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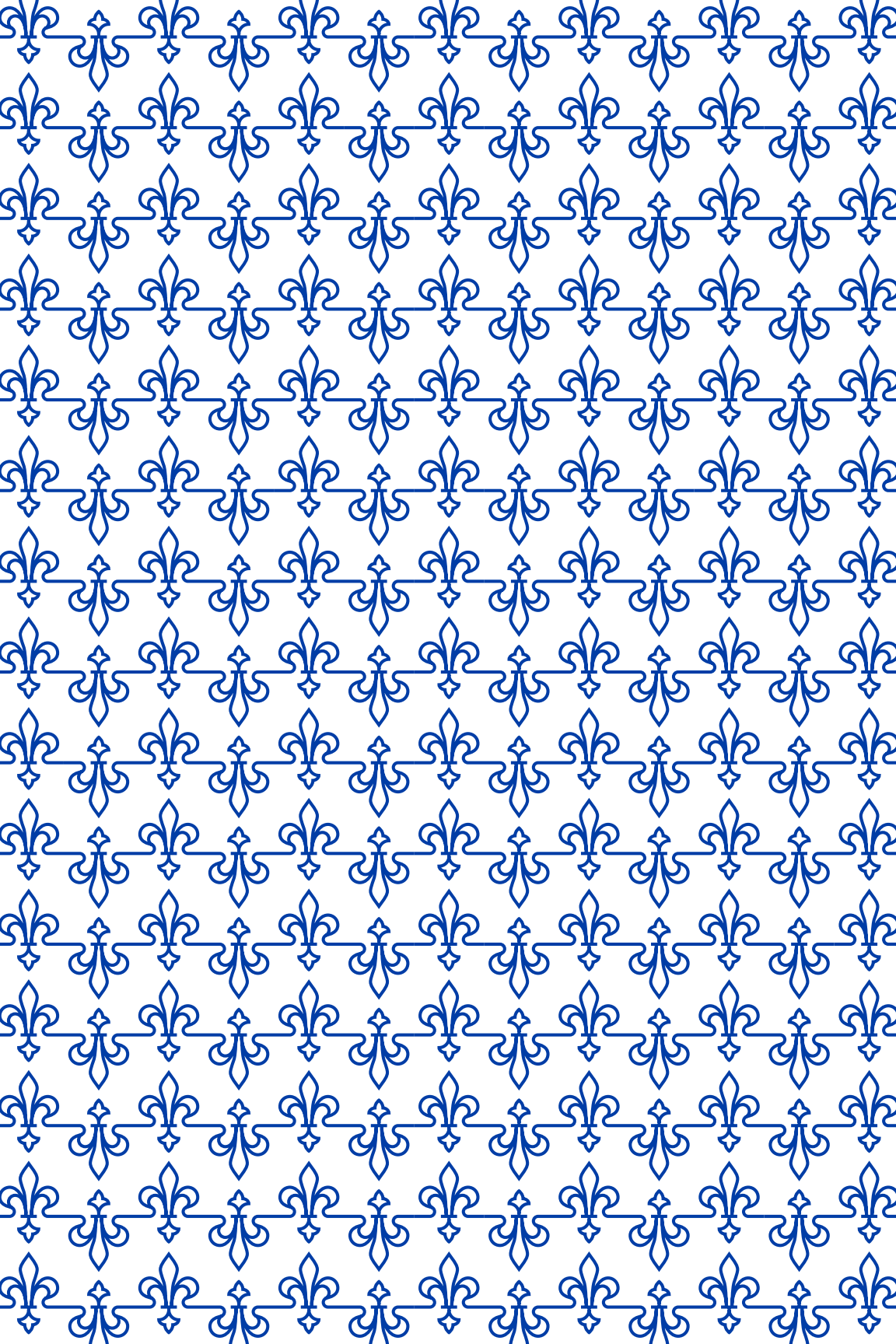
2024 PRECOMMENCEMENT



**SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK**

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Friday, May 17  
St. Francis Xavier College Church  
St. Louis, Missouri



# ORDER OF EVENTS

## ACADEMIC PROCESSION

### MASTER OF CEREMONIES

**Shannon Cooper-Sadlo, Ph.D.**

*Full Clinical Professor, Associate Dean of Academic Affairs*

### NATIONAL ANTHEM

### INVOCATION

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

*Director of Co-Curricular and Service-Learning Programs  
Richard A. Chaifetz School of Business*

### WELCOME

**Noelle E. Fearn, Ph.D.**

*Dean, School of Social Work  
Professor, Criminology and Criminal Justice*

### ALUMNI SPEAKERS

**Bryant Antoine, M.S.W., BCBA, LBA**

*COO/Co-Founder, The Village PATH*

**Jermar Perry, M.S.W.**

*Co-Founder, The Village PATH*

### STUDENT AWARDS AND LEADERSHIP

**Michael Vaughn, Ph.D.**

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

## Presentation of the Graduates

**Danni Young, M.B.A.**

*Director of Graduate Recruitment and Admissions*

### CANDIDATES FOR MASTER'S DEGREES AND CERTIFICATES

#### CANDIDATES FOR BACHELOR'S DEGREES

#### DEAN'S FINAL PRESENTATION

**Noelle E. Fearn, Ph.D.**

*Dean, School of Social Work  
Professor, Criminology and Criminal Justice*

#### BENEDICTION

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

*Director of Co-Curricular and Service-Learning Programs  
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## MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

Dear Graduates,

What a wonderful gift it is to be here with you to celebrate your Pre-Commencement in community with one another. Today, with much gratitude and hope, we honor you, give heartfelt thanks to your families and friends for their love and support, and we look forward, together, to all that the future holds.

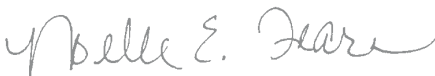
We welcome your family, friends, peers, and the faculty and staff of the School of Social Work as they participate in this ceremony that recognizes you and all your hard work. We are so grateful that we can celebrate your hard-earned achievements and cheer for you here in College Church. Yet, we know that not all our loved ones can be here with us today. We keep those not with us in our hearts as we recognize you and your accomplishments.

Today we honor a diverse group of graduates who – while connected and committed to the pursuit of servant leadership and the shared missions of Saint Louis University, the School of Social Work, and our complementary disciplines – have earned degrees in the fields of applied behavior analysis (ABA), criminology and criminal justice (CCJ), and social work (SWRK). Our class of 2024 is graduating with degrees and certificates in 20 different concentration/area combinations.

Our 2024 graduating class includes 40 undergraduate students who majored in social work and criminology and criminal justice and 93 graduate students from 63 different cities (around the globe) and 17 states across the country. More than three-quarters of our graduating class engaged in experiential learning through disciplinary practicum and internship opportunities at more than 85 local non-profit organizations, social service agencies, and justice institutions. One-fifth of our graduating class earned a perfect 4.0 GPA, and 90 percent of our undergraduates graduate with Latin honors. You represent more than 19 unique faith traditions and a broad range of educational backgrounds, having earned prior degrees at 31 universities. Wholly distinctive to Saint Louis University's School of Social Work, 10 MSW students are graduating from fully accredited, exclusive hybrid partnerships with other mission-focused colleges and universities across the country including The College of Our Lady of the Elms, a Roman Catholic school in Chicopee, Massachusetts; Avila University, a Roman Catholic school in Kansas City, Missouri; and Xavier University, a Catholic Jesuit school in Cincinnati, Ohio.

We are delighted to celebrate today's milestone in your lives and are so grateful to have shared this time and journey with you. Students like you – with outstanding intellectual ability, concern and care for others, and a fundamental desire to do well by doing good – exemplify what it means to be a Billiken. You join a community of alumni who lead meaningful lives with impactful careers while boldly tackling society's and humankind's greatest challenges. We cannot wait to see the amazing contributions you will continue to make to our shared world.

Congratulations on your graduation, we could not be prouder!



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## 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 distinctive MSW partnerships with Catholic and Jesuit universities in Missouri, Ohio, and Massachusetts as well as the development of our new 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*

*Full Clinical Professor, Social Work*

**Michael Vaughn, Ph.D.**

*Associate Dean of Research*

*Director of Social Work Ph.D. Program*

## STUDENT AWARDS

### APPLIED BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS AWARDS

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

### CRIMINOLOGY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE AWARDS

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

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

### 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 the commitment to service and justice that Norm embodied.*

### SOCIAL WORK AWARDS

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

*Outstanding Bachelor of Science in Social Work Student Award*

*Outstanding Master of Social Work Practicum Student of the Year Award*

*Outstanding Master of Social Work Student Award*

## THE GRADUATES

### MASTER'S DEGREES & CERTIFICATES

#### MASTER OF ARTS IN CRIMINOLOGY & CRIMINAL JUSTICE

**Brittney Erin Collier**  
**Madelyn Rose McCarthy**  
**Matthew Scott Smith**  
**Samuel Lisby**  
**Jane AnnMarie Kincaid**  
**Salin Mary Pratt**

#### MASTER OF SCIENCE IN APPLIED BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS

**Elizabeth Ann Brunson**  
**Jordan Christie**

#### MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK

**Nicole Renee Adams**  
**Leila S. Awad**  
**Abigail Bachman**  
**Johnathan Ulis Bailey-Smith**  
**Keeley Barket**  
**Kaylee Ann Berger**  
**Dena Lynn Bischopink**

**Donald Robert Bronson III**  
**Jhane Shereese Brown**  
**Lillian Rose Carstens**  
**Delilah Cathain Chavis**  
**Seyoon Choi**  
**Camryn S Christy**  
**Andrea Ciarrochi**  
**Brittney Clifton**  
**Hallie Daily**  
**Lauren Daly-Arsenault**  
**Madison Dawes**  
**Carly Renee Ferdman**  
**Autumn Taylor Ferguson**  
**Carly Rose Garbarino**

## THE GRADUATES

Claire Busch George  
Calie Rae Morgan Griffith  
Julia Rose Hartman  
Lauren Nicole Hasten  
Natalie Michelle Hesford  
Nicola SeNee Hodges  
Julie Wynn Rivers  
Emma Breann Johnson  
Hadley Abigail Karandjeff  
Julie Kelley  
Katherine Jean Kempf  
Joann J. Kim  
Jacob George Klupchak  
Kara Laine Knight  
Bernard V. Kopecky  
Gabby Krause  
Margaret Amelia Kymes  
Meredith Marie Lex  
Tomminesha Treundus  
Matchingtouch  
Brianna Jude Metellus  
Jose Manuel Monzon  
Gabrielle Sara Moore  
Adisyn Tayler Morgan  
Loyiso Mqalo  
Rebecca E. Muder  
Julie Ann Murray  
McKinleigh Meschele-Gay  
Nelsen  
Kyra Ann O'Conner  
Riley Nataki Pascall  
Anita Lelia Phillips  
Katelyn Elise Picard  
Elizabeth Rose Polley  
Aubrey Elizabeth Quaranto

Katherine L. Randolph  
Caitlin Reilly  
Celia Jane Roark  
Alayna Blair Roderique  
Jenna Rodriguez  
Hayley Alison Romano  
Grace Mariah Sambiago  
Kimberly Saunchgrow  
Jordyn Schrad  
Julia Sheehan  
Madison Ann Shields  
Jean Erika Simon  
Leviticus Randy Smith Jr.  
Hope Therese Stratman  
Leah Eliane Strickman  
Brooke Alexandra Swierski  
Erin Thies  
Ashna S. Thomas  
Taylor Maurine Thomas  
Alexis Thurston  
Camila Torres Cobos  
Maria Cynthia Tsikalas  
Dimitra Tziarli  
Isabella Maria Valldeperas  
Anna O'Leary Vuch  
Shani Leigh Warren  
Callabria Nicole Watson  
Jayce Wessel  
Abigail Marie West  
Andrea Danielle Westbrook  
Katherine Ruth Wilkins  
Savannah Marie Wood

### CERTIFICATE IN GERONTOLOGY

Delilah Cathain Chavis  
Kimberly Saunchgrow

### BACHELOR'S DEGREES

#### BACHELOR OF ARTS IN CRIMINOLOGY & CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Valentina Arroyave  
Nina L. Cook\*  
Pablo Cortes  
Erin Patricia Donahue  
Alexandria Maria DiBrizzi\*\*  
Haley Elizabeth Enslein\*\*\*  
Gretchen Christine  
Imwalle\*\*\*  
Katie Hong-Ngoc Luu\*  
Sara Saraswati Manian\*\*\*  
Ray Anthony Noldon II  
Sidney Rhea Riecker\*  
Stefan Vuk Simic\*\*  
Alexandrea Smith\*\*  
John Nathaniel Smith\*\*  
Oscar De Shun Smith  
Jessica Jae Stickler\*\*\*  
Malaysyah Ameare Vann  
Nadja Y. Weaver-Postell  
Alexis Wheeler

## THE GRADUATES

### **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN SOCIAL WORK**

**Chloe Marie Amstutz\*\*\***

**Katherine Marie Atkinson\*\***

**Emma Bacila\***

**Marigrace Janette Bishop\*\***

**Brooke Boggs\*\***

**Asher Buckner\*\***

**Avery Joy Maziarka Downes\*\***

**Heather Esmon\*\*\***

**Caitlin Page Frazee\*\*\***

**Samarya C. Hall\*\***

**Katie Elizabeth Holtorf\*\***

**Zoe J. Isbell\***

**Sophie Elise Johnson\*\***

**Anna Rose Kappel\*\***

**Kathleen Julia McInerney**

**Rachel Rose Passapera\*\***

**Delaney Erin Rice\*\***

**Lauren Paige Rocco\*\***

**Linda Fawzi Safi\*\***

**Calvin J. Samuel**

**Briana Taylor\*\***

**Sarah Elizabeth Lee Tracy\***

**\*\*\* 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 2023 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.*

## 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 -  
GAMMA BETA CHAPTER  
(CRIMINOLOGY & CRIMINAL  
JUSTICE HONOR SOCIETY)**

**Alexandria Maria DiBrizzi**  
*President*

**MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK  
STUDENT ASSOCIATION**

**Camryn S. Christy**  
*President*

**SOCIAL WORK STUDENT  
ASSOCIATION**

**Emma Bacila**  
*President*



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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.

In 2023, Saint Louis University educated more students than ever before and experienced unprecedented international enrollment: 15,204 students, from all 50 states and 96 countries. SLU's campus in Madrid, Spain, enrolled 1,104 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. Eighty percent of SLU students volunteer each year, nearly triple the national average among college students.

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 history while focused on its promising future, Saint Louis University continues to move forward with an unwavering commitment to serve a higher purpose while always seeking the greater good.

## ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

One of the country's top colleges (The Princeton Review, *The Wall Street Journal* and *Forbes* magazine) – and one of the country's top-10 Catholic colleges (Niche)

## RESEARCH

Among the fastest-growing private research universities in the country, SLU had a 96% increase in research expenditures over the last seven years.

## SERVICE

1.6 million hours of service completed by the SLU community annually

## ENDOWMENT

\$1.8 billion, an increase of 88% over the last decade

## ATHLETICS

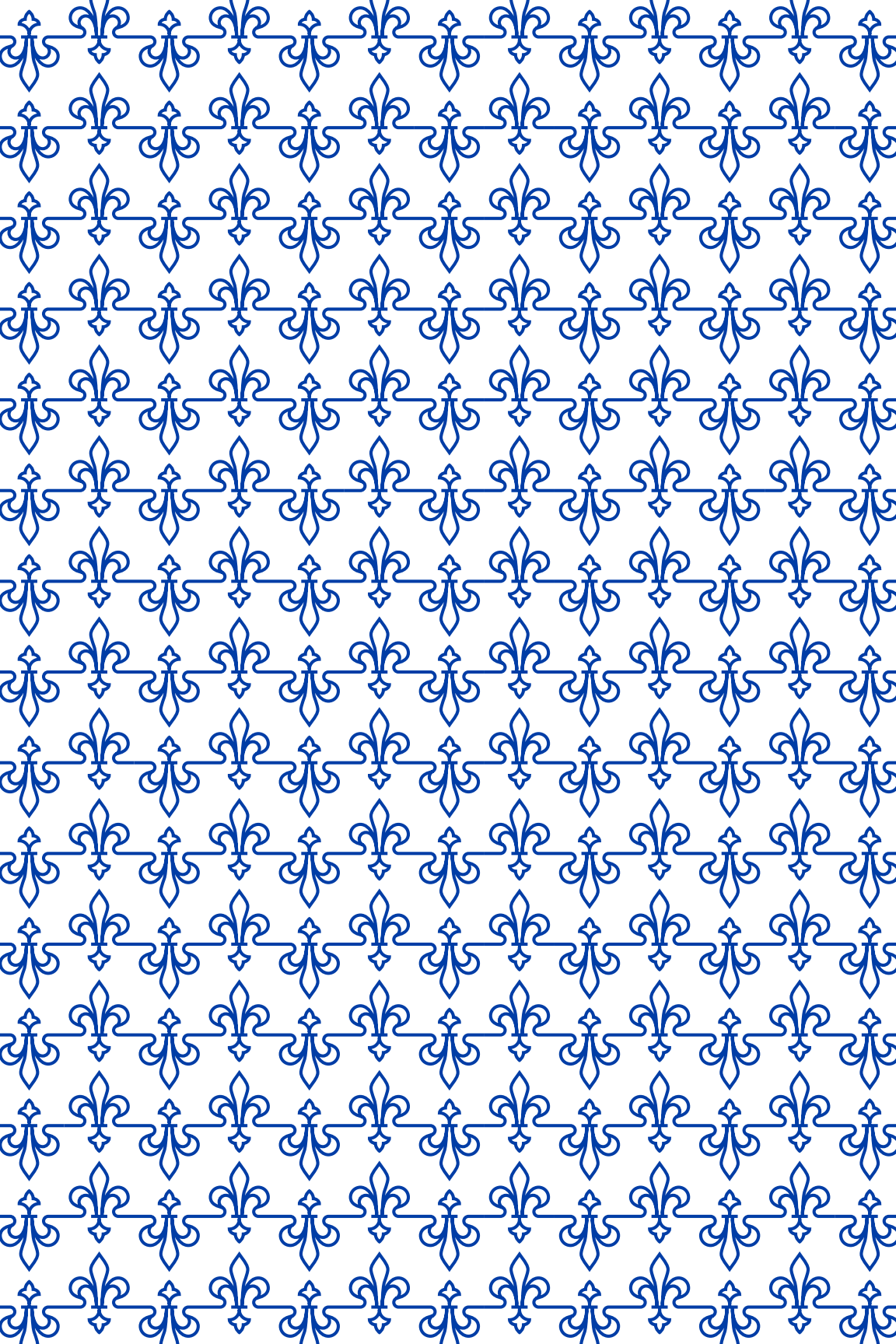
NCAA Division I, Atlantic 10 Conference

## MASCOT

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

## ALUMNI

137,364 alumni in 50 states and 154 countries





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