FINDING AID FOR
DePaul University commencement records

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Collection Description

DePaul University commencement records
Date Range: 1903-2013
Quantity: 4.51 Linear feet

Creator
DePaul University

History
During DePaul University's early days, various colleges and schools held separate commencement ceremonies. The earliest date reflected in these files is of a mid-year commencement in 1932; the earliest summer commencement program included is from 1936. In 1942, there were five commencement ceremonies: February (mid-year), June (annual), August (summer), September (fall), and December (considered fall). In 1985, DePaul University began to hold commencement on two consecutive dates in June. During 1985-1993, colleges could and did hold their commencement on different days. The only consistent practice was that the College of Law graduated on Saturday and College of Liberal Arts & Sciences graduated on Sunday. Other colleges varied.

Scope
This collection includes documents regarding the formulation of policies and procedures, programs of the Baccalaureate Mass, announcements, invitations, college- or school-specific programs and commencement photographs.

Arrangement
Organized into three series: 1. Procedures; 2. Programs; 3. Photographs;

Arranged chronologically.

Provenance
Some of the commencement records seem to have originated from the office of the University President. From 1952 until 1963, these records originated from President O'Malley's office. From 1964 until 1982, they originated from President Cortelyou's office. The programs were pulled from the University Publications collection. Accession numbers: 1984.1, 1991.3, 2012.32, 2013.36

Location
3rd floor stacks/range 17/stack unit A

Restrictions
Yes

Prepared By
Sydwell 2/89; box listing added by KD 3/15/89; box 5 added by MES 11/98; photographs KAC 10/05; slides interfiled 1/2012 by MM; box 9 added by CJ 8/9/2012

Series Descriptions

Series 001: Procedures
Date Range: 1966-1988
Quantity: 0.17 Linear feet

Creator: DePaul University

Scope: These records contain a variety of documents regarding the formulation of policies and procedures surrounding commencement and commencement activities.

Arrangement: These records are arranged alphabetically by their content.

Restrictions: None

Container List

Box	Folder Title	Date
001.001	Baccalaureate Mass	1966, 1987-1988
001.002	Policies and Procedures	1970-1987
001.003	Protests	1970, 1972, 1981-1982

Series 002: Programs
Date Range: 1908-2013

Quantity: 0.67 Linear Feet

Creator: DePaul University

Scope: These records include the programs from commencement, the Baccalaureate Mass, announcements, invitations, and college/school-specific programs (including the DePaul University Academy (1927, 1929-1932), Loop High School and Secretarial College (1927-1932 and 1934-1936).

Arrangement: These records are arranged chronologically

Restrictions: None

Container List

Box	Folder Title	Date
001	Programs	1908-1949
002	Programs	1950-1969
003	Programs	1970-1984
004	Programs	1985-1994
005	Programs	1995-1999
006	Programs	2000-2003
007	Programs	2004-2007
008	Programs	2008-2011
009	Programs	2012-2013

Series 003: Photographs
Date Range: 1903-2004
Quantity: 3.0 Linear Feet

Creator: DePaul University
Scope: This series includes both formal and informal photographs from various commencements.

Arrangement: These records are arranged chronologically, with informal photographs in a separate folder at the end of the series.

Restrictions: None

Container List

Box	**Folder Title**	**Date**
001.001-024	Commencement Photographs (24 folders)	1903-1976
002.001-010	Commencement Photographs (10 folders)	1989-2004
002.011	Informal Commencement Photographs (including family and friends of graduates)	1984-1992

Series 004: Slides
Date Range: 1967-1991
Quantity: 0.67 Linear Feet

Creator: DePaul University
Scope: This series includes slides from the Baccalaureate Mass, general commencement activities, and college specific commencements (LA&S, Law, Music and Theatre).

Arrangement: These records are arranged chronologically and by the event that the photographs were taken at.

Restrictions: None

Container List

Box	**Folder Title**	**Date**
001	Baccalaureate Mass (1981-1989); Commencement (1980-1989)	1980-1989
002	Commencement (1991-1992); Commencement by College LA&S (1967-1984), Law (1989), Music and Theatre (1986-1987)	1967-1992