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 the 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 four of this program). The marshals wear these distinctive gowns as identification of their official capacity to direct the processions 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 43). We are the University of Dayton community, a community that respects and cares for each other. This 164th commencement marks another beginning. Let us rejoice together.
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9–9:30 A.M.

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ORDER OF EXERCISES
9:45 A.M.
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President of the University

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R. Alan Kimbrough
Department of English

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Criminal Justice Studies
Michael A. Xavier
Sport Management
Awarded to selected students for having successfully completed a series of special honors seminars and an honors thesis.
DUAL DEGREES
Alexander James Court
Bachelor of Electrical Engineering/Electrical Engineering
Bachelor of Science in Computer Engineering/Computer Engineering
Carly Patricia Denny
Bachelor of Arts/Women's & Gender Studies
Bachelor of Science/Psychology
Jill M. Pajka
Bachelor of Arts/English
Bachelor of Fine Arts/Fine Arts
Rebecca L. Price
Bachelor of Electrical Engineering/Electrical Engineering
Bachelor of Science in Computer Engineering/Computer Engineering

MULTIPLE MAJORS
Basel M. Alajmi
Business Economics/Accounting
Ian C. Appold
Finance/Marketing/Business Economics
Hollie M. Ballard
Marketing/Leadership
Yujin Bao
Finance/Accounting
Darlin Blanco-Lozano
Visual Arts/Human Rights Studies
Angela R. Brancatelli
Business Economics/Marketing
Allison Kae Bruns
Marketing/Finance
Elizabeth S. Eckstein
Marketing/Accounting
Abigail E. L. Ertel
Psychology/Premedicine
Tyler M. Joern
Finance/International Business
Amy Elizabeth Kandel
Human Rights Studies/Political Science
Matthew K. Kavanaught
Marketing/Entrepreneurship
Michael D. Krawzak
Marketing/Finance
David Martin Lafranconi
International Business/Marketing
Qite Li
Finance/International Business
Xu Lin
Finance/International Business
Nicholas Spenser Messer
Business Economics/Finance
Kristen Elizabeth Recker
Psychology/History
Rusty Patrick Schnellinger
Psychology/Sociology
Emily Kathryn Striebich
Marketing/Business Economics
Chen Wang
International Business/Operations and Supply Management
Yihong Wang
International Business/Operations and Supply Management
Kuangda Xu
Business Economics/Finance

COMMISSIONED IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
James Lee Altenburger
Mechanical Engineering
Michael E. Canfield
Mechanical Engineering

COMMISSIONED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY
Michael Severin Baumgartner
Mechanical Engineering Technology
Zachary Ross Coffield
Pre-Physical Therapy
Thomas Russell Currie
Civil Engineering
Neil Kinsey Finlayson
Accounting
Samuel B. Greger
Exercise Physiology
David Martin Lafranconi
International Business/Marketing

These students have successfully completed a precommissioning 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.
DEGREES CONFERRED ON AUGUST 5, 2013

DOCTORAL DEGREES

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

DEGREE — DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN THEOLOGY
Louis Theodore Albarran
Damian Matthew Martin Costello

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION AND HEALTH SCIENCES

DEGREE — DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP
Tracey R. Smith-Deagle

SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING

DEGREE — DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN ELECTRO-OPTICS
Wen Cheng
Wei Han

DEGREE — DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN ENGINEERING
ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING
Bernard Olushola Abayowa

MATERIALS ENGINEERING
Feng Du

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION AND HEALTH SCIENCES

DEGREE — DOCTOR OF PHYSICAL THERAPY
Trisha Ann Renner
SPECIALIST DEGREES

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION AND HEALTH SCIENCES

DEGREE — EDUCATIONAL SPECIALIST
Morgan J. Aldridge
James Robert Ayers
Nicholas J. Degrazia
Kristen Elizabeth Lovins Dabbelt
Talitha C. Malone
Jenna Marie Sandlund
Ryan Sheets
Katie E. Weber

GRADUATE DEGREES

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

DEGREE — MASTER OF ARTS
CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY
Margaret K. Glaser
Jessica Lynn Penkal
Adam Charles Reichle

COMMUNICATION
Katie L. Bentley
Ayse Cayli
Muyang Li

ENGLISH
Kaitlin Anne Ciani
Kavitha Pasala
Kathryn Louise Sandy-Smith

EXPERIMENTAL PSYCHOLOGY
Margaret Anna Bowers

PASTORAL MINISTRY
Erica Lynn Christman
Katrina Marie Hamilton
Colleen K. Ryan

PSYCHOLOGY
Haylee Kristen DeLuca

THEOLOGICAL STUDIES
Sr. Gail Elizabeth Jagroop, O.P.
Lin Seagren Jenkins
Alan Mohammed
Fr. Ian A. Taylor
Maureen Maeve Wood

DEGREE — MASTER OF FINANCIAL MATHEMATICS
Rana Hamaid Alharbi
Tamader Awad Alsalami
Wenzhe Chen
Shengqun Jiang
Jung-Yu Liu
Chao Song
Sindhura Sunkara
Pei Xiao
Jizhe Zhang
Yuchen Zhou
SCHOOL OF EDUCATION AND HEALTH SCIENCES

DEGREE — MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION AND HEALTH SCIENCES
Linda Abraham-Sahadeo
Rabab Shahed Alsaeed
Ghadeer Mohammed S. Altuwayjiri
Natalie L. Anderson
Jennifer Juliana Anthony
Susanne Renee Arthur
Bernadette Arvelay-Nakhid
Amy Jo Attinger
Aaron Michael Baker
Solange Bartholomew
Maureen A. Basedow
Jason Kyle Basil
Justine Louise Bledsoe
Kristina Mary Blubaugh
Matthew Allen Brubaker
Ericka Lynn Bruce
Jeremy Charlerie
Joshua Andrew Cherup
Kelly Lynn Ciapetta
Joseph Zachary Cline

DEGREE — MASTER OF SCIENCE
CHEMISTRY
Milissa M. Flake

INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES
Vamsi Bollu

DEGREE — MASTER OF SCIENCE IN APPLIED MATHEMATICS
Haitham Ali Makhzoum

SCHOOL OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

DEGREE — MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
John Robert Bilokonsky
Stephanie Marie Browning
Katie Ann Bush
Zhou Chang
Nicholas Paul Ciapetta
Mark Clemente Danese
Alexander James DeJulius
Rinaldo J. DiSalvo
Evon W. Foley
Matthew Sebastian Hughes
Andrew Vaughan Jenkins
Evan L. Lewis
Yang Luo
Sarah Elizabeth McMillen
Michael P. McNamara
Fatou K. Ndoye
Dina M. Nocifora
Wenxiu Pan
Peter Michael Pavlina
Bradley Aaron Philson
Corey R. Pryor
Christopher Thomas Rittenhouse
Michael John Schmitt
Christopher Alan Shafer
Lu Shu
Karins Marie Troncoso
Jingyu Wu
Yiwen Xu
Bocheng Zhao
Yuting Zhong

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION AND HEALTH SCIENCES

DEGREE — MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION AND HEALTH SCIENCES
Pamela Codrington
Myra Leigh Cotton-Thomas
Bryan D. Davis
Shauna Kirsten Davis
Sharon K. Deacon
Sarah Ann Drought
Madeline Dunfee
Dana M. Feasel
Heather Alicia Fehring
Erica M. Fernandes
Anne Kathryn Ferrara
Jill R. Foster
Astii Francois
Michelle Ann Marie Garcia-Gomez
Katie Elizabeth Gilding
Allan Gonourie
Carla Gonourie
Krisal Gorin
Timothy Grant Guindon
Lauren M. Halstead
Paula Amelia Juanita Hamilton
Holly M. Harvey
Daniel Robert Hess
Alison J. Himes
Karen L. Horvath
Barbara Cecelia Jackson
Jessica Lynn Jerew
Tricia Alicia Joseph-Jagroop
Nathan Keel
Leigh Anton Kilburn
Christina Lynn Kottensette
Michaela M. Kramer
Andrew L. Kurtz
Erin Kathleen Lambka
Chi Lampman
Sarah Marie Lane
Simone Lee
Kayla Renee Lefeld
Abigail Agnes Lewis
Jacki Lynn Loffer
SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING

DEGREE — MASTER OF SCIENCE IN AEROSPACE ENGINEERING
Thomas Lucas Kudla

DEGREE — MASTER OF SCIENCE IN CHEMICAL ENGINEERING
Husain Bahzad
Saeid Biria
Mustafa Ali Masud Mukhtar

DEGREE — MASTER OF SCIENCE IN CIVIL ENGINEERING
Omar Eid Almutairi

DEGREE — MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING
Chen Cui
Praneeth Kumar Narayana Rao Gari
Yasar Guzel
Bo Li

DEGREE — MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ELECTRO-OPTICS
Benjamin R. Dapore

DEGREE — MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ENGINEERING
Kristy Lynn Kaiser
DEGREE — MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ENGINEERING MANAGEMENT
Mohammed Ali Alatiah
Thomas R. Barsotti
Kevin Joseph Bendele
Oguz Cayli
Sumithra Kulkarni
Robert C. Pancoast
Seyed Ataollah Raziei
Di Xu
Zewen Yu

DEGREE — MASTER OF SCIENCE IN MATERIALS ENGINEERING
Samia Ghazzai Alsulami
Sultan Mohammed Althahban
Brian L. Berger
Abraham Elmushyakhi
Andrew Karl Klein
Matthew Frazier Laird
Dexi Mo
Xifan Wang
Zhiqiang Xie
Tengfei Yang

DEGREE — MASTER OF SCIENCE IN MECHANICAL ENGINEERING
Ali Almbruk
Jacob Anthony Baranski
Jiawei Bu
Shirin Jouzdani
Bingjue Li
Wei Liu
Abdul Qayyum Mohammed
Steve P. Mulqueen
Haithem Murgham
Changsheng Pang
Keith Allen Vehorn
Qiang Wang
Hang Zhang

DEGREE — MASTER OF SCIENCE IN RENEWABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY
Turki Rakan Alajmi
Bryan W. Bakker
Daniel H. Fink
Andres Gallardo
Travis M. Schubert

UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES
COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES
DEGREE — BACHELOR OF ARTS
COMMUNICATION
Evan Curtis Allen
Kuris S. Duggan
Matt J. Girouard
Zuhair Abdullah Khatam
Adam P. Marsh
Connor Joseph O’Hara
Max D. Schoen
Collin M. Schrier

ECONOMICS
Sean James Edward Hartnett

ENGLISH
Dino DiSanto
Natasha Yung Mi Olsson

HISTORY
Sean P. Freeman

PHILOSOPHY
Charles Robert Hallinan
POLITICAL SCIENCE
Ryan F. Edwards

PSYCHOLOGY
Kyla Foster Madeleine Jayne Mullee Maria C. Wendling

DEGREE — BACHELOR OF GENERAL STUDIES
Jean M. Callahan Kevin T. Klawon Andrew Vincent Wiley
Zachary A. Catella Emily R. Ochs

DEGREE — BACHELOR OF MUSIC
MUSIC EDUCATION
Willie Lee Morris IV

DEGREE — BACHELOR OF SCIENCE
BIOLOGY
Riley K. Quinn

ENVIRONMENTAL BIOLOGY
Patrick Joseph Rowe

GEOLOGY
John Michael Shiner

PREMEDICINE
Kirk Duane Marshall

PSYCHOLOGY
Steven A. Bare

SCHOOL OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

DEGREE — BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
ACCOUNTING
Meshary Ali Alkohail Patrick Schuster Riley A. York
Annette F. Moore Mark A. Stram

ENTREPRENEURSHIP
Trevor J. O’Connor

FINANCE
Stephen James Bryant Craig Richard Houseknecht Samuel D. Pecyna
James D. Fiessinger
LEADERSHIP
Kevin McCormack

MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEMS-BUSINESS INTELLIGENCE EMPHASIS
Wayne D. Bethel

MARKETING
Michael F. Grant                John Michael McKay                William A. Stringer
Samuel George Londoff          Phillip Andrew Stallone              Skylar S. Warner
William P. Mayberry

MARKETING — SALES MANAGEMENT EMPHASIS
Ashlee N. Anderson

OPERATIONS AND SUPPLY MANAGEMENT
Brian Christopher Larsen

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION AND HEALTH SCIENCES

DEGREE — BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION AND HEALTH SCIENCES
ADOLESCENCE TO YOUNG ADULT EDUCATION
Kaitlin A. Kenny                Adam Daniel Walusis

DIETETICS
Laura Elizabeth Burger

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION
Emilee A. Schuermann            Theresa Ann Testori              Janice Ann White

EARLY CHILDHOOD LEADERSHIP AND ADVOCACY
Colleen M. Bowshier             Margaret A. Dunn                 Angela J. Instine
Linda J. Brewer                Johnda Hale

EDUCATION AND ALLIED STUDIES
Christopher Richard Ball

EXERCISE SCIENCE
Shayne Marie Brown             Michael J. Graham                Rosah Leigh Hill
Teresa DiCarlo                 Andrea L. Grzeszczak              Mary Catherine Tonner

FOREIGN LANGUAGE EDUCATION
Elizabeth A. Furrer

INTERVENTION SPECIALIST
Mary Kathleen Riemersma
MIDDLE CHILDHOOD EDUCATION
Karl D. Stanbery

PRE-PHYSICAL THERAPY
Sean M. Kelly Madeline T. Wright

SPORT MANAGEMENT
Shane D. Brown

SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING

DEGREE — BACHELOR OF CHEMICAL ENGINEERING
Fahad J. Al-Hajeri Jeremy A. Giardina Hannah Beth Gigliotti

DEGREE — BACHELOR OF CIVIL ENGINEERING
Jarrod C. Hartshorn Gregory Paul VandenHeuvel

DEGREE — BACHELOR OF ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING
Joseph M. Delanis Ibraheem Ahmed Rajab Hai Tang
Brian R. Herdeman

DEGREE — BACHELOR OF MECHANICAL ENGINEERING
Abdulaziz M. Alshatti Darius Rayshawn Johnson Lauren Ann Zientarski
Tyler J. Flocken

DEGREE — BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN COMPUTER ENGINEERING
Ahmed Alshuwakat Erica Nicole Jones Michael A. Smetana

DEGREE — BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY
ELECTRONIC AND COMPUTER ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY
Ronald Joseph Backhaus Jeffrey A. Timpone

INDUSTRIAL ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY
Charles Casey Stewart

MECHANICAL ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY
Samuel Michael Bunch Kyle Nathan Carroll Thomas M. Knychalski
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.
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 co-educational 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.
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.
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.