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Lived Experiences of Offshore Agile Software Developers Working for International Companies

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A Comparison of Students' Experiences Learning American Sign Language Online and In-person in Twin Cities, Minnesota During the COVID-19 Pandemic

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A Correlational Study Between Predictors of Success and Student Score on the Nuclear Medicine National Registry

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A Quantitative Analysis of Pre-Covid and Covid-Impacted Correlations Between 7th Grade and 10th Grade Standardized Mathematics Tests in Minnesota Public Schools

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The Lived Experiences of Experienced Public School Superintendents in the Midwest During the First Contract Period

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A Phenomenological Study of the Experiences of Arab Muslim Women in the Twin Cities

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K-12 Female Superintendents with Imposter Syndrome: A Phenomenology Study

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African American Adults with Type 2 Diabetes and Self-Management Education:
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A Phenomenological Exploration of Millennial Special Education Teachers' Lived Experiences in the Midwestern Region

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How Do Adults Relate to Nonsuicidal Self Injury (NSSI) Scarring After a Sustained Period of Recovery?

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Enriched by the Lasallian Catholic heritage, Saint Mary's University of Minnesota awakens, nurtures, and empowers learners to ethical lives of service and leadership.

#### **VISION**

Grounded in its Lasallian Catholic identity, Saint Mary's University of Minnesota is a nationally ranked transformational and innovative university with a global footprint. Saint Mary's graduates gain the advanced knowledge, skills, and critical-thinking abilities necessary to be lifelong learners, successful workers, good neighbors, and ethical citizens that ensure Saint Mary's standing as a well-known top-tier national university preparing tomorrow's leaders.

#### **ACADEMIC DRESS**

The academic costume worn today originated in the Middle Ages when gowns and hoods kept scholars and clerics warm. The distinctive gown served to set the student apart from fellow citizens, giving birth to the expression "town and gown."

Until after the Civil War, students at most American universities wore caps and gowns daily. They varied in design, and while an attempt was made in 1894 by the American Intercollegiate Commission to standardize the color of robes, distinctive colors continue to be used by institutions, usually at the doctoral level.

Academic gowns tell the observer the degree which the wearer has earned: bachelor's gowns have pointed sleeves; master's gowns have long, closed sleeves; doctoral gowns are made with full, longer sleeves and faced with velvet from hem to neck and back. Doctoral gowns also carry three velvet bands around each sleeve above the elbow.

The Saint Mary's University of Minnesota distinctive doctoral gown is worn by the graduates and regents. It is blue in honor of the university's patroness.

The logo is placed over the heart.

The light blue velvet on the hood represents education, while the red and white colors in the lining of the hood are the school colors.

Hoods vary in length with the degree. The lining of the hood identifies the university by its colors. The border of the hood indicates the academic discipline in which the degree is earned:

White: arts and letters, journalism

Scarlet: theology
Purple: law
Green: medicine
Dark blue: philosophy
Yellow: science

Brown: architecture, fine arts

**Pink:** music **Lilac:** dentistry

Orange: engineering
Olive: pharmacy
Light brown: business

Lemon yellow: library science

Light blue: education

Peacock blue: international affairs

**Citron yellow:** social work **Salmon pink:** public health

**Apricot:** nursing

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Words by Francis Scott Key

Oh, say can you see by the dawn's early light What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming? Whose broad stripes and bright stars thru the perilous fight, O'er the ramparts we watched were so gallantly streaming? And the rocket's red glare, the bombs bursting in air, Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there. Oh, say does that star-spangled banner yet wave O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

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