



# *All-College Convocation*

9 a.m. Monday, August 30, 2021

Escher Auditorium, Benedicta Arts Center

## **SPEAKERS**

Dr. Mary Stenson, Associate Professor of Exercise Science and Sport Studies

Ms. Crystal Diaz, President, Saint Benedict's Senate



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Saint Benedict

# Order of Exercises

# Ceremony of Commitment to Learning

PROCESSIONAL\* ..... *Suite in D* by G.F. Handel

PROCESSION ..... Faculty and Administration

WELCOME AND

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS ..... Ms. Laurie Hamen, JD  
*Transitional President, College of Saint Benedict*

INVOCATION ..... Mr. Aaron Voth  
*Interim Director for Campus Ministry*

MONASTIC WELCOME ..... S. Susan Rudolph, OSB  
*Prioress, Saint Benedict's Monastery*

STUDENT WELCOME ..... Ms. Crystal Diaz  
*President, Saint Benedict's Senate*

CONVOCATION ADDRESS ..... Dr. Mary Stenson  
*Associate Professor of Exercise Science  
and Sport Studies*

CEREMONY OF COMMITMENT  
TO LEARNING ..... Ms. Barbara Brandes  
*Chair, Board of Trustees*

SCHOOL SONG ..... Ms. Maria Schneider  
*Senior, Music Major*  
(Please stand)

RECESSIONAL\* ..... "La Rejouissance" from  
*Royal Fireworks* by G.F. Handel

MUSICIANS ..... Dr. Justin Zanchuk, trumpeter  
*Associate Professor of Music*  
Dr. Edward Turley, piano  
*Professor of Music*

NEW STUDENTS:

Will you commit yourself to learn and to reflect, to accept challenge and change, to serve and to strengthen the College of Saint Benedict including all members of our community, regardless of race, religion, sexual or gender identity, by your presence as a student?

*We will.*

By the authority vested in me by the board of trustees, I welcome you as full members of this college in the Benedictine tradition of our founders and sponsors. May you flourish and grow in wisdom.

RETURNING STUDENTS:

Will you affirm your commitment to provide an inclusive and authentic, friendship, good example and advice to all new students?

*We will.*

FACULTY:

Will you affirm your commitment to inclusion within and outside of the classroom, to challenge, inspire and mentor our students through their life and work in this college?

*We will.*

ADMINISTRATION AND STAFF:

Will you affirm your commitment to sustain the inclusive and equitable educational work of this college through your labor and leadership?

*We will.*

EVERYONE:

Will you commit yourself to creating a welcoming and inclusive community for all, to support and nurture our Benedictine values as we engage with all students, faculty, staff and friends, regardless of race, religion, political, sexual or gender identity, and to continue your own pursuit of learning?

*We will.*

BLESSING:

May God who has gathered us together as seekers of knowledge confirm us in our purpose and bring us to that wisdom for which we long, both now and forever.

*Amen.*

*\*Audience stands during Processional and Recessional*