



Stony Brook *School of Nursing*

School of Nursing
Convocation
Island Federal Credit Union Arena
May 21, 2025



SIXTY FIFTH UNIVERSITY COMMENCEMENT
KENNETH P. LAVALLE STADIUM
STONY BROOK UNIVERSITY
MAY 23, 2025

STONY BROOK UNIVERSITY
SCHOOL OF NURSING CONVOCATION CEREMONY
MAY 21, 2025

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

Dr. Lenore Lamanna, Adult-Gerontology Nurse Practitioner
Dr. Allyson Kornahrens, Family Nurse Practitioner
Dr. Melissa Creighton, Nurse Midwifery
Dr. Paula Timoney, Neonatal Nurse Practitioner
Dr. Marybeth Heyden, Pediatric Nurse Practitioner
Dr. Maria Milazzo, Interim 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. Kathleen Shurpin, 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 & Leadership

Program Directors – Nursing Education and Leadership

Dr. Anna-Marie Wellins, Nursing Education
Dr. Paula Timoney, Nursing Leadership

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

SCHOOL OF NURSING CONVOCATION

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

Greeting.....	Dr. Brenda Janotha Associate Dean, Academic Affairs and Strategic Partnerships
Introduction of Platform Party.....	Dr. Brenda Janthoa 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 2025.....	Dr. Patricia Bruckenthal Dean, School of Nursing
Keynote Address.....	Dr. Kenya Beard Dean and Chief Nursing Officer School of Nursing, Mercy College
Student Speakers, Class of 2025 and Faculty Awards.....	Thomas Loverdi, Undergraduate Student Representative Sonya Ponton, Graduate Student Representative Matthew Killian, DNP Student Representative
Presentation and Hooding of 2025 Candidates for Degree of Doctor of Nursing Practice.....	Dr. Kathleen Shurpin Professor and Director, DNP Program Dr. Marijean Buhse Doctoral Mentor
Presentation of 2025 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 Dr. Carolyn Santora Chief Nursing Officer and Chief Regulatory Officer, Stony Brook University Hospital
SON Alumni President Remarks.....	Dr. Barbara Mills President, School of Nursing Alumni Association
Closing Remarks.....	Dr. Brenda Janotha Associate Dean, Academic Affairs and Strategic Partnerships

Candidate names announced by: Professor Lani Blanco, Dr. Kenneth Faulkner, Dr. Lenore Lamanna and Dr. Maria Milazzo

Recessional (*Audience will please remain seated until the platform party, faculty and candidates have left the area.*)

We invite you to attend Main Commencement at Kenneth P. LaValle Stadium, Friday, May 23 at 10:00 a.m.

**CANDIDATES FOR DEGREE
DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE PROGRAM
2025**

Eva Asamoah

Shannon Benesh

Jeanine Carnival

Sanjib Dey

Laureen Diot

Melissa Johnson

Matthew Killian

Beatriz Makhoulia

Tami Robitsek

Brian Schrage II

**The Class of 2025
is comprised of students who have fulfilled the
requirements for the Doctor of Nursing Practice Program.**

CANDIDATES FOR DEGREE MASTER OF SCIENCE 2025

Michelle Adetola	Talya Cedeño
Premna Alexander	Nancy Chen
Paige Marie Allison	Yunxia Chen
Yoori An	Mingxing Chi
Tara Anello	Elizabeth Coccaro
Marium Arache	Ben Cohen
Astajia Joanne Auguste	Toni-Anne D'amico
Emily Baird	Danielle D'amico-Dekenipp
Ebony Baker	Joel Daniel
Natasha Balashova	Alex Dasilva
Toni Barbarino	Tova Davatgar
Erin Beatty	Amilcar David
Jessica Becerra	Jillian Davidman
Melissa Benbanaste	Elliot Debrosse
Annalisa Benz	Benedetta Delia
Nicole Bluethgen	Caroline Delyra
Huba Brown	Taylor Denninger
Serena Buckholz	Dominique Desilus
Raychel Buda	Marlou Desir
Katelyn Burns	Katherine Diamandis
Jacqueline Calero	Chellzea Edgar
Amanda Cannizzaro	Matthew Esposito
Olivia Carroll	Jacob Esses
Ashley Casella	Alyssa Fabrizi

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CANDIDATES FOR DEGREE MASTER OF SCIENCE 2025

Jessica Falcon

Alexis Fall

Alessandra Fazzolari

Leah Feierman

Jenna Feraco

Cara Finkle

Nicole Forman

Dana Frascino

Ann Gallagher

Danielle Gamba

Tommi-Ann Gangi

Paulina Gauger

Amrit Ghara

Jeanette Gibbs

Christine Gilbert

Jennifer Gillespie

Laurie Glasgow

Nina Goldrich

Angela Gong

Mackenzie Haff

Dorota Hajduk

Angelina Hall

Karlie Herrera

Arianna Hill

Shina Hom

Hamed Hossainian

Ma Hsieh

Christine Hughes

Vicente Imperial

Sarah Ingrao

Nicole Jensen

Rachel Johnson

Jennifer Kadlubowski

Victoria Kelliher

Ananta Khellawan

Julie Kim

Lauren Kollar

Barbara Leyva

Meghan Lides

Dominika Ligeza

Andy Lin

Alissa LoBianco

Lauren Logozo

Dana Lorme

Jacqueline Luerksen

Danielle Lutrario

Thomas Maher

Patricia Mahoney

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CANDIDATES FOR DEGREE MASTER OF SCIENCE 2025

Geetanjali Malik	Tuyet Nguyen
Keriann Mason	Megan Nikin
Victoria Matedero	Anastasia Ninos
Geeta Mazzara	Alexandra Novelli
Jodi-Kaye McGhie	Linda On
Briana Mendoza	Cameron Onorato
Kimberly Meserole	Marisha Orenstein
Ava Meyer	Stephanie Pantelidis
Jolene Millo	Miriam Parnes
Julie Milner	Amanda Pendergast
Angela Milone	Jill Phelan
Gina Misuraca	Nicole Piasecki
Sonja Mohammed-Abdool	Sonya Ponton
Aryel Momplaisir	Nina Prakope
Kristen Monteiro	Denah Prince
Carmelina Mottola	Simone Reid
Alexandra Muro	Kelly Reis
Stefanee Murphy	Nicole Rice
Kristen Murphy	Elin Rina
Monicah Mwangi	Brianna Riordan
Rena Nanan	Dalimar Rodriguez
Dana Neeman	Juan Rodriguez
Chreslene Nestor	Taylor Ross
Darren Ngan	Melissa Scala

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CANDIDATES FOR DEGREE MASTER OF SCIENCE 2025

Carlee Schnellenbach

Amanda Schule

Caitlin Schwagerl

Kelly Serra

Ellen Siciliano

Lisette Singh

Michelle Skidmore

Tara Smith

Cori Solomon

Angela Sposato

Courtney Stanley

Emily Stella

Amanda Teeple

Neetha Thomas

Kyle Thompson

Isabella Trolle

Fabienne Turenne

Chinenye Ugonabo

Caitlin Vega

Jordan Vidal

Liana Viola

Alicia Vivona

Samantha Walsh

Chaoling Wang

Alean Watson

Patrice Westenberger

Rachel White

Elizabeth Wildes

Lucas Willenbrock

Shaniek Winborne

Amanda Winters

Brian Wood

Wen Yin

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**CANDIDATES FOR DEGREE
ADVANCED GRADUATE CERTIFICATE PROGRAM
2025**

Joseph Brennan
Renee Chase
Allyson Crisci
Rosita Defino
Kara Donato
Janika Emmanuel
Leslie Hertling
Jessica Kenney-Biggin
James Mahoney
Teresa Manning-Carter
Ariana Pazmino
Christian Routh
Joanna Rusk
Jessica Zito

**The Class of 2025
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requirements for the Advanced Graduate Certificate Program.**

CANDIDATES FOR DEGREE BACHELOR OF SCIENCE 2025

Omar Aguilar
Ray Alarcon
Elizabeth Albers
Musa
Almiggabber
Ruth Amador Sierra
Jin Woo An
Neurchelange Antoine
Emily Araco
Liliana Ayer
Lilliam Baez
Jessie Bakanic
Brittney Bautista
Ivan Begonja
Antonio Bello
Stefania Belloisi
Dhiya Binu
Veronica Bolton
Harrison Bower
Jenna Brett
Elizabeth Burkard
Suzanne Burton
Brittney Canada
Karina Canales
Gabrielle Castaneda
Nicholas Robert
Christensen
Cheryl Covington
Emily Czarnecki
Kathryn D'Alessandri
Abigail DeLaCruz
Dorian Deleon
Jonathan Delman
Justin D Deng
Mackenzie Der
Yahui Ding
Timothy Doner

Amy Dong
Marly Edouarzin
Munachi Egbuziem
Erin Fechtig
Brooke Ferrara
Bryanna Foster
Desaree Fraser
Hunter Frederick
Melanie
Friedman
Christina Gao
Christopher Garcia I
Juan Garcia Lopez
Zachary Gennaro
Fallon Gilbert
Amanda Gildersleeve
Michelle Ging
Erin Goldrick
Jose Campos
Jessica Gravier
Kayla
Grunenberg
Nataly Guerrero
Christina Guiffre
Miriam Hafisov
Julianne Hilcken
Kerrin Himberger
Aliyah Hosein
Julia Hunt
Sana Jamal
Edwina Joseph
Isabella Justino
Nicole
Kaczmarek
Matthew Kalinsky
Jeeyoon Kang
Regina Khezri

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CANDIDATES FOR DEGREE BACHELOR OF SCIENCE 2025

Michelle Kim
Catherine Kirshak-
Trypaluk
Linda Kornreich
Keith Krupa
Simon Kwok
Dukenya
Labranche
Alexa Lacher
Matthew Larkin
Jerry Li
Nina Li
Sijia Li
Kevin Liang
Ruyi Liang
William Lin
Alice Liu
Vicky Lou
Thomas Loverdi
Fuxia Ma
Michelle Mahoney
Avina Mai
Chris Maldonado
Dominique Marchand
Kristofer Martin
Raul Martinez
Tuan Mather
Gina Mauro
Kira Maxwell-Williamson
Courtney
Medrano
Irene Mei
Caitlin Meier
Josephina Miller
Kate Modica
Ryan Murphy
Selena Muzac

Claudia Najmula
Alana Neria
Lisa Nnadi
Taylor O'connor
Chinedu Okorom
Sidne Okray
Ashley Olagbemi
Melissa Olman
Elizabeth Orlovetska
Ellen Oster
Caitlin Paider
Elizabeth Pak
Joie Pang
Alexia
Papagiannis
Nathalia Pappas
Hanna Park
Ji Yeon Park
Mansi Patel
Rhea Persaud
Alexandria Peters
Dylan Poulos
Julia Pugliese
Susan Qayumi
Bonnie Qi
Jillian Radesca
Amy Ramon
Elaina Rasco
Kevin Reifert
Hannah Reyes
James Rivard
Krystal Robinson
Jordan
Romanacce
Krista Romano
Emma Rose
Rochelle Rose

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CANDIDATES FOR DEGREE BACHELOR OF SCIENCE 2025

Kristi Rubino-Rosales
Lise Saint- Jean
Claudia Saint-Gerard
Kyle Samuel
Danielle Santana
Samantha Santiago
Ramirez
Ma Rodezsa Santillan
Kamala Sapkota
Sophia Savvides
Megan Schaal
Delilah Selya-Hammer
Rawan Shafi
Jaclyn Sherrill
Angeline Sikorski
Ali Simonetti
Emma Smith
Gabriel Sotek
Jacqueline Stapelkamp
Shannon Sullivan
Lan Sun
Johanne Sypien
Temidayo Taiwo
Sara Tarquino
Katarina Trapanotto
Moneca Tremans
Linzee Turner
Melanie Vail
Rachel Vasquez
Dellree Williams
Christopher
Wone
Destiny Woolward
Tammy Yang
Katlyn Ye
Velika Zaitseva
Eric Zambuto

Kenneth Zantilaveevan
Aleksandar Zdravkovic
Matthew Zender
Helen Zhang
Ashley Zheng
Sandy Zhu
Jacqueline Zorn

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**STONY BROOK UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF
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Fifteenth Annual Scholarship/Award Recipients

OVERALL ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AWARD

**Stony Brook Alumni Association Dean's Choice
Award - Undergraduate | Thomas Loverdi**

Ora James Bouey Scholarship | Courtney Medrano

**Yvonne Corinne Headley-Harmon Memorial Award |
Alana Neria & Nathalia Pappas**

Hilda R. Maier Endowed Scholarship | Rhea Persaud

**Julia O. Wells Memorial Education Foundation
Award | Sandy Zhu & Dhiya Binu**

**School of Nursing Alumni Board Scholarship -
Undergraduate | Melanie Hafisov**

**Diane Ducey Hitchings-Tiernan '72 RN Baccalaureate
Endowed Scholarship | Mariaisabel Amaya Amador**

Frances Bisignano Scholarship | Julia Syska

**Hugh J.B. Cassidy III Memorial Award | Ryan Murphy
& Yahui Ding**

Jean M. Bellia Award | Claire Clarke

Matt Silverstone Memorial Award | Zachary Gennaro

Kim Mehmood Scholarship | Marly Edouarzin

**Jim Stelling Family Endowed Scholarship in Nursing
| Claire Clarke**

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Margaret Hoffman Scholarship in Nursing | Matthew Zender

**Kappa Gamma Chapter, Sigma Theta Tau
International Nursing Scholarship | Taylor O'Connor**

**Keane T. Kyle Memorial Award |
Matthew Kalinsky, Christopher Garcia, Thomas
Loverdi, Raul Martinez, Jordan Romanacce, & Kyle
Samuel**

**School of Nursing Preceptor Recognition -
Undergraduate | Dr. Stacy Heuschneider**

**Barbara Mills Scholarship in Nursing | Ruth Amador
Sierra**

**American Nurses Association Future Nurse Leader
Award | Dhiya Binu**

**Phyllis Zuckerwise Sterne & Family NICU Nurse
Practitioner Scholarship | Ana Olivero & Christine
Gilbert**

**Ellen Weisenberg Endowed Nursing Scholarship |
Christine Buryiak**

**Stony Brook Alumni Association Dean's Choice
Award - Graduate | Teresa Manning-Carter**

**Gene E. Mundie Endowed Scholarship for Doctoral
Study | Beatriz Makhoul**

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**School of Nursing Alumni Board Scholarship -
Graduate | Bintu Dumbuya**

**Mary G. Bourguignon Memorial Scholarship |
Monicah Mwangi**

Marie Frey Memorial Award | Tzipora Bacman

**Dr. Jacqueline Rose-Hott Memorial Award | Christian
Routh**

**George E. Xippolitos Memorial Award for Doctoral
Education in Nursing Research | Melissa Johnson**

**Sigma Award in Recognition for Doretta Dick | Leda
Kushner & Margaret Wichrowski**

Academic Excellence Awards

Family Nurse Practitioner | Nicole Forman

Neonatal Nurse Practitioner | Christine Gilbert

**Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner |
Angela Gong**

**Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner |
Samantha Walsh**

**Pediatric Primary Care Nurse Practitioner | Ann
Gallagher**

**Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner |
Thomas Maher**

**Pediatric Acute Care Nurse Practitioner | Alyssa
Fabrizi**

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Nursing Leadership | Ashley Casella

Nurse Midwifery | Cara Finkle

Nursing Education | Serena Buckholz

Doctor of Nursing Practice | Beatriz Makhoul

Doctor of Philosophy | Jennifer Patel

**New York State Office of Mental Health Scholarship
Tishana Griffith, Megan Veirun, Trina Bascom,
Leunz Cadely, Hina Dar, Tamica John, Matthew
Killian & Lisa Francois**

**School of Nursing Preceptor Recognition - Graduate
Dr. David Sanchez & Dr. Ramon Ferrand**

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

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF OUR 2025 SCHOLARSHIP AND AWARD
RECIPIENTS!**

Congratulations Class of 2025

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.

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applauds your achievement!



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