

*Spring*  
*Graduate Commencement*  
*Recognition*

**May 12, 2020**



On behalf of the Byrdine F. Lewis College of Nursing and Health Professions, let me be the first to congratulate you on earning an advanced degree. Your years of hard work, dedication and sacrifice have paid off, and we are happy to celebrate this important milestone with you. Your commitment to your chosen healthcare field in pursuing this degree allows you to make your unique impact on the nation's healthcare.

I'm sorry that we can't be together in person to recognize you individually for your accomplishments. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the University System of Georgia determined it was not safe to hold large scale events at this time, and Georgia State University must honor that decision. However, we plan to invite you back to campus to celebrate in the future once it is safe to do so.

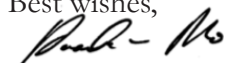
In the meantime, we celebrate your accomplishments with you, your family and friends via a special website and program. You are still graduating now, just without the pomp and circumstance. Your degrees are being conferred at your spring or summer graduation date. Diplomas are mailed to you approximately 6 to 8 weeks after the conferral, which follows the university's regular schedule for graduation.

Please take a moment to look through the website, review the program booklet and click through the social media link that recognizes the degree candidates. Send this website link to friends and family and share your accomplishments on the Lewis College's social media platforms as well as on your own.

You and your fellow graduates join the vast body of the Georgia State University alumni as well as the more than 12,000 Lewis College graduates at all degree levels in health informatics, nursing, nutrition, occupational therapy, physical therapy and respiratory therapy. We know you will be successful in your future.

As you leave this campus, both physically and virtually, take with you not only the knowledge you have gained but also your compassion, ingenuity, enthusiasm and resolve. Stay in touch with the Lewis College and share your professional accomplishments. Since a professional network is critical to your careers, also stay in touch with each other. Never give up your goal of helping patients stay well and providing competent and compassionate care to them during times of pain and illness.

Best wishes,



Huanbiao Mo, Ph.D.

Interim Dean and Professor

## Spring and Summer degree candidates\*

### *Doctor of Nursing Practice*

Dena Bass  
Lauren Bibin  
Karene Boone  
Merlyn Clarke  
Daniel Geller  
Cynthia Humenic  
Heather Jones  
Denise Josephs  
Susan Laird  
Allison Leppke  
Lisa Lowe  
Mimi Merriman  
Anita Rich  
Kelly Schnellinger

### *Doctor of Physical Therapy*

Alexandra Adams  
David Velez Arce  
Kara Carmichael  
David Chang  
Ellen Chong  
Elizabeth Dalal\*\*+  
Mackin D'Amico  
Emma Davis\*\*+  
Christina Dehnke  
Kristen Dillon  
Zachary Dunkle  
Elisha Fried  
Shelby Gutierrez  
Kelsey Harris  
Andrew Henney  
Olivia Hoey  
Hannah James\*\*+  
Nathan Kelley  
Caleb Kutsche  
Anna Langhorne

Hector Mallar  
Caroline Malone  
Ava Motakef  
Emily Nash  
Linh Nguyen+  
Madeleine O'Callaghan\*\*  
Kelsey Pelletier  
Charles Payne Powell  
Thomas Peyton Seabolt  
Samantha Shay  
Megan Sims  
Cara Smith  
Thomas Eric Summerford  
Luke Tidwell\*\*  
Margaret Tikhonovsky  
Benjamin Von Schuch  
David Walker\*\*+  
Grace White\*\*+  
Alison Wilson  
Abigail Woodard  
Ryan Wright

### *Master of Science – Nursing*

Nicole Acheampong\*\*\*  
Shawnta Bennett\*\*\*  
Brooke Brown  
Joy Cheuvront  
Hannah Christopher  
Julie Freeman  
Nia Griffin\*\*\*  
Lindsey Lavin  
Hayley Miller\*\*\*  
Cynthia Moore  
Julie Quach  
Precious Steeples-Davis  
Leslie Thomas  
Briyanna Whittaker  
Carol Wingfield

*\*Some students listed will have degrees conferred later in the year due to clinical requirements postponed by COVID-19 pandemic.*

*Master of Science in Health  
Sciences – Nutrition*

Dashia Antunes  
Ivanna Betancourt  
Chelsi Brown  
Laura Brown\*\*  
Casie Cuneio  
Jessica-Kim Danh\*\*  
Karla DeSantos  
Camira Hill  
Marisa Little  
Susanne MacKinnon  
Susana Morphis  
Lucas Tesina

*Master of Occupational Therapy*

Ryan Albright  
Rachel Baek  
Allycyn Boudreau  
Scott Buie  
Christina Carroll  
Mariam Chandler  
Tommi Cooley  
Samantha Cubbler  
Nathalie Cuestas  
Caroline Fickling  
Lindsey Giles  
Hollis Griffies  
Anna Hicks  
Caroline Homer  
Brittany Marquis  
Valerie Martinez de Ubago  
Tyrone McDuffie  
Kelsey McNeely  
Noopur Parekh  
Gabrielle Parks  
Jade Perry  
Amirah Pittman\*\*  
Olivia Portner  
Samantha Price\*\*  
Alexa Rager  
Rachel Rice  
Taylor Robinson\*\*  
Morgan Ryder

Douglas Sands  
Kyle Schufreider  
Summer Shelton  
Eileen Simpson  
Allison Smith  
Reeves Turner  
Katlyn Wahn  
Anna Wendt  
Zoe Williams\*\*  
Midori Zarzour

*Master of Science in Health  
Sciences – Respiratory Therapy*

Mousa Alabbad  
Wael Alanezi  
Saleh Hassan Aldeghrir  
Amani Aldarwish  
Ibraheem Alghumgham  
Mouaid Aljehani  
Tahrah Almatrood  
Ahmed Almutairi  
Ghadeer Alawaywi  
Hassan Althabet  
Malik Abdulmalik S Althobiani  
Nasser Alwadai  
Mohammed Alzahrani  
Erica Armstrong++  
Cherry Bryant  
Steven Ehrhardt  
Miranda McCoy  
Kimberly Nguyen\*\*++  
Sherwin Niles  
Chloe Odell  
Tamethia Perkins  
Amber Prickett  
Kimberly Temple

\*\* *Member of Alpha Eta Honor Society  
+ Member of Delta Phi Tau  
Honor Society*  
++ *Member of Lambda Beta  
Honor Society*  
\*\*\* *Member of Sigma Theta Tau  
Honor Society*

Dr. Huanbiao Mo, Interim Dean

Dr. Lynda Goodfellow, Senior Associate Dean for Academics

Dr. Regena Spratling  
Associate Dean and Chief Nursing Officer

Dr. Sujay Galen  
Department Chair, Physical Therapy

Dr. Doug Gardenhire  
Department Chair, Respiratory Therapy

Dr. Kinsuk Maitra  
Department Chair, Occupational Therapy

Dr. Anita Nucci  
Interim Department Chair, Nutrition

Dr. Cedric Truss  
Director, Health Informatics

## Academic Programs

### *Health Informatics*

Graduates of this interdisciplinary program between the Lewis College and the J. Mack Robinson College of Business serve as liaisons between IT professionals and clinical end-users of technology. Both an Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies in Health Informatics degree and a new Master of Science in Health Sciences with a concentration in Health Informatics are offered.

### *Health Sciences*

This interdisciplinary program prepares undergraduates applying to graduate programs in rehabilitation sciences, such as occupational therapy and physical therapy. Coursework tailored to the students' needs, guarantees they take the exact prerequisites necessary for the graduate program, saving the student time and money.

### *Nursing*

The School of Nursing offers nursing degree programs at the associates', bachelor's, master's and doctorate levels, and has educated more than 6,000 nurses since 1968. The graduate nursing program maintains a 97 percent pass rate average on the APRN examinations for the past five years.

### *Nutrition*

The Department of Nutrition strives to improve nutrition in the community by providing its graduates with a strong educational foundation and counts nearly 2,000 alumni from its bachelor's, master's and coordinated master's degree programs. The licensing examination pass rate for nutrition graduates is 100 percent for 2019.

### *Occupational Therapy*

The Department of Occupational Therapy offers the Master of Occupational Therapy and enrolled its first cohort of students in the program in January 2017. The licensing examination pass rate for the first cohort of OT graduates is 100 percent.

### *Physical Therapy*

The Department of Physical Therapy offers a clinical entry-level doctorate in physical therapy (DPT), and a dual DPT/PhD program, which prepares physical therapists for clinical excellence and the pursuit of scholarly activities that contribute to the body of scientific and clinical knowledge. The PT program holds exceptional national licensure exam first-time pass rates, and has graduated over 1,500 since 1968.

### *Respiratory Therapy*

Respiratory therapy professionals provide a wide scope of lifesaving and life-supporting care in cooperation with physicians evaluating, treating and caring for patients with breathing disorders from premature infants to the elderly. Georgia State's respiratory therapy program proudly possesses a 100 percent first-time pass rate on the National Certification Examination for more than seven years.



