

# SETON HALL UNIVERSITY

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## *College of Arts and Sciences*

**May 18, 2024**  
Graduate Commencement and  
Hooding Ceremony  
Walsh Gymnasium

# *College of Arts and Sciences*

Welcome to the twelfth Graduate Commencement of the College of Arts and Sciences. As Dean of the College, it is my honor to offer my congratulations to the graduates. Today, you are receiving an advanced degree, which means that you henceforth be an “expert” in some area of knowledge. This expert knowledge will increase your value to potential employers, and this is probably one of the reasons why you decided to pursue an advanced degree in the first place. As we move into a “knowledge-based economy,” a bachelor’s degree is no longer the baseline expectation for educational attainment. Employers are looking for employees equipped to deal not only with the problems of today, but who are also able to think intelligently about the future.

But please do not forget that you are receiving your advanced degree from the College of Arts and Sciences, which is the home of the liberal arts at Seton Hall, a Catholic university. You have not only learned how to do things; we have also encouraged you to ask why questions. Why do practitioners do things certain ways? Why does my work matter? In other words, we have asked you to put your expertise within a broader context and to think about how you can contribute to the common good.

So as you move on to the next stage in your life, please remember to think about not only how you’re doing (your career success) but also what you’re doing.

Congratulations, again!

Jonathan Farina, Ph.D.

*Interim Dean, College of Arts and Sciences*

# Program

MASTER OF CEREMONIES.....	Michael Dooney, Ph.D. <i>Associate Dean, College of Arts and Sciences</i>
THE NATIONAL ANTHEM .....	Singer: Laura Rondinella Accompanist: Gregory Scime <i>Adjunct Professor of Communication and the Arts</i>
INVOCATION .....	Father Lawrence Frizzell, D.Phil. <i>Associate Professor of Religious Studies</i>
WELCOME .....	Christopher Cuccia, Ed.D. <i>Associate Provost for Graduate Affairs</i>
REMARKS .....	Jonathan Farina, Ph.D. <i>Interim Dean, College of Arts and Sciences</i>
CONFERRAL OF DEGREES .....	Bonnie Evans, M.H.A. <i>Member, Board of Regents</i>

## PRESENTATION OF DEGREE CANDIDATES

### Doctor of Philosophy in Chemistry

Yuri Kazakevich, Ph.D., *Professor of Chemistry and Biochemistry*  
Gregory R Wiedman, Ph.D., *Assistant Professor of Chemistry and Biochemistry*  
Joseph Badillo, Ph.D., *Assistant Professor of Chemistry and Biochemistry*  
Gerald Buonopane, Ph.D., *Senior Lecturer of Chemistry and Biochemistry*  
Sergiu Gorun, Ph.D., *Professor of Chemistry and Biochemistry*  
Nicholas Snow, Ph.D., *Professor of Chemistry and Biochemistry*  
Stephen Kelty, Ph.D., *Professor of Chemistry and Biochemistry*

### Doctor of Philosophy in Molecular Bioscience

Brian Nichols, Ph.D., *Associate Professor of Biological Sciences*  
Constantine Bitsaksis, Ph.D., *Associate Professor of Biological Sciences*  
Erik Hill, Ph.D., *Assistant Professor of Biological Sciences*

### Master of Arts in English

Angela Weisl, Ph.D., *Department Chair and Professor of English*  
Donovan Sherman, Ph.D., *Associate Professor of English*  
Mary Balkun, Ph.D., *Professor of English*  
Russell Sbriglia, Ph.D., *Associate Professor of English*  
Kelly Shea, Ph.D., *Associate Professor of English*

## PRESENTATION OF DEGREE CANDIDATES (CONTINUED)

### Master of Arts in Jewish-Christian Studies

Father Lawrence Frizzell, D.Phil.,  
*Associate Professor of Religious Studies*

### Master of Science in Biology and Master of Science in Microbiology

Brian Nichols, Ph.D., *Associate Professor of Biological Sciences*  
Constantine Bitsaktis, Ph.D., *Associate Professor of Biological Sciences*  
Erik Hill, Ph.D., *Assistant Professor of Biological Sciences*

### Master of Science in Chemistry

Yuri Kazakevich, Ph.D., *Professor of Chemistry and Biochemistry*  
James Hanson, Ph.D., *Professor of Chemistry and Biochemistry*  
Gregory Wiedman, Ph.D., *Assistant Professor of Chemistry and Biochemistry*  
Joseph Badillo, Ph.D., *Assistant Professor of Chemistry and Biochemistry*  
Gerald Buonopane, Ph.D., *Senior Lecturer of Chemistry and Biochemistry*  
Sergiu Gorun, Ph.D., *Professor of Chemistry and Biochemistry*  
Nicholas Snow, Ph.D., *Professor of Chemistry and Biochemistry*  
Stephen Kelty, Ph.D., *Professor of Chemistry and Biochemistry*

### Master of Science in Data Science

Manfred Minimair, Ph.D., *Professor of Mathematics and Computer Science*  
Hsin-Yi Lin, Ph.D., *Assistant Professor of Mathematics and Computer Science*

### Master of Public Administration

Roseanne Mirabella, Ph.D., *Professor of Political Science and Public Affairs*  
La'Tesha Sampson, Ph.D., *Director of M.S.W. Practicum Education*

### Master of Social Work

Christine Heer, J.D., *Director of M.S.W. Program*  
Juan A Rios, D.S.W., *Assistant Professor of Social Work*  
Widian Nicola, D.S.W., *Associate Professor of Social Work*  
Amy Gladstone, Ph.D., *Lecturer of Social Work*  
La'Tesha Sampson, Ph.D., *Director of M.S.W. Practicum Education*  
Tanasha Driver, LCSW, *Social Work Faculty*

## CONFERRAL OF DEGREES

Performed by Ms. Bonnie A. Evans, M.H.A.,  
*Member of the Seton Hall University Board of Regents*

ALMA MATER .....Singer: Laura Rondinella  
Accompanist: Gregory Scime

# *Degree Candidates*

## **DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN CHEMISTRY**

Margaret Figus\*  
Charnette Frederic\*  
Usha Kalra\*

Mary Okorie\*  
Viral Shah  
Mufeda Zhort\*

## **DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN MOLECULAR BIOSCIENCE**

Brian Reiss\*

## **MASTER OF ARTS IN ENGLISH**

Nichole Arel\*\*  
Amanda Arodes  
Tehyah Carver\*  
Maria Chrobak  
Anthony Dangelico\*  
Francis Hunter\*  
Hayley Jetter-Mace\*

Elena Neoh\*  
Arianna Reid-Hill\*  
Olivia Ransbottom  
Renee Samuel\*\*  
Shardai Smith\*\*  
Abigail Twining\*

## **MASTER OF ARTS IN HISTORY**

Diana Minakakis\*

## **MASTER OF ARTS IN JEWISH-CHRISTIAN STUDIES**

Jacqueline Delatour  
Janet Greve

Eucharía Chinecherem Nwoko  
Cyprian Okongwu

## **MASTER OF SCIENCE IN BIOLOGY**

Nicole Barczynski\*  
Kassidy Beauzil  
Julia Goni\*  
Jadeynne Hadley  
Patrick LeMarble\*

Skylar Lewis  
Hannah Peters\*\*  
Ashen Quiambao  
Samantha Rodrigues  
Helena Schmittberger\*

## **MASTER OF SCIENCE IN CHEMISTRY**

Miryam Kikhwa\*  
Daniela Noguera-Urbina  
Logan Ockershausen\*

Zena Salem\*  
Isaiah Torres

## MASTER OF SCIENCE IN DATA SCIENCE

John Curran

Natasha Rosa

## MASTER OF SCIENCE IN MICROBIOLOGY

Nicolas Ebner\*  
Myeong Gil Jun\*\*

LeAnna Ross

## MASTER OF SCIENCE IN PHYSICS

Tyler Wong\*

## MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

Hursith Adimulam  
Ajah Baldwin\*  
Krista Barreda-Gonzalez  
Stephania Breau  
Jake Burke\*  
Anjeanette Cook  
Jasmine Diaz\*  
Ira Heimowitz  
Feven Kebede\*  
Huazhi Li\*

Dejanai McInnis  
Marc McMenamin\*\*  
Needam Moses  
Meghan Murphy\*\*  
Theresah Oduro\*  
Christopher Paz\*  
Dominic Pope\*  
Jeorjet Reyes\*\*  
Kaitlyn Spitzer\*\*

## MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK

Bryan Auz  
Karla Becht\*\*  
William Beck\*  
Eliana Castro\*\*  
Elizaveta Chernysheva\*\*  
Joseph Felton\*  
Alexandra Iosim\*  
Naveeka Kausar\*  
Reegan Ledet\*  
Nia Lee\*  
Angeli Lillman\*  
Samaria Mosley\*\*

Wilmine Normil\*  
Kelsey C. Odoemene  
Erin O'Donnell\*  
Adriana Pacini\*  
Jacklyn Paustian\*  
Allyson Renda\*\*  
Marie Seance  
Kaylah Stuart  
Lois Swen  
Rafael Vargas\*  
E-forh Weh  
Mahasin Wilson

*\*Graduating with Honors*

*\*\*Graduating with High Honors*

*Inclusion in this program does not constitute official notice of degree*

# Alma Mater

Music by Nicola A. Montani

Revised: Walter Cohrszen, 1978

New choral and brass arrangement:

John Nowik, 2000

Lyrics by Charles A. Byrne ('37)



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



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



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



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



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



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

