

Commencement 2025

44TH COMMENCEMENT

The Gerald J. and Dorothy R. Friedman
School of Nutrition Science and Policy

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Order of Events

Processional

Master of Ceremonies

Timothy Griffin, Ph.D., *Dean for Educational Affairs and Teri and Barry Volpert Family Professor–Nutrition, Agriculture, and Sustainable Food Systems*

Charge to the Graduates

Christina D. Economos, Ph.D. N96, *Dean and Professor, New Balance Chair in Childhood Nutrition*

Class Address

Kristin Elizabeth Leonberg

Commencement Address

Danielle Nierenberg, M.S. N01

Presentation of Diplomas

Timothy Griffin, Ph.D., *Dean for Educational Affairs and Teri and Barry Volpert Family Professor–Nutrition, Agriculture, and Sustainable Food Systems*

Matthew Hast, M.A., *Assistant Dean, Student Affairs*

Presentation of Student and Faculty Awards

Timothy Griffin, Ph.D., *Dean for Educational Affairs and Teri and Barry Volpert Family Professor–Nutrition, Agriculture, and Sustainable Food Systems*

Sara Folta, Ph.D. N05, *Dean, Faculty Affairs*

STANLEY N. GERSHOFF, SIMON J. AND ARPI A. SIMONIAN PRIZE FOR RESEARCH EXCELLENCE IN NUTRITION SCIENCE AND POLICY

JEANNE GOLDBERG STUDENT PRIZE

JOAN M. BERGSTROM STUDENT AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN GLOBAL NUTRITION

SABINA ROBILLARD STUDENT PRIZE

REBECCA ROUBENOFF AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN CLINICAL NUTRITION AND DIETETICS

FRIEDMAN SCHOOL OUTSTANDING FACULTY MEMBER OF THE YEAR AWARD

FRIEDMAN SCHOOL INCLUSIVE EXCELLENCE AWARD

MOZAFFARIAN FAMILY AWARD FOR PUBLIC IMPACT

Presentation of Diplomas and Hooding of Candidates for the Doctor of Philosophy

Timothy Griffin, Ph.D., *Dean for Educational Affairs and Teri and Barry Volpert Family Professor–Nutrition, Agriculture, and Sustainable Food Systems*

Matthew Hast, M.A., *Assistant Dean, Student Affairs*

Doctoral Faculty Advisors

Closing

Timothy Griffin, Ph.D., *Dean for Educational Affairs and Teri and Barry Volpert Family Professor–Nutrition, Agriculture, and Sustainable Food Systems*

A reception in the Remis Sculpture Court will follow the ceremony.

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Candidates for Degrees

Master of Arts in Humanitarian Assistance

Jessica Chirichetti*
Sahar Ali Babiker Fallal*
Birhan G. Mezgbo^
Gabriel Mwema
Waithaka*

Master of Nutrition Science and Policy

Felicia H. Atienza*
Aleksandra Anna Brady-
Traczyk*
Catherine N. Ghattas-
Puylara*
Brooke L. Heller*
Noel Moulaison Henrich
Imogen Kathryn Knight*
Sophia Grace Parker*
Bessie M. Roca*
Lisa M. Small*
Melissa Rose Windover*

Master of Science/ Combined Dietetic Internship

Katherine J. Best
Anna Garrison*
Amber Changxin Han
Jiawen Li
Yuxian Li
Lauren Madison Shamie
Jingwen Wu

Master of Science

Ashna Babani^
Hyeryeon Bae
Nicole Jewel Barry
Cole H. Burnham

Yuheng Che*
Kuangying Chen
Siyu Chen
Sarrah Jordyn Chouiakh
Alexis Marie Cole*
Molly Brigid Duncan
Grace Emeline Durant
Sabrina Delamare
Endicott
Amanda Kathryn Eng***
Yueh-Yin Fan
Suzannah Gerber**
Eleanor Akers Hohenstein
Oluwatoyin Dorcas
Jejelowo^
Sharon Ann Jimerson^
Alexandra M. Kaplan
Elsa M. Konieczynski
Haley Sarah Liebman*
Lorenzo Moura
Ormazabel Lopes
Alejandra Sofia Marquez
Ramos***
Sophia Lambeth Marks
Miller
Christina Laura Morcos***
Dana Norwood***
Amelia Wei Ong Nuzzo
Regina Peralta*
Yamilet Perez Aragon
Karen Leigh Pettinelli*
Isabella Ramirez Sierra*
Floencia Reiche Blanco
Morgan Reitano
Margaret Thornton
Alexandra Kirstin Tone
Brittany Chloe
Oluwatemiloriun Tope-
Ojo***

Eleanor Rainey Vance
Mahek Vinod Bhandari*
Jonathan H. Yao*
Luanting Zhuo

*August 2024 Graduate **November 2024 Graduate ***February 2025 Graduate
^Honos Civicus Society

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Candidates for Degrees

Doctor of Philosophy

Mélanie Guirette Hentschel*

Dissertation: Application of Targeted Metabolomics to Reveal Associations Between Carbohydrate Quality and Cardiometabolic Risk Factors

Advisor: Dr. Nicola McKeown

Kamal Praveen Kasturi

Dissertation: Understanding the Role of Maternal and Social Determinants in Complementary Feeding Practices and Nutritional Outcomes: Using Data Reduction Methods to Identify Dietary Patterns in Jordanian Children Aged 6–24 Months

Advisor: Dr. Shibani Ghosh

Kristin Elizabeth Leonberg

Dissertation: Ultra-Processed Food and Chronic Kidney Disease: Use of Predictive Analytics to Identify High Risk Populations

Advisor: Dr. Elena N. Naumova

Lauren Elizabeth Louck

Dissertation: Determinants of Early Child Development and Growth in Guatemalan Infants: An Analysis of Disruptions in Co-Development of the Gut Microbiome and Host

Advisor: Dr. Mei Chung

Alexandria M. Schmall

Dissertation: Applying a Global Nutrition Conceptual Framework to Analyze Potential Determinants of Influence on Child Nutrition Among Children Participating in Nutrition Assistance Programs: Insights from Burkina Faso, Sierra Leone, and the United States

Advisor: Dr. Patrick Webb

Breanne Clare Wilhite

Dissertation: The Design, Implementation, and Evaluation of Multilevel Strategies to Support Children's Competence, Confidence, Motivation and Knowledge to Be Physically Active for Life

Advisor: Dr. Erin Hennessey

Bingjie Zhou

Dissertation: Transforming Nutrition Surveillance Systems: AI-Assisted Evaluation and Data-Driven Insights

Advisor: Dr. Elena N. Naumova