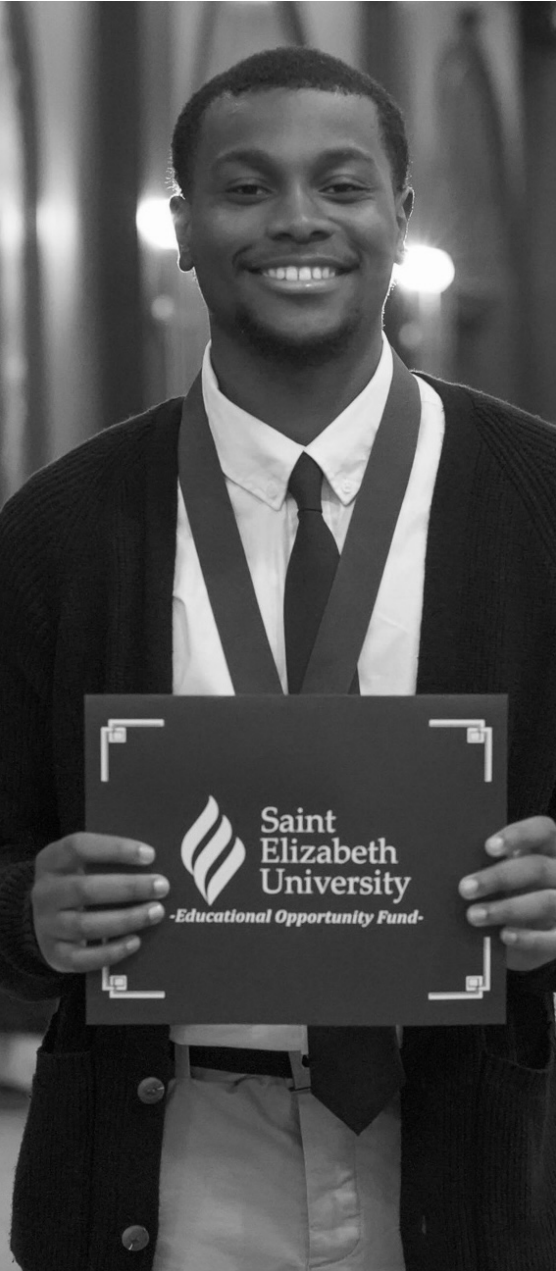


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Commencement
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May 15, 2026





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Office of the President

May 15, 2026

Dear Graduates,

On behalf of the faculty and staff of Saint Elizabeth University, it is my distinct honor and privilege to extend heartfelt congratulations to the Class of 2026 on reaching this remarkable milestone. Today marks not only the culmination of your academic journey, but also the beginning of a new and exciting chapter in your lives. The entire University community celebrates your achievements and stands confident in your readiness to step boldly into your future with purpose, courage, and conviction.

Your time at Saint Elizabeth has been defined by growth, perseverance, and transformation. You have navigated a college experience shaped by change, challenge, and opportunity, meeting each moment with resilience and determination. Whether in the classroom, in clinicals and internships, through service, research, leadership, or campus life, you have demonstrated what it truly means to be a Saint Elizabeth student. You did more than simply complete your degree; you embraced the journey, supported one another, and rose to every occasion. In the face of adversity, you did not waver, and today, you stand as graduates.

This achievement is not yours alone. It is shared with the families, friends, mentors, and loved ones who encouraged you, sacrificed for you, and stood beside you along the way. Their belief in you helped make this moment possible. As we celebrate you, we also honor them.

As you move forward, I encourage you to reflect on the values and mission that have shaped your time here: your commitment to service, to justice, to compassion, and to making a difference in the lives of others. The world you enter is complex and ever-changing, but it is also full of possibilities. It needs your voice, your leadership, your integrity, and your willingness to act with both purpose and heart.

Stay connected to Saint Elizabeth, your alma mater is, and always will be, a part of you. Remain engaged, give back when you can, and continue to uplift one another. You now join a proud and distinguished community of alumni who are making meaningful contributions across professions, communities, and the world.

As you leave this place, carry forward the lessons you have learned, the relationships you have built, and the confidence you have earned. Trust in your preparation. Believe in your potential. Lead with integrity. Serve with compassion. Congratulations once again, Class of 2026. Go forward with confidence, use your talents, your experiences, your work ethic, and your Saint Elizabeth education to SOAR!

Sincerely,

Gary B. Crosby, Ph.D.
President

ACADEMIC ATTIRE

The formal academic attire which distinguishes faculty and graduates at the Commencement ceremony is a symbol that stretches back into history, to the University's roots as an academic institution, while at the same time forming a bond of union among contemporary academic scholars.

The tradition of recognizing academic accomplishment with ceremony, bright color, and distinctive dress is an exercise which has existed for nearly eight centuries. The academic costumes (cap, gown, and hood), which bring so much character to today's ceremonies, have origins in the Middle Ages, when they were worn primarily for warmth. The material of the gown and the lining and the shape of the hood all have come to have academic significance.

In 1895, a group of leading American educators met at Columbia University and established the Intercollegiate Code of Academic Attire. For the most part, this code still exists in its original state.

Under this code, the bachelor's gown has pointed sleeves and is designed to be worn closed. The master's gown has an oblong sleeve, which gives the impression of a shorter sleeve. The rear part of its oblong shape is square cut, and the front part has an arc cut away. The doctor's gown has bell-shaped sleeves. Like the master's gown, it may be worn open or closed. Undergraduate and graduate gowns are black, except for special colors used by some universities.

Bachelor's and master's gowns are untrimmed, while the doctor's gown is usually faced down the front with velvet and has three bars across the sleeves. The facing and the bars may be black or they may be the color representing the field of study. The doctor's hood is four feet in length and the master's is three and a half. Hoods are lined with the official colors of the college or university from which the degree has been issued.

The border of the hood—three inches wide for the master's and five inches wide for the doctor's—identifies the faculty or department of study to which the degree pertains. Cap tassels for the doctor's degree are gold, while the tassels for the master's and bachelor's degrees are black.

Whatever the degree or the university, those who don the attire symbolically take their places in the long procession of scholars who have pursued truth and passed it on to others. The consciousness of that fellowship is at once a reward for the past and an inspiration for the future.

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

Processional

National Anthem

Invocation

Father Joseph Farias
*University Chaplain and Advisor
to the President for Mission Integration*

Welcome and Opening Remarks

Gary B. Crosby, Ph.D.
President

Greetings

Father Robert S. Meyer
Chair, Board of Trustees

Commencement Address

Ras J. Baraka
Mayor of Newark

Conferral of Degrees

Anthony B. Santamaria, Ph.D.
Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs

Student Address

Kyzier Kelly '26

Awards of Distinction

Anthony B. Santamaria, Ph.D.
Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs

Alumnae/i Association Induction

Ellicen (Ellie) Ancrum Ingbritsen, Ed.D. '80
President, College of St. Elizabeth and University Alumnae/i Association

Concluding Remarks

Gary B. Crosby, Ph.D.
President

Alma Mater

Benediction

The Most Reverend Kevin J. Sweeney
Bishop of Paterson

Recessional

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Served 2013–2021



COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

Ras J. Baraka

40th Mayor of the City of Newark

Ras J. Baraka, the 40th Mayor of the City of Newark, is a beacon of progressive leadership and inspiration. Born and raised in Newark, with deep roots in the city spanning over 70 years, Mayor Baraka's visionary governance has earned him praise from grassroots movements to the highest echelons of power.

During his tenure, Mayor Baraka has shattered expectations and transformed Newark into a model city of innovation and resilience. His forward-thinking policies have led to a significant decrease in crime rates, unprecedented economic growth, and a renewed sense of community pride. Under his guidance, Newark has become a hub of development, with billions of dollars invested in the city's future and a comprehensive master plan recognized for its excellence.

With a forward-thinking agenda that reduced crime to its lowest levels in six decades, Mayor Baraka has addressed affordability while maintaining steady growth, lowered unemployment, and returned local control of schools after more than two decades. Mayor Baraka's commitment to social justice and public welfare is evident in his efforts to address homelessness, promote violence prevention, and navigate the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic with compassion and efficiency. His dedication to education is rooted in his own experience as a product of Newark Public Schools, culminating in advanced degrees in political science and education supervision.

Beyond his political achievements, Mayor Baraka is a multifaceted individual with a rich cultural heritage. As the son of the legendary poet Amiri Baraka and a respected author and artist in his own right, he brings a unique perspective to his role as a leader. His love for his family, including his wife Linda J. Baraka and their children, is his greatest source of pride and motivation.

In Mayor Ras J. Baraka, we find a true embodiment of resilience, integrity, and vision. His legacy as a transformative leader and compassionate advocate for his community will continue to inspire generations to come.

GRADUATION HONORS FOR UNDERGRADUATES AND GRADUATE STUDENTS

Graduation honors are based on the cumulative grade point average, 3.5 – 4.0, at the completion of all degree requirements. Students who graduate within this grade point average range are honored with the following:

Summa Cum Laude

3.85 – 4.0

Magna Cum Laude

3.7 – 3.84

Cum Laude

3.5 – 3.69

When
the time
is right, I,
the LORD,
will make it
HAPPEN
Class of





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CLASS OF 2026

DOCTOR OF EDUCATION IN EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP

Sarah Mohamed Elbery, Union, NJ

Dissertation: *Challenges in Teacher Retention and High Turnover Rates in Urban Charter School Districts*

Jasmine Vala Jilus, Rahway, NJ

Dissertation: *Access to On-Campus College Childcare Centers: Improving Faculty and Staff Well-Being and Productivity*

Alisha Janelle Lee-Ellis, Newark, NJ

Dissertation: *The Relationship between Language Development and Challenging Behaviors in Prekindergarten and Kindergarten Students*

Christopher Lee Rengel, Verona, NJ

Dissertation: *Examining the Perceptions of Campus Law Enforcement Officers and Students, Faculty, and Administrators Regarding Using Body-Worn Cameras on the Quality of Engagement on a College Campus*

Nicholas John Steffner, White Hse Sta, NJ

Dissertation: *Building Restorative School Communities: A Study on the Impact of Restorative Practices*

Alexandra Tegethoff, Brick Township, NJ

Dissertation: *Faculty Knowledge and Perceptions of UDL Implementation in Nursing Education*

DOCTOR OF PSYCHOLOGY

Anais Abeigon, Maplewood, NJ

Dissertation: *Parental Self-Efficacy and Parental Perceptions of School Climate to Parental Involvement in an Urban District*

Theresa Marie Lewis, East Brunswick, NJ

Dissertation: *From Pain to Peace: The Impact of*

Spirituality and Narrative Practice on Psychological Healing in the Black Community

Alicia Carmen Maldonado, Lodi, NJ

Dissertation: *A Psychological Study of Latine Families of Children with Autism*

EMargaret Anne Medina, Hillsborough, NJ

Dissertation: *Twenty-Four Years Later: Long-Term Trajectories of PTSD Symptom Clusters in a Cohort of Responders to the 9/11 World Trade Center Attack*

Fawn Stefanie Meisner-Zwickel, Wharton, NJ

Dissertation: *The Human Response: A Phenomenological Understanding of Moral Injury in Veteran Suicide*

Debra Nahomi Pacheco Rodriguez, Paterson, NJ

Dissertation: *Exploring the Experiences of Siblings of Individuals Diagnosed with ADHD in the Latino Community"*

Emily Joanne Parodi, Bloomfield, NJ

Dissertation: *Motherhood is Gnarly, With Moments of Cupcake and Rainbows: The Role of Societal Expectations on Maternal Mental Health*

Katherine Posada, Morristown, NJ

Dissertation: *Somos Distintos: Exploring the Effects of Cultural Capital, Self-Efficacy, and Achievement Guilt on Academic Retention Among Latinx Males*

MASTER OF ARTS

Applied Behavior Analysis

Joshua Yoshikazu Watabe, Verona, NJ

Counseling Psychology

Ayesha Akram, Wayne, NY
Safia Batoob Bokhari, Stewartsville, NJ
Hannah Caposela, Wayne, NJ
Gabriela Abigail Carrillo, Glen Ridge, NJ
Danielle Nicole Crosson, Randolph, NJ
Castano Gomez, Ocean, NJ
Briana Ivette Gomez, Paterson, NJ
Keisha Harris, Irvington, NJ
Priya Anna Mathew, Paramus, NJ
Steven Daniel Medina, Little Falls, NJ
Hannah Rose Perry, Butler, NJ
Mariely Quispe Mejia, Morristown, NJ
Bhoomika Ajay Vachhani, Parsippany, NJ

Data Analysis

Joshua Anthony Gonzalez, Pine Beach, NJ

Educational Leadership

Nermeen Eldeeb, Rockaway, NJ
Christina Jankuloski, Elmwood Park, NJ
Sally Mendoza, Flemington, NJ
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Kierren Armani Robinson, Lumberton, NJ
Briants Rodriguez, Jersey City, NJ
Ishaya Kaniyah Williams-Hairston, Orange, NJ

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Healthcare Management

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Management

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Herbina Exume, Linden, NJ
Kennedy L. Ferguson, South Plainfield, NJ
Malamin Kaba, East Orange, NJ
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Adina Schick, Brooklyn, NY
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Valerie Jean Marcus, Lebanon, NJ
Joan Meechee, Bloomingdale, NJ
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Katerra Rae Lutes, Westampton, NJ
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This award is granted to a student earning High or Highest Honors in academics, earning a minimum of 3.7, possessing demonstrated campus civic leadership and high moral character.

The Sister Elizabeth Ann Maloney Award

Jerry Chablay

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This award is granted to a student earning a minimum of a 3.5 cumulative GPA in December prior to graduation, who demonstrates a commitment to advancing the lives of those who have been marginalized, and to work in the service of others beyond graduation.

The Sister Elizabeth Houlihan Memorial Award

Christopher Defendre

This award is granted to a graduating student with a minimum GPA of 3.6 who best exemplifies the spirit of the award's namesake in such characteristics as academic excellence, spirituality, humility, friendliness and helping people to fulfill their potential.

The Sister Jacqueline Burns Award

Vernon Green

This award is granted to a graduating senior whose leadership has done the most to enrich and advance the multicultural and international life of the learning community at Saint Elizabeth University.





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THE LEGEND OF THE STOLE OF GRATITUDE

Every graduate has had a special person who, through personal or financial support, made a big difference in their life. The Stole of Gratitude offers an opportunity to say: “Thank you for helping me make it through; thank you for making it possible for me to succeed!”

After the ceremony, the new graduate presents the Stole of Gratitude to someone who provided extraordinary support or who has helped with wisdom, words of encouragement, or financial assistance. Immediately after graduation, the graduate may take the stole from around his/her neck and place it around the neck of the recipient.

Presenters often write a few words of love and appreciation, on the back of the stole using a permanent, fine-tipped marker. Friends and family of the graduate may autograph the front or back. The Stole of Gratitude is a lasting symbol of love, appreciation, and academic accomplishment.

Congratulations, Graduates!

PLEASE NOTE

- Island Photography will take photographs of the graduates as they receive their diplomas from the President and after they exit the stage. There is no obligation to purchase pictures. Each graduate will receive an email with information on how to purchase photos after the ceremony. For more information, visit www.islandphoto.com.
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