



Niagara University
Graduate Commencement
May 14, 2026



National Anthems

The Star-Spangled Banner

O say can you see, by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hail'd at the twilight's last gleaming,
Whose broad stripes and bright stars
through the perilous fight
O'er the ramparts we watch'd were so gallantly streaming?
And the rocket's red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night
that our flag was still there.
O say does that star-spangled banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free
and the home of the brave?

Francis Scott Key

O Canada

O Canada! Our home and native land!
True patriot love in all of us command.
With glowing hearts we see thee rise,
The true north strong and free!
From far and wide
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.
God keep our land glorious and free!
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.

Weir and Lavallee





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The Mace



Mace detail





The Mace

Since the Middle Ages, the ceremonial mace has been a symbol of authority at royal, ecclesiastical and academic convocations. The Niagara University mace consists of a rounded teakwood column with a sterling silver band bearing four medallions that symbolize the history and legacy of the university and the Congregation of the Mission. The teakwood crown represents the world, surrounding a silver cross, and topped with a deep purple amethyst. The mace was created in 1970 by Wesley F. Brett, professor of design at Buffalo State College. The silver work was executed by local artist David Anderson. The mace continues to be used at all solemn convocations of the university.

FIRST MEDALLION: The University Seal

This artistic interpretation of the university seal portrays an eagle, indicating the location of the university on Monteagle Ridge. The eagle is emblazoned with the figure of a heart, symbol of Saint Vincent de Paul, and its talons clasp a scroll, symbolizing scholarship. The eagle rests on a series of columns, representing a strong foundation. At the center of the shield is a crown, symbolic of leadership. Angel wings surround a diamond shape called a “lozenge,” a heraldic representation of women and a recognition of the university as a co-educational institution. The crescent within the lozenge is symbolic of enlightenment and glory. The cross on the right side characterizes the strength of the Catholic intellectual tradition.

SECOND MEDALLION: The Shield of Mary

Acknowledging the original name of Niagara University as the Seminary of Our Lady of Angels, this shield portrays Mary with her arms extended, palms up, standing upon the world. To the right, a small tree of life, offering its fruit to humankind.

THIRD MEDALLION: Niagara Falls

The stylized image of the great cataract can also be seen as a tribute to generations of Niagara University graduates, who have carved their individual paths from Monteagle Ridge across the state and the world.

FOURTH MEDALLION: The Congregation of the Mission

An homage to the Vincentian tradition and legacy, this image portrays Christ standing upon the world. To the left, a constellation representing the mysteries in the universe that are yet to be explored. The motto of the Congregation of the Mission, translated from Latin, means “I was sent to evangelize the poor.”





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Graduate Commencement

Thursday, May 14, 2026
7 p.m. | Artpark | Lewiston, N.Y.

Presiding

Rev. James J. Maher, C.M., D.Min.
President

Master of Ceremonies

Jamie Carr, Ph.D.
Associate Provost | Professor of English

Program

Processional

Pomp and Circumstance

National Anthems

O Canada

Performed by Julia Cianfrini, '26

The Star-Spangled Banner

Performed by Lillian Jarzabek, '26

Invocation

Rev. Bernard Tracey, C.M., M.Div.

Religious Superior | Vincentian Community | Niagara University

Land Acknowledgment

Chandra Foote, Ph.D.

Associate Provost | Graduate and International Enrollment

Conferring of Honorary Degree





Doctor of Commercial Science, Honoris Causa

Larry Quinn

Address to Graduates

Larry Quinn

Conferring of Degrees

Expression of Gratitude

Ravdeep Minhas, '24, '26
M.S. Criminal Justice Administration

Remarks

Rev. James J. Maher, C.M., D.Min.

Recessional



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Commencement Speaker



Doctor of Commercial Science, Honoris Causa

Larry Quinn

Larry Quinn is a prominent American ice hockey executive, businessman, and real estate developer with a deep-seated commitment to the revitalization of Western New York. Best known for his leadership within the Buffalo Sabres organization, Quinn served two significant tenures with the team. He first served as President and CEO from 1996 to 1998, during which the Sabres captured a Northeast Division title. He returned in 2004 as managing partner and CEO under the ownership of Tom Golisano, overseeing a period of immense success that included winning the Presidents' Trophy in 2007 and reaching back-to-back Eastern Conference Finals.

Beyond the rink, Quinn played a pivotal role in shaping Buffalo's physical and civic landscape. He assisted in securing the construction of the KeyBank Center and served as vice chairman of the Erie Canal Harbor Development Corporation. In this capacity, he was a driving force behind the "Canal Side" development, advocating for a pedestrian-focused waterfront that allows the community to interact and differentiate Buffalo from other homogenized regions.

Quinn's dedication to the region extends to public service and education. In 2014, he was elected to the Buffalo Public Schools' board of education, running on a platform of reform and accountability. A graduate of the University of Notre Dame, Quinn's career is defined by a refreshing candor and a steadfast belief that rebuilding a city requires a long-term accumulation of vision, public improvement, and private investment.





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Candidates for Degrees

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN LEADERSHIP AND POLICY

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Dissertation: Leadership Continuity and Knowledge Retention During Federal Downsizing: A Phenomenological Perspective on Succession Planning and Talent Management

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Dr. Walter Polka

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Dissertation: Founders' Values and Entrepreneurial Decision-Making Under Uncertainty: A Mixed-Methods Study of Commitment-Bounded Rationality

Dissertation Chair: Dr. Lori V. Quigley

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M.A., UN Mandated University for Peace
L.L.M., Uganda Christian University
M.P.P., University of Juba
M.Sc., Uganda Christian University

Dissertation: Evaluating the Impact of International Collaborations on Higher Education at the University of Juba, South Sudan (2021–2024): A Case Study of the Faculties of Science, Engineering, and School of Business Management

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Dr. Sushma Marwaha

Dr. R. Michael Smith

Brandi Guerinot

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M.A., The Ohio State University

Dissertation: Climbing the Ladder: A Phenomenological Study of the Impact of Succession Planning in Private Colleges and Universities in the Northeastern United States

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The official seal of the university presents in symbol its history and purpose. The first name of Niagara University, the College and Seminary of Our Lady of Angels, is signified in the lower half of the coat of arms by the crown, the wings and the crescent moon inscribed in a diamond. The upper half of the coat of arms depicts wavy vertical lines symbolizing the grandeur and power of Niagara Falls. At the top of the shield, on a wreath in purple and white (the university colors) is a golden eagle, indicating the location of the university atop Monteaagle Ridge, overlooking the Niagara gorge. The eagle bears a purple diamond displaying a silver heart, symbol of St. Vincent de Paul, founder of the Congregation of the Mission, the religious community that sponsors the university. The motto at the base of the shield, “Ut Ommes Te Cognoscant” (John 17:3) expresses the purpose of a Niagara education: “That All May Know You.”





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1581-1660

Founder of the Vincentians and Daughters of Charity



Born in rural France, Vincent's remarkable scholarship and ambition opened up opportunities to study theology, and he was ordained to the priesthood in 1600. In 1617, while serving as private tutor and spiritual director for the wealthy de Gondi family, Vincent had a transforming experience that put him on the road to sainthood. As he heard the confession of a poor peasant on his deathbed, the man's heart-felt gratitude impressed upon Vincent the profound lack of spiritual and material attention provided to the poor. Blessed with this new inspiration, he gave an impassioned sermon on the 25th of January and preached with newfound zeal about spiritual conversion and helping the poor and sick. Vincent looked back at Jan. 25, 1617, as the true beginning of his ministry, and so Niagara University and the Vincentians celebrate that day as "founder's day." In 1885, Vincent was declared patron of all charitable organizations and works by Pope Leo XIII.





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