



149th Commencement

May 18, 2023

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, Ph.D.
Department Head
Cardiopulmonary Science

Music.....LSU Brass Ensemble

Bearer of the Mace.....
Janet H. Southerland, D.D.S., M.P.H., Ph.D.
Vice-Chancellor for Academic Affairs

Procession of the Platform Party.....Alicia Price Edwards, M.A.
University Registrar

Faculty MarshalsJohn Zamjahn, Ph.D., R.R.T.
Associate Professor of Clinical Cardiopulmonary Science
Todd Tartavouille, D.N.S., A.P.R.N., C.N.S.B.C.
Assistant Dean for Student Services

Procession of the Faculty

Student Marshal.....Mark Blanchard, O.T.D., O.T.R., A.T.P.
Associate Professor of Clinical Occupational Therapy

Procession of the Students

Procession of the Candidates in Allied Health Professions
Gonfalonier.....Alissa Cristina Diaz
Bachelor of Science Candidate

Procession of the Candidates in Nursing
Gonfalonier.....Rima Marie Maatouk
Bachelor of Science in Nursing Candidate

Procession of the Candidates in Public Health
Gonfalonier.....Sarah Thomas
Master of Public Health Candidate

Procession of the Candidates in Graduate Studies
Gonfalonier.....Donnell Dee White, III
Doctor of Philosophy Candidate

Procession of the Candidates in Dentistry
Gonfalonier.....Dylan Thomas Mire
Doctor of Dental Surgery Candidate

Procession of the Candidates in Medicine
Gonfalonier.....Shakira Elice Harding
Doctor of Medicine Candidate

The Commencement Ceremony

Opening Proclamation	Janet H. Southerland, D.D.S., M.P.H., Ph.D. <i>Vice-Chancellor for Academic Affairs</i>
National Anthem	Katelynn Danielle Starkey <i>Bachelor of Science Candidate</i>
Invocation	Peyton Anthony Hopkins <i>Doctor of Medicine Candidate</i>
Welcome and Opening Remarks	Steve Nelson, M.D. <i>Interim Chancellor</i>
Introduction of Commencement Speaker	Steve Nelson, M.D. <i>Interim Chancellor</i>
Commencement Address	John Bel Edwards <i>Governor of Louisiana</i>
Conferring of Degrees	Jimmie M. Woods <i>Chair-Elect, LSU Board of Supervisors</i>
Benediction	Sarah Thomas <i>Master of Public Health</i>
Closing Proclamation	Janet H. Southerland, D.D.S., M.P.H., Ph.D. <i>Vice-Chancellor for Academic Affairs</i>
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.



John Bel Edwards

Governor of Louisiana

The son of a sheriff and charity hospital nurse, John Bel Edwards understood the importance of serving others from an early age. From his service as an active duty Airborne Ranger in the U.S. Army to his time in the Louisiana House of Representatives, Gov. Edwards has always put people first.

John Bel was born seventh out of eight children to Sheriff Frank Jr. and Dora Jean Edwards. He grew up hunting and fishing in Amite, a rural town in Tangipahoa Parish. He and First Lady Donna Edwards began dating while students at Amite High School. After graduating top of his class, Gov. Edwards attended the United States Military Academy at West Point.

As a cadet, he completed Airborne School and served as vice-chairman of the panel that enforces the West Point Honor Code. The governor graduated from West Point in 1988, commissioning as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army. He served on active duty for 8 years, earning Airborne, Ranger and Jumpmaster status, culminating with command of a rifle company in the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

He and the first lady married in 1989. They have three children: Samantha Bel, Sarah Ellen and John Miller.

After commanding a rifle company in the 82nd Airborne, Gov. Edwards left the Army with the rank of captain. He moved back home and earned a law degree from Louisiana State University before opening a civil law practice in his hometown of Amite.

In 2008, the people of House District 72 elected him to the Louisiana House of Representatives, where he represented the people of Amite, Greensburg, Kentwood and Hammond for eight years before being elected governor in November 2015.

On January 11, 2016, John Bel Edwards was sworn in as the 56th Governor of Louisiana. In 2019, the people of Louisiana re-elected him, and on January 13, 2020, Gov. Edwards was sworn into his second term as the 56th Governor of Louisiana.

In his first official act, Gov. Edwards signed an executive order to expand Medicaid coverage to over 747,200 of the state's working poor. Louisiana's uninsured rate has now dropped from 22.7 percent in 2015 prior to expansion to just 9.4 percent, saving lives and improving the quality of life for citizens across the state. Gov. Edwards considers this the easiest big decision he's had to make as Governor.

Upon taking the oath of office, Gov. Edwards inherited the largest budget deficit in Louisiana's history, following years of budget mismanagement, which included cuts to higher education and vital state resources and services.

Gov. Edwards and a bipartisan, bicameral group of lawmakers worked hard to stabilize the state's budget through a balanced approach and continued to do so even despite the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic and multiple devastating hurricanes. Today, the state is making investments in education at every level, raising teacher pay, prioritizing roads and bridges, restoring the coast, and diversifying the state's economy. This progress has contributed to Louisiana having record a low unemployment rate.

One of the governor's top priorities coming into office was comprehensive criminal justice reform. For decades, mass incarceration of non-violent offenders drained the state of resources needed to make investments proven to reduce crime. Gov. Edwards signed sweeping bipartisan criminal justice reform legislation in 2017 that targets recidivism and invests in treatment programs and victim services.

He has also taken numerous steps during his administration to address climate change and expand the clean energy sector alongside Louisiana's long history of traditional energy. In 2020, the governor created the Climate Initiatives Task force, the state's first effort to develop economy-wide policies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The climate task force delivered a plan to get Louisiana to net zero carbon emissions by 2050, and under Gov. Edwards' leadership Louisiana is emerging as a global leader in the energy transition.

The same year, the state formally began the process to develop offshore wind leasing on the Outer Continental Shelf of the Gulf of Mexico with the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management.

Gov. Edwards continues to do what the people elected him to do: Put Louisiana First.

School of Allied Health Professions

Presented by Erin Dugan, Ph.D., Interim Dean

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

CARDIOPULMONARY SCIENCE

Haley Rachelle Alvarado
Gabrielle Lee Bergeron*†
Hailey Elizabeth Carter
Yoselie Anahi Castaneda-Vasquez
Nedal Mustapha Elali
Paul Gralyn Gendron, II
Claudia Anne Hemb
Arianna Nicole McDonald

Amanda Anne Nguyen
Kelsey Ann Nicolosi
Justice Ireon Pitts
Kyle Andrew Szeszycki
Hamy Gabrielle Tran
Olivia Claire Varnado
Alexis Star Werner

MEDICAL TECHNOLOGY

Brennan Alexander Acevedo
Mario Antonio Brown
Elizabeth Ashley Lauren Sander Brunet
Kimberly Tuyet Bui
Molly Michelle Caluda
Elizabeth Louise D'Antoni
Alissa Cristina Diaz
Vincent Jose Dominique, III
Angelica Jean Gaines
Alexandra Mariska Jarreau
Alexandra Nicole Lawson

Kevin Khang Ly
Cecilia Phuong-Nhi Nguyen
Logan Reece Nguyen
Maxim Niculai*
Ashley Nicole Pampas
Andre Ngoc Bao Pham
Katelynn Danielle Starkey
Erin Elizabeth Troendle
Justin Blaire Vial
Duyen Phuong Quynh Vu
Michaelah Keykiona Winesberry

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MASTER OF COMMUNICATION DISORDERS

Bianca Dominique Canizares
Savannah Rae Cheffer
Martha Elizabeth Dart
Elise Marcel DeGruise
Meghan Carmel Fitzpatrick
Abigail Allain Giovingo
Amanda Nicole Haverfield
Emily Kramer
Cassandra Kretz
Ali Elizabeth Laiche

Gianni G Levi
Nataly Lynn Mayeaux
Madeline Diane Mayes
Hayley Anne Morgan
Kierstan Leigh Perry
Sophie Beth Sevin
Mary Maxine Simko
Catherine Grace Stuart
Kaylee Marie Tufaro

MASTER OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

Samantha Grace Albert
Hannah Grace Anding
Caroline Elizabeth Bergeron
Daniel Berroa
Bailey Nicole Broussard
Haley Michelle Caluda
Reagan Jude Clement
Victoria Lynn Dantin
Olivia Marie Garrity
Isabella D'Anna Harlan
Alanna Grace Hoffpauir
Yasmine Alejandra Hurtado
Kaela Gabrie Hymel
Madeline Rebecca Jenkins
Scott Andrew Lauand
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Kailey Irene Loetzerich

Sydney Michelle Matherne
Kaitlyn Elizabeth McFarland
Samantha Mary Messina
Elizabeth Catherine Miller
Kaitlyn Alexis Moore
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Sarah Nabil Abukhader
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Zachary Ellis Blake
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Olivia Dugas Borrello
Alexandra Nicole Bothe
Ross Christopher Clark
Brooke Ann Deroche
Patrick Lane Ellerman
Kaitlyn Michelle Fagan
Victoria Lee Geiger
Brook Elizabeth Juneau
Alexis Janea Lewis
Haley Trevale Matthews
Megan Alyse Morein

Kali Clement Moseley
Brooke Alison Muntean
Ally Renee Pipkin
Adilene Reynoso Barrera
Stephanie Tufts Salzer
Scott Gerald Sanders, Jr.
McKenna Colleen Sanderson
Ben Jacob Schexnayder
Sasha Ashlie Scott
Mason Daniel Spong
Sterling Michael Suggs
Lauren Guidry Vlosich
Lynna Vo
Ashley Lynn Waldrop
Emily Rose Wehle
Sadie Hightower Williams
Emma Catherine Wood

MASTER OF HEALTH SCIENCES

Margaret Hogan Domingo
Ayanna Mariah Harley
Faith Munsell
Alexandra Grantadam Nordman-Becker
Brooke Elizabeth Vogt

Clinical Rehabilitation and Counseling
Counseling
Counseling
Counseling
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DOCTOR OF AUDIOLOGY

Mahsa Abedi
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Emily Clingan Poché
Callie Ann Terrell
Rebekah Leigh Willoughby

DOCTOR OF PHYSICAL THERAPY

Dakoda W Allbritton
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Grant Belsome
Kyle Thomas Carter
Dillon Patrick Connick
Carli Lyn Curry
Sadie Cecilia Dickinson
Dustin Michael Drewes
Rachel Bergeron Fanguy
Courtney Elizabeth Farnet
Morgan Conway Farrell
Madison deCelle Garrett
Bryce James Hargis
Abigail Emilie Labasse Priola Hebert
Bailey Leslie Hepting

Seth Tyler Hymel
Megan Elizabeth Labbe
Peyton Oz LeBlanc
Lauren Elizabeth Lovelace
Victoria Jane Manguno
Adoree Evelyn Jo Mcraney
Hannah Elizabeth Moran
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Brianna Angele Rauch
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Degree Candidates

School of Nursing

Presented by

Demetrius Porche, D.N.S., Ph.D., A.N.E.F., F.A.C.H.E., F.A.A.N.P., F.A.A.N., Dean

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Hannah Lane Helmer*††
Hannah Beals Herrington*††
Anna Tam-Nhu Hoang
Austin Michael Hotard
Stephen Uriel Icaza*††
Clarissa Karina Jazell Irving
Courtney Symone Jackson
Jordan Rayan Jackson*††
A'Nyjah Shaunte' Johnson
Jasmine Monet Jones*††
Jacob Roy Joraanstad
Sabrina Aurora Junius
Sara Alicia Kahao*††
Alexis Desiree Kaupp
Angel Kelsey Kennedy
Mallory Malone Kerrigan*††
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Grace Margaret Kingsbery
Jacob Patrick Kirkman*††
Philip Grant Koenig*††
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Mary Elizabeth Kroll
Zoe Florence Krulak-Palmer
Salome Anyankwabea Kushindana
Lauren Adele Labbe
Christa Michelle Labourdette*††
Bria Tiffany Lafrance
Maria Katherine Isay Lamb
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Corey John Lee*††
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David Marcelo Lopez
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Mckenzie Elizabeth Queen
Jade Dequine Randall
Danielle Marie Randolph*††
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Taytem Presley Reeves
Allyson Leigh Reynolds
Ashton Braud Richard*††
Fiona Catherine Ritchey
Kateri Marie Rizzi
Mia Renae Rochon
Grant William Rodrigue*††
Megan Elizabeth Romero
Ashley Lauren Rosenberry
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Tayler Marie Rudisaile*††
Haley Alexandra Sandino
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Joshua Anthony Secrest*††
Gabrielle Mckenzie Schon*††
Jessica Erin Sheppard
Kelsey Ilene Shingleton*††
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Kristemoney Sode
Calla Spallino*††

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Kayla Marisa Florestine Steele*††
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Anne Sparnecht Story
Catherine Carter Street
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Madison Eve Thompson
Lauren Nicole Timphony*††
Claire Bayle Tonry
Angela Anh Tran*††
Michelle Huiyi Tran
Thuy Dan Tran*††
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Megan Elizabeth Walters*††
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Kerri Wetzel*††
Margaret Thistle White*††
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Keona T'sha Williams
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DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE

Jennifer Ann Abbrecht	Nurse Anesthesia
Dariane Luz Alvendia	Nurse Anesthesia
Zachary Latrael Amie	Nurse Anesthesia
Jared Anthony Batiste	Pediatric Acute Care
Dayna Kaye Beasley	Nurse Anesthesia
Scott Paul Bellanger*††	Post Masters Mental Health Nurse Practitioner
Amy Randazzo Bienvenu	Nurse Anesthesia
John Edward Boughton	Nurse Anesthesia
Olivia Metz Breeland	Nurse Anesthesia
Annadora Janet Bruce-Keller	Nurse Anesthesia
Alexa Yanez Busch	Nurse Anesthesia
Mitchell Thomas Callahan	Nurse Anesthesia
Raymond Joseph Chapman	Nurse Anesthesia
Kayla Noelle Clark	Nurse Anesthesia
Maria Guadalupe Colina	Primary Care Family Nurse Practitioner
Destin Ranae Corley	Nurse Anesthesia
Christopher Michael Danner	Nurse Anesthesia
Elizabeth Ngoc Han Dao	Nurse Anesthesia
Nicholas John Diasselliss	Nurse Anesthesia
Kendi Lavergne DiLorenzo	Pediatric Acute Care
Shelly Daniel Dolan*††	Post Masters Executive Nurse
Rachel Dawn Dugas	Nurse Anesthesia
Mitchell Mecalis Duhon	Primary Care Family Nurse Practitioner
Cody McSparrin Farnet	Nurse Anesthesia
Ashley Alexandra Fernandez-deCastro	Nurse Anesthesia
Nicole Gamache	Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner
Taylor Piglia Goss	Nurse Anesthesia
Claire Battle Haydel	Nurse Anesthesia
William Jemal Hill*††	Post Masters Mental Health Nurse Practitioner
Michelle M Hoskins	Executive Nurse Leader
Gelinia Jackson*††	Post Masters Primary Care Family Nurse Practitioner
Jenna Adrienne Jones	Nurse Anesthesia
Jessica Jordan	Nurse Anesthesia
Trace Mason Juneau	Nurse Anesthesia
Katherine Jacqueline Labonte	Nurse Anesthesia
Leigh Kathryn LaMoyné	Nurse Anesthesia
Kelly Gaye Lienhop	Nurse Anesthesia
Alexandra Brooke Musso	Nurse Anesthesia
Marc Anthony Musso	Primary Care Family Nurse Practitioner
Mary Claybrook Newell	Nurse Anesthesia
Maggie Ngoc Nguyen	Nurse Anesthesia
Kevin Sean Olson	Nurse Anesthesia

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Degree Candidates

Simone Kristen Pattani	Adult Gerontology Acute Care
Jessica Macaluso Peltier	Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner
Trey Branson Perrin	Nurse Anesthesia
Carlos Tandron Perry	Adult Gerontology Acute Care
Sarah K Phillips	Nurse Anesthesia
Brady Scott Radosti	Nurse Anesthesia
Trevor Stephen Raney	Nurse Anesthesia
Lauryn Ashley Richard	Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner
Rhett James Rogers	Nurse Anesthesia
Hannah Grace Rupert	Nurse Anesthesia
Christine Marie Ryder-Id	Adult Gerontology Acute Care
Madeline Marie Seals	Nurse Anesthesia
William Connor Sinclair	Nurse Anesthesia
Andrew Lewis Skeans	Nurse Anesthesia
Kimberly Matreace Stevenson	Nurse Anesthesia
Katherine Taylor Townsend	Nurse Anesthesia
Laura Victoria Waguespack	Neonatal Nurse Practitioner
Laney Lewis Weber	Neonatal Nurse Practitioner
Kimberly Michelle Whitford	Nurse Anesthesia
Chasity Ann Willmouth	Nurse Anesthesia
Monica Lynn Wink	Nurse Anesthesia
Kacey Christopher Wuertz	Adult Gerontology Acute Care
Delia Margurite Young	Adult Gerontology Acute Care

DOCTOR OF NURSING SCIENCE

Eurydice Marshall Lang*†
Major Professor: Dr. Gloria Giarratano
Dissertation Title: *An Exploration of African American Fathers'/Partners' Perceptions of Infant Feeding*

Sherrie Anna Roberson
Major Professor: Dr. Demetrius Porche
Dissertation Title: *Physical Activity Self-Efficacy and Text Message Intervention Among Northeast Louisiana Women with Cardiovascular Disease*

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN NURSING

Alaina Rodrigue Daigle*†
Major Professor: Dr. Marsha Bennett
Dissertation Title: *Development and Testing of an Instrument to Measure Professionalism in Nursing*

Amelia Cook Waldrup†
Major Professor: Dr. Marsha Bennett
Dissertation Title: *Competency Consensus for System Chief Nurse Executives: A Delphi Study*

Jamie Langdon Wiggins*††
Major Professor: Dr. Demetrius Porche
Dissertation Title: *Association Between the Nursing Practice Environment, Registered Nurse Staffing, and Patient Outcomes in the Pediatric Acute Care Setting*

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School of Public Health

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BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN PUBLIC HEALTH

Katelyn Elizabeth Bourgeois
Chrissonthia Trenecia Moore

Megan Zenobia Nelson
Megan Elizabeth Wardsworth

MASTER OF SCIENCE

Kennedy Alexis Dorsey
Department: Biostatistics
Major Professor: Qingzhao Yu, Ph.D.

Alex Martinez
Department: Biostatistics
Major Professor: Andrew Chapple, Ph.D.

Nicholas Stephen Sorrells*
Department: Biostatistics
Major Professor: Lee McDaniel, Ph.D.

Tina Trosclair*††
Department: Biostatistics
Major Professor: Evrim Oral, Ph.D.

MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Lobna H Ali*
Kathryn Munson Bardwell*†
William Phillip Baudouin, Jr.*†
Claire Adrian Bise
Kiera Jaye Bishop
Noah Christopher Black-Ocken*
Philip Brahana*†
Adam Joseph Broussard
Amy Kathryn Bunch*†
Kaylee Dawn Chambers*
Martina L Davis*†
Chandler Joseph Dupuy
Brian England*†
Chika Mildred Eni-Ikeh
Layne Elizabeth Freeman*
Rebecca Azeneth Fuentes*
Sarah Kimball Grunblatt*††
Carli Harvey
London Raven Heard
Alissa Frances Heimbree
Joanna Henning
Isabella Grace Hermantin

Taylor Machael Herring*††
Kaila Nykole Holloway
Grace Marie Johnson
James Wesley Kinchen
Kori Lannaman*†
Holly E. Laviolette†
Julia Marie Lazo*
Camryn Ann Leavitt*
Anne Caroline LeBlanc
Kyle Michael Mistretta
Aidan Jared Morse*†
Cindy Phuongthien Nguyen
Megan Ashley Preston††
Mehetabel Rahel Seyfou
Ashwin Shetty
Dionne Jordan Emma St. Etienne
Hedz Nicole L Tagle††
Sarah Thomas
Joseph Turner Vaughan
Daniel Christian Veneracion
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Degree Candidates

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Rebecca Danielle Atkinson††

Department: Community Health Sciences

Major Professor: Stephen Phillippi, Ph.D.

Dissertation Title: *Assessing Outcomes Among Individuals with Serious Mental Illnesses Incarcerated in Louisiana Prisons and Jails*

Soham Mahato†

Department: Biostatistics

Major Professor: Andrew Chapple, Ph.D.

Dissertation Title: *Bayesian Mixtures of Beta Distributions for Phase I Clinical Trials in Biostatistics*

Lisa Beth Moses

Department: Community Health Sciences

Major Professor: Donna Williams, Dr.P.H.

Dissertation Title: *The Relationship Between Perceived Social Support and Quality of Life in Young Women with Breast Cancer*

Erika M Rosen†

Department: Epidemiology

Major Professor: Tekeda Ferguson, Ph.D.

Dissertation Title: *Assessment of the Moderation, Mediation, and Contextual Factors of Alcohol, Sugar, and Fat Intake on Liver Injury in People with HIV*

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School of Graduate Studies

Presented by Angela M. Amedee, Ph.D., Interim Dean

MASTER OF SCIENCE

Jazmine Aguilar

Department: Biomedical Sciences

Major Professor: Dr. Emma Schachner

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Gerald Bernard Billac†

Department: Pharmacology & Experimental Therapeutics

Major Professor: Dr. Charles Nichols

Dissertation Title: *Functional Characterization of Psychedelics at Serotonin 2A Receptors*

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Dissertation Title: *Investigating the Expression Variation of VGSCs and Sodium, Potassium-ATPase throughout the Cell Cycle for Targeted Osmotic Lysis Optimization*

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Dissertation Title: *Selective Effect of NSC207895, a Benzofuroxan Derivative, on G2/M Phase Arrest in Triple-Negative Breast Cancer Cell Lines is P53-Dependent but P21-Independent*

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Dissertation Title: *Chronic Binge Alcohol in SIV: Impact of Adipose Tissue Stiffness on Metabolic Dysfunction*

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Dissertation Title: *Identification of Contact Regions for P450 Complexes Involving CYP1A2, CYP2B4, NADPH-Cytochrome P450 Reductase, and Cytochrome b5*

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Dissertation Title: *Inflammation Pain and Adolescent Intermittent Ethanol Exposure Affects Central Amygdala Melanocortin 4 Receptor System*

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Dissertation Title: *Variation in Retinal Sensitivity in Anurans: Behavioral Context and Signal Specific Sensitivity*

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Dissertation Title: *Genomic Rearrangement in a Non-coding Region of Chromosome 1 Leads to Spontaneous Obesity and Type II Diabetes*

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Dissertation Title: *A Novel Small Molecule Inhibitor Inhibits Proliferation of Triple-Negative Breast Cancer Through Metabolic Reprogramming*

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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 their royals in processions.

But 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 academics 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 stationary ceremonial maces. Increasingly more universities are embracing the enduring tradition of heralding their academic processions with a ceremonial mace, carried before the university leadership as an ensign of authority, dignity, succession, and the rich symbolism unique to each university.

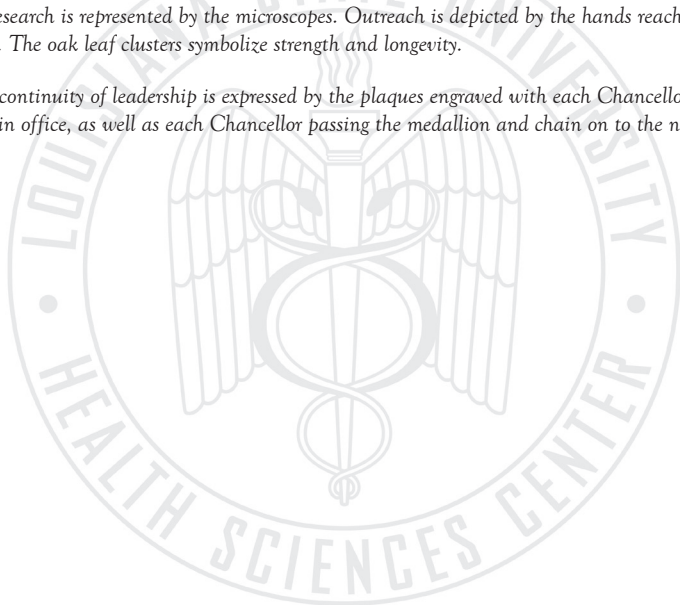
The mace of the LSU Health Sciences Center at New Orleans was designed to define the Center and to reflect its missions and its heritage. The mace is topped with the mother pelican feeding her young taken from the Louisiana State Seal. The nest rests atop a custom-made purple glass globe, engraved with the names of the six professional schools of LSU Health Sciences Center at New Orleans. The neck of the solid mahogany staff is finished in gold, adorned with the symbols depicting the four missions of the health sciences center—education, patient care, research, and outreach, as well as a representation of Hygieia, the daughter of Aesculapius and the Goddess of Health. The base is finished with the founding year, 1931, and decorated with a fleur-de-lis, to recognize the founding of the Health Sciences Center at New Orleans.

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.