



152nd Commencement

May 15, 2025

Lakefront Arena
6801 Franklin Avenue
New Orleans, LA

The Commencement Ceremony

The audience is requested to stand during the Academic Procession, the singing of the National Anthem, and the Benediction, and to remain in place until the Recessional has left the Arena.

The Academic Procession

Chief Marshal..... Andrew Pellett, PhD
Department Head, Cardiopulmonary Science
Associate Dean for Academic Affairs
School of Allied Health Professions

Music The Uptown Brass Ensemble

Bearer of the Mace..... Demetrius Porche, DNS, PhD, ANEF, FACHE, FAANP, FAAN
Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs
Dean, School of Nursing

Procession of the Platform Party..... Ryan F. Garrity, MLA, MA
University Registrar

Faculty Marshals John Zamjahn, PhD, MHS
Professor of Clinical Cardiopulmonary Sciences
School of Allied Health Professions
Todd Tartavouille, DNS
Assistant Dean for Student Services
School of Nursing

Procession of the Faculty

Student Marshal..... Cathy Lazarus, MD
Assistant Dean for Student Affairs and Records
School of Medicine

Procession of the Students

Procession of the Candidates in Allied Health Professions

Gonfalonier..... Olivia Grace Charouleau
Master of Physician Assistant Studies Candidate

Procession of the Candidates in Nursing

Gonfalonier..... Macy Elizabeth Landry
Bachelor of Science in Nursing Candidate

Procession of the Candidates in Public Health

Gonfalonier..... Tommy Nguyen
Master of Public Health Candidate

Procession of the Candidates in Graduate Studies

Gonfalonier..... Grace Jaeyoon Kim
Doctor of Philosophy Candidate

Procession of the Candidates in Dentistry

Gonfalonier..... Allyson Marie Lutgring
Doctor of Dental Surgery Candidate

Procession of the Candidates in Medicine

Gonfalonier..... Jonathan Michael Legier
Doctor of Medicine Candidate

The Commencement Ceremony

Opening Proclamation ..	Demetrius Porche, DNS, PhD, ANEF, FACHE, FAANP, FAAN <i>Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Dean, School of Nursing</i>
National Anthem	The Uptown Brass Ensemble
Invocation	Rachel Elizabeth Dupuis <i>Master of Communication Disorders Candidate</i>
Welcome and Opening Remarks	Steve Nelson, MD <i>Chancellor</i>
Introduction of Commencement Speaker	Steve Nelson, MD
Commencement Address	Rico Alvendia, Esq. <i>Member, LSU Board of Supervisors</i>
Conferring of Degrees	Rico Alvendia, Esq.
Benediction	Brianna Lee Bratkowski <i>Master of Public Health Candidate</i>
Closing Proclamation	Demetrius Porche, DNS, PhD, ANEF, FACHE, FAANP, FAAN
The Recessional	

National Anthem

O say can you see by the dawn's early light
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming

Whose broad stripes and bright stars
Through the perilous fight

O'er the ramparts we watched
Were so gallantly streaming

And the rocket's red glare
The bombs bursting in air

Gave proof through the night
That our flag was still there

O say does that star-spangled banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave

Francis Scott Key

Appearance of a name in the Commencement program is presumptive evidence of graduation, but is not regarded as conclusive. The official Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center at New Orleans transcript, sealed and signed by the Registrar, is conclusive testimony of the student's academic record and possession of degree(s) awarded by this institution.

Professional photographers will record each graduate as the diploma is presented and color portraits will be available for purchase, if desired.



Rico Alvendia, Esq.

*LSU Board of Supervisors
2nd Congressional District*

Lieutenant Colonel (Ret) Roderick “Rico” Alvendia is an Iraq War veteran, an accomplished Louisiana Attorney, and proudly served a four-year term on the Board of Visitors at the United States Military Academy at West Point. Recently, Lt. Colonel Alvendia was appointed to a six-year term on the LSU Board of Supervisors by Governor Jeff Landry.

Rico was born and raised in Louisiana and studied at Jesuit High School in the Philippines when his Father served abroad as a Diplomat. He is a 1998 graduate of Loyola Law School in New Orleans, where in 2008 he was named the Loyola Law Distinguished Alumni of the Year. He is the founding partner of the Alvendia, Kelly & Demarest Law Firm in New Orleans, which has successfully represented Louisiana Businesses, Clients and Municipalities for over 20 years.

Rico served honorably for 25 years as an Officer in the U.S. Army JAG Corps and deployed to Baghdad, Iraq in 2004 with the Louisiana 256th Infantry “Tiger” Brigade. In Baghdad, Rico led a multi-national team of lawyers that successfully prosecuted enemy combatants who conducted fatal attacks on U.S. Soldiers and civilians. Rico was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for his meritorious service during Combat Operations.

In recent years, Lt. Colonel Alvendia continued his service to our Nation as a U.S. Presidential Appointee on the West Point Academy Board of Visitors, where his leadership and efforts helped guide our future Military Officers. Additionally, in 2012 together with other Combat veterans, Rico co-founded the “Legion of Mars Mardi Krewe”, the first New Orleans Carnival Organization dedicated to honoring and assisting veterans and first responders. Rico and the “Mars Hero Fund” (a Non-profit Organization) have helped thousands of military veterans and their families throughout Louisiana during their financial hardships and while deployed in service to our Country. Rico is married to Kristin Alvendia, a devout LSU Alumni and advocate for Mental Health awareness. Above all, Rico’s greatest accomplishment is being a Father to his son Noah Alvendia, who attends Jesuit High School in New Orleans and aspires to be an LSU Tiger.

School of Allied Health Professions

Presented by Erin Dugan, PhD, Dean

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

CARDIOPULMONARY SCIENCE

Brayden Camel

Rania Forawi

Kaylee Layne Guidry

Ashley Eshantae Knox

Amyri Christina Lopez

Terrica Rochelle Louis

Aimee Mitchell

Miranda Marie Strassel

Erin Elizabeth Vogt

MEDICAL LABORATORY SCIENCE

Katelyn Mariel Alonso

Xavier Antonio Cruz Maldonado

Jonathan Paul Culivan

Madison Elizabeth Ellender

Joel Vincent Gabourel

Amy Jo Glasser

Shenae Teresa Harris

Jasmine Lee Holcomeb

Elizabeth Joy Labranche

Sophia Philomena Leith

Emily Jane Menesses

Vy Vu-Dan Nguyen

Michelle Elizabeth Perkins

Hannah Elizabeth Pike

Madelyn Marie Porter

Kaylynn Renae Poubanc

Matthew Joseph Thiaville

Caroline Elizabeth Tousinau

Alexander Vedros

Taylor Marie Wiley

* *In Absentia*

MASTER OF COMMUNICATION DISORDERS

Elizabeth Larkin Barham
Anna Grace Barrouquere
Catherine Claire Contini
Margo Alyse Crockett
Caroline Diann Dares
Rachel Elizabeth Dupuis
Tori Lin Faust
Catherine Harter
Keagan Paige Haynes
Hannah Elise Hoffer
Camille Grace Karam
Kate Elizabeth Lougon

Haleigh Marie Lozano
Anna Renee Neupert
Madeline Ann Perk
Madison Reece Ready
Adrianna Michele Roes
Sydney Morgan Sadowski
Claire Elizabeth Savoie
Matthew Schonberg
Lucy Helene Sison
Madilyn Elise Suire
Ashley Marie Vogt

MASTER OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

Insaf Abughoush
Claire Marie Alfonso
Juliet Binder
Makayla Elizabeth Bode
Olivia Catherine Breaux
Tyler Jack Cashio
Mallory Elise Casseri
Kayla Brooke Coleman
Erin Elizabeth Combs
Nina Elizabeth Deichmann
Tori Lynn Dejean
Adeline Elise Delaune
Kathleen Pipes Kelleher
Morgan Claire Lantz
Mattie Elizabeth Marks
Mikaela Lynn Medica
Sarah Boudloche Meric

Hannah Elise Montgomery
Madison Nicole Murphy
Alexandra Olivia Nagy
Erin Lorraine Nash
Katherine Grace Parker
Payton Elizabeth Pippin
Haley Elizabeth Ross
Brittany Marie Segalla
Hannah Grace Susslin
Katie Renee Sylvest
Leigh-Anne Michelle Thompson
Emily Victoria Titus
Jenna Anne Touns
Lauren E Vienne
Elizabeth Vilhelmsen
Olivia Grace Wimberly

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Degree Candidates

MASTER OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT STUDIES

Kayla Elizabeth Adams
Kamara Asia Allen
Kentra Raynika Bellard
Jordan Armond Blake
Kaylie Alyssa Breau
Monique Ouida Broussard
Celeste Madeleine Caillet
Olivia Grace Charouleau
Caroline Mary Cotten
Victoria Cannon D'Aquin
Grant Matthew Emfinger
Samantha Rene Evans
Noah Bilus Feldman
Lance Elliott Finnell
Michael Timothy Hogan
Ansam Jihad Isaid
Marley Delilah Katz

Palmer Jerel Lamartiniere
Lloren Averi Lawrence
Colin James Lovecchio
Molly Elizabeth McHale
Kylie Brent McMahon
Claire Marie Methvin
Caroline Margaret Pellerin
Cole Massett Pittman
Savannah Vicky Samuel
Allison Theresa Smith
Whitney Marie Smith
Alexia Maria Tadros
Kristyn Taylor Tallo
Kayley Ann Terminie
Grace Ann Turner
Jasmine Marie Weber

MASTER OF HEALTH SCIENCES

Raquel Esmeralda Nunez
Victoria Rose Smit

Counseling
Counseling

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DOCTOR OF AUDIOLOGY

Kelly F Anders
André Claire Buisson
Madison Layne Humphries
Sydney Ann Imhoff

Sumer Annum Jan
Coursey Lynn Pitts
Taylor Elizabeth Stansberry

DOCTOR OF PHYSICAL THERAPY

Evan Alphonso
Lauren Amiss
Cassie Elizabeth Conners
Gabrielle Leigh Deshotels
Sebastian Dexter
Sam Joseph Dufour
Caleb Michael Dugas
Jo Ann Galloway
Amanda Lillian Gerrets
Jordan Paul Glahn
Lauryn Alexandra Goff
Abbigail Grace Guilbeau
Ethan Arthur Hauth
Callie Elizabeth Henry
Hallie Robertson Henssler
Rena Chloe Hijazi

Luke Randall Johnson
Cameron Mathews
William McCandlish
Michaela Speligene McInnis
Conner Cecile Murphy
Sabrina Quynh Huong Nguyen
Tia Angele Peck
Maria Christine Pinero
Kezia Juleah Robinson
Julia Elizabeth Savoie
Lucas John Schexnayder
Elizabeth Claire Schouest
Olivia Ashley Swider
Brandon Duy Tran
Nathan Antonio Velez
Leighton Mikelle Zeigler

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Degree Candidates

School of Nursing

Presented by

Demetrius Porche, DNS, PhD, ANEF, FACHE, FAANP, FAAN, Dean

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

Andrea Fernanda Aguilar

Kirsis Altamirano

Paola Isabel Angel-Newman

Bailey Ball

Chloe Alicia Bell

Jessie Bevis

Kaeziah Kristine Bladey

Emma Bourgeois

Joshua Daniel Brennan

Kassidy Spencer Brown

Jasmine Nicole Bynum

Sabrina J Canales Hewick

Rosemary Ashley Chamberlain*

Sophia Cook Chepolis

Katie Elizabeth Code

Isabella Rosaria Cook

Lily Elizabeth Cox

Antoinette Matilda Crain

Desmon Lee Crockett

Raven Roneshia Davis

Tyler James Davis

Taylor Del Toro

Alexia Danielle Digges

Anna Dinh

Madisen Marie Duhe

Victoria Amy Duke

Aliyah Jordan East

Victoria Kay Edwards

Analynn Marie Ferr

Sarah Elizabeth Foster

Jocelyn Beatriz Gandour

Madeline Rose Gerdes

Gabrielle Alexis Gooch

Karisa Angelle Greenlee

Shane Robert Griffin

Amber Gruenwald

Shannon Celeste Guagliardo

Madison Marie Hair

Renee Harper-Ebert

Hannah Marie Harris

Kaila Harris

Cameron Elaine Haydel

Grace Hanna Hayno

Samantha Jordan Hess

Molly Gahagan Heurtin

Eva Heyert

Connor Hoffman

Cassidy J Howard

Kaya Marie Hudson

Xochitl Rae Hunter

Katherine Anna Huval

Juliet Nevaeh Ibanez

Xiangqin Jiang

Rachel Theresa Johnson

Kyler Michael Johnston

Katie Melanie Jovel

Taylor Elizabeth Julien

John Tyler Kempfer

Carlos Hamid Khodavandi

Jessiah Donald Ladd

Jacob Christian Landry

Macy Elizabeth Landry

Julia Marie Laperouse

Theresa Marie Larmeu

Marquelle Martinez Laster

Alyssa Marie Lastrapes

Rebecca Elise Ledet

Mary Catherine Legendre

Jessica Lauren Leonard

Victoria Ann Levy

Tyler Grace Lissard

Sydney Lopez

Aurielle Janae Mallery

Leah McKenzie Marcotte

Taylor Rane Menner

Sofia Alejandra Midence

Ethan Scott Miller

Fritza Moise

Julie Nicole Morales

Mckenzie Tate Moss

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Degree Candidates

Griffin Tal Isador Moss-Haaren
Logan Alexander Murillo
Samantha Elise Neely
Jamie Lynn Normand
Morgan Northrop
Elizabeth Lynn Ourso
Vilma Nicol Palacios Fuentes
Casey Elizabeth Pappas
Jaelyn Breanne Payton
Adrianna Victoria Pazos
Jade Ivear Peoples
Georgia Dodge Petagna
Isabelle Elise Plaisance
Kayla Michelle Plaisance
Bridget Vada Polkey
Jules Alina Powell
Sofia Lily Purdy
Alison Mary Redmann
Colette Liane Richard
Connor Christopher Richoux
Rachelle Rita Benigno Riley
Blake Randall Robbins
Olivia Marie Rochon
Emily Elizabeth Rogers
Kate Catherine Roussel
Tara Elise Rousselle
Tovah Betsy Rubinsky
Sarah Danielle Sansovich
Victoria Marie Scott

Kennedi Sigur
Dorothy Renee Mathison Slater
Rachel Harper Slone
Jade Lynn Spiers
Christy Marie Stanberry
Ashley Janet-Marie Stewart
Duchain Quante Stinson *
Samantha Sullivan
Tirrell Bryan Sylvas
Maddigan Terrebonne
Megan Olivia Tramonte
Kirsten Ann Tufaro
Zachary Luke Van Order
Manon Elizabeth Vicknair
Sydney C Vodopija
Alyssa Atina Volante
Caroline Ann Waguespack
Lacie Michelle Walbridge
Talon Raion Washington
Lindsey Isidore White
Catherine Mary Whittington
Caitlyn Michelle Wilkes
Brendan Wesley Williams
Kaitlyn Adia Renae Williams
A'Lanna Mykael Wilson
Madelyn Elizabeth Wilson
Arielle Zakris

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DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE

Jacob Richard Ambros	Nurse Anesthesia
Bailey Leann Armstrong	Nurse Anesthesia
Ashby J Baird	Nurse Anesthesia
Florencia Carolina Bouey	Primary Care Family Nurse Practitioner
Lauren Ashley Bridevaux	Nurse Anesthesia
Mary Claire Cazayoux	Nurse Anesthesia
Carly Alexis Chafizadeh	Nurse Anesthesia
Alexandria L Cobb	Nurse Anesthesia
Mylan Pham Dang	Nurse Anesthesia
Allyson Dantin	Nurse Anesthesia
Kelly Marie Derise	Nurse Anesthesia
Giavanna Marie Deville	Nurse Anesthesia
Hallea Lenore Dixon	Nurse Anesthesia
Brenna Cuevas Duncan	Nurse Anesthesia
Laila Elhami	Primary Care Family Nurse Practitioner
Alexandra Lauren Elliott	Nurse Anesthesia
Lindsey Bourgeois Eymard	Nurse Anesthesia
Savannah Caroline Fos	Nurse Anesthesia
Andrew Pierce Freggens	Nurse Anesthesia
Madeline Leftwich Galvan	Nurse Anesthesia
Raul Alexis Gaytan	Nurse Anesthesia
Meaghan Gibbons	Nurse Anesthesia
Erik Lee Golson	Nurse Anesthesia
Ana Leigh Green	Nurse Anesthesia
Jordan Green	Nurse Anesthesia
Taylor Guillory Guillen	Nurse Anesthesia
Cody Mikel Gulizo	Primary Care Family Nurse Practitioner
Megan Genna Harmon	Nurse Anesthesia
Lindsay Harrington	Nurse Anesthesia
Alexandra Frances Harvey	Nurse Anesthesia
Victoria Marie Harvey	Nurse Anesthesia
Luke Hess	Nurse Anesthesia
Kayla Jacomine Hill	Nurse Anesthesia
Phuong Huynh	Nurse Anesthesia
Lakaisha Jene Jackson	Adult Gerontology Acute Care
Arin Michelle Jones	Nurse Anesthesia
Lindsay Renee Jones	Nurse Anesthesia
Madison Alexander Kahn	Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner
Brett Demesia Laiche	Primary Care Family and
	Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner
Haley Cashio Landry	Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner
Christina Michelle Leggio	Nurse Anesthesia
Celina Michael LeVasseur	Nurse Anesthesia

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Degree Candidates

Tina Li	Nurse Anesthesia
Morgan Henry Lynn	Nurse Anesthesia
Benjamin Lee Maddox	Nurse Anesthesia
Kate Woodard Marks	Nurse Anesthesia
Katelyn Martin	Adult Gerontology Acute Care
John Michael McDermott, III	Nurse Anesthesia
Meredith Ledger McGoe	Nurse Anesthesia
Morgan McLeroy	Nurse Anesthesia
Alice Nam	Nurse Anesthesia
Lydia Ngo	Nurse Anesthesia
Steve Nguyen	Nurse Anesthesia
Kathryn Elise Ogea	Nurse Anesthesia
Sarah Finley Otto	Nurse Anesthesia
Austin Andrew Patin	Nurse Anesthesia
Brandon Lloyd Petkovich	Nurse Anesthesia
Christina Allison Petkovich	Nurse Anesthesia
Ashley Anne Porter	Nurse Anesthesia
Sara Rex	Nurse Anesthesia
Olivia Alexandra Roberie	Adult Gerontology Acute Care
Jennifer Byrne Robinson	Nurse Anesthesia
Allison Scaccia	Nurse Anesthesia
Mari Jeon-Kim Schenck	Nurse Anesthesia
Hope Alexandra Schroeder	Nurse Anesthesia
Sydney Love Siekmann	Nurse Anesthesia
Dustin Paxson Spung	Nurse Anesthesia
Taylor Danielle Whitehead	Nurse Anesthesia

* In Absentia

School of Public Health

Presented by Edward Trapido, ScD, ScM, MSPH, FACE, Dean

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN PUBLIC HEALTH

Saleha Ahmed Badat
Charmonie Matthieu Baugh*
Britney Lela Best*
Yasmin Daglas
Eric Wayne Hill
Sara Kathleen Malley*

Trejore Beany Mclean
Marvin Miller*
Nnaemeka Christian Nwajiaku*
Tamika Nicole Sanford
Tyuana Renee Spencer

MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Lauryn Nicole Bass*
Marissa N Bennett
Benjamin Thomas Bienvenue
Katelyn Elizabeth Bourgeois
Zachary Thomas Bourgeois
Brianna Lee Bratkowski
Sydney Brown
Fatima Joane Fontus
Zachary Samuel Gbor
Conner Daniel Hartupee
Clayton Douglas Jacobs
Tevyn Louis William Johnson
Ankur Khanna
Ryan Glen Kreider*
Mary Michelle Landry
Viet Si Le

Tiana Maria Malic
Amari McCaskill
Kaitlyn Mindick
Seema Morad
Lusekero Mwangwewo
Gabrielle Lee Nguyen
Tommy Nguyen
Dorian Joye O'Sullivan
Bryanna Campion Reinhardt
Robert Clifton Tyler
Heather Lynn Valdin*
Nicole Anthia Vasilakos
Emily Ann Walck
Megan Elizabeth Wardsworth
Biannca Shontae' Williams

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Ashley Victoria Fenton
Department: Community Health Sciences
Major Professor: Stephanie Broyles, PhD
Dissertation Title: *The Role of Baseline Household Food Insecurity in Predicting Changes in Adiposity and the Mediating Effects of Dietary Quality and Mental Health*

* In Absentia

School of Graduate Studies

Presented by Angela M. Amedee, PhD, Dean

MASTER OF SCIENCE

Mark Fertel

Department: Biomedical Sciences

Major Professor: Chindo Hicks, PhD

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Joshua Edavettal

Department: Physiology

Major Professor: Jason Gardner, PhD

Dissertation Title: *Alcohol Associated Cardiomyopathy: Pathophysiology, Recovery, and Sex Differences*

Taylor Frances Fitzpatrick-Schmidt

Department: Physiology

Major Professor: Scott Edwards, PhD

Dissertation Title: *The Impact of Alcohol on Cognitive Deficits and Pain in the Context of HIV*

Lyndsey Nash Gisclair

Department: Microbiology, Immunology & Parasitology

Major Professor: Doug Johnston, PhD

Dissertation Title: *Trypanosoma cruzi Infection-Induced Cardiac Microvascular Endothelial Dysfunction*

Grace Jaeyoon Kim

Department: Human Genetics

Major Professor: Lucio Miele, PhD, MD

Dissertation Title: *Examining the Influence of HLA and Viral Genetics on SARS-COV2 Disease Severity in Local and National Clinical Datasets*

Aracely Martinez

Department: Cell Biology & Anatomy

Major Professor: Emma Schachner, PhD

Dissertation Title: *Morphology of the Respiratory System in the Zebra Finch (*Taeniopygia castanotis*) and the Relationship Between the Lungs and Adjacent Organs in Other Avian Taxa*

* In Absentia

School of Dentistry

Presented by John Gallo, III, DDS, MS, Dean

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE

Orlando Javier Arevalo
Hayat Husam Hammad*
Erica Daleen Romero

Shanice Shante Ruth
Avery Renee Santone

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Cindi Alejandra Bollat
Erin Elizabeth Boyer
Ashley Theresa Breaux
Kaitlyn Marie Camus
Shelby Leigh Corley
Hailey Marie Courtney
Madison Rene Cronan
Julia Nhu Duong
Clare Alyse Duplessis
Kailen Paige Earl
Raquel Marie Gascon
Isabelle Jade Giardina
Kennedy Clair Grizzaffi
Maryam Yaser Hammad
Isabelle Elaine Hanks
Alyssa Jade Hill
Emily Marie Hoover
Jenah Lynn Hutchinson
Jolie St. Pierre Hyde

Kate Marie Laborde
Sara Elizabeth Larson
Caroline Clare Lipari
Kathryn Lynn Lirette
Lily Rai Martin
Camille Elisabeth Michel
Claire Elizabeth Oster
Brooke Michelle Owens
Ally Marie Parrott
Chloe Abigayle Gina Sanders
Brynn Nicole Stephens
Claire Catherine Sule
Presley Gina Tapia
Margaret Justine Terry
Macey Gail Thompson
Janey Lynn Trahan
Cierra Maggie Treigle
Sara Madison Upton
Riley Elizabeth Waguespack

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN DENTISTRY

Jaspreet Paul Ahluwalia*
Hannah Louise Battle*
Carolina Becerra*
Dawson Kendall Buettner*
Steven Christensen*
Hope Babin Grandy*
Carolyn Grace Hope Griffin*
Haley Donovan Kessler*
Jeffrey Nick Sanders*
Amber Kreko Sciavicco*
Russell William Smith*
Carlos Eduardo Terres*
Michelle T Tran*
Tam Vu*

Pediatric Dentistry
Endodontics
Endodontics
Orthodontics
Orthodontics
Orthodontics
Orthodontics
Endodontics
Endodontics
Periodontics
Prosthodontics
Prosthodontics
Pediatric Dentistry
Periodontics

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Degree Candidates

DOCTOR OF DENTAL SURGERY

Sakshie Sanjay Alreja
Bernard Joseph Arland Aulino
Brooke Elizabeth Badeaux
Virgil Anthony William Bartels, IV
Sarah Kathryn Berry
Annie Grace Bonis
Courtney Lee Bordelon
Maximilian Henrique Richard
Bourgogne von Hohenstaufen
Heather Nicole Boyette
Katherine Elizabeth Burkett
Brenna Catherine Butler
Michelle Elizabeth Byrnes
Katherine Anne Clark
Christopher Harris Clinton
Charley Hannah Coats
Alexa Jay Collins
Sonia Comas
Connor Luke Costello
Ethan Wayne Cranford
Justin Michael Cunningham
Camille Elise Cusco
Sarah Elaine Dawson
Caitlin Todd Denton
Hannah Kaitlyn Dickie
Arsys Massoud E'Etessam
Rachel Katherine Erickson
Sydney René Gautreau
Taylor Marie Gilbreath
Sterling Brittany Green
Jake Andrew Grill
Morgan Maria Guerra
Glen Haisley, Jr.
Eswari Jagdish
Andrea Nicole Kae
Sean Morgan Kilpatrick, Jr.
Trevor Craig Laborde
Hyoe Lee
Maisoun Hassan Abdelhlim Lugman
Allyson Marie Lutgring

Alyssa Jewel Magee
Christopher Allen Marsalis
Matthew Peter McKenzie
Dylan Christopher McMahan*
Ariana Mehrabani
Hunter Scott Misse
Blakely Ashton Moore
Ali Mousa
Haley Rebekah Mundle
Brooke Elizabeth Naquin
Madisen Brooke Newman
Anna Oanh Nguyen
Austin Huy Nguyen
Susan Phuong Nhi Nguyen
Ragan Delrie Noakes
Garrett Michael O'Friel
Olivia Marie Orfanello
Caroline Anderson Paterson
Taylor Mary Peltier
Sean Kristian Perry
Shelby Lee Plunkett
Regan Elizabeth Pratt
David Robert Rainwater
Kamryn Elisabeth Robinson
Harrison Garrett Rosen
Shannon Elizabeth Roussell
Whitney Estelle Say
Shelby Manuel Segalla
Kathryn Adelaide Sorokolit
Erin Elizabeth Swindler
Jonathan Adam Town, Jr.
Thuan Ngoc Tran
Uyen Minh Tran
Jarrod Lance Vercher
Phat-Lucas Tan Vo
Jennifer Trinh Vu
Levi Manning Walters
Olivia Jane Wilks
Jacob Logan Zeiler

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School of Medicine

Presented by Richard DiCarlo, MD, Dean

DOCTOR OF MEDICINE

Farid Fadi Abou-Issa
Olivia Muriel Adams
Richard Lewis Adams
Hannah Nicole Adams Schilling
Sarah Jane Aleman
Varun Gautam Amin
Zubaer Anwar*
Bryce Reyne Arata
Seth Andrew Aucoin
Maria Bao Loc Trung
Amber Rose Bardarson
William Thomas Barham
Julie Elizabeth Barnes
Lauryn Nicole Bass
Malynn Catherine Bateman
Meva Beganovic
Jagnoor Kaur Benipal
Meredyth Blaire Berard
Peter James Bergeaux
Christian Jade Bernard
Benjamin Thomas Bienvenue*
Brianna Leilani Bourgeois
Gannon Nicholas Brandt
Hall Michael Braud
Laura Alexi Broussard
Ashlyn Theriot Burton
Anna Catherine Bushnell
Carlie Michelle Callais-Lagarde
Claire Taylor Carr*
Brandon Loyce Carroll
Prashun Chanda
Hsiao-Man Chang
Alexandra Rose Chetty
Nicholas John Christakis
Robert Austin Clark
Sloane Marcello Clay
Emma Claire Cole

Autumn Noelle Collins
Grant Stephen Collins
Margaret Adele Conrad
Sophia Nicole Courcelle*
Jonathan James Cuccia
Dean John Hendrix Taboga Dante
Kaleb James Derouen
Kathryn McCormack Dillman
Emma Elizabeth Domangue
Emily Grace Dubuisson
Valeria Fabiana Faria Maraver
Rebekah Katherine Fayard
Fatima Joane Fontus
Brittany Leigh Foret
Michael Vincent Forte
Rutger Johan Fury
Caitlyn Camille Gallaspy
Mallory Alyssa Granier
Alaina Kay Guilbeau
LaMiah Nycole Hall
Samuel George Halle
Yasmin Khaled Awad Hammad
Conner Daniel Hartupee
Bria Nadirah Hawkins*
Joseph Duas Hebert
Joshua Alexander Heller
Kacy Kathleen Henwood
Tyler Dane Hernandez
Matthew Joseph Herrera
Hunter Antoine Hidalgo
Elizabeth Collings Holland*
Keenan Timothy Hurst
Peter Pierre Issa
Shivani Jain
Emma Kay James
Alissa Margaret Jeanfreau
Sidney Jones John

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Degree Candidates

Candice Michelle Johnson
Tevyn Louis William Johnson
Raegan Brooke Jones
Ava Maria Karam
Christian Kenneth Kerut
Yaseen Khan
Ankur Khanna
Rhys Helene Kinchen
Joselyn Samone Knowling
Luke Chittim Konur
Jaeyeon Kweon*
Gregory Bernard Laborde
Grant Wayne Lambert
Mary Michelle Landry
Connor Andrew Latiolais
Viet Si Le*
Jonathan Michael Legier
Jade Ann Lemoine
Spencer Gerard Lemoine
Coleen Mills Leslie
Anne Mellott Lindberg
Elizabeth Lucile Long
Rose Theresa Luder
Maria Susana Lugo
Salim Cesar Lutfallah
Brandon Mark Magazine*
Taylor Claire Mahoney
Rebecca Jeannette Maitski
Amir Maki
Alaa Nushrah Malik
Davis Edward Martin
Joseph William Mason
Michael Thomas Maurer
Holly Michelle Mayeux
Hannah Blair Megison
Devin Michael Melancon
Julia Kulakowski Messina
Seema Morad
Payton Rivet Morris
Caroline Grace Neck

Aaron Vu Nguyen
Alexandra Thuy-Van Nguyen
Gabrielle Lee Nguyen
Matthew Hien Nguyen
Tina Hoa Nguyen*
Austin Matthew Noel
Dorian Joye O'Sullivan
David Kurt Odenheimer
Ifeanyichukwu Oluchukwu Onor
James William Passman
Katherine Ellen Pavleszek
Tayler Domonique Payton
Diana Mai Pham
Nicholas Bao-Ky Pham
Kyler Tucker Pisciotta
Wil Christian Plants
Anna Catherine Rawls
Bryanna Campion Reinhardt
Lydia Camille Rewerts
Jonathan Kelley Richard
Jeremy Thomas Richardson
Logan Taylor Roberts
Cailyn Chanel Robertson
Jared Mark Robinson*
Daniel Aaron Ruppert
Virginia Claire Saux
Troy Joseph Sbis*
Alison Karee Schafer
Calia Marie Schexnayder
Ryan James Schroeder
Hannah Beth Schwartzburg
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The celebration of commencement is a rich tapestry of tradition. Each tradition adds to the pageantry and the majesty of one of the Health Sciences Center's most solemn, yet joyous occasions. The conferring of degrees is formal recognition that our graduates have attained mastery of the healing arts and sciences and are fully prepared to accept the sacred trust, which will soon be bestowed upon them by their patients and clients. This is a very special day for the entire LSU Health Sciences Center family, and so that the meaning of this ceremony will be deepened and the celebration more fitting the magnitude of accomplishment of our faculty and students, the Health Sciences Center has woven a number of time-honored traditions into our commencement tapestry.

Academic Regalia

The origins of academic regalia date back to the 12th and 13th centuries. The long robe and hood were borrowed from clerical dress with a nod toward practicality for the warmth the costume provided in unheated and drafty halls. While proper academic dress was defined for the first time during the reign of Henry VIII at Oxford and Cambridge, it was not until the 19th century and, then only in the United States, that it was standardized. Colors were assigned to signify the various areas of scholarly pursuit. Green, the color of medieval herbs, was chosen for medicine, and golden yellow, representing the wealth produced by scientific research, was selected for the sciences. In 1932, the American Council on Education approved an academic costume code which, with few changes, is still used today. The principle features of academic dress are three: the gown, the cap and the hood.

The Gown. The flowing black gown comes from the twelfth century. It has become symbolic of the democracy of scholarship, for it completely covers dress of rank or social standing beneath. Gowns with pointed sleeves designate the Associate and Bachelor's degree; long, closed sleeves are used for the Master's degree, with a slit for the arm; and round, open sleeves indicate the Doctor's degree. The gown worn for Associate, Bachelor's or Master's degree has no trimmings. The gown for the Doctor's degree is faced down the front with velvet and has three bars of velvet across the sleeves, in the color distinctive of the faculty or discipline to which the degree pertains. For certain institutions, the official colors of the college or university may appear on the gown or its decorations.

The Cap. The freed slave in Ancient Rome won the privilege of wearing a cap, and so the academic cap is a sign of the freedom of scholarship and the responsibility and dignity with which scholarship endows the wearer. Old poetry records the cap of scholarship as a square to symbolize the book, although some authorities claim the mortar board is a symbol of the masons, a privileged guild. The color of the tassel on the cap denotes the discipline, although a gold tassel may be worn with any Doctor's gown.

The Hood. Heraldically, the hood is an inverted shield with one or more chevrons of a secondary color on the ground of the primary color of the college or university. The color of the face of the hood denotes the discipline represented by the degree; the color of the lining of the hood designates the university or college from which the degree was granted.

The academic colors used in LSU Health Sciences Center's commencement ceremony are green for medicine, lilac for dentistry, apricot for nursing, gold for allied health professions, dark blue for graduate studies, and salmon for public health.

The University Mace

The academic mace comes from a heritage imbued with tradition and symbolism. Long held as a symbol of strength and authority, there are a number of theories about its origin. Although some say the word mace is derived from the French word *masse*, meaning club, one of the earliest references to a mace was an ebony-black effigy discovered in King Tut's tomb of "a King, gold-sandalled, bearing staff and mace." During medieval times, the mace of arms was cast as a weapon – a heavy staff or club often made of iron with a spiked end used by knights to penetrate and break armor. Bodyguards carried maces to protect clergy and royalty in processions.

By the 14th century, the use of maces was becoming more ceremonial, sometimes carried in processions of civil ceremonies with mayors and other dignitaries. The mace began to lose its warlike appearance, instead being adorned with jewels and precious metals. Maces were not used as weapons after the 16th century. The first dated record of the mace's transition to academia was in 1385, when a mace was carried at the University of Vienna.

Today, the British Parliament, the Congress of the United States, and many other governmental bodies use ceremonial maces. In the academic setting, the mace is traditionally carried before the university leadership in processions and is present at the conferring of degrees as an ensign of authority, dignity, succession, and the rich symbolism unique to each institution.

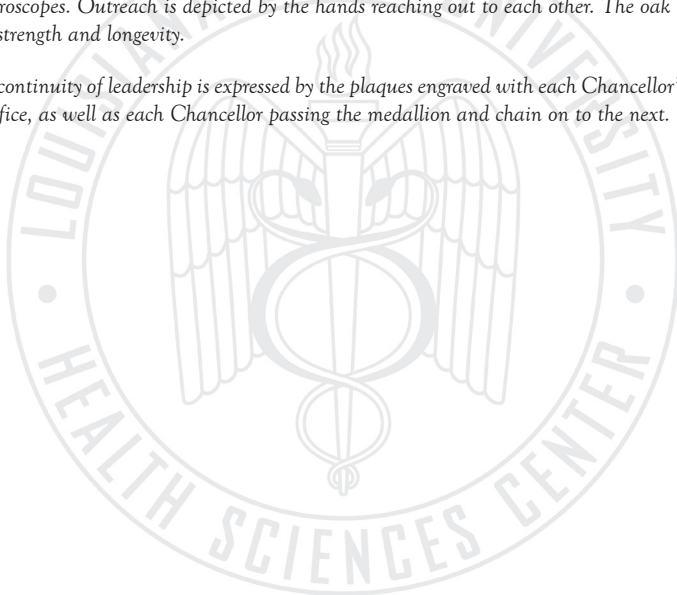
The current mace of the LSU Health Sciences Center at New Orleans was designed to define the University and to reflect its mission and heritage. Mirroring the caduceus found on the University Seal, the overall form of the mace honors the Health Sciences Center's roots in medical education. The shaft is made of walnut adorned with gold and is topped with a stylized lantern, symbolizing the search for knowledge. The lantern is ornamented with enameled medallions bearing the University Seal and is itself topped with a gold flame, a symbol of learning, wisdom, and enlightenment since antiquity.

The Chain of Office

A symbol of authority whose origins may lie in chains bearing portraits of monarchs given to scholars as signs of honor and favor, or in the badge of office said to date back to the age of chivalry when officials were more readily identifiable by their badges of rank, the chain of office is steeped in ceremonial significance.

The Chain of Office of LSU Health Sciences Center at New Orleans, fashioned in bronze, represents the authority and great responsibility of the Chancellor as head of the university. A medallion encircling the seal of the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center engraved with the year of its founding is suspended by a chain incorporating symbols of the Center's fourfold mission. Education is represented by the books upon which the names of the six schools of the center are engraved. Patient care is represented by the stethoscopes, used in clinical disciplines spanning our schools. Research is represented by the microscopes. Outreach is depicted by the hands reaching out to each other. The oak leaf clusters symbolize strength and longevity.

The continuity of leadership is expressed by the plaques engraved with each Chancellor's name and years in office, as well as each Chancellor passing the medallion and chain on to the next.



The University Gonfalons

A gonfalon is a flag that hangs from a crosspiece or frame. The first gonfalons were displayed in medieval Italy as an ensign of state or office as well as in ecclesiastical processions. From the Germanic compound *gund-fanon* (battle flag), gonfalons were also used as flags of battle. They are frequently seen at the heads of religious or military processions, always accompanied by “valets” or “honor guards”. Many universities around the world have adopted them to lead academic processions as they comprise a unique and colorful ceremonial display. The gonfalons are made in the appropriate academic color for each school, and contain a visual element representing the academic discipline of the school, as well as the university seal.

Da Vinci's Vitruvian Man is the symbol on allied health's golden gonfalon. Vitruvius, a Roman engineer of the first century B.C. influenced da Vinci's drawings of the human body. The drawing is based upon a model of ideal proportions which Vitruvius established and is the symbol most frequently representative of the specialties of the allied health professions.

The nursing gonfalon is apricot and its symbol is the burning lamp of Florence Nightingale. Florence Nightingale was called “the lady with the lamp” because she used a lamp in her selfless duty in the Crimean War, although hers was a collapsible paper cylinder which protected the flame and diffused more light. The lamp has come to symbolize nursing to honor Florence Nightingale's enormous dedication and contributions to the nursing profession, as well as to represent the lamp of knowledge.

The dentistry gonfalon is lilac with the official emblem for dentistry adopted in 1965. The design uses as its central figure a serpent entwined about an ancient Arabian cautery. The Greek letter (delta), for dentistry, and (omicron) for odont (tooth) form the periphery of the design. In the background of the design are 32 leaves and 20 berries, representing the permanent and temporary teeth.

The graduate studies gonfalon is dark blue and its symbol is DNA, the building blocks of life. These building blocks are essential in the research done in the doctoral programs of Cell Biology and Anatomy, Biochemistry, Human Genetics, Microbiology, Neuroscience, Pharmacology, and Physiology.

The medicine gonfalon is green, and its symbol is the caduceus, the staff with winding serpents topped by a pair of wings from Greek mythology that has come to represent the medical profession in the United States. In Greek and Roman mythology, the caduceus, like the staff of Aesculapius, was associated with healing and immortality. Both were used as printer's marks from the 16th century on, especially as frontispieces to pharmacopoeias in the 17th and 18th centuries. One theory postulates that as printers saw themselves as messengers of the printed word and thus disseminators of knowledge, they chose the symbol of the messenger of the ancient gods, Hermes. The United States Army adopted the caduceus as the official emblem of its medical department in 1902, cementing its use as such in this country.

Hygieia, the Greek goddess of health, adorns the public health gonfalon. The granddaughter of Apollo and the most important of Asclepius' five daughters, Hygieia personifies physical and psychic health. She was said to relieve illness in humans as well as animals through diet and medication. Often depicted feeding a snake wrapped around her body, Hygieia was sometimes called “The Health.” Derived from the Greek word, *hygieinos*, meaning healthful, Hygieia survives today in the word hygiene—a basic preventive discipline in public health.





