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IRVING MEDICAL CENTER  
PROGRAMS IN  
PHYSICAL THERAPY

## CONVOCATION & AWARDS CEREMONY

# 2023

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OF

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TUESDAY, MAY 16TH, 2023  
BLACK BUILDING - ALUMNI AUDITORIUM  
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

RECEPTION  
50 HAVEN AVENUE - FIRST FLOOR  
12:30 PM - 3:00 PM

# PROGRAM

## PROCESSIONAL

Land Acknowledgment

Welcome by the Program Director

Welcome by the Dean

Welcome by the Chair

Keynote Speaker

FIERCE Commitment to Social Justice

Class President

Class Graduation Speaker

Class Video

**Kaitlynn Forbes**

**Jean Fitzpatrick Timmerberg**

**Katrina Armstrong**

**Joel Stein**

**Debbie Clayton Krasinski**

**Barry White**

**Emma Massarelli**

**Elena Rhodes**

**Grace McBarron**

## PROGRAM AWARDS

Faculty Award for Academic Excellence

Mary E. Callahan Award

Joan E. Edelstein Award

Risa Granick Award

Marcia Ebert Award for Clinical Excellence

Faculty Award for Excellence in Adult  
Neurorehabilitation

Faculty Award for Excellence in  
Orthopedics

Alfred DiMarino Award for Excellence in  
Pediatrics

Excellence in Research Award

Leadership in Clinical Education Award

Debbie Clayton Krasinski Award for  
Lifetime Achievement

**Wing Fu**

**Laurel Daniels Abbruzzese**

**Martha Sliwinski**

**Colleen Brough**

**Mahlon Stewart & Danielle Struble**

**Clare Bassile, Lobna Elsarafy &  
Martha Sliwinski**

**Rami Said & Kevin Wong**

**Samantha Sawade & Lisa Yoon**

**Jacqueline Montes**

**Mahlon Stewart & Danielle Struble**

**Stacy Kinirons & Debbie Clayton  
Krasinski**

## CALLING OF NAMES AND HOODING

**Colleen Brough, Stacy Kinirons  
& Rami Said**

## RECESSIONAL

# CLASS OF 2023

## DOCTOR OF PHYSICAL THERAPY

Lauren Abidargham  
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Christal Liaw

HONORS (GPA  $\geq$  3.85) ‡

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