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Salve Regina University
Sixty-fifth
Annual Commencement

May 17, 2015
10:00 a.m.
Newport, Rhode Island
The University Seal

1934

This seal depicts Our Lady of Mercy enclosed in a circle and standing before a cross. Around Our Lady's head is inscribed the motto: Maria Spes Nostra, Mary our Hope. On one side of the base is the lamp of wisdom, and on the other, the book of learning. This seal, according to the bylaws, shall be affixed to all official documents and decrees prepared by Salve Regina University.
Academic Procession

CHIEF MARSHALS

FLAG BEARERS

DEGREE CANDIDATES
    Doctor of Philosophy
    Master of Arts
    Master of Science
    Master of Business Administration
    Bachelor of Arts and Science
    Bachelor of Arts
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ALUMNAE OF THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY CLASS OF 1965

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GREETINGS FROM
The United States Senate
The City of Newport

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Jane Gerety, RSM, Ph.D.
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ADDRESS TO THE GRADUATES
Michelle Kwan

CONFERRING OF GRADUATE DEGREES

CONFERRING OF UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES

MESSAGE FROM THE CLASS DEAN
John-David Swanson, Ph.D.
*Dean of the Class of 2015, Associate Professor of Biology and Biomedical Sciences*

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MESSAGE TO THE GRADUATES
Jane Gerety, RSM, Ph.D.
*President of the University*

RECESSIONAL
J. Timothy O’Reilly
Doctor of Humane Letters
honoris causa

Flannery O’Connor once wrote, “A good man is hard to find.” You, Timothy O’Reilly, are a good man, a very good man indeed, whom we are most fortunate to have found and treasured all these years.

A model for families as a loving husband and father of four, you astutely developed and grew the family business that was passed on to you by your own hardworking father. Esteemed by friends and colleagues alike, you are an extraordinary steward of the many gifts you have been given.

You exemplify the truth that the ability to adapt to change is one of the hallmarks of a great leader. When you were called to do so, you learned how to operate your family’s fuel oil business and quickly turned your company into one of the largest distributors in the region.

A true entrepreneur and visionary business leader, you care deeply about the smallest details without losing sight of the big picture. After only a few years as president and chief executive officer of Newport Oil Corporation, you led the expansion of your business into one of Newport’s most successful restaurant and hospitality industries with the opening of the Newport Yachting Center in 1980 and the Mooring Restaurant in 1981.

Believing your employees to be your greatest asset, you made them part of your family legacy by offering them a stock ownership plan under which your businesses have flourished. Your many establishments, including the legendary Castle Hill Inn and Resort, are considered to be among the finest in the region, welcoming travelers from near and far.

Hospitality is one of the tenets of the Mercy tradition, and is a trait you exemplify through your generosity and thoughtfulness. Honored as a Star of the Industry with a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Rhode Island Hospitality and Tourism Association, you give generously of your time and talent wherever it is most needed. A fourth-generation Newporter, you are firmly rooted in your proud Irish heritage and in the traditions of this extraordinary city.

A graduate of the University of Notre Dame, you went on to receive your MBA from the Amos Tuck School at Dartmouth University. As board chairman of Newport Harbor Corporation, you are esteemed throughout the business community for your values, integrity and vision in showcasing the City-by-the-Sea as a premier Rhode Island destination.

Other organizations fortunate to have had your invaluable guidance over the years include the American Hotel and Lodging Association, BankNewport, Discover Newport, Lifespan Corporation, the Newport County Chamber of Commerce, Newport Hospital, the Rhode Island Convention Center Authority, the Robert E. Potter League for Animals, St. Philomena’s School and, last but not least, Salve Regina University.

For your outstanding service as a University trustee for nearly 20 years, and in honor of your remarkable professional achievements, we are privileged to confer upon you, J. Timothy O’Reilly, the degree of Doctor of Humane Letters, honoris causa, with all its attendant rights and privileges, on this seventeenth day of May 2015.
Michelle Kwan
Doctor of Humane Letters
honoris causa

Michelle Kwan, you make the impossible seem effortless. With exquisite skill and grace, you became the most decorated figure skater in U.S. history, captivating us with your incomparable style and stamina. Beloved the world over as one of the greatest figure skaters of all time, you are celebrated as America’s reigning “Princess on Ice.”

The daughter of Hong Kong immigrants Danny and Estella, you began skating when you were only five. You were inspired to become a world-class skater after watching Brian Boitano win a gold medal at the 1988 Winter Olympics. Just seven years old at the time, you thought, ‘Okay, tomorrow I’ll go to the Olympics.’ You quickly learned that realizing your dream would take many years of hard work.

Proving that practice makes perfect, you skated your way to an unprecedented 43 championships, including five world championships, nine U.S. championships and two Olympic medals, all with determination and poise. By the age of 16, you had written your first book of many for children and young adults, aptly named *Heart of a Champion*.

At the age of 26, you chose to step off the ice and begin a new chapter in your life story. Your appointment by the Secretary of State as the first U.S. public diplomacy envoy opened doors you could have never imagined. Not content to rest on your laurels, you returned to college, earning your bachelor’s degree in international studies from the University of Denver and your master’s degree in international relations from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University.

From your service as a member of President Obama’s Council on Fitness, Sports and Nutrition to your leadership as a board director for Special Olympics International, you are a tireless advocate for important social and educational issues. You inspire young people the world over to follow their dreams by reminding them of what it takes to succeed. Your numerous accolades speak for themselves and include, among others, three Kids’ Choice Awards, a Teen Choice Award as America’s favorite female athlete, and a U.S. Olympic Committee Sportswoman of the Year Award. Recipient many times over of Skating magazine’s Readers’ Choice Figure Skater of the Year Award, you continue to prove, as you once said, that “Dancing on ice throughout life’s often difficult journey requires courage and resilience.”

Soon you will lead the Unified Relay Across America, the torch relay that will open the door to athletes from over 107 countries as the Special Olympics World Summer Games return to the United States for the first time in 16 years.

Whether you are carrying the flame of hope for this important cause, or helping young women discover new opportunities as an adviser to Women LEAD, the U.S.-China Women’s Leadership Exchange and Dialogue initiative, you are a true champion at heart, reminding us that applause comes not when we fall, but when we get back up and challenge ourselves to move forward.

In recognition of your outstanding achievements, Salve Regina University is privileged to confer upon you, Michelle Kwan, the degree of Doctor of Humane Letters, honoris causa, with all its attendant rights and privileges, on this seventeenth day of May 2015.
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Academic Regalia

When universities were taking form in the twelfth and thirteenth centuries, they were under the jurisdiction of the Church. Most of those studying were clerks in Holy Orders, monks, or priests. They wore a habit or cloak, to which was attached a cowl or hood. This could be pulled up over the head or thrown back, according to the weather. Gowns were necessary for warmth in the unheated buildings, and hoods served to cover the tonsured head before the use of the skull cap.

Today, the academic costume of cap, gown and hood has taken on a symbolic meaning. Colors and shapes conform to a generally accepted code and indicate the faculty conferring the degree and the kind of degree conferred. Gowns for the bachelor's degree are worn closed and are distinguished by their long, pointed sleeves. Master's degree gowns are designed to be worn open. They have very long sleeves, oblong in shape. Gowns for the doctoral degree, usually black, are also designed to be worn open and have velvet panels. Three velvet bars are stitched to the upper part of the full, bell-shaped sleeves.

Hoods are trimmed with a slim strip of velvet to indicate the specific faculty awarding the degree. The colored lining is the official color of the institution conferring the degree. Hoods may be trimmed to represent the following academic areas:

- Arts, Letters, Humanities...............White
- Business Administration ........Light Brown
- Education ..................................Light Blue
- Fine Arts ..................................Brown
- Musical Arts ...............................Pink
- Philosophy ...............................Dark Blue
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Students at Salve Regina University who have distinguished themselves through academic performance wear honor cords of these colors:

- Gold — Summa Cum Laude
- Blue — Magna Cum Laude
- White — Cum Laude

The Mace

The mace and its bearer represent a custom that dates back to the Middle Ages. From the sixteenth century in England and since colonial days in America, it has become a symbol of office carried by the procession leader. In the academic world, the mace signifies teaching authority.

The Salve Regina University mace was designed by Rhode Island sculptor Paul A. Cavanagh as an octagonal, formalized flower. The staff of ebony represents lignum vitae — the tree of life. A circle of eight rigid geometric forms of silver, peaked with pyramids of lapis lazuli, are representative of the Virtues. The Intellectual and Moral Virtues enable one to lead a fruitful and good life. The extending leaves of blossom deriving from the silver forms are symbolic of one's development in the world. An inner circle of leaves, in close embrace with the central form, and pistil-like cruciform with crown, suggest one's development in love of Christ and the cross.

The President’s Medallion

The sterling silver medallion worn by the University President at all formal academic functions symbolizes the leadership and authority of the institution’s highest office.

Handcrafted by John Cavanagh, the design is based on the University shield, which symbolizes the commitment of the Sisters of Mercy to Salve Regina University, the dedication to learning by all members of the Salve Regina community, and the unending search for wisdom that flows from the knowledge of the liberal scholar. Each link of the chain is a “Mercy Cross,” with a crown superimposed over the face of each cross.
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Hail Mother of mercy and of love, O Maria!
Triumph all ye Cherubim, Sing with us ye Seraphim,
Heav'n and earth resound the hymn:
    Salve, Salve, Salve, Regina!

Our life, our sweetness here below, O Maria!
Our hope in sorrow and in woe, O Maria!
Triumph all ye Cherubim, Sing with us ye Seraphim,
Heav'n and earth resound the hymn:
    Salve, Salve, Salve, Regina!
**Academic Honors**

Latin Honors are awarded to baccalaureate degree candidates when all degree requirements are complete for both traditional and Continuing Education programs. Honors are determined by the cumulative GPA for all semesters of study at St. Mary's, provided at least 60 credits have been completed here. At the honors and awards ceremony, distinctive cords are awarded to each candidate to be worn with the academic robes in the Commencement ceremony. The minimum GPA criteria are:

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