

DUQUESNE UNIVERSITY

COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY



Palumbo–Donahue
School of Business

Friday, May 8, 2026
UPMC Cooper Fieldhouse



Dear Graduate,

Today is a special day for you and for your families as you receive your hard-earned diploma from Duquesne University of the Holy Spirit. On behalf of our entire University community, I extend my heartfelt congratulations. You have worked with determination to reach this moment, and I am incredibly proud of all that you have accomplished. From this University – with its 148-year tradition of excellence – you are prepared to go anywhere and achieve the highest levels of success. I look forward to watching you embark on bold new paths and transform the world in the years ahead. And today, I am honored to welcome you into a new place within our University family, as you officially join the ranks of more than 100,000 Duquesne alumni around the globe.

This year's commencement holds special meaning for me personally, as I transition into my new role as Duquesne's Chancellor after ten years as President. As I look back on the past years I have shared with you – witnessing your growth, your resilience, and your many achievements – I do so with deep pride and gratitude. And as I begin the Chancellor position and work alongside President-elect David Dausey – who will do a fabulous job – I look forward to continuing to support you, champion you, and celebrate all that you will accomplish as Duquesne graduates.

Congratulations – the entire Duquesne University family salutes your success!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ken Gormley". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Ken Gormley
President, Duquesne University

DUQUESNE UNIVERSITY

MAY
COMMENCEMENT
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Friday, May 8, 2026

May 2026 Commencement

DUQUESNE UNIVERSITY

PRESIDING

Kenneth G. Gormley, J.D.

University President

PRELUDE

Fanfare to "La Péri" Paul Dukas
arr. Wayne Barrington

OPENING OF CEREMONY **David J. Dausey, Ph.D., Ed.D.**
Executive Vice President and Provost

PROCESSIONAL

Pomp and Circumstance Edward Elgar
arr. Michael Green

THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER **John Stafford Smith**
arr. Garrett Hoffman
lyrics: Francis Scott Key

led by Zoey Wolfe

INVOCATION **Rev. Lazarus Langbiir, C.S.Sp.**
Assistant Professor, McAnulty College of Liberal Arts

WELCOME **Dean B. McFarlin, Ph.D.**
Dean

PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS **Kenneth G. Gormley, J.D.**

2026 YOUNG ALUMNUS ACHIEVEMENT AWARD **Kevin M. Lewis**
B.S. '08, M.B.A. '11

2026 DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS

ACHIEVEMENT AWARD **Gary S. Aletto**
B.S. '09

PRESENTATION OF GRADUATES.....Matthew Drake, Ph.D.
Associate Professor, Supply Chain Management

CONFERRAL OF DEGREES..... Kenneth G. Gormley, J.D.

CLOSING REMARKS Dean B. McFarlin, Ph.D.

ALMA MATER..... Robert Traugh
Words and Music on Page 4 arr. Benjamin Cornelius-Bates
lyrics: Kenneth G. Gormley, J.D.

led by Zoey Wolfe

BENEDICTION.....Rev. Lazarus Langbiir, C.S.Sp.

RECESSIONAL
Ode to Joy..... **Ludwig van Beethoven**
arr. David R. Thomas

(The audience is requested to remain at their seats during the recessional)

MARY PAPPERT SCHOOL OF MUSIC MUSICIANS

Zachary Hommel, trumpet
Matthew Montelione, trumpet
Kavtova Ichoku, horn
Olivia Nixon, trombone
Dustin Freeman, tuba
Zoey Wolfe, soloist

Duquesne University Alma Mater

Music by Robert Traugh | Words by Ken Gormley

Inspired by Rev. John F. Malloy, C.S.Sp.

Lively, with feeling ♩ = c. 88



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Salutatorian

Samantha Rae Hahka

*A reception with light refreshments will be held on the Mellon Hall patio,
Academic Walk side, immediately following the ceremony.*

2026 Distinguished Alumnus and Commencement Speaker

Gary S. Aletto, B.S. '09

Owner & Chief Operating Officer of Bright Sheet Metal Company



Gary S. Aletto is a long-time resident of Carmel, Indiana and successful business leader with decades of experience in construction and investment. He purchased Bright Sheet Metal in 1989, a leading mechanical contracting and sheet metal fabrication firm. In 1992, he founded GSA Investment Company, Inc., specializing in real estate development and jet airplane charter services.

A dedicated community advocate and philanthropist, Gary has been deeply involved in the Carmel area for over 30 years. He is an emeritus board member of Butler University, Carmel Dads Club, 500 Festival, and the Experiential Learning and Entrepreneurship Foundation. He currently serves on the Duquesne University Board of Directors and Community Health Network Board. He founded the Aletto Family Foundation in 2018 to support education, youth programs and community causes.

He graduated from Montour High School in McKees Rocks, PA and Duquesne University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration.

2026 Young Alumnus Achievement Awardee

Kevin M. Lewis, B.S. '08, M.B.A. '11

*Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer and
Head of Tubular Solutions at U.S. Steel Corporation*



Kevin M. Lewis serves as Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer and Tubular Solutions at U.S. Steel Corporation. In this role, Mr. Lewis leads all aspects of finance, including financial planning and analysis (FP&A), corporate accounting, tax, treasury, and pension investments, as well as real estate and sales & operations planning. He also oversees the Tubular Solutions business. He is a member of the senior leadership team, reporting to President and CEO David B. Burritt.

Previously, Mr. Lewis served as Vice President of Finance & Strategy. As part of this role, he was responsible for Corporate Strategy, further strengthening the alignment of Company's strategy with the Finance organization. Mr. Lewis also led the Transition Execution Office and North American Flat-rolled and Tubular FP&A.

Mr. Lewis joined U. S. Steel in 2008 as a Management Associate in FP&A. During his tenure, he took on roles of increasing responsibility across the finance organization, including FP&A, strategy and investor relations.

Mr. Lewis earned his bachelor's degree from Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where he majored in finance and sports marketing. He also earned his Master of Business Administration from Duquesne University. Mr. Lewis is a member of Duquesne University's Palumbo-Donahue School of Business Investment Strategy Institute Advisory Council.

PALUMBO-DONAHUE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

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BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION DEGREE CANDIDATES GRADUATING WITH ACADEMIC HONOR

SUMMA CUM LAUDE

Elaine Yvette Barber
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Kaitlyn Elizabeth Carruth
Nathaniel Frank Chiarizio
Kiley Quinn Dorrian
Derek Wagner Durko
Jaxon Kacz Ervin
Kacie Elizabeth Garofalo
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Jason Thomas Bennett	Lily Faith DeLong
Joshua Marc Berger	Ryan Anthony Derouin
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Dominic Christian Coury	James Anthony Fitzpatrick

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The Academic Procession

The Provost/Academic Vice President serves as the Commencement Marshal, holds the University mace and presides over the Academic Procession while standing directly in front of the platform. The raising of the mace signals that the Commencement ceremony is ready to begin. As the processional music begins, the procession of first the candidates for degrees, then the faculty and finally the platform party will file in. The audience should rise and remain standing until after the invocation.

Candidates for undergraduate degrees may be identified by the color of the tassel on the cap—which signifies the discipline. If they are receiving an advanced degree, the color on the neck band of the hood signifies the field of study.

Colors Distinctive of the Disciplines

White: Arts

Light Blue: Education

Yellow: Sciences

Apricot: Nursing

Drab: Business

Purple: Law

Sage: Pharmacy

Royal Blue: Philosophy

Pink: Music

Orange: Engineering

Academic Vestments

The gown, the cap, and the hood, representing the *major* components of the academic dress, are a ceremonial inheritance from the medieval universities of the eleventh and twelfth centuries, where clothing was an outward sign of social privilege and responsibility. Our usage of academic regalia derives from the early English universities. Academic clothing was first introduced at St. Peter's College, Cambridge University, in about 1284 A.D. Each school or college in Cambridge and in Oxford developed different methods to signal the various levels of degrees and the awarding institution. In America, in 1894 an Inter-Collegiate Commission met to adopt a uniform style for all degrees for all colleges and universities. The resulting code stated that every undergraduate robe would be the same style; likewise, every master's robe and every doctor's robe. Thus the academic dress worn by those participating in today's academic procession symbolizes both the level of their academic attainment and the institution they attended.

Gown

Although the gown is more frequently black, certain universities have authorized the use of colored gowns. The bachelor's and master's gowns were originally fashioned from black serge wool; today they are often of synthetic fabrics. The yoke of the bachelor's gown is designed to be worn closed and features long, flowing and pointed sleeves. The master's gown is designed to be worn open or closed. The sleeves are very long with squared ends, and the front part has an arc cut away. The wearer's arms protrude through slits at the elbows. The gown for the doctor's degree is made of wool, serge, or silk with an open front faced with wide velvet panels running from top to bottom. The sleeves are loose and bell-shaped with three encircling bars of velvet in black or in the color of the discipline in which the doctorate was obtained.

Hood

The most outstanding feature of the academic dress is the hood. It is usually worn only for the master's and doctor's degrees. The doctor's hood is longer than the master's hood (four feet vs. three and one half feet) and has distinguished panels inside. The college or university granting the degree is indicated by the color of the hood lining. Here, the panels are blue and red. The velvet trim on the hood indicates the field in which the degree was granted.

Cap

The standard cap is the mortarboard—or the Oxford-type cap—which appeared at Oxford after 1769 and replaced the round soft beret-like cap still worn at Cambridge. Its shape is variously explained as like the scholars and their books, or as derived from the Master Workman's actual mortarboard, or from the quadrangle shape of the campus. It is usually the color of the gown—black. The tassel is the color of the school for the undergraduate and worn on the right side of the cap until the moment the degree is conferred by the president. Then it is swung to the left side. The tassel for the master's degree is black and worn over the left front quarter of the cap. The tassel for the doctor's degree is also worn over the left front quarter of the cap and is of gold thread.

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The members of the Duquesne University Corporation are members of the Congregation of the Holy Spirit, or Spiritans, which founded and continue to sponsor Duquesne University. The members work in conjunction with the Board of Directors to govern Duquesne University.

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