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Saturday, May 20, 2023
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Ten in the Morning

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The Medallion Award is conferred by Villanova University in recognition of the outstanding achievements of the recipient.

THE HONORABLE JAMES BOASBERG, BA, MST, JD

Presented by Vice Dean Michael Risch

Chief Judge James E. “Jeb” Boasberg was appointed to the District Court in March 2011. Chief Judge Boasberg is a native Washingtonian, having graduated from St. Albans School in 1981. He received a BA, *magna cum laude*, in history in 1985 from Yale College where he also played basketball. Chief Judge Boasberg then received an MST in modern European history from Oxford University in 1986 and a JD from Yale Law School in 1990.

Chief Judge Boasberg next served as a law clerk to Judge Dorothy W. Nelson on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. Following his clerkship, he was a litigation associate at Keker & Van Nest in San Francisco from 1991 to 1994 and at Kellogg, Huber, Hansen, Todd & Evans in Washington from 1995 to 1996. In 1996, Chief Judge Boasberg joined the United States Attorney’s Office for the District of Columbia as an assistant United States attorney, where he served for five and a half years and specialized in homicide prosecutions.

In September 2002, Chief Judge Boasberg became an associate judge of the District of Columbia Superior Court, where he served in the civil and criminal divisions and the domestic violence branch until his appointment to the federal bench in 2011.

Chief Judge Boasberg also served a seven-year term on the United States Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court beginning in May 2014. Appointed by Chief Justice John Roberts, he was the Court’s presiding judge from January 2020 to May 2021. He is currently the president of the Edward Bennett Williams Inn of Court and the past chair of the governing board of St. Albans School.
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Grace Elizabeth Wagner
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ORDER OF THE COIF

The Order of the Coif is the national honor society devoted to the encouragement of high standards of legal scholarship with chapters in leading law schools throughout the country. Graduates in the top ten percent of the class are eligible for election to the Order of the Coif.

The Order takes its name from the word used to designate the cap which all members of the Order were required to wear. This cap or coif was originally of white linen or silk, forming a close-fitting hood, seen today in old engravings, pictures and effigies of distinguished Judges and Serjeants. Serjeants were an order of the highest rank of barrister at the English or Irish bar. By the ancient privileges of the Serjeants, this coif was not to be taken off, even in the royal presence. When wigs came into fashion the coif was changed, no longer worn as a complete hood, but merely as a circular piece of white linen fastened to the top of the wig.

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Ashley N. Campbell  
Sarah Elizabeth Gimbel  
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Andrew Robert Schwartz  
Madelyn McGrann VanDorpe  
Elizabeth Cleo Vista
THE DOROTHY DAY AWARD FOR PRO BONO SERVICE

The Dorothy Day Award for Pro Bono Service acknowledges students who have volunteered at the inception of their careers to take on the added responsibility of pro bono service. Pro bono service to the poor is a central aspect of the Law School’s mission as a Catholic and Augustinian institution. Pro bono service is defined as unpaid, not-for-credit legal work for the poor or disenfranchised, performed at a public interest/non-profit agency or with a private attorney working on a pro bono case. The award is named for Dorothy Day (1895–1980), Catholic journalist and peace and justice activist who co-founded the Catholic Worker and established Houses of Hospitality to help feed, clothe and comfort the poor. The Dorothy Day Award for Pro Bono Service recognizes students who have served a minimum number of hours of pro bono service over their three years in law school.

Kimberly Sherries Baxter
Angela Claire Boyer
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Noelle Mary Gambale
Kelly Ann Gresh
Lily Rachel Haddad
Michael Joseph Harding

Keira Brynn Kameko Leventhal
Lisa Nicole McConnell
Amit Prasanna Mysore
Haley Rose Norwillo
Asha Irina Steele
Katie Marjorie Stiffler
Collin Taupier Sykes
THE AWARD OF PRIZES

ALI–CLE SCHOLARSHIP AND LEADERSHIP AWARD
This award is presented to the graduating student who best represents a combination of scholarship and leadership.

Taylor Elisa Malatesta

AMERICAN ACADEMY OF MATRIMONIAL LAWYERS (AAML) ERIC D. TURNER AWARD
The American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers Eric D. Turner Award is presented by the Pennsylvania Chapter of AAML and is awarded to the graduating students who, in the opinion of the Law School’s faculty, best exemplifies the positive attributes of a family lawyer.

Angela Claire Boyer
Sarah Marie Kirkpatrick

ANNE BOWEN POULIN AWARD FOR PRO BONO SERVICE
The Villanova Law Alumni Association Anne Bowen Poulin Award for Pro Bono Service is given annually by the Alumni Association to the third–year student who has contributed the most meaningful pro bono service to those in need.

Angela Claire Boyer

ARTHUR J. KANIA PRIZE IN PROFESSIONAL ETHICS
The Arthur J. Kania Prize in Professional Ethics, established by Constance B. Girard–diCarlo ’74, is given annually to the graduating student who, in the judgment of the faculty, best demonstrates commitment to professional ethics and integrity, as exemplified by the life and career of Arthur J. Kania ’56.

John Justus Nelson

BEST MEMORANDUM AWARD
The Best Memorandum Award is given to the first–year students who, in the opinion of the Legal Writing Faculty, wrote the best memorandum in the first–year legal writing class.

Scott Atanasio Kingsbury
Elizabeth Cleo Vista

CLINICAL LEGAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION (CLEA) AWARD
This award is presented to the clinic student who demonstrated excellence in the field work component of the clinical course and the students’ contributions to the clinical community.

Lily Rachel Haddad

DAVID G. BUTTERWORTH EDITOR ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
The David G. Butterworth Editor Achievement Award is given annually to the Villanova Environmental Law Journal editor who has demonstrated outstanding dedication and service to the Journal.

Ana María Blanco

DR. ARTHUR CLEMENT PULLING AWARD
The Dr. Arthur Clement Pulling Award was established by Neale F. Hooley, Esquire ’56, in memory of the distinguished first Librarian of the Law School. It is given annually to the student who has contributed the most to the current issue of the Villanova Law Review.

Scott Atanasio Kingsbury
Sarah Marie Kirkpatrick
Sean Skedzielewski
Brianna Jane Sullivan

ELLEN WERTHEIMER AWARD
The Ellen Wertheimer Award, established by the family of Professor Wertheimer, a member of the Law School faculty until her retirement in 2022, is given annually to the graduating students who excelled in Torts studies.

Sarah Marie Kirkpatrick
Sean Skedzielewski
Brianna Jane Sullivan

EVE BISKIND KLOTHEN LAW STUDENT PUBLIC INTEREST AWARD
The Eve Biskind Klothen Law Student Public Interest Award is presented by the Philadelphia Bar Association in recognition of three students from each of the Philadelphia area law schools for their outstanding pro bono and public interest achievements.

Natalie Anderson
Kimberly Sherries Baxter
Briana Denes Smalley
FACULTY RECOGNITION AWARD
This special award is presented to the graduating students who, in the opinion of the faculty, has contributed greatly to the life of the Law School.

Alessandra Morgan Brainard
Dani Rose Goldberg
Elizabeth Cleo Vista

HERMAN J. OBERT AWARD
The Herman J. Obert Award is given annually to the students who have attained the highest grade in Business Organizations.

Scott Atanasio Kingsbury
Sarah Marie Kirkpatrick

HERMAN MITCHELL SCHWARTZ AWARD
The Herman Mitchell Schwartz Award is given by Shirley Schwartz Weisman ’71, in memory of her father, to the students in the graduating class who, in the opinion of the faculty, have contributed the most in the achievement of equality of opportunity and treatment for women in the Law School, in the legal profession or in society at large.

Natalie Anderson
Brianna Jane Sullivan

HYMAN–GOODMAN AWARD
The Hyman–Goodman Award, established by the family of Myron A. Hyman ’64, is given annually to the graduating student who, in the opinion of the faculty, has done the most for the class and the Law School through both academic and extracurricular achievement.

Haley Rose Norwillo

INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY OF TRIAL LAWYERS STUDENT ADVOCACY AWARD
The International Academy of Trial Lawyers Student Advocacy Award is given annually to the graduating student who excelled in trial practice.

Margot Weitz

JAN JANCIN AWARD–AMERICAN INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW EDUCATION FOUNDATION
The Jan Jancin Award is presented to law students who are members of an underrepresented racial or ethnic group who, although still students, have nonetheless contributed to the Intellectual Property (IP) law profession through work experience relevant to the practice of IP law, achievement in IP law coursework, active membership or leadership roles in IP law student organizations, published writings on IP law topics or other efforts that advance the study or practice of IP law.

Saraswati Desai

JEFFREY S. MOORAD SPORTS LAW JOURNAL EDITORIAL BOARD ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
The Editorial Board Achievement Award is given in recognition of an outstanding member of the Executive Board.

Amanda Monira Daoud

JOHN J. DUFFY ’62 ADVOCACY CUP
This award is given each year to the winners of the annual Honorable Theodore L. Reimel ’24 CLAS Moot Court Competition.

Isabelle Alexandra Roman
Alexandra Virginia Romano

JOHN M. HYSON ENVIRONMENTAL LAW JOURNAL STAFF ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
The staff achievement award is given to the member of the Board of Editors of the Villanova Environmental Law Journal who has made outstanding contributions of an editorial and administrative nature.

Samantha A. Speiss
JOSEPH R. WENK AWARD
The Joseph R. Wenk Award, established in memory of Professor Wenk ’69, a member of the Law School faculty until his death in 1979, is given to the graduating students who have made the greatest contributions to the Civil Justice Clinic.

Noelle Marie Gambale
Kathryn Marjorie Stiffler

LEONARD LEVIN MEMORIAL AWARD
This award is given annually to the graduating students who attained the highest grades in the Decedents’ Estates and Trusts course.

Ashley N. Campbell
Haley Rose Norwillo
Madelyn McGrann VanDorpe

LOUIS DEL DUCA MEMORIAL AWARD IN BUSINESS LAW
This award is presented by the Business Law Section of the Pennsylvania Bar Association to the graduating student who demonstrates academic excellence in business law.

Brittany Kathryn Mann

MAURA BURI MEMORIAL EXCELLENCE IN STUDENT RESEARCH PRIZE
The Maura Buri Memorial Excellence in Student Research Prize is presented annually by the Law Library to the student whose scholarship demonstrates sophistication, originality or unusual depth or breadth in the use of research materials, exceptional innovation in research strategy and skillful synthesis of research results into a comprehensive scholarly analysis.

Alessandra Morgan Brainard
Juliette Theresa Mogenson

MOOT COURT BOARD DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD
The Distinguished Service Award is given to the member of the Moot Court Board who has made an outstanding contribution to the work of the board. The recipient is selected by vote of all members of the Board.

Margaret Caroline MacDonald

PHILADELPHIA TRIAL LAWYERS ASSOCIATION JAMES J. MANDERINO AWARD FOR TRIAL ADVOCACY
The James J. Manderino Award for Trial Advocacy is given each year by the Philadelphia Trial Lawyers Association to graduating students in recognition of outstanding achievement in Trial Advocacy. James Manderino was a brilliant orator and was a renowned advocate for the less fortunate, the poor, the unemployed and the victims of society. In that sense he was viewed by trial lawyers as the embodiment of the highest ideals to which a trial lawyer may ascribe.

Griffith Lee Hawk

PUBLIC INTEREST SECTION LAW STUDENT AWARD
The Public Interest Section Law Student Award is presented by the Philadelphia Bar Association in recognition of one graduating student from each of the six Philadelphia area schools with a demonstrated commitment to public service.

Noelle Mary Gambale

RAYNES MCCARTY AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN LEGAL WRITING
Awarded to the students who wrote the best brief in the first-year Legal Writing Program.

Leigh Margaret McLinden
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Awarded to the student who wrote the best appellate brief in Legal Writing III: Litigation.

Matthew Aaron Skolnick

Awarded to the student who had the best overall writing and drafting in Legal Writing III: Transactional.

Bryce Eric Knutzen

THE REVEREND JOSEPH ULLMAN AWARD
The Reverend Joseph Ullman Award is given to students who attained the highest grades in Criminal Law.

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ROBERT P. GARBARINO DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD
This award is given to the second-year staff member of the Jeffrey S. Moorad Sports Law Journal who has exhibited excellence in writing and who contributed to the success of the Journal.

Taylor Nicole Henderson

SAINT IVES MEDAL
The Saint Ives Medal is awarded annually by the faculty of the Law School to the graduate attaining the highest cumulative average for the three years of law study.

John Justus Nelson

SCRIBE'S AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING LEGAL WRITING AND EDITING
The Scribes Award is given to the graduating member of the Villanova Law Review who has, in the opinion of the Editor-in-Chief, demonstrated an ability to do outstanding legal writing and editing.

Maureen Ann O'Kane

STEVEN P. FRANKINO DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD
The Distinguished Service Award is given to a graduating member of the Board of Editors of the Villanova Law Review who has made an outstanding contribution of an editorial and administrative nature.

Elizabeth Cleo Vista

VILLANOVA ENVIRONMENTAL LAW JOURNAL SPIRIT AWARD
This award is given to members of the Villanova Environmental Law Journal who have consistently maintained outward enthusiasm for participation on the Journal, and has continued to demonstrate integrity and excellence in the position.

Danielle Alyssa Clifford
Timothy Howley Keith

VILLANOVA LAW REVIEW DEDICATION AWARD
This award is given to the members of the Villanova Law Review who have demonstrated an exceptional commitment to all aspects of the Law Review, including participating in events, contributing to the Law Review’s scholarly mission, and encouraging others to do the same.

Grace Elizabeth Wagner
RECOGNITION OF MERITORIOUS SERVICE

Many of our students have rendered service to Villanova Law through involvement in co–curricular activities, student governance and student activities.

JOURNALS
VILLANOVA LAW REVIEW

The Villanova Law Review, published five times a year, is prepared and edited by a staff of student writers who have been invited to join the Law Review based on outstanding academic achievement or through an open writing competition. The Law Review publishes articles by students and outside authors on a wide range of legal issues.

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VILLANOVA ENVIRONMENTAL LAW JOURNAL

The Villanova Environmental Law Journal is a national legal publication dedicated to the scholarly review of environmentally related topics. The Journal is published twice a year by a staff of student writers who have been invited to join the Journal based on their performance in an open writing competition.

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The Jeffrey S. Moorad Sports Law Journal is a legal publication focusing on issues arising in the context of sports law. The Journal publishes articles by students and outside authors that are edited by student members of the Journal. It was approved by the faculty in 1994. The Journal selects its members based on performance in an open writing competition.

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COMPETITION TEAMS

MOOT COURT BOARD

The Moot Court Board is an honorary student organization consisting of students demonstrating outstanding written and oral advocacy skills. Students are selected for Board membership by one of two methods: the second year Theodore L. Reimel ’24 CLAS Moot Court Competition or the Open Competition.

The Board is dedicated to the development of student appellate advocacy and coordinates a wide range of activities aimed at achieving that goal. Members represent the Law School in national moot court competitions, organize and administer every facet of the Reimel Competition and supplement the instruction of the Law School’s legal writing program for first year students.

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Board Member 2021-2022

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Vice Chairperson 2022-2023
Board Member 2021-2022

Taylor A. Bourguignon
Director of External Competitions 2022-2023
Board Member 2021-2022

Zachary Moniz
Director of External Competitions 2022-2023
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Reimel Competition Administrator 2022-2023
Board Member 2021-2022

Madelyn J. Phinney
Reimel Competition Administrator 2022-2023
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Director of Recruitment & Alumni Relations 2022-2023
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Board Member 2021-2022

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Isabelle Alexandra Roman
Board Member 2021-2023

Alexandra Virginia Romano
Board Member 2021-2023

Collin Taupier Sykes
Board Member 2021-2023

Margot Weitz
Board Member 2021-2022

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Board Member 2021-2022
NATIONAL TRIAL TEAM

The National Trial Team is a student organization that focuses on oral advocacy at the trial level. Trial Team members represent Villanova Law at regional and national competitions where they compete against the nation’s best law student advocates in simulated jury trials.

Griffith Lee Hawk
Co-Chair 2022-2023
Competing Member 2021-2023

Margot Weitz
Co-Chair 2022-2023
Competing Member 2021-2023

Kimberly Sherries Baxter
Competing Member 2021-2023

Tyler Edward Kaestner
Competing Member 2021-2023

Jack Thomas McGuire
Competing Member 2021-2023

William Normand Mercier
Competing Member 2021-2023

Juliette Theresa Mogenson
Competing Member 2021-2023
SPORT LAW NEGOTIATION TEAM

The Sports Law Negotiation Team is an honorary student organization providing students with real-world simulations of contract negotiation, including player contracts, endorsement agreements or sponsorship deals. After extensive research and preparation, team members participate in competitions nationwide, including baseball, football, basketball, soccer and hockey.

Andrew Joseph Delzotto
Co-Chair 2022-2023
Member 2020-2023
Captain Baseball 2022-2023

Spencer de Urioste
Co-Chair 2022-2023
Member 2020-2023
Co-Captain Football 2022-2023

Dante Louis Camilli
Member 2020-2023
Captain Basketball 2022-2023

Matthew Devlin Dacey
Member 2020-2023

Luke Antonio Pacifici
Member 2021-2023
Captain Soccer 2021-2023

Stella Devina Pratt
Member 2021-2023

Emily Katherine Rollo
Member 2020-2023
Co-Captain Football 2022-2023

Christopher J. Roppolo
Member 2021-2023

Ross Sutton
Member 2021-2023
STUDENT GOVERNANCE

THE STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION

The Student Bar Association maintains liaison between the students and the faculty. All students of the Law School are members of the Student Bar Association. The purpose of the Association is to coordinate the activities of the student body; to promote law-related and social extracurricular activities; to promote cooperation with various professional and community organizations and to further the general welfare of the Charles Widger School of Law.

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1L. Representative 2020-2021

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3L. Representative 2022-2023
2L. Representative 2021-2022

Margaret Caroline MacDonald
3L. Representative 2022-2023
2L. Representative 2021-2022

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3L. Representative 2022-2023
Secretary 2021-2022
1L. Representative 2020-2021

Favour Ugochi Okechukwu
Diversity & Inclusion Chair 2022-2023

Tyler Edward Kaestner
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Haley Rose Norwillo
Wellness Coordinator 2022-2023
2L. Representative 2021-2022

Griffith Lee Hawk
Student Groups’ Chair 2021-2022
1L. Representative 2020-2021

Dani Rose Goldberg
Treasurer 2021-2022
1L. Representative 2020-2021

Sophia M. Czerniecki
2L. Representative 2021-2022

Cooper Foster Townsend
1L. Representative 2020-2021
HONOR BOARD

The Honor Board is comprised of elected students from each class and is empowered to assist in adjudicating student violations of the Code of Conduct, to run elections and to assist in the administration of examinations.

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Representative 2020-2023

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Representative 2020-2023

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Representative 2020-2023

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Representative 2020-2023

Elizabeth Michelle Kletsel
Representative 2020-2023

Samantha Nicole Newman
Representative 2020-2023

Jean-Claire M. Perini
Representative 2020-2023

Amanda Christine Rioboli
Representative 2020-2023

Briana Denes Smalley
Representative 2020-2023

Chloe Mae Vollmer
Representative 2020-2023

Kathleen Elizabeth Spillan
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Representative 2020-2023
The Walter A. Lucas Public Interest Fellowship Program (PIFP) is a student run organization that works to build the public interest community and fundraises throughout the year to provide financial support to students who commit their summers to public service legal work. Since its founding in 1998, PIFP has raised over $1,000,000 to financially support students engaged in public interest summer employment.

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Director 2022-2023  
Secretary and Communications 2021-2022  
1L Representative 2020-2021

Rachel Emily Wolfman  
Vice Director 2022-2023  
Fellowship Coordinator 2021-2022  
1L Representative 2020-2021

Riley Elizabeth Cook  
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Volunteer Coordinator 2021-2022  
1L Representative 2020-2021

Madelyn J. Phinney  
Fellowship Coordinator 2022-2023

Edward James Reilingh  
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Klara Daniella Bieniasz, BS 2020, The College of New Jersey
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Jacqueline Anne Borrelli, BA 2020, The George Washington University
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Dante Louis Camilli, BS 2020, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey
Ashley N. Campbell, BA 2020, The Pennsylvania State University
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Danielle Alyssa Clifford, BS 2020, Misericordia University
Nathan Howard Coffing, BS 2020, University of Delaware
Riley Elizabeth Cook, BA 2020, The Pennsylvania State University
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Matthew Devlin Dacey, BA 2018, University of Richmond
Amanda Monira Daoud, BS 2020, The University of Alabama
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Lauren Julia Fisher, BA 2019, Muhlenberg College
Nicholas Joseph Galluzzo, BS 2020, Eastern Michigan University
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Hannah Rice, BA 2020, Miami University
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ACADEMIC REGALIA

HISTORY

In England the history of academic dress reaches back to the early days of the oldest schools. As early as the second half of the fourteenth century, the statutes of certain colleges prohibited “excess in apparel” and required the wearing of a long gown. It is still an open question as to whether academic dress finds its sources chiefly in ecclesiastical or in civilian dress. It is often suggested that gowns and hoods were the simplest, most effective method of staying warm in the unheated, stone buildings which housed medieval scholars.

THE GOWN

The gowns used in American academic ceremonies vary according to the highest degree awarded to the wearer. The gown for the bachelor’s degree has pointed sleeves. It is designed to be worn closed. The gown for the master’s degree has an oblong sleeve. The rear part of its oblong shape is square cut and the front has an arc cut away. Master’s gowns may be worn open or closed. The doctoral gown is a more elaborate costume faced down the front with black velvet and across the sleeves with three bars of the same; these facings and crossbars may be of velvet of the color distinctive to the field of study to which the degree pertains. The doctoral gown has bell-shaped sleeves and may be worn open or closed. Some institutions have authorized doctoral gowns in colors other than the customary black.

THE CAP

The mortarboard cap is standard, although soft square-topped caps are permissible. Recipients of doctorates may wear a gold tassel fastened to the middle point of the top of the cap; all others wear black. At Commencement, graduates wear the tassel on the right side, moving it to the left when their degree is conferred. Faculty participating in academic ceremonies wear the tassel to the left throughout the proceedings.

THE HOOD

The hoods are lined in silk with the official color or colors of the institution which granted the highest degree held by the wearer; more than one color is shown by division of the field color in a variety of ways, such as by chevron or chevrons.

THE COIF

The American Order of the Coif, the distinguished national legal honor society, draws its name and inspiration from the English Order of the Coif, the most ancient and one of the most honored institutions of the common law. For centuries, members of the Order of the Coif had the sole right to appear as barristers in the Court of Common Pleas, and judges were drawn exclusively from this group. The coif itself is a small round piece of cloth. It traces its origin to the cap all members of the English Order wore. The cap or coif was originally of white linen or silk, forming a close-fitting hood. Later, when wigs came into fashion, the coif was changed to a circular piece of white linen or silk, fashioned to the top of the wig. Members of the Order of the Coif wear the white round piece of cloth on top of the academic cap whenever academic garb is worn.

THE CORD

Cords worn on academic apparel are reminiscent of the cleric’s stole. Recipients of the Law School’s Dorothy Day Award wear intertwined cords of blue signifying Villanova and silver signifying service. Faculty who have served twenty-five years or more at the Law School wear a gold cord.
Villanova University will be taking photographs during this event. If you attend and do not wish to have your likeness made public, you must advise the photographer at the time the picture is being taken. By consenting to have picture taken of you and/or by failing to inform the photographer of your intention not to have your likeness made public, you are authorizing Villanova University to publish in any format, and use for any purposes, your name and affiliation and any photographs taken of you at the Event.

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