



The Sixty-First
ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES
of
FELICIAN UNIVERSITY

Thursday, the twenty-second of May

Two thousand and twenty-five

The Rink at American Dream

East Rutherford, New Jersey

Felician University is sponsored by the Felician Sisters

COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY | 9:30 A.M.

*School of Arts & Sciences, School of Business & Information Sciences,
School of Education, and School of Nursing*

Academic Procession

Dr. Amy E. Dombach
*Associate Professor, Psychology
Mace Bearer*

Processional

Invocation

Callie Negro
Bachelor in Early Childhood Education with a co-major in Psychology

Welcome

Pledge of Allegiance and National Anthem

Dr. Michael W. Markowitz
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

Class of 2025 Valedictorian

Paige Portacio
Bachelor of Arts in Psychology

Faculty Posthumous Emeritus Recognition Award

Dr. Edward Siden

Honorary Degree Authorization of the Board of Trustees

Sr. Danat Marie Brysch, CSSF | Minister General

Donald C. Jones
Chairperson, Board of Trustees

Conferring of Honorary Degree

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University President

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University President

Commencement Address

Sarita E. Brown
Co-founder and President, Excelencia in Education

Presidential Congratulatory Remarks

Dr. Mildred A. Mihlon
University President

Presentation of Candidates for Degrees

Dr. Michael W. Markowitz
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

Turning of the Tassel

Dr. Michael W. Markowitz
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

Benediction

Fr. Thomas Franks
Vice President for Mission Integration

Recessional

Felician University deems it a privilege to honor

Sarita E. Brown

Co-founder & President of Excelencia in Education



A leader and advocate for increasing opportunity and student success in higher education for over 30 years, **Sarita Brown** began her career at the University of Texas at Austin, where she built a national model for increasing the number of students of color in graduate education and in the academy. Once in Washington, DC, Sarita served in leadership roles at higher education associations and at American University, and launched the Hispanic Scholarship Fund Institute. She was tapped to serve as Executive Director of the White House Initiative for Educational Excellence for Hispanic Americans under President Bill Clinton and U.S. Secretary of Education Richard Riley. Sarita later applied her talents and experience to the not-for-profit sector and in 2004, co-founded Excelencia in Education.

Many have recognized her positive impact and service to increasing educational opportunities for Latino students. This includes the Harold G. McGraw Jr. Prize in Education for “innovative thinking, strong leadership, and accomplishment by example”, the American Association of Community Colleges Harry S. Truman

Award, the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators Outstanding Contribution to Higher Education Award and the Women of Distinction award from the American Association of University Women. She was also recognized with the Medal for Distinguished Service by Teacher’s College and has received honorary degrees from Carlos Albizu University, California State University Channel Islands, Fairleigh Dickinson University, North Carolina State University, and the University of Saint Joseph.

As *Excelencia’s* President, Sarita is responsible for the vision and governance of the organization and works with the Board of Directors and the CEO to communicate with stakeholders, forward-thinking partners, funders, and investors the importance of Excelencia’s mission and tactical plan. She brings her skills and energy to expanding *Excelencia’s* Presidents for Latino Student Success, the national network of college and university leaders committed to making their institutions learning environments where Latino, and all, students thrive.

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Sister Danat Marie Brysch, CSSF

Minister General



Sr. Danat Marie, originally from Cestohowa, Texas, is a Felician Sister of Our Lady of Hope Province and is currently serving as minister general of the Felician Congregation. She entered the Felicians as a novice in 1970 in Ponca City, Oklahoma, becoming part of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Province.

She earned an Associate Degree in Nursing from Felician College in Lodi, New Jersey, in 1975; a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Incarnate Word College in San Antonio, Texas, in 1982; and a Master of Science in Nursing from the University of New Mexico in 1995.

Her practice from 1975-2003 included direct care and educational and supervisory positions in medical-surgical, geriatric, maternity / neonatal, and hospice nursing in hospitals in Iowa, Texas, and New Mexico. Sr. Danat was an instructor of student nurses for the University of New Mexico from 1995-1997, served as

provincial coordinator and supervisor of healthcare from 1988-2012, and was a member of the Healthcare Ministry Council of Felician Infirmaries from 1989-2007.

From 1995 to 2009 she was a member of the leadership team of Assumption of the BVM Province, serving successively as provincial secretary, provincial vicar and provincial minister.

From 2007-2009 she was part of the planning committee for the merging of the North American provinces. She was elected to the first leadership team of the newly-formed Our Lady of Hope Province serving as provincial vicar until being elected to the congregational leadership team as vicar general and moving to Rome, Italy, in 2012. In 2018 she was elected minister general and is now serving a second term.

Sr. Danat has held membership in the Leadership Conference of Women Religious from 2001-2009 and the Union of International Superiors General from 2018 to the present.

Alma Mater

Written by

Sr. Mary Viterbia Kozlowski, Ph.D., CSSF

Strength envelops Felician, waters mirror her past,
While her future aims to prove that "truth is happiness."

Temple enriching minds and hearts through beauty and love of God;
Transforming knowledge to wisdom and joy,
Teaching us how to serve God's people.

Alma Mater Felician, true and loyal we'll be,
Striving to uphold your standards, freedom, integrity.

The Mace of Felician University

Felician's first mace, a symbol of authority, was designed and cast in the spring of 1978. It was first carried in the academic procession of the 14th commencement exercises in May 1978. This version of the mace is composed of a rod, a globe, a crown, and a medallion containing the Felician coat of arms.

The rod is made of wood from a dogwood (deren) tree planted in Kracow, Poland, by the foundress of the Congregation of Felician Sisters, Blessed Mary Angela Truszkowska. This wood is symbolic of the heritage of the Congregation she founded and of the Order that sponsors Felician.

The globe represents the readiness of the foundress and her Congregation to spread faith and knowledge in any country wherever a need arises.

The crown represents the Blessed Virgin Mary, Patroness of the University.

The coat of arms symbolizes the origin, the development, and the ideals of Felician University.

A new mace has been crafted to represent the change to University status and displays the University's new seal. The former mace will be housed in the University archives.

Honor Cords at Felician University

The Honor Cord is a token consisting of twisted cords with tassels awarded to members of honor societies or for various academic achievements, awards, or honors. Sometimes sashes, stoles, or medallions are given in place of cords. The following cords and medallions are worn by Felician University graduates:

Latin Honors – GOLD

Business Honor Society: Sigma Beta Delta – YELLOW AND GREEN

Teacher Education Honor Society: Kappa Delta Pi – VIOLET AND JADE with the Society emblem

Nursing Honor Society: Sigma Theta Tau – ORCHID AND WHITE

Religious Studies: Theta Alpha Kappa – RED

National Catholic College Honor Society: Kappa Gamma Pi – MAHOGANY BROWN AND IVORY

International Honor Society in Psychology: Psi Chi - PLATINUM AND DARK BLUE

Honors Program – BRONZE MEDALLIONS ON A GREEN AND YELLOW RIBBON

Felician University honors its Veteran graduates with a RED, WHITE, AND BLUE CORD

SAINTS Scholar: SCARLET AND GOLD

Senior Scholarship Supporters: GREEN, GOLD AND BLUE

Candidates for Degrees

SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Doctorate of Counseling Psychology

Caroline Calegari**	Andrew Gonzalez**	Nadina Persaud*	Kim Sharrott*
Francesco Caputo*	Victoria Kealy*	Salvador Reyes*	Courtland Smith**
Octavia Frazier-Porter**	Aan Khalil**	Veteran	Sadreika Williams

Master of Arts in Counseling Psychology

Ashley Barbosa*	Amal Ghannam	S Veronica Lucero	Ydiani Peralta Pena*
Isabella Bertossi	Shannon Grassie*	Anjenny Medina*	Jelena Vucic**
Taliyah Brisco	Jessica Herron**	Shayla Morales	
Brittany Chloros	Nicole Jenal	Emma O'Brien	
Angela Filosa	Doriana Kocilja	Angela Paneva**	

Bachelor of Arts in Arts and Sciences

Hajar Abid	Gina Graves	Paige Portacio*
<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Gabrielle Gucciardo**	<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>
Yeraldin Abreu	Ethan Hickson**	Ghinnett Portella
<i>Cum Laude</i>	Nevaeh Howard**	Lilliam Pratts
Jawahr Alogali*	Jozmarie Irizarry	<i>Cum Laude</i>
<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	<i>Cum Laude</i>	Jenise Purvis**
Katiuska Andrade*	Amaura James*	Violeta Ramirez*
Vanessa Apaza*	<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	<i>Cum Laude</i>
Sheridan Bailey**	Graceline Jean Paul	Stefanie Rettenberger
Christian Biolsi**	Franchesca Jiminian*	<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
Annette Bove*	Cariel Joseph*	Ezequiel Reyes
<i>Cum Laude</i>	<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
Michaela Brown*	Marie Joseph**	Jan Phoebus Rico**
Shaquel Callaham	Darla Kertesz**	Ashley Rios
Chelsei Campbell**	Dayln Kinard-Johnson**	Jeffrey Rojas*
Taina Clarke*	Mariam Kromah	Roxanna Rosa Garcia
Tamara Colon	Mariam Lema*	Darismar Santos*
Christine Costa	Victorie Leon, Cum Laude	Karmela Santos
<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Ashley Londono*	Deborah Sanz
Cynthia Delapaz	Westly Lugo	Tahasia Thomas
<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Emily Tierney*
Yakisha Davis	Jorge Marquez**	Jaidyn Toliver*
Paige DiMase**	Jasmine McNeill	Felicity Urias**
<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Vanessa Mirabal	Shazzae Warren
Victoria Dunyak	Carlos Moreira**	
<i>Cum Laude</i>	Salma Nuino Galan**	
Michael Ehinmiahenna*	Kennedy Ordukhanyan	
Sara Elshamy	Zakiya Page*	
<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Natalia Panameño	
Spencer Flanagan	Kelsey Pereira	
<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	<i>Cum Laude</i>	
Sarahi Flores**	Keven Perez	
Ra-Shanti Fuller*	<i>Cum Laude</i>	
Aminah Glenn	Zoe Pettway*	
Katherine Gonzalez	<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	

Candidates for Degrees

SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Bachelor of Science in Arts and Sciences

Kamila Abdullahi	Sebastian Hernandez**	Sebastian Rodriguez**
Metzy Acosta**	Tasnim Islam	Tamy Rodriguez
<i>Cum Laude</i>	Aanijah Johnson**	Hala Said**
Keren Amaya	Amy Joy	<i>Cum Laude</i>
Zani Barnes	Shayla King	America Salas
Brianna Batiato*	Priscilla Kodua	<i>Cum Laude</i>
Mark Bautista**	Geselle Linares	Gianna Sullivan
Stephanie Bautista	<i>Cum Laude</i>	Jacedes Suriel
<i>Veteran</i>	Kaushena Lindsay*	Ms. Giovanna Tayag-Kosky
Darius Brown**	<i>Cum Laude</i>	Jared Tracey
Tashirah Burgess	Aziah Lloyd**	<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
Shara Bustamante**	Ana Lopez**	Shaina Uzuriaga
Genesis Cabrera**	Sabrina Maceno	Keara Van Der Merwe
Matias Carrera	Karla Maldonado	Rosaly Vargas
Melany Castillo Alva**	<i>Cum Laude</i>	Edward Young*
Arianna Chomicz	Alicja Marut	<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
James Colon	<i>Cum Laude</i>	
Shane Connell	Joshua Matthews**	
<i>Cum Laude</i>	Janelle Mcneill**	
Finn Crocker	Anthony Medina*	
Abdelrahman Deraz	Jean Michel	
<i>Cum Laude</i>	Stephanie Moore**	
Tyler Echegaray	Lara Nicodeme	
<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Olamide Ogunsolu*	
Anthony Espejel*	Richard Pesantez	
Ashley-Lauren Ferrara	Franchesca Pomponeau	
<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Yarisbel Quezada	
Jada Flores	Shirley Ravelo**	
Brad Forestieri	Jessica Rene*	
<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Valentina Restrepo**	
De'Sirae Glanton	Jazzdell Rhett	

Bachelor of Science in Arts & Sciences in Conjunction with Rutgers University

Anh Le*,
Summa Cum Laude

Associate of Applied Science in Arts and Sciences

Amber Bonner	Natalie Rodriguez
Lori Diaz	<i>Summa Cum Laude, Veteran</i>
Jason Elias Garcia	Lisa Rosatelli**
Danica Jensen Bruno	Kiara Thame
<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	<i>Cum Laude</i>
Edward Marte	
<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	
Damarys Mata	
Jasmin Ramirez Ramos	

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Candidates for Degrees

SCHOOL OF BUSINESS AND INFORMATION SCIENCES

Doctorate of Business Administration

Jonathon Clontz*	Rosalie Atkinson**
Patricia Rose*	Jermaine Cameron

Master of Business Administration

Matthew Branco*	Robert Mikhail*	Cody Hildebrand**	Deborah Ruano Roman**
Elizabeth Burke*	Jose Pombo*	Denise Isip	Uchechukwu Santschi**
Avelino Cachez*	Michael Rivera*, Veteran	Melissa Lebron**	Serina Sebbio
Fuad Chowdhury*	Hannah Sewpersaud*	Abigail Letson**	Justine Taddeo**
Chloe Christen*	Joseph Terrones*	Alvaro Castedo	Alex Torres**
Kayla DeVito*	Michelle Urgiles*	Raymond Seid**	Katinka Ummels
Massimo Girardi*	Urszula Wisniowski*	Anthony Mitchel	Carmela Vidal**
Dounia Joseph*	Natalia Amano	<i>Veteran</i>	Ricky Voss
Mouhamadou Kane*	Kimberly Butrico	Dylan Molloy	Daniela Miguel**
Miquela Martinez*	Samantha Cerdas	Camille Pearson	Melanie Mejia
Koha Mavraj*	Talia Ferguson	Daquan Pullum**	

Master of Science in Computer Science

Priyanka Bhatt	Akshay Ganga
Geetha Reddy Chidrupa	Giduthuru Naga Venkata

Bachelor of Science in Business and Information Sciences

Julia Aguilar*	Keishla Diaz	Cristhy Manon De La Rosa	Jullianna Saint Hilaire**
<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>		<i>Cum Laude</i>	<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>
Sean Agyeh	Dillon DiBartolomeo	David Marquez San Roman*	Allison Sanchez**
Alicia Anticono**	<i>Cum Laude</i>	<i>Cum Laude</i>	Odette Sanchez
Stephanie Arevalo*	Reyes Estevez	Adrian Martinez	Paulo Santos
<i>Cum Laude</i>	<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Maurice Minott	<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
Mohamed Assaf	Dorian Fabre	Emanuele Moretti	Abdul Shanunu
Leslisse Ayala**	Raquel Fermin	<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Justin Smith
Alex Balbuena	Lorenzo Ferrari	Brandon Mudrick	Edgar Soto*
Jesutofunmi Balogun**	<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Patricia St.Armand*
Kervens Barthelus**	Nicholas Fox	Yaslee Ocean*	Lorina Stoycheva
Christian Bauman	<i>Cum Laude</i>	Nomar Ogaz**	<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>
<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Dauri Genao*	<i>Cum Laude</i>	Darnell Street*
Emelin Betances*	Drew Gisinger	Nicole Ojeda**	<i>Cum Laude</i>
<i>Cum Laude</i>	Michele Hoshafi*	Manuel Otero*	Yanne Tacut*
Nicolas Bizien	Stephanie Howell**	Vaishnavi Patel*,	<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
<i>Cum Laude</i>	Jonathan Lita Izemef	<i>Cum Laude</i>	Andrea Talan**
Eric Bogar**	Jamir Jackson*	Jhonathan Phang**	<i>Cum Laude</i>
Kimberly Cadet	Tim Jaeger*	Shyreese Pierre	Marcella Tosetti*
Karou Camara	<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Tiffany Polk	Julian Uejima*
Laisha Campos**	Richard Joa**	Cole Porter	<i>Cum Laude</i>
Alexis Carthens**	Devin Jones	<i>Cum Laude</i>	Jaxson Wall**
Joseph Vincent Celentano	Katherine Kaye	Christopher Ramirez*	<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>
<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Logan Waltz
Axel Chavez*	Cleo Kepka	Izzat Rashad*	Keionte Washington**
<i>Cum Laude</i>	Izabela Kobus*	Hugo Rodriguez Rodriguez	
Daniel Chinchilla*	<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	
Luke Stephen Dayton	Leonard Laine**	Joselyn Rodriguez**	
Altin De Chavez	Miguel Macias	Kaila Rodwell	
Anthony Desapio	<i>Cum Laude</i>	<i>Cum Laude</i>	

Candidates for Degrees

Bachelor of Professional Studies

Marcus Anderson
Patricia Mensah

Associate of Arts in Liberal Arts

Laayisha Bonnet
Zuleika Wright

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

Master of Arts in Education

Alyssa Ahearn**	Mary Pacheco
Breanne Babin**	Ziara Pena**
Jaime Davidson**	Nisini Piyasekara
Amy Didonato	Janis Radziszewski*
Erika Egas	Vanesa Ramirez-Torres
Katya Funes**	James Robertson
Kuamii Gandy	Matthew Robinson
Sebastian Gostynski**	Diana Ruperto**
Karianne Kacperowski	Timothy Schreck**
Craig Kobovitch**	Kaylee Seiders
<i>Veteran</i>	LaNorra Stevenson**
John Lastra**	Kianna Sweeney
Noha Malique**	Cierra Tillman
Christopher Mecca*	Sharifa Tyrell**
Jazmin Mello	Tiffani Valentin**
Viviana Morales**	Rebecca Van Ness
Callie Negro	

Bachelor of Arts in Education

Francisco Alves	Sandra Hornor**	Callie Negro
<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	<i>Cum Laude</i>	<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>
Kathryn Calderio	Jamling Lama	Mary Pacheco
<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	<i>Cum Laude</i>
Marguerite Edwards	Aeri Lee	Nisini Piyasekara
<i>Cum Laude</i>	Jazmin Mello	<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
Nicholas Grebe	<i>Cum Laude</i>	Matthew Robinson
<i>Cum Laude</i>	Jianna Miranda*	<i>Cum Laude, Veteran</i>
	<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	

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Candidates for Degrees

SCHOOL OF NURSING

Doctor of Nursing Practice

Juliette Gonzalez
Jocelyne Lawal**

Master of Science in Nursing

Rhona Chambers	Emily Miller
Julia Kolano	Sabrina Pereira
Ashlyne Laguerre	Cara Radino
Yuqing Li	Cory Wallace
Mary Lynch	

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Alexa Alvarez <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Krisanne Caffrey* <i>Cum Laude</i>	Emily Enriquez Lopez <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Susie Huynh <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
Tatjana Alvarez	Justin Kyle Caguitla	Karmelyn Espinoza	Garrick Inclan*
Dave Andes	Kristen Caporoso	Stephanie Etwaroo	Kimberly Jaipersad <i>Cum Laude</i>
Victor Ascencio <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Catherine Catipay	Brianna Everett <i>Cum Laude</i>	Victor Jarikre*
Jenniffer Avila Bravo	Valerie Cerdas*	Alexa Faas <i>Cum Laude</i>	Paula Jarpa*
Erin Badulis <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Michelle Chacon	Tori Feorenzo	Joana Jimenez
Hira Baig	Kevin Chan* <i>Magna Cum Laude, Veteran</i>	Fatima Ferdous**	Sara Kappmeier <i>Cum Laude</i>
Navjeet Bains	Philip Chaves	Marcelius David Figueroa <i>Cum Laude</i>	Asmaa Kassem <i>Cum Laude</i>
Zaneta Balbuza** <i>Cum Laude</i>	Israt Chowdhury**	Gabriella Florio* <i>Cum Laude</i>	Rajanpreet Kaur**
Sharon Ballard <i>Cum Laude</i>	Gabriela Chuqui <i>Veteran</i>	Rose Jane Francisco*	Shaneik Kelly
Caitlyn Beesley* <i>Cum Laude</i>	Noele Ciotton	Sarah Francois <i>Cum Laude</i>	Jenna Kirvin
Ashley Beltre Mota* <i>Cum Laude</i>	Olivia Conroy* <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Brianna Gallorini	Aleksandar Knezevic
Jerrick Bertiz <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Marissa Contreras**	John Garcia	Lauren Kosior* <i>Cum Laude</i>
Justin Betka <i>Cum Laude</i>	Lauren Cooper* <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Brooke Garofalo* <i>Cum Laude</i>	Takyia Lacy <i>Cum Laude</i>
Halyna Bey	Christine Corona <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Gianna Generoso	Brenda Lafortune <i>Cum Laude</i>
Bridgett Boonstra	Ashley Creque	Cristina Gerges* <i>Cum Laude</i>	Hassana Lawal* <i>Cum Laude</i>
Iesha Boyd	Stanley Dameus* <i>Cum Laude</i>	Sheilla Giraldo Lozano	Kevin Lee**
Mankirat Brar* <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Shaday De Vaughn	Shevon Gordon*	Camila Leon <i>Cum Laude</i>
Caitlin Braun* <i>Cum Laude</i>	Eric Delgado* <i>Cum Laude</i>	Amanda Grabowiecki* <i>Cum Laude</i>	Alexa Louis**
Megan Brower	Samantha Denboske* <i>Cum Laude</i>	Kaylah Grant	Vanessa Lupo*
Sanique Bryan	Megan Deutsche* <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Claudia Grieder <i>Cum Laude</i>	Dyanne Maas**
Aidee Bueno <i>Cum Laude, Veteran</i>	Elizabeth Diaz Corona*	Gianella Guillen	Divinegrace Madu*
Gezim Bujaj*	Aishling Donovan* <i>Cum Laude</i>	Yourim Han <i>Cum Laude</i>	Carolynne Makowicz*
Denesha Burkett* <i>Cum Laude</i>	Jean-Kenson Dorlouis**	Melissa Hough	Claudia Maldonado**
Kaitlyn Cabrera**	Eileen Echeverria	Kayleigh Houghtaling*	Gianna Mangone* <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
		Wei Li Huang**	Shelsea Marcellus* <i>Cum Laude</i>
			Ana Mariko*

Candidates for Degrees

Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Continued

Jayla Marshall	Sherlyn Parmar*	Kelly Saint Cyr	Angela Veleski
Kelly Martin	<i>Cum Laude</i>	Brenda Sanches	<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
Laisha Martinez	Jamariz Pascual	<i>Cum Laude</i>	Tatiana Vera
<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Darshan Patel	Dayana Sanchez	Jamie Verbovsky
Jazsmin Mayer**	<i>Cum Laude</i>	Denisse Sanchez	<i>Cum Laude</i>
Jessalyn Mckenna*	Samantha Paulino	Pamela Sarpong	Alec Vignola*
<i>Cum Laude</i>	Jasmin Pedro	Rafael Sarrosa	<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
Jessica Mclean*	<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	<i>Cum Laude</i>	Maddie Vilardi*
Thomas McNulty*	Darshanie Persaud*	Emily Schindler**	Meizzy Wanson
<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	<i>Cum Laude</i>	<i>Cum Laude</i>	<i>Cum Laude</i>
Alexander Medvedev**	Julie Phan	Amira Shalaby	Kayla Williams**
Emily Mendez	William Phillips	Mariana Shkoropad**	Vanessa Wilson
Jeimmy Mendez-Badilla**	Jaryn Pitkowski**	Stacey Sibrian	<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
Chelsea Mendoza*	Julia Polecki	Carolina Silva*	Edmel Worjloh
<i>Cum Laude</i>	Saida Pontrelli*	<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
Stephanie Mercado	<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Hailey Simmons**	Arturo Yanes Espinosa
Madison Mitzak**	Denise Puello	Amarjot Singh*	Lauren Zdanowicz
Andralee Montanez	<i>Cum Laude</i>	<i>Cum Laude</i>	Eleni Zois**
Andreia Moore	Brielle Quiba (Cartagena)**	Sarah Sookram	
Sheila Munim**	Kristen Rafferty*	<i>Cum Laudee</i>	
Jasmin Munoz	<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Chris-Ann Spear	
Vanessa Murcia-Calderon	Daniela Ramirez	Matthew Stewart	
Alexis Nguyen*	Johanna Ramirez	<i>Cum Laude</i>	
<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Leslie Ramirez	Jala Stowe*	
Alisher Nizomi*	<i>Cum Laude</i>	Faustina Suglo	
Khadija Norelden	Natalia Rangel*	Michelle Sydoruk	
Cassandra Nowak	Iyanna Reid	Jeffrey Tellefsen	
<i>Cum Laude</i>	Rebeca Reyes	Eileen Thomas	
Isabelle Ohannian*	<i>Cum Laude</i>	Christine Tirado	
<i>Cum Laude</i>	Stephanie Reynoso	Nicole Tomich	
Ugochukwu Okoko*	Elsi Rodas Vargas*	Maria Tuma	
<i>Cum Laude</i>	Kezia Rodriguez	Jennifer Ukor*	
Chioma Okoro	<i>Cum Laude</i>	Kayla Vantassel*	
Michael Osuji*	Aminata Rogers	<i>Cum Laude</i>	
<i>Cum Laude</i>	Karen Saenz Garcia*	Camilo Vargas	
Jasmine Palacios	<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	<i>Cum Laude</i>	

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Honors and Awards

SCHOOL OF ARTS & SCIENCES

Excellence Awards

Excellence Award in Art | **Westly Lugo**

Excellence Award in Biology | **Karla Maldonado and Sebastian Rodriguez**

Biology Major of the Year | **Ashley-Lauren Ferrara**

Excellence Award in Communications | **Amaura James**

Excellence Award in Criminal Justice | **Tyler Echegaray and Edward Young**

Excellence Award in Exercise Science | **Alicja Marut**

Excellence Award in History | **Spencer Flanagan**

Excellence Award in Life Sciences | **Lara Nicodeme**

Excellence Award in Psychology: Scholarship and University Service | **Violeta Ramirez**

Excellence Award in Psychology: Research, Writing, and Career Development | **Paige Portacio**

Excellence Award in Science | **Anh Le**

Excellence Award in Social and Behavioral Sciences | **Jozmarie Irizarry**

Melany Castillo received the **Dr. Edward Siden Award** for demonstrating commitment to excellence in research.

Annette Bove received the **Professor Anthony Demarest Award** for her passion for literature, love of learning, generosity, courage, humor, and originality.

Stefanie Rettenberger received the **Highest English Achievement Award**.

Cynthia Delapaz received the **Sister Honorata Grzeszczuk Award** for Excellence in Mathematics.

Christine Costa received the **Sister Mary Tarcilia Juchniewicz Award** for Excellence in Laboratory Science.

Hajar Abid received the **School of Arts and Sciences Award** for Academic Excellence.

The Education Opportunity Fund

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Roxanna Rose Garcia

America Salas
Faustina Suglo
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The Educational Opportunity Fund Outstanding Achievement

Tahasia Thomas

University Honors Program & Kappa Gamma Pi, National Catholic Honor Society Awardees

The following Honor students have met the requirements to graduate in the Felician University Honors Program.

Hajar Abid	Paige Portacio
Alexa Alvarez	Paulo Santos
Victor Ascencio	Lorina Stoycheva
Catherine Catipay	<i>Alpha Chi, National Honor College Society</i>
Paige Dimase	Hajar Abid
Marcelius David Figueroa	Alexa Alvarez
Spencer Flanagan	Victor Ascencio
Katherine Kaye	Paige Dimase
Camila Leon	Spencer Flanagan
Laisha Martinez	Laisha Martinez
Alicja Marut	Paige Portacio
Jazmin Mello	Paulo Santos
Mary Pacheco	Lorina Stoycheva
Richard Pesantez	

SCHOOL OF BUSINESS AND INFORMATION SCIENCES

Graduating Members of Sigma Beta Delta, International Honor Society in Business, Management, and Administration

Natalia Amano	Anthony Mitchell	Serina Sebbio
Nicolas Bizien	Dylan Molloy	Lorina Stoycheva
Miguel Macias	Daquan Pullum	Justine Taddeo
Melanie Mejia	Alexandre Ramos	Katinka Ummels
	Paulo Santos	

New Jersey Collegiate Business Administration Association Honor Society

Serina Sebbio (2024)
Lorina Stoycheva (2025)

Honors and Awards

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

Dr. Dennis Connors Memorial Award for Excellence in Student Teaching

Dr. Connors was the beloved Director of the then Division of Teacher Education. He was dedicated to preparing future educators and supporting the needs of uniquely-abled learners. Dr. Connors had the gift of recognizing individuals who possessed the innate abilities and characteristics of caring and effective teachers. The spirit of this award acknowledges teacher candidates who have given exemplary and outstanding service while in their clinical practice.

Sharifa Tyrell
Diana Ruperto

Sister Marilyn Minter Community Engagement Award

Marguerite Edwards

New Jersey Distinguished Clinical Intern Award

Jamling Lama

Sister Annelle Velivis Legacy Award

Cierra Tillman

Graduate Student Award in Behavior Analysis and Autism

Ziara Pena

B.F. Skinner Student Award

Viviana S. Morales

LDTC Excellence Award

Jessica Jensen

Sr. Aquinas Szott Excellence in Academic Leadership Award

Danielle Jeffers

Distinguished Community Partnership Award

Mike Ollo

Honors and Awards

SCHOOL OF NURSING

Academic Excellence in Nursing Award

The Academic Excellence in Nursing Award is presented to the undergraduate and graduate student in each cohort who have achieved the highest-grade point average.

Sister Mary Patricia Kennedy Spirit of Nursing Award

This award is presented to the undergraduate and graduate student in each cohort who best exemplifies the qualities of leadership in nursing practice and contributes to the positive image of nursing. Participation in community activities and professional nursing organizations are hallmarks of this award.

Accelerate Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Hybrid ABSN Cohort 13 Academic Excellence in Nursing Award | **Saida Pontrelli**

Hybrid ABSN Cohort 14 Academic Excellence in Nursing Award | **Eileen Vazquez**

Hybrid ABSN Cohort 13 Sister Mary Patricia Kennedy Spirit of Nursing Award | **Stanley Dameus**

Hybrid ABSN Cohort 14 Sister Mary Patricia Kennedy Spirit of Nursing Award | **David Andes**

Campus ABSN Cohort 13 Academic Excellence in Nursing Award | **Carolina Silva**

Campus ABSN Cohort 13 Sister Mary Patricia Kennedy of Nursing Award | **Eric Delgado**

Traditional Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Academic Excellence in Nursing Award | **Emily Enriquez Lopez**

Sister Mary Patricia Kennedy Spirit of Nursing Award | **Philip Chaves**

Master of Science in Nursing

Academic Excellence in Nursing Award | **Emily Miller**

Sister Mary Patricia Kennedy Spirit of Nursing Award | **Mary Lynch**

2025 Inductees into Sigma Theta Tau, the International Honor Society for Nursing

Graduate:

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Kimberly Jaipersad

Sara Louise Kappmeier

Asmaa Kassem

Undergraduate Students

Brenda Camly Lafortune

(Traditional and ABSN):

Camila Leon

Victor Ascencio

Laisha Martinez

Erin Kaimeerah Badulis

Darshan Patel

Sharon Ballardo

Jasmin Pedro

Ashley Beltre Mota

Julie Phan

Jerrick Bertiz

Leslie Ramirez

Justin Betka

Dawn Richards

Mankirat Brar

Kezia Rodriguez

Aidee Bueno

Brenda Sanches

Kristen Caporoso

Carolina Silva

Noele Mary Ciotto

Sarah Sookram

Christine Paula Corona

Matthew Stewart

Stanley James Dameus

Camilo Vargas

Eric George Delgado

Eileen Vazquez

Emily Denisse Enriquez Lopez

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