

Northeastern
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CLASS OF 2025

GRADUATION CELEBRATION

BOUVÉ COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES
Physician Assistant and Physical Therapy

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We kindly ask those in attendance to silence their electronic devices.

BLACKMAN AUDITORIUM, NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY

TWO O'CLOCK

Processional

Welcome and Opening Remarks

Eric Folmar

Associate Clinical Professor, Physical Therapy Program

Dean's Address

Carmen Sceppa

Dean, Bouvé College of Health Sciences

Graduation Address

Glenna Regan

Assistant Clinical Professor, Physician Assistant Program

Heidi Cheerman

Associate Clinical Professor, Physical Therapy Program

Student Address

Thomas McNeely

Emilia Nirmala

Awards

Duke Faculty Development Residency Speaker

Graduation and Hooding

Alumni Speaker

Dean's Charge

Closing Remarks

Recessional

The audience is requested to remain seated during the recessional.

School of Clinical and Rehabilitation Sciences

Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies

Samantha Anderson
Sarah Brigham
Madison Britting
Emma Buonanno
William Buraczynski
Natalie Scott (Coleman)
Hannah Cormier
Brian Cross
Mackenzie Cyr
Anthony Eldridge
Grace Fahey
Madison Forde
Rachel Foster
Astrid Garcia
Nathan Gomer
Susan Hassan
Theresa Healy
Klaire Hua
William Hwang
Kerin Ingegneri
Briana Jackson
Matthew Juko
Susana Kalish
Lindsey King
Katherine Koligian
Kimberly Lehan

Jessica Liner
Lauren Lum
Danielle Martino
George Maxfield
Thomas McNeely
Nayonni Moreira
Sarah Nason
Averie Nawa
Amber Netto
Thayna Oliveira
Aram Poghosyan
Alison Ralls
Allyson Resch
Jamie Rinaldi
Flynn Robertson
Ellice Santangelo
Michael Schuler
Bailey Shevenell
Hannah Silva
Melody Snow
Paige Sonido
Diem-Mi Tra
Kira Valentine
Nika Valentine
Marilyn Vallejos

This program is for ceremonial purposes only and is not to be considered an official confirmation of degree information. It contains only those details available at the publication deadline.

School of Clinical and Rehabilitation Sciences

Doctor of Physical Therapy

Gabrielle Adams
Danah Al Hunaidi
Brooke Albert
Jensen Alvarado
Sofia Appel
Elizabeth Avery
Breanna Battles-Santos
Burapol Bhakdibumi
Zachary Blackwood
Emily Brown
Anh Bui
Mackenzie Burns
Rylie Cute
Robert Danielian
Ashley Ferry
Laurel Fournier
Evangelos Fradelakis
Juliana Francois
Nicole Freeman
Clare Gagliano
Dustin Grim
Melissa Haas
Alyssa Hatch
Robert Hellewell
Abigail Honson
Courtney Iftiger
Taemin Kang
Kevin Karott
Kalya Kolaritsch
Alexander Konert
Mary Grace Kopas
Erin Latwas
Pamela Law
Gabriella Machado
Matthew Martino
Hannah McGettigan
Rayna Medeiros
Elliot Muller

Jevin Nguyen
Emilia Nirmala
Brittany Norman
Farrell O'Shaughnessy
Marie Okubo
Disha Patel
Gabriela Pawelka
Kaitlin Pelletier
Kayla Peluso
Nicholas Phommochanh
Hailey Pindell
Allison Price
Venice Rasoulis
Patricia Rizzo
Ally Rogerson
Rebecca Russo
Sarah Sample
Brendan Sardella
Ian Segalla
Isabella Shean
Sabrina Silva
Skyler Steiblin
Ashley Stiles
Jack Stone
Elizabeth Tynan
Soviet Vang
Matthew Victoria
Kathryn Wallace
Diky Wangmo
Syndey Waslewski
Micaela Weinstock
Connor Whitehead
Kate Wilkie
Caroline Wilson
Zhengang Zu
Jenna Yong
Stephanie Zera

Colors and Hooding

This type of ceremony was started in European universities in the 11th or 12th century to celebrate graduating students as they began their career past schooling. Hoods were used mostly for practical purposes - to keep warm in the medieval libraries, which is where the ceremonies would take place. Universities then began giving different color hoods to different academic majors to distinguish the students from each major from one another.

US universities adopted doctoral hooding starting in the colonial era. Starting in 1755, Princeton University in New Jersey was the first to have their students wear certain academic dress daily to indicate their field of study. This was meant to mirror their European counterparts, but only lasted through the beginning of the nineteenth century. After that, colleges transitioned to only using academic dress for special occasions.

When looking at the regalia, there are multiple parts that each have significance. There are three stripes on the arms, which, as legend has it, are meant to represent the three pillars of doctoral scholarship: academic curiosity, academic honesty, and academic courage. The hood is four feet long, which is longer than the bachelor's regalia (three feet) and master's regalia (three and a half feet). The hood is lined on the inside with a color indicative of the university, and the outside is trimmed with colors specific to the subject the student studied. Each degree dons a different color to represent the values and tradition of their professions. The black and red lining represents Northeastern University and Physical therapy's color is teal, to be associated with healing and protecting.

PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT PROGRAM AWARDS

Academic Excellence Award

Hannah Cormier and Sarah Brigham

Altruism Award

Michael Schuler

Compassionate Care Award

Astrid Garcia

Department of Medical Sciences Chair Award

Kira Valentine and Nika Valentine

Outstanding Leadership Award

Melody Snow

Program Director Award

Tess Healy

Professional Excellence Award

Nathan Gomer

Suzanne B. and Mortimer S. Greenberg Scholarship Award

Matthew Juko

PHYSICAL THERAPY PROGRAM AWARDS

2025 American Council of Academic Physical Therapy Honor Society

Dustin Grim, Laurel Fournier, Gabriel Pawelka, Venice Rasoulis, Kate Wilke, Stephanie Zera

Bouvé College Endowed Graduate Scholarship Fund

Laurel Fournier

Charles L. Hallenborg Memorial Scholarship

Brooke Albert

Jane Clow Smalley Physical Therapy Scholarship

Laurel Fournier, Stephanie Zera

Laurel Scroll Graduate Student Society of Distinction

Laurel Fournier, Emilia Nirmala, Venice Rasoulis, Mathew Victoria

Northeastern Outstanding Professional Doctorate Student Award Nominee

Matthew Victoria

Outstanding Professional Doctorate Student Award in Community Impact

Emilia Nirmala

Physical Therapy Student Travel Fund

Taemin Kang

SoCRS Excellence in Interprofessional Research

Emilia Nirmala

PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT LEADERSHIP AND FACULTY

Carey Barry, *Chair, Department of Medical Sciences, Clinical Professor*

Michael Bessette, *Associate Chair, Department of Medical Sciences, Associate Clinical Professor*

Jon Clark, *Associate Director, Academic Operations*

Alexis Landry, *Director, Clinical Education, Assistant Clinical Professor*

Jason Parente, *Director, Physician Assistant Program, Clinical Professor*

Glenna Regan, *Director, Didactic Education, Assistant Clinical Professor*

Megan Sullivan, *Administrative Assistant*

Adam Broughton, *Assistant Clinical Professor*

Andrew Mackie, *Associate Clinical Professor*

Alexis Peracchi Liakos, *Assistant Clinical Professor*

Lauren Raine, *Assistant Professor*

PHYSICAL THERAPY LEADERSHIP AND FACULTY

Darla Castelli, *Chair, Department of Physical Therapy, Movement, and Rehabilitation Sciences (PTMRS), Professor*

Christopher Cesario, *Associate Director, Doctor of Physical Therapy Program, Clinical Professor*

Pamela Donlan, *Director, Student Affairs, Doctor of Physical Therapy Program, Clinical Associate Professor*

Eric Folmar, *Director, Program Innovation and Strategic Advancement, Clinical Associate Professor*

Lorna Hayward, *Director, Transitional DPT Program, Associate Professor*

Elaina Manolis, *Director of Clinical Education, Clinical Assistant Professor*

Moir Mannix Votel, *Director, Cooperative Education*

Alycia Markowski, *Director, PTMRS Curriculum, Clinical Professor*

Jessica Maxwell, *Director, Doctor of Physical Therapy Program, Clinical Professor*

Aimee Perron, *Director of Clinical Education, Assistant Clinical Professor*

Camille Powell, *Director of Clinical Education, Assistant Clinical Professor*

Luke Brisbin, *Assistant Clinical Professor*

Heidi Cheerman, *Associate Clinical Professor*

Steve Clark, *Assistant Clinical Professor*

PHYSICAL THERAPY LEADERSHIP AND FACULTY (CONTINUED)

Kristen Connolly, *Visiting Professor, Faculty Resident*

Marie Corkery, *Clinical Professor*

Kris Dorsey, *Associate Professor*

Ann Golub-Victor, *Clinical Professor*

Christopher Hasson, *Associate Professor*

Charles Hillman, *Professor*

Winston Kennedy, *Assistant Professor*

Sheri Kiami, *Clinical Professor*

Alex Lopes, *Clinical Professor*

Elaina Manolis, *Assistant Clinical Professor*

Aston McCullough, *Assistant Professor*

Jessica Marengo, *Assistant Clinical Professor*

Timothy Morris, *Assistant Professor*

Matthew Nippins, *Associate Clinical Professor*

David Nolan, *Associate Clinical Professor*

Lauren Raine, *Assistant Professor*

Max Shepherd, *Assistant Professor*

Dave Sherman, *Assistant Professor*

Robert Sikes, *Associate Professor*

Lori Solo, *Assistant Clinical Professor*

Joshua Stefanik, *Assistant Professor*

Maureen Watkins, *Clinical Professor*

Sheng-Che Yen, *Clinical Professor*

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.

FOREVER A HUSKY

LIKE **A HUSKY**