OUR MISSION

We are Chicago's Jesuit, Catholic University—a diverse community seeking God in all things and working to expand knowledge in the service of humanity through learning, justice, and faith.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT

The Loyola University Chicago community acknowledges its location on the ancestral homelands of the Council of the Three Fires (the Ojibwa, Ottawa, and Potawatomi tribes) and a place of trade with other tribes, including the Ho-Chunk, Miami, Menominee, Sauk, and Meskwaki. We recognize that descendants of these and other North American tribes continue to live and work on this land with us. We recognize the tragic legacy of colonization, genocide, and oppression that still impacts Native American lives today. As a Jesuit university, we affirm our commitment to issues of social responsibility and justice. We further recognize our responsibility to understand, teach, and respect the past and present realities of local Native Americans and their continued connection to this land.

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EXPLANATION OF REGALIA

The Costume Code calls for three types of gowns: doctoral, master's, and bachelor's. The doctoral gown is the most elaborate, with front-facing velvet and three velvet bars on each of the full, billowing sleeves. The velvet can be black, PhD blue, or the academic color to which the degree corresponds. The master's gown is distinctive for its extremely long, closed sleeves, the arms protruding through a slit at the elbow. The master's gown is the simplest of the three, a plain gown with long, pointed sleeves. Doctoral and master's degrees are also indicated by a hood, distinctive in shape, size, and color. The doctor's hood is easily recognizable, with wide velvet edging that indicates the degree earned and full exposure of the lining. The master's hood is the same length as the doctor's hood but does not fully expose the lining, and the velvet edging is not as wide. For both hoods, the lining indicates the colors of the institution conferring the degree.

Mortarboards, the distinctive four-pointed caps, are worn by academics at all levels. In recent years, doctors have taken to wearing a soft velvet tam instead.

The custom of wearing academic gowns, hoods, and caps dates back to about the 12th century, when most scholars belonged to a religious order. Long gowns and hoods were standard dress for medieval clergy, who often studied and taught in cold buildings. The style and coloring of the robe, hood, and, sometimes, skull cap denoted an educated individual. From the end of the 16th century to the present, members of the clergy, law professionals, and academics have worn robes.

Sometime in the 14th century, English universities began to use the dress to distinguish levels of education. Modeled on the English system, the American Academic Costume Code was established in 1895 by a commission of delegates from the Ivy League and New York universities.

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ARTS

White

MEDICINE

Light Blue

BUSINESS

Drab

NURSING

Gray

COMUNICATION

Crimson

PHILOSOPHY

Dark Blue

FINE ARTS

Sage

SCIENCE

Gold

EDUCATION

Crimson

THEOLOGY

Sage

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LAW

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Special Request of Guests

We respectfully request that the guests of our graduates remain seated during the entire ceremony. Guests should not leave their seats to take photographs or video. At the end of the ceremony, guests should remain in their seats until the recessional of faculty and graduates has cleared the hall. Please do not interrupt the recessional to greet graduates. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

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Alpha Sigma Nu advances the core principles of Jesuit education—scholarship, loyalty, and service. The society acknowledges, awards, and inspires a select group of students who distinguish themselves with respect to these principles while attending Jesuit institutions of higher education. Alpha Sigma Nu’s mission is to understand, appreciate, and promote the ideals of Jesuit education—opening minds, doors, and hearts to a lifelong journey in wisdom, faith, and service.

**Distinction**

APPEARS BEFORE CANDIDATE’S DISSERTATION OR THESIS

The award of “Distinction” designates exceptionally high achievement on both a student’s written thesis or dissertation and their oral defense. This designation is made only on rare occasions and is indicative of truly exceptional work. Typically, three percent of Loyola’s graduating master’s and doctoral students earn the honor each year.

**President’s Medallion**

Each year one student from each of the schools within Loyola University Chicago is selected to receive the President’s Medallion. This award is bestowed by the University in recognition of outstanding scholarship, leadership, and service. The medallion is engraved with the logo of Loyola University Chicago along with the name of the recipient.

**Ricci Scholar**

The Loyola Ricci Scholars program offers undergraduates the opportunity for studying abroad, immersion, and global scholarship. The program awards selected students with scholarships for travel, research, and exploration during a junior year of study divided between Rome and Ho Chi Minh City. Upon their return, scholars complete their research projects and present their work to the University community.

**Abbreviations of Degrees**

- **Bachelor Degrees**
  - BA Bachelor of Arts
  - BA CLS Bachelor of Arts, Classics
  - BBA Bachelor of Business Administration
  - BS Bachelor of Science
  - BSEd Bachelor of Science in Education
  - BSN Bachelor of Science in Nursing
  - BSW Bachelor of Social Work
  - BTech Bachelor of Technology

- **Master Degrees**
  - MA Master of Arts
  - MBA Master of Business Administration
  - MBA-HCM Master of Business Administration in Healthcare Management
  - MC Master of Communication
  - MDiv Master of Divinity
  - MEd Master of Education
  - MJ Master of Jurisprudence
  - LLM Master of Laws
  - MPS Master of Professional Studies
  - MPH Master of Public Health
  - MPP Master of Public Policy
  - MS Master of Science

- **Doctoral Degrees**
  - DBe Doctor of Bioethics
  - EdD Doctor of Education
  - DHCML Doctor of Healthcare Mission Leadership
  - JD Juris Doctor
  - SJD Doctor of Juridical Science
  - MD Doctor of Medicine
  - DNP Doctor of Nursing Practice
  - PhD Doctor of Philosophy

- **Specialist Degree**
  - EdS Education Specialist

- **Master of Science in Accountancy**
- **Master of Science in Business Data Analytics**
- **Master of Science in Finance**
- **Master of Science in Human Resources and Employment Relations**
- **Master of Science in Information Systems and Analytics**
- **Master of Science in Marketing**
- **Master of Science in Nursing**
- **Master of Social Work**
Environmental and Social Responsibility Pledge

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Commencement Address

Jose R. Rodriguez

(MBA ‘10) • Director, Community Capital Portfolio, Robert R. McCormick Foundation

Jose R. Rodriguez (MBA ‘10) has a 20-year record of cultivating partnerships in the business, education, nonprofit, and philanthropic sectors to promote economic mobility for residents in Chicago communities. As the Director of the Community Capital Portfolio for the Robert R. McCormick Foundation, Rodriguez collaborates with community partners to identify and invest in projects that promote neighborhood revitalization on the South and West Side of Chicago, with particular focus on the Englewood and Little Village communities. His professional and civic engagement has led to investments in workforce and economic development, educational initiatives, post-secondary success, and public safety.

Prior to joining the Foundation, Rodriguez created a community impact and workforce initiative for a major healthcare system, developing a talent pipeline for high-growth and high-demand jobs. He also served as executive director of the Daniel Murphy Scholarship Fund (DMSF), an organization providing educational and financial support to students attending academically rigorous high schools. Before joining DMSF, he served as vice president of the Corporate Work Program at Cristo Rey Jesuit High School and Christ the King Jesuit College Prep.

Rodriguez served on the Arrupe College Board of Directors from 2017 through 2023, on the Old St. Mary’s School Board and on the board of the Advocate Bethany Community Fund. He is a Leadership Greater Chicago 2013 Fellow, and serves as President of the Sheridan McGuane Youth Baseball and Softball League. He holds a bachelor’s degree in communication from DePaul University and a Master of Business Administration from Loyola University Chicago’s Quinlan School of Business.

Conferring of Degrees

Arrupe College

Presented and congratulated by:
Martin Connell, S.J., PhD (BA ’87)
Dean

Names read by:
Katherine Nissan, MA (BS ’97)
Clinical Professor

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Procession of the Academics composed by David Maslanka and performed by the Loyola Wind Ensemble

MASTER OF CEREMONIES
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NATIONAL ANTHEM
Performed by the Loyola Wind Ensemble

INVOCATION
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GREETING BY DEAN
Peter J. Schraeder, PhD • Dean

REMARKS BY STUDENT SPEAKER
Brigid Kathleen Ard • Candidate for the degree of Bachelor of Arts, English

ADDRESS BY KEYNOTE SPEAKER
Mary Jane Theis, JD (BA ’71) • Chief Justice, Illinois Supreme Court

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES
Dean Schraeder

CONFERRING OF DEGREES
Mark C. Reed, EdD • President

VIDEO: WELCOME TO THE LOYOLA ALUMNI COMMUNITY

REMARKS AND BLESSING
Dr. Reed

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RECESSINAL
Highland bagpipes played by Brian Costello

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Mary Jane Theis

Mary Jane Theis, JD (BA ’71) • Chief Justice, Illinois Supreme Court

Mary Jane Theis, JD (BA ’71) is an Illinois Supreme Court Chief Justice for the First Judicial District, Cook County. Chief Justice Theis earned a Bachelor of Arts from Loyola University Chicago in 1971 and a Juris Doctorate from the University of San Francisco in 1974. From 1974–1983, she was an assistant public defender in Cook County.

Chief Justice Theis has served at every level of the Judiciary in the State of Illinois. In 1983, she was appointed an Associate Judge in the Circuit Court of Cook County, where she served for five years. In 1988, Chief Justice Theis was elected to the Circuit Court, where she was assigned to both the Criminal and Chancery Divisions until 1993, when she was appointed to the Appellate Court, First District. She was elected to the Appellate Court in 1994. When Chief Justice Thomas R. Fitzgerald retired in 2010, the Supreme Court appointed Justice Theis to fill his vacancy on the Court.

During her 17 years on the Appellate Court, Chief Justice Theis served as a Presiding Judge. She was Chair of the Committee on Judicial Education and the Committee on Judicial Conduct of the Illinois Judicial Conference, and a member of the Supreme Court Rules Committee. Chief Justice Theis was President of the Appellate Lawyers Association and the Illinois Judges Association, as well as President and founding member of the Illinois Judges Foundation. She has been a member of the Board of Governors of the Illinois State Bar Association and the Board of Managers of the Chicago Bar Association and is a member of the Women’s Bar Association of Illinois (WBIA).

Chief Justice Theis has taught at conferences and seminars for the ISBA and CBA, and at Loyola University Chicago School of Law, Northwestern University School of Law, and the John Marshall Law School.

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Toussaint Kafarhire Murhula, S.J. (MA '10, PhD '16), is a Jesuit priest, theologian, poet, literary critic, social scientist, and executive coach. Fr. Kafarhire has earned a Master of Arts in Political Science and a Doctor of Philosophy in International Relations from Loyola University Chicago. Before he studied at Loyola, he received a Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy from Facultés Saint Pierre Canisius in Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of the Congo, a Bachelor of Arts in Theology from the Catholic University of Eastern Africa in Nairobi, Kenya, and a Licentiate in Sacred Theology (STL) in Ethics and Social Theories from the University of Santa Clara.

Fr. Kafarhire's research focuses on social justice, religion, democracy and peace, political violence and conflicts in Africa Great Lakes Region, and of course global public health politics. He has taught at Loyola University Chicago, Episcopal Theological College of Pecs in Hungary, Hekima University College in Kenya, and Université Loyola du Congo (ULC) in Kinshasa, DRC. He is currently a visiting professor at Sophia University in Tokyo, Japan. Fr. Kafarhire was involved in Pope Francis' visit to the DRC in 2023, helping nearly 40 students from across the country meet the Pope.

Fr. Kafarhire is an alumnus of the Distinguished Humphrey Fellowship Program at the State Department and the Harvard Kennedy School Executive Program. He is the current president of African Studies Association of Africa (ASAA); a member of the Editorial Board of Global Africa Review; the Critical Investigations into Humanitarianism in Africa (CIHA) Blog; Reseau Elikya; the Pan-African Catholic Theology and Pastoral Network and the former Africa region coordinator of Catholic Theological Ethics in World Church (CTEWC). He works with African leaders through the Coach Africa program at the African Union.

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Matthew Kolinski, DO (BS '06) is founder and chief executive officer of Staffing Management Group, a speaker, entrepreneur, physician, and author who has fostered health care innovation and business leadership.

While earning a Bachelor of Science in biology at Loyola University Chicago, he started his first business, Superior Business Staffing, to pay for medical school. Dr. Kolinski completed his medical training at Midwestern University in 2010 and embarked on a double residency in Pediatrics and Internal Medicine. Following a residency in Milwaukee, he secured a pulmonary fellowship focusing on cystic fibrosis research at the Children's Hospital of Wisconsin. While on the path to becoming a pulmonary specialist, Dr. Kolinski’s previous experience also led him to become founder and CEO of Staffing Management Group.

At the helm of Staffing Management Group, Dr. Kolinski oversees a portfolio of brands catering to clients including USA Staffing Services, a flagship operation founded in 2010, which leverages a large partner network to deliver staffing services in all 50 states. Dr. Kolinski has led innovative investments in blockchain technology that aim to streamline collaboration among recruiters and has also invested and co-founded Lanefinder which is an AI driven technology platform designed for the transportation industry.

He recently published his first book, Work-Passion-Life Balance: Finding Fulfillment Through Zones of Efficiency in 2020 and has been invited to give several keynote speeches for businesses and healthcare organizations throughout Florida and Europe.

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Steve Bynum is the Manager of Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging (DEIB) for Chicago Public Media, the parent company of WBEZ and the Chicago Sun-Times. He served as a Senior Producer at WBEZ for over 20 years for WBEZ’s “Worldview with Jerome McDonnell” and “Reset with Sasha-Ann Simons.”

For “Worldview”, Bynum created in-depth stories, features, series, film projects, and outreach events that connected listeners to global communities in Chicago and around the world. Sustainability and environmental justice were cornerstones of Worldview’s coverage like its live broadcast while walking with marchers during the 2019 Youth Climate Strike in downtown Chicago. Worldview regularly featured the work of the School of Environmental Sustainability (SES), including broadcasting live from SES’s annual Climate Change Conference.

Bynum believes global citizenship is the most powerful tool to deconstruct systemic injustices, especially environmental racism. He also believes his Christian Faith (Eastern Orthodox) compels him to nurture and protect all of creation. He has won numerous awards in broadcast excellence and lectures and moderates discussions on topics related to media’s role in democracy, culture, and communities. Bynum is also a consultant on issues of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion and Belonging (DEIB) in media.

In 2019, Bynum, McDonnell, and former WBEZ producer, Julian Hayda, co-founded “Worldview Solutions”, an independent, nonprofit, media social enterprise inspired by the show. Through a global lens, Worldview Solutions endeavors to leverage solutions-oriented storytelling, audience engagement, and other justice-centered initiatives, which reflect the resilience, joy, and progress of communities across the Great Lakes region.

Bynum serves as Board President for Theatre Y, and Board Vice President for Fulcrum Point New Music Project. He is also a Board Member for CircEsteem (a youth social circus), and Artsworks Projects for Human Rights.

A University of Notre Dame graduate, Steve has a master’s degree in Public Policy and Administration (MPPA) from Northwestern University. He is pursuing a master’s degree in Eastern Orthodox Theology from the University of Balamand.

Bynum is the proud father of Loyola alum, Joshua, who is a graduate of the School of Environmental Sustainability.

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Dr. Hamid obtained his undergraduate and medical degrees from Texas A&M University. He then received a Master of Public Health degree with a concentration in biostatistics and epidemiology from the Harvard School of Public Health. He completed his orthopaedic surgery residency at Wake Forest Baptist University Medical Center and his fellowship at Duke University Medical Center where he provided coverage for Duke University Athletics. His clinical interests are ankle reconstruction and sports ankle surgery.

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AS A MEMBER OF THE MEDICAL PROFESSION:
I SOLEMNLY PLEDGE to dedicate my life to the service of humanity;
THE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF MY PATIENT will be my first consideration;
I WILL RESPECT the autonomy and dignity of my patient;
I WILL MAINTAIN the utmost respect for human life;
I WILL NOT PERMIT considerations of age, disease or disability, creed, ethnic origin, gender, nationality, political affiliation, race, sexual orientation, social standing or any other factor to intervene between my duty and my patient;
I WILL RESPECT the secrets that are confided in me, even after the patient has died;
I WILL PRACTICE my profession with conscience and dignity and in accordance with good medical practice;
I WILL FOSTER the honor and noble traditions of the medical profession;
I WILL GIVE to my teachers, colleagues, and students the respect and gratitude that is their due;
I WILL SHARE my medical knowledge for the benefit of the patient and the advancement of healthcare;
I WILL ATTEND TO my own health, well-being, and abilities in order to provide care of the highest standard;
I WILL NOT USE my medical knowledge to violate human rights and civil liberties, even under threat;
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Rice currently serves as Associate Dean for Research and Innovation and the Richard and Marianne Kreider Endowed Professor in Nursing for Vulnerable Populations at the Villanova University M. Louise Fitzpatrick College of Nursing. She previously held a variety of academic positions at the University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing, including the position of tenured associate professor of nursing; she also served as a visiting research fellow at Yale University’s Center for Interdisciplinary Research on AIDS (CIRA) Research Education Institute for Diverse Scholars (REIDS) from 2011-2013. In addition, Rice is the Founder and CEO of two companies: Dr. Bridgette Executive Consulting, LLC, and Healing Inspired Ministries, LLC.

Rice is the recipient of numerous honors and awards, including her recognition in 2022 as one of just 250 nurses inducted as a Fellow of the American Academy of Nursing, a society that recognizes nursing’s most accomplished leaders in policy, research, practice, administration, and academia. She has also received the Diversity and Equity Award from the International Society of Psychiatric Mental Health Nurses for outstanding leadership in driving the development of culturally sensitive mental health services for diverse individuals, families, and groups.

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DEAR 2024 GRADUATE,

On behalf of all of us at Loyola University Chicago, I extend my heartfelt congratulations on your momentous achievement! As you step across the stage, you not only mark the end of a significant chapter but also the beginning of an exciting journey as part of our esteemed alumni community.

You now join a vast network of nearly 200,000 Ramblers scattered across the globe, all dedicated to advancing knowledge, fostering justice, and embracing faith in the service of humanity. Your connection to Loyola doesn’t end with your degree; it’s a lifelong bond that transcends time and distance.

As a member of our alumni family, you have access to a wealth of resources and opportunities designed to support your professional growth. Whether through mentorship, volunteerism, or networking events, the Loyola community stands ready to assist you in your endeavors, regardless of where your path may lead you.

While your days as a student may be behind you, Loyola will always be your home. We eagerly anticipate seeing you at our alumni gatherings, witnessing your achievements, and celebrating your successes alongside you. Your journey is just beginning, and we can’t wait to see the incredible impact you’ll make on the world.

Congratulations once again on your graduation, and welcome to the Loyola alumni community.

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**FLUTE**
Gillian Gray
Keira McCarty
Lexi Schnelker
Vishnu Siva
Sophie Swicionis

**OBOE**
Lauren Altenhof

**CLARINET**
Laura Aleksonis
Riley Crichton
Charlene Guerrero
Alexander Kantz (also E-flat)
Alex McClure

**BASS CLARINET**
Vyom Contractor
Emma Harrison

**BASSOON**
Regina Pochocki
Alexandra Risdal
Justin Rogde

**ALTO SAXOPHONE**
Morgan Fuksa
Vraj Madhiwala
Carter North

**TENOR SAXOPHONE**
Alena Dzierozynski
Savanah Oberbroeckling

**BARITONE SAXOPHONE**
Allison Troy

**TRUMPET**
Jimmy Blain
Jack Hughes
Naima Jennings
McCarthy Poljak
Lucy Radabaugh
Sameeh Shafi

**HORN**
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Aly Goetzinger
Lucille Hoffart
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Heeva Manzouri
Arnab Nanga

**TROMBONE**
Kody Bruce
Ben English
Jack Herwig
Maxwell Ingram

**EUPHONIUM**
Danielle Roberts
Emma Sullinger

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Sara Domínguez
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E. J. Leach
Naomi Lyon
Jordyn Wharton

October 18-20
Hail to you, Loyola!

Hail to you! All praise to you, Loyola, Loyola!
Voices strong Our Alma Mater Hail!
Sons and daughters ev’rywhere, Loyola, Loyola,
Pledge to you Our love will never fail,
So, we rise to honor you, Loyola, Loyola!
God be with you, Our Alma Mater, Hail!

Hail to you! All praise to you, Loyola, Loyola!
Mother, Mentor! Guardian, loyal Friend!
Duty, Honor Goodness and Truth, Loyola, Loyola,
These you taught us Boldly to defend,
So, we sing Our thanks to you, Loyola, Loyola!
God be with you, Ever to the end.

PRAYER FOR OUR GRADUATES

May God bless you and sustain you on this your graduation day.
May the Creator of this vast universe keep you safe as you go forth from this place that has nourished your mind and your soul.
May the Almighty look down upon you and give you success in all your endeavors, courage in all your struggles and challenges, understanding in all that is new to you, wisdom to choose what is right and do what is good, perseverance in all you undertake, serenity and peace in the knowledge that you are not alone, that you are loved.
May the Lord of All look kindly upon you this day and forever.

Amen.