

FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY
Doctoral Commencement Ceremony



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1851 CELEBRATING 175 YEARS 2026

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BRIEF HISTORY OF FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY

Florida State University, one of the largest and oldest of the 12 institutions of higher learning in the State University System of Florida, was established by an act of the Florida Legislature on Jan. 24, 1851, as the Seminary West of the Suwannee River, also called the West Florida Seminary.

Classes were held at the West Florida Seminary from 1857 until 1863, when the Legislature changed the name to The Florida Military and Collegiate Institute. Following the Civil War, the institution entered a period of growth and development. By 1897 it had become the first liberal arts college in the state, and in 1901 it became Florida State College. In 1905, the Legislature reorganized Florida's educational system, and the school became an all-women's college and was renamed Florida State College for Women. When World War II ended, returning veterans required additional educational resources. In 1947, the Governor signed an act of the Legislature returning FSCW to a coeducational institution and renaming it Florida State University.

In each succeeding decade, Florida State University has strengthened its academic enterprise and is now recognized as a leading national research university. The Florida Legislature and the Florida Board of Governors designated FSU one of the state's preeminent universities in 2013, and the university has been ranked in the nation's Top 25 public universities since 2019. Today, the university comprises 17 colleges, serving more than 46,000 students and offering 206 bachelor's, master's, and specialist degrees as well as 64 doctoral degrees and four professional degrees.

From its origins on a few acres with a handful of buildings, the university has expanded to include 390 buildings on more than 1,800 acres. Today, Florida State University encompasses the 487.1-acre Tallahassee campus, the Coastal and Marine Laboratory on the Gulf Coast, a campus in Panama City, Fla., and a global footprint that includes a branch campus in the Republic of Panama and study centers in Florence, Italy; London, England; and Valencia, Spain.

Across generations, FSU has expanded opportunity, advanced knowledge, and prepared students to lead and serve. In 2026, Florida State University celebrates its 175th anniversary, honoring its rich heritage and bold vision for the future.

SEMINOLE TRIBE OF FLORIDA

The Seminole Tribe of Florida and Florida State University maintain a close relationship based on friendship, mutual respect, and support for one another. The Seminole Tribe of Florida are a courageous, tenacious, and determined people who, against great odds, fought successfully to preserve their culture and to live their lives according to their traditions and beliefs. Since 1947, FSU has proudly identified itself with this heroic tribe. FSU's use of the name honors the strength and bravery of these people, who never surrendered and ultimately persevered.

FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS

Richard McCullough, Ph.D.
President

James Clark, Ph.D.
*Provost and Executive Vice President for
Academic Affairs*

Michael Alford, M.Ed.
Vice President and Director of Athletics

Kyle Clark, M.B.A.
*Senior Vice President for Finance &
Administration*

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*Vice President for Legal Affairs and
General Counsel*

Jonathan Fozard, MBA
*Vice President & Chief Information
Officer*

Amy Hecht, Ed.D.
Vice President for Student Affairs

Marissa Langston, M.S.
Vice President and Chief of Staff

Joe O'Shea, Ph.D.
*Vice President for Student Academic
Success*

Stacey Patterson, Ph.D.
Vice President for Research

Jeremy Slaga, J.D.
*Vice President and Chief Clinical
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*Vice President for Faculty Development &
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Marla Vickers, Ed.D.
Vice President for University Advancement

FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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The Honorable Ray Rodrigues

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The Honorable Keith Perry

The Honorable Ian Seibert

The Honorable Nick Sinatra

ACADEMIC DEANS

Dedman College of Hospitality
Dr. Donald Farr

Jim Moran College of Entrepreneurship
Dr. Susan Fiorito

College of Applied Studies
Dr. Randall Hanna

College of Medicine
Dr. Alma Littles

College of Motion Picture Arts
Mr. Reb Braddock

FAMU-FSU College of Engineering
Dr. Suvranu De

College of Fine Arts
Dr. James Frazier

College of Communication
and Information
Dr. Michelle Kazmer

College of Social Sciences
and Public Policy
Dr. Tim Chapin

College of Law
Dr. Erin O'Hara O'Connor

College of Nursing
Dr. Jing Wang

Herbert Wertheim College of Business
Dr. Michael Hartline

College of Criminology
and Criminal Justice
Dr. Thomas G. Blomberg

College of Social Work
Dr. David W. Springer

College of Music
Dr. Todd Queen

Anne Spencer Daves College of Education,
Health, and Human Sciences
Dr. Damon Andrew

College of Arts and Sciences
Dr. Sam Huckaba

The Graduate School
Dr. Gregory Bell

Undergraduate Studies
Dr. DeOnte Brown

University Libraries
Dr. Carrie Zebrowsky Cooper

ORDER OF THE CONFERRAL OF DEGREES

The order in which the academic degrees are conferred has been established by tradition. Beginning with the newest college in the University, the degrees are conferred in succession, proceeding toward the oldest college. Therefore, at Florida State University, the Dedman College of Hospitality is first and the College of Arts and Sciences is last in the conferral of academic degrees.

Dedman College of Hospitality

Jim Moran College of
Entrepreneurship

College of Applied Studies

College of Medicine

College of Motion Picture Arts

FAMU - FSU College of Engineering

College of Fine Arts

College of Communication and
Information

College of Social Sciences and Public
Policy

College of Law

College of Nursing

Herbert Wertheim College of
Business

College of Criminology and Criminal
Justice

College of Social Work

College of Music

Anne Spencer Daves College of
Education, Health, and Human
Sciences

College of Arts and Sciences

COMMENCEMENT MARSHALS AND SUBCOMMITTEES

HEAD MARSHALS

James Hunt

Mark Zeigler

DOCTORAL MARSHALS

Jennifer Farinella

Keith McCall

Sara Shields

Lynn Hogan

Will Hogan

Brian Wilcoxon

CONVOCATIONS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

Kim Barber, Jim Clark, Jimmy Cole, Julie Decker, Taylor Gomez,
Marissa Langston, Joe O'Shea, Dennis Schnittker

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

Richard McCullough, President, Presiding



Processional
Pomp and Circumstance

Sir Edward Elgar
FSU College of Music Commence Brass
Mr. Caleb Miller, Conductor

(Those who are able are requested to rise when the Procession enters and to remain standing through the Seminole Tribe of Florida Color Guard, the Pledge of Allegiance, and the National Anthem)

Welcome and Comments

President McCullough

Welcome

Mr. Ian Seibert
2026-2027 Student Body President

FRIDAY MORNING

Commencement Address

Dr. James J. Clark
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

Conferring of Academic Degrees

President McCullough

Recessional
Hymn to the Garnet and Gold

J. Dayton Smith
Arranged by Charles Carter
FSU College of Music Commence Brass
Mr. Miller, Conductor
Ms. Caitlin Ecuyer, Vocalist

(Those who are able are requested to stand for the Recession)

ACADEMIC REGALIA

Patterned after medieval university customs, today's academic regalia reflect the status, scholastic achievement, and wearer's academic discipline. The colors on the trimmings of doctoral gowns, the edging on hoods, and the tassels of caps worn by undergraduate candidates reflect the student's academic area of study.

The colors seen at an FSU commencement ceremony are traditional and include white for the arts and humanities, brown for the fine arts, golden yellow for science, light blue for education, pink for music, citron for social work, drab for business, purple for law, apricot for nursing, maroon for human sciences, and green for medicine.

The wearer's degree is reflected by their gown and hood. A gown worn fastened at the top that features long, pointed sleeves is worn by those holding a bachelor's degree. The master's gown, which is worn open, has long, chiseled sleeves with a slit near the upper part of the arm. The doctoral gown, also worn open, is faced with a broad strip of velvet and has crossbars of velvet on each sleeve. The bars may be of black velvet or of colored velvet indicative of the degree's discipline and will agree with the hood's edging.

Hoods are worn by those holding graduate degrees. The doctoral hood is longer and more elaborate than the master's hood. At FSU, the lining of the hood is garnet and gold representing the University's colors. However, a faculty member who holds a degree from another college or university wears a hood whose lining is in the colors of his or her alma mater, with edging that represents his or her academic discipline.

The color of the undergraduate candidate's cap tassel indicates the candidate's degree. Graduate candidates-for-degree usually wear black tassels; however, the doctoral cap may have a tassel of gold thread. At the time the bachelor's degree is conferred, the tassel is changed from the right to the left side of the cap. Thereafter, it remains on the cap's left side.

The continuity of these academic symbols dates from the Middle Ages, and tradition dictates that they should be departed from as sparingly as possible, not only to preserve the symbolism of pattern and color, but for utility, as well.

THE MACE

Origins in the Middle Ages, the mace is an ornamental staff that symbolizes the authority of the university president.

The Florida State University mace, created from native black walnut and gold-plated silver, was designed by Ivan Johnson, FSU Professor of Art. The woodwork is the effort of James C. Smith, 1992-93 Lawton Distinguished Professor of Psychology, and the metalwork the product of FSU alumnus Donald Vodicka.

The university marshal bears the mace before the president as the academic procession enters and retires from academic convocations.

THE MEDALLION

The medallion, which bears the university Seal, was first presented to then FSU President Bernard Sliger by the Alumni Association at the revived Fall Convocation in 1988. Richard McCullough is the seventh president to wear the brass medallion as a symbol of the office at formal academic functions.

THE BANNER

The Banner is the highest ranking of the armorial ensigns, types of flag with heraldic significance, dating from medieval times. A knight who had displayed particularly valorous conduct became known as a Knight Banneret and was permitted to display his coat of arms on a square flag or banner carried on his lance. The Banner marked the carrier's position in battle, in a ceremony, or at a tournament.

Like the Mace, the Banner is one of the medieval heraldic devices adopted by the faculties of universities in Scotland in the 1400s to embellish academic ceremonies. Today we use them to identify the colleges participating in formal academic convocations.

UNIVERSITY-WIDE HONOR SOCIETIES

FSU sponsors chapters of several university-wide scholastic and leadership honor societies that recognize students who have excelled academically or through leadership and service to the University and community. Below is a list of the cord, stole, or medallion provided as recognition of membership:

Scholastic Honor Societies

Phi Beta Kappa- pink and light blue cord
Phi Kappa Phi- light blue cord
Golden Key International Honor Society- blue and yellow cord
Phi Eta Sigma- black and gold cord
National Society of Collegiate Scholars- garnet and gold cord
Tau Sigma National Honor Society- burgundy and gold cord

Leadership Honor Societies

The W.E.B. Du Bois Honor Society- red, green, yellow, and black cord
Omicron Delta Kappa- blue and white cord
Mortar Board- yellow and white cord
Garnet Key Honor Society- white cord
The Hispanic Honor Society- maroon stole
Garnet and Gold Key- garnet and gold cord



COLLEGE OF MEDICINE

Doctor of Philosophy
With Major In

Meaghan Angelina Navarrete Mathews –
Neuroscience - BMS
Major Professor: Dr. Yi Zhou

*"Investigating the Neurobiology
of Psychosis-Associated Behaviors
Using 14-3-3 Mouse Models"*

Yasmeena Thabet – Biomedical Sciences
Major Professor: Dr. Gregg Stanwood

*"Deleting D2 Receptors from Developing
Cortical Interneurons Increases Glutamatergic
Neurons and Attenuates NMDA Antagonist-
Evoked Behavioral Responses"*

Mia X. Trupiano – Biomedical Sciences
Major Professor: Dr. Pradeep Bhidé

*"Early-Life Nicotine Exposure Disrupts Striatal
Inhibitory Circuits and Motivated Behavior"*



FAMU-FSU COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

Doctor of Philosophy
With Major In

Pranathi Brungi – Electrical Engineering
Major Professor: Dr. Petru Andrei

*"Optimization of Breakdown Voltage and
On-State Performance of Silicon and Wide
Bandgap Power Semiconductor Devices"*

Colin Esmonde – Biomedical Engineering
Major Professor: Dr. Yan Li

*"Engineering iPSC-Derived Exosomes for the
Treatment of Neurological Conditions"*

Dana Ezzeddine – Chemical Engineering
Major Professor: Dr. Raim Ricarte

*"Network Topology and Associative Bond
Exchange Control the Viscoelastic Response
of Elastomeric and Glassy Vitrimers"*

Ahmed Khaled Hassanien – Civil
Engineering
Major Professor: Dr. Michael Elwardany
*"Toward Efficient and Aging-Sensitive Cyclic
Fatigue Characterization of Asphalt Mixtures"*

Syed Usama Imtiaz – Civil Engineering
Major Professor: Dr. Nasrin Alamdari

*"Science-Guided Trustworthy AI for Water
Quality and Microbial Prediction"*

Serdar Seçkin – Mechanical Engineering
Major Professor: Dr. Farrukh Alvi

*"Flow Topology of Double-Fin Induced Shock-
Wave/Boundary-Layer Interactions"*

Mohammed Ali Sumayli – Electrical
Engineering
Major Professor: Dr. Olugbenga Moses Anubi

*"Optimizing Smart Home Energy Management
Systems for Demand Response Using
Deep Reinforcement Learning"*

Rukiye Tuna – Biomedical Engineering
Major Professor: Dr. Zixiang Liu

*"Fluctuating Hemorheology and Its Impact
on Molecular and Cellular Mechanobiology
in Thrombosis and Hemostasis"*

Peizhi Wang – Civil Engineering
Major Professor: Dr. Qian Zhang

*"Effects of Cracking on Chloride Transport
and Reinforcement Corrosion in Ultra-
High-Performance Concrete Under
Coastal and Marine Environment"*

Peng Wang – Electrical Engineering
Major Professor: Dr. Petru Andrei
*"Design and In-Situ Construction of Hydrogel
Electrolytes and Manganese Dioxide Cathodes
Toward Simplified, Stable, and Wide-
Temperature Aqueous Zinc-Ion Batteries"*



COLLEGE OF FINE ARTS

Doctor of Philosophy
With Major In

Hsin Fang – Art Education
Major Professors: Dr. Amber Ward
and Dr. Rachel Fendler

*"Becoming-Immigrant-Mother: A
Posthuman Collaboration with Materials
and Immigrant Mother-Educators"*

Zoe Hume – Museum Education and Visitor-
Centered Curation
Major Professor: Dr. Ann Rowson Love

*"Museum Changemakers' Sense of Belonging:
A Transformative Mixed Methods Case Study"*



COLLEGE OF COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION

Doctor of Philosophy
With Major In

Lateef Adeshina Ayinde – Information
Major Professor: Dr. Charles Hinnant

*"Exploring Perceptions of Generative
Artificial Intelligence Adoption in
Medicaid Service Delivery"*

Forhan Bin Emdad – Information
Major Professor: Dr. Zhe He

*"Trust in Artificial Intelligence-Based
Clinical Decision Support: Exploration
of Explainability, Ethics, and Clinician's
and Medical Students' Perceptions"*

Ashley Johns – Communication Theory &
Research
Major Professor: Dr. Sindy Chapa

*"When Brands Wave the Flag: How
Advocate Values and Experiences Influence
Responses to LGBTQIA+ Advertising"*

Talalah Khan – Communication Theory & Research

Major Professor: Dr. Sindy Chapa

"Demystifying Luxury Fashion: The Interplay of Aesthetic Ideologies and Cultural Orientation in Reshaping Global Consumption Preferences"

Akansha Kharkwal – Communication Theory & Research

Major Professor: Dr. Russell Clayton

"The Impact of Instagram Content, Positive Reinforcement, and Physical Activity Trackers in Digital Health Intervention Websites: A Message-Effects and a Longitudinal Investigation Testing Theory of Planned Behavior"

Alessandra Noli Peschiera – Communication Theory & Research
Major Professor: Dr. Sindy Chapa

"The Influence of Gender Representation in Caregiving Advertising: An Analysis of Gender Norms and Caregiving Roles"

Junho Park – Communication Theory & Research

Major Professor: Dr. Russell Clayton

"The Impact of Media Modalities and Expertise Cues in Online Therapist Biographies: Exploring Uncertainty Reduction, Psychophysiological Responses, and Behavioral Intentions"

Sun Young Park – Communication Theory & Research

Major Professor: Dr. Rachel Bailey

"The Effects of Content Claims and Body Cues in Influencer Advertisements on Eating Intentions, Body Image, and Orthorexic Tendencies"

Benhur Ankit Chandra Ravuri – Information

Major Professor: Dr. Marcia Mardis

"Complex Questions and Quality Answers: Evaluating LLM Responses with Kulthau's ISP and Bloom's Taxonomy"

Jasmine Alexandria Smith – Communication Science and Disorders
Major Professor: Dr. Lakeisha Johnson

"Examining Child-Level, Item-Level, and Child-by-Item Factors Influencing Spelling Production in Child Speakers of African American English"



COLLEGE OF SOCIAL SCIENCES AND PUBLIC POLICY

Doctor of Philosophy
With Major In

Jinyoung Cha – Public Administration
Major Professor: Dr. Keon-Hyung Lee

"Performance Management in Public Administration: Governments, Organizations, and Citizens"

Tzu-An Chiang – Public Administration
Major Professor: Dr. Daniel Fay

"The Role of Governance Structure in Higher Education"

Jongho Paul Choe – Economics
Major Professor: Dr. Carl Kitchens

"Essays in Health, Labor, and Environmental Economics"

Soonwoo Choi – Public Administration
Major Professor: Dr. Keon-Hyung Lee

"Legitimacy Transformation in Space Policy: Multi-Level Governance in the New Space Era"

Marie Florence Denis-Luque – Public Administration

Major Professor: Dr. David Berlan

"Haiti's Relationship with Voluntary Organizations: A View from Below"

Christopher Thomas Gahagan – Political Science

Major Professors: Dr. Quintin Beazer and Dr. Sean Ehrlich

"The Hidden Majority: Globalization and the Politics of Informal Employment"

Martín Gandur – Political Science
Major Professor: Dr. Amanda Driscoll

"Essays on Interbranch Conflicts and Public Support for Courts"

Yuemeng Gao – Geography
Major Professor: Dr. Xiaojun Yang

"Quantifying Anthropogenic Impacts on Urban Ecosystems Through Remote Sensing and Geospatial Analytics"

Sina Jangjoo – Public Administration
Major Professors: Dr. David Berlan and Dr. Tian Tang

"Rule Location Under Constrained Polycentricity: Contested Rule Formation, Nonprofit Shadow Rule-Making, and Energy Justice in Florida's Local Clean Energy Governance"

Hyunji Kim – Public Administration
Major Professor: Dr. Keon-Hyung Lee

"From Access to Outcomes in Medicaid: Administrative Burden Reduction, State Expenditures, and Health Behaviors Changes"

Jose Luis Lopez III – Economics
Major Professor: Dr. John Hamman

"Essays in Experimental Economics: Moral Choice and Decision-Making Under Uncertainty"

Tian Luo – Public Administration
Major Professors: Dr. Tian Tang and Dr. Xue Gao

"Governing Through Structure: Urban Resilience, Collaborative Roles, and Market Design Stress in Public Systems"

Charles Braeden McNulty – Political Science
Major Professor: Dr. Lonna Atkeson

"Places in Our Head: Exploring the Geographical and Psychological Origins of Place Resentment and Its Impact on Political Attitudes"

Hope Mimbs – Sociology
Major Professor: Dr. Anne Barrett

"How Does Friendship Evolve Over the Life Course? A Qualitative Examination Using Life History Interviews"

Kyleigh Faith Moniz – Sociology
Major Professor: Dr. Miles Taylor

"Educational Attainment in the Shadow of Incarceration: Family and Punitive Institutional Pathways Across Adolescence and Young Adulthood"

James Timothy Schulte, Jr. – Economics
Major Professor: Dr. Jeongbin Kim

"Essays on Experimental and Applied Microeconomics"

James Carroll Stewart III – Political Science
Major Professors: Dr. Christopher Reenock and Dr. Holger Kern

"Some Determinants of Citizen Support for Political Extremism: Persistence, Elite Rhetoric, and Institutional Change"

Yu Sun – Public Administration
Major Professor: Dr. Keon-Hyung Lee

*“Three Essays on the Interaction Between
Nonprofits and Institutions, Politics, and
Communities in Environmental Governance”*

Patrick Michael Tydir – Economics
Major Professor: Dr. Robert Isaac

*“Essays on Experience Goods and Coordination:
Evidence from Laboratory Experiments”*



COLLEGE OF NURSING

Doctor of Nursing Practice
With Major In

Catalina Alain – Lifestyle Medicine
Major Professor: Dr. Jennifer Bonamer

Maryjeyasobah Alex – Executive Health
Systems Leadership
Major Professor: Dr. Allison McHugh

Beth Cao – Executive Health Systems
Leadership
Major Professor: Dr. Allison McHugh

Raven Brightwater Custalow – Lifestyle
Medicine
Major Professor: Dr. Ali Craig-Rodriguez

Ana Del Castillo – Executive Health Systems
Leadership
Major Professor: Dr. Kelli Vaughn

Stephanie DeRouin – Lifestyle Medicine
Major Professor: Dr. Ali Craig-Rodriguez

Katrin Diana – Executive Health Systems
Leadership
Major Professor: Dr. Ellen Huenink

Shelley Heather Duncan – Lifestyle
Medicine
Major Professor: Dr. Ali Craig-Rodriguez

Cierra Fabien – Lifestyle Medicine
Major Professor: Dr. Ali Craig-Rodriguez

Susan Fallis – Executive Health Systems
Leadership
Major Professor: Dr. Allison McHugh

Georgina Farrell – Executive Health
Systems Leadership
Major Professor: Dr. Allison McHugh

Rebecca Feeley – Executive Health Systems
Leadership
Major Professor: Dr. Allison McHugh

Marianna Garibaldi – Lifestyle Medicine
Major Professor: Dr. Ali Craig-Rodriguez

Mellissa Heath – Executive Health Systems
Leadership
Major Professor: Dr. Allison McHugh

Karina Herrera – Executive Health Systems
Leadership
Major Professor: Dr. Allison McHugh

Lisa Sue Hinds – Executive Health Systems
Leadership
Major Professor: Dr. Jennifer Bonamer

Julie Ann Hortman – Lifestyle Medicine
Major Professor: Dr. Ali Craig-Rodriguez

Joan Howard – Executive Health Systems
Leadership
Major Professor: Dr. Allison McHugh

Jordan Johnson – Family Nurse Practitioner
Major Professor: Dr. Jennifer Schnippert

Sissy Jumper – Executive Health Systems
Leadership
Major Professor: Dr. Jennifer Schnippert

Geraldine Kidary – Lifestyle Medicine
Major Professor: Dr. Ali Craig-Rodriguez

Stacie Kittman – Lifestyle Medicine
Major Professor: Dr. Ali Craig-Rodriguez

Sarah Lang – Psychiatric Mental Health
Major Professor: Dr. Jerri Edwards

Erin Lanier – Executive Health Systems
Leadership
Major Professor: Dr. Allison McHugh

Valtina La'Shay Lawson – Psychiatric
Mental Health
Major Professor: Dr. Jerri Edwards

Erica Lossmann – Executive Health Systems
Leadership
Major Professor: Dr. Allison McHugh

Julie David Luis – Lifestyle Medicine
Major Professor: Dr. Ali Craig-Rodriguez

Stacy Martin – Psychiatric Mental Health
Major Professor: Dr. Jerri Edwards

Nicole McClain – Executive Health Systems
Leadership
Major Professor: Dr. Allison McHugh

Salli Melvin – Executive Health Systems
Leadership
Major Professor: Dr. Allison McHugh

Hidi Moody – Lifestyle Medicine
Major Professor: Dr. Ali Craig-Rodriguez

Kileigh Grace Moon – Adult Gerontology
Acute Care Nurse Practitioner
Major Professor: Dr. Kristin Fadale

Erica Tristan Neubert – Lifestyle Medicine
Major Professor: Dr. Ali Craig-Rodriguez

Norman Pasley – Executive Health Systems
Leadership
Major Professor: Dr. Allison McHugh

Tatiana Petithomme – Executive Health
Systems Leadership
Major Professor: Dr. Allison McHugh

Julie Poppe – Executive Health Systems
Leadership
Major Professor: Dr. Allison McHugh

Yarimel Natalia Rodriguez – Executive
Health Systems Leadership
Major Professor: Dr. Allison McHugh

Erika Shearey – Executive Health Systems
Leadership
Major Professor: Dr. Allison McHugh

Kasey Smith – Executive Health Systems
Leadership
Major Professor: Dr. Allison McHugh

Alea Sohn – Lifestyle Medicine
Major Professor: Dr. Ali Craig-Rodriguez

Cindy Taylor – Executive Health Systems
Leadership
Major Professor: Dr. Allison McHugh

Colleen Thielk – Executive Health Systems
Leadership
Major Professor: Dr. Allison McHugh

Lindsey VanSchoyck – Lifestyle Medicine
Major Professor: Dr. Ali Craig-Rodriguez

Junet Vil – Executive Health Systems
Leadership
Major Professor: Dr. Allison McHugh

Linda Watson – Lifestyle Medicine
Major Professor: Dr. Ali Craig-Rodriguez

Eugena Watson-Johnson – Psychiatric
Mental Health
Major Professor: Dr. Jerri Edwards

Kaylyn Williams – Executive Health Systems
Leadership
Major Professor: Dr. Jennifer Schnippert

Shenekia Williams Johnson – Executive
Health Systems Leadership
Major Professor: Dr. Allison McHugh



HERBERT WERTHEIM COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Doctor of Philosophy
With Major In

Hillary Claire Keltner – Organizational
Behavior & Human Resources
Major Professors: Dr. Remy Jennings and
Dr. Samantha Paustian-Underdahl

*"A Within-Person Analysis of Menopause-
Work Conflict: The Role of Resources
in Shaping Daily Performance"*



COLLEGE OF CRIMINOLOGY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Doctor of Philosophy
With Major In

Matthew David Phillip Vanden Bosch –
Criminology
Major Professor: Dr. Brendan Lantz

*"Measuring Misconceptions, Myths,
and Stereotypes about Hate Crimes:
Developing and Validating the Hate
Crime Myth Acceptance Scale"*



COLLEGE OF SOCIAL WORK

Doctor of Philosophy
With Major In

Rachel Maria Harris – Social Work
Major Professors: Dr. Frank Wong
and Dr. Millender Flores

*"A Person-Centered Approach to Examining
Differential Vulnerability During Pregnancy
Among Prenatal Home Visiting Participants"*

Lauren Tobia – Social Work
Major Professor: Dr. Shamra Boel-Studt

*"State Legislation and Health Care
Access Among Children in Immigrant
Families: A Multilevel Analysis"*



COLLEGE OF MUSIC

Doctor of Music
With Major In

Thu Le Minh Vo – String Performance
Major Professor: Professor Gregory Sauer

*"Creative Elements in New Music: A
Study of The Commissioning Process
Through Isaac Villaroya's Tuko Dream
Sequence: Trances for Violin and Cello"*

Doctor of Philosophy
With Major In

Chandler Blount – Music Theory
Major Professor: Dr. Michael Buchler

*"What's So Funny? Essays on Humor
and Musical Structure"*

Diane Garrison Langston – Music
Education
Major Professors: Dr. Lori Gooding
and Dr. Gregory Springer

*"Post-Global Pandemic Use of Telehealth
Music Therapy within the Veterans
Health Administration: An Evaluation
of Clinical Care Adaptation"*

Jeremy Jerrodd Moore – Music Education
Major Professor: Dr. Mark Belfast

*"Towards a Pathway to Singing: A Quantitative
Analysis of Self-Efficacy, Identity, and Experience
in Music Majors with Non-Vocal Specializations"*

Harold Clayton Wright – Music Education
Major Professor: Dr. Michael Hanawalt

*"Songs of Velvet: A Conductor's Guide
to Selected Choral Arrangements by
Derric Johnson for Mixed Chorus"*



ANNE SPENCER DAVES COLLEGE OF EDUCATION, HEALTH, AND HUMAN SCIENCES

Doctor of Education
With Major In

Christie Lynne Catteeuw – Learning Design
and Performance Technology
Major Professor: Dr. K. Bret Staudt Willet

*"Examining New Instructional
Designers' Use of LinkedIn during Their
Transition from K-12 Teaching"*

Estela Gonzalez – Educational Leadership/
Administration
Major Professor: Dr. Patrice Iatarola

*"Latinx Immigrant High School Students
and Their Teachers: A Study of Students'
Perceptions of Their Educational
Experiences and Sense of Belonging"*

Shellise Goulbourne – Educational
Leadership/Administration
Major Professors: Dr. Eric Ludwig
and Dr. Stephanie Zuilkowski

*"Reading between the Lines: Exploring Teachers'
Literacy Self-Efficacy in Title I Schools"*

Casey Marie Graham – Educational
Leadership/Administration
Major Professor: Dr. Erica Harbatkin

*"Purposeful Funding for Students in Poverty:
Administrative Decision-Making on the
Use of Funding in High Needs Schools"*

Odette Leylani Guillén López – Educational Leadership/Administration
Major Professor: Dr. Lara Perez-Felkner

"Breaking the Silence Against Us: LGBTQ Teacher Testimonios During Florida's Anti-LGBTQ+ Educational Legislative Constraints"

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