

ACADEMIC CONVOCATION

August 21, 2025

10:30 a.m.

McCarthy Arts Center

Recital Hall

Musical Selections

William Ellis, PhD

Professor of Fine Arts

Master of Ceremonies

Gretchen Galbraith, PhD

Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

Michael Larsen, PhD

Dean of the Faculty

Invocation

Nicole Morris, PhD

Associate Professor of Business Administration and Accounting

Faculty Milestones

Jennifer Purcell, PhD
Chair of the Senate

Awards Ceremony

Emeritus Awards

Nathaniel Lew, PhD
Professor of Fine Arts-Music

Marque Moffett, MS
Senior Instructor of Chemistry

R. Michael Olson, PhD
Associate Professor of Philosophy and Ethics

Anthony Richardson, PhD
Associate Professor of Psychology

John Trono, MS
Professor of Computer Science

Norbert A. Kuntz Service Award

John Devlin, MFA
Professor of Fine Arts-Theater

Scholarship & Artistic Achievement Award

Kristin Dykstra, PhD
Distinguished Professor of History

Joanne Rathgeb Teaching Award

Peter Harrigan, MFA
Professor of Fine Arts-Theater

Outstanding Educational Impact Award

Peggy Imai

Director of Study Abroad

Remarks

Richard Plumb, PhD

President

Convocation Address

Mark Lubkowitz, PhD

Professor of Biology

Dr. Mark Lubkowitz, Professor of Biology, joined the Saint Michael's College faculty in 2001. His research spans two distinct areas: identifying genes that control agriculturally important traits in corn, and, in collaboration with longtime colleague Valerie Bang-Jensen, exploring how children's literature can be used to enrich science education in primary and secondary classrooms.

He has mentored 56 undergraduate research students and secured more than \$1.3 million in external funding from the NIH, NSF, and the Vermont Biomedical Research Network. His contributions have been recognized with the Reverend Gerald E. Dupont Service Award, the Joanne Rathgeb Teaching Award, and the Maize Genetics Leadership Award. He currently serves as Chair-Elect of the Maize Genetics Cooperative Board of Directors and as the Lead Coordinator for the Vermont Biomedical Research Network.

Outside the lab and classroom, he is often spotted cycling to and from campus from his home in Huntington.

Benediction

Fr. David Theroux, SSE, EdD

Vice President of Edmundite Mission

Lunch

Green Mountain Dining Room

PAST AWARD RECIPIENTS

JOANNE RATHGEB TEACHING AWARD

1986 – Arthur C. Hessler
1987 – Richard C. Yorkey
1988 – F. Nicholas Clary
1989 – Carey H. Kaplan
1990 – Joanne Rathgeb
1991 – James P. Conley
1992 – William O. Anderson
1993 – John N. Carvellas
1994 – Carolyn Duffy
1995 – Anne McConnell
1996 – Joseph M. McLaughlin, SSE
1997 – Dianne M. Lynch
1998 – John P. Reiss
1999 – Laima O. Ruoff
2000 – Ronald B. Begley
2001 – Donna M. Bozzone
2002 – M. Reza Ramazani
2003 – Linda S. Halsted
2004 – George L. Ashline
2005 – William F. Grover
2006 – Christina M. Root
2007 – William H. Marquess
2008 – Susan W. Kuntz
2009 – Lorrie N. Smith
2010 – Richard S. Kujawa
2011 – Douglas S. Green (*posthumously*)
2012 – Vincent L. Bolduc
2013 – Peter Tumulty
2014 – Nathaniel Lewis
2015 – Mark Lubkowitz
2016 – Patricia Siplon
2017 – Traci Griffith
2018 – Joan Wry
2019 – Valerie Bang-Jensen
2020 – Steve Doyon
2021 – Carolyn Lukens-Olson

2022 – Patrick Standen
2023 – Declan McCabe
2024 – Adrie Kusserow

**SCHOLARSHIP AND ARTISTIC
ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

1986 – John D. Engels
1987 – Donald A. Rathgeb
1987 – Joanne E. Rathgeb
1988 – Francis R. Nicosia
1989 – Armand O. Citarella
1990 – Lance C. Richbourg
1991 – Herbert N. Kessel
1992 – Carey H. Kaplan
1993 – Joseph J. Ferdinand
1994 – William R. Garrett
1995 – George W. Dameron
1996 – William F. Grover
1997 – William Tortolano
1998 – John C. Van Houten
1999 – F. Nicholas Clary
2000 – Judith S. Hillman
2001 – Svetlana Elnitsky
2002 – Jeffrey A. Trumbower
2003 – Greg Delanty
2004 – Ke-wen Wang
2005 – Ronald B. Miller
2006 – Sharon Lamb
2007 – David T. Z. Mindich
2008 – John P. Kenney
2009 – Patricia D. Siplon
2010 – Jeffrey M. Ayres
2011 – Joanna A. Ellis-Monaghan
2012 – Robert J. Niemi
2013 – Mary Beth Doyle
2014 – John O'Meara
2015 – Donna Bozzzone
2016 – John Devlin
2017 – Susan Ouellette
2018 – Alain Brizard

2019 – Adrie Kusserow
2020 – Michael Bosia
2021 – William Ellis
2022 – Ruth Fabien-Fine
2023 – Paul Olsen
2024 – Mark Lubkowitz

**NORBERT A. KUNTZ
SERVICE AWARD**

1986 – David LaMarche
1987 – Daniel J. Bean
1988 – Joseph W. Kroger
1989 – Norbert A. Kuntz
1990 – William E. Wilson
1991 – Vincent L. Bolduc
1992 – Edward J. Mahoney
1993 – Joanne E. Rathgeb
1994 – David LaMarche
1995 – Judith Hillman
1996 – Daniel J. Bean
1997 – John N. Carvellas
1998 – Richard O. Gamache
1999 – Dominique P. Casavant
2000 – Peter Harrigan
2001 – Herbert N. Kessel
2002 – Kathleen M. Balutansky
2003 – Marta Umanzor
2004 – Jody K. Willis
2005 – Barry J. Krikstone (*posthumously*)
2006 – George W. Dameron
2007 – Zsuzsanna Kadas
2008 – Robert P. Kenny
2009 – Anne P. Judson
2010 – George L. Ashline
2011 – Bret Findley
2011 – Edward J. Mahoney
2012 – Valerie S. Banschbach
2013 – Ray Patterson
2014 – Greta Pangborn

2015 – F. Nicholas Clary
2016 – Robert Letovsky
2017 – Doug Slaybaugh
2018 – Melissa VanderKaay Tomasulo
2019 – Katherine Kirby
2020 – Peter Vantine
2021 – Jeffrey Ayres
2022 – Renee Carrico
2023 – Karen Popovich
2024 – Patricia Siplon