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67 Students Graduated from College of Saint Mary During 2015 Winter Commencement

Omaha Neb. – College of Saint Mary would like to congratulate its December graduating class of 67 students receiving bachelors, masters and doctoral degrees. On Saturday, December 19, College of Saint Mary (CSM) celebrated its Winter Commencement with Baccalaureate Mass beginning at 5 p.m. followed by Final Commencement in the Lied Fitness Center. College of Saint Mary Alumna Kristen Case, executive director for the Literacy Center delivered a commencement address that focused on failure, fear and power.

Case told the graduating class and guests to hold on to the knowledge that success often starts with failure; that fear causes people to avoid potential failures; and that the power to lead by doing is within everyone. She challenged the graduating class to fail spectacularly, use fear to fuel themselves forward, and to lead from where they are at the moment.

Two awards were presented during commencement: Emily Davidson, Master of Arts in Teaching Student of the Year; and Laura Niehaus, Master of Science in Organizational Leadership Student of the Year. In addition to those graduating with bachelors and masters, two students, Debbie Chambers and Tammie Long graduated with doctorates in education.

COLLEGE OF SAINT MARY 2015 WINTER GRADUATES

DEGREE	CURRICULUM	UNDERGRAD HONORS	FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE
BS	Elementary Education		Amir	Davis	Cocoa	FL	32927
MAT	Master of Arts in Teaching		Laurie	Hoepner	Hancock	IA	51536
BGS	General Studies (BGS)		Brooke	Parsons	Persia	IA	51563
BS	RN to BSN	Cum Laude	Whitney	Iheme	Wichita	KS	67226
BS	RN to BSN		Terri	Rose	Alvo	NE	68304
MOT	Occupational Therapy		Jaclyn	Brown	Bellevue	NE	68123
MAT	Master of Arts in Education Elem Educ		Daniel	Kueffer	Bellevue	NE	68005
MAT	Master of Arts in Teaching		Hannah	Lott	Benedict	NE	68316
BS	RN to BSN		Kristina	Wang	Bennington	NE	68007

BS	Elementary Ed. w/ Early Childhood Minor	Summa Cum Laude	Brittany	Hanson	Elkhorn	NE	68022
MAT	Master of Arts in Teaching		Nichole	Patterson	Elkhorn	NE	68022
MS	Organizational Leadership		Jessica	Winternheimer	Elkhorn	NE	68022
MAT	Master of Arts in Teaching		Cassandra	Eickhoff	Kearney	NE	68845
MS	Organizational Leadership		Micaela	Wegener	Lindsay	NE	68644
Ed.D.	Health Professions Education		Debbie	Chambers	Lincoln	NE	68502
Ed.D.	Educational Leadership		Tammie	Lang	Lincoln	NE	68516
BS	Early Childhood Ed. w/Special Ed. Minor	Magna Cum Laude	Corrie	Lusch	Murray	NE	68409
BBLM	Business Leadership & Management		Heidi	Andsager	Omaha	NE	68137
BS	RN to BSN	Cum Laude	Elizabeth	Bene	Omaha	NE	68118
MAT	Master of Arts in Teaching		Nicholas	Brau	Omaha	NE	68114
BS	RN to BSN		Jenilee	Brown	Omaha	NE	68130
MAT	Master of Arts in Teaching		Emily	Davidson	Omaha	NE	68144
MAT	Master of Arts in Teaching		Colleen	Deacon	Omaha	NE	68136
MS	Organizational Leadership		Susan	Fath El-Den	Omaha	NE	68106
BS	Business Information System		Lisa	Flowers	Omaha	NE	68104
MAT	Master of Arts in Teaching		Nealy	Freeman	Omaha	NE	68106
BS	Elem. Ed. & Special Ed. Dual Major	Cum Laude	Kathryn	Geiger	Omaha	NE	68112
MAT	Master of Arts in Teaching		Kathlene	Groth	Omaha	NE	68144
BS	Elementary Education	Cum Laude	Tashia	Hernandez	Omaha	NE	68106
MS	Organizational Leadership		Victoria	Hoskovec	Omaha	NE	68135
MS	Organizational Leadership		Alison	Ince	Omaha	NE	68131
MS	Organizational Leadership		Jessica	Johnson	Omaha	NE	68116
MS	Organizational Leadership		Deborah	Juhlin	Omaha	NE	68130
MAT	Master of Arts in Teaching		Sara	Klein	Omaha	NE	68154
MOT	Occupational Therapy		Erin	Kumetat	Omaha	NE	68138

BBLM	Business Leadership & Management	Magna Cum Laude	Catherine	Lippert	Omaha	NE	68118
BS	RN to BSN		Jaclyn	McCann	Omaha	NE	68137
MAT	Master of Arts in Teaching Spec Educ		Lindsey	McDermott	Omaha	NE	68154
MAT	Master of Arts in Teaching		Melanie	Mitera	Omaha	NE	68137
BS	Early Childhood Ed. w/Special Ed. Minor	Summa Cum Laude	Kasondra	Moulton	Omaha	NE	68114
MS	Organizational Leadership		Alexa	Moyer	Omaha	NE	68118
MS	Organizational Leadership		Laura	Niehaus	Omaha	NE	68122
BA	Paralegal Studies	Cum Laude	Sarah	O'Callaghan	Omaha	NE	68117
MAT	Master of Arts in Teaching		Alexandra	Parks	Omaha	NE	68112
BS	RN to BSN		Natalie	Pfeifer	Omaha	NE	68164
BBLM	Business Leadership & Management		Christina	Ramirez	Omaha	NE	68124
BA	Art		Annie	Rips	Omaha	NE	68132
MAT	Master of Arts in Teaching		Catherine	Sandall	Omaha	NE	68137
MS	Organizational Leadership		Lina	Sierra Romero	Omaha	NE	68105
BS	RN to BSN		Marnee	Strege	Omaha	NE	68164
MAT	Master of Arts in Teaching		Shannon	Walker	Omaha	NE	68107
MS	Organizational Leadership		Lena	Walton	Omaha	NE	68104
BS	Bus. Analytics/Strategic Communication		Jane	Watsabaugh	Omaha	NE	68144
MS	Organizational Leadership		Theresa	Weddle	Omaha	NE	68134
BA	Art		Mallory	Williams	Omaha	NE	68130
BS	Early Childhood Ed. w/Special Ed. Minor	Summa Cum Laude	Katharine	Young	Omaha	NE	68124
MAT	Master of Arts in Teaching		Sineah	Young	Omaha	NE	68111
MS	Organizational Leadership		Emily	Blunck	Papillion	NE	68046
MS	Organizational Leadership		Kelli	Grammer	Papillion	NE	68046
BS	Elem. Ed. & Special Ed. Dual Major	Summa Cum Laude	Kelsey	Whipple	Papillion	NE	68046
BS	Elementary Education	Magna Cum Laude	Kristen	Cocco	Ralston	NE	68127
MS	Organizational Leadership		Danielle	Hampton	Ralston	NE	7528

BS	Bus. Analytics/Strategic Communication		Meagan	Wilder-Wulf	Springfield	NE	68059
MAT	Master of Arts in Teaching		Kimberly	Homes	Wahoo	NE	68066
BS	RN to BSN		Makayla	Horeis	Yutan	NE	68073
BGS	General Studies (BGS)		Veronica	Kayawe	Newark	NJ	07107

Degrees

BA – Bachelor of Arts

BS – Bachelor of Science

BBLM – Bachelor in Business Leadership & Management

BGS – Bachelor of General Studies

BRS – Bachelor of Rehabilitation Studies

MAT – Master of Arts in Teaching

MS – Master of Science

MOT – Master of Occupational Therapy

Ed.D. – Doctor of Education

Undergraduate Graduation Honors

Graduation with honors is based on the undergraduate student's quality point average for College of Saint Mary courses only. To be eligible for honors, the student must complete at least sixty-five semester hours of CSM courses at the bachelor's degree level or thirty-seven semester hours at the associate's degree level.

For Bachelor's Degrees

- summa cum laude: a student must obtain a quality point average of at least 3.9
- magna cum laude: a student must obtain a quality point average of at least 3.7
- cum laude: a student must obtain a quality point average of at least 3.5

A community of faith and learning, College of Saint Mary offers an education that inspires excellence and celebrates the roles of women as scholars and contributors to society, family and church. Founded in 1923 by the Sisters of Mercy, we are dedicated to academic excellence and service-learning opportunities that help women develop a greater sense of self-worth and a confidence that they can take out into the world to make a difference for all. This is what we mean by Bloom.

Located in the heart of Omaha, Nebraska, we welcome students from all world religions and from across the nation. We offer affordable degree programs across a wide spectrum of today's leading fields such as nursing, occupational therapy, physician assistant studies, teaching with specialties, teaching for career changers, business with an emphasis on analytics and strategic communication, legal studies and more. We provide a solid liberal arts education foundation for all of these major with opportunities to study and enjoy the fine and performing arts. Recently entered into the Great Plains Athletic Conference (GPAC), College of Saint Mary boast eight sports teams for our skilled and competent athletes, the Flames.

To learn more about College of Saint Mary, see CSM.edu, and contact Brittney Long, Director of Public Relations & Communications. 402-399-2454 • blong@csm.edu

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