

# Commencement December 15, 2006

Welcome

Welcome to the Dunham Student Activity Center for Fontbonne University's 2006 Winter 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.
- 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.

As you face the stage, candidates for master's degrees are seated on the right; candidates for bachelor's degrees are seated on the left.

Thank you for your attention and cooperation.

## Commencement Program

#### Friday, December 15, 2006

PROCESSIONAL	Metropolitan Brass
INVOCATION	Tony J. Mravle
	Director of Campus Ministry
INTRODUCTION	Daniel J. Ferry Jr.  Chair, Board of Trustees
COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS	
PRESENTATION OF GRADUATES	Nancy Blattner, Ph.D.
Vice President and Dean for Academic Affairs	
CONFERRING OF DEGREES	Dennis C. Golden, Ed.D.  President
CONFERRING OF HONORARY DEGREE Dennis C. Golden, Ed.D.	
REMARKS BY GRADUATING STUDENT Holly Finazzo, M.B.A.  Business Administration	
WELCOME TO THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION	Ronald A. Lewis II, M.M. '03  President, Alumni Association
Alumni Chain Ceremony Chance Bro	
BENEDICTION	Sister Fran Maher, C.S.J. cademic Student Services, OPTIONS
RECESSIONAL	Metropolitan Brass

A reception for all of the bachelor and master degree graduates from the Department of Business Administration, including the OPTIONS Program, will be held in the Arnold Memorial Center in Medaille Hall.

A reception for all other bachelor and master degree graduates will be held in the Dunham Student Activity Center in the Alumni Caf'.

#### MASTER OF ARTS

#### **Education/Special Education Department**

Rebecca Abernathy Michelle Faith Berkowitz Mary Jane Bishop Nancy Elizabeth Bock Rachel Anne Bonza Gloria R. Brazell Rita LeAndrea Capelton Stefany Ann Caskanett Julia A. Coppage Julia Dorisa Corner Rachel Kathleen Curtis Willie Mae Dean Ann Kathleen Sarris Deddens Mary A. Duffy

Sandra G. Syries Fischetti Lisa Ann Forster Christine L. Fowler-Scroggins Virginia M. Franklin Tonia R. Groves Nathanael David Hardee Jacquelyn Gray Jones Donald Lee Lober Michelle Landy Northington Jennie Oieda Jennifer Orr Nicole E. Osheroff Chandra Nichelle Palmer Catherine Justine Peterson

Arletha M. Oualls Erika Shawnté Russell Cynthia R. Schiller Sandra M. Sloan Kerri Michele Srsen Rebecca C. Stevens Michelle Thrower John Harvey Viser, IV Lynn Babcock Walters Tracy Teana Wells Kimberly A. White Gwendolyn Delouise Wrav

#### **Fine Arts Department**

Lloyd P. Brauer Eric Michael DeFord Joshua David Dehne

Robert C. Gorman Amy K. Holmes David A. Lane

Mark J. Laury Beth Anne Martin Sherwood Photon Melton

#### **Human Environmental Sciences Department Family and Consumer Sciences**

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Erin McCracken O'Neill

#### MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

#### **Business Administration Department**

Clarice Dennis Mark Havnes Barcus C. Jackson Kiran Preet Kaur Stephen R. Lake

Benjamin C. Lamperti Catherine A. Reed

#### DaimlerChrysler Program

Steven M. Boulch Nicole M. Cappozzo-Becker Eddie S. Freeman

Tracey R. Falconer

Michael D. Gray Christopher J. Paplanus

#### MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (CONTINUED)

#### **OPTIONS Program**

Antonio Amill Michael Francis Arnold James B. Brendel Brandy Marie Brown Gustavo Enrique Casanova Fleitas Mark A. Casper Scott Allan Cramer David P. Dolinar Kathrina M. Donegan Holly Halverson Finazzo Leslie Aleshia Fowler Brian K. Galler Wilma J. Gentry Joseph A. Gerst Henrietta Y. Gladney

**Benjamin Charles** Goldstein Katina A. Green Brian Christopher Auer Nora Elizabeth Haffner Palissa M. Hall Scott Dennis Henke D. Ryan Hockenbury Loretta A. Johnson Neithy M. Johnson LaKeesha M. Landrum Nicholas R. Lappe Chloee Dinyé Lennon **Devin Long** Tamara R. Love Debra A. Marquart Michael David Mays Ronkie O. Mulkey Christine Nevills Kathryn Marie Nowak

Travis Lamar Posley Marci A. Sadler Charles P. Schwartz Nicole Octavia Shuman Marva A. Smith Jeanne Ann Steinkoetter Kien Q. Tien Olive Mae Tilghman Rita E. Tinsley Carlos L. Turner Donald R. Vaisvil Arcelia LaShé Walker Susan G. Webber Warner Christopher White Craig C. Wicker Anita S. Williams Deborah C. Williams

#### MASTER OF FINE ARTS

#### **Fine Arts Department**

Mei-Ching Chen

Ya-Wen Cheng

Wen-Chuan Huang

#### MASTER OF MANAGEMENT

#### **OPTIONS Program**

Kevin Crowder Jarret Davis, Jr. Darlene Ann Ewing Minnette Chère Gillespie Leslie Michelle Green Michelle R. Green James Uzziah Hammond Dyette Nicole Harper Raquel E. Henderson-Crowell

Ebony Monell Ingram Jacqueline Kennedy Jefferson Lisa Y. Jones Kyle R. Kerner Richard A. Malawy Anita Marie Manion Sheri M. McCottrell Daereonni Yvonne Ragland Lisa Carlette Reaves

Tracy Lynn Rhodes

Itaska L. Scruggs-Triplett Katherine I. Seyer Kylie Marie Shafferkoetter Freddie Stonewall Taylor Tara Yvonne Turnage Pamela Yvette Wall-Dover Ediu Watson Caroline M. Wenberg Tamika Lashe Williams Letitia Angela Young

#### MASTER OF SCIENCE

#### Communication Disorders and Deaf Education Department Speech-Language Pathology

Jennifer Ann Lynch

Laura E. Maher

Casey Stallings

#### **Mathematics and Computer Science Department**

Mary A. Appelbaum Renee Ann Broemmelsick Clifton Ellis
Jeffrey D. Heinrich

John Lewis Ross Melvin W. Trotier, III

Jennifer Jo Colquhoun

Jennifer Lynn Hines

Jennifer Marie Vesper

#### MASTER OF SCIENCE IN TAXATION

Brian Newell Baker Allison L. Bunte David N. Dagenais Ann L. Fleming Mary J. Lawrence Jennifer L. Margherio Michael V. Scine Denise Lynn Thomason Maria Victoria Unger

#### **BACHELOR OF ARTS**

#### **Behavioral Sciences Department**

Kathleen Elizabeth Deppeler Debra Michelle Heard Sara Elizabeth Recor Kathryn Grace Schirmer Jamie L. Schumacher

cum laude

#### **Communication Disorders and Deaf Education Department**

Jennifer Ann Hoefert summa cum laude

#### **Education/Special Education Department**

Krista A.L. Farmer magna cum laude Jered James Gruszka magna cum laude Crystal Lynne Kuehl Joanna Maria Kunz magna cum laude Cristina M. Marquart Melanie D. Olvera-Portell Elaina N. Poorman Rebecca S. Saffell magna cum laude Kathryn Marie Scherry

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#### **BACHELOR OF ARTS (CONTINUED)**

#### **English and Communication Department**

Erin M. Devine Schuyler J. Hagglund Lori Lynn Hertlein Cherell Monique Johnson Lauren Michelle Kaemmerer magna cum laude Bridget K. McCoy magna cum laude Adrienne Gabrielle Reed Elizabeth Anne Ryll Codie Lanae Sloan Terrisila Hunae Smith

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Mackenzie Fries Crowley

Hannah Claire Gaebler

Jill C. Willerding

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Sascha Gaenzler

Brandon Michael Kelly

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Jennifer Ann Johnson Sherri E. Simcox Marie T. Simms
Nichole E. Stahlman

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Martha L. Buck Pamela Jill Burch Patricia K. Burnett Latrice P. Clayborne

LaWanda Sheresse Davis Karen Y. Eason Latonia El-Hasan

Dianne E. Eubanks

Denise Fields Kari Ann Going Farris L. Haley

Ethel Caprice Haywood Marchelli Genevieve

Jemerson Beverly Jones Shelia Rene Jones Lisa A. McAntire

Thaha Fahame Menkara

Auten

Michael D. Mullins

Andreé D. Sanders Angela Sanders Janet Yvonne Schuck Malcohm Monroe Smith

Malcohm Monroe Smith Luvenia Terry Andrea G. Turner Kayla Rochelle Vanderbilt

Jennifer Christina Wells

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#### **OPTIONS Program**

Marcia Faye Baker Ratesha R. Bates Twalla D. Bell Sandra J. Belusko cum laude Gloretha C. Binion Bridgette S. Blandon Russell Dean Braunseis magna cum laude Chance J. Brown Paula Y. Burks Dawn A. Burns Craig D. Cage Michael L. Chapman Brian W. Christian

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Beverly A. Clay Sheila Ann Coleman Theresa K. Donnelly cum laude Kristin E. Durow Randal Steven Epperson Pertella L. Evans Sharrye Nicole Favron Janice Diane Gasser Margaret Teresa Goedde James M. Grace cum laude Darlene Marie Granger Danny J. Graves cum laude Margaret M. Grimes Dawn L. Hawes Karen Jean Hilkenkamp magna cum laude Tineen Hinton Mary Kathleen Horan Jennifer Leigh Hylton

Lisa M. Johnson Jeffrey Knapper Marsha Ann Knox Susan Marie Koffman Lori Kristin Kovarik Jacqueline Danielle Lee Trenail Long Wynika Sharonda Lumpkins Dawn T. Maddox Edna L. Major Lorraine L. Matthews Beth L. Matula Anita L. Maurer Robert T. McBee, Jr. Tracev Reneé McDuffie Yvette Marie McLucas Tessie Ann Mills Anita Marie Morgan Leslie A. Morris D-Lori J. Newsome Michelle Marie Patton Shelitha L. Peppers

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#### **Fine Arts Department**

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Jennifer Lynn Nicollerat

Julie Elizabeth Nicollerat

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Susan Ann Breight
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summa cum laude
Katrina Elloise Crittle
Rebecca L. Davis
Janice Marie DiLorenzo
Catherine S. Edmond
summa cum laude

Lindsay D. Foulke
Helena Haire
Glenda M. Hoth
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Samantha Rae Loepker
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Annie Branch McKinnies
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Lisa A. Foppe

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Tiffany Rena Dugger

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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.

Twalla Bell

Kayla V. Boyd

Karen J. Hilkenkamp

## 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. Patricia Picard Cormier, president of Longwood University, 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 to serve a world in need. Dr. Cormier has served admirably as a university president, educator, tireless advocate for partnerships within education and dedicated community leader. She has done this with wisdom, passion, and grace.

In the message she brings to others, Dr. Cormier 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. Patricia Picard Cormier

Doctor of Humane Letters, honoris causa This Fifteenth day of December, Two Thousand and Six

## 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 graduating class of 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-seven 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.



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. 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	
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	
Forestry	russet brown
Journalism	crimson red
Law	purple
Library Science	lemon yellow
Medicine	green
Music	pink
Nursing	apricot
Oratory (Speech)	silver grey
Pharmacy	
Philosophy	royal blue
Physical Education.	
Public Health	salmon pink
Science	
Social Work	citron yellow
Theology	
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 academic and 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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