165th Commencement, Fall
The University of Dayton regards its commencement exercises as among the most important ceremonial occasions of the academic year. These exercises are filled with symbols and traditions designed to remind us all of the thousands of years that universities have existed and their noble purposes.

The academic costumes of various colors and types are part of the symbolism. They are described on inside front cover of this program. The bright blue gowns with red trim are worn by those serving as University marshals for today’s ceremony (see Page 4 of this program). The marshals wear these distinctive gowns as identification of their official capacity to direct the processionals of administrators, faculty and students who wear the more conventional ceremonial garb and mortarboard.

The chief University marshal carries the University mace, and the president wears the president’s medallion. On stage are the United States and papal flags. So, too, the music that is played and the words that are spoken have special significance. For example, the deans who have been responsible for the education of the students “present” the students as worthy of graduation to the president. In turn, the president confers the degrees on behalf of the University.

At our commencement ceremonies, which differ from many universities’, each student’s name is read, and the president then congratulates that student. The University believes that this is an important part of the graduation ceremony. The University also has a tradition of faculty coming from their seats behind the stage to congratulate the graduating students. These traditions symbolize the caring and person-oriented spirit of the University.

The University hopes you will both enjoy and respect this commencement. You can do both by standing for the invocation and the national anthem, by listening during the awarding of the degrees and by standing to sing the University of Dayton anthem (see Page 44). We are the University of Dayton community, a community which respects and cares for each other. This 165th commencement marks another beginning. Let us rejoice together.
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The official list of the names of graduates is recorded in the office of the registrar.

Guests and visitors may take photographs from the stands only.

Only representatives of the press, authorized by the University marshal, are permitted to take photographs on the floor.

Please remain seated during the processional.
9–9:30 A.M.

FIRST FLIGHT SAXOPHONE QUARTET
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Alexandra Altomare
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Willie L. Morris, III — Director

ORDER OF EXERCISES
9:45 A.M.

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Dayton, OH
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Dissertation: “Understanding Trait Evolution at the Levels of a CIS-Regulatory Element and a Gene Regulatory Network”

Shilpi Verghese
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M.S., Jiwaji University, India, 2007
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DEGREE — DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN THEOLOGY

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M.A., Baylor University, 2004
Dissertation: “From Churches in Cultural Captivity to the Church Incarnate in a Culture: Ecclesial Mediation after the Dissolution of the Southern Baptist Subculture”

Timothy R. Gabrielli
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B.A., University of Scranton, 2004
M.A., University of Dayton, 2010
Dissertation: “Solidarity and Mediation in the French Stream of Mystical Body Theology”

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Union, OH
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M.S., University of Dayton, 1990
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Dissertation: “Association Between Tuition Discounting and Institutional Goals at the Largest Midwestern Private Universities”

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Dissertation: “Synthesis and Functionalization of Coiled Carbon Filaments”

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Corey F. Trombley  
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Matthew J. Verket  
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Kelly Cole Vogeler  
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  Marianist Leadership Scholar  
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  Cum Laude  
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GLOBAL MANUFACTURING SYSTEMS ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY
Ryan Patrick Berry
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INDUSTRIAL ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY
Patrick R. Dole
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MECHANICAL ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY
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Kuwait City, Kuwait
Rumaih W. A. A. M. Alrumaih
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Hassan N. Bosakhar
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Mequon, WI
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Rocky River, OH
Andrew William Spirk
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BERRY THESIS FELLOWS

Timothy Lawrence Cutler  
Premedicine  
Mark Shannon Pleasants  
Environmental Geology  
Kathryn L. Schwaeble  
Political Science/Criminal Justice Studies  
Kelly Cole Vogeler  
Mechanical Engineering

Awarded to selected students for having successfully completed the Berry Summer Thesis Institute and an Honors thesis.

CHAMINADE SCHOLARS

Andrew D. Hentz  
Computer Science  
Ann M. Michalica  
Religious Studies  
Rebecca Elizabeth Welch  
Music Therapy

Awarded to selected students for having successfully completed a three-year academic program focused on the theological exploration of vocation.

CORE PROGRAM

Katherine Ann Burkman  
Biology/Education and Allied Studies  
Julie Elizabeth DeStefanis  
International Business/Accounting

Awarded to selected students for having successfully completed an integrated academic curriculum program in Religious Studies, Philosophy, English, History, and the Social Sciences.

MARIANIST LEADERSHIP SCHOLARS

Scott V. Bridwell  
Mechanical Engineering  
Gregory Marshall Wright  
Mechanical Engineering

Awarded to selected students for having successfully completed a four-year service, leadership and faith program inspired by the Marianist charism and mission.

RIVER STEWARDS

Concetta Marie Reda  
Political Science  
Zachary Michael Valigosky  
Mechanical Engineering

Awarded to selected graduating seniors for three years of voluntary interdisciplinary river stewardship and civic engagement throughout the Dayton region.

UNIVERSITY HONORS

Paige Nicole Borek  
Premedicine  
Michelle Theresa Connor  
Music Performance/Mathematics  
Alexander Lambert Fred  
Philosophy  
Andrew Mitchell Heitmann  
Mechanical Engineering  
Andrew D. Hentz  
Computer Science  
Kyle L. Koester  
Mechanical Engineering  
James Thompson Kurzawa  
Mechanical Engineering  
Linda Marie Leben  
Mechanical Engineering  
Kelsey L. Maag  
Premedicine  
Caley Mae Marlin  
Psychology  
Mark Shannon Pleasants  
Environmental Geology  
Reilly Christiane Vohasek  
Psychology  
Rebecca Elizabeth Welch  
Music Therapy
UNIVERSITY HONORS WITH DISTINCTION
Timothy Lawrence Cutler
Premedicine
Joseph M. Ebersole
Biology
Ann M. Michalica
Religious Studies
Kathryn L. Schwaeble
Political Science/Criminal Justice Studies
Kelly Cole Vogeler
Mechanical Engineering
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MULTIPLE DEGREES
Katherine Ann Burkman
Bachelor of Science/Biology
Bachelor of Science in Education and Health Sciences/Education and Allied Studies
Michelle Theresa Connor
Bachelor of Music/Music Performance
Bachelor of Science/Mathematics
Anna Mary Conrad
Bachelor of Arts/Communication
Master of Arts/Communication
Ashley Joyce Pantona Price
Bachelor of Science/Biology
Bachelor of Science in Education and Health Sciences/Adolescence to Young Adult Education

MULTIPLE MAJORS
Liwei Bao
Accounting/Finance
Christina A. Bortolotti
Dietetics/Nutrition and Fitness
Bryan Michael Bryk
Theatre/Communication
Julie Elizabeth DeStefanis
International Business/Accounting
Mitchell Daniel Fese
Marketing/International Business
Matthew Howard Harper
Marketing/Entrepreneurship
Austin R. Heminger
Finance/Accounting
Chenxi Jiang
Accounting/Finance
Daniel R. Kurtz
Business Economics/Finance
Austen Hunter Leach
Leadership/Marketing
Benjamin F. Rudman
Finance/Accounting
Kathryn L. Schwaeble
Political Science/Criminal Justice Studies
Kelly Anne Stafford
Nutrition and Fitness/Dietetics
Lauren A. Travillian
Music Therapy/Psychology
Michael Woodman Valdez
International Business Management — Human Resources Emphasis/Finance
Melanie Katherine Walton
Psychology/Spanish
Lucy A. Weber
Accounting/Finance
Joshua N. Yoho
Biochemistry/Biology
COMMISSIONED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY

Joseph P. Kearney  Jackson McLeod Pennie
Electronic and Computer Engineering  Exercise Science
Technology

These students have successfully completed a pre-commissioning curriculum consisting of American military history, computer literacy, oral and written communication, and military science or aerospace studies, in addition to their undergraduate degree requirements. They have also completed leadership training and field training exercises, physical fitness requirements, one social event per year and a month of field training in the summer. Congratulations to these officers of the United States Armed Services.
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DOCTORAL DEGREES

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

DEGREE — DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN BIOLOGY
Oorvashi Roy Puli  Konstantinos Sousounis

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DEGREE — DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP
Lesha J. Wallace

SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING

DEGREE — DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN ELECTRO-OPTICS
Logan Andrew Williams

GRADUATE AND SPECIALIST DEGREES

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

DEGREE — MASTER OF ARTS

CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY
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COMMUNICATION
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Drew M. Bowers

PASTORAL MINISTRY
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AUGUST GRADUATES

THEOLOGICAL STUDIES

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Tongjie Zhang

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Peixian Han
Brian Victor Krilov
Jiaqi Li

DEGREE — MASTER OF MATHEMATICS EDUCATION
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UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON CEREMONIAL MACE

The ceremonial mace is an ornamented staff of wood, carried before a high official in civic ceremonies by a mace-bearer, intended to represent the official’s authority. The mace as used in our time derives from the original mace used as a weapon to defend a sovereign during public appearances. Today the mace is used in processions, as on parliamentary or formal academic occasions.

This University of Dayton mace was designed to replace an earlier version that needed repair and was retired from use after the 2008 December graduation ceremony. The new mace was designed by Charles P. Wanda, S.M., ’59 and executed by Mr. William Wiehe of Artisan Wood Ltd. The mace is made of walnut and is topped with the official seal of the University. Below the seal on the staff is a ring of multiple notches that represents the various components of the University — its colleges and all other organizations on campus that fulfill the mission to learn, lead and serve. Below it are two rings — one blue and one red — to represent the school colors. Near the bottom of the staff is a gold ring representing the wealth of knowledge and experiences passed on to generations of graduates.

At the bottom of the staff is a four-sided triangular piece, with each side bearing the Marianist cross, a symbol to represent the original four Marianists: Bro. Zehler, Bro. Schultz, Fr. Meyer and Bro. Edel who founded the University in 1850. The entire staff was designed to be a symbol of the torch of knowledge.

The University mace is only present during official ceremonies when the president of the University is in attendance.
**BRIEF HISTORY**

In the summer of 1849, Father Leo Meyer and Brother Charles Schultz, the first Marianist missionaries to America, journeyed from France to Cincinnati, Ohio, where they intended to establish a base for the order in this country. They arrived, however, during a cholera epidemic, so Bishop John Purcell of Cincinnati soon sent Father Meyer to Dayton to minister to the sick of Emmanuel Parish. On March 19, 1850, the feast of St. Joseph, Father Meyer purchased Dewberry Farm from John Stuart and renamed it Nazareth. Mr. Stuart accepted a medal of St. Joseph and a promise of $12,000 at 6 percent interest in return for 125 acres, including vineyards, orchards, a mansion and various farm buildings. Meanwhile, more Marianists arrived, and Nazareth became the first permanent foundation of the Society of Mary in the Western hemisphere.

The University of Dayton had its earliest beginnings on July 1, 1850, when St. Mary’s School for Boys, a frame building that not long before had housed farm hands, opened its door to 14 primary students from Dayton. In 1882, the institution was incorporated and empowered to confer collegiate degrees under the laws of the State of Ohio. Known at various times as St. Mary’s School, St. Mary’s Institute and St. Mary’s College, the school assumed its present identity in 1920, when it was incorporated as the University of Dayton and was given the nickname of the Flyers. In 1922, the College of Law opened, also with evening classes. Other graduate programs followed to augment the professional degree programs which distinguished the University from many of Ohio’s other independent institutions of higher learning. In 1923, the first summer session was held; its classes, like those of the law college, were open to women as well as men. In 1937, the University became the first coeducational Catholic university in the nation.

Enrollment passed a thousand when World War II broke out. By 1950, with the return of the veterans, it reached more than 3,500. The 1960s saw significant increases in female and minority students. In the 1970s, there was a shift to a largely residential student body, and at the same time many more nontraditional (older) students matriculated. By the mid-1970s, total enrollment steadied at more than 10,000, with current enrollment of approximately 7,400 full-time undergraduates.

A long-range environmental design has helped integrate new buildings and old, and made the campus more livable by increasing its beauty as well as its efficiency. As the University of Dayton enters the 21st century, it is building modern student facilities. Academically, the University has continued to expand and enrich its offerings and support services, especially since mid-century. Graduate studies, abandoned during World War II, resumed in 1960, with the School of Education leading the way. In 1969, the department of biology inaugurated the first doctoral program since 1928. The School of Engineering introduced two doctoral programs in 1973, and in 1992, the first doctoral degrees in educational leadership were awarded. In 1997, the board of trustees approved a doctoral program in theology with a focus on the Catholic experience in the United States. It was the first such doctoral program on a Catholic campus nationally.
The University has always maintained a tradition of innovation. In 1874, St. Mary’s Institute’s new Play House gymnasium was the only one of its kind in Ohio, and it is probable that the first organized basketball game in the state took place there. In 1924, the University was the first school to be granted a charter by the National Aeronautical Association. It was one of the first in the nation to offer a course in biophysics (1935). In 1952, it invited persons over 60 to attend its evening classes as guests. Its graduate program in laser optics was one of the earliest in the country. It was one of the first educational institutions to adopt electronic data-processing equipment and to offer degrees in computer science. In 1999, the University of Dayton was the first in the nation to offer an undergraduate degree program in human rights. In 2004, the University of Dayton partnered with Nanjing University, one of the top universities in China, to establish the University of Dayton-Nanjing University Suzhou Executive Training Center. The first American university in China’s Suzhou Industrial Park (SIP), the University of Dayton China Institute bridges the gap between economies, cultures and communities through research, academic programs and collaboration with partner industries in the park.

More than just a breeding ground for academic excellence, the University also responds to the needs of society and the region. Sponsored research at the University began in 1949 with a few faculty members and student assistants doing part-time research for industry and government agencies. In 1956, the University of Dayton Research Institute (UDRI) was formed to consolidate the administration of the growing research activities. Annual research volume has increased from $3,821 in 1949, to more than $90 million today. A center for discovery, development and technology commercialization, UDRI is the largest nonmedical research facility on a Catholic university campus.

The Dayton Early College Academy, a charter school that emerged from a partnership between the University of Dayton and Dayton Public Schools, has already attracted notice from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation as one of the five most innovative “small scale” high schools in the country. Students take college coursework while earning their high school diplomas. Many of the DECA graduates matriculate at the University of Dayton or at other regional higher education institutions.

The University of Dayton’s RISE (Redefining Investment Strategy Education) Forum has grown into the world’s largest student investment forum. Some of the most influential and respected financial leaders travel to Dayton to interact with students and faculty from around the globe. The United Nations Global Compact joined UD as a cosponsor for the forum in 2007. The featured speakers are the best and brightest from Wall Street, corporate America, government and the financial media.

From its humble roots as a private boarding school for boys, the University of Dayton today ranks among the best Catholic universities in the country. It is the largest independent university in Ohio and draws students from around the country and the world.
GRADUATION MEDAL

With the entire Marianist Family throughout the world, the University of Dayton celebrated in 2011 the 250th anniversary of the birth of Blessed William Joseph Chaminade, the founder of the Society of Mary (Marianists). That year, the University began a new tradition that grounds us in our mission and demonstrates the University of Dayton’s commitment to act boldly and imaginatively in community. Honoring that tradition, we entrust to graduates a medal bearing the image of Blessed William Joseph Chaminade on one side and the seal of the University on the other.

Blessed William Joseph Chaminade

In 1850, four members of the Society of Mary founded a school which has become the University of Dayton; the Society continues its sponsorship of the University today. The whole campus community joins with the members of the Society of Mary in honoring Blessed Chaminade’s life and vision which inspires us as a community of faith and encourages us to become a community of transformation — to learn, lead and serve. Blessed Chaminade saw that in the midst of social change, which can be radical and disruptive, institutions can remain vibrant and grow. New times he believed called for new methods. That philosophy guides us every day as we live out the Marianist mission on campus. As a community, we read the signs of the times and act boldly and imaginatively.

Chaminade and his Marianist legacy created faith communities and educational institutions that have made the Gospel come alive in every age. We honor the founder of the Society of Mary because Chaminade’s vision of faith communities inspires the University to be a living community, a community that today demonstrates the Gospel being lived out with passion and vitality, with creativity and a collaborative spirit, and with deep faith and openness to go where the Spirit calls us to be.

University seal

The University seal communicates through images and words. The flaming torch in the center symbolizes the light and guidance of faith, a commitment of our University to educate for formation in faith. The open book represents the arts and sciences and their humanizing influence on the professional schools of the University. The wheel/gear conveys the idea of engineering and technology and the other professional studies, avenues through which service to God and to country (Pro Deo et Patria) can be rendered. The letter “M” which appears over the flame of the torch proclaims Mary, the Seat of Wisdom and the Mother of Jesus; it represents the influence of the Society of Mary (Marianists), the religious order of men that founded and sponsors the University. The “M” likewise recalls the original name of the University, Saint Mary’s Institute. Pro Deo et Patria (“For God and Country”) is the motto of the University — a motto that expresses the twofold duty all have to serve both God and humanity. (Patria, translated, means “country” or “nativeland,” but is interpreted today as embracing the whole world.) The figure “1850” in the outer rim of the seal is the foundation date of the school. The name, UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON, was adopted in 1920. The idea of completeness of education (religious, moral, intellectual, aesthetic, social and physical) is revealed in the circular shape of the seal itself.
THE UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON ANTHEM

On mountain high and hillside,
O’er meadow and through dell
In busy mart and hamlet,
Where hearts their story tell,
A clarion voice is ringing,
It rises, now it falls
Arouse, all ye of Dayton,
Your Alma Mater calls.

UD, we hear you calling,
Fidelity’s the test,
Your sons and daughters answer from
North, South, East and West,
With measured tread advancing,
Our emblem full in view,
We sound your praise and pledge
Our loyalty to the Red and Blue.

Following the ceremony, University backdrops will be provided in both wings for your photography convenience.