



SETON HALL UNIVERSITY

**COLLEGE OF HUMAN
DEVELOPMENT,
CULTURE, AND MEDIA**

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GRADUATE COMMENCEMENT
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College of Human Development, Culture, and Media

Welcome to the 2026 Graduate Commencement Ceremony of the College of Human Development, Culture, and Media! Though we are the University's newest College, having launched in August 2023, we are home to academic and co-curricular programs that first launched more than a century ago. As you graduate today, therefore, you are taking your place in a community of proud alumni/ae stretching back decades, even generations — alumni/ae who used their Seton Hall degree to serve as educators; scholars; school, corporate, law enforcement, and governmental leaders; mental health professionals; artists and performers; broadcasters and journalists; designers; and communication and media industry professionals. These graduates of the late 20th and early 21st Centuries now join me in welcoming you as a fellow alum — congratulations!

This Commencement Ceremony celebrates our entire CHDCM community, along with your own academic accomplishments. Far from an ending, then, this Ceremony marks a new beginning — it inaugurates the next stage of your intellectual and personal journey. We know that the real power of an education is measured in the change it makes possible, whether in an individual's life... in a family...in a community...or in a nation. As recipients of a graduate-level degree from our College, your hard work — and the guidance of our dedicated faculty — positions you, professionally and personally, to successfully engage the challenges of our moment, and to lead the way toward a brighter, more just and equitable future for us all.

I look forward to welcoming you back to campus in the months and years to come, and to learning about how you have applied your Seton Hall education for the betterment of yourself and those around you. I am proud to call you an alum of the College, and wish you every success and happiness in the years to come!

Congratulations and Hazard Zet Forward!

Bryan Crable, Ph.D.
Founding Dean

Program

CALL TO ORDER	Ryan P. Hudes, Ph.D. <i>Senior Associate Dean</i>
THE NATIONAL ANTHEM	Singer: Douglas Vail Accompanist: Diana Malenkova
INVOCATION	Reverend Nicholas Sertich, S.T.L. <i>Director, Campus Ministry</i>
INTRODUCTION	Bryan Crable, Ph.D. <i>Founding Dean</i>
WELCOME	John Buschman, D.L.S. <i>Associate Provost</i>
REGALIA	Diana Minakakis, M.A. <i>Assistant Dean</i>
STUDENT REFLECTIONS	Yesenia R. Natera, Ed.S. <i>Professional Psychology and Family Therapy</i> Robert Cohen, Ph.D. <i>Education Leadership, Management and Policy</i>
CONFERRAL OF DEGREES	Bonnie Evans, M.H.A. <i>Member, Board of Regents</i>
CLOSING REMARKS	Bryan Crable, Ph.D. <i>Founding Dean</i>
ALMA MATER	Singer: Douglas Vail Accompanist: Diana Malenkova

**PRESENTATION OF
DOCTORAL DEGREE CANDIDATES**

Education Leadership, Management and Policy

Rong Chen, Ph.D., *Acting Department Chair*

Professional Psychology and Family Therapy

Frank Cicero, Ph.D., *Acting Department Chair*

**PRESENTATION OF
EDUCATIONAL SPECIALIST
AND MASTER'S DEGREE CANDIDATES**

Communication, Media, and the Arts

Catherine Zizik, M.A./M.F.A., *Department Chair*

Education Leadership, Management and Policy

Rong Chen, Ph.D., *Acting Department Chair*

Educational Studies

Debra Zinicola, Ed.D., *Department Chair*

Professional Psychology and Family Therapy

Frank Cicero, Ph.D., *Acting Department Chair*

Degree Candidates

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION LEADERSHIP, MANAGEMENT AND POLICY

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Robert I. Cohen
Lucy A. Pesce
Marsha Philemon
Kendra Julina Sherman

Christopher Joseph Shemanski
St Rachel Elora Ustanny
Alexandria Tiffany Ward
Gabriele Cafone Zengewald

DOCTOR OF EDUCATION

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Cecil Marese Boone
Demetrius C. Dacres
Kathleen Anne Derillo
Marie Chezuette Dort
Grace Ghazzawi
Yolanda Gomez
Yolanda Victoria Jackson
Kelly Anne Koval
Traci Koval
Joseph Michael Kyle
Tracy McPhatter

Genesi Miles
Carmen Theresa Morales
Holly R. Richardson
Kyle Preston Roddey
Dianna Marie Sopala
Kevin Jude Stahl
Alicia Claribel Subervi
Jessica Lynn Varevice
Francisco Velez Jr.
Paul Wambugu
Craig Woodward

DEPARTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL PSYCHOLOGY AND FAMILY THERAPY

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Sara Aigen
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Chloe J. Blau
Elizabeth Erin Falconer
Mallory Marie McCorkle

Jesse C. Merise
Simone Samantha Robinson-Parker
Khadija Salim
Devin Scott Simpkins

Degree Candidates

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATION, MEDIA, AND THE ARTS

MASTER OF ARTS

Brendan Francis Balsamo
Samurah As'sante Curry
Brooke Elizabeth Figueiredo
Brendan Lucas Kendra

Kaylee Elizabeth Long
Sophia Garbielle Patti
Kendall Paige Williams

MASTER OF SCIENCE

Brandon Apicella
Amanda Arostegui
Michael John Bellifemini
Steven Eugene Bifano
Amanda Angelee Chodnicki
Kebba Jeffang
Aisling Jones-Wollerton

Elizabeth McCaffery
Niko Louis Morisi
Meredith Grace Mutter
Jonathan Rivera
Mercer Skannal Santos
Brandon T. Simms
Amari Ruthann Wright

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATIONAL STUDIES

MASTER OF ARTS

Breanna Lynn Batelli
Alyssa Marie Cahill
Denise Cole
Lindsey Nicole Courtney

Emma Ryan Hughes
Sarah Elizabeth Leitao
Jerryl Morgan Pulis

MASTER OF ARTS IN EDUCATION

Tatiana Araz
Laurel Kathleen Erickson
Melanie Ann Gallo

Mary Hochgesang
Andrew John Martinez
Elena Neoh

Degree Candidates

DEPARTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL PSYCHOLOGY AND FAMILY THERAPY

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Lauren Broadwell	Danielle Maurath
Tori Buckman	Yesenia Rubí Natera
Anthony John Calamari	Brianna Rose Pagano
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Malikah Croom	Elizabeth Quintela
Jared Michael Currie	Amber Ramirez Zuniga
Lily Elizabeth Davies	Amelia McCarthy Rodgers
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Michelle Fogel Jimenez	Harshita Swaminathan
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MASTER OF ARTS

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Christopher Przygodzki
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Angie Saoni Rivera
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Fiara Anatole Sealy
Savannah Marie Smith
Devon Regina Sollicito
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Jayleah Ashley Thorpe
Marta A. Valadares
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Ashley Elizabeth Veronsky
Jacob Wasiak
Ayasha Williams
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Jymere C. Chambers
Maxine Janetta Cleghorn
Danielle Sari Cordisco
Christina DeLeon

Emily J. Figueroa-Rios
Brittany R. Gordon
Ekaterina S. Nainani
Christopher William Volk
Christine Louise Vuolo

MASTER OF ARTS

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Jevon Marquis Drake
Andrew Fernandez
Eugene Gurevich
Roger Huitzil

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Annette Alexis Perez
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MASTER OF ARTS IN EDUCATION

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Robin Pulliam

Kelly Schuster
Heather Marie Shaw
Sara Allegra Snedeker
Manya Thompson-Philip
Patricia Velez

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Alma Mater

Music by Nicola A. Montani
Revised: Walter Cohnssen, 1978
New choral and brass arrangement:
John Nowik, 2000

Lyrics by Charles A. Byrne (*37)

1. To Al - ma Ma - ter all be - loy - al, keep her
2. (When on) life's hard stones you - stum - ble pray to

name in pu - rest Light, ne - ver wa - ver from her
God to be your guide. Think of Se - ton Hall your

pre - cepts guard her ban - ner blue - and - white.
mo - ther then forge on in stead - y - stride.

Oh, sing her praise to high - est skies and be ye faith - ful

in her eyes for she will fos - ter all your dreams her name is - Se - ton

Hall, her name is - Se - ton Hall. 1. 2. When on Hall.

