

THE DRESS

American academic costume was not established until 1895. It consists of three types of gowns and three styles of hoods. The bachelor's gown has long, pointed open sleeves with no ornamentation. The master's gown has even longer sleeves, which are closed at the bottom but feature openings about halfway down for the hands. The doctor's gown has full-length lapels of velvet and bell-shaped sleeves with three horizontal velvet bars. The color of caps and gowns is usually black; however, some universities feature doctoral gowns of distinctive colors, such as Harvard's crimson and Yale's deep blue. Many schools outside the United States have also adopted colorful gowns.

The doctor's hood is the longest and fullest among degrees. The major field of study can be determined from the velvet facing on the hood according to the following color scheme: White, the arts; gold-yellow, science; purple, law; apricot, nursing; green, medicine; sapphire, business administration; lemon, librarianship; scarlet, theology; dark blue, doctors of philosophy.

The hood is lined with silk in the colors of the institution which granted the degree. Fontbonne College's hood lining colors are purple and gold.

The academic procession is led by the faculty marshal. The marshal is traditionally the faculty member with the longest service to the College.

Following the marshal is the class moderator, a member of the College Community elected by students to this honor, and degree candidates. Members of the Fontbonne College faculty and staff then follow, wearing the academic dress of their respective degree-granting institutions. The procession ends with the Fontbonne College Board of Trustees and the members of the platform party.

Welcome to the Dunham Student Activity Center for Fontbonne's 1997 Spring Commencement.

In order to ensure everyone's enjoyment of the event,
we ask you to observe the following requests:

1. Smoking is not permitted in the Dunham Student Activity Center at any time.
2. Risers are set up on the southeast end of the gym for use by photographers. The hallway above the bleachers on the west side of the gym (in front of the Athletic Department Offices and the Van-Lear Black Aerobic Studio) is also available as a photography area. Because of limited floor space, photographers are not permitted on the gym floor. Also, the third-floor running track is closed during the ceremony. As a reminder, a professional will be taking photographs as each graduate receives a diploma.
3. All guests are invited to be seated in the gym during the ceremony. For safety reasons, no guests will be allowed to stand in the hallway at the back of the seating area.

Thank you for your attention and cooperation.

For the installation of Dennis C. Golden as Fontbonne's 13th president on September 23, 1995, the College commissioned the noted composer Robert Washburn to create a work for brass instruments and percussion. The piece, titled "Golden Medallion," received its first performance at the inauguration. It is used as the recessional at Fontbonne Commencements.

COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

Saturday, May 17, 1997

PROCESSIONAL "Trumpet Voluntary" Purcell	Metropolitan Brass
INVOCATION	Ruth Yates, CSJ <i>Director of Campus Ministry</i>
INTRODUCTION	John D. Valentine <i>Vice Chairperson, Board of Trustees</i>
COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS	Most Reverend Justin Rigali <i>Archbishop of St. Louis</i>
PRESENTATION OF GRADUATES	Joan Lescinski, CSJ, Ph.D. <i>Vice President and Dean for Academic Affairs, Professor of English</i>
CONFERRING OF DEGREES AND HONORARY DEGREE	Dennis C. Golden, Ed.D. <i>President</i>
PRESENTATION OF ALUMNI HOOD	Elizabeth Miller Amelotti '77 <i>President, Fontbonne College Alumni Association</i>
RECIPIENT	Valerie Schremp, B.A.
SENIOR STATEMENT	Valerie Schremp, B.A.
WELCOME TO THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION	Elizabeth Miller Amelotti '77 Adam Presswood, B.S.
and Alumni Chain Ceremony	
PRESENTATION OF CLASS GIFT	Ericka Duesterhaus, B.A.
BENEDICTION	Richard Maclin, Ph.D. <i>Associate Dean for OPTIONS, Fontbonne College, Pastor, Bethesda Mennonite Church</i>
RECESSIONAL "Golden Medallion" Washburn	Metropolitan Brass

A reception following the ceremony will be held in the Arnold Memorial Center, Medaille Hall and meadow.
In case of rain, a reception for OPTIONS graduates and those with degrees in Business Administration will be held in the Arnold Center;
a reception for all other graduates will be held in the Alumni Caf', Dunham Student Activity Center.

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Paula M. Hayes
Erin Christine Hodges
Georgiann Horner
Jack E. Howard

Ned T. Hurst
Cheryl Lynn Jordan
Eric G. Knoll
John Robert Koerkenmeier
Shelly Slade Kozozemski
Gerald W. Lesinski
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Daniel Joseph Loynes
Gretchen Marie Mazziotti
William Christopher McDonough
Greg A. Miller
Alex Mitchell
H. William Murphy Jr.
Mia Colleen Nichol

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION DEGREE (continued)

Options Program (continued)

Stephen A. Novak

Sally Catherine O'Shea

Dana Marie Patek

Stephen P. Pudlowski

Katherine D. Ridings

James Robert Rund

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MASTER OF FINE ARTS DEGREE

Fine Arts Department

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MASTER OF SCIENCE DEGREE

Communication Disorders Department

JoLynn D. Albertson
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MASTER OF SCIENCE IN TAXATION DEGREE

Business & Administration Department

Stephen G. Frein
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BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE

Communication Disorders Department

Ericka Lynn Duesterhaus

cum laude

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summa cum laude

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General Studies

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Holly Noël Meyer

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cum laude

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Options Program

Michael Thomas Abraham
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Deborah Ann Anthony
Marilyn Ann Barnicle
Robert Michael Barnett
Ronald L. Bodine
Barbara Denise Bragg
Barbara S. Bray
cum laude
David C. Burgess
cum laude
George E. Butz
Margaret Ruth Chesney

Julia Marguerite Clark
Richard Edward Dalechek Jr.
Laura Ellen Davis
James Douglas Ferguson
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Keith A. Kennon
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Tracy A. Link

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Lisa Carole Malsch
Kimberly S. Margherio
Rita A. McCoy
William Robert Meyer
cum laude
Steven W. Moore
William Charles Morton
Denise D. Nelms
Richard Charles Schilling
Maurice Gerard Schutte
Scott M. Schwager
James R. Simonds
Stacy Leah Smith

Shelly Anne Spencer
Paul J. Stepanovic
William L. Stokes
Dale J. Sudholt
Rita K. Swettenham
Brian Anthony Taylor
Venetia Kim Thompson
Stephanie Leah Vick
Nancy J. Walker
Debby A. Wampler
cum laude
Wendy Patrice Watkins
Dawn L. Weinhardt

BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS DEGREE

Fine Arts Department

Sarah Ellen Born
Rich S. Carter
James C. Gaffney

Sherry Marie Rush
Bridgette Mary Sesti

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE

Biological & Physical Sciences Department

Eric Sharron Christian

Business & Administration Department

Dena Christine Buehrig

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Kara Daliha Kashe Evil

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Genevieve G. Jobst

Scott Steven Kaminski

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magna cum laude

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HONORARY DEGREE

Faithful to its Catholic identity and heritage, Fontbonne College seeks to educate women and men to think critically, to decide ethically and to serve responsibly. In promoting this philosophy, the College recognizes individuals whose lives inspire others to do the same.

As Archbishop of St. Louis, Justin Francis Rigali has served the St. Louis community, creating a better place for all of God's people. Archbishop Rigali supports the Mission, Values and Commitment of Fontbonne College to educate responsible citizens of the world. He has served faithfully as priest; scholar; community, church and servant leader. He has done this with wisdom, passion and grace.

In the message he brings to others as Archbishop of St. Louis, Archbishop Rigali exemplifies the type of leadership to which Fontbonne graduates aspire.

For his endorsement and support of the Mission of Fontbonne College, the President and the Board of Trustees of Fontbonne College confer on

Archbishop Justin Francis Rigali

Doctor of Humane Letters, honoris causa

This seventeenth day of May, nineteen hundred and ninety-seven

In 1927, the first class of Fontbonne began a tradition that has been virtually forgotten since 1964. The missing piece of history is “linked” to a bronze chain that was hidden in a glass case in the Library until January 1995. Connected to the shovel used for Fontbonne’s ground-breaking in 1924, the chain bears the year of the first graduating class at its head, and each subsequent graduating class is connected by square links inscribed with each graduation year.

While on his first official tour of the Library, Dr. Dennis C. Golden, Fontbonne’s thirteenth president, saw the chain in the glass case and asked the librarians to describe the history behind it. Rediscovering the historic chain seemed to provide the perfect theme for the ensuing inaugural festivities—“CONNECTION. . .” The theme allows Fontbonne to “connect” the past with the present and future, to “connect” the alumni with current students, to “connect” the St. Louis Community to the Fontbonne Community, and to “connect” the College’s proud heritage to contemporary needs.

A 1927 article in The Font, Senior Number, Fontbonne’s student newspaper at the time, included a brief mention of the chain. The chain began on “Font Day” during the first commencement week celebration. The article had this to say about the event, “Also they will place a lacquered brass band, on which are engraved their names as members of the first class, upon the spade used in breaking ground for the college buildings; attached to this band is the first link of a long chain inscribed with ‘1927.’ Having thus generously inaugurated the customs which are to be followed at Fontbonne till the end of time. . .”

After 31 years in limbo, it was time to renew this event. And in keeping with the tradition “till the end of time” a new link will be added each year at May commencement ceremonies to continue this unique part of the College’s heritage. The up-to-date chain was used in the investiture ceremony for Dr. Golden on September 23, 1995.



