



SETON HALL UNIVERSITY

SCHOOL OF HEALTH AND MEDICAL SCIENCES *Graduate Commencement and Hooding Ceremony*

MAY 14, 2026

6 P.M.

WALSH GYMNASIUM

SOUTH ORANGE, NEW JERSEY

Program

PROCESSIONAL

SETON HALL BAGPIPERS

John Loiacono
Drew Mullins

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 of Academic Affairs and Research, Professor

INVOCATION

Revered Colin Adrian Kay, M. Div. '05
Vice President for Mission and Ministry

PRESENTATION OF DEGREE CANDIDATES

Michael La Fountaine

Doctoral Degree Candidates

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN HEALTH SCIENCE

CANDIDATE: Francine Meredith Sage-King
DISSERTATION: *“Burnout of Physical Therapists: Impact of Agitated Behaviors in the Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) Population”*
CHAIR: Genevieve Pinto Zipp, PT, Ed.D., FNAP

CANDIDATE: Keara McNair
DISSERTATION: *“Multiple Interest Holder Perspectives of the True Grit SCI Residential Program: A Mixed Methods Program Evaluation”*
CHAIR: Genevieve Pinto Zipp

CANDIDATE: Areej Bukhari
DISSERTATION: *“Exploring Level of Ergonomic Knowledge of Diagnostic Medical Sonographers and Barriers to Implementation”*
CHAIR: Genevieve Pinto Zipp

CANDIDATE: Romelyn Dones
DISSERTATION: *“Exploring the role of health insurance in chronic disease management among non-English/English-speaking Hispanics”*
CHAIR: Deborah DeLuca, M.S., J.D.

CANDIDATE: Richard Steer
DISSERTATION: *“Exploring Practicing Registered EEG Technologists’ Opinions and Preferences Regarding Electroencephalographic Scope of Practice Standard Form of Occupational Regulations”*
CHAIR: Deborah DeLuca

DOCTOR OF PHYSICAL THERAPY

Dominique Alena Adornetto
Michelle Maria Aguero
Riley Balser
Danielle Shea Bosland
Christopher John Carrigan
Madison Rose Chesney
Eugene Choo
Matthew Robert Coda
Sydney Elizabeth Cooney
Vincent Cotroneo
Kevin Joseph Degnan
Jonathan Devincenzo-Bartley
Mary Długa
Ziad Hamada Elmasry
Joshua George
Michael Milad Gerges
Joshua A. Grano
Jason M. Hanna
Shannon Kay Hesse
Francis Tating Jereos

Owen Kretschmer
Noah Yishin Lee
Megan Leick
Nelson Festejo Lu
Calliann Lastimoso McCraney
John Mintel
Morgan Elizabeth O'Donnell
Gianna Marie Penna
Nadezhda Razumov
Olivia Grace Reinsel
Daniel Cade Ritter
Daniel Rodriguez
Jessica Leigh Sauer
Piero Francesco Scrofani
Zackary T. Shaughnessy
John Shehata
Rhema Sherene Solomon
Kira Nicole Williamson
Mario M. Youssef
Mayer Ayman Zakhari

Master's Degree Candidates

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ATHLETIC TRAINING

Maiya Gabrielle Elma Banaria
Alyssa Marie Benzija
Lauren Byrne
JadeAnn Marie Menear

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

Ashley Mae Babjak	Madeline McDole
Jaclyn Behre	Mark Antoni Mejia
Olivia Bergman	Samuel Mendelsohn
Mariam Beshara	Iris Mendoza
Christiana Rose Caprio	Jodiann Mitchell
Colleen Rose Clark	Briyana Loren Molinaro
Nicole Elizabeth Cresitello	Logan Angelina Muller
Luciana Maria DelGuercio	Michael Joseph Olson
Riley A. DeRosa	Julianna Frances Pansini
Jaclyn Marie Fiorenza	Olivia Megh Person
Jaclyn Grace Forshay	Corinne Elizabeth Podolski
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Melanie A. Hager	Kathryn Suzanne Skarzynski
Emily Cathryn Hewett	Rachael Marie Surjadnov
Manuella Hounton	Lauren L. Synnott
Deloris Hynes	Grace Elizabeth Tesoriero
Brittany N. Johns	Jaclyn Marie Timmerman
Sylwia Kasperek	Aubrey Tucker
Nicole S. Klavansky	Jennifer Vargas
Jordyn Kollar	Jenny Elizabeth Vidanos
Dominique Koziol	Rebecca Villari
Hannah Kulesa	Julia Vucenovic
Arianna Nicole LoBasso	

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT

Bianca Nicole G. Abantao
Suzanne Zuheir Bader
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Ella Iris Bergman
Patricia Sara Blazon
Ariana Hope Brown
Margeritte Carlson
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Nicole Ariel Dable
Taylor Antonia DeMartino
Abigail Bonnie Dickson
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Faith Marie Fischer
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Sarah Mohan George
Ericha Marla Daquial Gevera
Gregory Anthony Gruerio
Kelsey Leigh Hohner
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Lea Alexis Iacobbo
Hellen Ibrahim
Michelle Inga
Sneha Kalathil
Aasiya Khan
Maha Khan
Makayla Joan Koehler
Joseph David Kreinberg

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Paige Merz Martinez
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Darin Michael Steins
Alexa Marie Tolli
Meryem Sarah Turan
Jessica Ammu Varghese
Stephanie Ann Wickman
Tamara Avanthi Wijesinghe
Brennen Wu

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY

Marissa Lauren Alda
Nikolette Taylor Ania
Brooke Ann Appel
Emily Melissa Balda
Alana Jane Blanco
Reagan Noel Bonforte
Katrina Pauline Bonus
Samantha Josephine Calderera
Alyssa Anne Caruso
Olivia Maria Caruso
Dana Claire Collins
Kelsey Elizabeth Contreras
Caroline Cree
Brianna Celeste Cruz
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Nicole Elizabeth Doxbeck
Andrea Nicole Farfan
Jacqueline Josephine Ford
Daniela Gencarelli
Paige Loren Graham
Nicole Guerriero
Brittany Rose Hague
Danielle Paige Hansel
Carina Santos Henriques
Nektaria Hinz
Melissa Isabella Jimenez
Mackenzie Katharine Kamp
Mariam Khan
Charlotte E. Lavender
Gianna Irene Leach
Grace Ann Lindemann
Alyssa Nora Lynch
Sophia Isabel Maldonado
Brianna Victoria Mazzella
Molly Ann McAtee
Elizabeth Jennifer McCollum
Anna Christine Mezzina
Amanda Lee Miller
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Marissa Nicole Patasso
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Lauren Olivia Sherlock
Krista Jayleen Soto
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Marisa Mikayla Trujillo
Lindsay Danielle Tucker
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Lauren Nicole Vanasco
Melissa Adela Vizcarra
Skylar Frances Wazinski
Gianna Marie Zappulla

MASTER OF HEALTHCARE ADMINISTRATION

Emily Jane Barbera
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Imani Kyra Chambers
Kennedy Elizabeth Dierks
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Kyra Morgan Ennis
Mir Abid Farhed
Stefani Scire Gomez
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Kaydan Janae Lawson
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Aanchal Mishra
Suzelle Junilda Napoleon
Ava Christine Ossowski
Francis Louis Pettorini
Jennifer Ponsiglione
Sunnaya Rimes
Zachary Adam Rohlff
Rafida Salem
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Steffon Maurice Tucker

Program Awards

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

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ATHLETIC TRAINING PROGRAM

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

ACADEMIC: Alyssa Marie Benzija
CLINICAL: Lauren Byrne
ALL-AROUND STUDENT: Maiya Gabrielle Elma Banaria

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY PROGRAM

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

ACADEMIC: Julianna Frances Pansini
CLINICAL: Emily Cathryn Hewett
ALL-AROUND STUDENT: Grace Elizabeth Tesoriero

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT PROGRAM

Christopher Hanifin, Ed.D., PA-C, *Assistant Professor and Chair*

ACADEMIC: Kylie Draper Kroes
CLINICAL: Blythe McCarron Malandrino
RESEARCH: Michelle Inga, Gabriella Paz,
Hellen Ibrahim,
Meryem Turan, Nicole Dable,
Sarah George, Suzanne Bader
PROJECT: *Exploring the Relationship
Between Perceived Stress and
Physical Symptoms in Female
Physician Assistant Students*
ADVISOR: Michelle McWeeney, Ph.D., PA-C
ALL-AROUND STUDENT: Paige Merz Martinez

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY

Caryn Grabowski, M.S., CCC-SLP, BCS-S, *Chair*

ACADEMIC:	Tia Nang Ngoc Tram Miller
CLINICAL:	Anna Christine Mezzina
RESEARCH:	Dana Claire Collins
PROJECT:	Untangling Creak and Vocal Fry
ADVISOR:	Kathleen Nagle, Ph.D.
RESEARCH:	Brittany Rose Hague
PROJECT:	<i>Emerging Trends in the Study of the Language Capacity of the Right Hemisphere</i>
ADVISOR:	Venu Balasubramanian, Ph.D.

BRITTANY CONWELL

ALL-AROUND STUDENT:

Elizabeth Jennifer McCollum

DOCTOR OF PHYSICAL THERAPY PROGRAM

Richard Johnson, PT, Ed.D., *Chair*

ACADEMIC:	Noah Yishin Lee
CLINICAL:	Dominique Alena Adornetto
RESEARCH:	Mario M. Youssef
PROJECT:	<i>Perturbation-Based Balance Training in Older Adults At Increased Fall Risk</i>

**FACULTY ADVISOR AND
CAPSTONE INSTRUCTOR:**

Angela Lis, Ph.D. and
Gabiella Rizzo, PT, D.P.T.

ALL-AROUND STUDENT:

Danielle Shea Bosland

MASTER OF HEALTHCARE ADMINISTRATION PROGRAM

Nalin Johri, Ph.D., MPF, *Program Chair*

ON CAMPUS:	Rachel B. Hrevnak
ONLINE (LT 48):	Kevin McNeill
ONLINE (LT 49):	Kyra Morgan Ennis

NICHOLAS DEPROSPO AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE

Patrick McDermott, Ph.D.
Assistant Dean for Graduate Enrollment and Student Affairs

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ATHLETIC TRAINING

JadeAnn Marie Menear

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

Aubrey Tucker

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT PROGRAM

Anna Maria Soltys

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY

Katrina Pauline Bonus

DOCTOR OF PHYSICAL THERAPY PROGRAM

Sydney Elizabeth Cooney

MASTER OF HEALTHCARE ADMINISTRATION PROGRAM

On Campus:

Francis Louis Pettorini

Online (LT 48):

Zachary Adam Rohlff

Kevin McNeill

Online (LT 49):

Jermaine T. Casey

Honor Societies

Natalie Neubauer, Ed.D., CCC-SLP
Assistant Dean for Undergraduate and Clinical Education

ALPHA ETA SOCIETY FOR ALLIED HEALTH

The Alpha Eta Honor Society is a national organization chartered in 1975, composed of 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 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

Danielle Shea Bosland
Sydney Elizabeth Cooney
Mary Dluga
Michael Milad Gerges
Shannon Kay Hesse
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Megan Leick
Morgan Elizabeth O'Donnell
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**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

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Morgan Elizabeth O'Donnell
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Zackary T. Shaughnessy

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 their leadership, research, service, and other related activities.

STUDENT INDUCTEES

Ella Iris Bergman
Patricia Sara Blazon
Anna Grace Rabinowitz
Kelsi Ann Loewen

Faith Marie Fischer
Lauren Moskal
Ariana Hope Brown
Ericha Marla Daquial Gevera

**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

Nicole Elizabeth Cresitello
Logan Angelina Muller
Olivia Megh Person

Kathryn Suzanne Skarzynski
Grace Elizabeth Tesoriero
Rebecca Villari

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, ethics, and competence of its members.

STUDENT INDUCTEES

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Joshua Blaise Canavan
Jermaine T. Casey
Kennedy Elizabeth Dierks
Rachel B. Hrevnak
Balaji L. Kalimireddi
Kaydan Janae Lawson

Kruti Lotia
Ronisha A. McKenzie
Kevin McNeill
Suzelle Junilda Napoleon
Ava Christine Ossowski
Francis Louis Pettorini

CONFERRAL OF DEGREES

Trustee Jack Raslowski

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GRADUATES AND CLOSING REMARKS

Vikram N. Dayalu, Ph.D., CCC-SLP
Interim Dean

ALMA MATER

Byrne-Montani
Joel J. Menendez, D.P.T. '18 — Vocalist

RECESSIONAL

Reception to follow in the Richard and Sheila Regan Field House

Congratulations to all graduates!

Inclusion in this program does not constitute official notice of degree.

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. 2. When on Hall.

SHMS Administration, Faculty and Staff

OFFICE OF THE DEAN

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ATHLETIC TRAINING

Vicci Hill-Lombardi, *Department Chair and Associate Professor*
Faculty: Daniel DeSio, Leslie A. Rippon,
Christopher D'Andrea
Secretary: Hasan Mahmood

INTERPROFESSIONAL HEALTH SCIENCES AND ADMINISTRATION

Nalin Johri, *Department Chair and Associate Professor*
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Jerry-Thomas Monaco; M.H.A.:
Nalin Johri; Ph.D. in Health Sciences:
Genevieve Pinto-Zipp
Faculty: Michelle D'Abundo,
Patrick Bernet, Richard Boergers,
Deborah DeLuca, Susannah Reiner,
Jeffrey Ritter, Stephen Wagner
Secretary: Laura Cowhig

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

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

Richard Johnson, *Department Chair*
Faculty: Lorene Cobb, Marcia C. Downer,
Jillian Duff, Jessica Dunn, Anna Folkomer,
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Jui-Te Lin, Angela M. Lis, Lauren Snowdon
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Faculty: Christine A. Fernandez,
Tiffany Fiore, Amy Gogtas, Jurga Marshall,
Michelle McWeeney, Kimberly Ann Miller,
Vanessa Rodriguez, Abby Saunders,
Daniel Walsh
Secretary: Joann Codella

SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY

Caryn Grabowski, *Department Chair and Program Director*
Faculty: Venugopal Balasubramanian,
Megan Baumley, Nina Capone Singleton,
Sindhu Chennupati, Anthony Koutsoftas,
Jessica Latawicz, Kathleen Nagle,
Natalie Neubauer, Sona Patel
Secretary: Hasan Mahmood



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