

The One Hundred and Twenty-eighth

Commencement Exercises

May the Fifteenth
Two Thousand and Twenty-one

The Right Reverend Mark A. Cooper, O.S.B., *Chancellor* Joseph A. Favazza, Ph.D., *President*

Commencement Exercises will be simulcast in the following locations: Coffee Shop, Goulet Science Center, Dana Humanities Center, Roger and Francine Jean Student Center Auditorium.

THE COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

Academic Prelude	Amity Street Brass Quintet
Grand Marshal & Macebearer	
Invocation	The Right Reverend Mark A. Cooper, O.S.B. Chancellor
National Anthem	Aidan M. Lewis '21
Student Address.	Abigail A. Campbell '21
Chancellor's Award	The Right Reverend Mark A. Cooper, O.S.B. Chancellor
President's Address	Joseph A. Favazza, Ph.D. President of the College
Citations	Joseph A. Favazza, Ph.D. President of the College
Address	Edward A. Hjerpe III, Ph.D. '81
Musical Interlude	Amity Street Brass Quintet
Announcing the Graduates	
Benediction.	The Right Reverend Mark A. Cooper, O.S.B. Chancellor
Recessional	Amity Street Brass Quintet

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE TO THE CLASS OF 2021

Dear Class of 2021,

The day has arrived. From the moment your banner was raised to the rafters in Davison Hall – and you began writing your Saint Anselm story – you anticipated when it would come down, culminating your four years on the Hilltop.

None of us could anticipate the twists and turns, the highs and the lows, that have been part of your story. To be sure, the pandemic left its mark. However, it has been your perseverance and good spirits in the face of an unprecedented challenge that will be the indelible imprint of the Class of 2021. Few in history have seen events such as this, and while it may not feel true at this time, I promise that what you have overcome these past 15 months will make you stronger and better for a lifetime.

Of course, there is so much more to remember than simply Covid. You gave thousands of service hours through the Meelia Center, through Campus Ministry service trips and through many other worthy endeavors. You contributed thousands of dollars to wonderful causes such as the Relay for Life and the Road for Hope. You cheered our Hawks to championships and you cheered our Abbey Players to encores. You considered what it means to live a good life through *Conversatio*, philosophy and theology classes. You spread blankets on the quad to look at the stars and to watch the sun rise. You made gingerbread houses at Christmas and made late-night C-shop runs at exam time.

In short, you became Anselmian.

Let me assure you, even as the final chapter of your undergraduate years comes to a close, your Anselmian story is far from over. You now join an alumni family more than 20,000 strong and you will continue to write your story at Homecomings, reunions, weddings in the Abbey Church, and much more.

Now, take what you learned and who you have become and make a difference in this world. You have already left your mark on the Hilltop. I cannot wait to see what you do next.

Congratulations on reaching this milestone!

Sincerely,

Joseph A. Favazza, Ph.D.

President

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EDWARD A. HJERPE III, Ph.D. '81

Edward A. Hjerpe is president and CEO of the Federal Home Loan Bank of Boston where he is responsible for the bank's management, strategy, and operations, a position he has held since 2009. Previously, he was president and COO of the Massachusetts and Rhode Island division of the Webster Bank, and chief operating officer and chief financial officer of FIRSTFED AMERICA BANCORP, INC. He also served as interim president and CEO of Strata Bank in Medway, Mass. Earlier in his career as an economist, he worked for the Commodity Futures Trading Commission and then for the Federal Home Loan Bank Board's Office of Policy and Economic Research.

Hjerpe led the Saint Anselm College Board of Trustees as chairman for four years from 2008-2012, having served on the board for more than two decades in various capacities as chair of the finance committee, executive committee, and investment committee. Hjerpe has served on a variety of boards for multiple organizations including on the board of directors for Dental Services of Massachusetts and the United Way of Fall River, the board of trustees for the Roger Williams Medical Center, the board for the Greater Providence Chamber of Commerce, and on the town of Medway (Mass.) Finance Committee. He currently is a board member for the Pentegra Defined Benefit Pension Plan for Financial Institutions, the Federal Home Loan Banks' Office of Finance, and the Federal Home Loan Bank Presidents Conference.

He earned his Ph.D. in economics and master's in economics from the University of Notre Dame in Indiana following his bachelor's in business and economics from Saint Anselm in 1981.

Hjerpe lives in R.I., with his wife of 35 years, Macrina. They have three children, Christine, Eddie, and Catie, a son-in-law Dave, and two grandchildren, Nolan and Cathleen Macrina.

HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENTS

ROBERT JOHN AND BEVERLY D. GRAPPONE P'04

Robert "Bob" and Beverly "Bev" D. Grappone, parents of five children, celebrated 50 years of marriage this past year. Raised in Keene, New Hampshire, Bev attended the Concord Hospital School of Nursing where she was the valedictorian of her class. She worked as a lifelong nurse. Bob earned his bachelor's degree in business management from East Carolina University. He worked in the family automotive business, Grappone Auto, retiring in 2008 after 43 years, though he is still a majority shareholder. Bob and Bev were co-recipients of the Concord Citizen of the Year in 2003.

For all their professional work and achievements, the center of Bob and Bev's life together has always been family and service to others. "I never realized until I got older," says their daughter Amanda, "that all parents didn't host events and organize fundraisers. My parents were always finding a way to give back to the community." Today they still are, working to help the successful development of the Gregory J. Grappone Humanities Institute at Saint Anselm in honor of their son Greg who graduated from Saint Anselm College in 2004. By cultivating the humanities at Saint Anselm and beyond, Bob and Bev are determined to help people, and especially young people, discover meaning and purpose in their lives.

SAINT ANSELM COLLEGE CHANCELLOR'S MEDAL

The Chancellor's Medal is awarded to the student with the highest grade point average of the graduating class by the Abbot of Saint Anselm Abbey and Chancellor of Saint Anselm College. The Chancellor's Medal is the highest academic honor Saint Anselm College bestows on a graduating student.

The medal consists of the Seal of Saint Anselm College in the form of a medallion on a ribbon of blue and white. The seal is composed of a shield on which appears a black cross with three drops of blood in each quarter formed by the cross. These are the arms attributed to Saint Anselm, Archbishop of Canterbury and patron saint of the College and Abbey. A sheaf of five silver arrows superimposed on the shaft of the cross, representing the original five counties of New Hampshire, is taken from the seal of the Colony of New Hampshire, upon which it was the central ornament. Encircling the shield is the name of the College, and at the top of the circle is the founding date of the College — 1889.

The Chancellor's Medal was first awarded at the academic convocation in 1984 to Br. William A. Thurmeier, O.S.B., of St. Peter's Abbey in Saskatchewan, Canada.



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The following is a translation of the Latin text which appears on the diploma.

We, the Trustees of Saint Anselm College, Manchester, New Hampshire extend greetings in the Lord to all who read this Diploma.

Inasmuch as our esteemed [graduate] has rendered himself/herself worthy to receive public awards and honors, we, under delegation of the highest authority of the State, make known to all by this Diploma that he/she has been declared and appointed by us

[Honors Bachelor of Arts]
[Honors Bachelor of Science]
[Bachelor of Arts]
[Bachelor of Science]

with all the rights, honors and privileges which holders of the [Honors Bachelor of Arts] [Honors Bachelor of Science] [Bachelor of Arts Degree] [Bachelor of Science Degree], everywhere have and enjoy by right and approved custom.

In testimony whereof we present this Diploma, undersigned and secured with the seal of this College.

SAINT ANSELM COLLEGE MISSION

Saint Anselm is a Catholic, Benedictine College providing all its students a distinctive liberal arts education that incorporates opportunities for professional and career preparation. It does so in a learning community that encourages the lifelong pursuit of the truth and fosters intellectual, moral and spiritual growth to sustain and enrich its graduates' personal lives, work, and engagement within local, national, and global communities.

THE TEN HALLMARKS OF BENEDICTINE EDUCATION

- 1. Love of Christ and neighbor
- 2. Prayer: a life marked by liturgy, *lectio*, and mindfulness
- 3. Stability: commitment to the daily life of this place, its heritage, and tradition
- 4. *Conversatio*: faithfulness to a way of life within community
- 5. Obedience: a commitment to listening and consequent action
- 6. Discipline: a way toward learning and freedom
- 7. Humility: knowledge of self in relation to God, others, and creation
- 8. Stewardship: responsible use of creation, culture, and the arts
- 9. Hospitality: openness to others
- 10. Community: call to serve the common good



COLLEGE HISTORY

Saint Anselm College was founded in 1889, when the Order of Saint Benedict of New Hampshire was incorporated by the state legislature. At the request of The Most Reverend Denis M. Bradley, the first bishop of Manchester, the Benedictine monks of St. Mary's Abbey of Newark, New Jersey, established a college to educate a new generation of Americans, regardless of their religious denomination, status, or ethnicity.

As founding president of the new college, Abbot Hilary Pfraengle, O.S.B., purchased land on a hilltop overlooking the city of Manchester and oversaw construction of the college's first building. When the nearly completed structure was destroyed by fire a year later, he decided to rebuild. On September 6, 1893, the college opened its doors to receive its first students, who paid \$180 for their tuition, room and board. A six-year classical course, with curricula in philosophical and theological studies, was organized and opened to 100 qualified students, including preparatory school students.

The gas-lit brick building called Administrative Hall served many functions, including administration, housing, recreation, worship and study. The earliest students ate, slept, did their laundry, even did pull-ups and bowled tenpins within its walls.

In 1910, Abbot Ernest Helmstetter, O.S.B., succeeded Abbot Hilary and embarked upon expanding the college. Under the leadership of eight more presidents until the present day, the college has continued in its mission to provide a strong education in the liberal arts, grounded in the Catholic, Benedictine intellectual tradition. Its approach to education has ever been guided by the spirit of its patron saint, Saint Anselm of Canterbury, who was a scholar and teacher. Anselm believed in the importance of educating the young for life, and not to master a particular subject area.

Throughout its 129 years, the college has built upon the work of its founders, overcoming many challenges including the lean years of the Great Depression and WWII. Its presidents have maintained the college's traditions and goals while adapting to changes in the world and in higher education, all the while meeting the needs of its students.

Major facilities were added in the 1960s, including residences, a computer center, dining hall, athletic facilities, and activities center. A nursing program was established in 1952 and gained a regional reputation. The faculty and administration developed a formal humanities program, called Portraits of Human Greatness, which gained national acclaim. In 1973, Fr. Brendan Paul Donnelly, O.S.B., the college's seventh president, oversaw the transition to a co-educational college, and the first women were admitted to the liberal arts program.

Over the course of its history, more than 30,000 men and women have graduated from Saint Anselm College. It has been visited by presidents and has served as the nation's classroom during presidential election cycles. It has produced graduates who guard the nation's security, care for its homeless, conduct business, search for cures, and lead parishes. Many of its graduates have returned to Saint Anselm as professors teaching the next generation of Anselmians. They continue the work of the academics and administrators who have preceded them, ever in the spirit of the pursuit of truth and maintaining the harmony between the knowledge of faith and the knowledge of reason.

THE SAINT ANSELM COLLEGE MACE

Originally, the mace was a heavy club with a metal head, often spiked, used by knights in the Middle Ages to crush the armor of opponents. By the 14th century, maces had become more ceremonial in use and decorated with jewels and precious metals, losing their war-club appearance. Maces no longer were used as weapons after the 16th century.

In modern times, the mace has become a work of art and a symbol of authority, usually identified with such formal functions in higher education as convocations, presidential installations, and commencements.

The Saint Anselm College mace, hand carved from black walnut, was designed and executed by the monks of Saint Joseph Abbey, the Trappist monastery in Spencer, Massachusetts. One of its striking features is the cross surmounting the mace, which is patterned after the cross in the Saint Anselm Abbey Church; another is the seal of the College, mounted on the round head of the mace, and composed of a shield on which appears a black cross with three drops of blood in each quarter formed by the cross. These are the arms attributed to Saint Anselm, Archbishop of Canterbury and patron saint of the College and Abbey. A sheaf of five silver arrows superimposed on the shaft of the cross, representing the original five counties of New Hampshire, is taken from the seal of the Colony of New Hampshire, upon which it was the central ornament. Encircling the shield is the legend *Sigillum Collegii Sancti Anselmi* (Seal of the College of Saint Anselm), and at the bottom of the circle is the founding date of the College — 1889.

THE PRESIDENTIAL CHAIN OF OFFICE

The Chain of the Office of the President of Saint Anselm College was commissioned by Reverend Augustine G. Kelly, O.S.B., then Vice President, Academic Affairs and Dean of the College, for the inauguration of President Steven R. DiSalvo, Ph.D. in 2013. It is composed of a series of links which include the names of the previous presidents of the college and their dates of office. Included in the chain are four fleurs-de-lis as a tribute to the Sisters of Saint Joan of Arc who lived, prayed and worked on this campus for eighty years. Hanging from the chain is the Seal of Saint Anselm College in the form of a medallion. Attaching the medallion to the chain is a single link with the letters U.I.O.G.D. for the Latin "Ut in omnibus glorificetur Deus" from the fifty-seventh chapter of the Rule of Saint Benedict "That in all things God may be glorified."

ACADEMIC COSTUME

The distinctive dress associated with academic ceremonies comprises a gown, hood, and cap. Developed in the Middle Ages, academic dress was ecclesiastical in origin since, initially, all members of a university were clerics and required to wear clerical attire. The earliest dress for undergraduates and bachelors consisted of a black habit — the habit of the Benedictine Order. A black hood lined with white rabbit fur was worn with it and, under the habit, all wore the plain black cassock. Such garb distinguished students and faculty as university members, but it also protected against the cold, indoors and out, since medieval buildings were unheated. The hood, used in early times as a head covering, has become a symbol of higher education, and the three elements — gown, hood, and cap — today are colorful accessories of formal academic functions.

The style of the gown indicates the degree attained by the wearer. The bachelor's gown has short, pointed sleeves and is worn closed front. The master's gown has oblong sleeves and the doctor's gown has bell-shaped sleeves, and may be worn open or closed. Velvet trimming down the front and velvet sleeve bars also distinguish the doctor's gown.

The color of the hood edging generally indicates the discipline of the wearer, for example, white for arts and letters, crimson for journalism, purple for law, green for medicine, yellow for science, gold for nursing, dark blue for philosophy, scarlet for theology, et cetera.

The hood is lined with the official color or colors of the college or university conferring the degree. More than one color may be shown by using a chevron, or by even divisions of the colors. Saint Anselm College colors are blue and white, so the hoods presented today have blue and white linings.

Tassels on the caps usually are black for bachelors and masters, but doctors may wear gold tassels.