



**Keynote Speaker**  
**Ms. Marissa Pecora**

A 2017 graduate of Saint Vincent College, Marissa Pecora studied Secondary English Education earning a Bachelor of Arts Degree in English with a Pennsylvania State Certification in Secondary 7-12 Education. Upon completion of her undergraduate studies, Marissa returned to Saint Vincent to pursue a Master of Science Degree in Curriculum and Instruction. During this time, she also served as “Graduate Fellow” at Ligonier Valley High School.

During her time at Saint Vincent, Marissa was involved in many aspects of the Education Department. Beyond participating in department activities and volunteer opportunities, she also was an active member of *Sigma Tau Delta*, the English Honor Society, and held a position on the Board of *Kappa Delta Pi* during her senior year, as Vice President. Outside of the classroom, Marissa is also a certified Cecchetti Ballet Instructor at Ken and Jean Dance Studio.

Marissa’s role in *Kappa Delta Pi* ultimately inspired her to become the best version of herself she could possibly be, both inside and outside the classroom. She wanted to leave the same impact and legacy so many of her own teachers left on her throughout her education. Looking back on her collegiate years, many of Marissa’s proudest accomplishments amounted from her work within the Education Honor Society such as hosting speakers and promoting fellowship among those dedicated to the teaching profession.

Upon obtaining her Master of Science Degree in Curriculum and Instruction from Saint Vincent College, Marissa returned to her *Alma Mater*, the school district she grew up calling home. Currently, Marissa is most commonly known as Miss Pecora or Miss P and is happily teaching English 11 and 12 at Norwin High School.

# Kappa Delta Pi

International Honor Society in Education

## Saint Vincent College

Fred Rogers Center

Psi Iota Chapter

Sunday, February 16, 2020





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| Samantha Hauer    | John Yester         |
| Jennifer Hogan    | Samantha Zourelias  |
| Anne Houk         |                     |



# Program

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- Welcome.....Dr. Tracy A. McNelly  
Assistant Professor of Education, KDP Counselor
- Opening Prayer.....Br. Cassian Edwards, O.S.B.  
Assistant to the Director of Campus Ministry
- Introduction of Speaker.....Nicolette Smith  
KDP President
- Keynote Speaker.....Ms. Marissa Pecora  
SVC Alumni & English Teacher, Norwin High School
- Presentation of Candidates..... Nicolette Smith, KDP President  
Sarah O’Callaghan, KDP Vice President
- Initiation Ceremony.....KDP Officers
- Closing Remarks..... Nicolette Smith  
KDP President



# Officers

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