



May 16, 2009

Welcome

Welcome to the Dunham Student Activity Center for Fontbonne University's 2009 May Commencement ceremony.

Guests are invited to be seated in designated areas on the gym floor, in the bleachers or in the Alumni Caf' on the second floor. The ceremony will be simulcast on closed circuit television in the Alumni Caf'. A professional photographer will take individual pictures of all graduates as they cross the stage and receive their diplomas.

Out of respect for our graduates, please turn off the ringer on your cell phones and pagers. Keep conversations with fellow guests at a minimum, both in the gym, lobby area and in the Alumni Caf' so that everyone may hear the speakers and the graduates' names.

Restrooms are located on the main floor directly behind the guest seating area and to the south of the reception desk opposite the main entrance, and on the second floor at the east end of the Alumni Caf'.

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

- 1. Smoking is not permitted anywhere in the Dunham Student Activity Center or in any building on campus.
- 2. For safety reasons, guests will not be allowed to stand in the following areas: – the main entrance lobby
 - the hallway at the south end of the gym floor directly behind guest seating
 - the third floor running track

Please remain seated until the graduates have left the building. At that time, we encourage you to use the exit doors closest to you. Exits are located at the north end of the gym floor on either side of the stage, at the east end of the gym floor directly behind the guest seating area, and at the main entrance to the building.

Thank you for your attention and cooperation and congratulations to each of you on this special day!

Commencement Program

Saturday, May 16, 2009

Processional	Metropolitan Brass
Invocation	Anthony J. Mravle Director of Campus Ministry
Introduction	Daniel J. Ferry, Jr. Chair, Board of Trustees
	nt/CEO, Association of Catholic College and Universities
Presentation of Graduates	Nancy Blattner, Ph.D. Vice President and Dean for Academic Affairs
Conferring of Degrees	Dennis C. Golden, Ed.D. President
Alumni Hood Award	Ann E. Rose '09 B.S., Special Education
Conferring of Honorary Degree	Dennis C. Golden, Ed.D.
Remarks by Graduating Student	Ann E. Rose '09 B.S., Special Education
Welcome to the Alumni Association	a Dorris Patton Finnegan BBA '98 MBA '03 Business Administration - OPTIONS
Alumni Chain Ceremony	B.S., Business Administration
1	Cheryl A. Lampert '09 3.S., Sports and Entertainment Management - OPTIONS
Benediction	Sister Helen Flemington, CSJ, Province Leadership Liaison
Recessional	

Celebrating 50 Years Leading today's procession are members of the class of 1959. 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, the reception will be held in the Arnold Memorial Center in Medaille Hall.

Master of Arts

Communication Disorders and Deaf Education Department Early Intervention in Deaf Education (August 15, 2009 graduation)

Jennifer Lauren Archer Tania Moya Azofiefa Maury J. Ellebrecht Emily Christina Elmore Katherine Ann Kaiser Sara Blair Lovejoy Krystal Ann Meyer

Education/Special Education Department

Mary T. Ashelin Jennifer Brevell Bartels Scott Louis Borcherding Mia E. Burgess Lori Ann Carter Katrina E. Crittle Karen Y. Eason Megan Elizabeth Etzkorn Andrea Marie Gioia Amy G. Grebel Brandy M. Greiner Thomas Brian Guinn Dale Edwin Holmstrom Glenda M. Hoth Lisa Renee Johnson* Jonathan Joseph Kozak Melinda M. Larouere Yvette Antoinette Levy Sheila R. McClelland Gabrielle S. Naus Gina Marie O'Brien Sarah Sophie Patton Cassie Presley* Alexis Blake Rich

Tina Yates Rogers Patrick J. Schappert Amanda L. Schoenekase-Forget Kari Denise Smith Licia Angela Terranova* Holly Elaine Thompson Sharon Marie Warren Tesha Renee Weathersby Gayle Lynn Williams Kathryn Marie Wynne

Fine Arts Department

Jill Naomi Cox

Christopher Kevin Day

Molly Jean Wright

Human Environmental Sciences Department Family and Consumer Sciences William Henry Scott

MASTER OF ARTS IN TEACHING

Education Department

Tamara L. Kelly

Amanda Wilson Murphy

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION College of Global Business and Professional Studies

Camille D. Jackson Joshua Darrell Mehrle Heather Lynne Smith Mi Suk Yeon

* August 15, 2009 graduation

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (continued)

College of Global Business and Professional Studies

Chrysler Program

Antoine Crowell, Sr. Daniel Glen Fannon Carol A. Garner Walter L. Greham Shauna Michelle VandeDrink

OPTIONS Program

Warner Aldridge, Jr. LaTonya Trenise Baidy Marcia Faye Baker Donna S. Barnes Corey Wayne Benner Vanessa Marie Bentley Anissa Renee Blalock Joe Bryant Jill Christine Buss Victoria Anne Butler Bryan E. Colombini Michelle Melody Davis Susan A. Durham Jasmine Elisha Ford Kevin Guy Gause Danny J. Graves Farris L. Haley Vickie Renee Haynes Christa L. Hellweg Charles Todd Johnson Johnetta S. Johnson Harmonie King Nuqkuma R. Kushma Keely Anne Lay Richard Stone Lord, III William David Odman

Rosie A. Odom Bridgette Doveanne Perkins D-Lori Newsome Pitts Molly A. Salmieri Ronald M. Scott, Jr. Orlando Mikhail Sharpe Nathan K. Tate Jaime L. Thompson Lynn M. Troeckler Jason Everette Tucker Dionna Lynette Washington Timothy M. Wilson

International Program (July 23, 2009 graduation)

Yin-Ju Chen Shao-Feng Chu Ya-Ting Chuang Jsui Wen Fan Cheng-Hung Hsu Cheng-Ta Hsu Chuan-Kai Hsu Ting-Chih Hsu Tzu-Lien Hsu Yu-Ai Huang Hong Seok Jang Sze-Chiao Kao

- Shao Wen Ku Ya-Chen Lai Kuan-Wei Lee Leenawat Leelapanyalert Yu-Hsuan Liao Yen-Ta Lin Kun-Chen Liu Ching-Yi Lu Po-Chang Lu Pengbin Pei Jiuge Qin Mutasem Hesham Saleh
- Maria Elena Sanchez Varin Srimahachota Ming-Ming Su I-Han Sun Warasunan Weerachanavirut Wai-Chen Wong Mou-Ling Wu Chung-Ying Yang Hui-Ju Yang Chi-Chien Yu

MASTER OF FINE ARTS

Fine Arts Department

Camela Jill Bisch René Dimanche, Jr. Gayle Lynn Kitchens-Borho Mark Joseph Laury Estella Roxanne Rawlings-Jansen Kristin Marie Vilbig

MASTER OF MANAGEMENT

College of Global Business and Professional Studies OPTIONS Program

Christopher Brett Bachmann Deloris J. Bentley-Mitchell Matthew S. Brennan Doris M. Conway Dawn L. Hawes Andrea Victoria Haynes Ethel Caprice Haywood Laura Marie Headlam Suzanne Kathleen Holten Kaye P. Mershon Lizabeth D. Miles-Drainer Taryn Nichelle Prince Andreé D. Sanders Neil Roman Schraith Janet Yvonne Schuck Marc Jon Shumpert Cary E. Spiegel Wendy Charice Stewart Desiree Sourise Stout Sue E. Wallace Ronald York

MASTER OF SCIENCE

College of Global Business and Professional Studies Accounting

Elsa Sholla

Communication Disorders and Deaf Education Department Speech-Language Pathology

Candice Marie Aiello Kara Michelle Baker* Anna C. Bembower* Heather Leigh Dahlem Stephanie Lauren Fore* Cara Starr Garavaglia Sarah Katherine Gosche* Andrea Elizabeth Grus Lauren Ashleigh Hall Serena Renee King Sarah Jane Konopka* Alyson Grace Lehtman Kellie Ann MacLacklan* Katherine Elizabeth Martin* Leah Marin Meyer Ashley Michelle Nestor Theresa Manion O'Donoghue Christina A. Plummer* Kathryn M. Tabor* Jenny Lynn Vasquez* Shelby Lynn Walck

Mathematics and Computer Science Department

Dennis M. Sander

BACHELOR OF ARTS

College of Global Business and Professional Studies OPTIONS Program

Barbara J. Adams-Williams Mary Dianna Barron Christen Lynnette Browley Cynthia D. Byas Jessica Lynnette Byrne Jennifer Marie Cox

* August 15, 2009 graduation

BACHELOR OF ARTS

College of Global Business and Professional Studies OPTIONS Program (continued)

Raymond R. Donnelly, III Angela M. Dunnagan Laverne Foster Michael P. Franklin Christine M. Gamlin Timothy J. Genovese Cynthia A. Gillespie Regina N. Hawthorne Reneé G. Haynes Pamela Denise Hubbard-Lambkins

- Danielle Monique Johnson Rosalyn Victoria Jones Cynthia Elise Jordan Rosalind M. Mitchell Margret Nieva Tamara S. Parker Davida A. Parks Millicent N. Quinn Amy K. Rauhut Michelle K. Reckelhoff *cum laude*
- Ryan Kevin Regan Rachel M. Sharks Jacqueline A. Siebert Shekeita Sproaps Ronald William Stewart LaShunda C. Tibbs Jordan G. von Wurmb Crystal Nicole Whitney

Behavioral Sciences Department

Helena Diane Bailey Janette Ann Cartier ** *cum laude* Kathleen Mary Clark Cristina M. Garcilaso O'Dell Harmon, Jr. Amanda M. Harris Sean Michael Russell Herberts Talia Tiana Herron Maureen Kathryn Johnson Christine Marie LaChance summa cum laude Molly A. Lancaster summa cum laude Siniski S. Pargo Sharice Michelle Patterson Jenna M. Ridenhour Yordanos K. Tesfaye Lakendra Chenise Thomas Shantelya Dorsetta Washington Keshia Michelle Wrice

Communication Disorders and Deaf Education Department

Susan M. Huelskamp

Amanda Christine Pinkston magna cum laude

Education/Special Education Department

Jason Kenneth Bradshaw Travis E. Brotherton Kristen V. Eyermann Megan Anne Graff Amy R. Hartke Carrie Jena Miller Nicole Elizabeth Prater magna cum laude Julie Anna Rapp Sara Marie Treacy Stephanie Nichole Zehnle *magna cum laude*

** Dual Major

BACHELOR OF ARTS (continued)

English and Communication Department

Margaret Cathleen Ahearn Abena K. Ampofo Jane Elizabeth Armbruster Alexandra Kristine Banes Robert John Bardgett Krista R. Brown Katelyn Jayne Cunningham *University Scholar* Dominic André Dimanche Melissa Ann Fields *summa cum laude* Joseph Dominick Genovese Lisa Marie Jackson Katie Ann Luster *cum laude* Deanna Darcel Martin Elizabeth R. Sharpe-Taylor Austin Lee Skinner* *University Scholar/cum lauc* Nina Tekwani Patrick Francis Zeis

Fine Arts Department

Jennifer Rose Berg Maureen Terese Murphy Stephanie Nicole Selvaggio Misty Michelle Strowmatt Sarah Jean Winter

History, Philosophy, and Religion Department

Andrew J. Almany

Bridget A. Holmes

Andrew Patrick Kent

Interdisciplinary Studies Department

Ashley Nicole Bierman Holly Ann Halfmann James W.R. Heath Amber Nicole Karnes Shannon M. Lucas Daniel Patrick Size Christopher O. Thomas George Stewart Tucker Kellan Lee Welkener

BACHELOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

College of Global Business and Professional Studies OPTIONS Program

Donald Matthew Arnett Toni Beard Angela Kay Booker Antonio D. Brown Deborah D. Brown Sonya C. Brown Amy R. Carmen Leslie T. Carmichael Falicia A. Colvin Myeesha N. Drake Sally M. Droege John M. Frederick Wendy L. Gardner Erika Ann Gestrich Janice Yvonne Griffin

BACHELOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

College of Global Business and Professional Studies OPTIONS Program (continued)

Jean E. Heitz* Jamika T. Hilliard Gina Rose Huck Leah Marie Huelsing Tanisha Lynette Jackson Christina A. Johnson Lydia R. Jones Troyla Shenell Keller Crystal Lynn Marshall Alisha Patreace Martin Wanda Janel McCain Russell James Orf Rose M. Peoples magna cum laude Michelle Elaine Portalatin Michael T. Rakowiecki Mandy Rae Ross magna cum laude Angela Scott Posthumously Awarded Sheila E. Sortor Ryan Michael Tate Luciana Taylor Tiffany Monae Teat Arlice Michelle Thompson Tiffany Jannine Thompson Amy J. Timmersman Tia J. Tipton Benjamin Andrew Torres Malissa Marie Vance Paula M. Walker Angela Marie Warren Cheryl Denise Washington Brenda Fay Williams* Lorie A. Williams Michael Anthony Zimmerman

BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS

Fine Arts Department

Jennifer Michelle McCorkel

Sean Patrick Mullins

Sydney R. Scott

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

College of Global Business and Professional Studies

Hallie M. Ballow Sean Ryan Biernacki Sarah Kathyleen Buffa Todd Michael Burk Lauren A. Crain Brittany Joy Daniele Stephen M. Davis Erin Kathleen Dennis Bryan T. Dodson Brian James Fogerty Anthony C. Hartline

Eric W. Imlay Daniel Wayne Mauer Betty L. McDermott Danielle N. Neophytou Chris M. Novak Patrick Frank Ostapowicz Olivia M. Palisch Luke Andrew Petrov Erin F. Pipitone Amanda Sue Reppy Mark C. Stang Leah Nicole Thomas* Eric Tyler Tinker Ellen L. Toben Kelly L. Webb Ashley Nichole Weber *cum laude* Janae' D. West Steven Patrick Willick* Lauren Ashley Witzl Tirhas Mogos Zereabruk

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

College of Global Business and Professional Studies (continued)

Chrysler Program

Eric W. Alexander

Vincent Michael Milford magna cum laude Tanya Lynn Norman

OPTIONS Program

Jessica Lee Burklow KiAnga K. Byrd Joseph Patrick Champion magna cum laude Jennifer M. Duggan Jacques Anthony Hughes* Cheryl Ann Lampert Rose Mann Christopher C. Roedel Brie Lauren Sullinger

Biological and Physical Sciences Department

Sherrell NaTonya Giles**	Sarah Kaye Shaffer	Kristen Nicole Wurdack
Kristy Lynn Psaris-Lee	Sara Lynn Tourville	

Communication Disorders and Deaf Education Department

Kristin Deanne Bagby Meghan Joyce Berti *summa cum laude* Danielle Rose Childs Leah M. Dawson Jessica Maureen Deutsch Christina Marie Drier Jessi Lynn Haselhorst Jane E. Knerr Jessica Erin Lebbing Mary Kate McGinn Mary Catherine Rebello Mary Ann Richardson-Tovar Kristen Elizabeth Yochum *magna cum laude*

Education/Special Education Department

JoAnn M. Allen Kristi Anne Brannan magna cum laude Monica Lynne Cissell magna cum laude Danielle Ann Donahue Nila Marie Gorman Jamie K. Hallenberger Dana L. Hammond Jinnia Marie Hirbe *summa cum laude* Rebecca Lee Jackson Julie Ann Mazurkiewicz Elizabeth Ann Budzinski McMullen Ann Elizabeth Rose summa cum laude Jennifer Lynn Short Molly Colleen Skelton Katie Ann Smith Cynthia Diane White Taylor** Kathryn Lindsay Thompson

* August 15, 2009 graduation

** December 12, 2008 graduation

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (continued)

Human Environmental Sciences Department

Rebecca Marie Auch Cindy R. Calendar* Jennifer L. Costello* Catherine M. Fisher Carrie Elizabeth Gilbert *cum laude* Courtney Erin Jerden Michelle Elizabeth Ksir Sara Michelle McEneny *cum laude* Kenny Nguyen* Michelle Marie Schaefer Allison N. Schulte* Elizabeth Jayne Seely *cum laude* Haley Jane Simon Alina Nicole Weinreis Jessica M. Werkmeister Lauren Michele Wiechens Jenna Lee Zahner

Mathematics and Computer Science Department

Donald J. Kaiping, III magna cum laude Mary K. Kelly Thomas Ward Mayo Susan Marie Novak Daniel Andrew Recker

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 give evidence of embracing the mission, vision, values, commitment and Catholic identity of Fontbonne University.

As an outstanding leader of the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities, Dr. Richard Yanikoski serves his community and his faith by creating a better place for all of God's people.

Dr. Yanikoski has served admirably as a distinguished educator, author, speaker and leader on issues of higher education and Catholic identity.

He has accomplished this with wisdom, passion and grace.

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

In recognition of his achievements, the president and the board of trustees of Fontbonne University confer upon

Dr. Richard Yanikoski

Doctor of Humane Letters, honoris causa This Sixteenth day of May, Two Thousand and Nine

Graduating Class Gift Fund

Fontbonne University commends the following graduates for their participation in 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.

> Helena D. Bailey Hallie M. Ballow Joe Bryant Sarah Buffa Joseph Champion Doris M. Conway Jennifer M. Duggan Holly A. Halfmann Ethel Caprice Haywood Laura Marie Headlam James Winn Rafferty Heath Lisa Jackson **Rosalyn** Jones Cynthia E. Jordan Christine LaChance Cheryl Lampert

Yvette Antoinette Levy Shannon Lucas Sean P. Mullins Susan Marie Novak Christopher Roedel Ann Rose Andree D. Sanders Janet Schuck Suzanne Holten Starko Nina Tekwani Sara Treacy Sue Day Wallace Shantelya D. Washington Lorie Williams Tirhas Zereabruk

Parents and Friends Gift Fund

(alphabetized by Student's last name)

Donald Drier *in honor of* Christina M. Drier Betty Schwarz *in honor of* Susan M. Huelskamp Rick and Denise Jackson *in honor of* Lisa Jackson Clint and Dianna Karnes *in honor of* Amber Karnes Ralph and Cynthia Prater *in honor of* Nicole Prater

John R. Reppy *in honor of* Amanda Reppy D. Scott and Patricia Rose *in honor of* Ann Rose Lewis and Nancy Tinker *in honor of* Eric Tinker Ollie Tucker Ward *in honor of* George Stewart Tucker

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 history. The purple and gold banners display the school colors in remembrance of the more than 14,000 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

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 ceremony ends.

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 administrative 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	
Agriculture maize yellow	
Architecture	
Arts, Humanities, Letterswhite	
Dentistrylilac	
Economics copper	
Educationlight blue	
Engineeringorange	
Fine Artsbrown	
Foreign Service, Public Administration peacock blue Forestryrusset brown	
Forestryrusset brown	
Journalismcrimson red	
Lawpurple	
Library Sciencelemon yellow	
Medicinegreen	
Music pink	
Nursing apricot	
Oratory (Speech)silver grey Pharmacyolive	
Pharmacy olive	
Philosophyroyal blue	
Physical Educationsage	
Public Healthsalmon pink	
Science	
Social Workcitron yellow	
Theologyscarlet red	
Veterinary Sciencegrey	

Susan E. Buford John P. Capellupo Jean deBlois, CSJ Vernon J. Eardley Bonnie J. Eckelkamp Daniel J. Ferry, Jr. Helen Flemington, CSJ Marguerite A. Forrest Leo G. Haas Katherine Hanley, CSJ Darryl T. Jones

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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.

Mission Statement

Fontbonne University, a Catholic coeducational institution of higher learning sponsored by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet, is rooted in the Judeo-Christian tradition. The university is dedicated to the discovery, understanding, preservation and dissemination of truth. Undergraduate and graduate programs are offered in an atmosphere characterized by a commitment to open communication, personal concern and diversity. Fontbonne University seeks to educate students to think critically, to act ethically and to assume responsibility as citizens and leaders.

Values

Fontbonne University honors the values and heritage of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet by fostering excellence, integrity, respect, diversity, community, justice, service, faith and Catholic identity.

Commitment

Fontbonne University is committed to:

- Achieving academic and educational excellence
- Advancing historical remembrance, critical reflection and moral resolve
- Promoting dialogue among diverse communities
- Demonstrating care and respect for each member of the community
- Serving the larger community
- Preparing individuals to be an ethical and responsible presence to the world.

Vision

Fontbonne University aspires to be acknowledged as one of the nation's premier Catholic universities, educating leaders to serve a world in need.

- Be known for a synthesis of liberal and professional education that promotes life long learning and that enables students to see themselves as part of a diverse and changing world.
- Work together to develop academic programs and educational opportunities that reflect high standards, interdisciplinary thought and integrated understanding.
- Continue to promote thoughtful experiential and service learning, bridging the gap between theory and practice by taking the student beyond the university walls.
- Build or strengthen alliances with individuals and organizations that are bringing about positive changes in the global community.
- Graduate students who will be distinguished by their appreciation of learning and the arts, their social conscience, and their ability to reflect, communicate and act.

Congratulations, Graduates!

