

# SLU

2024 PRECOMMENCEMENT



## ACADEMIC ATTIRE

The colorful attire worn by graduates, faculty, trustees and officers of the University has historic roots in the distant medieval past. Dressed in cap and gown, the graduates and their professors are part of a long tradition that dates back to Paris, France and Bologna, Italy, to Oxford and Cambridge, England, in the days of their Catholic glory.

ANNOUNCER

**Karen I. Hall, Ed.D.**

*Assistant Professor of Educational Leadership*

2024 ALUMNI MERIT AWARD WINNER

**Flint Fowler, Ph.D. (Grad Ed '97)**

*Each year, Saint Louis University recognizes outstanding graduates of each school or college through the Alumni Merit Awards. The award is bestowed on alumni for notable achievements in their profession, community involvement, and dedication to a life that embodies the Saint Louis University mission.*

## THE GRADUATES

**DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY**  
**IN CURRICULUM AND**  
**INSTRUCTION**

**LaShone M. Gibson**

*Coming Soon to a College Near  
You: A Critical Quantitative  
Assessment of Campus Racial  
Crises on Admissions, Enrollment,  
and Rankings*

**Kelly D. Hawthorne**

*Physical Therapy Students'  
Attitudes Toward Older Adults*

**Cristina C. Fleener McGroarty**

*The Lived Experience of Jesuit  
Baccalaureate Nursing School  
Graduates: Meaning Making of  
Their Professional Practi*





## THE GRADUATES

### SPECIALIST IN EDUCATION

Hannah L. Behr

Kendra L. Burke

Jonathan C. DeLoach

Erica J. Edwards

Austin W. Ferguson

Thomas E. Hatfield

Tricia F. Molnar

Camris M. Owens

Matthew Showman

Amber E. Smith

### MASTER OF ARTS IN EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP

Waleed Saad F. Alhojaili

Kaylyn R. Breitbach

Jason D. Brown

Sarah C. Stevenson Draper

Erick Alvarez Gil

Ke-La M. Harris

Patrick Lambert

Morgan D. Lannen

Audrey G. Merck

William M. Sabor

Shannon M. Sonderman

Sha Wang

Kristen H. Young

### MASTER OF ARTS IN HIGHER EDUCATION AND STUDENT AFFAIRS ADMINISTRATION

Cordell R. Billups

Maxwell J. Medley

Bryce C. Pettiford

Isabella R. Principe

Ahmaad J. Wallace

### MASTER OF ARTS IN TEACHING

Nicholas J. Barrett

Patricia A. Bell

Andrew M. Ficken

Shaneil S. Gowe

Elizabeth A. Hansen

John P. Higgins

Daniel M. Hopkins

Patricia A. House

Juliette S. Hughes

Kathryn M. Frawley Kacura

Megan L. Kraus

Claire E. Lambert

Yu Shin Lee

Daniel E. Park

Lauryn Patrick

Geraldine R. Peal

Hayleigh J. Robinson

Jayna C. Timpe

Meghan E. Tinkham

Sophia A. Tracy

Benjamin M. Vitoux

Emily F. White

Christina M. Zaso

### POST-BACCALAUREATE CERTIFICATE IN ADVANCED LITERACY METHODS

Karissa J. Sywulka

### POST-BACCALAUREATE CERTIFICATE IN EDUCATIONAL EQUITY

Kristin Davis

### BACHELOR OF ARTS IN EDUCATION

**Mackenzie J. Axford \*\*\***  
*Concentration: Elementary*

**Nicole S. Bean**  
*Concentration: Secondary: English  
Second Major: English*

**Jesse M. Blaschuk \***  
*Concentration: Secondary: Social  
Science*

**Molly G. Craig \*\*\***  
*Concentration: Elementary with  
Special Education for  
Mild/Moderate Disabilities*

**Joshua A. G. Declaro \***  
*Concentration: Elementary*

**Kelly E. Edwards \*\***  
*Concentration: Elementary*

**Drew T. Gillum \***  
*Concentration: Secondary:  
Mathematics  
Second Major: Mathematics*







# CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!

The School of Education welcomes you as a new alumnus or alumna of Saint Louis University. We want to keep you informed about all the exciting events and opportunities happening on campus and in your program. Please join us on social media to stay connected to your peers.

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Saint Louis University is one of the oldest and most prestigious Catholic universities in the United States. Founded in 1818, the University is recognized nationally for world-class academics, life-changing research and a strong commitment to faith and service.

Guided by its enduring Jesuit mission, Saint Louis University offers students a highly rigorous and deeply transformative education that empowers them to become bold, confident leaders.

In 2023, Saint Louis University educated more students than ever before and experienced unprecedented international enrollment: 15,204 students, from all 50 states and 96 countries. SLU's campus in Madrid, Spain, enrolled 1,104 students last fall.

A dedication to values-based education and social justice has earned Saint Louis University widespread acclaim and bolstered its status as a character-building institution. SLU's commitment to service is reflected in the high number of students who participate in volunteer activities each year.

Inspired by its mission while focused on its future, Saint Louis University continues to move forward with an unwavering commitment to serve a higher purpose while always seeking the greater good.



