Class of 2019
Commencement Ceremony
Saturday, April 27, 2019, 2:00 p.m.
Florida State Fairgrounds
Tampa, Florida
On behalf of the Board of Trustees, special guests, faculty and staff, and all of our graduates, I would like to welcome you to Saint Leo University’s 2019 commencement ceremony. Today is a highly anticipated occasion for all those who are a part of the Saint Leo community. Commencement celebrates the hard work, sacrifice, and perseverance of our graduates. While today marks the end of our time together as students and educators, it also symbolizes the beginning of a new chapter in our graduates’ lives. The completion of one’s college degree is truly a significant accomplishment.

At Saint Leo University, our mission is to educate graduates who are critical thinkers and responsible citizens of the world. The students receiving degrees today have completed a rigorous course of study and now stand ready to make a difference in their careers and their communities. The possibilities for their futures are limitless, and we are excited to see all they will accomplish with their education.

As they move toward a new future, our graduates can be assured that Saint Leo support and encouragement will continue throughout their lives. Today they officially become members of a closely connected alumni body that numbers more than 93,000 and embraces Saint Leo core values in all that they do. Wherever our graduates go from here, they will always have a home in their alma mater, Saint Leo University.
Mission Statement

Saint Leo University is a Catholic, liberal arts-based university serving people of all faiths. Rooted in the 1,500-year-old Benedictine tradition, the university seeks balanced growth in mind, body, and spirit for all members of its community. At University Campus, at education centers, and through the Center for Online Learning, Saint Leo University offers a practical, effective model for life and leadership in a challenging world; a model based on a steadfast moral consciousness that recognizes the dignity, value, and gifts of all people.

To accomplish its mission, the university community creates a student-centered environment in which the love of learning is of prime importance. Members of the community are expected to examine and express their own values, listen respectfully to and respond to the opinions of others, serve the community in which they live, welcome others into their lives, and care for all of God’s creations.
Excellence—Saint Leo University is an educational enterprise. All of us, individually and collectively, work hard to ensure that our students develop the character, learn the skills and assimilate the knowledge essential to become morally responsible leaders. The success of our university depends upon a conscientious commitment to our mission, vision, and goals.

Community—Saint Leo University develops hospitable Christian learning communities everywhere we serve. We foster a spirit of belonging, unity and interdependence based on mutual trust and respect to create socially responsible environments that challenge all of us to listen, to learn, to change, and to serve.

Respect—Animated in the spirit of Jesus Christ, we value all individuals’ unique talents, respect their dignity, and strive to foster their commitment to excellence in our work. Our community’s strength depends on the unity and diversity of our people, on the free exchange of ideas, and on learning, living, and working harmoniously.

Personal Development—Saint Leo University stresses the development of every person’s mind, spirit, and body for a balanced life. All members of the Saint Leo University community must demonstrate their commitment to personal development to help strengthen the character of our community.

Responsible Stewardship—Our Creator blesses us with an abundance of resources. We foster a spirit of service to employ our resources to university and community development. We must be resourceful. We must optimize and apply all of the resources of our community to fulfill Saint Leo University’s mission and goals.

Integrity—The commitment of Saint Leo University to excellence demands that its members live its mission and deliver on its promise. The faculty, staff, and students pledge to be honest, just, and consistent in word and deed.
Commencement Ceremony

Bagpipers

Faculty Marshal
Professor Carol Ann Moon
Professor and Reference and Instructional Outreach Librarian

Processional (Please stand)
Camille Campins-Adams, College of Arts and Sciences
Nicholas Babino, Tapia College of Business
Lisa Burnham, College of Education and Social Services
Timothy Robinson, Center for Online Learning

Invocation (Please remain standing)
Sister Roberta Bailey, O.S.B. ’57
Trustee, Saint Leo University

Presentation of Colors
Saint Leo ROTC

National Anthem
TABS
Bailey Alleman, Mary Louise Bain, Timmy Feiler, Katie Huettel, Alexa Klein, Anthony Marchitto

Board of Trustees Welcome (Please be seated)
Mrs. Mary O’Keefe ’76
Board Chair, Saint Leo University
Commencement Ceremony

President’s Welcome
Dr. Jeffrey D. Senese
University President

Introduction of Honorary Degree Recipient
and Commencement Speaker
Dr. Robert Cabot ’71, ’06
Trustee, Saint Leo University

Commencement Address
Sheriff Chris Nocco
Pasco County Sheriff’s Office

Introduction of Saint Leo WorldWide Speaker
Dr. Susan Kinsella
Dean, College of Education and Social Services

Class of 2019 Farewell
Petty Officer 1st Class Timothy Robinson
U.S. Navy
Criminal Justice

Introduction of Graduate Speaker
Dr. Heather Parker
Dean, College of Arts and Sciences (interim)

Class of 2019 Farewell
Ms. Camille Campins-Adams
Creative Writing: Non-Fiction
Commencement Ceremony

Presentation of the Candidates
Dr. Susan Kinsella, Dean, College of Education and Social Services
Dr. Heather Parker, Dean, College of Arts and Sciences (interim)
Dr. Mary Spoto, Vice President of Academic Affairs

Conferring of Degrees
Dr. Jeffrey D. Senese

Turning of the Tassels and Alumni Welcome
Mr. John E. View ’72
Trustee, Saint Leo University

Closing Statements
Dr. Jeffrey D. Senese

Alma Mater (Please stand)
TABS

Benediction
Zenith Taylor ’88
Trustee, Saint Leo University

Recessional
Chris Nocco is the sheriff of Pasco County, a position he has held since former Florida Gov. Rick Scott appointed him in 2011. He was elected to the position in 2013 and re-elected in 2017.

Prior to becoming sheriff, Nocco served with the Philadelphia Public School Police, the Fairfax County (VA) Police Department, and the Broward County (FL) Sheriff’s Office. He was a first responder to the attacks of 9/11, the Washington, DC sniper incident, anthrax attacks, and numerous demonstrations and large-scale protests in the nation’s capital.

For a few years, Nocco stepped away from law enforcement and served as the staff director to then-state Rep. Marco Rubio in the policy and procedures office. There, he was responsible for domestic security, criminal justice, economic development, and transportation issues. Later, Nocco became deputy chief of staff to Rubio, who was speaker of the Florida House of Representatives.

Nocco is active within the community and several organizations, which include the Pasco Sheriff’s Charities, Renew Pasco, the Fraternal Order of Police, the Florida Police Benevolent Association, and the Gold Shield Foundation.

He is the recipient of several honors, including the Leadership Award from BayCare Behavioral Health and the Legislator of the Year Award from the National Alliance on Mental Illness. He also was recognized as a Patriotic Employer by Employers Support of the Guard and Reserve.

Nocco earned his master’s degree in public administration and bachelor’s degree in criminal justice from the University of Delaware. He received an undergraduate certificate in emergency management from Florida State University and a certificate in business excellence from Vanderbilt University. He is a graduate of the National Sheriff’s Association Institute, 101st session; the FBI National Executive Institute; and the FBI Executive Leadership program.
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Business Administration: Marketing

Natalie Jean Benson
Business Administration: Management

Paige Benson
Sociology: Diversity & Inequality

Efy Marie Blasingame*
Human Services

Linda Gail Blaylock-Huggins
Social Work

Malinda Boddie
Sociology

Kathryn Snow Bohto*
Elementary Education

Matthew James Bolton
Psychology

Jennifer Harris Borregard***
Sociology

Megan Julie Bowen
Psychology

Robert Lee Bowen**
Business Administration: Management

Jeaneen N. Brinson
Criminal Justice: Homeland Security

Anthony Brown*
Psychology

Delmeshia Sade Brown
Criminal Justice

Ryan L. Brown
Criminal Justice

Tara J. Bryant
Business Administration: Management

Jessica E. Buchs
Business Administration: Marketing

Celia Ann Buckner
Criminal Justice: Homeland Security

James Bullock
Criminal Justice: Homeland Security

Amanda Cain***
Health Care Management

Sarah Louise Cain*
Social Work

Carolyn Heather Lillian Cali*
Psychology: Clinical & Counseling

Heather Camp**
Business Administration: Management

Christina Cannon
Business Administration: Project Management

Tyler Carlson
Criminal Justice: Homeland Security

Trayce T. Carmichael
Sociology

Jason Alan Carron
Psychology

Latonia Regina Carter
Health Care Management

Latresha R. Carter
Business Administration: Management
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Angela Rebecca Cash
Sociology: Applied & Clinical

Anthony Michael Castaldo*
Business Administration: Management

Mark Celeste**
Criminal Justice

Randall Drew Chaffin**
Criminal Justice

Will Edward Chandler**
Criminal Justice: Homeland Security

Sarah Elaine Charbonneau**
Criminal Justice

Celeiny Clark
Psychology: Clinical & Counseling

Allissa Cobb
Criminal Justice

Hillary Cole
Human Resource Management

Kiara Marie Colon
Social Work

Tyrell Conyers
Sport Business

Ashley Rene Cook
Elementary Education

Kacey Da’rell Crane
Business Administration: Management

Patrick William Cremer
Liberal Studies

Tamber Lane Crews
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Criminal Justice: Criminalistics

Russell L. Crump
Criminal Justice: Homeland Security

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Business Administration: Management & Human Resource Management

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Psychology: Clinical & Counseling

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Major Drake III*
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Nabil El Mehdaoui
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Psychology: Clinical & Counseling

Jerry Dale Eunice
Business Administration: Management

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Business Administration: Technology Management

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Human Services

Judith Christine Faillace-Garren
Psychology

Jaime Renee Feiler
Social Work

Dianna Bella Fiori
Business Administration: Management

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Psychology: Developmental

Samantha Nicole Flynn
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Julia Aha-Sela Foltz
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Rashawn Janise Ford
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Rachel Nichole Forsythe
Criminal Justice

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Social Work

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Elementary Education

Jessica Gagne
Psychology: Clinical & Counseling

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Business Administration: Management

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Cylita Harris
Cybersecurity

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Business Administration: Project Management

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Jeffrey Carl Hite
Psychology: Clinical & Counseling

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Social Work

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Alyssa Ann Hunter
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Kimberly Nichole Husser
Criminal Justice

Habibah Amatullah Jabbar*
Health Care Management

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Social Work

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Liberal Studies

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Business Administration: Management

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Human Resource Management

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Health Care Management

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Criminal Justice

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Criminal Justice: Homeland Security

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Amber Leigh Suiters  
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Queena Sung  
Human Resource Management

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Randi Macarages Taylor*  
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Barbara J. Thompson*  
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Christopher Chase Thornton  
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Business Administration: Management

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Sociology

Noemi Torres**  
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Estriana Townsend  
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Olivia Noel Trombley  
Sociology

Noel Mitchell Tullis  
Social Work

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Business Administration: Management

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Lora Leanne Webb
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Elementary Education

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Whitney L. Whitehead
Criminal Justice

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Business Administration: Technology Management

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Psychology

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Criminal Justice

Candace Alecia Williams
Social Work

Fiona Chanel Williams
Social Work

Jason Earl Williams
Business Administration: Project Management

Latoshia Sharee Williams
Business Administration: Management & Human Resource Management

Paquita Williams
Sociology

Ronequal Le’na Williams
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Terrence D. Williams
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*Education: Educational Leadership*

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*Criminal Justice: Legal Studies*

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*Criminal Justice*

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*Human Services Administration*

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*Creative Writing: Non-Fiction*

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Ruth M. Castillo  
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Daniel Markus Clare  
*Social Work*

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*Social Work*

Jeremy Brian Colhouer  
*Criminal Justice*

Nancy Coltrin  
*Critical Incident Management*

Holly Annette Combast  
*Social Work*

Tony David Cox Jr.  
*Criminal Justice: Behavioral Studies*

James Cross  
*Criminal Justice: Critical Incident Management*

Tiffany Michelle Cruz  
*Education: Educational Leadership*

Leandra P. Cubillos-Castellanos  
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*Social Work*

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*Social Work*

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Christopher Davy  
*Theology*

Tiffany Michelle del Valle  
*Social Work*

Heather Lynn Devore  
*Education: Educational Leadership*

Adam Wendell Dodge  
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Sarah Catherine Dorko  
*Creative Writing: Fiction*

Diane Elizabeth Dunlap  
*Education: Educational Leadership*

Adrienne Leigh Eason  
*Criminal Justice: Behavioral Studies*

Tamal K. Elliott  
*Criminal Justice: Behavioral Studies*

Tashiska Fabian  
*Education: Educational Leadership*

Carl Falk  
*Education: Educational Leadership*

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Kati Lynne Jones  
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Saint Leo University’s governing board is a group of volunteers who exemplify the university’s six core values. They all give generously of their time, talent, and treasure to enhance the education that our students receive. This year, six board members have completed their terms, and we thank them for their service.

Noel R. Boeke is considered one of the nation’s leading business attorneys and is a partner in the Tampa, FL, office of Holland & Knight LLP. He began his education at Northwestern University, where he received a Bachelor of Arts degree, and continued at the College of William & Mary in Virginia, where he earned an MBA. Finally, he earned his law degree cum laude from the University of Georgia. It was during his seven years of service with the U.S. Navy, while in Virginia, that he first heard of Saint Leo and the reputation our education centers there enjoy with the armed forces. After relocating to Tampa, he learned more about Saint Leo, our Catholic roots, our commitment to educating principled leaders, and our military-supportive mission. He was willing to serve on our Board of Trustees as an expression of his own Catholic faith and in fellowship with our concern for servicemembers, veterans, and their families. His expertise in negotiating complex business dealings has served our governing board since he first began as a trustee in 2010.

Cynthia Brannen ’92 became a member of the Saint Leo community first as an exemplary college student who graduated with a bachelor’s degree in English with highest honors. She went on to further study and became a college instructor in her beloved field, never forgetting her roots at Saint Leo. She first joined the Board of Trustees in the year 2000, serving through 2009, and helping to guide and encourage our institution as we constructed modern residence halls and built a new Student Community Center complex at University Campus. She returned as a trustee in 2010, after a break of only a year’s time, for another long period of service to the board, taking on even more responsibility and sharing with her colleagues her warmth, her wit, and her love of learning. She served as vice chair of the board from 2011 to 2013, and then as chair from 2013 to 2015. She remained on the Board of Trustees after completing her term as chair, and this year transitions into a well-deserved retirement.

Thamir A. R. Kaddouri Jr. ’94 is a Tampa area professional who has set an example by learning well the lessons of leadership and then applying that knowledge to help his alma mater. He attended Saint Leo College and earned his Bachelor of Arts in 1994. He was active in campus activities, as well, including Greek Life and student government. He was, in fact, president of the Student Government Association. He traveled to Boston for his legal education, and earned his juris doctor cum laude from Suffolk University Law School in 1999. He began his career at a midsize firm in Tampa, and eventually began his own firm, the Law Office of Thamir A.R. Kaddouri Jr. PA. He is recognized for his special aptitude in business law and civil litigation, including construction litigation. And as the principal of a law firm, he now employs other attorneys. His service to the board began in 2008, and has included several years of service as board secretary, from 2011 to 2013, from 2013 to 2015, from 2015 to 2017, and 2017 until this year.
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**Nadeem Mazhar** is chief executive officer of Custom Technology Solutions (CTS), LLC in Houston. His company provides business clients with special assistance in anticipating complex issues that can detract from the effectiveness of their information technology and the successful operation of their business processes. The success of CTS reflects a deep understanding of the commercial applications of technology that is also an attribute of our trustee. He came to know Saint Leo through another supporter of the university who has been successful in the business world, and agreed in 2010 to lend his talents and skills to Saint Leo by serving on our Board of Trustees. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Northern Illinois University.

**Sheila M. McDevitt ’60** became an alumna with her graduation from the eighth grade of Holy Name Academy, a predecessor institution that existed for 75 years, and where the Benedictine Sisters of Florida educated young females. She went from there to academic and professional success, and eventually earned her undergraduate degree in political science and government from Florida State University, her law degree from Florida State University College of Law. Sheila went on to become one of Florida’s most respected business attorneys and executives. She began her career working with the Florida and Georgia state legislatures and spent 26 years at TECO Energy Inc., where she retired as Senior Vice President and General Counsel. After her retirement, she continued to practice business law at Akerman, LLP, and then in her own firm where she was also consulting with senior level executives in industry. Along with the demands of her career, she has devoted time and expertise to key advisory commissions in the legal world, and to boards of vital community nonprofits, such as the regional public television broadcaster. In particular, she has served the Zoo Tampa, the Florida Orchestra, and others. Her service on the Board of Trustees of Saint Leo University began in 1999; she served as vice chair of the board from 2003 to 2005, and then as chair from 2005 to 2007. She also served on the Florida Board of Governors of the State University System for seven years, and was also vice chair and chair during the same decade. She returned to Saint Leo as a trustee in 2010 for nine more years of service. Her intellect, her attention, her loyalty, and her personal generosity have made Saint Leo a stronger institution, for which we are all grateful.

**Zenith Taylor ’88** enrolled at our predecessor institution, Saint Leo College, and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in political science in 1988. Our alumna continued her studies in Washington, DC, at Howard University School of Law, where she earned the Juris Doctorate. She is a practicing attorney in New York City in Queens, where she operates her own firm. Much of her practice concentrates on elder law and family law, and her passion is serving her community. She believes in upholding the standards and the integrity of the law for the good of society, regardless of a client’s financial means. She is the president of the Catholic Lawyers Guild of Queens County, and is active in other professional groups. She joined a university advisory group, our President’s Council, in 2013, and continued through 2016. She became a trustee in 2016. We appreciate the time she has spent serving her alma mater and working for the betterment of society at large.
Academic Mace

Maces date to the Middle Ages and symbolize strength and authority. The university’s chief marshal, who leads all academic processions, carries the mace. It is mounted on the stage when degrees are conferred.

The 60-inch ceremonial staff combines modern styling with elegant engraving representing the university’s traditions and origins. The staff is made of oak to symbolize the union of strength and endurance. The staff engraving reflects the artistic carving skills of the early Abbey monks and recalls the magnificently carved doors of the Abbey Church. The oak also symbolizes the stately oak trees that grace University Campus, prized for their beauty and color.

A globe of frosted glass sits atop the mace, prominently illustrating the university’s international richness and influence. Traditional and adult students of all ages, cultures, and experience are served by the university’s global mission at University Campus, 32 education centers and offices in seven states, and online throughout the world.

Below the globe is the Saint Leo seal, an official symbol of pride for nearly 60 years. Designed in the spring of 1961 by Father Bede Gale, the seal includes the Benedictine cross, a favorite symbol of the early Christians’ faith in Christ. St. Benedict had a deep faith in the cross and this special devotion was passed on to succeeding generations of Benedictines.

Six polished bronze rings grace the mace below the seal. Each ring is inscribed with one of Saint Leo’s core values: excellence, respect, community, personal development, integrity, and responsible stewardship. Rooted in Benedictine tradition, these values embody the very heart of Saint Leo University and its global mission.

Skillfully carved out of the oak wood, an infinity band adorns the circumference of the staff representing the university’s continuous evolution in an ever-changing world. Saint Leo was a college from 1890 to 1920, a college preparatory academy from 1920 until 1964, and a college once again from 1959 to 1999. In 1999, as a reflection of the growth and progress of the institution, Saint Leo changed its name to “University,” and today serves students at University Campus, at education centers, and online. Saint Leo University will continue to adapt in order to provide students around the world with an opportunity to receive a Saint Leo education.

Elegant orange blossoms are engraved in a repeating design at the middle of the staff. Oranges are a symbol of the agricultural history of Saint Leo and the origins of Saint Leo University’s official school colors, green and gold.
Academic Costume

In medieval times, university students and teachers wore gowns indicating their status and scholastic achievements. European institutions still show great diversity in the specifications of academic dress, but American colleges and universities preferred to adopt some definite systems which all could follow. Accordingly, in 1895, at Columbia University, an intercollegiate commission drafted a uniform code for the use of caps, gowns, and hoods. The standards, with few revisions, are still in effect.

At commencement, Saint Leo confers the associate, bachelor’s, master’s, and doctoral degrees. The bachelor’s, or baccalaureate degree, takes its name directly from the medieval practice of “bachelors” wearing a garland of bayberries. The master’s degree was equivalent to a license to teach and sometimes was followed by the expressed words Licentia Docendi.

Those holding an associate degree wear a gray gown, while those with a bachelor’s degree wear a black gown fastened at the top and distinguished by long pointed sleeves hanging nearly to the knees. The master’s gown, worn open, has long closed sleeves with an arc of a circle appearing near the bottom and a slit for the arm near the middle of the sleeves. The doctorate gown, usually worn open, is made of silk, faced with a broad strip of velvet, and has three bars of velvet on each sleeve.

A hood made of the same material may be worn with the gown. The master’s hood is three and one-half feet long, faced with a 3-inch strip of velvet; and the doctoral hood is 4-feet long with panels at the sides. The color of the tassel or the velvet strip on the hood indicates the field of study in which the degree was earned or granted. Each hood also is lined in silk with the colors of the institution that granted the degree.

The appropriate cap for all degrees is the familiar black “mortarboard.” A green and gold tassel with the Saint Leo Lion signet is worn hanging to the left of the face. Those holding a doctorate may wear a soft velvet cap of the color indicating their field of study, or with the mortarboard, may wear a soft tassel of gold thread.

At Saint Leo University, master’s degree hoods are lined with colors representing the graduate’s course of study as follows:
- Master of Accounting: drab
- Master of Arts in Creative Writing: white
- Master of Arts in Theology: scarlet
- Master of Business Administration: drab
- Master of Education: light blue
- Master of Science in Criminal Justice: midnight blue
- Master of Science in Critical Incident Management: gold
- Master of Science in Cybersecurity: gold
- Master of Science in Emergency Disaster Management: gold
- Master of Science in Human Services: citron
- Master of Science in Instructional Design: gold
- Master of Social Work: citron

Our Education Specialist graduates don doctoral robes with light blue hoods, while our Doctor of Business Administration graduates wear drab hoods.
Saint Leo University is one of the largest and most innovative Catholic universities in the United States. Chartered in 1889 with University Campus located just north of Tampa, FL, Saint Leo educates nearly 12,000 students at University Campus, at the many education centers in seven states, and globally online. Students enrolled at Saint Leo University may choose from more than 50 academic programs including bachelor’s degrees, master’s degrees, doctoral degrees, and pre-professional and accelerated learning programs.

A private, liberal arts institution, Saint Leo University offers more than a top quality education. As a “leading Catholic teaching university of international consequence,” Saint Leo offers students personalized attention, diverse learning opportunities, and a solid foundation for beginning and continuing life’s journey.

In addition to the traditional residential program, weekend undergraduate and graduate degree programs also are offered at University Campus. Saint Leo is strategically positioned in seven states: Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, South Carolina, Texas, Virginia, California, and at 32 teaching locations, many on military installations. Programs at these locations are designed to serve the needs of adult learners by offering associate, bachelor’s, and master’s degrees at a Saint Leo education center conveniently located close to where they live and work.

Saint Leo also offers online learning options to adults. Students can take individual classes or earn complete degrees via the Internet. With the power of online learning, students can continue their education during periods of travel or military deployment, when they might otherwise need to interrupt their studies.

As one of the largest providers of higher education to the military, Saint Leo has created programs that offer active duty military, veterans, and their families convenient and easy access to higher education degrees. Saint Leo University has been proudly serving those who serve our nation for more than 40 years.

Everywhere it teaches, Saint Leo offers an integrated learning environment dedicated to the traditional values of our Benedictine founders. By every measure, Saint Leo University is leading the way for the future of higher education.
Saint Leo Alma Mater

Music by Jeffery R. Smith
Lyrics by Kurt Van Wilt (1948 - 2016)

Refrain:

Saint Leo we salute traditions new and old, which
guide us as we grow in body, heart and soul.

Every where we flourish sustained by our ideal of
challenging our minds to make our vision real.

Joyfully we gather, our destinies to seek,

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partners in harmony united yet unique.

Excellence in word and deed, we’ve made our final quest, We
care for all creation, with compassion and respect.
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