



TO: The Honorable Members of the Board of Regents
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SUBJECT: Conferral of Degrees: The College of Saint Rose
DATE: December 4, 2025
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SUMMARY

Issue for Decision (Consent Agenda)

Should the Board of Regents confer degrees upon students successfully completing programs at The College of Saint Rose?

Reason(s) for Consideration

Required by State statute and State regulation.

Proposed Handling

This issue will come before the Full Board for action at its December 2025 meeting.

Procedural History

Not applicable.

Background Information

Section 208 of the Education Law gives the Regents the authority to make awards in certain circumstances. In the case of closed institutions of higher education, in order to hold students harmless, the Board of Regents awards degrees to eligible students who complete the requirements for their registered degree programs at other institutions, for specified periods of time.

The College of Saint Rose

The College of Saint Rose, which was located at 432 Western Avenue, Albany, NY 12203, was granted absolute charter by the Board of Regents on March 19, 1931. On December 31, 2024, The College of Saint Rose permanently closed. Recently, the Department became aware that the College did not confer degrees for some students who completed their programs prior to closure. Since these students completed their programs, pursuing a degree under a teach-out agreement is not a viable option. Former College of Saint Rose students may apply for a Regents diploma if they meet the following criterion: completed all degree requirements of a registered program prior to the College's closure.

The conferral process for closed institutions consists of the following steps:

- The student submits to the Department official transcripts from the closed institution and any other institution at which the student earned credit toward the degree.
- The Department reviews the transcripts and compares the completed courses to the requirements of the registered program at the closed institution.
- Upon a determination that the student has completed the program requirements, the Department prepares a degree conferral item for Regents action that lists all candidates and the degrees earned.
- After the Regents have voted to confer the degrees, the Department prepares the diplomas with the candidates' names and degree awards. The diplomas are signed by the Chancellor and the President of USNY, and the official Regents seal is affixed.
- The completed diplomas are sent to the students by the Department.

Related Regents Items

Not Applicable

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Regents take the following action:

VOTED: That the Board of Regents confer upon the following individual, who has completed the requirements for the registered degree program at The College of Saint Rose, the degree listed below.

The following student has completed the requirements for the Bachelor of Science (B.S.) at The College of Saint Rose:

Brandon Taveras

Timetable for Implementation

Once the Board of Regents approves this item, an appropriately signed diploma will be issued to the student.