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CLASS OF 2025

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BOUVÉ COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES
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COLLEGE DEAN

Carmen Castañeda Sceppa, MD, PhD, FGSA, Dean, Bouvé College of Health Sciences and Professor of Health Sciences

Dr. Sceppa received her medical degree from Francisco Marroquín University in Guatemala City, Guatemala, where she was born and raised. She received her PhD in Nutrition from The Gerald J. and Dorothy R. Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy at Tufts University in Boston, Massachusetts. Dr. Sceppa is a clinician, researcher, educator, mentor, and leader. Her research seeks to understand the role of lifestyle interventions on advancing health and quality of life among older adults. She examines the role of physical activity, exercise and nutrition as health promoting interventions for underserved and vulnerable populations, particularly Hispanics and African Americans older adults and the elderly. Dr. Sceppa's research has provided evidence-based information to transform the way we think about healthy lifestyle from personal choice to preventive medicine. Dr. Sceppa serves as senior faculty mentor for the Network of Minority Research Investigators at the National Institutes of Health, the GSA Board of Directors, and member of the American Society for Nutrition.

MASTER OF CEREMONIES

Jennifer Kirwin, PharmD, BCPS, FNAP, Senior Associate Dean of Academic Affairs and Clinical Professor

Jennifer Kirwin, PharmD, BCPS, FNAP is the senior associate dean of academic affairs in the Bouvé College of Health Sciences and clinical professor in the School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences. She is a graduate of Northeastern's Doctor of Pharmacy program. She completed post graduate residency training at the New England Medical Center now known as Tufts Medical Center and has a background in ambulatory care pharmacy practice.

Dr. Kirwin has teaching experience in several areas of pharmacy practice including therapeutics, drug information and transitions of care, and currently teaches the Pharmacy Based Immunizations Training program in the PharmD curriculum. On behalf of the School of Pharmacy and Bouvé College, she advocates for interprofessional education opportunities so our students can learn from, with, and about each other. In her Academic Affairs role, Dr. Kirwin oversees graduate and undergraduate curriculum and operations, cooperative education, student services, workforce development and the college's interprofessional Goldstein Simulation Lab. She is a member of several professional pharmacy organizations and in 2022 was recognized as a Distinguished Practitioner Fellow in the National Academies of Practice.

STUDENT SPEAKERS

Oreoluwapo Omotayo-Benson

Oreoluwapo Omotayo-Benson is a recent graduate of Northeastern University, where she earned her Bachelor of Science in Health Science on the pre-medical track in just three and a half years. As a proud Nigerian, she plans to attend medical school after a gap year, with career interests in surgery and psychiatry.

During her undergraduate studies, Oreoluwapo founded and served as President of the Nigerian Student Association, a role that allowed her to build community and elevate cultural representation on campus. She also served as a lead coordinator for the Healing project, a organization that helps marginalized pre-med students with grants, resources, and guidance. Beyond academics, she is a passionate traveler, photographer, and artist who also finds joy in cooking and creative expression.

Oreoluwapo is committed to using her experiences and talents to serve others and bring empathy, culture, and care into the medical field. Inspired by the support of her family and driven by a deep commitment to making a difference, she is now preparing for medical school and looks forward to continuing her journey in healthcare.

Madison Verdeja

Madison Grace Verdeja is a dual master's candidate at Northeastern University and Harvard University, pursuing graduate degrees in Psychology and Business. She earned her Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from Boston University, where she attended on a full scholarship and graduated with high honors.

Madison currently serves as the Chief Operating Officer at Solvigate Justice Services, a nonprofit dedicated to providing accessible legal support for marginalized communities. She also conducts behavioral health research at Harvard Medical School.

Deeply involved in the Harvard and Northeastern communities, Madison engages in student advocacy and leadership through the Harvard Club of Boston, the HBS Women's Student Association, HBS Latino Student Organization, the Latinx MBA Association, and the Student Belonging Advocacy Council.

A passionate advocate for belonging, empowerment, and mental health equity, Madison's journey as a Cuban-American graduate fuels her commitment to creating more inclusive and healing spaces for all.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Daniel Levangie

Daniel Levangie is a visionary leader in the life sciences industry whose career has been defined by a deep commitment to advancing medical innovation and improving patient outcomes. With decades of executive experience at the helm of pioneering healthcare companies, he has helped shape the future of medical technology and diagnostics.

Levangie's career spans over four decades of leadership at life sciences organizations. He is currently chairman, president, and CEO of CereVasc, LLC, a clinical-stage medical device company developing novel treatments for patients with neurological diseases. He also is co-founder and managing partner of ATON Partners, LLC, a private management advisory and investment firm focused on healthcare sector companies and technologies.

Prior to his current roles, he worked at Insulet, where he first served as lead independent director of Insulet Corporation and then as president of Insulet Drug Delivery Systems until 2017. From 2011 to 2013, he was chief executive officer at Dune Medical Devices, Inc. and co-founder and managing partner of Constitution Medical Investors, Inc., a private investment and product development firm acquired by Roche Diagnostics Corporation. Before that, he served as director and chairman of the global medical device company, ev3, Inc., from 2007 through its 2013 acquisition by Covidien.

It was in 1992 when he launched his career—at Cytyc Corporation, which manufactures and markets medical diagnostic applications. Over his 15-year tenure at Cytyc—where he held positions including executive vice president and chief operating officer, and CEO and president of Cytyc Health Corporation—he helped build the company into a preeminent leader in delivering innovative solutions to improve women's healthcare. Cytyc was acquired by Hologic, in 2007.

Beyond his corporate leadership, Levangie has been a strong advocate for higher education and scientific research, contributing to the growth of life sciences through mentorship, advisory roles, and strategic investment. He is a member of the Board of Directors of Exact Sciences Corporation. He also served as a member of the advisory board of Northeastern's Barnett Institute for Chemical & Biological Analysis.

Levangie earned a bachelor's degree in pharmacy from Northeastern in 1973.

ALUMNI SPEAKER

Gina Regonini, Director of Education Initiatives in Alumni Relations, Bouvé Class of 2007

Gina Regonini, MS '07 is thrilled to welcome the class of 2025 to the alumni community. A fellow Bouve alum, she is currently the Director of Educational Initiatives in Alumni Relations and has over 20 years of experience in higher education, ranging from student life to advancement. She has always held involvement with one's institution in high regard because of the numerous ways it supports personal, educational, and professional development; it has been especially rewarding to connect fellow Huskies back to Northeastern! She looks forward to seeing you in the years ahead!

A person wearing a black graduation cap and gown stands with their back to the camera, looking at a large, dark shadow of a husky dog cast onto a light-colored wall. The scene is dimly lit, with the light source coming from the right, creating long shadows on the floor.

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