

SAINT VINCENT COLLEGE

HONORS
CONVOCAATION



One O'Clock
Wednesday, April 20
Two Thousand Twenty Two

Saint Vincent Basilica
Latrobe, Pennsylvania

PROGRAM

INVOCATION

Right Rev. Martin Bartel, O.S.B., B.B.A., M.B.A., M.Div., J.D.
Archabbot and Chancellor

PRESENTATION OF THE CLASS OF 1968 FR. RONALD R. GORKA SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Adam Wood, Ph.D., *Presenter*
Thomas E. Hedgepeth II, *Awardee*

PRESENTATION OF STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION AWARDS

Andrew M. Kunz
President, Student Government Association

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION SENIOR AWARDS

Sarah E. Centore
Alaina L. Dorazio
Robert A. Gigliotti
Annie E. Trader
Ryan P. Winter

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION ADMINISTRATOR AWARD

Jeffrie A. Mallory, Ed.D.
Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION FACULTY AWARD

Michael P. Krom, Ph.D.
Professor of Philosophy

**PRESENTATION OF AWARDS FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE
IN THE MAJOR FIELD OF STUDY**

Rev. Philip M. Kanfush, O.S.B., B.C.B.A.-D., L.B.A., L.B.S.,
B.A., B.A., M.B.A., M.A., M.Div., M.Ed., M.S., Ed.D.

*Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs and Academic Dean; Professor, Early Childhood,
Middle Level Instruction & Special Education; Senior Researcher and Chief Financial Officer,
Bearcat B.E.S.T. Transition Program*

INTRODUCTION OF THE FINALISTS FOR THE PRESIDENT'S AWARD

Nicholas H. Duer
Sydney R. Green
Maeve C. Milligan
Wade Rashilla
Kaitlin E. Repp

CONFERRING OF PRESIDENT'S AWARD

Father Paul R. Taylor, O.S.B., B.A., M.Div., M.A., Ph.D.
President

PRESENTATION OF FACULTY AWARDS

Rev. Philip M. Kanfush, O.S.B.

THE QUENTIN SCHAUT FACULTY AWARD

Michelle Duennes, Ph.D.
Assistant Professor, Biology

THE BONIFACE WIMMER FACULTY AWARD

Jeffrey L. Godwin, Ph.D.
Associate Professor, Business Administration

CONVOCATION ADDRESS

Amanda Cecconi, C'87, B.S., M.B.A.

ALMA MATER

Saint Vincent, Saint Vincent
Our Mother and our guide!
To honor and love thee
Shall ever be our pride.

Thy guiding hand hath shaped our course
On life's unruly sea;
Until the end with grateful hearts
We shall be true to thee.

BENEDICTION

Fr. Maximilian Maxwell, O.S.B.
Director, Campus Ministry

AWARDS FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE IN THE MAJOR FIELD OF STUDY
UNDERGRADUATE

Accounting.....	Ashley G. Shoemaker
Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs.....	Emma M. Andrasko
Art Education.....	Lauren I. Hartner
Biochemistry.....	Alissa C. Beam
Bioinformatics.....	Lauren E. Galbraith
Biology.....	Christopher W. Risnear
Business Data Analytics.....	Kimberly A. Weinman
Business Economics.....	Aleksandr M. Kraft
Chemistry.....	Laura E. Aston
Communication.....	Maria A. Claybaugh
Computer Science.....	Maria E. Arcara
Criminology, Law and Society.....	Shayela R. Harmon
Cybersecurity.....	Joshua R. Secrist
Data Science.....	Kethrie L. Heasley
Digital Art and Media.....	Rebecca M. Preston
Early Childhood Education.....	Taylor M. Allison
Economics and Mathematics.....	Aleksandr M. Kraft
Engineering.....	Patrick J. Hoover
English.....	Isabel A. Sicree
Environmental Science.....	Allie M. Shreffler
Finance.....	Wade Rashilla
History.....	Karen J. Dopico
Information Systems.....	Cullen J. Rathman
Integrated Science.....	Anna E. Donofrio
International Business.....	Maeve C. Milligan
Liberal Arts.....	Samantha L. Hilyer
Management.....	Cristofer M. White
Marketing.....	Emily C. Snyder
Mathematics/Engineering.....	Gustavo C. Campos
Mathematics.....	Kristyan A. Hahn
Middle Grade Education.....	Carly M. Belich
Music.....	John P. Crocetti
Music Performance.....	Justin M. Massetto
Pennsylvania Institute of Certified Public Accountants.....	Aaron J. Kuhn
Philosophy.....	Randall F. Pawlowski
Physics.....	Andrew R. Klein
Politics.....	Levi J. Keys
Psychology.....	Julie M. Reichert
Sociology.....	Abigail J. Kyle
Student Educator Award – Secondary Certification.....	Evan J. Portman
Studio Art.....	Clair F. Sirofchuck
Theology.....	Madison L. Powell

**2021-22 A. J. PALUMBO STUDENT RESEARCH
ENDOWMENT FUND AWARDEES**

Elanda M. Batykefer	Diego A. Marmolejos
Jonathan E. Baum	Mackenzie A. Moretti
Emily P. Bosche	Zakiya E. Moses
Christopher M. Bouye	Clare L. Mulcahy
Noelle E. Bryner	Emilee N. Nedz
Christopher C. Bush	Sophie E. Neubert
Matthew F. Callaghan	Sarah C. O'Toole
David Collins	Ryan W. Patricio
Andy Connelly	Kelsie R. Patton
Nicola A. DiPaul	Jessica L. Persin
Ava J. Dorazio	Nicholas R. Rega
Olivia M. Emmonds	Julie M. Reichert
Logan D. Getchey	Alec L. Richard
Sydney R. Green	Joslyn R. Rodell
Jessica R. Guesman	Samantha N. Rogers
Kolby S. Hanan	Jay W. Ryan-Sammons
Sarah M. Helsel	Angel D. Scalamogna
Jared M. Holmes	Anna L. Shields
Jakob M. Kalp	Isabel A. Sicree
Lindsey Kocjancic	Estefany Y. Sierra-Cisneros
Zachary J. Kuzel	Zachary J. Smith
Kate N. Lecompte-Roy	Haley D. Smolleck
Emily M. Lentz	Carrine H. Soltis
Kyra E. Lipetzky	Madilyn M. Thompson
Jaclyn H. Lorkovic	William K. Varesio
Lauren A. Makovics	Shyan M. Yahner-Golby

SAINT VINCENT COLLEGE 2022 PRESIDENT'S AWARD FINALISTS



Nicholas H. Duer

Nicholas Duer, of Zelenople, is a finance major with a minor in operational excellence. In addition to being a member of the Delta Mu Delta Business Honor Society, as a member of the Alpha Lambda Delta Academic Honor Society, Duer was awarded the Maria Leonard Senior Book Award, which is awarded to graduating Alpha Lambda Delta members with the highest GPAs in their class. Duer is also a member of the Benedictine Leadership Studies Program, a Prefect in Bonaventure Hall, and the student leader of the Men's Fellowship Group. He has, most notably, cofounded the Formed and Fashioned small groups at Saint Vincent College after hearing of the idea at Duquesne University and has since been trained as a Strengths Coach. He is currently an intern with the Small Business Development Center on campus, but following graduation, Duer will join Stanley Black & Decker as a member of their Stanley Leadership Program.

Sydney R. Green

Sydney Green, of Greensburg, majors in engineering with a concentration in materials. After graduating high school a year early, Green matriculated at Saint Vincent and has been inducted into Alpha Lambda Delta Academic Honor Society in addition to being on the President's Athletic Conference (PAC) Honor Roll every semester and being an All-Academic Athlete. As president of the Engineering Club, Green has organized fundraising events, held a food drive, and helped organize this year's Pasta Bridge Competition. Green also serves both as a Collaborative Learning Program Facilitator and a tutor and has helped with the engineering program's accreditation efforts. She is a member of the Women in STEM and Women in Business clubs and is a Prefect. An accomplished athlete on the Track and Cross Country Teams, Green has received multiple PAC commendations and holds several Saint Vincent records. Green is currently an intern with Westinghouse Electric Company and will begin a fulltime position with the company as a mechanical engineer in the Materials and Aging Management Division upon graduation.



Maeve C. Milligan

Maeve Milligan, of Johnstown, majors in international business and minors in operational excellence. After graduating high school early, Milligan took a gap semester prior to starting college, during which she worked fulltime as a mission worker with Hosanna Industries in Pittsburgh. At Saint Vincent, she is part of the Alpha Lambda Delta Academic Honor Society in addition to being a Prefect in Bonaventure Hall, serving on the Student Government Association, and being a member of the Outdoors Club and the Environmental Club. An active member of the Saint Vincent community, Milligan is a volunteer note-taker, has assisted in many campus cleanups, and has participated in Saint Vincent's Sports Friendship Day as a Buddy in 2019 and as a Committee Chair in 2022. Currently, Milligan is interning with Bechtel Plant Machinery, Inc. as a procurement co-op. After graduation, Milligan will join Ernst & Young as a consultant in its Financial Services Department.



Wade Rashilla

Wade Rashilla, of Ligonier, is a double major in finance and mathematics and a double minor in accounting and economics. He is an active member of the Saint Vincent community, serving as treasurer for both the Accounting and Fishing Clubs and as a member of several other clubs; a tutor for math and finance classes as well as a volunteer note-taker; a member of the Student Government Association; and a Prefect. Rashilla is a member of the Alpha Lambda Delta Academic Honor Society and has worked with that group to organize various food and donation drives. An accomplished guitar player, he has participated in and performed for the Festival of Praise for Campus Ministry, with which he is also an altar server. Rashilla has also recently volunteered at the vaccine clinics on campus and has organized regular cleanups of the SVC lake. Rashilla is currently interning with Waldron Private Wealth, and after graduation, he will join the company fulltime as an associate on its Investments Team.



Kaitlin E. Repp

Kaitlin Repp, of Gettysburg, is a politics major. She is a member of Pi Sigma Alpha Political Science Honor Society and the Aurelius Scholars in Western Civilization, both of which she is also president. Through Pi Sigma Alpha, she has organized an outreach program for members of the society to go to different local elementary schools and distribute pocket copies of the U.S. Constitution. As a leader in the Aurelius Scholars, she has helped to plan events and secured a grant that supported a student trip to Harper's Ferry, WV. Additionally, Repp is a tutor in the Politics Department and has enjoyed participating in and serving as captain of the Mock Trial Team. Outside of Saint Vincent, Repp portrays Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton in a living history exhibit at the Seton Shrine in Emmitsburg, MD. After graduation, Repp has plans to attend law school. She will also serve as an advanced research assistant for the Center for Political and Economic Thought.



SAINT VINCENT COLLEGE 2022 FACULTY AWARDEES



Michelle Duennes, Ph.D., ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, BIOLOGY

Duennes teaches general biology II, ecology, evolution, and invertebrate zoology. She also advises biology majors as they develop, execute, and communicate research for their 3-semester Capstone Research Projects. Students in her lab explore a variety of topics in ecology, evolution, and conservation. The overarching goal of Duennes' research is to reveal molecular adaptations and phylogenetic/population genetic history to address how species might react to changing natural and agricultural landscapes.



Jeffrey L. Godwin, Ph.D., ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Dr. Jeff Godwin has academic, corporate, and church-related work experience. Before coming to Saint Vincent College, he taught at Virginia Tech while obtaining his Ph.D. In addition to teaching, he has helped a variety of organizations as a Strategic Planning Consultant. Dr. Godwin's corporate experience includes employment as a Bond Underwriter. This involved extensive financial analyses and well as evaluating corporate capacities. As Chief Operating Officer for Hospice Care Corporation, Dr. Godwin obtained health care management experience. Dr. Godwin is an Ordained Elder in The United Methodist Church. Presently he is appointed by The United Methodist Church to teach at Saint Vincent College. Dr. Godwin's research interests are primarily in the areas of Transformational Leadership, Self-leadership, Organizational Culture, and Goal Setting. In addition to conference presentations, his research record includes articles published in the following journals: *Human Resource Management Review*; *Journal of Managerial Psychology*, *The Journal of Management Development*, *International Journal of Organization Theory and Behavior*; and the *Journal of Applied Behavioral Science*.



Michael P. Krom, Ph.D., PROFESSOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Michael P. Krom became a member of the Saint Vincent College faculty in 2007 after earning his Ph.D. in philosophy from Emory University and his Master of Arts degree from Boston College. Since then, he has been promoted to full professor and currently serves as chair of the philosophy department, director of Benedictine Leadership Studies, as well as director of the Faith and Reason Summer Program. He has published works in areas of moral and political philosophy with an emphasis on the relationship between Catholicism and liberalism. He recently authored a second book, *Justice and Charity: An Introduction to Aquinas's Moral, Economic, and Political Thought*. He has delivered over 40 professional papers, including invited talks at such institutions as Belmont Abbey College, Franciscan University of Steubenville, and University of Dallas. His articles have appeared in such journals as *Journal of Religious Ethics*, *Hobbes Studies*, and *Catholic Social Science Review*. He and his wife, Jessica, reside in Latrobe with their six children. They are members of St. Mary's Byzantine Catholic Church (Bradenville), and Dr. Krom serves there as high school ECF instructor. In addition, he is a curriculum coordinator for Christ the Divine Teacher School (Latrobe), helping to oversee its transition to a classical grammar as well as logic school.



Jeffrie A. Mallory, Ed.D., EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

In addition to being executive vice president, Mallory serves as chief operating officer of Saint Vincent College while also offering direction to much of the student life on campus. From 2010-14, Mallory held the role of Director of Campus and Multicultural and Student Life at Saint Vincent. During his time at SVC, he also served as Assistant/Associate Men's Basketball Coach from 2009-12. Mallory is active in the region, holding a number of board positions for various foundations and groups. Mallory is also currently serving as a member of the advisory board for Allegheny Regional Asset District and as a member of the advisory committee for the Kennametal Center for Operational Excellence. Mallory was a four-year starter for the Saint Vincent men's basketball team from 2002-06 and remains the College's all-time career leader in blocked shots (313) and ranks fifth in program history in scoring (1,580 points). Following his collegiate career, he spent two seasons playing professionally in Spain for Cajasur Cordoba Basketball Club.

AMANDA CECCONI, C'87, B.S., M.B.A.

Founder Management Partner, Punching Nun Group, Franklin, TN

HONORS CONVOCATION SPEAKER



Amanda Cecconi is the founder and chief executive officer of Punching Nun Group in Tennessee. Punching Nun Group (PNG) is a healthcare industry-specific consulting practice that emphasizes effectiveness and affordability in marketing implementation. Since the founding of PNG in 2012, Cecconi has led public relations, lead generation, digital marketing, and re-branding support for more than 85 venture-backed health IT and service companies. She has held numerous leadership roles during her more than 25 years in corporate finance and healthcare strategic marketing. Prior to the founding of her creative agency, Cecconi worked for Ascension Health, one of the largest not-for-profit healthcare systems in the nation, where she focused on the alignment of services for women's overall health. It was during her time working for Ascension that Cecconi developed relationships with the nuns in senior management. From that experience, she drew inspiration for the

namesake of her consulting practice, taking the opportunity to pay tribute to the nuns she had gotten to know so well, while also putting her own spin on her new business. During her career, Cecconi has also spent time as the chief marketing officer for Change Healthcare; vice president of marketing for Cybera, Inc.; vice president of marketing for Evidence Based Medicine Solutions; director of marketing for Covad Communications; with the Cendant Strategic Marketing Group; and as a product manager and senior analyst with Ford Motor Company. Cecconi serves on numerous charitable and education boards, including the Hope Clinic for Women, GEAR Foundation, and Saint Vincent College's Alex G. McKenna School of Business, Economics and Government. She is a ministry leader for Celebrate Recovery, Grace Chapel (TN). She earned a Bachelor of Science degree in economics from Saint Vincent College and a Master of Business Administration from Wayne State University. She currently resides in Franklin, Tennessee.



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