

### GRADUATE OATH

As I embark on my career, now an alumnus of Augusta University, I pledge that I will represent my discipline honorably by conducting myself and my professional endeavors in a manner that is always above reproach. I will strive to show compassion, embrace diversity, and above all, uphold excellence that I should become a worthy role model and ambassador of Augusta University.

With this affirmation, I acknowledge and honor the contributions of those who have preceded me, while seeking truth and the advancement of knowledge in all my actions. I will always remember to act so as to preserve the finest traditions of my calling, and incorporate both the art and science of my profession in the products of my labor. I will incorporate ethical and moral principles that constitute integrity in all that I do, and faithfully ensure that the results of my professional activities ultimately benefit our world.



## MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN of The Graduate School

Jennifer Sullivan, Ph.D.

I am honored to have the opportunity to celebrate this important milestone in the career progression of our graduate students. Take time to enjoy this moment, reflect on all of your accomplishments, and thank the people that helped to get you here.



I would like to thank the faculty, Program Directors, Deans, and the upper administration at Augusta University for their sustained commitment to graduate education. The commitment of our AU community to graduate education is unparalleled. I thank you for your efforts to respond to the ever-changing needs of our graduate student community by offering new and exciting opportunities in education, research and scholarship.

The Graduate School, founded in 1965, awards masters, specialist and doctoral degrees in more than forty-five programs. We have a vibrant and diverse graduate community that includes over 1200 students enrolled across the nine colleges and schools that comprise Augusta University. Our Graduate School faculty members hold primary appointments in the Colleges of Allied Health Sciences, Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences, Business, Dentistry, Education, Medicine, Nursing, Science & Mathematics, and the School of Computer and Cyber Sciences. As a result, the Graduate School is unique among all of the Augusta University stakeholders, serving as a point of connection and collaboration among our schools and programs with the single mission of providing an outstanding and supportive graduate educational experience.

Graduation is not necessarily the culmination of your academic journey, but regardless of your long term goals this is an important step in the process of life-long learning. Thank you for making the decision to pursue your graduate education at Augusta University and allowing us to be a part of your journey. I sincerely hope that you look back on your time at Augusta University with a sense of pride. It is my extreme pleasure to offer my most heartfelt congratulations to each of our graduates!

Best wishes and continued success to all of our graduates!



## AUGUSTA UNIVERSITY COLLEGE & SCHOOL DEANS

Lester Pretlow, Ph.D.
COLLEGE OF ALLIED HEALTH SCIENCES

Kim Davies, Ph.D.
PAMPLIN COLLEGE OF ARTS, HUMANITIES, & SOCIAL SCIENCES

Richard Franza, Ph.D.
HULL COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Carol Lefebvre, DDS

DENTAL COLLEGE OF GEORGIA

Judi Wilson, Ed.D.
COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

John Sutherland, Ph.D.
COLLEGE OF SCIENCE & MATHEMATICS

Tanya Sudia, Ph.D.
COLLEGE OF NURSING

**David Hess, M.D.**MEDICAL COLLEGE OF GEORGIA

Alexander Schwarzmann, Ph.D.
SCHOOL OF COMPUTER & CYBER SCIENCES





# DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY GRADUATES





## **KAREEM ANWAR ABDELSAID** (with distinction) Doctor of Philosophy with a Major in Vascular Biology

Dissertation:

Cu Transporter ATP7A and Extracellular SOD Function in Adaptive Angiogenesis and Regeneration of Skeletal Muscles in Response to Exercise or Injury: Role of Exosomes

"Kareem, we really enjoyed working with you. You were always helping our lab members and expressed strong interest in our research projects by reading all our papers. Your continuous hard work, passion and excellence for research will lead you further success in the future. Congratulations on all you have accomplished. Good luck!""

~Tohru Fukai, MD, Ph.D. and Masuko Ushio-Fukai, Ph.D., Major Advisor



#### **BENJAMIN ETIM-OKON ANSA**

Doctor of Philosophy with a Major in Applied Health Sciences

Dissertation:

Prevalence of Chronic Medical Conditions Among the 1990-1991 Gulf War Female Veterans

"Benjamin is soft-spoken and humble, but don't be fooled. This is his second doctorate degree!" ~Raymond Chong, Ph.D., Program Director



#### SHANNON RENEE BARWICK

Doctor of Philosophy with a Major in Cellular Biology & Anatomy

Dissertation:

Activation of a Molecular Chaperone (Sigma 1 Receptor) in a Murine Model of Autosomal Dominant Retinitis Pigmentosa

"Shannon demonstrates an exceptional work ethic, superior organizational skills and tenacity in pursuing research. She is an outstanding lab colleague and I wish her the best!"

~Sylvia Smith, Ph.D., Major Advisor





**LEIDY DIANA CARABALLO GALVA**Doctor of Philosophy with a Major in Molecular Medicine

Dissertation:

Development of Novel Effective Car-T Cell Therapy for Hepatocellular Carcinoma

"Leidy has a pair of magic hands in Molecular Biology. She has become a strong-willed young scientist with adamant determination to be the best."

~Yukai He, MD, Ph.D., Major Advisor



**JAMES FRANCISCO DOW**Doctor of Philosophy with a Major in Biostatistics

Dissertation:

High Dimensional Bayesian Multinomial Logistic Regression

"James was not guaranteed a priori that he would be able to derive the results for the model that he proposed. He took the risk anyway, and developed novel methodology, along with the challenging mathematical proofs and results, which made this a high risk high reward project.

I know that James is proud that he took the risk."

~Daniel Linder, Ph.D., Major Advisor



**CHERYL ANN ELLIOTT-DAWE**Doctor of Philosophy with a Major in Nursing

Dissertation:

The Perioperative Synergy Index

"Cheryl, it has been a privilege to work with you throughout your PhD journey. Your work on your Perioperative Synergy Index will have a major impact on the care of patients!"

~Julie Zadinsky, Ph.D., Major Advisor





## MOHAMED AHMED SHAWKY MOUSTAFA HUSSEIN Doctor of Philosophy with a Major in Molecular Medicine

Dissertation:

The Role of c-Jun in Enhancing TCR-T Function in Treatment of Hepatocellular Carcinoma

"Mohamed is a smart scientist with meticulous observation skills. Nothing can escape his sharp eyes. He is well-organized on his bench and in his experiments."

~Yukai He, MD, Ph.D., Major Advisor



### **JOHN DAVID KLEMENT** (with distinction) Doctor of Philosophy with a Major in Biochemistry & Cancer Biology

Dissertation:

Osteopontin as a Novel Immune Checkpoint

"John is a highly motivated, career goal-oriented, and extremely ambitious student. He is always on the hunt for new knowledge and technology to advance his field of study. Congratulations John!"

~Kebin Liu, Ph.D., Major Advisor



**NAJEAH OKASHAH** (with distinction)

Doctor of Philosophy with a Major in Pharmacology

Dissertation:

Selectivity and Productivity of GPCR-G Protein Interactions

"Najeah is a dynamo of enthusiasm, positivity and productivity in the lab, and a caring physician in the clinic. She's an exceptional colleague and a credit to us all."

~Nevin Lambert, Ph.D., Major Advisor





## **LINDSEY ARGELIA RAMIREZ** (with distinction) Doctor of Philosophy with a Major in Physiology

Dissertation:

The Role of T cells and NLRP3 to Mediate High Fat Diet-Induced Increases in Blood Pressure and Adiposity in Female and Male Dahl Rats

"You have impressed me since day one with your dedication, organization, and compassion. It has been an honor and a true pleasure to serve as your major advisor. I wish you all the best!" ~Jennifer Sullivan, Ph.D., Major Advisor



YANNA TIAN

Doctor of Philosophy with a Major in Physiology

Dissertation:

Role of ADAM17 and JAM-A/F11R in Aging-related Arterial Wall Shear Stress Mechanosensing and Abnormal Vascular Remodeling

"I wish all the best for Yanna's continued journey in science quoting Peter Morville:

'What we find changes who we become.'"

~Zsolt Bagi, MD, Ph.D., Major Advisor



**LYNN KIM HOANG TRAN** (with distinction)

Doctor of Philosophy with a Major in Genomic Medicine

Dissertation: Genomic Predictions in Uterine Cancer

"Congratulations, Lynn! In my many years of research, I have never seen such a vibrant and focused physician scientist quite like yourself. Not only are you incredibly caring, but you are a driven strong leader. The level of power and ambition you bring to every aspect of your life is unquantifiable. My time as your mentor has been both an honor and privilege. I am very proud of you and cannot wait to see what achievements you bring to the field of urology in the future."

~Sharad Purohit, Ph.D., Faculty Mentor





## **PAUL MINH HUY TRAN** (with distinction) Doctor of Philosophy with a Major in Genomic Medicine

Dissertation:

Applications of Machine Learning to Genomics: Studies in Type 1 Diabetes and Cancer

"Congratulations, Paul! Your incredible self-motivation and inquisitive nature have brought amazing advances to the field of genomic medicine. Watching you mature into the bright physician scientist you are today has been both an honor and privilege. I am thrilled to know you are going to bring your enthusiastic energy into this next chapter of your life and look forward to reading about your accomplishments in the future."

~Sharad Purohit, Ph.D., Faculty Mentor



## **RODNEY ERIC WHITE LITTLEJOHN**Doctor of Philosophy with a Major in Vascular Biology

Dissertation:

The Role of Neddylation in Early Cardiac Development

"It has been a pleasure to watch Rodney grow in the field of cardiac development. His curiosity, hand skills, and dedication are exemplary. I wish him all the best for every step in his future journey."

~Huabo Su, MD, Ph.D., Major Advisor





# DOCTOR OF EDUCATION GRADUATES





#### **PAMELA MARIE BAXLEY**

Doctor of Education with a major in Educational Innovation

Project:

Barriers to Developing Effective Music Programs in the River City School System: An Analysis of Staff Perceptions

"The grit and determination that Dr. Baxley has showcased in the pursuit of her doctorate has been nothing less than extraordinary. I am so proud of her perseverance. I have no doubt that she will change the world for the better through her compassion, kindness, and brilliance!"

~Lee Flood, Ph.D., Major Advisor



#### **ADRIANNE MELVA BOGANS**

Doctor of Education with a major in Educational Innovation

Project:

Leadership Processes During the COVID-19 Pandemic: Implications for Preparation and Training

"Dr. Adrianne Bogans is a passionate educator whose critical examination of equity in education guides her scholarship and her leadership. She is a guiding force in the field." ~Darla Linville, Ph.D., Major Advisor



#### **OWEN CARLTON FLETCHER**

Doctor of Education with a major in Educational Innovation

Project:

Barriers to Developing Effective Music Programs in the River City School System: An Analysis of Staff Perceptions

"Dr. Owen Fletcher, a systems thinker, is concerned with improving teaching and learning.

Through elegant storytelling, he describes practicable, theorized interventions."

~Darla Linville, Ph.D., Major Advisor





#### MICHELL NICOL GLOVER

Doctor of Education with a major in Educational Innovation

Project:

Leadership Processes During the COVID-19 Pandemic: Implications for Preparation and Training

"It has been a joy watching Dr. Glover's scholarly journey unfold. She has constantly amazed me with her laser-sharp focus and attention to detail. Dr. Glover has the potential to have a significant impact on education through her work with principals and I look forward to hearing about the amazing work that she will do."

~Lee Flood, Ph.D., Major Advisor



#### **DANIELA VENDITTO PAYNE**

Doctor of Education with a major in Educational Innovation

Project:

Succeeding in Introductory STEM Courses at Community Colleges: STEM Instructors' Perceptions of Essential Skills and Barriers to Success

"Dr. Daniela Payne is a lifelong learner, enthusiastically engaged in improving her own practice as a teacher and as a student. She is dedicated to excellence." ~Darla Linville, Ph.D., Major Advisor



#### **ASHLEI BONIQUE PERKINS**

Doctor of Education with a major in Educational Innovation

Project:

Succeeding in Introductory STEM Courses at Community Colleges: STEM Instructors' Perceptions of Essential Skills and Barriers to Success

"Dr. Ashlei Perkins is curious and creative in her thinking. She brings joy to her learning and eagerly absorbs new concepts to revise or strengthen her current ideas."

~Darla Linville, Ph.D., Major Advisor





#### **WILLIAM PIERCE SMITH**

Doctor of Education with a major in Educational Innovation

Project:

Succeeding in Introductory STEM Courses at Community Colleges: STEM Instructors' Perceptions of Essential Skills and Barriers to Success

"Dr. Smith's growth over the course of his doctoral program has been inspiring. He is an individual who does not shy away from simply doing the work. I could not be more proud of his growth and know that he will continue to have a profound impact on the teaching and learning that occurs in his school."

~Lee Flood, Ph.D., Major Advisor



#### **JOSEPH BARNETT WORKMAN**

Doctor of Education with a major in Educational Innovation

Project:

Leadership Processes During the COVID-19 Pandemic: Implications for Preparation and Training

"Dr. Workman has been relentless in his pursuit of this degree. It has been a joy to observe his growth and watch him go from asking questions to solving them. Dr. Workman will continue to have a substantial impact on those that he leads because he is caring, considerate, and self-reflective in his leadership approach."

~Lee Flood, Ph.D., Major Advisor





# DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE GRADUATES





#### MARIO ALBERTO AGUINAGA

Doctor of Nursing Practice

Project:

Evaluation of an Education Intervention on Utilization of Spontaneous Awakening and Breathing Trials in an Adult Intensive Care Unit

"Focus and persistence are Mario's strengths. He has used these qualities to excel in his DNP education and they will lead him to success as a nurse practitioner."

~Beth McLear, DNP, Major Advisor



#### **SHELLEY F. ALBERTSON**

Doctor of Nursing Practice

Project:

Evaluation of Current Practice Knowledge and Screening for Postpartum Depression in Primary Care

"Congratulations Shelley! 'Although your educational journey may be difficult at times, you will reap the reward of utmost satisfaction when holding your nursing diploma for the first time - and nothing will ever compare to the fulfillment that improving and saving the lives of others will bring!'

(Mikhail Shneyder, Nightingale College President & CEO)"

~Pamela Cromer, DNP, Major Advisor



#### **MYRA RONETTE ATCHISON**

Doctor of Nursing Practice

Project:

Evaluation of Current Practice Knowledge and Screening for Postpartum Depression in Primary Care

"Congratulations Myra! 'Learning is a treasure that will follow its owner everywhere.'

(Chinese Proverb)"

~Pamela Cromer, DNP, Major Advisor





#### **DECOYA BLUE**

#### Doctor of Nursing Practice

Project:

A Quality Improvement Model to Enhance Family Centered Care: Implementing Psychosocial Screening in Families of Infants Born with Congenital Heart Disease

"Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, or the smallest act of caring, all which have the potential to turn a life around. (Leo Buscaglia)"

~Mary Lou Davis, Ph.D., Major Advisor



**CARINA BOYD**Doctor of Nursing Practice

Project:

Using Evidence Based Practice Guidelines to Prepare Georgia APRNs for Safe Opioid Prescribing

"Congratulations Carina! 'The expert in anything was once a beginner.' (Helen Hayes)
Remembering your DNP project: 'If the rules are such that you can't make progress, then you
have to fight the rules.' (Elon Musk)"
~Pamela Cromer, DNP, Major Advisor



**RYAN S. BROWN**Doctor of Nursing Practice

Project:

Youth Participatory Action Research Program Evaluation Plan for Augusta Partnership for Children, Inc.

"The greatest gifts you can give your children are the roots of responsibility and the wings of independence. (Denis Waitley)"

~Mary Lou Davis, Ph.D., Major Advisor





#### KATHERINE ELIZABETH BRYSON

Doctor of Nursing Practice

#### Project:

A Quality Improvement Plan to Improve the Standard of Care of Pediatric Patients with Asthma in a Primary Care Setting: A Focus on the Nurses Role in Education and Assessing and Monitoring Asthma Severity and Control

"Our most important task as a nation is to make sure all our young people can achieve their dreams. (Barack Obama)"

~Mary Lou Davis, Ph.D., Major Advisor



### **RANI A. BUSBEE**Doctor of Nursing Practice

#### Project:

Utilization of an Evidence-Based Self-Help Internet Program for Participants with Depression in Rural Georgia

"Congratulations, Rani! You are going to make a great DNP, PMHNP. Your empathy and understanding of clients is outstanding. So happy for you!"

~Judy Glaser, DNP, Major Advisor



#### SYDNEY ERYN CARTER

Doctor of Nursing Practice

#### Project:

Partnering with a CF Healthcare Transition Program: Evaluating Satisfaction with Transition Timing in Adolescents with Cystic Fibrosis

"History will judge us by the difference we make in the everyday lives of children. (Nelson Mandela)" ~Mary Lou Davis, Ph.D., Major Advisor





#### **BELINDA D. CHAMBERS**

Doctor of Nursing Practice

Project:

A Provider Education Program to Encourage the Co-prescription of Naloxone in High Risk Patients

"Belinda is a dedicated and determined student. With these attributes combined with her experience, she will start strong as a family nurse practitioner."

~Beth McLear, DNP, Major Advisor



**JAQUETTA P. CHANDLER**Doctor of Nursing Practice

Project:

An Educational Intervention to Improve Depression Management in Primary Care

"Congratulations Jaquetta! 'Whatever you can do, or dream you can do, begin it.

Boldness has genius, power, and magic in it. Begin it now.' (Goethe)"

~Pamela Cromer, DNP, Major Advisor



**BROOKE COBB**Doctor of Nursing Practice

Project:

Provider Role in Mitigating Associated Mental and Physical Adverse Health Consequences of Screen Time Among the Pediatric Population

"Congratulations Brooke! 'The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams.' (Eleanor Roosevelt)" ~Pamela Cromer, DNP, Major Advisor





**SARAH ANN CUBAS**Doctor of Nursing Practice

Interventions to Improve DM2 Patient Outcomes in Rural Primary Care Clinics

"Congratulations, Sarah, for this wonderful accomplishment! You are going to be an excellent practitioner in the field, and I wish you much success in the future."

~Judy Glaser, DNP, Major Advisor



**RYAN DAGUE**Doctor of Nursing Practice

Project:

Wait a Minute! An Evidence-Based Approach to Reducing Clinic Wait Times Utilizing an Educational Program

"Congratulations Ryan! 'Education is the passport to the future, for tomorrow, belongs to those who prepare for it today.' (Malcolm X)"

~Pamela Cromer, DNP, Major Advisor



**WHITNEY RICE DIXON**Doctor of Nursing Practice

Project:

Evaluation of an Education Intervention on Utilization of Spontaneous Awakening and Breathing Trials in an Adult Intensive Care Unit

"Whitney's positive attitude and motivation as she pursued excellence in her DNP journey has been inspiring and will lead her to a great career as a nurse practitioner."

~Beth McLear, DNP, Major Advisor





KATIE CHRISTINE DURDEN

Doctor of Nursing Practice

Project:

Implementing Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE) Screenings into the Rural Primary Care Setting

"Congratulations, Katie! Any client will be lucky to have you because of your excellent attitude and competency. You will be a great asset to the psychiatric nurse practitioner community!"

~Judy Glaser, DNP, Major Advisor



**SUNA ANNE ERBIL**Doctor of Nursing Practice

Project:

Evaluation of the Impact of a Brief Educational Intervention to Improve Nurses' Knowledge of Heart Failure Education for Patients in an Inpatient Adult Heart Failure Unit

"Anne's leadership and attention to detail have contributed to success in this program.

These qualities will serve her well as she begins her career as a nurse practitioner."

~Beth McLear, DNP, Major Advisor



**ANDREA R. FALCIANO**Doctor of Nursing Practice

Project:

Improving Nurse Engagement and Satisfaction Through Involvement in Strategic Planning Utilizing the Strengths, Opportunities, Aspirations, Results (SOAR) Model

"Andi, the past two years have been fraught with many challenges, but your perseverance and dedication to your work has carried you through! Congratulations, Dr. Falciano!"

~Michelle Cox-Henley, DNP, Major Advisor





**NIEVA FONTAE GOINES**Doctor of Nursing Practice

Family Centered Care in the Adult Intensive Care Unit: An Evidence-Based Program Plan and Handbook

"Persistence, determination and a strong will to succeed have made Nieva successful in this program. When there is a goal, she assesses the situation and gets the job done!"

~Beth McLear, DNP, Major Advisor



#### **MORGAN RAYNE GROOTHAND**

Doctor of Nursing Practice

Project:

Using Evidence Based Practice Guidelines to Prepare Georgia APRNs for Safe Opioid Prescribing

> "Morgan sets her goals and achieves them with the highest standards!" ~Beth McLear, DNP, Major Advisor



#### **MELANIE PRUITT HACKNEY**

Doctor of Nursing Practice

Project:

Program Plan to Support Critical Care Nurses' Use of Burnout Prevention Resources at Augusta University Medical Center

"Congratulations, Melanie! Your calm demeanor, thoughtfulness, and excellent judgment will serve you and your clients well. I look forward to your continued success!"

~Judy Glaser, DNP, Major Advisor





**MEGHAN CAROL HILL**Doctor of Nursing Practice

Interventions to Improve DM2 Patient Outcomes in Rural Primary Care Clinics

"Congratulations, Meghan! You've been a wonderful asset to the program as a student and to the school as an instructor. With your knowledge and attitude, I know you will be a great success." ~Judy Glaser, DNP, Major Advisor



**MELISSA WYNNE JOHNSON**Doctor of Nursing Practice

Project:

Improving Nurse Engagement and Satisfaction Through Involvement in Strategic Planning Utilizing the Strengths, Opportunities, Aspirations, Results (SOAR) Model

"Melissa, the completion of your DNP has been challenging, but you stayed the course and you are now Dr. Johnson! I am so proud of you!"

~Michelle Cox-Henley, DNP, Major Advisor



**DONNESHA MESHUN KELLEY**Doctor of Nursing Practice

Project:

An Educational Intervention to Improve Depression Management in Primary Care

"Congratulations Donnesha! 'You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes.

You can steer yourself in any direction you choose.' (Dr. Seuss)"

~Pamela Cromer, DNP, Major Advisor





**JOHN M. LOUIS**Doctor of Nursing Practice

Improving Rural Primary Care Provider Knowledge and Comfort Regarding Antidepressant Prescribing

"Dr. Louis, it has been my privilege to share in your educational journey from CNL to DNP. I know that you will make such an important impact on those with mental health conditions and their families. Warmest blessings and congratulations as you embark on this next step."

~Caroline McKinnon, Ph.D., Major Advisor



**STEPHANIE TERESA MCBURROUGH**Doctor of Nursing Practice

Project:

Clinical Staff Education and Program Plan to Measure and Evaluate the Effectiveness of Intravenous Loop Diuretics for Patients with Acute Heart Failure

"Congratulations Stephanie! Always remember to be a student and bring others along on your journey." ~Pamela Cromer, DNP, Major Advisor



**LAURA MARGARET MCELVEEN**Doctor of Nursing Practice

Project:

Alcohol Withdrawal Syndrome Recognition and Treatment: A Program Evaluation and Plan

"Focus and motivation have set Laura apart in the DNP program. She strives for excellence and is a great example for colleagues, peers and faculty."

~Beth McLear, DNP, Major Advisor





#### **MATTHEW JOHN MCNEESE**

Doctor of Nursing Practice

Project:

A Provider Education Program to Encourage the Co-prescription of Naloxone in High Risk Patients

"Congratulations Matthew! 'Go into the world and do well. But more importantly, go into the world and do good.' (Minor Myers, Jr.)"

~Pamela Cromer, DNP, Major Advisor



**BRITTANY C. MURROW**Doctor of Nursing Practice

Project:

Improving Debriefing After Adult In-Patient Cardiac Arrest

"Brittany gets the job done no matter what it entails. She sets high standards for herself and achieves them in the classroom and clinical environment."

~Beth McLear, DNP, Major Advisor



#### **MAUREEN IZUKA OBIOFUMA**

Doctor of Nursing Practice

Project:

Program Plan to Support Critical Care Nurses' Use of Burnout Prevention Resources at Augusta University Medical Center

"Congratulations, Maureen! I'm thrilled to celebrate your completion of this program. You have both excellent interpersonal and client assessment skills. I know you will be a huge success in the future!"

~Judy Glaser, DNP, Major Advisor





**ANSLEY AKIN PULSIFER**Doctor of Nursing Practice

Actinic Keratosis: Standardization of Treatment Through Evidence Based Care Interventions

"Congratulations, Ansley! You will be a fabulous clinician. Your DNP project findings will have a lasting impact on your clients. You are going to do great things!"

~Judy Glaser, DNP, Major Advisor



**AUSTIN RAWLINS**Doctor of Nursing Practice

Project:

STDs and HIV+ You: A Comprehensive Sex Education Program

"Austin has done a wonderful job in the DNP program. A great example for everyone!" ~Beth McLear, DNP, Major Advisor



**MICHAEL RIZNER**Doctor of Nursing Practice

Project:

Alcohol Withdrawal Syndrome Recognition and Treatment: A Program Evaluation and Plan

"Joe's attention to detail and drive to achieve excellence in the DNP program have marked his time at Augusta University. He was always a step ahead and a pleasure to teach."

~Beth McLear, DNP, Major Advisor





**EMILY VALENTINO SEAVER**Doctor of Nursing Practice

Family Centered Care in the Adult Intensive Care Unit: An Evidence-Based Program Plan and Handbook

"Emily's dedication to patients and families has been evident in her time in the DNP program. In the classroom and clinical setting, she has made a lasting impression."

~Beth McLear, DNP, Major Advisor



**CASEY GIBSON SINGH**Doctor of Nursing Practice

Project:

Youth Participatory Action Research Program Evaluation Plan for Augusta Partnership for Children, Inc.

"The greatest gifts you can give your children are the roots of responsibility and the wings of independence. (Denis Waitley)"

~Mary Lou Davis, Ph.D., Major Advisor



#### **MARIANNE DAVIGNON SOMMA**

Doctor of Nursing Practice

Project:

Emergency Department Fall Prevention Program Plan

"Marianne's strong will and determination ensured her successful completion of the DNP program. These same characteristics will ensure success no matter where she chooses to practice!" ~James Brinson, DNP, Major Advisor





**QUANNAIRES STREETER**Doctor of Nursing Practice

Does Comprehensive Evidence-Based Sexually Transmitted Infection (STI) Education, Using the SISTA Intervention (Sisters Informing Sisters about Topics on AIDS), Increase Knowledge About the Dangers of STIs Amongst Women at the Augusta Care Prenancy Center (ACPC)?

"Quannaires is a conscientious and dedicated student. Throughout the program,
the passion to serve others has been evident."
~Beth McLear, DNP, Major Advisor



#### **CAMERON ELLISE TOLBERT**

Doctor of Nursing Practice

Project:

Emergency Department Fall Prevention Program Plan

"With her "can do" attitude, nothings gets in the way of success for Cameron! She gives 110% to everything to achieve the highest standards...and she does it with a smile!"

~Beth McLear, DNP, Major Advisor



#### MICHAEL VALERIO

Doctor of Nursing Practice

Project:

Using Technology as a Tool for Healthcare Providers to Address Vaccination Hesitancy/Mistrust in the Latino Community

"Congratulations Michael! Remembering your wonderful DNP project:

'If you define the problem correctly, you almost have the solution.' Great things in business are never done by one person; they're done by a team of people.' (Steve Jobs)"

~Pamela Cromer, DNP, Major Advisor





**FIONA VAN**Doctor of Nursing Practice

Using Technology as a Tool for Healthcare Providers to Address Vaccination Hesitancy/Mistrust in the Latino Community

"Congratulations Fiona! Remembering your DNP project:

'Innovation distinguishes between a leader and a follower. Great things in business are never done by one person; they're done by a team of people.' (Steve Jobs)"

~Pamela Cromer, DNP, Major Advisor



**ANDENUM AMOS WAQUONG**Doctor of Nursing Practice

Project:

Evidence-Based Culturally Appropriate Care to Reduce Obesity in Hispanic Pediatric Population

"Congratulations, Andenum!

'Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.' (Nelson Mandela)
'Wisdom is not a product of schooling but of the lifelong attempt to acquire it.' (Albert Einstein)"

~Pamela Cromer, DNP, Major Advisor



**CHARMAINE ELISE WOODY**Doctor of Nursing Practice

Project:

Implementation of Evidence Based Steroid Protocol for Patients with Pituitary Tumors Undergoing Transphenoidal Resection

"Charmaine's hard work and motivation lead to her success in the DNP program.

These same attributes will make her successful at anything she does!"

~James Brinson, DNP, Major Advisor





#### **KATIE WRIGHT**

Doctor of Nursing Practice

Project:

Quality Improvement: Nurse-Driven Sedation Protocol in a Neurocritical Care Unit

"It has been a pleasure to watch Katie progress through the DNP program and transition to the role of the provider. She will excel in any practice setting that she chooses and will be an excellent nurse practitioner!" ~James Brinson, DNP, Major Advisor



#### **HYEUNSUK YUN**

Doctor of Nursing Practice

Project:

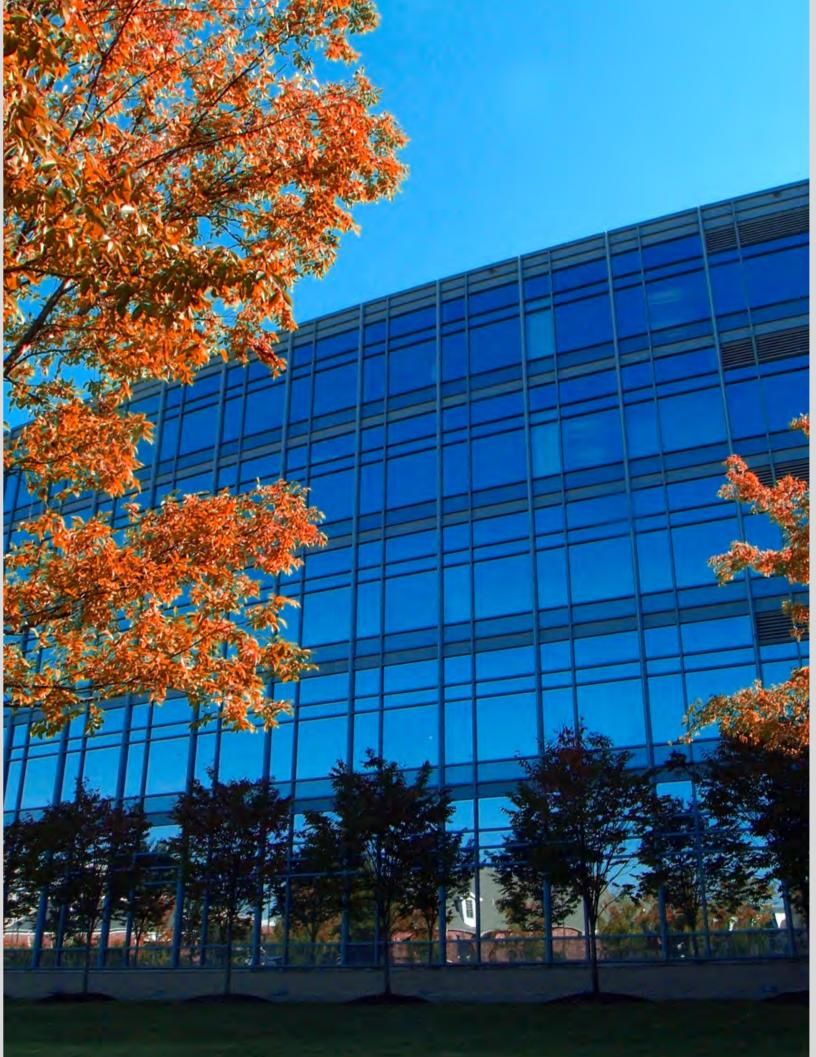
The Use of a Palliative Care Referral Screening Tool in the Setting of Advanced Heart Failure (HF)

"David quietly persists and succeeds in achieving his goals no matter what the task.

He will pleasantly surprise you with his knowledge and wisdom!"

~Beth McLear, DNP, Major Advisor





# DOCTOR OF PHYSICAL THERAPY GRADUATES





**KATHRYN ARONICA**Doctor of Physical Therapy

The Relative Activation of the Pelvic Floor, Core, and Scapular Stabilizer Muscles during Yoga Poses

"Your attention to detail and conscientiousness will make you a wonderful clinician." ~Colleen Hergott, PT, DPT, Major Advisor



#### **GRANT RICHARD BLUME**

Doctor of Physical Therapy

Project:

Inter-Rater Reliability of the Scapular Dyskinesis Test When Used by Students and The Effect of Booster Training in Student Agreement

"Your conscientiousness, compassion, attention to detail, work ethic, and empathy are going to make you a wonderful clinician."

~Colleen Hergott, PT, DPT, Major Advisor



#### **BRYCE SCOTT BOEKE**

Doctor of Physical Therapy

Project:

Inter-Rater Reliability of the Scapular Dyskinesis Test When Used by Students and The Effect of Booster Training in Student Agreement

"Your responsibility and your continued eagerness to learn and set professional goals will make you a great physical therapist."

~Colleen Hergott, PT, DPT, Major Advisor





**ANDREW HILLIARD BROCK**Doctor of Physical Therapy

The Association between Humeral Retroversion and Shoulder Strength on Throwing Velocity in Recreational Overhead Athletes

"Your eagerness to continually improve your skillset will be an asset as a clinician." ~Colleen Hergott, PT, DPT, Major Advisor



**LACEY EVONE-KIM COLLARD-GUINZY**Doctor of Physical Therapy

Project:

A Qualitative Study of Physical Activity Vital Sign Administration

"Your ability to persevere to overcome challenges, kindness, and empathy will shine in your clinical practice."

~Colleen Hergott, PT, DPT, Major Advisor



**CHRISTINA CRUPIE**Doctor of Physical Therapy

Project:

The Relative Activation of the Pelvic Floor, Core, and Scapular Stabilizer Muscles during Yoga Poses

"Your creativity will be a true asset as a clinician."

~Colleen Hergott, PT, DPT, Major Advisor





**CLAIRE E. DOWLING**Doctor of Physical Therapy

The Association of Hip Strength, Neuromuscular Activity, and Balance on DVI During a Single Leg Squat and Lateral Step Down

"You are dedicated, selfless, and a great listener. You will be a future leader in our profession."

~Colleen Hergott, PT, DPT, Major Advisor



**DUSTIN HAP DYER**Doctor of Physical Therapy

Project:

Inter-Rater Reliability of the Scapular Dyskinesis Test When Used by Students and The Effect of Booster Training in Student Agreement

"Your commitment to continual self-reflection and dedication to growth points you toward a bright future."

~Colleen Hergott, PT, DPT, Major Advisor



### **KENNEDY REED EDGERTON**

Doctor of Physical Therapy

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"Your fellow clinicians will appreciate your high degree of honesty, loyalty and integrity." ~Colleen Hergott, PT, DPT, Major Advisor





CAMILLE BAGWELL EDWARDS

Doctor of Physical Therapy

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"Your boldness and intellectual inquisitiveness will lead you to continually strive for excellence."

~Colleen Hergott, PT, DPT, Major Advisor



**JESSE M. FERGUSON**Doctor of Physical Therapy

Project:

Effects of Hippotherapy on Balance in a Pediatric Population

"With your quiet demeanor and great insight, you will be a wonderful clinician!!!"

~Colleen Hergott, PT, DPT, Major Advisor



**JASMINE ALISHA GREEN**Doctor of Physical Therapy

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The Relative Activation of the Pelvic Floor, Core, and Scapular Stabilizer Muscles during Yoga Poses

"Your bold enthusiasm, creativity, and passion for our profession will take you far!"

~Colleen Hergott, PT, DPT, Major Advisor





**CHARLES SCOT HOLLUB**Doctor of Physical Therapy

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"Your patients will benefit from your quiet spirit, excellent listening skills, and intuitive clinical reasoning skills." ~Colleen Hergott, PT, DPT, Major Advisor



## **JACQUELINE MARIE JESCHKE**Doctor of Physical Therapy

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"You get more done in an hour than most people accomplish in a day. Your enthusiasm for physical therapy and your superior organization skills will make a huge impact on your patients and the profession."

~Colleen Hergott, PT, DPT, Major Advisor



**JOSHUA JONES**Doctor of Physical Therapy

Project:

The Effects of a Video Based Home Exercise Program on Balance, Kinematics, Muscle Activity, and Function in Individuals with Chronic Ankle Instability: A Case Series

"You are quietly driven toward excellence. Your love of learning will lead you to a bright future." ~Colleen Hergott, PT, DPT, Major Advisor





**COPELYN MAE JUE**Doctor of Physical Therapy

Effects of Hippotherapy on Balance in a Pediatric Population

"Your patients will love your kindness, compassion and infectious enthusiasm." ~Colleen Hergott, PT, DPT, Major Advisor



**JOSIE E. KANA**Doctor of Physical Therapy

Project:

A Qualitative Study of Physical Activity Vital Sign Administration

"Your quiet wit and compassion will build strong connections with your patients and endear them to you."

~Colleen Hergott, PT, DPT, Major Advisor



### **MARIA KNOTT**

Doctor of Physical Therapy

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Effects of Hippotherapy on Balance in a Pediatric Population

"You are hard-working and reflective. Your patients will value your listening skills, kindness, and compassion."

~Colleen Hergott, PT, DPT, Major Advisor





**JESSICA KATE LITAVEC**Doctor of Physical Therapy

The Relative Activation of the Pelvic Floor, Core, and Scapular Stabilizer Muscles during Yoga Poses

"Your infectious enthusiasm, dedication, and love of pediatrics will make you a special clinician."

~Colleen Hergott, PT, DPT, Major Advisor



**ELIJAH LONG**Doctor of Physical Therapy

Project:

The Association of Hip Strength, Neuromuscular Activity, and Balance on DVI During a Single Leg Squat and Lateral Step Down

"You are a quiet leader who will positively serve all of those around you."

~Colleen Hergott, PT, DPT, Major Advisor



### **CAROLINE KELSEY MCCOY**

Doctor of Physical Therapy

Project:

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"Your patients and colleagues will appreciate your positive mindset, enthusiasm, and compassion." ~Colleen Hergott, PT, DPT, Major Advisor





**OLIVIA JANE MCTEER**Doctor of Physical Therapy

The Relative Activation of the Pelvic Floor, Core, and Scapular Stabilizer Muscles during Yoga Poses

"You are wise and talented beyond your years. You will truly change the lives of your patients."

~Colleen Hergott, PT, DPT, Major Advisor



### **SAMUEL A. MOISENCO**

Doctor of Physical Therapy

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"Your ability to remain calm, think critically, and solve problems will make you an excellent physical therapist." ~Colleen Hergott, PT, DPT, Major Advisor



### **JUSTIN RAY NEIGHBORS**

Doctor of Physical Therapy

Project:

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"Stay true to yourself and you will have a huge impact on your patients!!!"

~Colleen Hergott, PT, DPT, Major Advisor





**ELISHA DEAN ODUM**Doctor of Physical Therapy

A Qualitative Study of Physical Activity Vital Sign Administration

"You are so talented in so many ways and you have so much to offer your future pediatric patients!!!"

~Colleen Hergott, PT, DPT, Major Advisor



**JACK MICHAEL OGILVIE**Doctor of Physical Therapy

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The Effects of a Video Based Home Exercise Program on Balance, Kinematics, Muscle Activity, and Function in Individuals with Chronic Ankle Instability: A Case Series

"Always smiling and optimistic; you will change the world!!!"

~Colleen Hergott, PT, DPT, Major Advisor



**KEVIN POSMER**Doctor of Physical Therapy

Project:

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"You continually question conventional practices and explore new paths and approaches that will serve your patients and our profession well."

~Colleen Hergott, PT, DPT, Major Advisor



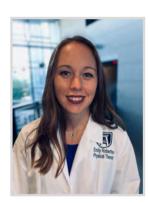


**TAMARA PRICE**Doctor of Physical Therapy

The Relative Activation of the Pelvic Floor, Core, and Scapular Stabilizer Muscles during Yoga Poses

"Your dedication and drive toward excellence inspire those around you....the sky is the limit!"

~Colleen Hergott, PT, DPT, Major Advisor



## **EMILY DAWN ROBERTSON**Doctor of Physical Therapy

Project:

The Association between Humeral Retroversion and Shoulder Strength on Throwing Velocity in Recreational Overhead Athletes

"Your passion for physical therapy, leadership, and desire to carefully make wise decisions will be a great asset to you."

~Colleen Hergott, PT, DPT, Major Advisor



### **BRANDON SCOTT SALLEE**

Doctor of Physical Therapy

Project:

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"I love watching the way you approach your patient care. You are quiet and sure in your interactions. You will be a wonderful therapist!"

~Colleen Hergott, PT, DPT, Major Advisor





**HANNA KAUR SIDHU**Doctor of Physical Therapy

The Association of Hip Strength, Neuromuscular Activity, and Balance on DVI During a Single Leg Squat and Lateral Step Down

"Watching you grow these three years has been wonderful! You have a wonderful sense of humor that will serve many!"

~Colleen Hergott, PT, DPT, Major Advisor



**CAROLINE MAREN SMITH**Doctor of Physical Therapy

Project:

A Qualitative Study of Physical Activity Vital Sign Administration

"You are straight-forward, introspective, and curious in your interactions. I have enjoyed getting to know you and look forward to seeing the therapist you become!" ~Colleen Hergott, PT, DPT, Major Advisor



**DAVID TERRELL STAHLER**Doctor of Physical Therapy

Project:

Effects of Hippotherapy on Balance in a Pediatric Population

"Your casual and light approach to patients is going to make so many people respond to you! Love your spirit!!"

~Colleen Hergott, PT, DPT, Major Advisor





### **DANIEL ALEXANDER TEFFT**

Doctor of Physical Therapy

Project:

The Association between Humeral Retroversion and Shoulder Strength on Throwing Velocity in Recreational Overhead Athletes

"Your valuable insights and ability to develop creative solutions and challenge conventional practices will transform our profession."

~Colleen Hergott, PT, DPT, Major Advisor



### TIMOTHY MATTHEW VILLAMATER

Doctor of Physical Therapy

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"Your kindness, positive outlook, and compassion surpass your ability to eat waffles." ~Colleen Hergott, PT, DPT, Major Advisor



### KIRSTEN AMANDA WEST

Doctor of Physical Therapy

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The Association of Hip Strength, Neuromuscular Activity, and Balance on DVI During a Single Leg Squat and Lateral Step Down

"You demonstrate self-reflection and a bold creativity that will lead you to explore new paths and approaches to care."

~Colleen Hergott, PT, DPT, Major Advisor





**MEGAN RAE WILEY**Doctor of Physical Therapy

Inter-Rater Reliability of the Scapular Dyskinesis Test When Used by Students and The Effect of Booster Training in Student Agreement

"You excel in finding new opportunities for growth and are self-directed.

Your passion and commitment to the profession will benefit all."

~Colleen Hergott, PT, DPT, Major Advisor



# EDUCATION IS THE MOST POWERFUL WEAPON WE CAN USE TO CHANGE THE WORLD.

Nelson Mandela



# SPECIALIST IN EDUCATION GRADUATES



"Faculty in the Ed.S. in Advanced Educational Studies program love learning from and with you, our students! We are proud of, and humbled by, the never-ending spirit of collegiality you generate for one another in courses. We are certain each of you will return to your teaching more critically-minded and prepared to foster equitable educational opportunities for your students. It is also our hope that as graduates, you feel a sense of renewal and support, as you recognize that the challenges you have faced these last two years are shared by your colleagues all across Georgia. You have all persisted and are emerging from your studies wiser than ever. Thank you for being with us, and all the best to each of you!"

**Judi Wilson, Ed.D.,** Dean, College of Education **Laura Rychly, Ed.D.**, Program Director



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# SPECIALIST IN EDUCATION with a major in Educational Leadership

"Leading is the learning and understanding of people, changing contexts, plans, strategies, and actions to arrive at desired outcomes for the common good. You have demonstrated mastery in these at the Ed.S. degree level, with advanced leadership knowledge, skills, and dispositions, in the context of your professional practice. Be so guided and continue to make the world a better place for coming generations through effective learning, teaching, and leading, at all levels of the educational system. Congratulations on your graduation with the Ed.S. degree in Educational Leadership, the top credential to become certified advanced educational leaders!"

**Judi Wilson, Ed.D.,** Dean, College of Education **Olajide O. Agunloye, Ed.D.**, Program Director





MICHAEL VINCENT GREAVES



BRIAN KILLIPS





# YOUR LIFE IS YOUR STORY, AND THE ADVENTURE AHEAD OF YOU IS THE JOURNEY TO FULFILL YOUR OWN PURPOSE AND POTENTIAL.

Kerry Washington



# MASTERS GRADUATES



# MASTER OF ARTS with a major in Intelligence & Security Studies

"The spring 2022 MAISS graduate class is one of the largest and strongest graduating cohorts to date for MAISS and they are one that has shown great persistence in the face of adversity. Most of this group completed the entire program during COVID-19. Nevertheless, this amazing group of graduates has persisted and grown while helping our program evolve. Their futures are clearly very bright and many are already having an impact in the world of security studies. Many have actively contributed to MAISS program changes including the addition of new graduate certificates and new courses. Some have become published authors! There are no doubt future DoD employees among them, and there are quite a few potential policy-makers for national security issues in the mix! Class of 2022, I know Dr. Albert and your faculty will miss you, but know that we all will continue to be proud that you earned your MAISS degree here!"

Kimberly Davies, Ph.D., Dean, Pamplin College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences



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JOSH MICHAEL RUTLAND



# MASTER OF ARTS with a major in Intelligence & Security Studies







### MASTER OF ARTS IN TEACHING

"Congratulations MAT graduates! Today is a great day to be a Jag! It's a day to celebrate with your families and friends. For many others of you, graduation is just a next step in your educational journey. For others, this is a great time to ponder your next step. Should you be a Double Jag or a Triple Jag? We certainly hope so!

But for all of you, as you return home with your loved ones, think about the challenges you have overcome and the immense impact you will have on future generations of learners. Take heart, being a teacher is a calling and not a job. It is a profession that shepherds all professions.

In closing, as a peer has said many times to us, 'Doctors save lives, but teachers shape lives.' Thank you for making a difference in the lives of others."

**Judi Wilson, Ed.D.,** Dean, College of Education **Juan Walker, Ph.D.**, Program Director



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### **MASTER OF ARTS IN TEACHING**





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### **MASTER OF ARTS IN TEACHING**





### **MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**

"Congratulations to our Hull College of Business MBA graduates! We are excited for you as you further accelerate your careers in business! This group of graduates includes the first group of HULL MBAs who earned their degrees completely online and asynchronous format. We hope that the cohort format provided by both the campus and online programs provided you with relationships and networks that will last long beyond your academic experience. We are extremely proud of our graduates and look forward to see all that you will achieve in the business world and various industries you represent. We hope you enjoyed your "Hull Experience" and hope it continues to pay you dividends well into the future!"

Richard Franza, Ph.D., Dean, Hull College of Business



WILLIAM EUGENE CANNADY



JOHN KEVIN HUGGINS



KHANDA LIEDERBACH



AMBER EDLYSSA ROBERTS



BENJAMIN GEORGE TOM



### **MASTER OF EDUCATION** with a major in Counselor Education

"We pride ourselves on the quality of this counseling program and the incredibly talented professionals who graduate. Today, we hope you also share that pride as you move forth into the world of counseling as future professionals. You each have amazing gifts to share with the world, simply by being your authentic selves. As we watched you grow and transform in the program, we watched the world transform from the energy you put forth into making the world stronger....better. You are each devoted to helping others become safer, braver, more connected, and more authentic: you each have those qualities within yourselves which provide such a light to those around you! Tonight, our relationship with you does not end, it merely changes. As you step off this graduation stage, know that your counseling faculty stand behind you with smiling faces, clapping hands, and swelling pride. Congratulations on this immense accomplishment!"

> Judi Wilson, Ed.D., Dean, College of Education Meredith Rausch, Ph.D., Program Director







**NESLEY A. GEORGE** 

**RANDALL ALEX LAMONS** 





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**AUSTIN THOMAS SHIVELY** 

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# MASTER OF EDUCATION with a major in Instruction

"Congratulations to our M.Ed. in Instruction graduates! Your hard work and tenacity are inspirations to all with whom you interact and meet. Your dedication toward improving yourself for the benefit of serving your students, individually and collectively, is truly appreciated and noteworthy. Don't forget that as you now become "Master Teachers", you can count on each one of us, your AU COE professors, to continue to walk beside you as colleagues as we, together, continue to educate our next generations!"

**Judi Wilson, Ed.D.,** Dean, College of Education **Ashley Gess, Ph.D.,** Program Director



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RACHEL A. JACKSON



KENDRICK



# MASTER OF EDUCATION with a major in Instruction



JESSICA TIA LEE









# MASTER OF EDUCATION with a major in Leadership

"To be an effective beginning educational leader is to serve diligently in your immediate context of practice. This involves service to your boss, your unit members, and your immediate community, to arrive at desired outcomes for the common good within your unit. You have demonstrated knowledge, skills, and disposition in these, with earning the M.Ed. degree in Educational Leadership. Be so guided in your practice as you grow and develop in leadership. Congratulations on your graduation with the M.Ed. degree in Educational Leadership, the beginning credential to become certified educational leaders!"

**Judi Wilson, Ed.D.,** Dean, College of Education **Olajide O. Agunloye, Ed.D.**, Program Director





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MARILYN TAYLOR LUDWICK THOMAS



# MASTER OF HEALTH SCIENCE IN CLINICAL LABORATORY SCIENCE

"Congratulations to the class of 2022! Always remember, a good name is better than the finest perfume. It will bring you favor among your colleagues, friends, and family." (The Wisdom of Solomon)

Lester Pretlow, Ph.D., Dean, College of Allied Health Sciences



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"Well done to the class of 2022!

Let love and faithfulness never leave you. Always, remember, what people desire is unfailing love." (The Wisdom of Solomon)





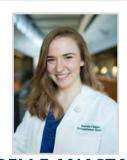




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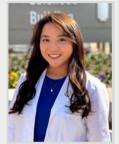
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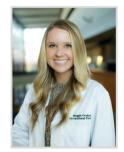
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"Greetings to the class of 2022! Remember, people may not remember your name, but they will always remember how you made them feel. Share your love widelv!"

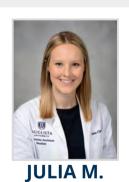
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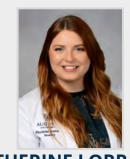


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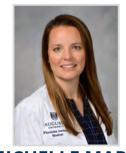


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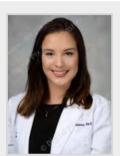
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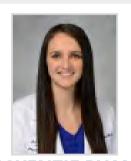
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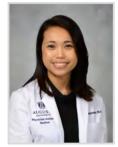
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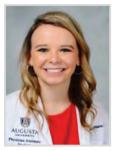
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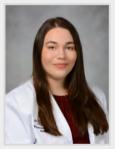
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### **MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION**

"This year's MPA graduating class is defined by their ability to adapt and overcome. Compounding the challenges of completing a graduate program while often working a full-time job, all of this year's graduates started right before or shortly after the COVID-19 pandemic. Despite what seemed like an ever-changing environment, these graduates were determined to learn. They did more than just meet deadlines; they completed high quality work for class, completed research, attended conferences, and served the community. MPA Director Dr. Meares notes that they also gave back to the program. Thank you class of 2022! We are proud of you and we are honored to have you in the program. We wish you success, which we know you will accomplish!

Kimberly Davies, Ph.D., Dean, Pamplin College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences



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KURT JACOB YARBROUGH



### **MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH**

"Greetings to the class of 2022! Continue to make good choices. One good choice can establish your life. Two or three good choices reaps a sure reward!"







DAVID MICHAEL
CLEMENTS

RACHAEL IRENE DIXON-MELVIN



DANIEL DAVID HORUZSKO



AMBER F. LADAK



CHELSEA HELINA
PAULDING



ALYSSA ROSE RUFFA



### MASTER OF SCIENCE IN MEDICAL ILLUSTRATION

"Congratulations to the class of 2022! Be certain that humility and honor are synonymous. A person with a good name has both."



**DAVIS** 



**KELLY ANNE FRANKEL** 



**CORYNNE PAIGE GAMBOA** 



**ALLEN JARKKO HAGAN** 



**SARAH GAIL HENNESSEY** 











# MASTER OF SCIENCE with a major in Allied Health

"Well done to the class of 2022! Remember, give from your heart freely and you will gain the world. From your heart flows all that is good."



YASMINE A. BOUMENIR



YARNESHA JE'NAY BURDEN



JENNIFER LYNN CASSEL



STEPHEN BRENT CURL



ASHLEY HOKE



HORVAT







HALEY ALEXANDRA
NEWTON



# MASTER OF SCIENCE with a major in Allied Health





# MASTER OF SCIENCE with a major in Biomolecular Science

"The inaugural cohort of five students in the Masters in Biomolecular Sciences program each completed their research and coursework and successfully defended their thesis before a panel of faculty. These students demonstrated persistence and a strong work ethic in the laboratory, while in their roles as Graduate Teaching Assistants they were professional and highly committed to teaching our undergraduate students. Moreover, their final research presentations were impressive, polished, and thorough, and both the students and their faculty mentors are congratulated on a very successful beginning to this new and exciting graduate program."

**John Sutherland, Ph.D.,** Dean, College of Science and Mathematics **Thomas Crute, Ph.D.,** Chair, Department of Chemistry and Physics **Richard Griner, Ph.D.,** Chair, Department of Biological Sciences



EMMA R. GEISTER



JACOB HENRY HARMAN



HENRY JOHN DOUGLAS
KNOX



AMY T. TRANG



KAILEY ANN WYMAN



### **MASTER OF SCIENCE** with a major in Biological & Computational Mathematics

"This is the first cohort of students completing the M.S. in Biological and Computational Mathematics at Augusta University. The nature and breadth of the curriculum has prepared them to enter jobs in industry, education or Ph.D. programs in Applied Mathematics. The program included a strong experiential component in the form of seminars as well as a graduate project course where students had the opportunity to conduct original research in applied mathematics."

John Sutherland, Ph.D., Dean, College of Science and Mathematics



**ALVIN** 



**KELLY A. KENNEDY** 





**MAGGIE MARIE MORALES** 



**KARSON MICHAEL WELTY** 





# MASTER OF SCIENCE with a major in Kinesiology

"On behalf of the faculty and staff in the College of Education, and more specifically the Department of Kinesiology, we would like to offer our sincere congratulations to our Master of Science in Kinesiology graduates and wish them all the best as they begin the next chapter of their promising professional journeys. Each of you are now very well-positioned to excel in a wide variety of fields having successfully completed a well-rounded curriculum that blends theory with real-world applications to address a broad range of health-related issues facing our society. Exciting career opportunities in exercise and sports science, allied health sciences, fitness, coaching and academia are right around the corner for all of you. We are very proud of your achievements so far and are excited to hear more about the positive impacts you will have on the diverse populations you serve in the future!"

Judi Wilson, Ed.D., Dean, College of Education Graeme Connolly, Ph.D., Program Director



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ASHLEIGH CAROLINE PROCTOR



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# MASTER OF SCIENCE with a major in Psychology

"Students completing the M.S. in Psychology are well prepared for a career in mental health or psychological research, or to work toward to doctoral degree. They have gained practical experience in clinical counseling, experimental research, and/or teaching through internships and have had the opportunity to complete an independent research thesis."

John Sutherland, Ph.D., Dean, College of Science and Mathematics



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CHRISTY LEIGH JARRARD



ELLEN JESTER JENKINS



BETHANY GRACE JOHNSON



## **MASTER OF SCIENCE** with a major in Psychology









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# THE FUTURE BELONGS TO THOSE WHO BELIEVE IN THE BEAUTY OF THEIR DREAMS.

Eleanor Roosevelt

### CONGRATULATIONS FROM THE GRADUATE SCHOOL!

### To Our Graduates:

When you began this journey, we know your minds and hearts were full of excitement, hope, and perhaps a little trepidation.

Throughout your journey - each unique in its own way - there may have been speed bumps, and wonderful surprises, but you kept going, applying the tenacity, work ethic, and intellect that we always knew you possessed. We are honored to have been here to cheer you on, hold your hand, and listen to your challenges and wins. Together, we overcame the hurdles, and we feel lucky to have supported you along the way. Today, we celebrate your endeavors, and congratulate you on obtaining your goal.

Graduation is not the end. It is a milestone and an invaluable step towards the rest of your life. We encourage you to keep learning and to keep steadily moving forward with trademark integrity. We hope your time at Augusta University was an experience like no other, and we hope what you have learned here will continue to help you reach your dreams and aspirations. We have enjoyed getting to know you, and supporting you through your graduate career. You have become part of the AU family, and your accomplishments inspire and motivate us.

We thank you for your dedication and wish you continued success as you apply the principles you learned at Augusta University to your professional and personal growth. In the words of Henry David Thoreau, "What you get by achieving your goals is not as important as what you become by achieving your goals." We have watched you all become polished, accomplished representatives of Augusta University and The Graduate School, and we are proud of each of you.

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