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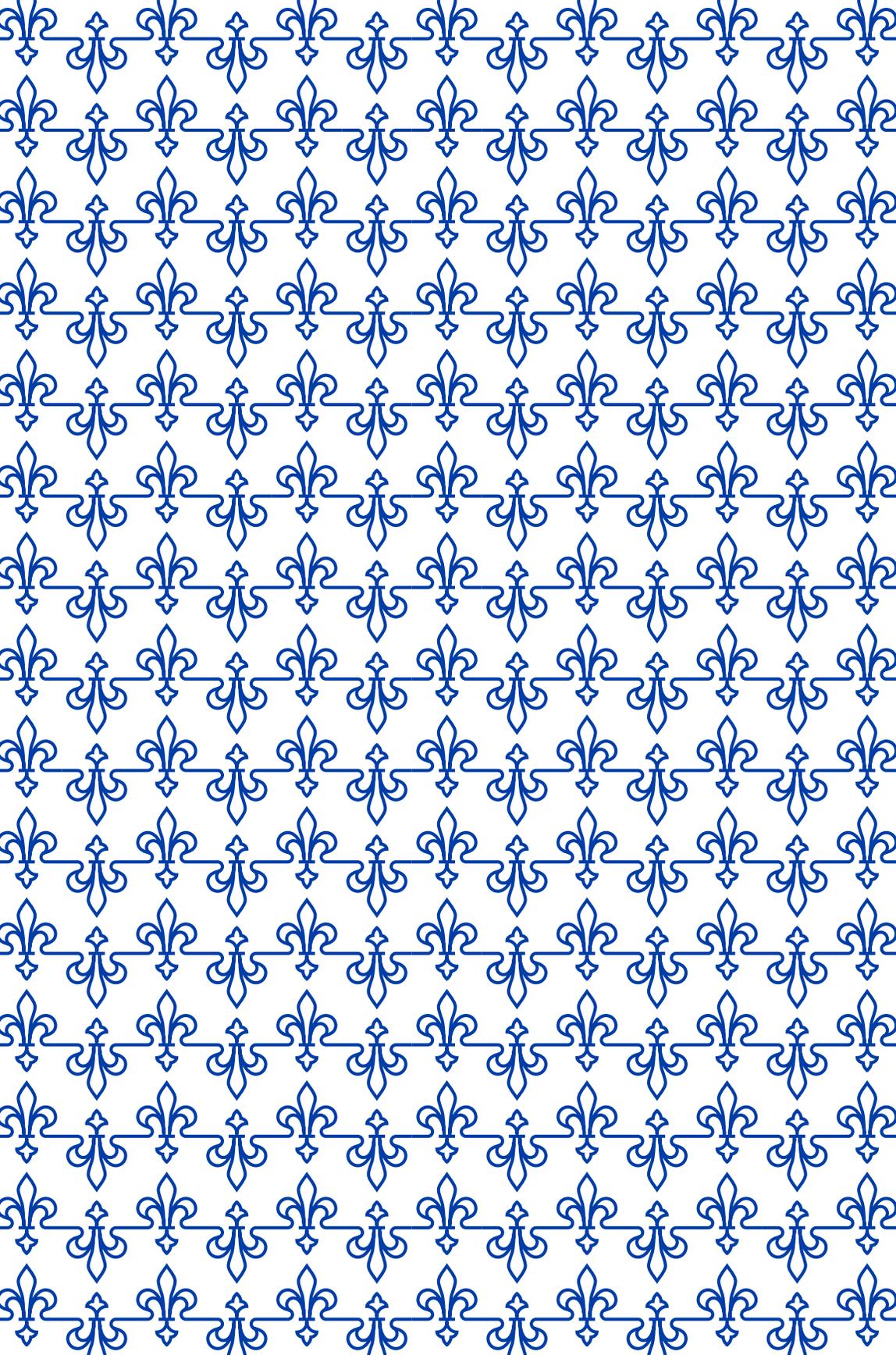
PRECOMMENCEMENT

SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK



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FRIDAY, MAY 16
ST. FRANCIS XAVIER COLLEGE CHURCH
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ACADEMIC PROCESSION

NATIONAL ANTHEM

MASTER OF CEREMONIES

Wendy DuCassé, D.S.W., LCSW

Director, Field Education

Assistant Clinical Professor, Social Work

INVOCATION

Benjamin Smyth, Ph.D., M.S.W.

Director, Co-Curricular and Service-Learning Programs

Richard A. Chaijetz School of Business

WELCOME

Noelle E. Fearn, Ph.D.

Dean, School of Social Work

Professor, Criminology and Criminal Justice

GUEST SPEAKER

Hon. Margaret Donnelly, J.D., M.S.W.

STUDENT AWARDS AND LEADERSHIP

Brandy Maynard, Ph.D., M.S.W.

Associate Dean of Academic Affairs

Professor, Social Work

Presentation of the Graduates

Danni Young, M.B.A.

Director, Graduate Recruitment and Admissions

CANDIDATES FOR DOCTORAL DEGREE

CANDIDATES FOR MASTER'S DEGREES AND CERTIFICATES

CANDIDATES FOR BACHELOR'S DEGREES

DEAN'S FINAL PRESENTATION

Noelle E. Fearn, Ph.D.

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BENEDICTION

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ACADEMIC RECESSIONAL

MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

Dear Graduates,

On behalf of the Saint Louis University School of Social Work faculty and staff, I'd like to congratulate you on your great accomplishment! We are proud of all that you have accomplished during your time here and we wish you the best of luck in this next phase of your life.

Your commitment to understanding and addressing complex societal issues, advocating for social justice, and enhancing the well-being of individuals, families, and communities is truly commendable. The skills, knowledge, and experiences you have gained during your time at Saint Louis University will serve as a strong foundation for your future endeavors.

May your career be filled with meaningful experiences, personal growth, and success. Know that you are part of a supportive and thriving community of alumni who are making a difference in diverse fields and settings across the globe.

You will always be a Billiken, and we are grateful for the legacy you are leaving behind. We encourage you to stay connected to Saint Louis University by joining the Alumni Association and give back by supporting our programs and scholarships for future generations.

Once again, congratulations on this remarkable achievement, and best wishes for a bright and fulfilling future! The entire School of Social Work community is proud of you, and we cannot wait to see all that you will accomplish after graduation.

Congratulations!



Noelle E. Fearn, Ph.D.
*Dean, School of Social Work
Professor, Criminology and Criminal Justice*

ABOUT THE SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK



Saint Louis University's School of Social Work provides students with an academic journey rooted in cutting-edge research, lived experiences, and servant leadership fortified by our holistic focus on humanity. Built upon an unwavering commitment to human, social, and environmental justice, the school is a leader in integrating preparation, education, and practice with faculty members who make substantial contributions to our respective professions. The school – a dynamic community of learning with excellence in teaching, research, and servant leadership – remains passionately dedicated to our mission: preparing students for professional practice with a commitment to social justice and the empowerment of vulnerable and oppressed populations. We currently rank in the top 13% of all Schools of Social Work in the nation.

Established in 1930, SLU's School of Social Work has evolved tremendously over the past nine plus decades and now offers academic and professional degrees at the bachelor's, master's, and doctoral levels in three distinct yet critically interrelated disciplines: applied behavior analysis (ABA), criminology and criminal justice (CCJ), and social work (SWRK). We also offer graduate certificates in both applied behavior analysis (post-master's) and gerontology (post-bachelor's). Our academic offerings have advanced to respond to expanded societal need and demand for well-trained, highly skilled, and justice-focused professionals and practitioners in our fields. Our online graduate programs in social work and applied behavior analysis illustrate our collective commitment to remove geographic and other barriers to higher education and training for tomorrow's social workers, behavior analysts, and criminal justice professionals.

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*Associate Dean of Academic Affairs
Professor, Social Work*

Michael Vaughn, Ph.D.
*Associate Dean of Research
Director, Social Work Ph.D. Program*

Dyan McGuire, J.D., Ph.D.
*Director, Criminology & Criminal Justice Programs
Associate Professor*

Heather Lewis, M.S.W., Ed.S., BCBA
*Interim Director, Master of Science in
Applied Behavior Analysis Program
Assistant Clinical Professor,
Applied Behavior Analysis
Assistant Field Director, Applied Behavior Analysis*

Kristi S. Richter, M.S.W., LCSW
*Director, Master of Social Work Program
Assistant Clinical Professor, Social Work*

Vithya Murugan, Ph.D., M.S.W.
*Director, Bachelor of Science in
Social Work Program
Associate Professor, Social Work*

Wendy DuCassé, D.S.W., LCSW
*Director, Field Education
Assistant Clinical Professor, Social Work*

STUDENT AWARDS

APPLIED BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS AWARDS

Outstanding Master of Science in Applied Behavior Analysis Student of the Year Award

Sydney Hoyt

CRIMINOLOGY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE AWARDS

Outstanding Master of Arts in Criminology and Criminal Justice Graduating Student Award

Alexandria Maria DiBrizzi

Outstanding Bachelor of Arts in Criminology and Criminal Justice Graduating Senior Award

Anna Cathleen Skrobis

DR. NORMAN WHITE SERVICE IN JUSTICE AWARD

This award honors Dr. Norman A. White, an associate professor of criminology and criminal justice, who died in 2017. This award has been given with Norm's name to an undergraduate criminology and criminal justice student who, in the judgment of faculty, embodies a similar commitment to service and justice as Norm did.

Noa Glover

SOCIAL WORK AWARDS

Outstanding Bachelor of Science in Social Work Practicum Student of the Year Award

Katelyn Weber

Outstanding Bachelor of Science in Social Work Student Award

Grace Clark

Outstanding Master of Social Work Practicum Student of the Year Award

Katherine M Atkinson

Outstanding Master of Social Work Student Award

Stacey Meers

THE GRADUATES

CANDIDATES FOR DOCTORAL DEGREE

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN SOCIAL WORK

DeBorah Devonne Ahmed

Dissertation title: A Sankofa Approach: A Study of the Role of Afrikan-Centered Knowledge and Understanding Has on the Self-Efficacy and Personal Agency of Adult Afrikan Americans

Victoria Elizabeth Carter

Dissertation title: An Exploratory Study of the Experiences of Black Social Work Doctoral Students in Predominantly White Institutions

Kathryn Warkentin Coccia

Dissertation title: TokTogether: A Parasocial Approach to Addressing Ageism and Advancing Geriatric Workforce Development Among University Health Students

Jacob M Eikenberry

Dissertation title: The Role of Peer Providers in the Successful Reentry of Individuals Transitioning From Prison to the Community

Ebow Tawiah Nketsiah

Dissertation title: Non-pharmacological Interventions for Dementia and Alzheimer's Disease: Exploring the Effectiveness of Cognitive Stimulation Therapy for Dementia in the United States and Hong Kong.

Aweke Tadesse

Dissertation title: Participation in a Micro-Loan & Micro-Saving Association: A Community-Based Intervention Targeting Quality of Life & Depression in Mozambique

THE GRADUATES

Yingying Zhang

Dissertation title: Gender Disparities in Financial Well-Being and Financial Capability: An Examination Using the National Financial Capability Study

CANDIDATES FOR MASTER DEGREES & CERTIFICATES

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN APPLIED BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS

Elizabeth Ann Brunson

Evelyn Canelo

Jordan Lee Hopkins

Madison Delaney Kates

MASTER OF ARTS IN CRIMINOLOGY & CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Alexandria Maria DiBrizzi

Madison P. Fundis

Tyler M. Garcia

Cheyenne Heath

Katie Hongngoc Luu

Sree Sai Teja Sunkari

Malaisyah Ameare Vann

MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK

Chloe Marie Amstutz

Kali Raye Anderson

Karen Andrea Askew

Katherine M Atkinson

Sarah Barness

Brooke Boggs

Asher Buckner

Samantha Bulechek

Lillian Rose Carstens

Andrew J.M. Bushnell-Chamness

Marissa Renee Caruthers

Faith Kamari Chavers

Rachel Chernow

Brittney Clifton

Mackenzie Blair Cohoon

Avery Joy Downes

Christopher Richard Driscoll

Sara Lynn Drost

Bayleigh Durham

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Cynthia Marie Enghauser

Tierra Iman Flascher

Adalena R Francis

Caitlin Page Frazee

Ainsley N. Freed

Grace Gordon

Lauren Coombes Handy

Samantha A. Harris

Taylor Hawkes-Hiltner

Audra L. M. Heller

Cheyenne Jean Hogue

Katie Elizabeth Holtorf

Kelley Parks Hower

Sydney Hoyt

Anna Felicity Hunn

Sophie Johnson

Khadija Dura Kamara

Anna Rose Kappel

Alyssa Noel Kendrick

Natalie Kauders Kite

Emily Anne Maffuccio

Katherine Elizabeth Manion

Lauren Manion

Stacy Dawn Meers

Brianna Jude Metellus

Madison N Miskovic

Jose Manuel Monzon

Sheena Yukimi Morita

Emma Murphy

Marie Ortsiefer

Mackenzie G Ostermann

Riley Nataki Pascall

Rachel Passapera

Caitlin Reilly

Delaney Erin Rice

Lauren Paige Rocco

Anna Leoti Sadlo

Linda Fawzi Safi

Cheyenne Smith

Isabel Marie Staskiewicz

Briana Taylor

Chartina Angelle Thomas

Elizabeth Titius

Sarah Elizabeth Lee Tracy

Destinee D Turner

Haley Yarber

Jennifer Marie Yeargain

THE GRADUATES

POST-BACCALAUREATE CERTIFICATE IN INTERPROFESSIONAL GERONTOLOGY

Chloe Marie Amstutz
Adalena R Francis
Caitlin Page Frazee
Ainsley N. Freed
Anna Rose Kappel
Stacy Dawn Meers

POST-MASTER'S CERTIFICATE IN APPLIED BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS

Callie M Ferguson

CANDIDATES FOR BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN CRIMINOLOGY & CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Leonard Albanese III
Bandar Aldhahri
Kiara Lynn Andreychak**
Alexandra Berkley***
Shayne J. Clegg*
Hayden H Engel
Noa Shawn Glover**

Sophie Lee Henkle*
Madysen L Johnson
Josie Salah Keyrouz***
Marissa Victoria Klingeman*
Lilly Katherine Lewis*
Ángela Majarín Martínez**
Owen F Minichiello*
Hermela Sahele Nebyu
Marissa Annette Payne
Zaire M Payton

Julia Lynn Runions
Meredith Anne Saba
Nima Daniel Saboorizadeh
Mariam M Saleh
Emily Servin**
Mary Clare Simon**
Anna Cathleen Skrobis***
Paityn Marie Upton**
Alyson E. Vogt
Courtney Marie Wolf

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN SOCIAL WORK

Faith Christine Abrams
Emma Bacila*
Mary Katherine Baltimore*
Jacqueline Maurine Barnes***

*** **summa cum laude**
(G.P.A. 3.9)
** **magna cum laude**
(G.P.A. 3.7)
* **cum laude**
(G.P.A. 3.5)

Latin Honors are based on December 2024 cumulative GPA; final honors are recalculated based on final GPA and are indicated on transcript.

This program does not constitute the official conferring of a degree.

Melissa Borstelmann
Matthew Joseph Brody
Grace Kerry Clark***
Charumati Agnibye Deeljore
Marquis D. Govan
Libby Ann Griffin*
Samarya C. Hall**
Elizabeth Armide
Henderson***
Abigail Isabella Hodges**
Emma Janette Kidwell***
Nora Ann Kotnik**
Jacob Byron Earl Lashley***
Caroline F Moscardelli***
Clare Marie Newcomb***
Margaret Ann Niego***
Kaytlyn Olvera
Bryce Ryan Pattison**
Hannah Elizabeth Rose
Frances Christine Sablan**
Stephanie Sánchez
Trinity Lane Thomas**
Elizabeth Rain Waybright
Katelyn Nicole Weber***
Natalie L Wild**
Evelyn LaShawne Wright*

STUDENT ORGANIZATION LEADERS

Through their hard work and dedication, these students have served in leadership roles for chartered student organizations and disciplinary honor societies within the School of Social Work. Thank you for living out the mission of the School of Social Work through your service and leadership.

ALPHA PHI SIGMA - (CRIMINOLOGY & CRIMINAL JUSTICE HONOR SOCIETY)

Mary Clare Simon
President
Grace Clark
Vice President
Katie Luu
Secretary
Anna Skrobis
Treasurer
Julia Runions
Historian
Emily Servin
Publicity Chair

CRIMINOLOGY & CRIMINAL JUSTICE CLUB

Grace Clark
President
Mary Clare Simon
Vice President
Alexandra Berkley
Secretary
Owen Minichiello
Public Relation, Evens Chair

PHI ALPHA - TAU MU CHAPTER (SOCIAL WORK HONOR SOCIETY)

Sam Hall
President

SOCIAL WORK STUDENT ASSOCIATION

Nora Kotnik
President
Grace Clark
Vice President
Emma Kidwell
Secretary
Carrie Moscardelli
Treasurer

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ABOUT SAINT LOUIS UNIVERSITY



Saint Louis University is one of the oldest and most prestigious Catholic universities in the United States. Founded in 1818, the University is recognized nationally for world-class academics, life-changing research and a strong commitment to faith and service.

Guided by its enduring Jesuit mission, Saint Louis University offers students a highly rigorous and deeply transformative education that empowers them to become bold, confident leaders.

As a nationally recognized leader in research and innovation, SLU is a Research-1 (R1) university, advancing groundbreaking discoveries in St. Louis and around the world.

In 2024, Saint Louis University educated more students than ever before and experienced unprecedented international enrollment: 15,334 students, from all 50 states and 100 countries. SLU's campus in Madrid, Spain, enrolled 1,246 students last fall.

A dedication to values-based education and social justice has earned Saint Louis University widespread acclaim and bolstered its status as a character-building college. SLU offers more than 180 community engagement courses, and 75 percent of SLU students volunteer each year.

SLU is also a catalyst for urban renewal in the heart of a vibrant city. More than \$1.2 billion in housing, retail and business development is underway in Midtown St. Louis, and the University is in the center of the neighborhood's growth.

Inspired by its pioneering spirit, Saint Louis University continues to move forward, committed to serve a higher purpose while seeking the greater good.

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

One of the country's top colleges (The Princeton Review, *The Wall Street Journal* and *U.S. News & World Report* magazine) – and the No. 13 Catholic college in America (Niche)

RESEARCH

SLU's R1 status places the University in an elite group of U.S. research universities. SLU has increased research expenditures by 104% over the last eight years.

SERVICE

1.6 million hours of service completed by the SLU community annually

ENDOWMENT

\$1.9 billion, an increase of 74% over the last decade

ATHLETICS

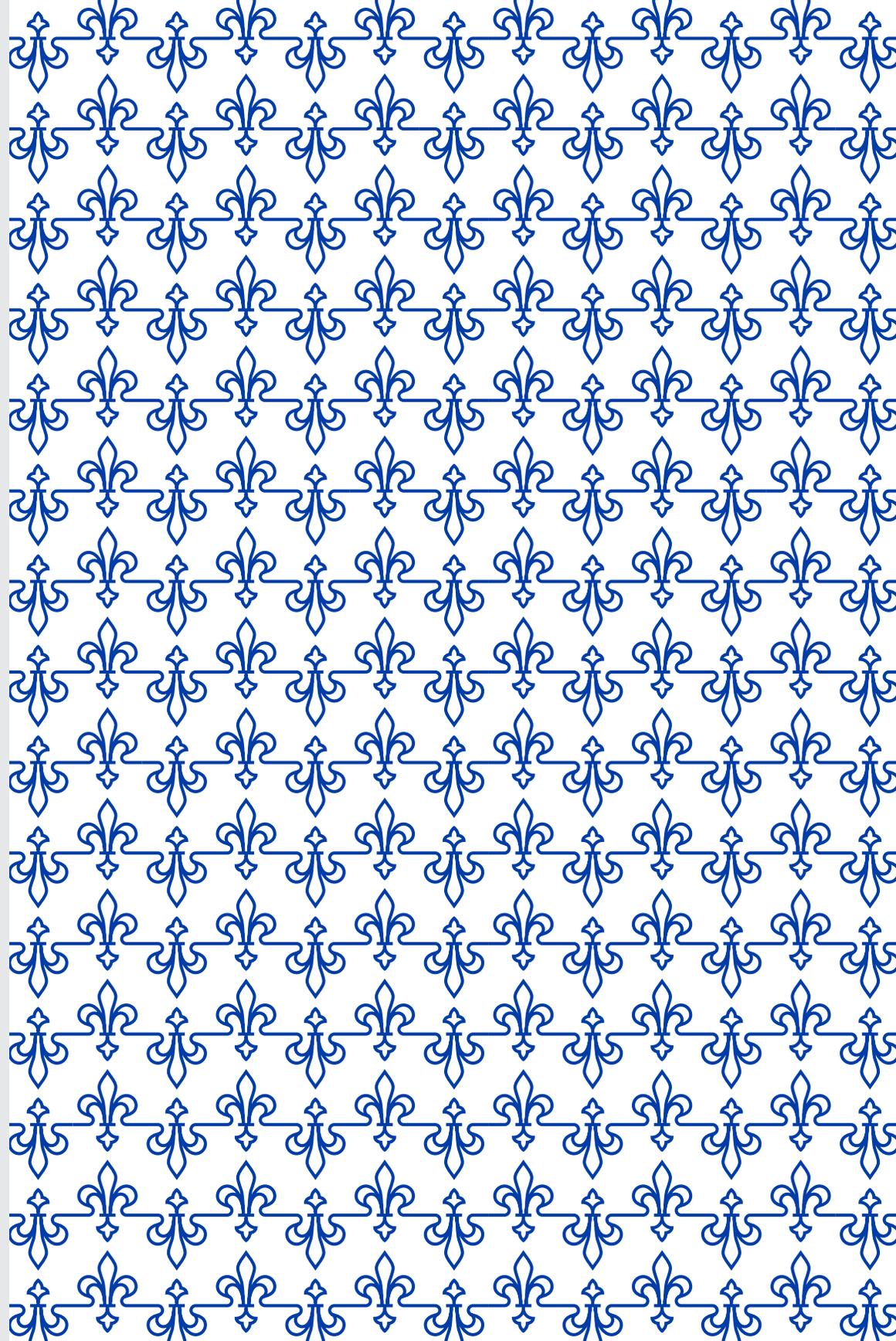
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MASCOT

The Billiken, a mythical good-luck figure who represents "things as they ought to be"

ALUMNI

134,336 alumni in 50 states and 154 countries





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