



153rd Commencement
May 14, 2026

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

Procession of the Students

Student Marshal..... Cathy Lazarus, MD
*Assistant Dean for Student Affairs
Professor of Medicine
School of Medicine*

Melissa Nunn, DNP
*Assistant Dean for Student Services
School of Nursing*

Procession of the Candidates in Allied Health Professions

Gonfalonier..... Mary Katherine Hadden
Doctor of Audiology Candidate

Procession of the Candidates in Nursing

Gonfalonier..... Jack Edward Lewy
Bachelor of Science in Nursing Candidate

Procession of the Candidates in Public Health

Gonfalonier..... Paula Dinh
Master of Public Health Candidate

Procession of the Candidates in Graduate Studies

Gonfalonier..... Gabrielle Rae Vontz
Doctor of Philosophy Candidate

Procession of the Candidates in Dentistry

Gonfalonier..... John Thomas Varytimidis
Doctor of Dental Surgery Candidate

Procession of the Candidates in Medicine

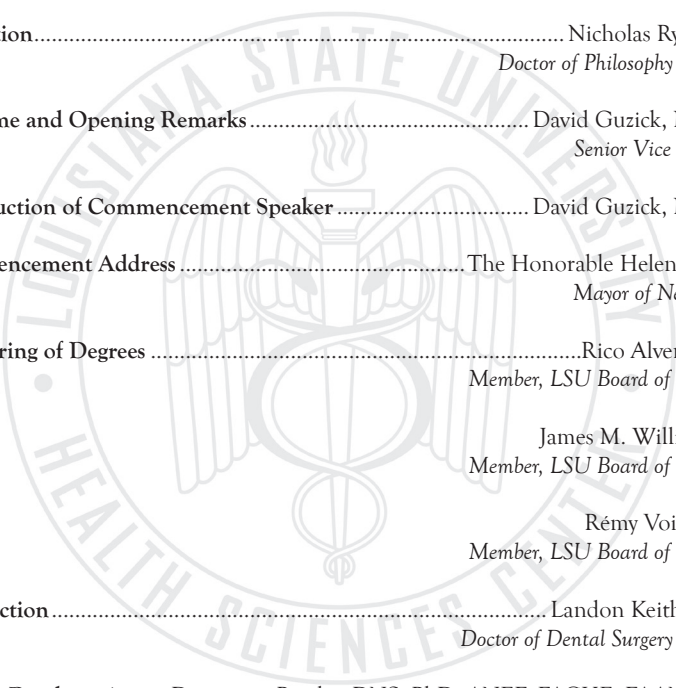
Gonfalonier..... Jo'Lea Danielle Bergeron
Doctor of Medicine Candidate

Procession of the Faculty

Faculty Marshals John Zamjahn, PhD, MHS
*Professor of Clinical Cardiopulmonary Sciences
School of Allied Health Professions*

Mina Hogan, MS
*Simulation Operations Specialist
School of Nursing*

The Commencement Ceremony



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| Bearer of the Mace..... | Demetrius Porche, DNS, PhD, ANEF, FACHE, FAANP, FAAN <i>Vice-Chancellor for Academic Affairs Dean, School of Nursing</i> |
| Procession of the Platform Party..... | Ryan F. Garrity, MA, MLA <i>University Registrar</i> |
| Opening Proclamation .. | Demetrius Porche, DNS, PhD, ANEF, FACHE, FAANP, FAAN |
| National Anthem..... | The Uptown Brass Ensemble |
| Invocation..... | Nicholas Ryan Harris <i>Doctor of Philosophy Candidate</i> |
| Welcome and Opening Remarks..... | David Guzick, MD, PhD <i>Senior Vice Chancellor</i> |
| Introduction of Commencement Speaker..... | David Guzick, MD, PhD |
| Commencement Address..... | The Honorable Helena Moreno <i>Mayor of New Orleans</i> |
| Conferring of Degrees..... | Rico Alvendia, Esq. <i>Member, LSU Board of Supervisors</i> James M. Williams, Esq. <i>Member, LSU Board of Supervisors</i> Rémy Voisin Starns <i>Member, LSU Board of Supervisors</i> |
| Benediction..... | Landon Keith Boeneke <i>Doctor of Dental Surgery 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.



The Honorable Helena Moreno

Mayor of New Orleans

Commencement Speaker

As Mayor of New Orleans, Helena Moreno is dedicated to delivering more accountable, more transparent, and more effective city services.

Prior to her election in the 2025 primary, Helena served as City Council President, waging courageous fights on behalf of the people of New Orleans to win a better future for everyone. She's always been a solutions-oriented public servant who is dedicated to accountability and demanding a city that is responsive and works for everyone.

Since her first Council election in 2017, Helena has built a reputation as a tireless advocate on behalf of the people of New Orleans. She's led the fight for a safer, more affordable and increasingly equitable city. In 2021, the people of New Orleans overwhelmingly endorsed her re-election: Helena won 85% of the vote and won every voting precinct in New Orleans.

Helena presses the government to think outside the box for solutions. Going about things the same will never lead to different results. As Council President and as a former State Legislator, she's won victories to broaden economic opportunity and knock down barriers for small businesses, increase safety and reform our criminal justice system, promote gender equality, lead on climate action and a cleaner environment, and protect and uplift the most vulnerable in our society.

Among her victories for working people include restoring millions in violence interruption funding, massively expanding summer job opportunities, requiring equity and set-asides in City contracting, raising wages and instituting paid leave for all City employees, promoting fair drug policy by decriminalizing cannabis, authoring laws to shield victims of sexual assault, reducing incarceration by preventing unnecessary arrests, restricting weapons from domestic abusers, transforming New Orleans into a renewable energy trailblazer, and pushing to rebuild our crumbling infrastructure both above and below our streets.

Helena began her career in New Orleans as an award-winning investigative reporter for NBC affiliate, WDSU-TV. She was part of a team awarded an Emmy for outstanding coverage during Hurricane Katrina. Too often, however, her reports turned up problems in the political system. In 2008, she decided to not just report, but do something about it. Setting aside her promising broadcast career, she entered public service.

In May of 2010, she was elected to the Louisiana House of Representatives. As the voice of District 93, she served as an advocate for a richly diverse area that includes neighborhoods such as Treme, the Garden District, Central City, St. Roch, the French Quarter, Mid City and the Central Business District.

As a Legislator, Helena was honored as a champion for women by numerous organizations. Her work to fight domestic violence in Louisiana is even featured in the award-winning documentary film called *Five Awake*.

Helena has also been recognized for her past work in criminal justice reform, public safety, drug policy, health care, early childhood education and care for the elderly.

Helena Moreno was born in Xalapa, Mexico and lived there until she was eight years old when her father Felix moved the family to the United States in search of better opportunities. Spanish was Helena's first language which made school in the U.S. challenging for her early on due to language barriers. Her mother Nancy pushed Helena to do extra reading and writing in English after school - of which Helena was no fan - but this caught her up to speed quickly in her studies. Helena remains fluent in Spanish and has family living throughout Mexico.

Upon her election to the New Orleans City Council, she has worked to support and uplift the Latino population in New Orleans, which has historically been ignored and underrepresented.

Helena holds a degree in Journalism from Southern Methodist University in Dallas. She lives uptown with her husband Chris Meeks.

School of Allied Health Professions

Presented by Erin Dugan, PhD, Dean

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

CARDIOPULMONARY SCIENCE

Ariella Bordelon
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Tam Thu Bui
Rayan Courtney Demery
Kayla Carolina Flores
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Dalena Hoang

Karynton Neira Yushanae Johnson
Camdyn LeCronier
April McQueen
Isabell Thi Nguyen
Alexis Nobles
Jady Richard
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MEDICAL LABORATORY SCIENCE

Warren Michel Abadie
Marianne Alexis
Jose Armenta Munoz
Allison Hong Cao
Katelyn Cao
Amber Cooper
Chloe Mae Cravotta
John Crowley
Victoria Delacruz
Kassidy Jean Ducarpe

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Kyla Elise Evans
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Seline Lam Nguyen
Meera Patel
Isabella Claire Plews
Elizabeth Nicole Sam
Taylor Anne Wall

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Lilly Jane Falgout
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Laura Candis Haynes
Ellie Marie Hazlett

Elizabeth Claire Hector
Riley Claire Hutchison
Anna Claire LaRose
Logan Martin
Makenzie Claire Martin
Mackenzie Alexis Matherne
Caitlyn Elizabeth Matulich
Thu Hien Thi Nguyen
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MASTER OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

Katya Ayman Agamy
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Emily Lively Barcelona
Claire Elizabeth Bass
Ainsley Grace Billson
Race Elie Bourgeois
Brandon Bouy
Ellery Christine Burton
Ashley Alena Carswell
Lauren Blady Cemo
Madison Claire Chaix
Allie Marie Chauvin
Braxton Barry Couvillon
Landyn Grace Curtis
Katherine Elizabeth Frens
Madelyn Ashli Fuselier
Claire Madeline Graff*†
Rachelle Marie Henderson

Michael Joseph
Caitlyn Meagan LaChute
Alyssa Rene' Landry
Kylee Elizabeth Leblanc Landry
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Lindsay Nicole Messina
Lauren Leeann Michel
Justin Nguyen
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Daniel Joseph Sentilles
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**MASTER OF HEALTH SCIENCES
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DOCTOR OF PHYSICAL THERAPY

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Trenton Bourgeois
Benjamin Jacob Chase
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Adele Elizabeth Dupont
Nina Ann Espinosa
Meredith Dea Fisher
Meagan Elizabeth Giovingo
Cristin Nichole Grimsal
Hannah Harper James
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Marlena Marie Majarrez
Tyler Reece McManus

Rachael Michelle Melancon
Madison Elizabeth Ogra
Nemesis Osorio
Isabella Rose Pflug
Michael Joseph Quintana
Adam Michael Roussel
Emily Brienne Sabido
Calvin Scully
Cristian Martin Selva
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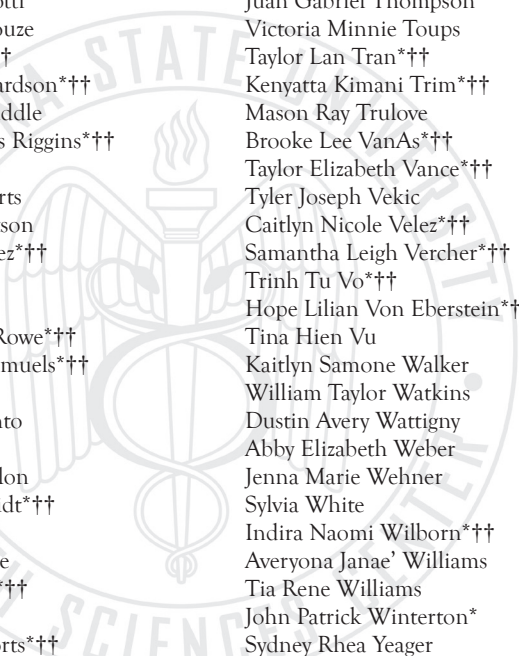
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| Quynh Pham | Sienna Lin Stinson |
| Margaret Elizabeth Pierson*†† | Lisette Antonieta Suarez |
| Janiah Nicole Pillette*†† | Sophie Victoria Sundar*†† |
| Shontrell Margaret Pittman | Jade Talazac*† |
| Christian Adam Plaisance | Jessica Danielle Talley*†† |
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| Evan Maxime Queyrouze | Victoria Minnie Toups |
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| Madison Claire Richardson*†† | Kenyatta Kimani Trim*†† |
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MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

Rachel Ann Bond*††

Nurse Educator

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DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE

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| Olivia Lorio Adler | Nurse Anesthesia |
| Jack Alexander | Nurse Anesthesia |
| Lindsay Bagur | Nurse Anesthesia |
| Colin Christopher Barnett | Nurse Anesthesia |
| Jasmine Marie Battle*† | Nurse Anesthesia |
| Gabrielle Noelle Bezett | Nurse Anesthesia |
| Daniel Timothy Bibens | Nurse Anesthesia |
| Hayley Marie Blaise | Nurse Anesthesia |
| Beau Bourgeois | Nurse Anesthesia |
| Leila Brache | Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner |
| Tyler Wade Burleson | Nurse Anesthesia |
| Taylor Bye | Nurse Anesthesia |
| Angela Bradley Byers*†† | Post Masters |
| Bianka José Caldera | Nurse Anesthesia |
| Christine M Candon | Primary Care Family Nurse Practitioner |
| Lilia Noelle Chester* | Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner |
| Brittany Chilivets | Nurse Anesthesia |
| Blake Michael Dalferes | Nurse Anesthesia |
| Stacey Marie Demonbreun | Nurse Anesthesia |
| Emily Paige Dowell | Nurse Anesthesia |
| Oto-Obong E Eduok | Post Masters |
| Jarett Alexander Gongora | Nurse Anesthesia |
| Chanda Green Guillory | Nurse Anesthesia |
| Hannah Ashley Hakenjos | Primary Care Family Nurse Practitioner |
| Lauren Sheree Hudak | Nurse Anesthesia |
| Hannah Camille Hughes | Nurse Anesthesia |
| Bailey Nicole Johnson | Nurse Anesthesia |
| Cameron William Johnson | Nurse Anesthesia |
| Amanda Elizabeth Johnston | Nurse Anesthesia |
| Brooke Elizabeth Juneau | Primary Care Family Nurse Practitioner |
| Kaitlyn Kospelich | Nurse Anesthesia |
| Anna Grace Landry | Nurse Anesthesia |
| Lynleigh Angelle Landry | Nurse Anesthesia |
| Mark David Clair Lanpher | Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner |
| John Zachary Leonard | Nurse Anesthesia |
| Morgan Kay Luther | Nurse Anesthesia |
| Rhyannen Majo-Smith | Nurse Anesthesia |
| Sean William McDiarmid | Nurse Anesthesia |
| Cody Patrick McNeil | Nurse Anesthesia |
| Ashley Nicole Miller | Nurse Anesthesia |
| Jeremy Joseph Moniz | Nurse Anesthesia |
| Leonela Maria Nunez | Nurse Anesthesia |
| Victor Swagi Odenyi | Nurse Anesthesia |

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| Madelyn Harris O'Rear | Nurse Anesthesia |
| Shirleen Watson Pannia*†† | Post Masters |
| Jack William Ploen | Nurse Anesthesia |
| Christopher Michael Prieur, Jr. | Nurse Anesthesia |
| Nishta Ramasamy*†† | Public and Community Health Nursing |
| Andrew Michael Ricks | Nurse Anesthesia |
| Dorothea Michelle Roy | Nurse Anesthesia |
| Joalis Dominguez Santos | Nurse Anesthesia |
| Taylor Brooke Scharwath | Nurse Anesthesia |
| Brit Edward Schneider | Nurse Anesthesia |
| Alexander Nicholas Scott | Nurse Anesthesia |
| Alexandra Gonzalez Sens | Nurse Anesthesia |
| Alexandra Marie Sensenbrenner | Neonatal Nurse Practitioner |
| Abigail Marie Shannon | Nurse Anesthesia |
| Daniel Slade | Nurse Anesthesia |
| Parker Alexander Sulik | Nurse Anesthesia |
| Samantha Mcfatter Tarver | Nurse Anesthesia |
| Emma Claire Treuil | Primary Care Family Nurse Practitioner |
| Kendall Marie Walker | Nurse Anesthesia |
| Billy Micheal Wallace, III | Nurse Anesthesia |
| Ziying Wang | Nurse Anesthesia |
| Tonjanika Rosetta Webster | Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner |
| Caleb Weeks | Nurse Anesthesia |
| Bradley Williams | Nurse Anesthesia |
| Shelby Loring Wolfe | Nurse Anesthesia |
| Stephanie Michelle Wood | Nurse Anesthesia |
| Katherine Clare Zilich | Primary Care Family Nurse Practitioner |

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN NURSING

Katherine Michelle Bass

Major Professor: Mary Dioise Ramos, PhD, RN, CNE, FAAN

Dissertation Title: *Shared Cultural Beliefs and Chronic Kidney Disease Self-Management Practices among Hispanic/Latinos with Limited English Proficiency in Southeast Louisiana: A Focused Ethnographic Study*

Evelyn Freiberg

Major Professor: Mary Dioise Ramos, PhD, RN, CNE, FAAN

Dissertation Title: *The Impact of The National Kidney Foundation H2O overload Mobile Application on Health Literacy in Adolescent Patients Undergoing Dialysis*

Michelle B. Patterson

Major Professor: Gloria Giarratano, PhD, APRN, CNS, FAAN

Dissertation Title: *The Lived Experience of Moral Distress Among Maternity Nurses: A Hermeneutic Phenomenological Study*

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School of Public Health

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Christopher Ray Carnevale††
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Gabriel Glover ††
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Kathryn Rose Santo††
Arminda Marie Shadrick††
Sharlette Timmons
Augustine Tseng†
Shantel Monique Woods††

MASTER OF SCIENCE

Adriana Leticia Maldonado††
Department: Biostatistics
Major Professor: Zhide Fang, PhD

Xiaowen Yang†
Department: Biostatistics
Major Professor: Qingzhao Yu, PhD



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Adairre Elizabeth Castille
Anna Crifasi
Zaidmara Teresa Diaz
Paula Dinh
Zakayo M Ernesti
Madison J Fleming
Sierra Jada-Marie Gaines
Kelsey Olson Goynes
Toni Marie Henry
Nora Herrera
Hifza Hussain
Branden Joshua Jeudy

Malack Omar Jwayyed
Nhung Hong Ngo
Herriethsiah Stanley Noah
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Tracy Anh Pham
Humza Ahmed Pirzadah
Zoey Wolcale Ponder
Katherine Anne Rose
Michael Peyton Simons
Allison Becnel Solino†
Ally Marie Spring
Emma L Stanly
Ashley St.Martin
Rishard Winford
Destiny Le'Sielle Wright

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Gabrielle Victoria Gonzalez

Department: Community Health Science and Policy

Major Professor: Tung Sung Tseng, PhD

Dissertation Title: *Body Image Shame, Perceived Behavioral Control, Social Support, and Eating Behaviors Among U.S. Adults*

Dana Michelle Smiles

Department: Community Health Science and Policy

Major Professor: Michael D. Celestin, Jr., PhD

Dissertation Title: *Exploring Relationships Between Social Media Use, Perceived Social Support, Direct Social Interaction, and Subjective Mental Health Among Young Adults in the United States*

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School of Graduate Studies

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MASTER OF SCIENCE

Kristos Martin Anto Domnic Raj
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Major Professor: Chindo Hicks, PhD

Lija Marie Kulys Hoffman
Department: Biomedical Sciences - Bioinformatics
Major Professor: Chindo Hicks, PhD

Khushi Kiran*†
Department: Biomedical Sciences
Major Professor: Charles Wood, PhD

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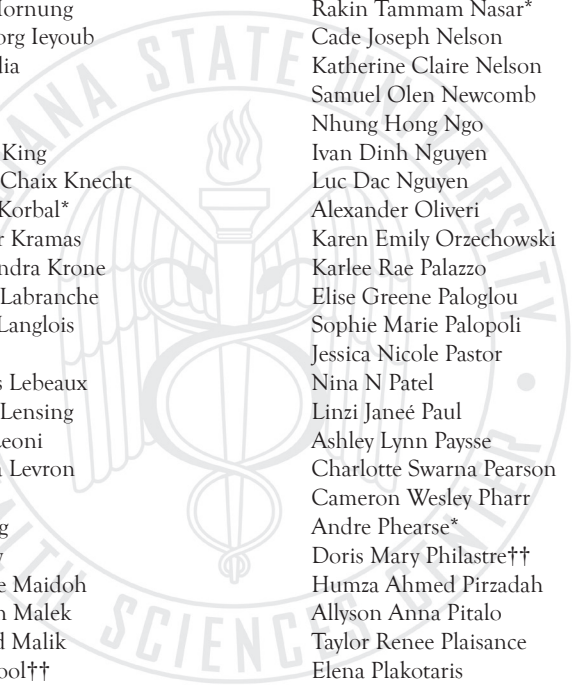
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The celebration of commencement is a rich tapestry of tradition. Each tradition adds to the pageantry and the majesty of one of the Health Sciences Center's most solemn, yet joyous occasions. The conferring of degrees is formal recognition that our 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.

Academic Traditions

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.

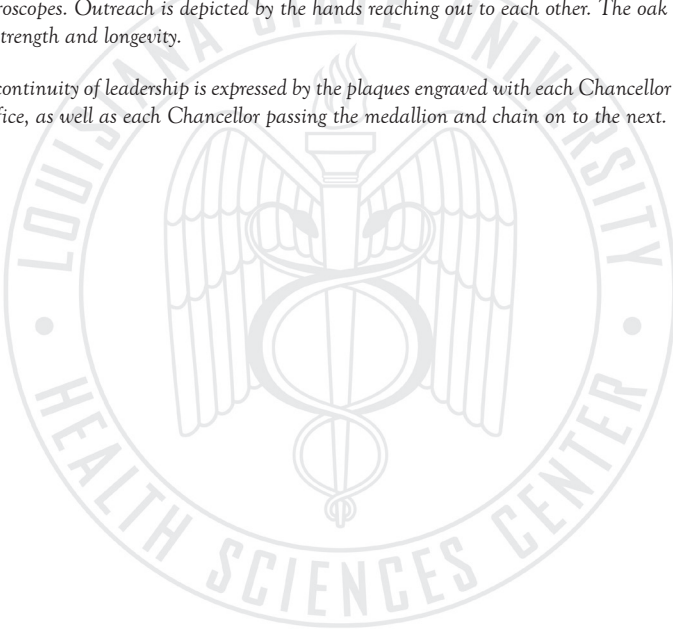
The current mace of the LSU Health Sciences Center at New Orleans was designed to define the University and to reflect its mission and heritage. Mirroring the caduceus found on the University Seal, the overall form of the mace honors the Health Sciences Center's roots in medical education. The shaft 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.



Academic Traditions

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.