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GRADUATE DEGREE AND CERTIFICATE
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MAY 10, 2024



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Friday, May 10, 2024

4:00 PM

Student and Dignitary Processional	UNLV Jazz Ensemble
	with Master of Ceremony Adam Paul
Opening Remarks	Provest Christopher I. Heavey
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Presentation of Colors	UNLV Air Force & Army ROTC Honor Guards
	Field Drummer Chandler White
National Anthem	Valeria Ore. Mezzo-Soprano
	The Star-Spangled Banner, Valeria Ore, Piano
UNLV Alma Mater	Joseph Svendsen, Thomas G. Leslie, Musical Directors
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President's Message	President Keith E. Whitfield
Greetings	Novada System of Higher Education
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Recognition of Outstanding Graduates	President Whitfield
Student Commencement Speaker	Emily Carria Arnoi Ouraichi
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Alumni Association President	David R. Navarro
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Class Profile	Provost Heavey
Conferring of Degrees	President Whitfield
Readers	Joe Ervin, Elizabeth Jost, Nathan Slife
	Joe El VIII, Edzabeth Jost, Nathan Sine
Concluding Remarks	President Whitfield
December	HAUN Field Comm
Recessional	UNLV Fight Song
Grand Marshal	Sara Jordan

Academic Traditions and Special Honors

A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF **NEVADA, LAS VEGAS**

Since its first classes were held in the 1950s, the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV) has undergone an amazing transformation, from a dusty outpost on the south edge of town to a thriving urban research institution. Along the way, thanks to its innovative frontier spirit, UNLV has kept pace with one of the country's fastest-growing and most enterprising cities.

The university's origins were humble. In 1951, when the post-war boom had swollen the Las Vegas valley's population to more than 50,000, the University of Nevada, Reno established an extension program here. Twenty-eight students began meeting for classes in the dressing rooms of Las Vegas High School's auditorium. In 1954, the Nevada Board of Regents founded the Southern Regional Division of the University of Nevada, popularly known as Nevada Southern. Twenty-nine students accepted degrees at the university's first commencement in 1964.

The UNLV Graduate School was founded in 1965, and we graduated our first 11 master's students in 1967. In 1969, with the Board of Regents' approval, the university adopted its current name, the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. By the following year, as Las Vegas' metropolitan population reached 275,000, UNLV enrolled more than 5,500 students. Our first doctoral student, an Ed.D., graduated in 1977, and we granted our first Ph.D.s in 1991.

Over the next several decades, UNLV continued this heady rate of development — erecting more than 100 buildings, developing dozens of graduate programs, creating partnerships with the community, fielding nationally ranked sports teams, founding an alumni association, promoting scholarship, establishing a fundraising foundation, and recruiting diverse and talented students from across the country. UNLV has come a long way from the high school dressing rooms that once served as its classrooms. It is fair to say that the first 57 years of graduate education at UNLV have been characterized by growth and maturation. Thanks to the dedication of faculty and staff members, students, generous donors, and Las Vegas residents, the university has much to celebrate, especially at commencement.

ACADEMIC DRESS

The academic caps, gowns, and hoods that make the procession so colorful are part of an 800-year tradition. Academic clothing was first worn in medieval universities like Cambridge, Oxford, Paris, and Bologna.

The European custom was carried to America with the establishment of our own colleges and universities. In 1895 an academic code of dress was adopted, and the standards of a robe, hood, and cap were accepted by most of the colleges and universities in the United States.

Different types of gowns may be distinguished in the academic procession. The bachelor's gowns have long, pointed sleeves. The master's gowns have oblong sleeves with an arc cut away in the front. The doctoral gowns are faced with velvet and have bellshaped sleeves with three bars of velvet. The hood, draped from the shoulder, denotes by its length and colors the field of study and the institution that conferred the doctoral degree.

Doctoral regalia was standardized in the U.S. by the Intercollegiate Commission that created the Intercollegiate Code in 1985. It is periodically updated, and the last update was in 1986 when it was recognized that dark blue is the official color for Ph.D.s. UNLV is unique. Gray with scarlet doctoral robes are absolutely distinct, and there is no other university that has a robe like ours. We adopted the unique scarlet and gray in 2012 when Neal Smatresk was the president of UNLV.

The doctoral hood harkens back to ancient Greece when students would give donations to teachers by placing coins in their hood, because it was not appropriate to pay teachers outright. We can still carry on this tradition today. Graduates, please let family members and friends know that they can continue the tradition of dropping money into hoods.

UNLV commencements have historically been held with both undergraduate and graduate students combined. However, in May 2022, the university hosted its inaugural graduate commencement that gathers the graduate community together. At that time, we also began a new tradition of utilizing the doctoral hoods and a new UNLV lucky coin. Our "Vegas twist" is that after a graduate is hooded, the advisor will drop a UNLV lucky coin in the graduate's hood, symbolically saying farewell, good luck, and best wishes as they embark on their next journey. This is uniquely UNLV and Las Vegas.

UNIVERSITY MACE

The university mace, which has its traditions deeply rooted in history, is carried on ceremonial occasions at the head of the academic procession by the Grand Marshal, whose symbolic duty is the protection of the university, its persons, and its processes.

The mace, a long club with a ball of iron, steel, or brass at one end, was used in warfare as late as the 16th century. The use of the mace as an instrument of ceremony, however, began about the year 1250 in England and France. The mace is still used widely today in university ceremonies like commencements and inaugurations.

The UNLV mace, cast by UNLV art professor emeritus Michael McCollum in 1970, was created using the lost wax process. Erik Gronborg's design for the cubical head of the mace included facets depicting the university seal, a rendering of the Statue of Liberty, a likeness of Renaissance scholar Leonardo da Vinci, and a shelf of books flanked by artists' brushes. The mace bearer for the May 10 ceremony is Sara Jordan, professor in the Couple and Family Therapy program.

OUTSTANDING GRADUATES

UNLV has a long-standing tradition of honoring graduating students who have made a special mark during their time at the university. Undergraduate and graduate students are selected for the honor after a semester-long nomination process. Those students highlighted during commencement are chosen based on such factors as academic achievement, community outreach, research and creative work, and their ability to overcome adversity.

HONOR SOCIETY MEDALLIONS

Students who have been initiated into UNLV's chapter of Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Society may wear a bronze medallion hung on a blue ribbon to be worn at commencement. Each year Chapter 100 at UNLV invites to membership the top 10 percent of graduate students and undergraduate seniors in their college class and the top 7.5 percent of the junior class in all academic disciplines.

Many disciplines have honor societies specific to their fields. Members wear their cords, pins, or medallions at commencement.

Graduate College

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Dorothy Jeanne Allred Solomon, English Homefires: A Search for Healing from War

Elaine Alexandra Aquino, Neuroscience
A Low Dose of Electro-Psychedelic Treatment Increases
Neuronal Dendritic Arborization and Filopodic Spine Density

Jeffrey Robert Ash II, Chemistry
Phosphorous Heteroatom Bond Formation Strategies and
the Development of Green Synthetic Methods

Kaleab Ayalew, Mechanical Engineering

Development of Methylammonium Lead Tribromide for

Detectors of Ionizing Radiations

Malena Baizan, Curriculum and Instruction
Black Women Educational Leaders in PK-12 public schools:
A Multiple Case Study on the Double Consciousness of
Black Women Educational Leadership in the Southwestern
United States

Sabrina M. Barakat, Chemistry
An Examination of the Teaching and Learning of Resonance
in General Chemistry I and Organic Chemistry I Using
Variation Theory

Noehealani C. Bareng-Antolin, Public Health
Utilizing the Multi-Theory Model to Explain the Fruits
and Vegetables Consumption of Asian American, Native
Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander College Students

Aldo M. Barrita, Psychological and Brain Sciences Racial Microaggressions Research: Intersectionality, Coping Strategies, and Groups Impacted

Mouhsine M. Benmbarek, Mechanical Engineering Heat Transfer Enhancement in Heat Exchangers Using Compound Enhancement

Darren Benn, Mechanical Engineering
Evaluation, Rating, and Numerical Modeling of a Shock
Mitigation Seat for High-Speed Craft Based on Laboratory
Single Impact Testing

Shadie Burke, Clinical Psychology*

Trauma-Related Cognitions and Discrimination as Predictors of Maladaptive Coping Among Marginalized Maltreated Youth

Nicole E. Bylina-Streets, Curriculum and Instruction

A Case for the Caldecott: School Librarians Tell the Story

Bryson Carrier, Interdisciplinary Health Sciences
Development and Usage of Analytic Tools and
Recommendations for Validation and Reliability Studies
Using Consumer-Grade Wearable Technology

Keoni G. Castellano, Mathematical Sciences
Global Structure and Asymptotic Profiles of the Endemic
Equilibria of a Diffusive Epidemic Model with Mass-Action

Jocy-Anna S. Chevalier, Public Health
Understanding Stress and Coping Among Adults in the
United States during the COVID-19 Pandemic

Theodore E. Chodock, Higher Education
This is My Place: The Academic Library as a Retention
Resource

Anna Marie Colquitt, Educational Psychology
Using Student Voices to Inform Educational Reform:
Exploring High School Educational Desires to Improve
Curricular Decisions

Jesse L. Cook, English
Rewriting the American Work Narrative: Modernist
Literature and the Paradox of Patriotic Labor

Joshua O. Corum, Sociology
"Sex is Fun": A Study of Hook Up Behaviors and Experiences
of Post-College and Middle-Aged Adults

Repairer E. Etuk, Clinical Psychology*

Relationships between Psychopathology, Impulsivity and
Disordered Eating

Ryan Michael Evans, Curriculum and Instruction Female Adolescent Cyberbullying: Exploring Students' Intentions to Pursue a Postsecondary Education

Alex Joseph Faucheux, Special Education
Causal Attribution Tendencies of Early Childhood
Practitioners and the Efficacy of Attribution Retraining

Jennifer Ashley Fletcher, Learning Sciences
An Analysis of Truancy Causes and Prevention Programming in Clark County, Nevada

Julia Cristina Freiberger, Anthropology Contextualizing Highly Fragmented Remains as Complex Mortuary Practices in the American Southwest (AD 700-1700)

Lucas Kelly Gallup, Mechanical Engineering Predicting the Response of an Underactuated, 3D Printed Prosthetic Hand

Zekeriya Gogebakan, Curriculum and Instruction Predicting High School Students' STEM Career Interest Through Supervised Machine Learning Algorithms and Chi-Square Analysis

Richard Adam Gorrell, Mechanical Engineering Performance Effects of Hydrogen Dissociation on Nuclear Thermal Propulsion Engines

Randolph L. Grell, Biological Sciences Cellular Mechanisms of Embryonic Eye Regrowth in Xenopus Laevis

Dylan J. Guerin, Biological Sciences Regulation of Embryonic Eye Regrowth in Xenopus Laevis

Mustafa Gunozu, Educational Psychology Promoting Situational Interest in Computer Science Classroom

Jessica Habashy, Clinical Psychology* The Influence of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Binge Eating in a Demographically Diverse US Community Sample

Michael J. Hack, Higher Education Roadblocks to Momentum: An Analysis of College Major GPA Restrictions and Stranded Students

Mallory Rachael Harris-Constantine, Clinical Psychology* The Stability of the Speech-to-Song Illusion and Individual Differences

Alex Zander Hoffman, Computer Science An Empirical Investigation into the Transitional Friction of Block Based Programming Languages

Shen Chan Huang, Mathematical Sciences Algorithms for Certain Computational Mathematics **Problems**

Tiffany Hunter, School Psychology Dismantling the Stigmas of "Strong Black Girl" and "Strong Black Boy:" Cultural and Gender Differences in Trauma and Suicidality Among Black Adolescents

Silvina Jover, Curriculum and Instruction Becoming a Bicultural High School Teacher in the United States: An Autoethnography of a Latina Educator

Torisha Lee Suzan Khonach, Sociology Liminal Embodiment and the Changing Parental Body

Anthony J. King, Psychological and Brain Sciences Reframing Addiction as a Coping Response: A Needed Shift in Modern Public Health Paradigms

Dimitra Kourtesi, Clinical Psychology* Psychopathy and Moral Decision Making

Jeong Jun Lee, Mathematical Sciences Statistical Classification Using Selection-and-Ranking Methodologies with Statistical Learning

Aileen Y. Lovitt, Psychological and Brain Sciences Self-Perception and Positive Stereotype Endorsement

Bucket L. Manyweather, Higher Education Voices of Change: Oral Histories of Ethnic Studies Leaders in Racialized Organizations

Kendra I. Mcglothen, Neuroscience The Mitochondrial Membrane Potential as a Screening Tool for Immunostimulation

Jenna Leigh McPherson, Psychology Age, Gender, and Sexual Orientation and Their Effects on Online Dating Motivations

Monica Perez Millard, Nursing Effectiveness of a Virtual Simulation Program as a Novel Approach to Improve Clinical Judgment in Prelicensure **Nursing Students**

Zahra Mojtahedi, Public Health Behavioral Health, Mental Health, and Overall Well-being of Informal Caregivers Before and After the COVID-19 Pandemic

Glenn N. Nowak, Hospitality Administration Translating Casino Servicescapes to Improve Architectural Responses Addressing Health and Wellness

Luis B. Ortega, Higher Education Understanding the First Year Experience Courses in the Persistence, Retention, and Completion of Latinx HSI Community College Students

Amanda Marie Leisgang Osse, Neuroscience Investigations into the Relationship between Menopause and Alzheimer's Disease Pathology in a Mouse Model with Ovarian Follicle Depletion

Sungmin Pak, Interdisciplinary Health Sciences Computational Study for Tissue-Specific Dosimetric Quantities of Secondary Radiation for Mars Exploration

Hannah K. Patenaude, Radiochemistry Boron-Doped Diamond as a Resilient Electrode Material in Molten Salts

Dereck Davy Phrathep, Clinical Psychology* Case Trial Evaluations of an Optimization Approach to Mental Health and Sport Performance for Adolescent Athletes

Alyx Jordan Phillips, Public Health The Association between Food Insecurity and Transportation Insecurity for Older Adults in Clark County, Nevada

Lei Ping, Teacher Education A Multiple Case Study on Student-Centered Teaching and Educational Equity for Diverse Learners

Areej Quraishi, English What Happens as We Sleep

Ian Rabago, Astronomy Dynamical Studies of Misaligned Circumbinary Disks

Brandon Ranuschio, Psychological and Brain Sciences Examining the Risks and Resilience of Older Adults Living With HIV/AIDS: Qualitative Community-Based Participatory Research Studies in Southern Nevada

Danielle M. Romero, Anthropology Sourcing Clays and Styles: Interaction Networks at the Elk Ridge Site, Southwestern New Mexico

Tomoko Sakishima, Biological Sciences Plant-Plant Interaction in Early- vs. Late-Successional Varieties of the Hawaiian Landscape-Dominant Tree, Metrosideros polymorpha

Matthew Schurr, Clinical Psychology* The Role of Cognitive Dysfunction in Late-Life Depression

Linchuan Shen, Mathematical Sciences Identifying Disease-Related Gene-Environment Interactions Based on Method of Moments

Bandana Shrestha, Civil and Environmental Engineering Assessment of Success Factors and Comparative Analysis of Public Private Partnership (P3) Project Performances Against Design-Build and Design-Bid-Build Project Delivery

Diana Sherman Simpson, Anthropology Cultural Crisis, Performance and Ritual: A Bioarchaoelogy of Violence in Early Precontact North Alabama (8,000-3,000 BP)

Cecilia A. Turman, Teacher Education Preservice Teachers' Educational Field Trip Experiences: Teaching Beyond the Classroom

Jack T. Watts, Special Education Enhancing the Relationships between Students with Emotional and Behavioral Disorders and Their Teachers

Jacob White, Anthropology Mixed Methods Approach to Assess 'Placental Opioid-Enhancing Factor' Activity within 'Alternative' Health Contexts of Human Maternal Placentophagy

Shangjia Zhang, Astronomy Understanding Disk Substructures with 3D Self-Consistent Thermodynamics

DOCTOR OF EDUCATION

John Ercan Aydogdu, Executive Educational Leadership Factors Shaping Charter School Leaders' Student Recruitment Practices in Southern Nevada

Abigail Johnson, Executive Educational Leadership Persisting Inequity: School Administrators' Social Dominance Orientation and Disciplinary Practices

Brione Ariel Minor, Executive Educational Leadership Voices From the Field: Black Women Who Have Successfully Transcended the Leadership Pipeline into Superintendency

DOCTOR OF MEDICAL PHYSICS

Zane Wayne Burnett, Doctor of Medical Physics Study of Plan of the Day Adaptive Radiation Therapy Validity Anupreet Kaur, Doctor of Medical Physics Spatially Fractionated Radiation Therapy Implementation at Intermountain Cancer Center

DOCTOR OF MUSICAL ARTS

Ryan N. Bond, Performance The Science Behind Free Rebound

Douglas Carpenter, Performance Exploring Intention Mapping and Action in Pursuit of **Emotional Storytelling for Musicians**

Haylee Jacoi Glenn, Performance The Transformative Power of Traditional Spirituals in "Spiritual Sketches" by Damien Sneed: A Study of Musical Influence and Cultural Heritage

Charles Stephen Greggerson, Performance "Suite de Ballet in Eb Major, Op. 10, H. 43" by Gustav Holst: A Transcription for Wind Orchestra

Kourtney Holmes, Performance A New Canon: Dismantling Racist Exclusion in Opera and Paving the Way for Inclusive Representation

Christopher Massa, Performance A Transcription for Piccolo Trumpet with Historical Context and Methodology: Oboe Quartet KV 370/368b by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Scott McGlasson, Performance Symphony No. 7 "Leningrad" by Dimitri Shostakovich: A Transcription of the Final Movement with Historical Context and Description of the Transcription Process

Andrew Michael Naughton, Performance Psychological Pitfalls of the Modern Percussionist: A Survey of Coping Mechanisms for Downward Spirals in Mental Health

Gabriela Ordonez Villalobos, Performance Adapting Traditional Flamenco Music for The Modern Marimba Artist

Valeria Ore. Performance The Operatic Innovation and Musical Language of Rodion Shchedrin's Choral Opera Boyarina Morozova

Ana Elisa Portes Lima, Performance Africanities in Selected Art Songs for Voice and Piano by Babi de Oliveira

Dean E. Snavely, Performance Hunnenschlacht by Franz Liszt: A Transcription for Wind Orchestra with Accompanying Historical Context and Transcription Techniques

DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE

Jennifer Buffum Brown, Doctor of Nursing Practice Cost Benefit Analysis of Anesthesia Providers within **Gastroenterology Outpatient Practices**

Robert Anthony Erickson, Doctor of Nursing Practice Post-Operative Endotracheal Reintubation Rates

Connie Ngo, Doctor of Nursing Practice Needs Assessment for Implementation of a Dedicated Admission and Discharge Nurse Position

Maryse-Noelle Nguyen, Doctor of Nursing Practice Impact of Housing on Mentally Ill Unhoused Veterans' Readmissions to Veterans Affairs (VA) Inpatient Psychiatric Services

Atongane Ndemaze Taku, Doctor of Nursing Practice Video Monitoring for Fall Prevention

DOCTOR OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

Jerome Sayas Amigo, Occupational Therapy Preparing Occupational Therapy Fieldwork Students in a Role-Emerging Private School-Based Setting

Unique Miracle Bowden, Occupational Therapy The Effect of an Occupational Balance Educational Module on Life Satisfaction and Occupational Balance for University Students

Lester John Sison Buenviaje, Occupational Therapy Occupational Therapy-Led Tai Chi: Elevating Perceived Competence in Daily Activities Among Semi/Fully-Retired Adults

Mary Julianne Canda, Occupational Therapy How does Acculturation Stress Affect Social Participation amongst Elderly Filipino Immigrants?

Valerie Casey Cheng, Occupational Therapy Improving Patients' Readiness for Discharge: The Development of an Occupation-Based Group Therapy Protocol in Inpatient Rehabilitation

Kelby Lewis Christian, Occupational Therapy SensABILITY Coaching: Inspire and Empower Parents with Occupational Performance Coaching (OPC) using Dunn's Model of Sensory Processing - a Manualized Education Program for clinicians

Chesnee Clingman, Occupational Therapy A Program Proposal for a Community-Based Playgroup Focused on Caregiver Education of Developmental Milestones

Jessemae Donesa Delarmente, Occupational Therapy Educational Series on Sensory Processing Differences and Sensory-Related Responses: An Occupational Therapy Perspective to Promote Caregiver Understanding

Jared John Demke, Occupational Therapy Can Occupational Therapy Take a HIT? A Guide to High-Intensity Training in Stroke Rehabilitation

Cinthia Hartman, Post-Professional Occupational Therapy Biopsychosocial Occupational Therapy Interventions for Complex Regional Pain Syndrome

Andrew Loc Ho, Occupational Therapy Shaping Scholarly Professional Identities of Tomorrow from a Student's Perspective

Quaneka Hoskin-Chase, Post-Professional Occupational Therapy Pediatric Trauma-Informed Care and Implications for Occupational Therapy Practitioners

Edellene J. Ignacio, Occupational Therapy Increasing Self-Efficacy with Menstrual Management for Young Adults Experiencing Homelessness Using the Inclusive "U N ME" Education Program

Natasa Janjusic, Occupational Therapy Developing a College Readiness Skills Program Aimed at Improving Self-Efficacy for Foster Youth in Academic Settings

Apasara Jittprasert, Occupational Therapy Pain Management Series for Stroke: An Educational Program for Occupational Therapy Doctoral Students

Tashia Kaplan, Occupational Therapy The Feasibility of High-Intensity Training to Improve Self-Control and Occupational Participation in At-Risk Adolescents at the Real Talk Youth Impact Program

Cynthia Youngsun Lee, Occupational Therapy Promoting Positive Dementia Attitudes Through Occupational Engagement: The Development of a Dementia Awareness Program for Community Older Adults

Bonnie Lei, Occupational Therapy Interdisciplinary Education on Using the Combilizer for Grooming Tasks in the Intensive Care Unit

Kaila Amri Mangrum, Occupational Therapy Mindfulness for Middle School Students Receiving Adapted Physical Education Services: Quality Improvement Program

Audrey Miller, Occupational Therapy Seated Athletes' Motivation for Participation in Wheelchair Sports: Qualitative Study

Mia Monique Moralez, Occupational Therapy Feasibility of an Occupation-Based Intervention (OBI) Manual for Outpatient Hand Clinics

Joana G. Naguit, Occupational Therapy Occupational Therapy-Led Development of Life Skills Coaching Course on Resources for Educational Attainment to Foster Independent Living among Youth Aging out of Foster Care

Cerena Obra, Occupational Therapy Providing Parent Education on School-Based, Social-Emotional Learning Programs to Increase Parents' Self-Efficacy for Managing Aversive Behaviors

Marisa Nichole Pagan, Occupational Therapy A Sensory Room Protocol for SNF Staff to Improve Confidence with Emotional Regulation in Adults with Cognitive Challenges: Through an Occupational Therapy Perspective

Gabrielle MaceyMarie Palmer, Occupational Therapy Increasing Swim Instructors' Perceived Knowledge of Sensory-Based Strategies when Coaching Children who may Have Sensory Differences

Bo Youn Park, Occupational Therapy Development of a Health Management Program for International Students and Scholars Using an Occupational Therapy Lens

Marsha Rattler, Occupational Therapy Tummy Time Toolkit: Using Social-Emotional Strategies to Increase Caregiver Home Programming Compliance

Erik Regalado, Occupational Therapy Students' Experiences of Learning About Occupation in an Occupational Therapy Program

Jazmin Rivera, Occupational Therapy Development of a Cue-Based Feeding Education Program in the NICU to Enhance the Self-Efficacy of Caregivers

Andrew Dean Stevenson, Occupational Therapy Improving Occupational Therapy Student Utilization Through a Community Engagement Program for Individuals with Dementia

Asia Suriyachottakul, Occupational Therapy The Effects of a Low-Intensity Aerobic Exercise Program on Enhancing Occupational Performance and Quality of Life in

Jennifer Lynn Taosuvanna, Post-Professional Occupational

The Impact of Educating Interprofessional Healthcare Workers on the Role of Occupational Therapy in the Cardiac Acute Care Setting

Danniel Keana-Bulosan Tapat, Occupational Therapy Effectiveness of an Occupational Therapy-Focused Stroke Transitional Care Program in an Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility

Brittan Calene Wright, Occupational Therapy An Educational Toolkit For Addressing Women's Sexual Health And Activity: Preparation For Occupational Therapists

DOCTOR OF PHYSICAL THERAPY

Diabetic Patients

Jean Roxanne D. Angeles, Physical Therapy The Impact of Anatomy Academy in Underserved Las Vegas **Elementary Schools**

Jeno Aguino, Physical Therapy Modulating Cortical Excitability to Improve Functional Movements in Individuals with Patellofemoral Pain: A Randomized Controlled Trial

Rebeca Carolina Armagnac Gonzalez, Physical Therapy Effects of Chronic Diabetes and Attentional Focus on Performance and Learning of a Novel Stabilometer Task in Older Adults

Edgar Alejandro Armengual, Physical Therapy The Impact of Anatomy Academy in Underserved Las Vegas **Elementary Schools**

Rox Mateo Aurelio, Physical Therapy Introduction of the Anatomy Academy Program to Children in a Rural Elementary School

Selene Navid Barajas, Physical Therapy

Implementing Physical Therapy Services and Screenings for the Students of the UNLV College of Fine Arts for Health and Injury Prevention: A Service-Learning Approach

Amber Berumen Baker, Physical Therapy

The Effects of Implementing an Early Childhood Education Health and Wellness Program in Underserved Elementary Schools in Las Vegas on Student Mentors and Elementary Staff: Anatomy Academy

Alexa Marie Blazek, Physical Therapy

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Hanna Marin Brunty, Physical Therapy Implementation of an Evidence-Based Program to Reduce Fall Risk of Older Adults in Nevada

Kevin Chan Shum, Physical Therapy

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Conner Cole Clark, Physical Therapy Effect of Asynchronous Virtual Interviews on Ethnic Minority

Matriculation into a Doctor of Physical Therapy Program

Migi Contreras, Physical Therapy

A Comparison of Spinal Reflex Function and Morphological Adaptations of the Achilles Tendon between Individuals Chronically Post-Stroke and Healthy Controls

Jordynn Ashley Cowan, Physical Therapy Implementation of an Evidence-Based Program to Reduce Fall Risk of Older Adults in Nevada

Kristine David, Physical Therapy Implementation of Evidence-Based Practices to Improve Treatment for Patients with Neck Pain: A Pilot Study

Taylor Marilyn DeRose, Physical Therapy Implementation of an Evidence-Based Program to Reduce Fall Risk of Older Adults in Nevada

Justin Lee Dietrich, Physical Therapy Implementing Physical Therapy Services and Screenings for the Students of the UNLV College of Fine Arts for Health and Injury Prevention: A Service - Learning Approach

Trevor R. Diez, Physical Therapy A Comparison of Spinal Reflex Function and Morphological Adaptations of the Achilles Tendon Between Individuals Chronically Post-Stroke and Healthy Non-Neurologically Impaired Individuals

Madison Ann Dobbs, Physical Therapy Introduction of the Anatomy Academy Program to Children in a Rural Elementary School

Brenna Ganzon, Physical Therapy Implementing Physical Therapy Services and Screenings for the Students of the UNLV College of Fine Arts for Health and Injury Prevention: A Service Learning Approach

Bailey Lorraine Gosse, Physical Therapy Better gait quality and speed in adults with Down syndrome when wearing supportive shoes compared to unsupportive shoes and barefoot

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Colin Kruger, Physical Therapy Development and Pilot Testing of a Surface Discrimination Test for People with Lower Limb Amputation

Nanea I. Lagasca, Physical Therapy Effect of Asynchronous Virtual Interviews on Ethnic Minority Matriculation into a Doctor of Physical Therapy Program

Yinny H. Lee, Physical Therapy Effects of Chronic Diabetes and Attentional Focus on Performance and Learning of a Novel Stabilometer Task in Older Adults

Alicia M. Letkiewicz, Physical Therapy Effects of Chronic Diabetes and Attentional Focus on Performance and Learning of a Novel Stabilometer Balance Task

Sharlene Lim, Physical Therapy Development and Pilot Testing of a Surface Discrimination Test for People with Lower Limb Amputation

Jorge A. Lorza-Lopez, Physical Therapy Effects of Exercise on Level of Support, Mobility and Quality of Life in Adults with Down syndrome

Payton LeAnna Mack, Physical Therapy Implementing Physical Therapy Services and Screenings for the Students of the UNLV College of Fine Arts for Health and Injury Prevention: A Service-Learning Approach

Mieko Nagano Mamauag, Physical Therapy Effects of Chronic Diabetes and Attentional Focus on Performance and Learning of a Novel Stabilometer Task in Older Adults

Kerry Elizabeth Margolin, Physical Therapy Implementation of an Evidence-Based Program to Reduce Fall Risk of Older Adults in Nevada

Kyle McKnight, Physical Therapy Surface Discrimination in People with Lower Limb Amputation: A Pilot Study

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Gladys Miller, Physical Therapy

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Katrina J. Myers, Physical Therapy

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Conducted by Adam Schroeder, Associate Professor of Jazz Studies UNLV School of Music

Gary Fowler, Shaddai Johnson - Vocals Tristan Selzler - Piano Edoardo Lacala - Bass Amy Crosley - Drums Aries Harper – Trumpet Gio Lacala - Trombone Chris Ellis - Tenor Saxophone

ALMA MATER

(Composed by Eric Whitacre, Lyrics by Thomas Leslie and Robyn Lemon Chapman)

> Alma Mater, we praise you For Spirit, the eternal flame. Strength which never falters, A tribute to your name.

Alma Mater, we thank you, Exalted Scarlet and Gray. Truth and wisdom from your Standard in our minds and hearts will stay.

Alma Mater, we cherish you. And in days that are yet to be, Our voices let us ever raise In honor, U-N-L-V.

The University of Nevada, Las Vegas is proud to honor those who have served in the Armed Forces. Below is a list of veterans who are graduating.



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OUTSTANDING GRADUATE STUDENT TEACHING AWARD 2014-2015

1st Place Jennifer Whitmer
2nd Place Moinak Bhaduri
3rd Place Ashok EM Sudhakar

2015-2016

1st Place Andrew Scott Murtishaw

2nd Place Meysam Najimi 3rd Place Caitlin Saladino

2016-2017

1st Place Sarah Murphy
2nd Place Nicholas Baxter
3rd Place Kazem Jadidirendi

2017-2018

1st Place Matthew Le Claire
2nd Place Erdogan Kaya
3rd Place Michael Isaacs

2018-2019

1st Place Joy Immak
2nd Place Malayka Cornejo
3rd Place Mirae Fornander

2019-2020

1st Place Weerakonda De Silva 2nd Place Mark Toussaint 3rd Place Elena Bejinariu

2020-2021

1st Place Dustin Davis

2nd Place Christopher Wakefield

3rd Place Nina Paul

2021-2022

1st Place Torisha Khonach 2nd Place Joshua Donnelly 3rd Place Ghazaleh Laleh

2022-2023

1st Place Nanette Rasband Hilton

2nd Place Md N. Hasan

2023-2024

1st Place: Skylar Polek
2nd Place: Maria Hermosillo
3rd Place: Anna Colquitt

OUTSTANDING DISSERTATION AWARD

2014

Jonathan William Plaue

2015

Jordan Watkins

2016

Seth Gainey

2017

Janelle Droessler Margaret Huettl

2018

Cheryl Anderson Tyler Stalbaum

2019

Leland Barker Scot Ewen

2020

Sarah McCarthy Joshua Sackett

2021

Ali Saber Sichani Shae Cox

2022

Jeremy Smallwood Yen-Ling Chen

2023

Suzanne Renae Mulligan Edward A. Smith

2024

Jacqueline Phan Christopher Wakefield

OUTSTANDING THESIS AWARD

2014

Riley Berry

2015

Miliaikeala SJ Heen

2016

Catherine Wisnosky

2017

Jesse Cook Michael Steiner

2018

Sara Black

Jeremy Smallwood

2019

Olufunke Ogundimu Jacqueline Phan

2020

Frank Johnson Rachel Rahib

2021

Lara Turello

Christopher Forepaugh

2022

Cale Seymour Maribel Calderon

2023

Evan William O'Neal Madison Wiese

2024

Davis Cammann Mohammed Jahama

OUTSTANDING GRADUATE FACULTY LEADERSHIP AWARD

2017

Dr. Janet Dufek

2018

Dr. Hokwon Cho

2019

Dr. Jennifer Rennels

2020

Dr. Pramen P. Shrestha

2021

Dr. Peter Gray

2022

Dr. Kaitlin Clinnin

2023

Dr. Natalie Pennington

2024

Dr. Manoj Sharma

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2017

Dr. Daniel N. Allen

2018

Dr. Janet Dufek

2019

Dr. Lori Candela

2020

Dr. Jacimaria Batista

2021

Dr. Jennifer Pharr

2022

Dr. Pramen P. Shrestha

2023

Dr. MaryKay Orgill

2024

Dr. Brach Poston

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Land Acknowledgement Statement

The University of Nevada, Las Vegas wishes to acknowledge and honor the Indigenous communities of this region, and recognize that the university is situated on the traditional homelands of the Nuwuvi, Southern Paiute People. We offer gratitude for the land itself, for those who have stewarded it for generations, and for the opportunity to study, learn, work, and be in community with this land. We encourage everyone in this space to engage in continued learning about the Indigenous peoples who work and live on this land since time immemorial, including the Las Vegas Paiute Tribe and the Moapa Band of Paiutes, and about the historical and present realities of colonialism. As one of the most diverse universities in the United States, UNLV believes it is important to recognize and appreciate the use of Southern Paiute land as part of its mission to be a welcoming and inclusive place for working and learning.

What is the purpose of a Land Acknowledgement?

A land acknowledgement recognizes and respects the relationship that exists between Indigenous Peoples and their ancestral and contemporary territories. Additionally, land acknowledgements provide us with the opportunity to explore the impacts of colonization and systems of oppression on Indigenous Peoples. Land acknowledgements do not exist in a historical context or past tense. It is vital to understand the long-standing history that brought us to reside on the land, and to seek to understand our place within that history. Colonialism is a current, ongoing process, and we need to build our mindfulness and understanding of our present participation.

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Dear Graduates of the Class of 2024,

Congratulations on reaching this significant milestone in your academic journey! With genuine enthusiasm, we extend a warm welcome into the UNLV Alumni Association and the Rebels Forever family. As you transition from students to alumni, you become part of a vast community of over 150,000 Rebels worldwide, united by a deep-rooted passion for UNLV.

As you venture into this new chapter of your lives, we encourage you to carry with you a profound appreciation for your alma mater, the dedicated faculty and staff who have guided you, and the enduring bonds you've formed with fellow Rebels. Graduation marks not the end but the beginning of a lifelong relationship with UNLV. We urge you to stay connected, to give back, and to remain actively engaged with the university community.

Through our Rebels Forever program, you can access a wealth of invaluable benefits and services designed to support you as you embark on your post-graduation endeavors. Whether you access Career Services, utilize the exclusive Rebel Alumni email, participate in engaging events, or take advantage of special deals and discounts, our commitment is to empower you with resources that support your personal and professional growth. For further details, we encourage you to explore and bookmark unly.edu/rebelsforever.

Your accomplishments thus far fill us with immense pride, and we hold every confidence that you will continue to thrive in your chosen paths. As you navigate the complexities of your careers and personal lives, remember that you are never alone. The UNLV Alumni Association, alongside your fellow Rebels, stands ready to offer support and to celebrate your successes.

You are not merely graduates but ambassadors of UNLV, exemplifying the spirit of excellence that defines our institution. Your contributions are poised to further enhance our reputation, and we eagerly anticipate the positive impact you will make as Rebels in the global community.

In conclusion, we extend our heartfelt congratulations once more on this momentous achievement. Embrace your journey with Rebel pride, knowing you are integral to a legacy of resilience, innovation, and success.

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