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TUESDAY, MAY 14TH, 2024
BLACK BUILDING - ALUMNI AUDITORIUM
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

RECEPTION
50 HAVEN AVENUE
12:30 PM - 2:30 PM

PROGRAM

PROCESSIONAL

Welcome by the Program Director

Jean Fitzpatrick

Land Acknowledgment

Brittany L. Pappaconstantinou

Welcome by the Dean

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Welcome by the Chair

Joel Stein

Keynote Speaker

Robert Panariello, MS, PT, ATC

FIERCE Commitment to Social Justice

Gabrielle M. Ayoub & Alejandra M. Vasquez

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PROGRAM AWARDS

Faculty Award for Academic Excellence

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Mary E. Callahan Award

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Joan E. Edelstein Award

Martha Sliwinski

Risa Granick Award

Laurel Daniels Abbruzzese

Marcia Ebert Award for Clinical Excellence

Mahlon Stewart & Danielle Struble

Faculty Award for Excellence in Adult
Neurorehabilitation

Clare Bassile, Lobna Elsarafy &
Martha Sliwinski

Faculty Award for Excellence in
Orthopedics

Rami Said & Kevin Wong

Alfred DiMarino Award for Excellence in
Pediatrics

Samantha Sawade & Lisa Yoon

Excellence in Research Award

Jacqueline Montes

Leadership in Clinical Education Award

Mahlon Stewart & Danielle Struble

Debbie Clayton Krasinski Award for
Lifetime Achievement

Ashwini Rao

CALLING OF NAMES AND HOODING

Michael Johnson, Stacy Kinirons
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