



Stony Brook
School of Nursing

2026 School of Nursing Convocation

Stony Brook Arena

May 20, 2026

66th Stony Brook University Commencement

Kenneth P. LaValle Stadium

May 22, 2026

School of Nursing Administration and Faculty Leaders

Administration

Dr. Patricia Bruckenthal, Dean and Professor

Dr. Brenda Janotha, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Strategic Partnerships

Dr. Ann-Margaret Navarra, Associate Dean for Research and Innovation

Ms. Sherilyn Towne, Assistant Dean for Administration and Finance

Department Chair, Graduate Department

Dr. Maria Milazzo, Chair, Department of Graduate Studies in Advanced Practice Nursing

Program Directors, Graduate Programs

Ms. Tracy Cavanaugh and Dr. Lenore Lamanna, Adult-Gerontology Nurse Practitioner

Dr. Janette Corallo, Neonatal Nurse Practitioner

Dr. Melissa Creighton, Nurse Midwifery

Dr. Kathleen Culver and Dr. Lisa LaPoma, Pediatric Nurse Practitioners

Dr. Beatriz Makhouljian, Family Nurse Practitioner

Dr. Krystal Plummer, Psychiatric/Mental Health Nurse Practitioner

Department Chair, Department of Doctoral Studies

Dr. Ann-Margaret Navarra, Chair, Department of Doctor of Philosophy in Nursing Studies

Program Directors, Doctoral Programs

Dr. Colleen Walsh-Irwin, Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP)

Dr. Sylvia Wood, Doctor of Philosophy in Nursing (PhD)

Department Chair, Nursing Education and Leadership

Dr. Paula Timoney, Chair, Department of Graduate Studies in Nursing Education and Leadership

Program Directors, Nursing Education and Leadership

Dr. Paula Timoney, Nursing Leadership

Dr. Anna-Marie Wellins, Nursing Education

Department Chair, Undergraduate Department

Dr. Janet Galiczewski, Chair, Department of Undergraduate Studies

Program Directors, Undergraduate Programs

Dr. Kenneth Faulkner, Accelerated Baccalaureate and Basic Baccalaureate Programs

Dr. Kathleen Gambino, Registered Nurse Baccalaureate Program

Order of Ceremony, School of Nursing Convocation

Processional (*audience will please rise until all graduates are seated*)

Greeting and Introduction of Platform Party

Dr. Brenda Janotha, Associate Dean, Academic Affairs and Strategic Partnerships

Welcoming Remarks

Dr. William A. Wertheim, Executive Vice President, Stony Brook Medicine

Dean's Address to the Class of 2026

Dr. Patricia Bruckenthal, Dean, School of Nursing

Keynote Address

Ms. Carolyn Santora, Chief Nursing Officer and Chief Regulatory Officer, Stony Brook Univ. Hospital

Student Speakers, Class of 2026, and Faculty Awards

Lauren Friedrich, Undergraduate Student Representative

Audrey Steinbrecher, Graduate Student Representative

Renee Moos, DNP Student Representative

Presentation and Hooding of Candidates for the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Nursing

Dr. Sylvia Wood, Program Director, Doctor of Philosophy in Nursing Program

Presentation and Hooding of 2026 Candidates for the Degree of Doctor of Nursing Practice

Dr. Colleen Walsh-Irwin, Program Director, Doctor of Nursing Practice Program

Presentation of 2026 Candidates for Post-Master's Advanced Certificate, Degree of Master of Science, Degree of Bachelor of Science

Dr. Brenda Janotha, Associate Dean, Academic Affairs and Strategic Partnerships

Presentation of Diplomas

Dr. Patricia Bruckenthal, Dean, School of Nursing

Ms. Carolyn Santora, Chief Nursing Officer and Chief Regulatory Officer, Stony Brook Univ. Hospital

SON Alumni President's Remarks

Dr. Barbara Mills, President, School of Nursing Alumni Association

Closing Remarks

Dr. Brenda Janotha, Associate Dean, Academic Affairs and Strategic Partnerships

Recessional (*audience remains seated until platform party, faculty, and candidates have left the area*)

We invite you to attend the main university commencement at Kenneth P. LaValle Stadium on Friday, May 22, at 11:00 am.

2026 Degree Candidates

Candidates for the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Nursing (PhD)

Lisamarie LaPoma

Candidates for the Degree of Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP)

Diahn Bowers

Leunz Cadely

Maria Diaz

Dian Dyer

Tishana Griffith

Tamica John

Renee Moos

Maureen Stefanidis

Candidates for the Degree of Master of Science (MS)

Nisaa Abdullah

Monica Aiza Abrenica

Laurie Aguirre

Aneesah Ali

Valentina Allicino

Kathryn Antonawich

Thomas Arata

Tzipora Backman

Cassandra Baldino

Paulina Barbero

Arianna Barclay

Daisy Barrera

Alyssa Belmonte

Brittany Benedetto

Antoinette Bernardo

Jasmin Bingham

Patrick Bowler

Sara Bowles

Caryn Boyd

Ashley Brodsky

Caitlin Brown

Cailey Bucci

Caitlin Buckley

Christine Buryiak

Alexandria Caccamo

Bernadette Cafiero

Theresa Campbell

Tawanna Canterbury- Welch

Emily Carboine

Victoria Cardaci

Kristy Carlin

Tara Carter

Anthony Catalanotti

Adaugo Chimezie

Roy Choi

Adiba Choudhury

Shannon Christiano

Colleen Clifford

Kyle Coleman

Julia Collins

Emily Collins

Eileen Contaldi

Christina Cox

Nicholas Cox

Katelyn Cozzolino

Juliette Creary

Amanda Dalby

Alli Darling

Rachael Dausner

Elizabeth Davis

Danielle DeGregorio

Bolanle Dijj

Jack Dorney

Marina Doumanis

Isabella Droblas

Arianna Dumas

Andres Duque

Brianna Dwyer

Angelica Dziekan

Alyssa Earl

Tara Edouard

Catherine Elefonte

Attiya Ellis-Seenath
Taylor Fallacaro
Juliana Ferrara
Keila Figueroa
Taylor Flohr
Erica Flores
Nicole Francisco
D'Hanna Frater
Maria Frendo
Valeria Fuentes
Kristen Gallagher
Alexandra Garry
Kristine Gaynor
Adara Gemellaro
Diana George
Amanda Giannuzzi
Adrienne Giuliani
Paul Giunta
Karen Goldfarb
Krystal Gooding
Melissa Greubel
Caroline Grill
Danielle Grimm
Jordan Gryl
Gabriella Grzegorski
Mabel Guan
Alissa Guerra
Kayla Halper
Jesse Hassett
Christina Hatzfeld
Judit Heller
Shoba Hill
Martina Hojsak
Angela Hosein
Olivia Howard
Mavis Huang
Darlene Huertas
Lindsay Hyde
Sarah Hynes
Sheree Ifill
Jillian Isolano
Anu John
Jennifer Jones
Alexandra Kanapes
Neslihan Kasap

Nicole Kelly
Shannon Kenny
Ashley Lagrange
Michalina Lapinska
Gabrini Leblanc
Debra Lederman
Caitlyn Leff
Christelle Legros
Catherine Lembo
Christina Lewis
Whitney Lindblade
Keri Lintz
Alexis List
Alexandra Livernoche
Michelle Loaiza
Laura Lodico
Maria Lopez
Nicholas Lopez
Anna Marie Lopez
Anthony Lucito
Kristin Lynch
Tara Maloney
Julia Manca
Jennifer Margulies
Melissa Marsch
Lainie Martin
Victoria-Rose Martinez
Atara Marzouk
Ashley Masone
Martine Mathieu
Michael Mayer
Erica McCullough
Ashley McNally
Ashley McNulty
Rachel Mercorella
Amanda Messina
Elaine Minew
Maria Mitrea
Diana Monaco
Ciara Mooney
Yesenia Morales
Linalee Moreira
Kerilyn Morgan
Dawn Muhlenforth
Katrina Najac

Iris Nakama
Mallory Nargi
Julia Nevitt
Eileen Ng
Grace Nielsen
Catherine Nnoham
Jacqueline O'Flaherty
Ana Olivero
Melissa O'Reilly
Karina Orozco
Anyia Owens
Jennifer Owusu
Gargi Padki
Paige Paltan
Emily Paolantonio
Timothy Park
Adriana Paz
Gabriella Perciavalle
Mariana Peredo
Bethany Louise Perez
Gabrielle Perone
Molly Perrotta
Linda Pierre-Celestin
Geraldine Pimentel
Priscilla Portes
Kayla Post
Toni Prato
Sharon Provisiero
Amanda Purificato
Bryanna Qello
Christina Quinn
Diana Quintero Valencia
Sencia Rabel-Murray
Christina Raccasi
Magaly Racioppo
Stephanie Ratzke
Christine Raymond
Kayla Rein
Jenae Reis
Johana Rellesiva
Rosemarie Reyes
Anna Ritter
Chelsea Rizzo
Melissa Roa
Kyle Robb

Lindsay Roblyer
Hailey Rosenbaum
Maschil Rouse-Alexander
Domenick Russo
Samantha Russo
Shannon Rutherford
Jacqueline Rutigliano
Luciann sackett
Magdalena Sadowska
Brian Saltzer
Clara Scavelli
Kelly Schmahl
Melissa Schnepf
Carissa Sciallo
Jennifer Scimone
Katie Scura
Amanda Serini
Sangeeta Shah
Yasmeen Shakur
Margaret Sheehan
Jessica Simpkins
Endi Singer
Kathryn Sinicropi
Kaitlin Smiroldo
Brigett Anne Smith
Dakota Smith
Thomas Spatarella
Annmarie Stallone
Audrey Steinbrecher
Sharon Stevens
Garrett Stromfeld
Robert Sullivan
Jennifer Susskraut
AnnMarie Tanzi
Natacha Tavaréz Sanchez
Nicole Tcherniavski
Mary Thayer
Krista Tortora
Vickie Tsaklanos
Jake Urraro
Molly Vandusen
Leslie Velasquez
Alyssa Vilda
Jennifer Villalobos
Petronela Visan

Kellianne Weber
Samantha Weissman
Shannon Williams
Cecilia Winthrop
Christy Ye
Steven Zarro

**Candidates for Post-Master's
Advanced Certificate**

Nana Acheampong
Jillian Barovick
Robert Boyce
Shericca Brown
Brianne DeCarlo
Bintu Dumbuya
Jean-Necker Gassan
Victoria Gorom
Padmini Hardeen
Laura Hofrichter
Christian Leal
Meaghan Ledetsch
Randi Lehmann
Rhoda Leone
Shalonda Lester
Jessica Mandel
Jamie Miller
Oliver Pulido
Nicole Raimondi
Lindsay Scariati
Maureen Schick
Shania Shuster
Manpreet Singh
Sarah Updegraff
Christina Vitale
Daria Volpe

**Candidates for the Degree of
Bachelor of Science (BS)**

Sidney Alvarado
Ashley Alvarez
Julianna Amato
Mariaisabel Amaya Amador
Alice Anacacy

Kimberly Anderson
Andrea Andrade
Bryan Argueta Machado
Evelynne Baldino
Noah Barahona
Jacqueline Barragan Tinajero
Joseph Bilynsky
Amy Blanco
Randall Block
Grace Blydenburgh
Nethaneel Bravo
Ericka Cabanas
Yumi Cai
Chester Cajumban
Mike Casazza
Melanie Castaneda
David Castelli
Catherine Cely-Bejarano
Devin Chen
Stephanie Chen
Wendy Chen
Anthony Chin
Emily Chow
Michelle Chung
Claire Clarke
Kaleed Cole
Claire Compitello
Margaret Cotignola
Thomas Cox
Anthony Cummings
Ryan Curry
Nelly Cyrin
Amanda DeArmitt
Grace Dedora
Robert Desmond
Megan Dibeendetto
Claire Doherty
Michelle D'Souza
Laila Espaldon
Mia Famiglietti
Madalyn Florczak
Emily Foley
Kerry Fong
Jaaquan Forrest
Victoria Fraczek

Gabriella Friedman
Lauren Friedrich
Jonathan Fuller
Kevin Garcia
Nicole Garlin
Nora Gatanas
Teresa Gatti
Diana Gavrilas
Alina Gavrilova
Kaitlin Gengler
Stephanie Gervasio
Joseph Gilbert
Diana Golden
Andrea Gravier
Ethan Greenfield
Dino Hadzibajramovic
Ava Hartung
Elizabeth Harvey
Emily Haselton
Simran Hassan
Kevin Herlihy
Michelle Hofman
Alison Hwang
Bella Ibrahim
Prithila Islam
Jorge Jazmines
Grace Jin
Lukas Jockers
Julia Kaczmarek
Emre Kahveci
Jasmeen Kaur
Loveen Kaur
Alyssa Kiernan
Sarah Klecher
Elizabeth Kornahrens
Olivia Kropp
Avary Kwai
Julia Kwiatkowski
Tenzin Lama
Theresa Lamia
Christine Lang
Alexandria LaSala
Katie Lasorsa
Christopher Laterza
Brenna Latour-Darch

David Lee
Hailey Lee
Shuwen Li
Annie Lin
Mingwai Lin
Selina Lin
Lupwei Lu
Yun Ying Lu
Katherine Lucente
Jenny Macalino
Layla Maghakian
Joshua Mancini
Macshme Mars
Shea Mcavoy
Jack McGlinchey
Kylie Mistretta
Crystal Molina Cueva
Katherine Monge
Krista Montebello
Sophia Morales
Marissa Moran
Roderick Morfa Hernandez
Abigail Moss
Jessica Naula
Kim-Chi Ngo
Christopher Nguyen
Coral Nizen-Jacobellis
Falilat Noble
Gulnoza Norboeva
Kassandra Ortiz
Delaney Ortiz
Song Yi Park
Nikit Patel
Irania Perez
Haresh Persaud
Isabella Pistone
Olivia Platania
Kayla Quinn
Quinn Rasul
Gianna Red Arrow
Samantha Restucci
Samantha Reyes
Iris Romero
Alexandra Ruehle
Jaquelin Sanabria

Jacqueline Scanapico
Paula Scarola
Brandon Scheich
Natalie Schlesinger
James Schreck
Alexandra Schurek
Rahme Shahed
Tenzin Sherpa
Sinead Singleton
Tyler Sinning
Victor Siu
Max Sloane
Brian Smith
Katya Solis Quintanilla
Lisbeth Sosa Rodriguez
Mia Suarez
Nancy Sun
Julia Syska
Heather Tepper
Luke Toscano
Taya Touday
Anna Tse
Richard Tylar
Breeanna Tyrell
Peter Velez
Kaitlyn Viray
Madison Vogel
Joseph Vollers
Jessica Wendelken
Amanda Wolff
Yea Jin Woo
Steven Yang
Xiao Ying Yang
Trinnity Ye
Allie Yeung
Juyeon Yoo
Yisen Zeng
Victoria Zerbo
Sharon Zhang
Jamie Zheng
Jessica Zheng
Amanda Zhou
Anna Zhou
Kailing Zhu
Daniel Zopf

16th Annual Scholarship and Award Recipients

Stony Brook Alumni Association Dean's Choice Award

Delaney Ortiz, Valeria Fuentes

Ora James Bouey Scholarship

Lauren Friedrich

Yvonne Corinne Headley-Harmon Memorial Award

Yun Ying Lu, Rafia Tasnim

Barbara Mills Scholarship in Nursing

Breanna Guider

Hilda R. Maier Endowed Scholarship

David Castelli

Julia O. Wells Memorial Education Foundation Award

Stephanie Chen, Laurie Aguirre

School of Nursing Alumni Board Scholarship

Sylvia Chung

Diane Ducey Hitchings-Tiernan '72 RN Baccalaureate Endowed Scholarship

Rebecca Marcus

Frances Bisignano Scholarship

Tenzin Sherpa

Hugh J.B. Cassidy III Memorial Award

Hailey Lee, Thomas Cox

Jean M. Bellia Award

Alice Anacacy

Matt Silverstone Memorial Award

Elizabeth Kornahrens

Kim Mehmood Scholarship

Amber Neria, Molly Perrotta

Sigma Award in Recognition for Doretta Dick

Ericka Cabañas, Jennifer Patel

Jim Stelling Family Endowed Scholarship in Nursing

Brianna Masselink

Margaret Hoffman Scholarship in Nursing

Sarah Duke-Sloan

Keane T. Kyle Memorial Award

Sylvia Chung, Eric Goyzueta, Quinn Rasul, Victor Siu, Steven Yang, Damian Zhang

Phyllis Zuckerwise Sterne & Family NICU Nurse Practitioner Scholarship

Ana Olivero, Bethany Perez

Ellen Weisenberg Endowed Nursing Scholarship

Sophia Dorazio

Gene E. Mundie Endowed Scholarship for Doctoral Study

Jennifer Patel

School of Nursing Alumni Board Scholarship - DNP

Thomas, Musto, Anna Weis

Kappa Gamma Chapter, Sigma Theta Tau International Nursing Scholarship

Dennys Torres

Davis Family Nursing PhD Endowed Scholarship

Erin Zazzera

Marie Frey Memorial Award

Rhoda Leone

George E. Xippolitos Memorial Award for Doctoral Education in Nursing Research

Matthew Esposito

Mary G. Bourguignon Memorial Scholarship

Anna Ritter

Family Nurse Practitioner Academic Excellence Award

Alexandra Livernoche

Neonatal Nurse Practitioner Academic Excellence Award

Audrey Steinbrecher

Adult Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Academic Excellence Award

Laura Hofrichter

Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Academic Excellence Award

Kristin Lynch

Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Academic Excellence Award

Robert Boyce

Pediatric Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Academic Excellence Award

Nicole Kelly

Pediatric Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Academic Excellence Award

Alexandra Kanapes

Nursing Leadership Academic Excellence Award

Anna Marie Lopez

Nursing Midwifery Academic Excellence Award

Ashley McNally

Nursing Education Academic Excellence Award

Shannon Christiano

Doctor of Nursing Practice Academic Excellence Award

Maria Diaz

Doctor of Philosophy Academic Excellence Award

Sheeba David

Thank you to our Student Veterans for your service to our country.

Thomas Cox, Petty Officer Third Class (E-4), United States Navy

Jaaquan Forrest, Senior Airmen (E-4), United States Air Force

Hailey Lee, Sergeant (E-5), United States Army

Jenny Macalino, Staff Sergeant (E-6), United States Army

Clara Scavelli, Sergeant (E-5), United States Marine Corps

Brian Saltzer, United States Army

Luke Toscano, Captain (O-3), United States Air Force

Peter Velez, United States Army

Juyeon Yoo, Sergeant (E-5), United States Army

Congratulations, Class of 2026!

Passionately embrace nursing with your heart and soul.
Convert challenges into opportunities to facilitate change and make a
difference in the world, one patient at a time.

The School of Nursing Alumni Board applauds your achievement!



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