



SETON HALL UNIVERSITY

COLLEGE OF NURSING *Conferral of Graduate Degrees and Doctoral Hooding Ceremony*

MAY 14, 2026

2 P.M.

CATHEDRAL BASILICA OF THE SACRED HEART
NEWARK, NEW JERSEY

Graduate Program

PROCESSION	John Loiacono and Drew Mullins, <i>Bagpipers</i>
MASTER OF CEREMONY	Gabriele Zengewald, Ph.D. <i>Assistant Dean for Graduate Student Affairs, Enrollment, and Compliance</i>
POSTING OF COLORS	Seton Hall University R.O.T.C.
NATIONAL ANTHEM	Laura Rondinella, <i>Vocalist</i> John Miller, M.M., FAGO, <i>Organist,</i> <i>Director of Music Ministries, Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart</i>
INVOCATION	Reverend Colin Adrian Kay, M.Div. <i>Vice President for Mission and Ministry</i>
INTRODUCTION OF DAIS PARTY	Gabriele Zengewald, Ph.D.
INTRODUCTION OF KEYNOTE AND OF STUDENT SPEAKERS	Mary Ellen Roberts, DNP, RN, APNC, FNAP, FAANP, FAAN <i>Chair, Graduate Nursing Department and Director, Doctor of Nursing Practice Program</i>
KEYNOTE REMARKS	Brian Schneider Ph.D., RN, NE-BC <i>Director, Nursing Inpatient & Interventional Cardiovascular Services at New York-Presbyterian</i>
MUSICAL INTERLUDE	John Miller, M.M., FAGO
PH.D. STUDENT REMARKS	Carl Kirton
D.N.P. STUDENT REMARKS	Abby Beutel
M.S.N. STUDENT REMARKS	Zachary Shery
HOODING CEREMONY FOR THE PH.D. CANDIDATES	Munira Wells, Ph.D., RN, PMHNP-BC <i>Director Ph.D. in Nursing Program</i>
HOODING CEREMONY FOR THE DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE CANDIDATES	Mary Ellen Roberts, DNP, RN, APNC, FNAP, FAANP, FAAN

*All guests are asked to be respectful to our graduates during the ceremony
by staying silent and seated and holding applause until indicated.*

**PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES
FOR THE MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING
AND THE POST-MASTERS CERTIFICATES**

Mary Ellen Roberts, DNP, RN,
APNC, FNAP, FAANP, FAAN

Dorothy Carolina, Ph.D., MSN, RN
*Director for the Nursing Administration and Executive Nurse
Leadership Program and Clinical Assistant Professor*

Moira Kendra, DNP, ACNP,
*Director, Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Program
Clinical Assistant Professor, Graduate Department*

Joyce L. Maglione, Ph.D., ANP-BC, FNAP
*Director, Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Program
Associate Professor, Graduate Department*

Diane McClure, DNP, CPNP, APHN-BC, CNL, CCAP, CCR.N, CEIM
*Director, Pediatric Nurse Practitioner Program
Clinical Associate Professor, Graduate Department*

Kathryn Tarpey Balsamo, MSN, PMHNP, PNP
*Director, Psych-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Program
Clinical Assistant Professor, Graduate Department*

CONFERRAL OF DEGREEErik Lillquist, J.D.
Interim Provost and Executive Vice President

CONGRATULATORY REMARKSKristi Stinson, Ph.D., RN, APN
*Interim Dean and Associate Professor,
College of Nursing*

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS.....Mary Ellen Roberts, DNP, RN,
APNC, FNAP, FAANP, FAAN

NURSING ALUMNI ASSOCIATION REMARKS Kaitlyn Reper, RN, BSN
President, College of Nursing Alumni Association

CLOSING REMARKS Mary Ellen Roberts, DNP, RN,
APNC, FNAP, FAANP, FAAN

BENEDICTIONReverend Colin Adrian Kay, M.Div.

ALMA MATERLaura Rondinella
John Miller, M.M., FAGO

RECESSIONAL..... John Miller, M.M., FAGO
John Loiacono and Drew Mullins

Degree Candidates

PH.D. IN NURSING

Carl Kirton

The Moderating Role of Psychological Power Distance on the Relationship Between Moral Disengagement and Submissiveness to Authority in Senior Healthcare Executives

Karen Voorhees

Incivility in Nursing: The Experience of Registered Nurses in the Emergency Department

DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE

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Abby Beutel

The Implementation of a Nurse Driven Morbidity and Mortality Review in an Emergency Department Setting

Dawn Starbinski

Implementation of a Nursing Education Program on the Use of Suboxone (Buprenorphine/Naloxone) for Pain Management in Opioid-Experienced Patients

Pamela Thomas

The Unnecessary Use of Antibiotics in the Elderly population and Primary care/Elderly antibiotic overuse.

Diahann Voley

Improving Appropriate Nephrology Referrals Using Epic Screening Tools and NP Education

FALL 2025

Gary M. Gutierrez

Quality Improvement (QI) Project Aimed at Reducing 30-day Hospital Readmissions for Patients with Congestive Heart Failure (CHF) through Checklist Implementation

Shaden Mustafa

The Impact of High-Fidelity Simulation on Graduate Nursing Students' Knowledge and Confidence in Septic Shock Management

Master of Science in Nursing

ADULT-GERONTOLOGY ACUTE CARE NURSE PRACTITIONER

Eric Bucco
Ivan Mosses Garcia
Jessica Rosalbo
Brienne Whalen

John Andrew Cypress
Kimberly Knorr
Kendra Pierre

Raquel Dominguez
Jessica Lukacs
Bruno Rodrigues

POST-MASTER'S CERTIFICATE

Nicole Mazzella

ADULT-GERONTOLOGY PRIMARY CARE NURSE PRACTITIONER

Cynthia Anane
Jennifer Dugan
Mariah Marcickiewicz

Lauren McGuire
Nicole Panagakos
Jinu Paulose

Haley Sapko
Nikki Vaughan-Dworsky

PEDIATRIC PRIMARY CARE NURSE PRACTITIONER

Kristin Bauroth
Antonieta Ferrou

PSYCHIATRIC MENTAL-HEALTH NURSE PRACTITIONER

Aylin Acikgoz
Tania Castro
Julianne Eike
Emely Felipe
Dylan Ferraro

Keisha Hudson
Feba Mathew
Lennox Nedd
Sarah Perry
Sarah Reardon

Zachary Shery
Leah Smith
Michael Todaro
Marco Villegas

PMHNP POST MASTER'S CERTIFICATE

Elena Fishman

NURSING ADMINISTRATION AND EXECUTIVE NURSE LEADERSHIP

Samuel Brisk
Sara Middlebrook

Graduate Awards

PH.D. DISSERTATION AWARD

Carl Kirton

D.N.P. SCHOLARLY PROJECT AWARD

Gary Guterrez

ADULT-GERONTOLOGY ACUTE CARE NURSE PRACTITIONER AWARD

Kimberly Knorr

ADULT-GERONTOLOGY PRIMARY CARE NURSE PRACTITIONER AWARD

Nikki Vaughan-Dworsky

PEDIATRIC PRIMARY CARE NURSE PRACTITIONER AWARD

Antonietta Ferrou

PSYCHIATRIC MENTAL HEALTH NURSE PRACTITIONER AWARD

Aylin Acikgoz

NURSE EXECUTIVE AWARD

Samuel Brisk

PERSEVERANCE AND DETERMINATION AWARD

Kristen Bauroth

Ivan Mosses Garcia

CATHERINE DENNING MEDAL

Kendra Pierre

SARA M. ERRICKSON MEDAL

Karen Voorhees

*Participation in the ceremony does not constitute a confirmation of degree eligibility.
The Office of the Registrar determines eligibility for participation in commencement.*

Alma Mater

Music by Nicola A. Montani

Revised: Walter Cohrsens, 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.

About the College of Nursing

Seton Hall University College of Nursing
offered the first baccalaureate nursing program
in New Jersey in 1937.

The graduate program was established in 1975,
the Ph.D. Program in 2006 and the
Doctor of Nursing Practice program in 2009.

The College of Nursing's mission is to educate
baccalaureate prepared generalists and
advanced practitioners of nursing who aspire to
be innovators and leaders in the nursing profession.

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