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2009
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Saturday
May Twenty-three
Two O'Clock

PRAISE, MY SOUL, THE KING OF HEAVEN

Henry F Lyte, 1834

John Goss, 1869

Praise, my soul, the king of heaven;
to his feet your tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore his praises sing.
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise the everlasting King!

Praise him for his grace and favor to his people in distress.
Praise him, still the same as ever,
slow to chide, and swift to bless.
Alleluia, alleluia! Glorious in his faithfulness!

Father-like he tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame he knows.
In his hand he gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia, alleluia! Widely yet his mercy flows!

Angels, help us to adore him;
you behold him face to face.
Sun and moon, bow down before him, dwellers all in time and space.
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace!

THE CALVIN ALMA MATER

Dale Grotenhuis

Celia Bruinooge

Calvin, Calvin, sing we all to thee;
to dear Alma Mater we pledge fidelity.
Forever faithful to maroon and gold,
thy name and honor we ever shall uphold.

Calvin, Calvin, God has been thy guide;
Dear Alma Mater, thy strength He shall provide.
Be loyal ever to the faith of old.
God's name and honor we ever shall uphold.

ORDER OF COMMENCEMENT

- Prelude:** *Procession of the Nobles* Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov, arr. by Erik. W. G. Leidzen
- Processional:** *Pomp and Circumstance March No. 1* Edward Elgar, arr. by Clare Grundman
Calvin College Band, Tiffany Engle, D.M.A., conductor
- *Opening Hymn:** *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*
- *Invocation:** Bastian A. Knoppers, BA, Chair, Calvin College Board of Trustees
- Introduction of
Commencement Speaker:** Gaylen J. Byker, PhD, President
- Commencement Address:** “Athletes of the Faith”
Kenneth D. Bratt, PhD, Professor of Classical Languages
- Presentation of Awards:** Oluwatoyin A. Adegbite Moore, President, Calvin Alumni Association
to Sidney J. Jansma, Jr., MBA, Class of 1965
and Bastian Vanderzalm, MDiv, MBA, Class of 1969, Distinguished Alumni
- Remarks on Behalf
of the Senior Class:** Jared Rispens, Student Body President
- *Litany for Commencement**
- Conferring of Degrees:** Claudia DeVries Beversluis, PhD, Provost, and Gaylen J. Byker, PhD, President
- Presentation of Diplomas**
- *The Calvin Alma Mater**
- Closing Remarks**
- † **Recessional:** *Sine Nomine* Ralph Vaughan Williams, arr. by Alfred Reed William

*Audience Standing

† The audience is requested to be seated until the faculty and graduates have exited.

The yellow roses on the platform are presented in loving memory of Kimberly A. Holst, 2/11/86–3/19/08.

LITANY FOR COMMENCEMENT

Leader:

Praise the Lord in the heavens.
Praise the Lord on the earth.
Praise the Lord under the earth.

People:

**Thanks be to God for the marvels
of creation.**

Leader:

Praise the Lord for the words that speak
re-creation.
Praise the Lord for the lessons of history.
Praise the Lord for the stories of culture.

People:

**Thanks be to God for the Word
made flesh.**

Leader:

Praise the Lord for inspiring poetic
imagination.
Praise the Lord for the mysteries of
scientific analysis.
Praise the Lord for bodies and minds made
holy.

People:

**Thanks be to God for the breath of
the Spirit.**

Leader:

Exalt the Triune God who encourages us to
mix reading with repentance,
fuse knowledge with devotion,
stir learning with charity,
challenge intelligence with humility,
and enliven research with wonder.

People:

**Thanks be to God for academic pursuits
that lead to wisdom.**

Leader:

Exalt the Triune God who requires of us to
feed the hungry and offer drink to the
thirsty,
build shelter for the homeless and clothe
the naked,
comfort the weary and calm those who
are anxious,
and be peace-makers throughout the
world.

People:

Thanks be to God for daily lives that testify to grace.

Leader:

Exalt the Triune God who calls us to be diligent stewards of the creation, zealous explorers of the cosmos, fervent messengers of eternal hope, faithful in marriage, family, and friendship and humble servants in public life.

People:

Thanks be to God for the power of the Gospel.

Leader:

Labour for the Lord in the market place.
Labour for the Lord in the media.
Labour for the Lord in chambers of government.
Let *all* our agencies and institutions praise the Lord!

People:

Thanks be to God for the blessing of righteousness.

Leader:

Serve the Lord in and beyond the classroom.
Serve the Lord in and outside the church.
Serve the Lord in bedroom and soup kitchen.
Let *all* of our living praise the Lord!

People:

Thanks be to God for the joy of faithfulness.

Leader:

Worship the Lord as members of the Calvin community.
Worship the Lord in private and public spaces.
Worship the Lord in ethics of work and play.
Let *all* who breathe honour the living Lord!

People:

Thanks be to God for ever and ever. Amen!

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

Kenneth D. Bratt, PhD, Class of 1968

“To watch young people leap over the centuries in their imagination and find something deeply meaningful in a culture previously irrelevant to them is richly rewarding.” These were some of Ken Bratt’s thoughts on being awarded the Presidential Award for Exemplary Teaching at Calvin College in 2006. Bratt earned his Bachelor of Arts degree at Calvin in classical languages in 1968 and went on to earn both his Master of Arts degree in 1973 and his Doctor of Philosophy degree in 1985 from Princeton University, writing his dissertation on Herodotus’ *History of the Persian Wars*.

After graduating from Calvin, Bratt was drafted into the Army during the Vietnam War and was assigned to teach chaplains’ assistants at the Army Chaplain School in New York City. As Bratt recalls it, that was his first exposure to a wide variety of other cultures and faiths. “The experience was very satisfying. I felt that the chaplains were doing good work in a difficult situation, and their assistants had an opportunity to be of some earthly good to soldiers. It was a unique sort of teaching that made me aware of a much wider range of human experience than we usually see in our classrooms at Calvin.”

After his discharge from the Army and completion of graduate school, Bratt took his first teaching job at Colby College in Waterville, Maine, where he taught for three years. Since coming to Calvin in 1977, Bratt has taught hundreds of students in almost all of the classics department’s courses, including all levels of Greek and Latin, classical art and archaeology, classical literature,

and mythology. Bratt has also led a dozen interim trips to Greece, Turkey, and Italy.

Bratt’s scholarly interests lie primarily in late antiquity and the archaeology of early Christianity. During two sabbaticals he conducted research at the American School of Classical Studies in Athens, assembling hundreds of images and cataloguing artifacts from the early Christian period in Greece, particularly focusing on Corinth, Philippi, and Thessaloniki.

In addition to his work in classics, Bratt has been, since 1993, the director of the Calvin Honors Program a program that has grown significantly in both size and scope under his direction. Some 500 students a year now participate in a variety of honors program activities, including honors classes, special honors research, workshops and conferences, and McGregor Summer Research Fellowships.

Bratt is grateful for people in his life who provided examples of outstanding teaching. One of the closest and most enduring influences was his father, Bert Bratt, who for 36 years taught at Oakdale Christian School in Grand Rapids. Other significant influences in his professional life were John Breuker, his high school Latin teacher and former Calvin board member, and his teachers-turned-colleagues in classics at Calvin: George Harris, Robert Otten, Ernest Van Vugt, and Richard Wevers.

Ken Bratt is married to Laurel Strikwerda ’68, and they have three children: Christina ’98 (married to Travis Porter ’98), Jessica ’02, and Justin ’04 (soon to be married to Sarah Van Wingerden ’05).

MESSAGE FROM THE FIFTY-YEAR REUNION CLASS

Dear Calvin College Class of 2009:

Our letter to you is in the form of a poem. It is an invitation for you as you graduate to immerse yourself in Living Water. I pray that you become overflowing wells of Living Water.

My soul thirsts for the Living God

“Come

All who are thirsty

I

Will give you Living Water.”

Jesus Christ

Messiah

Savior

Anointed One

Crucified, Resurrected, Risen

Sword pierced

Heart burst asunder

Water streaming forth

Living Water – Abundant Life

Lavishly outpoured

Cascading

Splashing

Frothing

Singing

Whispering –

“Come!”

My soul thirst satisfied in crystal stream

Quenched–yet still quenching

My soul rebirthed in Living Water

Cleansed – yet still cleansing

Purified – yet still purifying

Renewed – yet still renewing

Refreshed – yet still refreshing

Delighted – yet ever delighting

Immersed in crystal stream

Moving with the Spirit,

I dance

My life a prayer.

Imperceptible movement in sorrow

and sadness

Glorious abandonment in happiness and joy.

I dance

Arms uplifted

Lost in wondrous adoration

Becoming one with Living Water

Jesus Christ

Risen Lord.

Rainbow diamond droplets splashing as I dance

Everywhere

On everyone

Whispered echoes

“Come”

Marcia L. DeGood Monsma, for the Calvin College Class of 1959

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI

The Calvin Alumni Association is proud to present two alumni with the Distinguished Alumni Award. Persons honored in such a way have been chosen by an independent selection committee comprised of alumni, faculty, and staff and are endorsed by the Calvin Alumni Association Board.

Recipients of the Distinguished Alumni Award have made significant contributions to their fields of endeavor, are recognized by their associates for outstanding achievements, and manifest a Christian commitment that reflects honor upon Calvin College.

Sidney J. Jansma Jr., MBA, Class of 1965

Doors have opened for Sidney Jansma Jr. Some have closed, too. But the 1965 graduate of Calvin College said that God has guided him very directly and naturally through his life.

“I don’t spend a lot of time in self-analysis,” said Jansma. “I always know the end part and the God part. I have questions, but I have many more answers. God has taken care of me, the family, the company.”

This year’s Distinguished Alumni Award recipient has excelled in making his business, Wolverine Gas and Oil Corporation, a successful and nationally respected company; has been honored for leadership positions at state and national levels for the industry; and has served church, school and community in numerous volunteer leadership positions.

“Sid has used to the fullest God’s gifts to him of optimism, intelligence, energy, determination, insight and decisiveness, combined with the integrity that permeates everything he does,” wrote attorney Claude Vander Ploeg ’66 in a nomination letter to the alumni association.

Jansma entered classes at Calvin College in

September 1961. He never thought of attending anywhere else.

“My father had a sixth-grade education. I was the first in my immediate family to attend college. I loved it from the beginning,” he said.

Jansma majored in economics—basically, general business in those days—and fit in as many philosophy courses as he could, some with the legendary professors of that discipline’s history.

“I know exactly where I was sitting—in the back—of Alvin Plantinga’s classes on logic,” said Jansma.

He also credits the English composition classes at Calvin, hard as they were initially, for instilling a love and respect for communication.

“It dawned on me that English was probably the most critical of subject matters, because if you can’t communicate clearly, you limit yourself. I learned how important communication is at all levels,” he said.

He immersed himself in student life at Calvin as well, serving on student senate, helping organize the first dance in the history of the college in 1963 (billed as “square stepping”) and even launching the first student-to-student fund-raising initiative titled Students Pledge for Knollcrest (SPK for short).

Set to enroll at the University of Michigan to gain an MBA degree, Jansma was thrilled when business professor Donald Pruis called the senior, into a classroom and gave him the news of a faculty post-graduate scholarship that would cover all costs.

Through the Calvin years, Jansma was also developing a relationship with Joanne Heys, whom

he met in high school and started dating prior to college. Joanne went to Calvin for one year and then to Blodgett School of Nursing for her RN degree. They were married for 41 years until Joanne passed away from cancer.

“She went to heaven while in my arms,” Jansma said. He had never dated anyone else and remembers the specific details and dates of the special days in their relationship.

“I was blessed with a beautiful marriage to a wonderful woman,” he said. “And my family carried me during the time Joanne was ill. I’m now being blessed again with another wonderful woman, Cate. We will marry on July 9, 2009.”

Jansma has four children: Sidney III ’88, works at Wolverine with his father; Betsy Greer ’92, owns a wine shop with her husband; Philip, a ’91 Davenport grad, works in the landscaping and underground sprinkling business; and Sarah Heynen ’96, also works in the landscaping business. His children and 13 grandchildren live in or near Grand Rapids.

Jansma’s father started Wolverine, a small company intent on finding oil fields within the state of Michigan. Jansma Jr. worked in the fields during summers and, after graduating from Calvin and the University of Michigan, he joined the business full time.

His father gave up the business in 1966, wanting his son to run the company, although until he passed away, the elder Jansma continued working alongside his son. Today, in Wolverine’s downtown Grand Rapids office, the original wood-and-frosted-glass door still hangs off a conference room exit with “Sid Jansma” and “Sid Jansma Jr.” etched on the bottom.

Jansma Jr. expanded the company’s reach to

locations across the United States, sold the business to a large utility firm, and within a few years, reconstituted Wolverine to once again lead the business independently.

“It wasn’t challenging for me to work in a corporate structure,” Jansma said. “I was able to leave and start over again with my original company name and my entire staff.”

In 2003, Wolverine experts working in Utah discovered the largest oil field found in the United States in the past 30 years, a site Jansma has named Covenant Field. Discovering this field was an accomplishment for which the company received national recognition from the oil and gas industry.

“The oil industry touches many facets of life,” Jansma said. “It is an industry that is fallible and imperfect as any other. But this is where God called me and my family. And we know that we can do this work without harming the environment. We know that we must take care of God’s world, and we do that. We know how to do that.”

“Sid has actively engaged the industry on both state and national issues, including testifying before Congress,” wrote Wolverine colleague Gary Bleeker. “He is a strong advocate for the industry while at the same time showing respect for God’s creation.”

Jansma’s generosity of time, talent and financial support is well known to Christian nonprofits—agencies, schools, institutes, denominational initiatives and his home congregation—but all is accomplished with a humble spirit.

“Sid has always taken that deep and personal faith and, in the best Reformed fashion, integrated it with all aspects of life,” wrote the Rev. Steve De Vries, Jansma’s pastor at Plymouth Heights Christian Reformed Church. “His relationship

with God is part of the fabric of his daily life.”

“I don’t intend to retire until God calls me to heaven, and I am content to do whatever He calls me to do,” Jansma said. “I love the church. I’ve had the privilege to worship in many traditions and in many countries. I want His church, His cause to grow. And I believe God’s given me the gift of leadership to play a small role in making that happen.”

Bastian Vanderzalm, MDiv, MBA, Class of 1969

A gray wool blanket on a shelf in Bas Vanderzalm’s office serves as a constant reminder of the hope such a meager item can provide. The blanket was his father’s and was dropped by American humanitarian workers during World War II. His Dutch father, who refused to work in munitions factories in Nazi Germany, was in hiding in rural Holland, and toward the end of the war had no food and no shelter.

“He carried that blanket with him when we emigrated in the early 1950s,” said Vanderzalm. “For my dad, America was a place of great hope and compassion.”

This story is especially poignant for Vanderzalm, who himself has overseen more than \$1 billion in humanitarian aid shipments to more than 70 countries in his role as president of Medical Teams International (MTI), located in Portland, Oregon. “What a great privilege to share that same hope and compassion with others,” he said. In fact, Vanderzalm has spent his entire career serving the underprivileged and victims of disaster.

“When I was a student at Calvin in the late 1960s, there was a lot of concern about Vietnam and a desire to change American foreign policy

and for Christians to make a difference. Sitting at my Commencement ceremony [in 1969], I felt called to do what I could for people referred to as ‘the least of these.’ I didn’t know how God would work this out, but I know that I felt His call,” he said.

With a degree in both English and history in hand, Vanderzalm attended Calvin Theological Seminary. “I did not intend to go into parish ministry,” he said. “I asked myself, ‘Who are the people nobody cares about?’ My answer at the time was ‘people in prison,’ so I wanted to be trained in counseling for that type of ministry.”

After a year, he and his new bride, fellow Calvin alum Lynn Schrottenboer Vanderzalm ’70, moved to Boston, where Bas could attend Andover Newton School of Theology, which offered a field-work program in a maximum-security prison.

“After a few years, I realized that I would rather try to keep people out of prison,” said Vanderzalm. So he spent eight years as the executive director of the Salvation Army Harbor Light Center in Boston. The center provides temporary shelter and alcoholism treatment for homeless men and women.

“I loved the people I worked with,” said Vanderzalm, “but after a while I felt restless. These people were truly ‘the least of these’ in Boston but they still had so much more than people in other parts of the world. So I began to search for ways to serve the poor overseas.”

Vanderzalm felt that working in health care would be the best route, so after earning an MBA in health care management at Boston University, he began working for World Relief in Wheaton, Illinois. Later, while serving as vice president for

international ministries at World Relief, he traveled to more than 60 countries in Asia, Latin America, Eastern Europe and Africa. "I've lived overseas for about four years," said Vanderzalm, "all in three-week installments."

These experiences finally led him to MTI, whose mission is "to demonstrate the love of Christ to people affected by disaster, conflict and poverty around the world."

MTI focuses on ways to provide medical care and improve the health of the afflicted around the world. Through the help of thousands of volunteers and millions of dollars in donated supplies, MTI directly serves 2 million to 3 million people each year.

"There is always something happening somewhere, that is taking up your thoughts, your emotion and your heart," said Vanderzalm. "We are always organizing and making contacts in case help is needed."

This spring, Vanderzalm and others at MTI monitored flood levels of the Red River in North Dakota; MTI also had teams serving in the Congo and Sudan, among other places.

It's Vanderzalm's faith and the evidence of God's grace that keeps him going day after day: "I don't know how people do this without faith," he said. "I've seen enormous destruction and suffering, but I know that God holds the world in His hands. Nothing happens outside His grace and will. In fact, I often see God at work in disasters."

Hurricane Katrina and the September 11 tragedy provided examples of that grace. "In both of those situations, people ran towards the disaster. There were people who made enormous sacrifices to help," he said. "I always see hope

through the presence of the church and the spirit of the people responding."

That hope and spirit is abundantly evident in Vanderzalm, according to Michael Holzgang, chairman of the board for MTI. "I will never forget when we were seeking to secure what is now our headquarters, Bas would go out to the site and regularly pray that the owners who were not inclined to sell, ultimately would," he wrote, endorsing Vanderzalm. "We were grateful that God provided this facility that was almost three times the size of our former facility three months prior to the [2004] tsunami."

For Vanderzalm, it all goes back to following God's call. "If you follow whatever God has placed on your heart, He will be faithful," he said. "Rather than being overwhelmed by the tragedies of life, focus on the difference you can make. Then you can move forward; you can be part of something that is truly transformational, and you can help to change lives.

"I am grateful for this honor, but all I've done is what so many Calvin graduates do with distinction every day: serve God with all my heart and strength in the work He has called me to do," he added.

"This award is as much for my wife, Lynn, as it is for me. Lynn is a talented professional who has had a distinguished career as an editor and teacher. But there's not been a day when Lynn has not prayed for and invested herself in my work with the poor. I could not have done this without her."

The Vanderzalm family are the parents of two children: Matt, a graphic designer who lives in Hyde Park, Illinois, and Alisa, a graduate student pursuing a degree in social work at Portland State University in Oregon.

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Departmental Banners

Throughout history, colorful banners have been used to mark important religious and civic events and to celebrate the vision and spirit of the participants in such events. The departmental banners displayed at this occasion arise from an awareness of this tradition and are meant to continue it. Besides symbolically revealing the richness of the various disciplines at Calvin College, the banners graphically represent their distinctiveness. Although their colors are mostly in keeping with traditional associations—scarlet for religion and theology, blue for education, orange for engineering—their forms combine the traditional, the contemporary, and the abstract.



*Art and
Art History*



Biology



Business



*Chemistry and
Biochemistry*



*Classical
Languages*



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Arts and
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Art and Art History Department

An abstract eye and hand symbolize artistic expression through the artist's sense of sight and touch. Bright colors against black suggest creative boldness.

Biology Department

Dominating the biology banner is a symbol representing the structure of the DNA molecule, deoxyribonucleic acid. The structure of this fundamental material of life, the chemical basis of heredity, was revealed in 1953 and actually photographed in 1969.

Business Department

The banner of the Business Department depicts a visual representation of business as a nexus of relationships between people. A Christ centered education is symbolized by the center vertical column and the horizontal shape of human figures forming a cross. The center vertical, white column also symbolizes the light of learning and the presence of the Holy Spirit in education.

Chemistry and Biochemistry Department

The main symbol used in this banner is the electron distribution for tetrahedral hybrid orbitals, which represents the chemical activity of the elements and their compounds. Two segments of a crystal structure are included in the design, which are also the floor plan shape of the science building. The shaft of pale yellow symbolizes the light of investigation. Yellow is the traditional color associated with science.

Classical Languages Department

While the lyre and the wolf may be taken individually as symbols of Greece and Rome, together they portray the unity of the two civilizations and its cultural achievement, the union of art and nature, and of poetry and myth. Horace has given this continuity and fusion of the two traditions of Greece and Rome its classical literary expression in his odes, of which none better, perhaps, than the "Integer vitae" ode conveys the intention of this banner.

Communication Arts and Sciences Department

Sound waves emanating from a central core symbolize communication through speech and drama. The reversal of the outward movement suggests feedback in communication. Silver gray is the color traditionally assigned to speech and drama.



Computer
Science



Economics

Computer Science Department

The banner of the Computer Science Department features a Turing machine, the foundational model of digital computation. The zeroes and ones on its tape reflect the binary logic by which digital computation is implemented. The changing colors and order of the numbers express the transition as data move from input through processing to output. The white shaft and its golden sheath symbolize the light and energy of education and the sciences. The flowing wind symbolizes the transforming work of the Holy Spirit as it infuses the discipline of computing.

Economics Department

Shapes and lines express the charting and planning of economic budgets. Subtly appearing among other symbols is a cross expressing the Christ-centered teaching of economics at Calvin College. Copper is the color associated with economics.



Education



Engineering

Education Department

The relationship of teacher and student in the educational process is represented by the forceful interaction of shapes in this design. The white shaft symbolizes the light of learning in the Holy Spirit. Blue is traditionally linked with education.

Engineering Department

The Engineering banner illustrates the key activity of engineers, namely, their involvement with the design process, an iterative, decision-making sequence. Steps in the sequence, represented by circles and rectangles, are connected by arrows to indicate the movement from the initial problem statement to final solution. Two-way arrows suggest the possibility of sequence reversal. Orange traditionally designates engineering.

English Department

The two main symbols, the lion and the eagle, represent England and the United States of America. The lozenge pattern in the background expresses the pageantry of England during the development of the English language.



English



French

French Department

The banner of the Department of French features the Coq Gaulois, long a national emblem of France, and Arch of Triumph, a symbol of French patriotism. The cock, traditionally the Christian symbol for watchfulness, has been adopted as its symbol by a nation which since its inception has been one of the important cradles of Christian thought and practice. The colors of the national flag are represented by the Coq Gaulois.

Geology, Geography, and Environmental Studies Department

Earthkeeping, the human community's care for God's earth, is symbolized in the banner for the Department of Geology, Geography, and Environmental Studies by representations of atmosphere, mountains, cities, water, and the various levels of the earth's interior. The white shaft symbolizes the light and energy of learning stimulated by the Holy Spirit.



Geology,
Geography, &
Environmental
Studies



*Germanic
& Asian
Languages
& Literatures*



*Health, Physical
Education,
Recreation,
Dance & Sport*



History



Library



*Mathematics
& Statistics*



Music



Nursing



Philosophy

Germanic and Asian Languages and Literatures Department

The study of the Dutch and German languages is represented by symbols taken from emblems of the countries associated with these languages. The traditional black eagle represents Germany, and the orange lion is from the seal of the Netherlands. The white shaft symbolizes the light of learning.

Health, Physical Education, Recreation, Dance, and Sport Department

Engaged in exercise, sports, and dance, a person in motion is suggested by the movement of rhythmical shapes and lines. Sage green is the color associated with physical fitness.

History Department

Jagged horizontal bands, representing both the rise and fall of civilizations and the four kingdoms as described in the Book of Daniel, move across vertical time lines, which also symbolize the dramatic influence of Christ on history.

Library

The library as a gatherer, receptacle, and distributor of information, ideas, and learning is represented by the abstract book shape, while the white, flowing shaft itself symbolizes the light and energy of learning in the Holy Spirit of God. The flame is the traditional symbol of learning and discovery through research.

Mathematics and Statistics Department

Mathematicians have always saved time and effort by substituting symbols for words. The basic arithmetical steps of adding, subtracting, multiplying, and dividing are depicted on this banner by some of the earliest ways of writing them down.

The Renaissance calculator Tartaglia used the first letter of the Italian word for plus to signify adding. Diophantus favored this minus sign in Greek times. Leibniz employed this multiplication symbol in 17th-century Germany. J. E. Gallimard used this reverse D for division in 18th-century France.

Music Department

The design of the Music banner emphasizes the rhythms of musical sounds. Shapes and lines suggest strings, valves, keys, horn bell, drum, and other musical forms. Radiating circles suggest sound waves. The colors express the various moods of music.

Nursing Department

The traditional emblem of nursing, Florence Nightingale's lamp, is featured in the banner for the Department of Nursing. The flame of the lamp symbolizes the light of Christian compassion and education. The gold of the lamp is the traditional color for science. The background apricot color is the academic regalia color for nursing, while the white shaft represents peace through the Holy Spirit.

Philosophy Department

Light refracted through a transparent prism symbolizes the many-faceted investigations of fact and of principles of reality and of human nature and conduct.



Physics and
Astronomy



Political
Science



Psychology



Religion



Sociology &
Social Work



Spanish

Physics and Astronomy Department

The construction of elements is symbolized in the Physics banner by the simplest atom, hydrogen, with its single proton and electron. Also included in the design are a tracing of the paths of particles from an atom and a segment of a crystal structure which is also the floor plan shape of the science building. The yellow shaft symbolizes the light of investigation.

Political Science Department

The banner of the Department of Political Science features a representation of the fasces, a symbol of the authority of the state, and arrows that express the direction and flow of the analytical and holistic nature of the process of law. The fasces, a bundle of rods bound about by an ax with projecting blade, was carried before ancient Roman magistrates as a symbol of authority. The white shaft of seven rods also symbolizes peace and enlightenment through the Holy Spirit.

Psychology Department

The Greek letter PSI, the first letter of the Greek word *psyche* (the mind), traditionally signifies the discipline of psychology. The color red symbolizes emotion; blue, rationality; and white, peace through the Holy Spirit.

Religion Department

Three symbols of the Trinity—circle, cross, and dove—express the fullness of God as He reveals Himself as Creator, Savior, and Counselor. These symbols are interlocked to depict the oneness of God. The shaft of white is the light of learning in Christian education guided by the Holy Spirit. Scarlet is traditionally associated with theology.

Sociology and Social Work Department

The central concept of sociology, represented by the inner circle, is a person interacting with other people to form groups. Total human society, represented by the broken circle, is composed of many small units forming a larger interrelated structure. All groups, from the family to society itself, exist within a framework of social norms. This normative or cultural framework, represented by the unbroken outer circle, promotes conformity, as suggested by the arrows directed from it toward the inner circles of society and the smaller group.

Spanish Department

The banner of the Spanish Department features the traditional symbols of the historical kingdoms of Castilla (castle), León (lion), and Aragón (red and yellow bars). These Christian kingdoms emerged during the eight-hundred-year-long reconquest of the Iberian Peninsula from domination by Muslim rulers. The separate kingdoms were joined through the marriage of Ferdinand and Isabella, and eventually coalesced into the modern nation of Spain.

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