the Wall Street of China.

He also designed the transformation of two districts within the city of San Francisco: Treasure Island, a former Navy base in the San Francisco Bay, and Parkmerced, an aging rental neighborhood. Both projects seek to create neighborhoods that center on compact housing, urban farming, and reducing carbon emissions through better access to biking, walking and public transit.

In addition to his practice, Hartman is a strong advocate of education. He has been an invited lecturer and visiting critic at many public and private universities.

Hartman has won more than 220 awards for interdisciplinary design. In 2001, he became the youngest recipient of the American Institute of Architects (AIA) California Maybeck Award, which recognizes lifetime achievement in architecture. He has received nine National AIA Honor Awards for architecture, interiors and urban design, the highest honor by the AIA. He also was awarded the Vatican’s Knighthood for Service to Society during the dedication ceremony for the Cathedral of Christ the Light.

CITATION
Craig Hartman, your belief that design can solve great societal woes, such as climate change and social inequity, has led to forward-thinking designs that transform the fabric of modern cities. Your buildings, such as the soaring Cathedral of Christ the Light and the international terminal at the San Francisco International Airport, integrate seamlessly into the surrounding natural environment. A master of re-invention, you have redesigned entire neighborhoods in China and San Francisco to meet unique urban needs and solve problems – creating communities to harbor a rapidly growing population while significantly reducing energy consumption. You have also committed yourself to teaching the next generation of designers through your work with universities. For these reasons and more, DePaul University is privileged to confer upon you the degree of Doctor of Humane Letters, honoris causa.
DePaul University has always been proud to be part of the fabric of Chicago. For the last 40 years, one of the keenest observers of the city has been Larry Bennett, an urban affairs scholar whose research about and analysis of Chicago has influenced the city and informed public policy. However, his citizenship in the DePaul community has had equal impact on the students he always found time to mentor, colleagues he consistently encouraged and the innumerable university committees on which he served.

After completing his PhD in urban planning, Bennett joined the Department of Political Science in 1977. In the classroom, he began developing his student-centered approach to teaching and advising. He blended elements of sociology, history, anthropology, political science and even literature in his examinations of urban politics in general, Chicago politics in particular and inequality in America. But he always found time to mentor students and instill in them a sense of ethics that exemplifies DePaul’s Vincentian values. He routinely worked with first-generation and minority students to teach them the skills necessary to succeed at the university. He also served as an academic advisor to countless students seeking scholarships and fellowships, and to others seeking to enter law school or graduate school.

Bennett was promoted to associate professor in 1983 and to professor in 1990. He was department chair for six years, from 1982-88; acting department chair in 1994; head of the Urban Studies program, which has become the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences’ Department of Public Policy Studies; and served on countless departmental, college and university-wide committees. In 1995, his boundless energy and passion for scholarship were acknowledged when the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences presented him the Cortelyou-Lowery Award for Excellence in Teaching and Scholarship, the highest honor in the college.

During his 40 years at DePaul, Bennett has also found time to author, co-author or co-edit nine books, more than 40 articles and book chapters and countless papers and reports about urban politics. In addition, he mentored junior colleagues and published with them.

But his service reached beyond the campus. Bennett has been a frequent speaker and panelist at meetings and conferences across the United States. His scholarship has resulted in invitations to discuss a variety of topics, ranging from the restructuring of public housing to Chicago’s unsuccessful bid for the 2016 Olympics. In addition, he has served on the boards of several institutes and community organizations, including the North Branch Works, the Institute for Community Empowerment, the Center for Urban Economic Development and the Nathalie P. Voorhees Center for Neighborhood and Community Improvement.

Bennett’s career as a scholar, educator and mentor embodies DePaul’s mission and serves as an example to the students who have benefited from his tutelage, the colleagues in whom he instilled his values and passion for teaching, and the broader community that has gained insights from his research.

CITATION
Larry Bennett, your 40 years at DePaul have exemplified what it means to be a dedicated, productive and respected member of the university community. You spent your career leading by example and you never failed to place the university’s needs ahead of your own. Your scholarship not only inspired colleagues, but it positively influenced public policy. Your passion for teaching, commitment to students and the way in which you embrace innovation challenged students to explore new ideas. Your compassion and willingness to coach and mentor minority and low-income students to teach them the tools they needed to succeed opened doors to opportunity for countless DePaul graduates. For these reasons and more, it is a privilege to bestow upon you the Via Sapientiae Award, DePaul University’s highest honor for faculty and staff.
Reading and writing have always been considered important skills. At many universities, students learn to read and write to support their academic studies, but DePaul placed the discipline of composition and rhetoric at the center of every student’s first year at the university. For 26 years, Darsie Bowden has influenced the university’s commitment to help students write critically in multiple contexts, for a range of purposes, and to a variety of audiences. Her scholarship, classroom instruction and service to the DePaul community benefited countless students and she played an instrumental role in the creation of the Department of Writing, Rhetoric, and Discourse as an academic unit in the college.

After completing her PhD in rhetoric, linguistics and literature in 1991, Bowden came to DePaul at a time when writing and rhetoric programs were typically housed within English departments. But the university was beginning to focus greater attention on alphabetic and digital literacies to help students increase both their academic and post-collegiate success. A year later, Bowden—who had served as a Writing Center tutor and taught first-year writing classes as a graduate student—was appointed the first tenure-line director of the University Writing Center, a peer tutoring center guided by disciplinary research and best practices.

Bowden served as the writing center’s director for three terms: 1992-94, 1997-98 and 2005-06. During that time, she developed a tutor training course that has become a model for many universities. She also helped to lay the foundation for what became the University Center for Writing-based Learning, which works with the DePaul community to support writers and promote the use of writing in teaching and learning.

As DePaul intensified its emphasis on written communication, Bowden was asked to serve as director of First-Year Writing at DePaul from 2002-04 and from 2005-12. During these years, she helped to develop several initiatives that brought distinction to the university. Her work was recognized internationally and she was asked to serve on the executive board of the Council of Writing Program Administrators and chair a task force to revise national outcomes for first-year writing programs that would integrate text-based and digital reading and writing. The university promoted her to associate professor in 1998 and to professor in 2006.

Bowden authored two books, produced several articles, book chapters and conference papers and continues to work on a study of the value of instructor commentary on student writing. She also took her citizenship in the DePaul community very seriously and served on committees in the Department of English before Writing, Rhetoric, and Discourse was its own department. She served on several college and university committees, including extended participation in the University First-Year Programs Committee. Even as she planned for her retirement from the university, Bowden remained committed to her colleagues, agreeing to take on a leadership role as president of the Liberal Arts and Social Sciences College Senate for her final academic year.

But the work for which she may be most acknowledged took place in the classroom. Though she was rigorous and demanding, Bowden was supportive and encouraging of students who valued the knowledge, experience and the attention she gave to their own development as writers. She became a mentor to many students who have since begun their own teaching careers.

CITATION
Darsie Bowden, you spent 26 years at DePaul sharing your passion and expertise with students, your departments and college, and the university as a whole. Your work to help set standards for DePaul’s student writing programs and your scholarly research helped to establish the benchmarks against which writing programs around the nation are measured. You took a stake in the university’s success and generously gave your time and talents to serve on committees and College Senate. You were a trusted voice and instrumental in the creation of the Department of Writing, Rhetoric and Discourse. Your generous encouragement of students inspired many to follow in your footsteps to become academics. By placing the university’s needs first, you were an example to all. For these reasons and more, it is a privilege to bestow upon you the Via Sapientiae Award, DePaul University’s highest honor for faculty and staff.
DePaul’s dedication to Vincentian values means that the university recognizes the dignity of individuals and treats each person with sensitivity and care. Lucinda Rapp does more than embrace the values. She lives them. She spent 32 years serving the DePaul community as a friendly sounding board, a shoulder to lean on and a willing advocate for students and faculty alike.

Rapp joined DePaul in 1985 as a part-time assistant in the Department of Psychology. She soon became someone faculty and students identified as an effective problem solver and trusted resource. Over the years, her vast knowledge of the department meant that she understood how it worked—and how to make it work more efficiently, when necessary. As a result, colleagues, students and faculty deeply respected her and valued that she made each person feel listened to and feel like a priority.

As the graduate program assistant from 1992–2002, Rapp was a favorite among students, who found that she was unique among administrative staff members in understanding the challenges of post-graduate work and was always looking for ways to help solve their problems.

As the business coordinator for the department from 2002–11, Rapp was responsible for managing the budget, scheduling classes, and supervising staff. Meanwhile, new faculty in the department found that she always had time to provide support to ease their transition to a new university, and sometimes, a new city. Busy administrators also were thrilled that, when Rapp got involved, most problems were efficiently resolved before requiring their attention.

During those years in the Department of Psychology, Rapp became the caretaker of a small fund that a retired faculty member had unofficially created to help students in need. When psychology graduate students were temporarily short of cash, to pay rent or buy groceries, they would visit Rapp who would listen to their stories and extend them small interest-free loans. Though the informal financial aid was dismantled long ago, those micro-loans helped countless students through lean times.

In 2011, when the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences split into the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences and the new College of Science and Health, she followed then-Department of Psychology chair Jerry Cleland, where she served as interim dean in the College of Science and Health. As his executive assistant, she maintained her reputation for efficiency, empathy and supportiveness. Her ability to get things done was instrumental to the successful start of the new college. She also helped Cleland create many of the college’s original operating guidelines.

When Cleland returned to the classroom in 2013, Rapp stayed in the College of Science and Health to support the new dean, Gerald P. Koocher, and ensure the college experienced no disruption during the transition. In this capacity she assisted Koocher with shepherding candidates through the promotion and tenure process.

She applied the same dedication to several committees throughout the college and university including: Staff Council, the Vision 2012 Strategic Planning Committee, the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences dean search, and the College of Science and Health Strategic Planning Committee.

Though her role in the dean’s office took Rapp away from day-to-day contact with students, she has remained dedicated to them. Not long ago, after hearing about an international student who was struggling with classes, she became the student’s Chicago anchor—providing the support the young woman’s family was too far away to offer.

During her time at DePaul, Rapp’s selflessness has not gone unrecognized. In 2008, she received the Spirit of DePaul Award for her leadership and service in the spirit of St. Vincent de Paul. In 2012, she was honored with a Ken McHugh Staff Service Award, presented for her work to enhance university initiatives by promoting collaboration and teamwork. And in 2016, she won a Women of Spirit and Action Award for her tireless commitment to serve DePaul and its faculty, staff and students.

**CITATION**

Lucinda Rapp, during your 32 years at DePaul you have embodied Vincentian ideals by treating all with respect and compassion. That compassion and empathy will long be remembered by the faculty members and students you befriended, encouraged and aided. Your dedication to working through problems and finding solutions has helped the university remain committed to its Vincentian values, even as it continues to grow and evolve. Your wisdom, warmth and generosity comforted those who had the pleasure of working with you, and contributed to our unique culture. Your dedication to DePaul has made us better. And your work has inspired us. For these reasons and more, it is a privilege to bestow upon you the Via Sapientiae Award, DePaul University’s highest honor for faculty and staff.
A university derives much of its vibrancy from the nature and diversity of its students. For nearly three decades, Brian Spittle devoted himself to making DePaul one of the nation’s most dynamic institutions of higher learning by helping to attract and retain low-income and first-generation students, and creating programs to encourage their academic success. He has worked tirelessly to bring to life DePaul’s mission to provide opportunity to new generations of undergraduates.

After completing his PhD in social and philosophical foundations of education, Spittle joined DePaul’s Division of Enrollment Management and Marketing in 1987. During his first decade in the department, he committed himself to help shape the university’s access and attainment agenda to carry on DePaul’s commitment to make sure low-income and first-generation college students constitute an important part of every class.

In the 1990s, Spittle was instrumental in bringing to DePaul federally funded TRIO programs, one of which is designed to assist first generation and low-income students in completing their bachelor’s degrees and the other to prepare them for doctoral studies. With an understanding that many of these undergraduates struggle to acclimate themselves to university environments, Spittle helped to design TRIO programs that provide eligible DePaul students with the academic, personal and community support to help them attain their degrees and enter their chosen careers.

Around the same time, he became a vocal advocate for the International Baccalaureate programs. After recognizing the academic success of Chicago Public School IB students who attended DePaul, he was among those who advocated that the City of Chicago expand its IB programs to better prepare students for college. Today, Chicago is home to the largest network of IB schools in the nation.

In 2008, the TRIO programs and DePaul’s partnership with Chicago’s IB programs were organizationally centered in a newly established Center for Access and Attainment, which Spittle co-founded and led until his retirement in January. As the center’s leader for more than eight years, Spittle was involved in a number of higher education access initiatives, was active on the Council for Opportunity in Education and the membership program for TRIO programs, served on the University of Chicago Consortium on Chicago School Research and participated in the College Relations Committee of IB Americas.

In 2012, Spittle was also influential in making DePaul one of the first major universities in the nation to implement a process that does not require standardized test scores for admission. Research shows that standardized test performance tends to relate to income more than academic performance, and test results often do not reflect the academic potential of low-income and minority students. Though only a few students request this alternative consideration today, DePaul remains one of the largest institutions willing to weigh students’ high school academic achievement and essays for admission.

During his time at DePaul, Spittle has reinforced the university’s institution-wide commitment to aligning student access with long-term attainment. He helped to shape how DePaul thinks about low-income and first-generation students, and his efforts have nurtured the academic achievements and life-long success of countless DePaul graduates.

**CITATION**

Brian Spittle, your nearly three-decade career at DePaul produced a legacy of commitment to access and achievement, with generations of students benefiting from programs and initiatives that you influenced. Your passionate devotion to DePaul’s mission of providing real access to opportunity helped cement our commitment to students throughout the university. Your concern for students was evident from the zeal with which you performed your duties. You inspired colleagues by challenging the status quo and broadened perspectives with innovative ideas and genuine enthusiasm for your work. For these reasons and more, it is a privilege to bestow upon you the *Via Sapientiae Award*, DePaul University’s highest honor for faculty and staff.
COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND HEALTH

CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

Presented by Gerald P. Koocher, PhD, ABPP, Dean, College of Science and Health and Professor of Psychology

Graduate program candidates’ and undergraduate bachelor of arts candidates’ names announced by Susan McMahon, PhD, Associate Dean for Research and Faculty Development and Professor of Psychology

Undergraduate bachelor of science candidates’ names announced by Phillip Funk, PhD, Associate Vice President for Health Programs, Associate Dean for External Relations and Associate Professor of Biology

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Alexandra L. Barnett
Clinical Psychology
Dissertation: Universal Teacher-Child Interaction Training: A Pilot Study Examining Coaching with Random Assignment

Sarah L. Callahan
Community Psychology
Dissertation: The Microeconomics of Heroin Addiction and Recovery: A Test of Classic and Contemporary Theories

Saidah Chambers
Clinical Psychology
Dissertation: The Longitudinal Relation Between Housing Insecurity and Parenting Practices

Dina Chavira
Clinical Psychology
Dissertation: The Lived Experience of Residents in Recovery Homes: An Interpretative Phenomenological Analysis

Jocelyn R. Droege
Clinical Psychology
Dissertation: An Examination of Depression and Social Support among African-American Women in Substance Use Recovery

Mary Keeggin
Industrial Organizational Psychology
Dissertation: Toward Pay Equity: A Motivational Intervention to Reduce Gender Differences in Salary Negotiations

Theresa L. LaBarrie
Clinical Psychology
Dissertation: Young Survivors of Disaster: A Meta-Analytic Review of Mental Health Interventions for Children and Their Families

Roberto G. Lopez Tamayo
Clinical Psychology
Dissertation: Examination of Multidimensional Acculturation Theory and Acculturation Process on Latinos/os in Communal Recovery Homes

Kathleen E. McAulliff
Community Psychology
Dissertation: Predictors of Health-Related Quality of Life among Youth with Spinal Cord Injury

Alison L. Mroczkowski
Social Psychology

Crystal N. Steltenpohl
Community Psychology
Dissertation: Exploring the potential for the study of online and gaming communities in community psychology

Rachel L. Suffrin
Clinical Psychology
Dissertation: Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) and its Impact on Actions: Exploring Social Change through College Students

Shannon M. Williams
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Dissertation: Beyond Access: Underrepresented Ethnic First-Generation College Students’ College Adjustment & Perceived Stressors on Academic Achievement

Kristen E. Zychinski
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Dissertation: Academic Achievement and Depressive Symptoms in Latino Youth: Longitudinal Associations and the Impact of Parental Facto

DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE

Kyle T. Bergan
Family Nurse Practitioner
DNP Project: Effectiveness of Nurse Practitioners/Physician’s Assistants in Triage

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DNP Project: A Needs Assessment for Development of an Interpreter Services Educational Tool for CRNAs

Andrew Gause
Nurse Anesthesia
DNP Project: Evaluation of a Video-Based Left Ventricular Assist Device Education Program for Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists

Kimberly Homa
Nurse Anesthesia
DNP Project: CRNAs Knowledge and Attitudes Regarding Acupressure as an Adjunct to Postoperative Nausea and Vomiting Prevention

Amber K. Lindsay
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DNP Project: A Standardized Electronic Handover Report for Anesthesia Providers

DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE

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DNP Project: Video Simulation as an Educational Strategy to Increase Knowledge and Perceived Knowledge in Novice Nurse Anesthesia Trainees

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DNP Project: Intra-operative Awareness with Recall under General Anesthesia

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DNP Project: Impact of HPV Education on Knowledge, Perception, and Cultural influence among African-American Parents

Donors

Anesthetic in Brain Dead Organ Pressure and Effect of Volatile Anesthetic in Brain Dead Organ Donors
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CONFERRAL OF HONORARY DEGREE
Marty Wilke, TV Industry Leader, Education Advocate, Class of 1986 (BA)
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ADDRESS TO THE GRADUATES
Marty Wilke, TV Industry Leader, Education Advocate, Class of 1986 (BA)

VIA SAPIENTIAE AWARD
Helmut P. Epp, Professor, College of Computing and Digital Media, former Dean and former Provost
Citation read by David Miller, PhD, Dean, College of Computing and Digital Media

Donna Max, Special Assistant to the Provost
Citation read by Helmut P. Epp, Professor, College of Computing and Digital Media, former Dean and former Provost

STUDENT ADDRESS
Deliana Andrea Escobari Ocampo, MS Candidate in Software Engineering, Class 2017

CONFERRAL OF DEGREES
Rev. Dennis H. Holtschneider, C.M., President, DePaul University

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Deliana Andrea Escobari Ocampo, MS Candidate in Software Engineering, Class 2017
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RECESSIONAL
Over the last three decades, Marty Wilke has built a thriving career that led her to the top of Chicago’s broadcast television industry as the first female president and general manager of WBBM-TV (CBS 2). Whether she is making news more widely accessible to audiences or encouraging journalists to think outside the box, WBBM-TV has thrived under her leadership. Throughout her career, she has also dedicated time as a champion of DePaul students by funding scholarships, offering mentorship and serving as a thought leader at her alma mater.

Born and raised in Chicago, Wilke was the youngest of six children and followed in her sister Nancy Wilke’s footsteps to attend DePaul, where she discovered her passion for telling and writing stories. After graduating in 1986 with a bachelor’s degree in communication, she began working in advertising and spent a decade working for high-profile agencies, including Hal Riney & Partners, Chiat/Day, Campbell-Mithun and J.P. Manning.

In 1996, she accepted a job as local account executive with WGN-TV. Her collaborative personality and strong work ethic swiftly carried her from local sales manager, to director of sales, to vice president and general manager in July 2008. Under her leadership, she shepherded the station, owned at the time by the Tribune Co., through bankruptcy and increased local news broadcast hours in spite of challenges presented by a highly competitive news market and tough economic climate.

By the fall of 2012, she became president and general manager of WBBM-TV in Chicago. Determined to win over a new generation of viewers with a more personal approach, she championed ideas to make WBBM-TV news available on all media platforms—from mobile devices to Amazon Alexa—and encouraged a diverse range of news stories to capture new audiences. Under her leadership, the network forged new community partnerships, expanded local newscasts by six hours per week and increased viewership and revenue.

In 2016, Make It Better magazine recognized Wilke for her many career achievements and community contributions by naming her one of “The 25 Most Powerful Women in Chicago.” The magazine heralded her mission to use her powerful platform to bring more solutions and inspiration to television screens, rather than “the standard gloom-and-doom fare” stations typically use to boost ratings.

Recalling how they thrived at DePaul with the support of family, friends and administrators, Wilke and her sister Nancy created the Wilke Family Endowed Scholarship in 2012 to support other DePaul students who are forging paths similar to their own. Pledging $50,000 over five years, the scholarship benefits a female student in the College of Communication and a volleyball player in the Driehaus College of Business. Marty Wilke is the first communication alumna to endow a scholarship at the college.

Moreover, Wilke’s dedication to DePaul students does not stop there. She has been an active member of the Dean’s Advisory Council for the College of Communication since 2009 and often participates in panel discussions to share her knowledge of the television industry with DePaul students and faculty.

In addition to her contributions at her alma mater, Wilke supports the television broadcast industry by serving as a board member of the Illinois Broadcasters Association and a member of the Media Advertising Club of Chicago. She is a member of The Chicago Network, The Economic Club of Chicago and The Commercial Club of Chicago, and is an ardent supporter of the Alzheimer’s Association of Greater Chicago.

CITATION
Marty Wilke, as the leader of a major Chicago television station, you use your seat of power to challenge others to look beyond the status quo and to engage television audiences with informative and inspirational stories. Though faced with challenges in the broadcast news industry, you see opportunities for growth where others see road blocks. This visionary optimism has led each company under your stewardship to thrive. As an industry leader and DePaul alumna, you recognized the significance of having support as a college student and created the Wilke Family Endowed Scholarship to encourage and empower students to complete their studies. As an active member of your community, and with your dedication to preparing students for the evolving media world, you continuously live up to DePaul’s Vincentian ideals. For these reasons and more, DePaul University is privileged to confer upon you the degree of Doctor of Humane Letters, honoris causa.
During his more than 40 years at the university, Helmut P. Epp had an extraordinary impact on DePaul, creating three colleges, recruiting talented scholars from across the nation and guiding the institution to embrace technological advances that continue to define the university today.

Epp jumped into post-graduate studies while his classmates were still in high school. He ultimately entered graduate school without a high school or a college degree, completing his PhD in mathematics in 1966 at Northwestern University. After serving briefly on the faculties of the University of Illinois at Chicago and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, he joined DePaul in 1974 as an assistant professor of mathematics. Previous experience with computers and electronics resulted in his becoming involved with the Mathematics Department’s computer science offerings. As chair of the department’s computer science committee, he developed many new courses and led the creation of bachelor’s and master’s degrees in computer science.

In 1981, Epp became chair of the newly established Computer Science Department within the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. He advocated creating the School of Computer Science, Telecommunications and Information Systems (CTI) and, when it was formed in 1995, became its dean until he was asked to serve as DePaul’s executive vice president in 2005. A few months later, he was given the title provost, a position he held for seven years. In 2008, CTI became the College of Computing and Digital Media.

As provost, he guided the university on an unprecedented campaign of modernization and expansion, creating two additional colleges—College of Communication in 2007 and the College of Science and Health in 2010—and appointing eight deans. He led initiatives to improve the student experience and position DePaul for the technology revolution that many businesses and academic institutions were slow to recognize. He also was instrumental in developing the university’s strategic alliance with Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science, which streamlines entry for qualified DePaul students into the health professions.

Epp understood the transformative power of computer technology early in his career and spearheaded efforts to harness it for DePaul. Soon after CTI’s creation, he took on the unpaid job of vice president for Information Services, a position he held from 1996-98. During those years, he led the way in developing web-based systems for online registration, photo-enhanced class rosters, grade entry and electronic pay stubs. He did it at a time when many people were unfamiliar with the internet.

He developed and many later returned to DePaul to pursue graduate studies in computer science.

Prior to founding the Institute for Professional Development, Epp had already developed the Computer Career Program, a thirty-week accelerated certificate program designed for college graduates considering entry into the computer field. During its existence, the program graduated approximately 5,600 students. At the same time Epp also created the Executive Program to educate business professionals in the use of personal computers, which were just appearing in the marketplace.

Another notable contribution was his development of the course-on-line system, which captures multiple aspects of a classroom lecture and allows students in the College of Computing and Digital Media to review their classes at their own convenience. The system also supports a large number of distance-learning students.

While Epp’s contributions to DePaul were far-reaching, much of his work was done to benefit the school’s students. When Epp rolled out a university-wide network, it ended the need for students to endlessly stand in line to ask questions, register for classes, check grades and do many of the routine chores of a college undergraduate. He envisioned many of the digital services taken for granted today and brought them to life at the university. Though the administrative demands on his time made it impossible for him to teach in recent years, his influence continues to be felt in classrooms across the university.

CITATION

Helmut P. Epp, when most people look out a window, they see a landscape. You look and envision the future. During more than 40 years at DePaul, you encouraged this institution to embrace that future. Your stamp on DePaul will be long lasting. Your energy and vision truly helped to transform the university, win it international acclaim and attract new students. Your legacy reaches beyond the embrace of technology. It is embodied in the talented scholars you attracted to DePaul and the cutting-edge research they complete. It is reflected in the student experience, and the ease with which our young men and women can access information. And it is recognized by the thousands of undergraduate, graduate and certificate students whose lives you transformed and whose eyes you opened to new experiences. Your work here established a strong foundation on which DePaul will build its future. For these reasons and more, it is a privilege to bestow upon you the Via Sapientiae Award, DePaul University’s highest honor for faculty and staff.
The late poet Maya Angelou once said that people will forget what you say and do, but they will forever remember how you made them feel. Donna Max has spent 22 years supporting her DePaul colleagues with grace, generosity and absolute competence, making them feel assured and confident in all they do.

Since she joined the university in 1995, Max has been special assistant to the last five provosts and supported 17 deans, four vice presidents and a host of associate vice presidents. But her most important role has been as a behind-the-scenes sentinel supporting DePaul and its decision-makers. Those who know her best say Max is a master of gentle diplomacy. Her understanding of DePaul’s history and culture have benefited many administrators. Her knowledge of where talent resides within the university has made decisions more inclusive. And her gentle, respectful persistence has ensured that actions taken and decisions made reflect what’s best for DePaul.

A former elementary school teacher, Max was first hired at the university to serve as an assistant to Helmut Epp, who was dean of what was then known as the School of Computing, Telecommunications and Information Systems. When Epp moved to Academic Affairs to become provost in 2005, she followed him. One of her most important contributions was managing the stream of people who walk into the Office of Academic Affairs. Students, parents, faculty, administrators, trustees and a variety of persons from outside the DePaul community routinely turn to Academic Affairs in search of assistance. Max exemplified the spirit of St. Vincent de Paul by treating everyone with respect, concern and compassion.

Max always planned to retire after Epp stepped down as provost, but instead, demonstrating her characteristic care for DePaul, she stayed on after 2012 to ensure a smooth transition to the next provost. Then, as the search for a permanent successor took longer than expected, she resolved to remain until current Provost Marten den Boer had settled into the role. During that transitional period, Max provided important steadiness and consistency of purpose in Academic Affairs. With her wealth of knowledge about the university and its people, she helped the new leadership keep an eye on strategic priorities during times of change and muster the best people to the work at hand.

And occasionally, she dealt with extraordinary situations. That was the case when a DePaul student, weeks away from graduating, was suddenly caught up in a military deployment to the Middle East. His wife’s phone call found its way to Max. Graduation meant everything to the young man, she said. Was there anything the university could do? Max went to great lengths to get the young man his well-deserved diploma, a mortarboard like those worn by his classmates and the tassel he had worked so hard to earn. She was determined to make sure the young man shared in the once-in-a-lifetime experience of graduation—even if he was half a world away.

To recognize that kind of dedication to DePaul, Max was honored with a Spirit of DePaul award in 2016. It was one of the few public recognitions of a career of service to this institution and commitment to its mission. Her tireless work extends to this very commencement—the 21st ceremony she has worked at DePaul, and one that she insisted she would not miss.

CITATION

Donna Max, during your 22 years at DePaul you have embodied the Vincentian ideals of treating all with respect and compassion. Your work at the university has contributed to the collegial environment that distinguishes this institution. Your warmth and generosity have made our culture better. Your dedication to DePaul’s mission has made our community stronger. And your devotion to this community has made our students, faculty and staff grateful that you have shared your life with DePaul. You have touched many lives, influenced many decisions and enriched us all through your actions. For these reasons and more, it is a privilege to bestow upon you the Via Sapientiae Award, DePaul University’s highest honor for faculty and staff.
COLLEGE OF COMPUTING AND DIGITAL MEDIA

CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES
Presented by David Miller, PhD, Dean
Candidates’ names announced by Jacob D. Furst, PhD, Director, School of Computing

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Jinghui Cheng
Computer & Information Sciences
Dissertation: Supporting Therapy-Centered Game Design for Brain Injury Rehabilitation

Rangarajan Parthasarathy
Computer & Information Sciences
Dissertation: Empirical Assessment of the Role of Technology-Related Factors and Organization-Related Factors in Electronic Medical Records Implementation Success

MASTER OF FINE ARTS

Johnny Lavance Allen
Cinema

Crystal Leigh Antonio
Screenwriting

Autumn Bardwell
Cinema

Joel Douglas Benjamin
Animation

James C. Boratyn
Cinema

Andy Bosnak
Cinema

Vera L. Bowman
Screenwriting

Francis James Carey
Cinema

Kaitlin N. Creadon
Cinema

Joshua R. Da Silva
Cinema

Anthony J. Del Percio
Cinema

Kesia Dumas
Screenwriting

Kenneth P. George
Digital Cinema

Kathleen Elaine Grotzinger
Screenwriting

Tameka Syra Hanley
Screenwriting

Andrew Hoffman
Digital Cinema

Adam Jewell
Screenwriting

John L. Klein
Cinema

Roberto Larios
Screenwriting

Marissa S. Lessman
Screenwriting

Keely V. Lewis
Screenwriting

Xuechong Liu
Cinema

Nicholas Lizardi
Screenwriting

Lauren Major
Documentary

Marc Earl Menet
Cinema

Marchae Renee Miller
Screenwriting

Kris Azriel Rosales Miranda
Screenwriting

Patrick J. Montalvo
Cinema

Terence Murphy
Screenwriting

Alexandra Mary Nikolaus
Screenwriting

Keith Nixon
Cinema

Edmund Francis O’Connor
Screenwriting

Christopher Patrick Oliva
Digital Cinema

Mary K. Omelina
Digital Cinema

Robert P. Riley
Screenwriting

Nick J. Schmidt
Digital Cinema

Lucas Guy Taylor
Screenwriting

Randle Taylor
Cinema

John Alexander Thompson
Cinema

Angelos Varagiannis
Cinema

Maurice Walls
Screenwriting

Brian Winters
Screenwriting

Cory A. Wright
Screenwriting

Yicheng Xue
Cinema

MASTER OF SCIENCE

Ibn-Abdall Abdlrazaak bin-Abdalla
Cybersecurity

Saeed Saad H. Abo-oleet
Information Systems

Pedro Guillermo Acevedo
Information Technology Project Management

Tameem Azam Addeeb
Information Systems
With Distinction
Amaechi L. Akomas  
Cinema Production  

Andrew Asihene Akwaah  
Cybersecurity  
With Distinction  

Hassan Ali M. Al Alawi  
Predictive Analytics  
With Distinction  

Marwah Al Katrangi  
Information Systems  

Dana Al Wasety  
Information Systems  
With Distinction  

Khalid Salem K. Alalawi  
Information Systems  
With Distinction  

Nasser Nahar S. Alanazi  
Information Systems  

Michael A. Alaniz  
Information Systems  

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Computer Science  

Mona Ahmed E Albusaysi  
Human-Computer Interaction  

Mohammed Abdulatief K Aldurihem  
Information Systems  

Mohammad Al-Ghunaim  
Network Engineering and Security  

Hajar Mohaimed S Alharbi  
Information Systems  

Munib Ali  
Software Engineering  

Yasir Saad Hussain Al-Ibrahim  
Network Engineering and Security  
With Distinction  

Adel Sulaiman Al Aljamhan  
Information Systems  
With Distinction  

Nouf Mohamed S. Aljasser  
Cybersecurity  
With Distinction  

Charan Teja Allada  
Game Programming  

Muhammad Saqer H. Almutairi  
Cybersecurity  

Abdulrahman Musaed A. Alotaibi  
Information Systems  

Mohammed Abdullah H. Alotaibi  
Network Engineering and Security  

Ghadah Fahad M. Aloethman  
Business Information Technology  

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Software Engineering  

Saad Mubarak H. Alsahla  
Information Systems  
With Distinction  

Abdullah Saleh A. Alsaif  
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Mohammed Alsehli  
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Information Systems  
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Computer Science  

Rawan Dawood S. Alsabhi  
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Ibrahim Youssef H. Altwaim  
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Information Systems  

Dominic Alexander Amato  
Human-Computer Interaction  
With Distinction  

Gary Amundsen  
Human-Computer Interaction  

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Computer Science  

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Network Engineering and Security  

Lamont Anderson  
Software Engineering  

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Health Informatics  

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Information Systems  
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Human-Computer Interaction  

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Hamad Saleh M Banihashaish  
Health Informatics  

Katharine Compton Banks  
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Samar Barakat  
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Computer Science  

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Information Systems  

Carolina Beatriz Barrios  
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Paul Beatty  
Information Systems  
With Distinction  

Alexander Bechteler  
Information Systems  
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Software Engineering  

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Computer Science  

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Information Systems  
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Computational Finance

Yaqiong Gao  
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Predictive Analytics

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Weihua Hao  
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With Distinction

Zaki Syed Haq  
Cybersecurity  
With Distinction

Grace Camille Harbison  
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Information Systems  
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Philipp Jahn  
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With Distinction

Surabhi Jain  
Information Systems  
With Distinction

Yi Chieh Jan  
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Thomas Janiszewski  
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Kamil Janton  
Cybersecurity  
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Rick Kash
Vice Chairman of Nielsen, Author and Philanthropist, Class of 1968 (BA)

As vice chairman of Nielsen, the global data and analytics firm, Rick Kash is a thought leader and author on business growth and strategy, and he created the rapidly growing business model of demand strategy. As a DePaul alumnus and active philanthropist, he is a champion for the university, as well as a generous patron and benefactor for causes such as cancer research and programs serving underprivileged children.

Upon graduation from DePaul in 1968, Kash became involved in the struggling community of Lawndale in Chicago. He was an active member of a group that focused on early education for children, which became Operation Head Start. He later helped fund Chicago’s first charter school.

Continuing his commitment to Lawndale, Kash worked with the Black Panthers to start a program that provided free breakfasts for under-nourished children. This program subsequently became a federal program to feed children in need across America.

Several years later as the National Football League grew in popularity, Kash, Congressman Jack Kemp and John Mackey, an NFL Hall of Fame member, created the NFL Players Awards Dinner, which raised $40 million for inner-city children.

In 1975, Kash founded The Cambridge Group, a growth strategy consulting firm that builds intellectual capital strategies based on macroeconomics and customer demand. Companies across America rapidly adopted the intellectual capital model.

In 2000, Kash and his partners introduced a new corporate growth model based on early and accurate insight that the world would enter a long-term phase of global over-supply. The new growth model was introduced in 2002 in the book “The New Law of Demand and Supply: The Revolutionary New Demand Strategy for Faster Growth and Higher Profits,” published by Doubleday. The book overturned the historical reliance on a supply-side driven business model, arguing instead that companies should first understand demand before creating supply. The book was published in seven languages and the concept of demand strategy began to be practiced in North America, South America, Europe and Asia.

Nielsen acquired The Cambridge Group in 2009, and in 2012, Kash was named the vice chairman of the company.

In 2011, he co-wrote “How Companies Win” with Dave Calhoun, CEO of Nielsen, published by Harper Business. Using case histories from many of the world’s largest companies, Kash and Calhoun demonstrated how a proprietary understanding of customer demand was the building block of organic growth. The book received several accolades. Fortune magazine named it “the most important book for business leaders to read in 2011” and Fast Company listed the book among the “best books for business.”

In addition to his work at Nielson, Kash has a long-term commitment to cancer research and has founded two companies in partnership with Harvard University. The primary drugs from both companies are now in promising new trials led by Harvard hospitals.

Kash was also a member of the United States Senate Business Forum for 18 years. The group of 36 business leaders were curated by members of the United States Senate to counsel congress and cabinet members on business issues and opportunities affecting the economy.

Kash remains an enthusiastic supporter of DePaul. He is a member of the Driehaus College of Business Dean’s Advisory Council and he was the inaugural speaker at the Driehaus Symposium in 2016.

In February of 2017, Kash established the Amy Kash Scholarship in honor of his daughter who received her master’s degree in counseling at DePaul. The scholarship will benefit students who are the first members of their family to attend a four-year college.

Kash’s wife Katrina Lundmark-Kash is an award-winning equestrian, a sought-after designer, and a galleried artist. They live in both Chicago and Naples, Florida.

CITATION

Rick Kash, you shaped the way modern companies do business with your groundbreaking demand strategy business model. Through your work at Nielsen, where you serve as vice chairman, you help companies around the world modify the traditional notion of supply-side business models, arguing instead that companies should first understand demand before creating supply. Businesses small and large can continue to grow because you shared your expertise with business leaders through two highly praised books and by speaking frequently to business groups. A committed DePaul alumnus, you provide sage advice as a member of the Driehaus College of Business Dean’s Advisory Council and support the university through your philanthropy. Through your commitment to underprivileged children, cancer research and service on nonprofit boards, and your continued dedication to your alma mater, you are a true embodiment of DePaul’s Vincentian ideals. For these reasons and more, DePaul University is privileged to confer upon you the degree of Doctor of Humane Letters, honoris causa.
In 2001, DePaul’s Faculty Council approved an assessment process to analyze student performance in the classroom in order to continually improve the quality of instruction and student learning. That process has touched everyone at the university as DePaul worked to enhance student scholarship. The person who spearheaded the assessment process was Nancy Hill, then serving as the founding director for the Office of Teaching, Learning and Assessment (TLA).

Hill joined DePaul’s School of Accountancy and Management Information Systems in 1990 after completing her PhD in accounting. Before finishing her graduate work, Hill had taught in elementary school and developed a passion for working with students and an interest in teaching quality. At DePaul, she taught managerial accounting and information for decision making to undergraduate and graduate students who considered her a tough, but great instructor.

In 2000, she was called on to establish DePaul’s TLA. Under Hill’s leadership, the university made major strides in assessing and improving student learning. But her pioneering work in assessment went beyond merely creating and analyzing metrics. She was involved in developing many of the writing, technology, critical thinking and evaluative initiatives that were introduced, and in helping to institutionalize best practices. She also was instrumental in deploying a supplemental instruction program that has improved grades and reduced student withdrawals from some of the university’s most difficult courses.

Hill’s commitment to creating a culture of assessment at DePaul extended beyond her tenure at TLA. Since that time, she has continued to be an assessment ambassador, encouraging her faculty colleagues to embrace the potential of the process. For her efforts, DePaul honored Hill with the Spirit of Assessment Award in 2015.

From 2006-10, she served as associate dean for Academic Quality for the College of Business, where she strengthened the assessment processes aimed at improving the quality of education. Those processes have been acknowledged by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business, the non-profit organization responsible for business school accreditation.

In 2010, Hill returned to the School of Accountancy and MIS and the accounting classroom as the Ezerski Endowed Chair, the school’s first endowed chair. The honor recognized her distinguished contributions to accounting education at DePaul.

Her commitment to accounting and scholarship has extended beyond the campus. Through the years, Hill has maintained her Certified Management Accountant and Certified Public Accountant credentials. She also has published more than 25 articles focused on managerial accounting, accounting education, assessment, ethics and executive compensation. Her work appears in journals such as Issues in Accounting Education, Journal of Accounting and Public Policy, Critical Perspectives on Accounting, Research on Accounting Ethics, Journal of Business Ethics, Strategic Finance, Journal of Accountancy and The CPA Journal.

In addition, she has been invited to present at numerous conferences across the United States.

In all, Hill has spent more than 20 years teaching and guiding DePaul students. In addition, she has served on or chaired countless departmental, college and university committees, and proved to be a valuable mentor to junior faculty during her time at DePaul.

**CITATION**

Nancy Hill, you built on your own passion for teaching to help establish a culture of assessment at DePaul that demands evaluating student learning in order to continually improve the quality of instruction the university offers. Your efforts contributed to measureable increases in academic success for students and enhanced support for your colleagues. During your 27-year career at DePaul, you often published research in respected academic and business journals, yet always found time to encourage students and mentor junior colleagues. You have been a thoughtful scholar, a trailblazing leader and a respected colleague who consistently and selflessly placed the needs of the university at the forefront. For these reasons and more, it is a privilege to bestow upon you the Via Sapientiae Award, DePaul University’s highest honor for faculty and staff.
THE LAWRENCE W. RYAN DISTINGUISHED TEACHING AWARD
The Lawrence W. Ryan Distinguished Teaching Award (Undergraduate), first awarded in 1982, is named after a distinguished Driehaus College of Business professor who served on the faculty from 1946 until his death in 1979. His reputation as a teacher who loved his work is unsurpassed. The award is presented annually to a professor whom undergraduate students and recent graduates believe should be recognized for outstanding performance as a teacher.

Lawrence Hamer
Robert Ryan

THE CONSTANTINE “GUS” ECONOMOS DISTINGUISHED TEACHING AWARD
The Constantine “Gus” Economos Distinguished Teaching Award (Graduate), first awarded in 1981, is named after a distinguished Driehaus College of Business professor who served as the director of the Kellstadt Graduate School of Business from 1972 to 1978 and on the faculty from 1956 until his death in 1980. This award is presented annually to a professor whom graduate students and recent graduates believe should be recognized for outstanding performance as a teacher.

Sanjay Deshmukh
Erich Dierdorff

THE DANIEL SEIDEN DISTINGUISHED TEACHING AWARD
The Daniel Seiden distinguished Teaching Award (adjunct faculty), first awarded in 1994, is named after a distinguished Driehaus College of Business adjunct professor who served on the faculty from 1947 until 1998. This award is presented annually to up to two adjunct faculty members nominated by their department chair and selected by the college teaching committee to recognize their outstanding performance as a teacher.

Mike Avella
Charles Drehmer

DEAN’S OUTSTANDING SENIOR AWARD
The Dean’s Outstanding Senior Award, first awarded in 1986, is presented to a member of the senior class who has distinguished by scholarship, leadership and service to the Driehaus College of Business.

Omar Ortiz
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Strategy, Execution and Valuation  
*With Distinction*

**Mohammed Nabeel Abulfateh**
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**Monika Adomaityte**
Finance  
*With Distinction*

**Luis Agostini**
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**Rafida Abdulrahim Mohamed Ahmed**
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