

Commencement 2024

43RD COMMENCEMENT

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

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Order of Events

Processional

Master of Ceremony

Timothy Griffin, Ph.D., *Dean for Educational Affairs and Associate Professor, Teri and Barry Volpert Family Professorship in Nutrition*

Charge to the Graduates

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

Class Address

Ana Gabriela Maafs Rodriguez

Commencement Address

Catherine D'Amato

Presentation of Diplomas

Timothy Griffin, Ph.D., *Dean for Educational Affairs and Associate Professor, Teri and Barry Volpert Family Professorship in Nutrition*
Matthew Hast, M.A., *Assistant Dean of Student Affairs*

Presentation of Student and Faculty Awards

Timothy Griffin, Ph.D., *Dean for Educational Affairs and Associate Professor, Teri and Barry Volpert Family Professorship in Nutrition*
Sara C. Folta, Ph.D., *Dean for Faculty Affairs*

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

MARIANNE LOUISE MOCK DALLAS MEMORIAL FUND AWARD

JEANNE GOLDBERG STUDENT PRIZE

JOAN M. BERGSTROM STUDENT AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE
IN GLOBAL NUTRITION

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 Associate Professor, Teri and Barry Volpert Family Professorship in Nutrition*
Matthew Hast, M.A., *Assistant Dean of Student Affairs*
Doctoral Faculty Advisors

Closing

Timothy Griffin, Ph.D., *Dean for Educational Affairs and Associate Professor, Teri and Barry Volpert Family Professorship in Nutrition*

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

Jennifer Elizabeth Hatton

Gabriel Mwema Waithaka

Master of Nutrition Science and Policy

Ann Bensen**

Jennifer Allaine Ford*

Hannah E. Gerhard*

Mahendra Ghanta**

Nicole Huang*

Sarah Elise Karp*

Lindsay Lauren Kosma**

Morgan J. Mills*

Gitanjali S. Ramchandani*

Akol Vankar*

Amanda S. Wasyluk**

Master of Science/ Combined Dietetic Internship

Maria Paula Buitrago Diaz

Erica Kim

Zhuoxing Li

Lydia McGrath

Cheyenne Lynn Perkins

Vendela Clarina Rogers

Sining Xiao

Master of Science

Allison Arnold

Sarah Colleen Bermingham

Tarana Bhargava

Rowan Leigh Bishop^

Divina M. Chandiramani

Yuheng Che

Linfei Chen**

Sierra D. Chichester

Brooke Cara Cohen

Christina F. Cornell

Theresa Anne DeLucia*

Sarah Forsythe Diamond**^

Rukhshan Fahmi

Shannon C. Fain**

Chad Elliott Fisher

Hayley Margaret Fryling

Sonya Maria Good**

Savana Shay Greene

Hanna Jasmine Griffin

Julia Caroline Hesse-Fong*

Sarah Morgan Hulit**

Priya Raju Iyer

Eshaa Jain

Samantha Tremblay Jezak

Sora M. Johnson

Kimberly Rose Joyce

Tasija A. Karosas*

Regina Devlin Kennedy
Brown**

Danielle Kiely

Medina Korajkic

Phuong Le

Muya Li

Tommy (Gengchen) Li

Yuchen Li

Isabel Hao-Yun Liao

Yang Lu

Daniel L. Maddox*

Julia Ann Matteson*

Saori Mikami

Samantha Morley*

Katherine Perry Morse

Yongyi Pan**

Jennifer Julia Pethan

Isabella Ramirez Sierra

Rebecca Ruditscher**

Julia Ryan

Francine Sabat

Emily Aileen Sanderson**

Emma L. Schluter

Lindsey Elizabeth Shank

Emily Stanislawzyk

Madeleine Heather Stein

Ann Suárez Mendoza*

Ningyuan Tao**

Ivan Phillip Thompson

Calvin Khoa Tran^

Mahek Vinod Bhandari

Angelina Wang

Jingyan Wang

Xichen Wang

Muyang Wu**

Isabella Grace Young

Paul Weisz Young

Zihan Yu

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Candidates for Degrees

Doctor of Philosophy

Ghaida Aloraini*

Dissertation: Impact of Carbohydrate Quality on the Relationship Between Low-Carbohydrate Diet Patterns and Longterm Changes in Cardiometabolic Risk Factors: A Prospective Cohort Study
Advisor: Dr. Paul Jacques

Silvia Berciano Benitez**

Dissertation: Investigating the Effects of Animal- and Plant-Based Diets on Metabolic Biomarkers and Gut Microbiome in Individuals with Different APOA2 Genotypes: A Randomized Crossover Trial
Advisor: Dr. Jose M. Ordovas

Kelly Copeland Cara

Dissertation: Effect of Dietary Patterns on Global Cognitive Ability, Cognitive Reserve, and Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias: A Life Course Approach
Advisor: Dr. Mei Chung

David Alexander Carroll II**

Dissertation: Sustainability of Rural Development Programs in Improving Smallholder Farmers Livelihoods, Encouraging Adoption of Good Agricultural Practices, and Promoting Environmental Protection: A Mixed-Methods Post-Program Study of Sanmatenga Province, Burkina Faso
Advisor: Dr. Beatrice Rogers

Mengxi Du*

Dissertation: Translation of Nutrition Evidence into Policy Interventions for Cancer Prevention in the United States
Advisor: Dr. Fang Fang Zhang

Breanne Kristen Langlois*

Dissertation: Recurrent Flooding and Household Food Access in Central Java, Indonesia
Advisor: Dr. Elena N. Naumova

Laura Lara Castor

Dissertation: Quantifying Sugar-Sweetened Beverage Intakes, Attributable Health Burdens, and Tax Effectiveness on a Global, Regional, and National Scale
Advisor: Dr. Eirini Micha

Reece Cameron Lyerly*

Dissertation: Increasing Efficiencies with School Food Procurement for USDA Foods among Large, Urban School Districts in the United States
Advisor: Dr. Parke E. Wilde

Ana Gabriela Maafs Rodriguez

Dissertation: Using an Equity-Centered Framework to Assess Digital Communication Strategies that Promote Healthy Nutrition Behaviors in Latino Populations across the Lifespan
Advisor: Dr. Sara Christine Folta

Elena McCleery Martinez

Dissertation: Essays on the Market and Non-Market Costs of Affordable, Healthy Diets
Advisor: Dr. William A. Masters

Brian In-soon Park*

Dissertation: The Role of Adipocyte Tryptophan Hydroxylase 2 on the Adipose Tissue and Systemic Metabolism
Advisor: Dr. Andrew Greenberg

Aishwarya Venkat

Dissertation: Climate and Health: Extreme Weather, Food Systems, and Nutrition
Advisor: Dr. Elena N. Naumova