



Commencement

May 13, 2006

Welcome

Welcome to the Dunham Student Activity Center for Fontbonne University's
2006 Spring Commencement.

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

1. Smoking is not permitted in the Dunham Student Activity Center at any time.
2. 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 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. Guests with small children may make use of the "cry room" located upstairs in the Alumni Caf'. For safety reasons, no guests will be allowed to stand in the hallway at the back of the seating area.
4. Out of respect for our graduates, please make sure the ringer on your cell phone or pager is turned off. Please keep conversations with fellow guests to a minimum.

If you are facing the stage, candidates for master's degrees will be seated on the right; candidates for bachelor's degrees will be seated on the left.

Thank you for your attention and cooperation.

Commencement Program

Saturday, May 13, 2006

PROCESSIONAL	Metropolitan Brass
INVOCATION	Anthony J. Mravle, <i>Director of Campus Ministry</i>
INTRODUCTION	Daniel J. Ferry, Jr., <i>Chair, Board of Trustees</i>
COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS	Gladys Gary Vaughn, Ph.D., <i>National Program Leader for Human Sciences Research</i>
PRESENTATION OF GRADUATES.....	Nancy Blattner, Ph.D., <i>Vice President and Dean for Academic Affairs</i>
CONFERRING OF DEGREES	Dennis C. Golden, Ed.D., <i>President</i>
ALUMNI HOOD AWARD.....	Sarah E. Watson, B.S., <i>Special Education</i>
CONFERRING OF HONORARY DEGREE.....	Dennis C. Golden, Ed.D.
REMARKS BY GRADUATING STUDENT	Erica Jones, B.S., <i>Biology</i>
WELCOME TO THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION.....	Suzanne Stuckenschneider McAtee '85
Alumni Chain Ceremony	Patrice Thomas, B.B.A., <i>Business Administration, OPTIONS</i>
.....	Michelle N. Tinker, B.A., <i>Communication Studies</i>
BENEDICTION.....	Barbara L. Dreher, CSJ, <i>Chancellor</i>
RECESSIONAL	Metropolitan Brass

Celebrating 50 Years

Leading today's procession are members of the class of 1956.
We are honored by their presence.

Following the ceremony, a reception for all graduates will be held in the Arnold Memorial Center, Medaille Hall and in the Medaille Meadow. In case of rain, a reception for bachelor and master degree graduates in Business Administration, including the OPTIONS program, will be held in the Arnold Memorial Center in Medaille Hall; a reception for all other graduates will be held in the Alumni Caf^e, in the Dunham Student Activity Center.

MASTER OF ARTS

Communications Disorders and Deaf Education Department Early Intervention in Deaf Education

(August 15, 2006 graduation)

Julie Marie Eidson	Catherine Elizabeth Moore	Claire Nadine Soete
Deanna Michelle Grither	Sheila M. Petasek	Laura M. Templeton
Kelly Rae Jasper	Tiffany Star Smith	

Education/Special Education Department

Yolanda Alicia Bow	James D. Harris	Angela R. Pieper
Cynthia J. Clay	Kelsy Kristine Henke	Christopher David Preston
Patricia Kelsten Creek	Amanda Lee Herling	Angela Marie Raciti
Megan Louise Crume	Andrea L. Hertling-Burnham	Linda Swanson
Marble Austina Davis	Odelphia King	Carolyn Denise Van Hee
Tammy L. Davis	Leslie Memula	Natalie Denise Walker
Julia Elizabeth Dudenhoeffer	Mary T. Nardi	Raymone B. Webb
Sally A. Ebeling	Mandisa A. Neal	Hattie E. Williams
Joy Lynne Erdbruegger	Amy L. Nicholson	

Fine Arts Department

Chad A. Adelhardt	Yu-Chia Lin	Patricia Emily Robinson
Frances Ellen Gochnour	Hsu-Yuan Liu	Angela Colleen Shultz
Lisa Marie Hoyt	Eric A. Ludlow	Christine Susan Spence
Gayle Lynn Kitchens-Borho	Sharon A. Raney	

Human Environmental Sciences Department Family and Consumer Sciences

LaDwan Exson	Vincietia Marie Taylor	Arnatha Jeanine Young
Calgene Leopold		

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Business Administration Department

Hiroki Cibulka	Wook Han	Janell L. Owens
Michelle Reneé Clark	Kevin A. McCracken	LeNora E. Watkins

**MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
(CONTINUED)**

DaimlerChrysler Program

Calvin Joe Johnson
John Perry Smith

OPTIONS Program

Suzanne M. Ahlf	Carolyn Hamlin	Betty A. Muldrow
Justin Leo Bronaugh	Deborah Carlene Jackson	Natousha Abram Murray
LaVonda R. Cotton	Samuel Priestly Jenkins, Jr.	Emory S. Rehkop
Lesley R. Darnell	Daniel Ronald Kriss	Angela L. Richardson
Sean Linley Eatherton	Deena M. Lauver	Lorabelle Pepito Rogado
Kristy M. Fuqua	Karen E. Lenza	Nader M. Salah
Janet F. Golitko	Andra Lynne Meyer	Phyllis A. Westbrook
Ryan William Grohmann	Paul Matthew Mueller	Mia Christina White

Master of Business Administration - International Program

(July 20, 2006 graduation)

Chiung-Yun Chang	I-Fong Huang	Chan-Ku Ou
Ho-Ting Chang	Ming-Wan Huang	Pattira Patcharaphak
Tien-Hao Chang	Wei-Tai Huang	La M. Sen
Yu-Ching Chang	Li-Yun Hung	Wei Shen
Chun-Liu Chen	Chung-Yueh Juan	Pei-Jen Shih
Chung-Hsin Chen	Jitpong Karnjanolarn	Chen-Shu Tien
Fang-Yun Chen	Ying-Hsun Lai	Min-Hsuan Tsao
Jie Chen	Hsin-Yi Lee	Meng-Fan Wang
Tai-Yi Chou	Hsin-Yu Lee	Shuan-Shuan Wu
Hsin-Wei Chu	Hsiu-Tsan Lee	Tzu-Jung Yen
Hui-Fen Chuang	Ken-Chi Lee	
Pei-Chien Hsieh	Meng-Hsin Lin	

MASTER OF FINE ARTS

Fine Arts Department

Danae L. Fuller	Hung-Wei Lee	Gwendolyn N. Oulman Brennan
Kathy L. Ladd		

MASTER OF MANAGEMENT

OPTIONS Program

Rashonda Denise Alexander	Heather L. Julian	Jacqueline Gwen Sterdivant
Kimberly D. Bennett	Tiffany R. Lovelace-	Jeffrey Scott Svoboda
Kelly Nicole Brazill	Brown	Michelle C. Terry
Kimberly Michelle	J. Chris McKinney	John H. Thomassen, Jr.
Goodwin	Tina K. Schreiber	Reginald Lamont Williams
Angela René Jordan	Robert Hunter Shelton	

MASTER OF SCIENCE

Communication Disorders and Deaf Education Department Speech-Language Pathology

Stacy Ann Bick	Jennifer Lynn Melchert	Heather Lee VanMeter
Julie B. Buschmann	Monica Leigh Pruneau	Rhonda K. West
Megan Alene Friedman	Michele Lea Shepperd	Carolyn Elaine Wieggers
Nicole Marie Latty	Sarah Rose Stock	Lisa Carlyn Wright
Kimberly S. McNeill	Heather Stroder	Elizabeth A. Ziegler

Mathematics and Computer Science Department

Karen J. Fiasco	Robin Silisa Roseman	Leon Wonsley, Jr.
Sonya Marie Jackson	Laura A. Schowalter	Barbara Zipoli
Kathleen Rebecca Morrow	Susan Mary Shostrand	

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Behavioral Sciences Department

Erica Michelle Bettis	Bethany L. Mann	Leigh Ann Minch
Erin M. Fischer	Jennifer Kay McDonnell	<i>summa cum laude</i>
Alissa K. Hetzler		

Communication Disorders and Deaf Education Department

Melissa Dawn Alferman	Kendra Leanne Perkins	Megan Loraine Wernsman
Amy Michelle Cook	Caren Lee Stroisch	
<i>summa cum laude</i>	<i>magna cum laude</i>	
Kelbe Rachael Hollrah	Ashley A. Warfield	
<i>cum laude</i>	<i>magna cum laude</i>	

BACHELOR OF ARTS (CONTINUED)

Education/Special Education Department

Andrew S. Althage***	Kate Louise Kaczerowski	Kara Marie Richards
Sarah Jane Butts <i>magna cum laude</i>	Jessica D. Millman	Scott Alan Roberts, Jr.
Melissa A. Christman	Mary Michele Oberle	Amanda N. Stichling
Dana C. Etter	Valerie A. Peters	Erica Elizabeth Unnerstall
Katy Marie Feldmann <i>cum laude</i>	Cassie Presley*	Amanda Marie Weiterman
	Rachel Lynn Rascher	Sharon Woehrle*

English and Communication Department

Sara Elizabeth Adams	Corin Corrielynn Hunter	John-Brett Stege
Kerrie Michelle Blaha	Margaret Amelia Kymes	Michelle N. Tinker
Peter William Cartier	Casey E. Loskill	
Andrea Marie Gabrisch	Mary Theresa Rott	
Colleen Michelle Gale	<i>magna cum laude</i>	
Carla Frances Gitto	Dawn Michelle Schmidt	

Fine Arts Department

Sarah Elizabeth Koeneker <i>cum laude</i>	Michael H. Orman***	Anne Marie Smith
Kamille Maudeen Litton	Kristina Marie Roberts <i>summa cum laude</i>	Jennifer Crystal Steinbruegge

History, Philosophy, and Religion Department

Stephanie M. Cissell	Julie Ann Klimpel	Kimberly Patricia Peil <i>magna cum laude</i>
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Interdisciplinary Studies Program

John A. Burgess	Angela M. House	Charles D. Woodcock
Attallah Eugenia Hodges	Adam James Morris	

Organizational Studies — OPTIONS Program

Dephene J. Barton	Tiffani Denise Howard	Lisa Marie Mitchell
David K. Cook	Lisa Renee Jackson-Brown	Kymerly Reneé Rayford
Janice Vanice Crochrell	Rhlonda Rochelle James	Tanya Lee Schnarre
Caroline S. Davis	Rochelle Lenise Johns	Debra A. Slattery <i>magna cum laude</i>
Já Mes Anthony Davis	Tory W. Johnson	Sandy Smith
Jason Emmanuel Davis	Julia Marie Mahacek <i>cum laude</i>	Millicent Michelle
Monique Davis	Gerri L. Mazdra <i>cum laude</i>	Troupe-Victorian
Tina Marie Dugan	Patrice S. Meyer <i>summa cum laude</i>	Rebecca M. Wiggers <i>magna cum laude</i>
Shawnta Monique Golliday		
Sherri Eileen Halk		

BACHELOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

OPTIONS Program

Lori M. Anderson	Robert R. Gospodarski	Cassandra Lenore Parker
Tiffany N. Aziz	Belinda Gresham	<i>summa cum laude</i>
Donna S. Barnes	David M. Hagen	Bridgette Doveanne Perkins
Jeanne M. Bauer	Stacy R. Harmon	Misty Michell Perrone
Karen Ann Beck	Wyvone J. Haymon	Michael Steven Pinkston
<i>magna cum laude</i>	Kevin Hunter	Keisha C. Powell
Lynne D. Best	Kimberly Marie Isley	Kristin Joan Ranek
Tracy Liane Bobo	Thomas Victor Johnston	Dwayne C. Relerford
Elizabeth Pacheco	Kristen R. Jokerst	Michael E. Rodgers
Brannon	Erin Marie Keaveny	Lindsay Louise Scherer
Sherice A. Brown	Stacy Lynn Kelly	LaShae Christina Sheard
Donald Brzycki	<i>cum laude</i>	Jeffery B. Taylor, Jr.
Melissa Buchanan	Adam J. Klee	Thomas W. Terrio
Kendra M. Buckley	Rachel Lynn Kluesner	Pamela Terry
Cathy Jayne Button	Rhonda M. Kohlman	Patrice Ann Thomas
Mark Joseph Callico	Pamela Ann Kratovil	Patricia Ann Tripp
Arrington R. Cephus	Nuqkuma R. Kushma	Ann Rena Trollinger
Eric LaMont Chism	Larry D. Ligon	William Grant Ure
Bryan E. Colombini	<i>summa cum laude</i>	Sandra M. Watts
Rita Genine Davis-Glass	Sandy L. Lyles	Jennifer R. Wever
Christina Lynn DeWeese	Amanda L. Marlow	<i>cum laude</i>
Sara Christine Dempewolf	<i>cum laude</i>	Diane Elizabeth White
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Patrick B. Fenoughty	Maranda McCain	Austin Edward Worcester
Mary Catherine Flanagan	Angela Marie McKissic	<i>cum laude</i>
Mark J. Galentine	Emma M. Monroe	Deborah S. Young
	Louis Jacob Mueller, III	

BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS

Fine Arts Department

Ryan Steven Bowlin	Christina Marie Greenwalt	Estella Roxanne
Anita Jean DeGhelder	Kevin D. Martin	Rawlings-Jansen
<i>cum laude</i>	Alan R. Mueller	Shannan Lee Suter
Melissa R. Ecker	Jaime Renee Palmer	Chanteé Monique Thimes

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Biological and Physical Sciences Department

Andrew S. Althage***	Erica Amber Jones	Erin Julian Moore
Katrina Marie Banker		<i>University Scholar</i>

*** Dual Degree

Business Administration Department

Sulieman M. Al-Hejoj	Gina Michelle Italiano	Aaron Thomas Pollard
Shannon Evelyn Ball	Jason Christopher Jorel	Henry Robert Reed
Joseph Robert Becnel	<i>cum laude</i>	Kara Nicole Richardson
Megan A. Burmeister	Nicholas Vaughn Kapfer	Eric A. Russell
Nikki Suzannah Diesel**	Meghan B. Kohnen	Kamel Sarkissyan*
Maria L. Eftink	Tricia E. Kozlowski	Stephen Thomas Schmitt
Alessandro Gal	<i>summa cum laude</i>	Irene M. Schodrowski**
Nicole Rhonda Giesler	Ryan C. Kramer	Lindsey Alex Smith
<i>cum laude</i>	Diana Rose Lefler	Christy Tiernan Stevens
John Lee Hein*	Erin Marie McCulloch	James A. Thomas*
Kathleen P. Holcomb	Nicholas Charles Morris	Dan Robert Weber
<i>cum laude</i>	<i>cum laude</i>	
Jason T. Holdmeier	Ashley Dawn Nottke	

DaimlerChrysler Program

Avis Alexander	Matthew D. Colvin	Benny Hugh Rose, Jr.
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Communication Disorders and Deaf Education Department

Chelsea Mae Adkins	Alecia Lynn Dixon	Anna Marie Roden
Stephanie L. Beasley	Amanda C. Lorch	<i>magna cum laude</i>
Abby Christine Briggs	Tiffany Colleen Peterson	Christina Colleen Teller
Emily Buxbaum	<i>summa cum laude</i>	
<i>cum laude</i>	Heidi Marie Ricks	

Education/Special Education Department

Emma M. Beel	Donna Annamaria Hunt	Veronica Ware*
Nicole Marie Conway	Sarah A. Kemp	Sarah Elizabeth Watson
Lara M. Goldkamp	Melinda Mae Larouere	<i>summa cum laude</i>
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Human Environmental Sciences Department

Crystal Yvonne Brown	Tiffany Marie Matthews	Mary Elizabeth Sontag
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Abigail Lee Herrick	Richard Schaumburg	Amy Marie VanOordt
Laura Jean Kelch	<i>magna cum laude</i>	Rebecca Renee Wideman
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Mathematics and Computer Science Department

Paul D. Blum	Dane Ernest Gough	Silvano Tostado
<i>magna cum laude</i>	Michael H. Orman***	Joseph Lee Unger
Thomas William Conway	Neophytos P. Stylianou	Natavia Nicole Young-Finnie

Honorary Degree

Fontbonne University celebrates its Catholic identity and heritage with pride and commitment. Faithful to its mission, the University seeks to educate women and men to think critically, decide ethically and serve responsibly.

In promoting this philosophy, Fontbonne recognizes individuals whose lives inspire others to do the same.

Dr. Gladys Gary Vaughn, National Program Leader in Human Sciences Research for the U.S. Department of Agriculture, has served her community and her faith by creating a better place for all of God's people. She supports the Mission, Vision, Values, Commitment, Catholic Identity and Sponsorship of Fontbonne University to educate responsible leaders for a world in need. Dr. Vaughn has served admirably as civil servant, company president, renowned speaker on many societal and family life issues, director, educator, author, recognized expert in her field and inspiring role model. She has done this with wisdom, passion and grace.

In the message she brings to others, Dr. Vaughn exemplifies the type of leadership to which Fontbonne graduates aspire.

For her endorsement and support of the Mission of Fontbonne University, the President and the Board of Trustees of Fontbonne University confer upon

Dr. Gladys Gary Vaughn

Doctor of Humane Letters, honoris causa

This Thirteenth day of May, Two Thousand and Six

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Graduating Class Gift Fund

Fontbonne University commends the following graduates for serving as pioneers in a new tradition – the Graduating Class Gift Fund. In a spirit of philanthropic support for Fontbonne University's future, each has made a four-year pledge of at least \$25 per year. We thank these graduates and welcome them as partners in our efforts to continue the tradition of quality, private education at Fontbonne.

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University Scholars

To earn the distinction of University Scholar at Commencement, a student must have fulfilled the requirements of the Honors Program, including 15 credit hours of honors seminars and courses and a senior honors project.

The Significance of the Chain Ceremony

In 1927, the first class of Fontbonne began a tradition that is carried on today. Originally connected to the shovel used for Fontbonne's ground-breaking in 1924, a bronze 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. A new link is added each year at commencement ceremonies to continue this unique part of the University's history.

Decade Banners

The banners displayed near the stage during commencement represent each decade of graduates in Fontbonne's 83-year history. The purple and gold banners display the school colors in remembrance of the more than 12,000 alumni who have graduated from Fontbonne since the first class in 1927.

The Meaning of the Seal

The Fontbonne seal contains elements that deal with the University and with the history of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet, Fontbonne's sponsoring body. The fleur-de-lis, a French word for lily, is the symbol of the French royal family. In the Fontbonne seal, the fleur-de-lis symbolizes the French origin of the Sisters of St. Joseph, founded in France in 1650. The six fleur-de-lis in the seal represent the first six Sisters who came to the U.S. in 1836. The lily is also the signature of St. Joseph, spouse of Virgin Mary, foster father of Jesus, and patron saint of the Sisters of St. Joseph. The Latin words, "Virtus et Scientia," indicate the nature of Fontbonne's mission and can be translated as "virtue and knowledge," "valor and erudition," "religion and scholarship."

The Ringing of the Bell

Fifty-five years ago, the women of the Class of 1949 donated a bell for the Ryan Hall Chapel. For many years, the bell was rung for a variety of occasions including daily prayers. It is believed that the bell was also rung at each Commencement, with the number of rings coinciding with the year of the graduating class (60 rings in 1960, 74 rings in 1974, and so on).

In 2000, a new tradition was started and the bell was rung one time for each graduating student as a way for Fontbonne to celebrate each individual student's effort and success. Now, all graduating students are invited to participate in the ringing. The bell rope will be lowered into the Meadow so each student can ring the bell. This opportunity will be available for approximately 30 minutes after the Commencement services end.

Academic Dress

American academic dress was not established until 1895. It consists of three types of gowns and three styles of hoods, adopted from commencement rituals of English universities. As early as the fourteenth century, the statutes of certain colleges prohibited "excess in apparel" and required the wearing of a long gown. It is still an open question as to whether academic dress finds its sources chiefly in ecclesiastical or civilian dress. It is often suggested that gowns and hoods were the simplest and most effective method of staying warm in the unheated, stone buildings which housed medieval scholars.

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 halfway down for the hands. The doctoral 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. Many schools outside the United States have also adopted colorful gowns.

The doctoral hood is the longest and fullest. The major field of study can be determined from the velvet facing on the hood according to the following color scheme. The hood is lined with silk in the colors of the institution which granted the degree. Fontbonne University's hood lining colors are purple and gold.

At Commencement, undergraduates wear the tassel on the right side of their mortarboards, moving it to the left when their degree is conferred.

The gold cord worn by undergraduates represents graduation honors. The purple and gold cord is worn by a University Scholar. Other cords represent honor societies in which graduates are members.

The wearing of white stoles signifies participation in Academic Convocation.

The academic procession is led by the faculty marshal. The marshal is traditionally the faculty member with the longest service to the University. Following the marshal are the degree candidates. Members of the Fontbonne University faculty and staff then follow, wearing the academic dress of their respective degree-granting institutions. The procession ends with the Fontbonne University Board of Trustees and members of the platform party.

Academic Colors

Accountancy, Business, Commerce	drab brown
Agriculture	maize yellow
Architecture.....	deep lilac
Arts, Humanities, Letters	white
Dentistry.....	lilac
Economics.....	copper
Education	light blue
Engineering	orange
Fine Arts.....	brown
Foreign Service, Public Administration.....	peacock blue
Forestry	russet brown
Journalism.....	crimson red
Law	purple
Library Science	lemon yellow
Medicine	green
Music.....	pink
Nursing.....	apricot
Oratory (Speech).....	silver grey
Pharmacy.....	olive
Philosophy.....	royal blue
Physical Education.....	sage
Public Health.....	salmon pink
Science	gold
Social Work.....	citron yellow
Theology	scarlet red
Veterinary Science	grey

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Mission Statement

Fontbonne University is a coeducational institution of higher learning dedicated to the discovery, understanding, preservation, and dissemination of truth. Fontbonne seeks to educate students to think critically, to act ethically, and to assume responsibility as citizens and leaders. Fontbonne offers both undergraduate and graduate programs in an atmosphere characterized by inclusion, open communication, and personal concern. The undergraduate programs provide a synthesis of liberal and professional education. As a Catholic university sponsored by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet, Fontbonne is rooted in the Judaeo-Christian tradition.

VISION

Fontbonne University aspires to be the best small Catholic university in the Midwest, educating leaders to serve a world in need.

VALUES

Fontbonne University continues the heritage of the Sisters of St. Joseph by fostering the values of quality, respect, diversity, community, justice, service, faith, and Catholic presence.

COMMITMENT

Fontbonne University is committed to:

- achieving educational excellence
- advancing historical remembrance, critical reflection, and moral resolve
- encouraging dialogue among diverse communities
- demonstrating care and dignity for each member of the community
- serving the larger community
- preparing competent individuals who bring an ethical and responsible presence to the world

PURPOSES

- Provide quality educational experiences that are dedicated to the discovery, understanding, preservation and dissemination of truth as a Catholic university rooted in the spirit of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet
- Strive for excellence in the liberal arts and professional undergraduate and graduate programs in a diverse atmosphere characterized by inclusion, open communication, respect, and personal concern
- Seek on-going institutional improvement through assessment, self-reflection, planning, and implementation
- Build a diverse learning community through affiliations and partnerships with educational and healthy care institutions, industry, and other organizations

Statement of Catholic Identity

Fontbonne affirms its identity as a Catholic university. Sponsored by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet, it is founded on the beliefs that all creation reveals God, that the ministry of Jesus began a process of redemption that extends to this day, and that the Holy Spirit continues to impart grace through the daily experiences of women and men. Among the many signs of God's grace are teaching and learning, which at Fontbonne are pursued by people sharing a variety of religious beliefs and an understanding of the importance of education.

"Catholic" means "universal" and "throughout the whole," like leaven permeating bread. The permeating quality of Fontbonne is our commitment to know, to love, and to serve the truth that unites faith and reason, nature and grace, the human and the divine. The desire for a greater understanding of creation and its Creator is one of the most profound expressions of human dignity. In this sense, to learn is to augment one's capacity for love so that the thoughtful and loving acts of an educated person are a witness to the transformation of the world that began with the Resurrection and continues with the enlivening of humanity. What makes us truly human helps to unite us with the divine as we seek to understand, love, and serve God and neighbor without distinction.

The permeating and universal nature of Catholicism gives rise to the mission and vision of this university. Because Fontbonne is Catholic, we embrace openness and inclusiveness. Because Fontbonne is Catholic, we pursue educational excellence. And because Fontbonne is Catholic, we seek to recognize the presence of God in all creation and to participate in the continuing transformation of ourselves and a world in need.

Accepted and Affirmed by the Board of Trustees March 27, 2004



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