

SETON HALL UNIVERSITY

School of Health and Medical Sciences

Graduate Commencement and Hooding Ceremony

May 15, 2025

Walsh Gymnasium
South Orange, New Jersey

Program

PROCESSIONAL

SETON HALL ROTC

SETON HALL BAGPIPERS

NATIONAL ANTHEM “THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER”

Francis Scott Key

Joel J. Menendez, D.P. T. '18

Vocalist

WELCOME

Michael La Fountaine, Ed.D., ATC, FACSM

Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Research, and Professor

INVOCATION

Reverend Colin Adrian Kay, M. Div.'05

Vice President for Mission and Ministry

INTRODUCTION OF KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Michael La Fountaine, Ed.D., ATC, FACSM

Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Research, and Professor

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Nicole Salzano

PRESENTATION OF DEGREE CANDIDATES

Michael La Fountaine, Ed.D., ATC, FACSM

Natalie Neubauer, Ed.D, CCC-SLP

DOCTORAL DEGREE CANDIDATES

Doctor of Philosophy in Health Sciences

- Candidate: Magdalena Chubwa
Dissertation: *"Exploring the Contribution of Mobile Money to the Well-being of Rural Tanzanian Villagers and Assessing Their Readiness to Adopt a Similar Model to Advance Their Healthcare Access — An Exploratory Study"*
Chair: Genevieve Pinto Zipp, P.T., Ed.D., FNAP
- Candidate: Joseph Patanella
Dissertation: *"A phenomenological study of the lived experiences of hospital-based physical therapy department leaders' most successful change management initiative"*
Chair: Genevieve Pinto Zipp, P.T., Ed.D., FNAP
- Candidate: Amanda Radola
Dissertation: *"Adults' Intention to Take an Arthritic Prescription Drug Based on Drug Advertisements"*
Chair: Deborah DeLuca, M.S., J.D.
- Candidate: Orlando Rivera
Dissertation: *"Effects of Three Different Loading Models on Strength and Body Composition in Resistance Trained Persons"*
Chair: Genevieve Pinto Zipp, P.T., Ed.D., FNAP
- Candidate: Dara Skinner
Dissertation: *"Exploring Prescribing Practitioner's Experiences and Perceptions Associated with Opioid Clinical Practice Guidelines Adherence to Treat Older Adults for Chronic Pain in Primary Care Practice Settings in the United States"*
Chair: Deborah DeLuca, M.S., J.D.

DOCTORAL DEGREE CANDIDATES

Doctor of Physical Therapy

Tyler Abramowitz	Harshitha Madhavan
Daniel Armanious	Gabriel J. Manlangit
Christopher S. Bernal	Caitlyn F. Maranon
Cory J. Billings	Dylan S. Orloff
Alexandra Caggiano	Shannen A. Ramirez
Kristianne Caldon	Geneva M. Rata
Emma Callahan	Austin Redfearn
Cararose Coppola	Elizabeth Romano
Caitlin P. Crowley	Andrew Ruggiero
Christopher Cuevas	Shaina E. Ryan
Noah Devez	Connor Sharp
Samaa Elbanna	Craig Smith
Jacob S. Fritz	Thomas Supko
Riyakumari Jain	Isaiah Ulep
Hardeep Kaur	Jacqueline Vander Zee
Andrew Lenneper	Esther L. Williamson
Kirsten MacMillan	

MASTER'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

Master of Science in Athletic Training

Katherine P. Calle	Trevor Holmes
Jenna Eivazi	Gabriela N. Lopez
Tyler Ha	Yinett D. Rodriguez Cordero
Hewawasam P. Hewawasam	Gabriella L. Santiago

Master of Science in Occupational Therapy

Ariel Azulay	Lauren Miller
Tamana Bawa	Jessica Mobus
Kristen N. Benda	Hailey Montanile
Jillian N. Bengivenga	Samantha R. Moses
Laura Berrios	Erin M. Palermo
Melissa Bilbao	Lindsay Pansini
Julia R. Carovillano	Krishna P. Patel
Ashley T. Cruz	Shania T. Perez
Carolyn M. Dagostino	Natalia M. Piszcz
Falynn DeBlase	Ivanna M. Rivera
Corinne A. Diaz	Victoria R. Ruffo
Taylor A. Dickinson	Muayad Salih
Sara Felipe	Nicole M. Salvemini
Santiago Guzman	Meghan M. Schienvar
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Jillian M. Hart	Theodore T. Sigalas
Alicia Hylton	Amanda Sillib
Gianna R. Kosinski	Mackenzie Tamburro
Courtney Licata	Emily Tavares
Jaymi Anne O. Llarenas	Kayla Toscano
Kayla Loges	Kelly J. Veronsky
Brianna N. Lorenzo	Samantha B. Walker
Sean Miele	Allison Zerrudo
Kristina J. Miers	

Master of Science in Physician Assistant

Zainab Ali	Juliana Loukachouk
Natalia Aliotta	Kevin Mathew
Martina Binumon John	Meghan J. McDowell
Melissa Bowker	Emma E. Mircovich
Tyler Brzankalski	Shannon Morrill
Madeline Burke	Tara R. O'Donnell
Kathryn Carlin	Nada Omran
Aiden Cascio	Sharil Orellana
Jamie Chebuske	Katelyn D. Pacheco
Heather Conover	Jahnvi Patel
Allison A. Deguchi	Javal D. Patel
Isabella L. Detrano	Jeel Patel
Brigid Dorrity	Matthew E. Payne
Shelby Ebbighausen	Pete Perdikos
Kate Fontes	Julia Poeschl
Gianna M. Gencarelli	Lidia Prusak
Skylar C. George	Sabrina Pushnya
Natalie A. Grazio	Yuvraj Raja
Julia R. Guerra	Lamiyah M. Rajai
Joseph Hancock	Victoria T. Rzaca
Hannah J. Hoffman	Laura Saenz
Jennifer R. Inman	Julia Schmitt
Paula Kaczynski	Samuel Schneider
Julie A. Karabinus	Angelia D. Seda
Emilia G. Lanahan	Sara Seuffert
Paige Landy	Adina G. Sosne
Eleanor Lang	Kelsi Stangl
Zoe Lee	Natalie Stefanelli
Andrew Lisa	Maria K. Sulejmeni
Julia Loeser	Alessandra Tringali
Carlee M. Logue	Royce Y. Yimbo
Camila N. Lopez-Trujillo	

Master of Science in Speech-Language Pathology

Alyssa Abreu	Kathryn Hendrzak
Wahida B. Alam	Amy Jacobsen
Jessica Alnahar	Sarah Laadem
Angela Atcosta	Jacquelyn Lelinho
Ashley Bernhammer	Juliette M. Linares
Caitlyn A. Bonnett	Melanie Liriano
Claire Cahill	Madison T. Mancha
Laura M. Caruso	Hailee Murphy
Lindsay C. Chamberlain	Amanda Neilsen
Kaylen Christiansen	Victoria Nicastro
Jordan D'Angelo	Morgan Okula
Alexa DeFuria	Rica Ongsiako
Maya Dobrygowski	Nicole Ribeiro
Souha I. ElDana	Caroline E. Ryerson
Valerie E. Gorsky	Emily Schwartz
Catherine Halligan	Samantha D. Turk

Master of Healthcare Administration

Mojisola Adesanya	Janhannah M. Huelgas
Silvia Alessio	Rithikaa Sree Jamigumpala
Agnes Anokye	Saibatu I. Koroma
Samantha H. Bernstein	Jacqueline R. Nuzzi
Kaitlyn E. Carfagno	Brian Tedino
Nicole R. Castro	Chibuzor A. Uwadione
Ijeoma S. Enekwa	Krystal Williams
Dara Fathi	Cynthia C. Woke
Michael J. Francis	

PROGRAM AWARDS

Patrick McDermott, Ph.D.

Assistant Dean for Graduate Enrollment and Student Affairs

Master of Science in Athletic Training Program

Vicci Lombardi, Ed.D., ATC, *Chair*

Academic: Jenna Eivazi
Clinical: Gabriella L. Santiago
All-Around Student: Hewawasam P. Hewawasam
Research: Jenna Eivazi
Project..... *Morel-Lavallée Lesion in a High School Soccer
Athlete: A Level 4 CASE*
Advisors: Leslie Rippon, PhD, ATC

Master of Science in Occupational Therapy Program

Ruth Segal, Ph.D., OTR, *Chair*

Academic: Samantha Walker
Clinical: Hailey Montanile, Tamana Bawa,
Kelly Veronsky
All-Around Student: Sara Felipe

Master of Science in Physician Assistant Program

Christopher Hanifin, Ed.D., PA-C, *Chair*

Academic: Julia R. Guerra
Clinical: Laura Saenz
Research: Heather Conover, Gianna M. Gencarelli,
Katelyn D. Pacheco, Julia Poeschl, Angelia D. Seda,
Meghan J. McDowell
Project..... *The Female Physician Assistant Career Experience*
Advisors: Abby Saunders, PhD, PA-C
All-Around Student: Kate Fontes

**Master of Science in
Speech-Language Pathology Program**
Caryn Grabowski, M.S., CCC-SLP, BCS-S, *Chair*

Academic: Emily Schwartz and Amanda Nielsen
Clinical: Victoria Nicastro
Research: Maya Dobrygowski and Valerie Gorsky
Project: *Accent Modification: What Do Non-Native
American English Speakers Actually Think?*
Advisor: Kathleen Nagle, PhD, CCC-SLP
Brittany Conwell All-Around Student: Laura Caruso

Doctor of Physical Therapy Program
Richard Johnson, P.T., Ed.D., *Chair*

Academic: Jacqueline Vander Zee
Clinical: Hardeep Kaur
Research: Elizabeth Romano
Project: *Are psychological risk factors predictive of return to
sport following ACL reconstruction?*
Advisors: Angela Lis, P.T., Ph.D.

Research Award Honorable Mentions

Project: *How combined cerebellum and spinal cord
direct current stimulation affect walking. A pilot study.*
Students: Andrew Lennep, Andrew Ruggiero
Faculty: Jui-Te Lin, P.T., Ph.D.
All-Around Student: Samaa Elbanna

Master of Healthcare Administration Program
Nalin Johri, Ph.D., M.P.H., *Chair*

Academic: Janhannah Huelgas (*Online/Hybrid*)
Agnes Anokye (*On campus*)
Dara Fathi (*On campus*)

**NICHOLAS DEPROSPO AWARD FOR
OUTSTANDING SERVICE**

Vasiliki (Betty) Sgouras-Kapralos, M.D.
Assistant Dean for Interprofessional Education and Operations

Master of Science in Athletic Training Program

Tyler Ha

Master of Science in Occupational Therapy Program

Julia R. Carovillano

Master of Science in Physician Assistant Program

Lamiyah Rajai

Master of Science in Speech-Language Pathology Program

Amy Jacobsen

Doctor of Physical Therapy Program

Jacob Fritz and Esther Williamson

Master of Healthcare Administration Program

Mojisola Adesanya (*On-Campus*)

Krystal Williams (*Online/Hybrid*)

HONOR SOCIETIES

Vasiliki (Betty) Sgouras-Kapralos, M.D.
Assistant Dean for Interprofessional Education and Operations

ALPHA ETA SOCIETY FOR ALLIED HEALTH

The Alpha Eta Honor Society is a national organization that was chartered in 1975 and is composed of both students and faculty in the Allied Health professions. The purpose of the Society is the promotion and recognition of significant scholarship, leadership and contributions to the Allied Health professions. The national organization enjoys a rich tradition of scholarship and service. The motto for the society is “Together We Serve.”

Student Inductees

Maya Dobrygowski	Jennifer R. Inman
Kaylen Christiansen	Tyler Brzankalski
Kathryn Hendrzak	Brigid Dorrity
Jordan D’Angelo	Julia Poeschl
Laura M. Caruso	Aiden Cascio
Amy Jacobsen	Isabella L. Detrano
Amanda Neilsen	Julia Loeser
Emily Schwartz	Meghan J. McDowell
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Julia R. Guerra	Jacqueline Vander Zee
Gianna M. Gencarelli	

Faculty Inductees

Jessica Dunn, PT, DPT

**DELTA PHI TAU NATIONAL PHYSICAL THERAPY
STUDENT HONOR SOCIETY, AMERICAN COUNCIL OF
ACADEMIC PHYSICAL THERAPY**

A specialized honor society that recognizes Doctor of Physical Therapy students who have demonstrated exceptional academic accomplishments and advocated for the profession of physical therapy.

Student Inductees

Alexandra Caggiano
Kristianne Caldon
Cararose Coppola
Samaa Elbanna
Jacob S Fritz

Gabriel J. Manlangit
Andrew Ruggiero
Jacqueline Vander Zee
Esther L. Williamson

**PI ALPHA NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY
FOR PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS**

Pi Alpha is the national honor society recognizing physician assistant students and graduates. Membership signifies the inductees' significant academic achievement and honors them for their leadership, research, services and other related activities.

Student Inductees

Andrew Lisa
Carlee Logue
Matthew Payne
Joseph Hancock
Lidia Prusak

Jeel Patel
Yuvraj Raja
Martina Binumon John
Kate Fontes

**PI THETA EPSILON NATIONAL OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY
HONOR SOCIETY, DELTA ETA CHAPTER**

A specialized honor society for occupational therapy students and alumni, Pi Theta Epsilon encourages superior scholarship among students enrolled in professional entry-level programs across the United States.

Student Inductees

Jillian N. Bengivenga
Lauren Miller
Erin M. Palermo

Nicole M. Salvemini
Kayla Toscano

UPSILON PHI DELTA HONOR SOCIETY

Upsilon Phi Delta is a national honor society that recognizes, rewards and encourages academic excellence in the study of healthcare management and policy. The society promotes activity that elevates the standards, ideals, competence and ethics of its members.

Student Inductees

Silvia Alessio
Agnes Anokye
Mojisola Adesanya
Dara Fathi
Janhannah Huelgas
Chibuzor Uwadione

CONFERRAL OF DEGREES

Bonnie Evans '02
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Leo Zatta, '78/M.B.A. '83/M.S.T. '86
Member, Board of Regents

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GRADUATES AND CLOSING REMARKS

Michael La Fountaine, Ed.D., ATC, FACSM
Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Research, and Professor

BENEDICTION

Reverend Colin Adrian Kay, M. Div.'05

ALMA MATER

Byrne-Montani
Joel J. Menendez, DPT '18
Vocalist

RECESSIONAL

Reception to follow in the Richard and Sheila Regan Field House.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL GRADUATES!

Alma Mater

Music by Nicola A. Montani

Revised: Walter Cohrssen, 1978

New choral and brass arrangement:

John Nowik, 2000

Lyrics by Charles A. Byrne ('37)

1. To Al - ma Ma - ter all be - loy - al, keep her
2. (When on) life's hard stones you - stum - ble pray to

name in pu - rest Light, ne - ver wa - ver from her
God to be your guide. Think of Se - ton Hall your

pre - cepts guard her ban - ner blue and white.
mo - ther then forge on in stead - y stride.

Oh, sing her praise to high - est skies and be ye faith - ful

in her eyes for she will fos - ter all your dreams her name is - Se - ton

Hall, her name is - Se - ton Hall. 1. 2. When on Hall.

SHMS Administration, Faculty and Staff

OFFICE OF THE DEAN

Vikram Dayalu, *Interim Dean*; Michael La Fountaine, *Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Research*; Vasiliki (Betty) Sgouras-Kapralos, *Assistant Dean for Interprofessional Education and Operations*; Patrick McDermott, *Assistant Dean for Graduate Enrollment and Student Affairs*; Natalie Neubauer, *Assistant Dean for Undergraduate and Clinical Education*; Jennifer McCarthy, *Director of Clinical Simulation*; Gerald Ruscigno, *Director of Advising for Dual Degree Program*; Gloria Williams, *Executive Assistant to the Dean*; Sean Deehan, *Simulation Specialist*; Lauren Smith, *Clinical Education Secretary*; Caroline Gartley, *Director of Business Affairs*; Michaela Barracato, *Clinical Operation Secretary*

ATHLETIC TRAINING

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Nalin Johri, *Department Chair and Professor, MHA*

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Faculty Patrick Bernet, Richard Boergers, Michelle D'Abundo, Deborah DeLuca, Jerry-Thomas Monaco, Jeffrey Ritter, Stephen Wagner

Secretary Laura Cowhig

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Ruth Segal, *Department Chair and Professor*
Faculty LaMar B. Bolden, Ramona Guthrie, Ellen James, Alicia M. MacGregor, Melissa Morano, Meryl Picard, Mara Podvey, Lisa Sheikovitz

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SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY

Caryn Grabowski, *Department Chair and Instructor*

Faculty Venugopal Balasubramanian, Christina Barnes, Megan Baumley, Nina Capone Singleton, Vikram Dayalu, Anthony Koutsoftas, Jessica Latawiec, Anthony Koutsoftas, Kathleen Nagle, Natalie Neubauer, Sona Patel

Secretary Hasan Mahmood



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