

AdventHealth University

Commencement

First Baptist Orlando
Monday, April 24, 2023
10:00 am EDT

Our Vision

AdventHealth University is a leader in healthcare education, transforming the science and practice of whole-person care and developing influential professionals of uncommon compassion.

Our Mission

AdventHealth University is a Seventh-day Adventist institution, specializing in healthcare education in a faith-affirming environment. Service-oriented and guided by the values of nurture, excellence, spirituality, and stewardship, the University seeks to develop leaders who will practice healthcare as a ministry.

Our Motto

Developing skilled professionals who *live* the healing values of Christ



“Each and every one of us comes into the world as a child of God, brimming with unlimited potential to fulfill a unique purpose in this world. A faith-filled education helps us unlock our God-given potential and find our purpose. Education instills in us the capacity to reflect the love and care of our Creator in all we do.”

Edwin I. Hernández, PhD
President

President's Address to Graduates

Today is a day of endings and beginnings, all cause for celebration. As you mark your graduation from AdventHealth University, you deserve to celebrate three important milestones.

1. The successful completion of your studies. You are here today, in cap and gown, because you made the decision to advance your education, to acquire valuable skills, to work hard, and to persevere. You are graduates. You are skilled health care professionals who live the healing values of Christ.
2. The transition from student to member of the AHU alumni community. With more than 11,000 AHU graduates working in health care, you are now part of an elite team of professionals working to extend the healing ministry of Christ. As you move forward, you carry the spirit and values of AHU with you. Stay connected to us and to each other. Your time as part of the AHU community does not end at graduation; it transitions. Your alumni relationships will be valuable throughout your career.
3. The beginning of your career as a healer, one of the highest callings on earth. You carry with you a legacy of excellence and leadership from AHU, a high bar for both competence and compassion. From this day forward, you will be in a position to contribute to the care and healing of your fellow humans...the greatest cause for celebration I can imagine.

I pray that God will bless each and every one of you with His healing grace: your hands, your heads, and your hearts. May you do both great and good things in His name.

Edwin I. Hernández, PhD
President

Commencement

Processional: President's Party	Wind Octet in E Flat major, op. 103 – IV. Presto <i>Ludwig Van Beethoven</i>
Processional: Faculty	Canzona 'La Foresta' <i>Giovanni Cavaccio</i>
Processional: Students	Pomp and Circumstance March No. 1 <i>Sir Edward Elgar</i>
Scripture	Matthew 25:14-18, NLT <i>Lydia Noffs, Department of Imaging Sciences</i>
Invocation	Alexander Byram <i>Department of Physician Assistant</i>
Welcome	Dr. Edwin Hernández <i>President</i>
Honorary Degree	Dr. Barry Black <i>Presented by Orlando Jay Perez, Vice-President, Mission and Ministry, AdventHealth Presented by Dr. Edwin Hernández, President</i>
Commencement Address	"Becoming All God Desires You to Be" <i>Dr. Barry Black, United States Senate Chaplain</i>
Class Response	Elijah Walters <i>Department of Health and Biomedical Sciences</i>
Presentation of Degree Candidates	Dr. Deena Slockett <i>Interim Provost</i>
Musical Selection	"My World Needs You" <i>Kirk Franklin AHU Vocal Ensemble, Andrew Michel, keyboard; Russ Butler, drums; Jeremy Pastor, violin; Justine Niere, percussion; and Jeff Kite, Julianne Rosado, Axel Mendez; guitar</i>
Conferring of Degrees	Dr. Edwin Hernández <i>President</i>
President's Charge	Dr. Edwin Hernández <i>President</i>
Alumni Message	Marquita Williams <i>Director, Organizational Development & Effectiveness, AdventHealth CFD, and Chair, AHU Alumni Advisory Board</i>
Excellence in Compassionate Leadership Award	Dr. Edwin Hernández, President <i>Presented by Dr. Lamata Mitchell, Chief Learning Officer & VP, AdventHealth</i>
"The Song of AHU"	Words and Music by Dr. Len Archer <i>Vocalists: AHU Vocal Ensemble</i>
Benediction	Chantel Allen <i>Department of Nursing</i>
Recessional	Double Violin Concerto 1st Movement <i>Johann Sebastian Bach</i>
Postlude	Symphony for Organ No. 5 in F Minor, op. 42, no. 1: V. Toccata <i>Charles-Marie Widor</i>

The Song of AHU

Dedicated to the Faculty, Staff, Students, and Alumni of AdventHealth University

Words and Music by Dr. Len Archer, 2012

Allegretto ♩ = c. 108)

Melody

The musical score is written in 4/4 time and consists of eight staves of music. The melody is in the treble clef. The lyrics are written below the notes. The score includes a key signature change to one sharp (F#) at the end of the piece. The lyrics are: "We are hands that touch in - hea - ling We are the feet that lead the way; We are ser - vants of all who need us; We are called to light the way; Nur - ture, Ex - cel - lence, Spi - ri - tu - a - li - ty and Ste - ward - ship! Four words with - in our hearts as we share in love and ser - vice. We stand to - ge - ther giv - ing our all to serve hu - ma - ni - ty; U - ni - ted to - wards our ut - most goal at A - H - U! U - ni - ted we are in heart and soul to our be - lov - ed A - H - U!"

We are hands that touch in - hea - ling We are the feet that lead the way;

We are ser - vants of all who need us; We are called to light the way;

Nur - ture, Ex - cel - lence, Spi - ri - tu - a - li - ty and Ste - ward - ship!

Four words with - in our hearts as we share in love and ser - vice. We

stand to - ge - ther giv - ing our all to serve hu - ma - ni - ty; U - ni - ted to - wards our

ut - most goal at A - H - U! U - ni - ted we are in heart and soul

to our be - lov - ed A - H - U!

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Commencement Speaker and Honorary Doctor of Laws Recipient

Rear Adm. Upper (Ret.)
Barry Clayton Black,
PhD, D.Min., DD, LHD, DPS

Barry C. Black serves as the 62nd chaplain of the U.S. Senate, the first Black and the first Seventh-day Adventist to hold that elected office. The Office of the Chaplain is nonpartisan, nonpolitical, and nonsectarian. Each day since 2003, Chaplain Black opens the Senate in prayer. He also provides counseling and spiritual care for Senators and their families and staff - a combined constituency of over 7,000 people. He meets with Senators about spiritual and ethical issues, assists with theological research, and facilitates reflection in small groups for Senators and staff. In his role, Chaplain Black also counsels couples, officiates at lifecycle events, leads seasonal observances and prayer gatherings, and cultivates relationships with local clergy and humanitarian leaders.

“I see my role as the chaplain to be a confidential counselor, spiritual advisor, scripture teacher, intercessor, and friend to the Senators, their spouses, and the Senate staff as they seek to discover and live God’s wonderful plan,” Chaplain Black explains.

Prior to serving on Capitol Hill, Chaplain Black served in the U.S. Navy for more than 27 years. He was commissioned as a Navy Chaplain in 1976, serving in Virginia, Pennsylvania, Japan, California, Rhode Island, and Florida. He earned the Navy Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medals, Meritorious Service Medals, and Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medals. Chaplain Black earned Master’s degrees in Divinity, in Counseling, and in Management. He earned his Doctoral degree in Ministry as well as his Doctoral degree in Psychology. He holds an honorary Doctorate of Divinity from La Sierra University.

In 1995, Chaplain Black received the NAACP Renowned Service Award for his contribution to advancing equal opportunity and civil rights. In addition, he is a recipient of the 2019 Canterbury Medal for defense of religious liberty and the 2002 Benjamin Elijah Mays Distinguished Leadership Award from Morehouse School of Religion. He is the author of six books, including an autobiography titled “From the Hood to the Hill,” and “The Blessing of Adversity” which focuses on finding one’s God-given purpose and is gifted to each 2023 Graduate.

Chaplain Black is married to the former Brenda Pearsall of St. Petersburg, Fla. They have three sons: Barry Black II, Brendan Black, and Bradford Black.

Today, the Board of Trustees at AdventHealth University is pleased to present Dr. Barry Black as candidate to receive a Doctor of Laws (LLD), honoris causa in recognition of his distinguished leadership and profound contribution to scholarship, religion, and society at large as a public servant.



Excellence in Compassionate Leadership Award Recipient

Edwin I. Hernández, PhD

A passionate leader, scholar, and advocate for faith-based education, Dr. Edwin I. Hernández is the second president of AdventHealth University, named in 2017 after serving as Provost for two years.

During his tenure at AHU, Dr. Hernández led a phase of strategic growth for the university, renewing several key accreditations including the Adventist Accrediting Association and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges, guiding the AdventHealth/AHU integration of finance and marketing, elevating fund development, expanding degree programs, codifying the role of research in faculty rank and promotion, and expanding the role of AHU in AdventHealth's mission. In

2022, AdventHealth University was designated a Hispanic Serving Institution.

Prior to serving AdventHealth University, Dr. Hernández led philanthropic urban initiatives and research studies, particularly regarding Hispanic communities in need. He was the founding director of the Center for the Study of Latino Religion at the University of Notre Dame and served as Vice President of Academic Affairs at Antillean University in Puerto Rico and Program Officer for The Pew Charitable Trusts. Dr. Hernández's legacy of scholarship and financial support lives on through the Hispanic Theological Initiative, where his work with the Pew Hispanic Scholarship Study and his grant proposal helped launch decades of funding to help Latinx students achieve their dreams of earning doctoral degrees in theological and religious education.

Dr. Hernández earned Doctoral and Master's degrees in Sociology from the University of Notre Dame, his Master's of Divinity degree from Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary (Andrews University), and his Bachelor's degree in Theology from Loma Linda University. Author of five books and numerous papers, Dr. Hernández is a longtime ordained minister in the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Dr. Hernández lives in Orlando with his wife Maggie Hernández and has two sons, Edwin Hernández and Michael Hernández and grandson Mateo Hernández.

Today, AdventHealth University bestows the Excellence in Compassionate Leadership award to Dr. Hernández for his spiritual, academic, and philanthropic contributions to humanity, minorities, health care, and education.

AdventHealth University Certificate and Degree Candidates

Candidates for the Undergraduate Certificates

Certificate in Advanced Imaging Modalities

Fall 2022

Brianna Gabrielle Gaillardetz
Magnetic Resonance Imaging

Jenna Teresa Pearson
Magnetic Resonance Imaging

Marissa Ariell Heath
Computed Tomography

Leeston Blaine Simmons
Computed Tomography

Luis E. Minoso, Jr.
Computed Tomography

Brittany Lynn Walker
Computed Tomography

Spring 2023

Michael David Clubb
Magnetic Resonance Imaging

Garett William Ward
Computed Tomography

Jade Le'Anne Pendry
Magnetic Resonance Imaging

Candidates for Associate Degrees

Associate of Science in Diagnostic Medical Sonography

Spring 2023

Jessica Leigh Allen*
Cum Laude

Melinda Watson Indek*
Magna Cum Laude

Cassandra Tatyana Burgo

Korine Nicole Jensen

Daisy Castanon
Cum Laude

Samantha Ann Kao*
Cum Laude

Corday Mai Davis
Cum Laude

Rachael Kerwin

Angelica Sofia Del Orbe Gonzalez
Cum Laude

Lacy Michelle King
Cum Laude

Laury Mica Demorcy

Jena Marie Korinek*
Magna Cum Laude

Alyssa Lynn Evans

Isabella Grace Moore
Magna Cum Laude

Ashley Elizabeth Fazekas
Cum Laude

Claudia Cicilia Morejon

Isabell Jasmine Granados
Cum Laude

Lydia Marie Noffs

Stephanie Jo Harmon*
Magna Cum Laude

Tianna Marie Ortiz
Cum Laude

Alyssa Marie Hatton
Cum Laude

Taylor Annette Peterson
Cum Laude

Rajiv Rampersad*
Cum Laude

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Associate of Science in Health Sciences

Spring 2023

Anthony N. Francis

Anthony Luis Perez
Magna Cum Laude

Summer 2023

Thomas James Kuchenreuther

Associate of Science in Occupational Therapy Assistant

Summer 2023

Ashley Marie Browne
Cum Laude

Adainaliz M. Rodriguez Colon
Summa Cum Laude

Brianna N. Heckman
Summa Cum Laude

Noelle Suzette Stoner
Summa Cum Laude

Luke A. Hofacker

Natalie R. Striano
Magna Cum Laude

Madison Haley McLean
Cum Laude

Jessica Elizabeth Varghese

Lane Bobbye Moore
Summa Cum Laude

Associate of Science in Radiography

Spring 2023

Jessica Lindsey Hicks Augst
Cum Laude

Matthew Steven McDaniel
Cum Laude

Tate Jackson Boutilier

Andrea Autumn-Cielo Morin*
Summa Cum Laude

Kathy E. Clark
Magna Cum Laude

Sheila Fernandes Montrond
Magna Cum Laude
JCERT Excellence Award

Rachel De Leon
Magna Cum Laude

Kenny Paniagua

Delaney Rose Devlin*
Magna Cum Laude

Robert King Peacock
Magna Cum Laude

John Edwin Duran
Cum Laude

Lauren Delane Rainey
Cum Laude

Margaret Jean Engdahl
Cum Laude

Jessica Ann Reese Sweat
Cum Laude

Natali Xochitl Gonzalez

Daylene Dalet Roldan
Cum Laude

Azuzara Caridad Gonzalez Navarro*
Cum Laude

Kimberly Torres

Madeline Sara Gould*
Cum Laude

Illyssa Victoria Vivo
Cum Laude

Gavin Grant Howell
Cum Laude

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Candidates for Baccalaureate Degrees

Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Sciences

Fall 2022

Theresa Marie Alfano
Cum Laude

McKenzie Krats
Summa Cum Laude

Spring 2023

Jonathan Alexander Caskey Rothe

Elijah Idris Thompson

Yolnie Saint Fleur
Summa Cum Laude

Summer 2023

Nureliz Adorno
Magna Cum Laude

Alysa Muller

Jada Nicole Davis

Kaila Anne Purvis

Daphne Bettie Mariama Kamara
Magna Cum Laude

Odessa Lea Schatzschneider

Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences

Fall 2022

Miles Sebastian McGowan
Magna Cum Laude

Rafael Okamoto Cardili

Spring 2023

Shelby Paige Dowda
Cum Laude

Kaiya Michelle Lane
Magna Cum Laude

Adriana Margarita Gaviria
Cum Laude

Eric Anthony Ruiz
Magna Cum Laude

Kristi Rae Grainger
Cum Laude

Sarah Celeste Watson
Cum Laude

Akilah Shaniah Joseph
Magna Cum Laude

Summer 2023

Kaylin Dabin Ferencsik

Clarian Leanna Van Holten

Joshua Michael Kuchenreuther

Jessica Elizabeth Varghese

Ashea Nicole McKinnon

Steve Kevin Pacheco
Cum Laude

Bachelor of Science in Healthcare Administration

Spring 2023

Kathy Paul
Cum Laude

Summer 2023

Raven Ciera Brown

Sydney Rachelle Mathis
Cum Laude

Ruthe Dera

Stefany Mercedes Sierra

Kevin Haz

Jenice Tatiana Zuniga

Eunice Nihtzel Huesca

Bachelor of Science in Imaging Sciences

Fall 2022

Michael David Clubb
Interdisciplinary Track
Magna Cum Laude

DeAntrice Patrice McClung
Imaging Leadership Track

Jessy Kannamplave
Imaging Leadership Track

Lonni Pacione
Diagnostic Medical Sonography Track

Jacob Knost
Interdisciplinary Track

Daniel Ray Thomas
Interdisciplinary Track
Summa Cum Laude

Bachelor of Science in Imaging Sciences

Spring 2023

Jenessa Marie Crisalli
Imaging Leadership Track

LaTanya Lewis
Imaging Leadership Track

Veronica Chantal Delgado
Interdisciplinary Track
Magna Cum Laude

Annette Valentin
Imaging Leadership Track
Cum Laude

Brianne Elizabeth Gross
Imaging Leadership Track
Cum Laude

Joy Frances Williamson
Diagnostic Medical Sonography Track

Mandy Leigh Hice
Vascular Interventional Track

Summer 2023

Lindsey M. Gobern
Vascular Interventional Track

Sally Crysel Law
Imaging Leadership Track
Cum Laude

Ricky Brett Honya
Interdisciplinary Track

Bachelor of Science in Nuclear Medicine Technology

Spring 2023

Dania Laurana Huls
Cum Laude

Luana Bettim Ribeiro
Cum Laude

Shanton Sherrill Register*
Summa Cum Laude

Natalia Tkachuk
Summa Cum Laude
Award of Excellence

**Florida Alpha Chi Omega Chapter of Lambda Nu Honor Society*

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Fall 2022

Candice Sutanya Aarons
Cum Laude

Ashleen Natasha Batista
Cum Laude

Nakari Abi Assali
Cum Laude

Jessica Marie Benedetto

Eriana Acevedo

Chriscini Christan Bennett

Reyciel Milla Agac-ac

Melissa Kimberly Bernard
Cum Laude

Kailee Anne Arana
Cum Laude

Christopher Chance Bieker

Brooke Taylor Barontini

Erin Corrine Black

Hannah Starr Bates

Amber Marie Bliss
Cum Laude

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Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Fall 2022

Charlene Latrice Broomfield

Ashli Taylor Burkhalter

Cum Laude

Jah'Leeka Adia Callwood

Cum Laude

Nichole Denise Campbell

Elizabeth Kathryn Canter

Ariel Faye Cecilio

Anishali Chabriel Medina

Ashlee Anne Chasteen

Ashley Joann Cowart

Cum Laude

Valeria Marie Cruz Rodriguez

Shannon Marie Davison*

Cum Laude

Adonis Merlin Gose del Rosario

Timofey Engel*

Cum Laude

Leslie Espinoza

Cum Laude

Calissia Raine Franklyn*

Cum Laude

Juan Carlos Gonzalez*

Magna Cum Laude

Sideeq Muhammad Greene*

Cum Laude

Mahalia Joi Gumaru Valmores

David Krishna Harichand

Gabriela Denise Henderson

Madeline Cynthia Henson*

Magna Cum Laude

Peyton Lucille Holtzapple

Klarissa Lace Hopton

Lourdezaire Isnard

Stacy Jacob

Yogeshwar Krishna Jadonath

Cawist Francois Noondjy Joseph

Noelle Kaitlin Kelly

Magna Cum Laude

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Fall 2022

Chenwei Kennedy*
Cum Laude

Teresa Antoinette Khazanov*
Cum Laude

Tiffany Fatu Kule
Cum Laude

Ambika Melonie Labban*
Summa Cum Laude

Tatiana Maylin Lara

Debora Leon Ruas

Rebecca Rose Lynne Major
Cum Laude

Lindsey Elizabeth McKee
Cum Laude

Cara Marie McNichol*
Magna Cum Laude

Isabel Atira Meijer

Veronica Nathaly Melendez Lopez*
Cum Laude

Kaylie Amber Mendez-Maldonado

Megan Kristina Nastasi*
Summa Cum Laude

Janna Katherine Nunez Bedoya

Caroline Bourguy Papadakis

Sarah Asha Pearson*
Summa Cum Laude

Betsy Alina Perez
Cum Laude

Sydney Reese Phillips
Cum Laude

Mckenna Ann Reppe
Cum Laude

Katie Elizabeth Roberts*
Cum Laude

Martin Felipe Rodriguez Fernandez*
Cum Laude

Tanya Simeon
Cum Laude

Victoria Sabrina Simon
Cum Laude

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Fall 2022

Lindsey Catherine Skipper
Cum Laude

Joyce Ellen Smallwood

Cere Myea Spence
Cum Laude

Brianna Joanne Tenesaca

Ismael Alejandro Teron*
Cum Laude

Yan Tsang*
Cum Laude

Rossana Bissoon Tulsiram

Emily Marie Villa Hernandez
Cum Laude

Chelsey Christine Voglewede
Cum Laude

Savanah Jean Watson

Kristen Alise Wiles
Cum Laude

Spring 2023

Abigail Anuoluwapo Adeyeye

Necia Sandra Adgar Bridgett
Summa Cum Laude

Melanie Aubrey Alex
Cum Laude

Denisse Gabriela Alvarado Viquez

Leila Nicole Anvari

Alexis Jordan Baer

Samantha Javate Bautista
Cum Laude

Audrey Leigh Canady

Cassidi Lea Carney

Daniela Nicole Castro

Stessy Bayinah Clerveau

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Spring 2023

Sydney Renee Clowers
Cum Laude

Jessica Lynn Cole

Carolyn D. Colon Martinez
Magna Cum Laude

Courtnie JaVaughn Cook*
Magna Cum Laude

Maridelis Coriano

Rosalynn Elizabeth DeArmas

Shannon Kassandra Douglas

Briana Juliet Driggs

Sarah Eden Ellzey

Alexandra Chaplow Erdman*
Magna Cum Laude

Robert Regala Estupigan

Sureily Font
Cum Laude

Cassandra Ruth Forbeck

Kayley Marie Forney

Emmi Lee Naud Gardner

Juliana Cuencas Garriott

Caleb Aaron Glenfield
Cum Laude

Nathalie Gonzalez Herrera*
Magna Cum Laude

Lillian Paige Gunter
Cum Laude

Olivia Grace Harley

Jordan Jorge

Annalise Elizabeth Leclair*
Cum Laude

Jaimee Christine Leduc
Cum Laude

Jiyeong Lee

Roberta Romano Ribeiro Manetta

Diane Adele Martin

Renaldo Forte Meunier

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Spring 2023

Selena Marie Misciagno*
Magna Cum Laude

Dariauna Chimere Robinson
Cum Laude

Lenora Margaret Bambi Morgan

Kailee Nicole Serrano
Cum Laude

Marina Namie Muller Suguimoto

Amanda Marie Sharpe
Cum Laude

Alissa Marie Negron
Cum Laude

Amber Lauren Smith

Kamara Ruze-Maree Oluwalusi*
Magna Cum Laude

Zachary Joseph Smith

Akshar Rajesh Patel

David Eric Smouse II

Naiade Pereira da Costa*
Magna Cum Laude

Jayline Suardi

Jamie Lynn Pruum

Marina Susak
Cum Laude

Rebecca Ann Reardon
Cum Laude

Beatriz Elena Torres
Cum Laude

Sierra Elizabeth Remillard*
Cum Laude

Nordia Celia Tulloch

Angelica Rentas Burgos

Channah Elizabeth Weinstein*
Magna Cum Laude

Rose Rivera
Cum Laude

Danah Marie Williamson

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Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Summer 2023

Winnie N. Beauchamp

Stacy Lynn Johnson

Magna Cum Laude

Melanie Ann Bergens

Duna Lamas Alvarez

Lynda Algozo Bracamonte

Summa Cum Laude

Chelse Erminia Cioppa

Tatiana Isel Lampley

Cynthia Denise Criss

Debora Duyen Le

Meceba Jean Ellis

Morgan Lee Peterson

Magna Cum Laude

Vanessa Estrada

Cum Laude

Caitlin Ann Read

Cum Laude

Meadow Ashley Fuchs

Cum Laude

Melissa E. Rodriguez

Cum Laude

Joshua Raymond Gafoor

Shevanie Roopnarine-Garraway

Jennifer Garcia

Cum Laude

Sarah Brittney Hall

Emily Grace Singh

Rebekah Madelyn Hancock

Yanique Nicole Stewart-Abrahams

Claire Jean Hendrickson

Cum Laude

Bachelor of Science in Nursing - RN to BSN

Fall 2022

Melina Isabel Abanto Saldivar
Magna Cum Laude

Christian Esteban Guerrero Vasquez
Cum Laude

Maira Brannaka
Summa Cum Laude

Jarmila Magali Maddox
Magna Cum Laude

Spring 2023

Damar Naomi Camacho
Magna Cum Laude

Sonja Sue Warner
Magna Cum Laude

Galyna Komives
Summa Cum Laude

Michael Robert Yaros
Cum Laude

Summer 2023

Keriane Golnar Angress
Summa Cum Laude

Margaret Consuelo Peterson
Magna Cum Laude

Patricia Ann Davidson
Cum Laude

Celia Faye Piper
Cum Laude

Kelly Anne Gallagher

Taylor Jean Ritacco
Cum Laude

Ria Denise Gerard
Cum Laude

Lorena Dos Santos Salter
Magna Cum Laude

Kayla Louise Nichols
Summa Cum Laude

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Candidates for the Graduate Certificates

Graduate Certificate in Healthcare Administration

Fall 2022

Darrell Luke Vega Simmons

Summer 2023

Misty Langston Dobson

Graduate Certificate in Nursing

Fall 2022

Vilma Madin
Nursing Education

Summer 2023

Kathy Jensen
Nursing Education

Deanna Raponi
Nursing Administration and Leadership

Candidates for Master's Degrees

Master of Healthcare Administration

Fall 2022

Julian Xavier Torreblanca

Spring 2023

Jose Migue Rodriguez

Master of Healthcare Administration: Strategy and Innovation

Fall 2022

Lidia Karina Armstrong

Jennifer Elizabeth Morris

Yenisleidys Duarte Mesa

Jamira Jane Pryor

Jillian Marie Grimmich

Lynn Marie Smith

Erin Mary Lawson

Tammy Lynn Swett

Edna Oasis Mensah

Nicole Michelle Zayas

Master of Healthcare Administration: Strategy and Innovation

Spring 2023

Kelly Jo Bassett

Nicholle Alexandra Rodriguez-McCarty

Nathaniel Isiah Cureton

Rafael Rolando Sawin

Kayla Ann Gentry

Nicole Lynn Swenson

Genevieve-Marie George

Omeed Dominick Zaraq

Sandra Jeanine Orantes

Summer 2023

Bibi Salma Ali

Myra Elaine Priser

Trey Joseph Banco

Shannon Nicole Raatz

Jonathan Ken-Chee Chan

Brittani Lee Smith

Amy Renee Haire

Iryl Jonah Magsipoc Valenzuela

Richard Tyler Hill

Dylan Mitchell Van Rij

Sarah Michelle Huether

Samira Alejandra Vaziri

Leah Jayne Klair

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Patthama Phuektong
Family Nurse Practitioner

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Christelle Alerte
Family Nurse Practitioner

Shaneka Letresche Dumas
Nursing Education

Chantel Marie Allen*
Family Nurse Practitioner

Monica Marina Galvez
Family Nurse Practitioner

Pamela Jean Bacom*
Family Nurse Practitioner

Oritza Noemi Haedo
Family Nurse Practitioner

Brandi Anjel Bandoquillo
Family Nurse Practitioner

Nathan Thomas Hyatt
Administration and Leadership

Diane Jennifer Bernard-Bizzaro
Nursing Education

Jaime Danielle Jones
Family Nurse Practitioner

Madison Rae Butler
Family Nurse Practitioner

Olivia Nicole Overley
Family Nurse Practitioner

Jaclyn Theresa Castelli
Family Nurse Practitioner

Kyuwon Park
Family Nurse Practitioner

Mary Jo Curry
Administration and Leadership

Bennie Bang Tu Quach
Family Nurse Practitioner

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Kimberly Ann Rose*
Family Nurse Practitioner

Alexander Patrick Thorpe
Nursing Education

Tatiana Sinisterra Santiago
Nursing Education

Cassandra Lee Veon*
Family Nurse Practitioner

David Scott Sharfman
Nursing Education

Megan Erica Wedderburn
Administration and Leadership

Nickolas Justin Smith*
Family Nurse Practitioner

Molly Owens Weidenhamer
Family Nurse Practitioner

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Keren Arisai Aguinaga*
Administration and Leadership

Marcia Ilene Frederic
Family Nurse Practitioner

Jennifer Maritza Aleman
Family Nurse Practitioner

Kimberly Ann Hatcher
Family Nurse Practitioner

Jessica Blair Arnold
Family Nurse Practitioner

Anita Hawthorne Rios
Family Nurse Practitioner

Kimberly Nicole Banks
Family Nurse Practitioner

Amy Ye-eun Kang
Family Nurse Practitioner

Michelle Marie Beekman*
Administration and Leadership

Sandra F. McFarlane
Family Nurse Practitioner

Angela Krystal Sophia Caesar
Family Nurse Practitioner

Simon Sunghwan Oh
Family Nurse Practitioner

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Edwin Ortiz

Family Nurse Practitioner

Ambika Padmakaran

Family Nurse Practitioner

Annabelle Suleiman

Family Nurse Practitioner

Thuy Tran*

Family Nurse Practitioner

Samantha Lynn Triage

Family Nurse Practitioner

LeAnne Ashley Tucker

Family Nurse Practitioner

Kayla Estelle Vasquez

Family Nurse Practitioner

Rae Ann Nicole Warner

Family Nurse Practitioner

Alexandra Rae Weinstein

Family Nurse Practitioner

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Master of Science in Occupational Therapy

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Alexis Jade Bellacera

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Academic Regalia & Mace

The AdventHealth University Mace and the wide variety of academic regalia seen in the current academic procession date back to the formation of the earliest educational institutions of higher education. The mace was originally a powerful weapon of war, used in battle by medieval knights and heavy enough to break the enemy's armor. Later, in virtually the same form, the mace was widely used to protect royalty; and eventually maces, bejeweled and highly decorated, were used in ceremonial functions as symbols of authority. The Mace, carried today by the Grand Marshal, is a symbol of the authority of AdventHealth University and is displayed only at official University convocations. Echoing both its early use as a weapon and its later use symbolizing authority, the University's Mace represents education's authority to break through ignorance and prejudice.

The main staff of the University Mace is of walnut, among the hardest and most attractive of woods, showing both the rigor and the beauty of the education offered at AdventHealth University. The four-sided bronze platform at the top of the staff represents the four key concepts of the University's programs: Nurture, Excellence, Spirituality, and Stewardship. On this bronze platform is mounted a representation of the University's seal with the institution's full name encircling four flames of fire representing truth triumphing over ignorance and prejudice while igniting the fires of life-long learning.

It is also instructive to note the symbolic meaning expressed in the various parts of the academic regalia. European universities still show a wide diversity of official academic apparel. However, approximately a century ago, American colleges and universities adopted a consistent academic costume code widely used today.

The various types of academic gowns represent the different degrees that have been conferred. The gowns for the Associate and Bachelor degrees have pointed sleeves. The gown for the Master's degree has oblong sleeves which open at the wrist. The gown for Doctoral degrees has bell-shaped sleeves which close at the wrist.

On the back of the gowns are hoods that are lined with the official color or colors of the college or university conferring the degree. Since members of the faculty hold degrees from numerous universities and colleges, space does not permit an identification of each hood in the academic procession. The colors of the velvet trim on the hoods of each gown represent the discipline in which the degree was conferred, and those disciplines can be identified as follows:

<i>Arts, Letters, Humanities</i>	<i>White</i>
<i>Business</i>	<i>Drab</i>
<i>Education</i>	<i>Light Blue</i>
<i>Fine Arts</i>	<i>Brown</i>
<i>Health Arts</i>	<i>Sage Green</i>
<i>Library Science</i>	<i>Lemon</i>
<i>Nursing</i>	<i>Apricot</i>
<i>Philosophy</i>	<i>Dark Blue</i>
<i>Public Health</i>	<i>Salmon Pink</i>
<i>Science</i>	<i>Golden Yellow</i>
<i>Theology, Ministry</i>	<i>Scarlet</i>

Honors

Listing a student's name in this program does not guarantee degree completion. Graduation honors are based upon the current, cumulative grade point average (GPA) at the time of printing. All honors listed in this program are subject to completion of all degree requirements and are awarded only to undergraduate students. Honors are indicated by the cords worn by the graduates, coded as follows:

Blue, Green, and Gray Cords	Summa Cum Laude	GPA of 3.90 or above
Blue and Gray Cords	Magna Cum Laude	GPA of 3.75 to 3.89
Gray Cords	Cum Laude	GPA of 3.50 to 3.74

The Department of Nursing grants nursing honors upon completion of the baccalaureate degrees. Nursing Honors are awarded to nursing students whose cumulative AHU GPA in nursing courses is 3.50 and above. Students with a failing grade (below a grade of "C") in any of the baccalaureate-level nursing courses or who are pending completion of degree requirements are not eligible for Nursing Honors.

Chi Upsilon - Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing has a mission of advancing world health and celebrating nursing excellence in scholarship, leadership, and service. STTI membership is by invitation to baccalaureate and graduate nursing students who demonstrate excellence in scholarship and to nurse leaders exhibiting exceptional achievements in nursing. Members include the top 35% of Baccalaureate graduates with a minimum GPA of 3.00 and Master graduates with a minimum GPA of 3.50. Members wear purple and white cords.

The national Pi Theta Epsilon Chapter of Delta Pi is the honor society for Master of Occupational Therapy students at AHU. The purpose of Delta Pi is to recognize and encourage scholastic excellence of occupational therapy students; contribute to the advancement of the field of occupational therapy through scholarly activities; and provide a vehicle for students enrolled in accredited programs in occupational therapy to exchange information and to collaborate regarding scholarly activities. Membership is offered to the top 35% of the MOT class. Members wear navy blue and gold cords.

Delta Phi Tau is the American Council on Academic Physical Therapy (ACAPT) honor society for Doctor of Physical Therapist students who: Demonstrate excellence, integrity, and professionalism in areas of academic achievement; leadership; service or research; and demonstrate strong moral character, ethics and the core values of the PT profession.

Honors

Pi Alpha is the national Physician Assistant honor society organized for the promotion and recognition of both PA students and graduates. Membership signifies the inductees' significant academic achievement and honors them for their leadership, research, community/professional service and other related activities. The society also encourages a high standard of character and conduct among students and graduates. Members wear blue and green cords.

The Nuclear Medicine Award of Excellence is given to the Bachelor of Science in Nuclear Medicine Technology student who has achieved an academic grade point average of 3.50 or above and has shown outstanding clinical performance.

The Florida Alpha Chi Omega Chapter of Lambda Nu is the national honor society for the radiologic and imaging science students at AdventHealth University. The purpose of Lambda Nu is to foster academic scholarship at the highest academic levels, promote research and investigation in the radiologic and imaging sciences, recognize exemplary scholarship, mentor students in the imaging sciences, and promote community service. Membership is offered to the top 25% of diagnostic medical sonography, nuclear medicine, and radiography students with a professional course GPA of 3.50 or higher. Lambda Nu's colors are maroon for the radiologic sciences, forest green for the health professions, and gold, the ancient color of honor.

The Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology (JRCERT) honors a student with the Certificate of Excellence Award who has graduated from a JRCERT accredited program and has achieved excellence in radiologic sciences.

The Presidential Medallion

The historic traditions of the commencement ceremony are also reflected in the medallions worn by some of its participants. Chief among these is the Presidential Medallion worn by the University President as a symbol of that high office. The medallion features a replica of the University seal, the name of the University encircling four flames of fire representing truth triumphing over ignorance and prejudice while igniting the fires of life-long learning.

The medallion is suspended from a collar featuring the core values of the University (Nurture, Excellence, Spirituality, and Stewardship) interspersed with discs featuring the lamp of learning and the University seal. The Presidential Medallion has a plate immediately above it engraved with the word, President. Medallions and collars are worn over the academic gown and only at official convocations such as this commencement.

Nursing Pledge – Florence Nightingale Pledge

I solemnly pledge myself before God and in the presence of this assembly, to pass my life in purity and to practice my profession faithfully. I will abstain from whatever is deleterious and mischievous and will not take or knowingly administer any harmful drug.

I will do all in my power to maintain and elevate the standard of my profession and will hold in confidence all personal matters committed to my keeping, and all family affairs coming to my knowledge in the practice of my calling. With loyalty I will endeavor to aid the physician in his work, and as a 'missioner of health' I will dedicate myself to devoted service to human welfare.

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