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**CONFERRAL OF  
GRADUATE AND  
UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES**

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Saturday, May 8, 2021 at 2 p.m.

## ORDER OF EXERCISES

### **WELCOME**

DR. STEVEN JOHNSON  
Senior Vice President

### **THE NATIONAL ANTHEM**

JESSICA CALDWELL  
Director of Academic Advising

### **PRESIDENT'S REMARKS**

DR. PAUL J. LEBLANC  
President

### **HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENT**

DR. LAURIE SANTOS  
Professor Of Psychology, Yale University  
Host Of *The Happiness Lab*

Presented and Conferred By  
Dr. Paul J. LeBlanc, University President

### **COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS**

DR. LAURIE SANTOS

### **PRESENTATION OF DEGREE CANDIDATES**

DR. KIRK KOLENBRANDER  
College of Engineering, Technology and Aeronautics

DR. KENNETH NIVISON  
School of Arts & Sciences

DR. WILLIAM LIGHTFOOT  
School of Business

DR. KENNETH NIVISON  
School of Education

DR. DEBRA LEAHY  
School of International Engagement

### **CONFERRAL OF DEGREES**

DR. PAUL J. LEBLANC  
University President

### **WELCOME TO NEW ALUMNI**

JOHN "JR" RISTAINO '82  
President of SNHU Alumni Association

### **TRADITIONAL CONGRATULATORY CLAPLINE**

Faculty and Staff of  
Southern New Hampshire University

# HONOR SOCIETIES

## **ALPHA CHI NATIONAL COLLEGE HONOR SOCIETY (EPSILON CHAPTER)**

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SNHU is home to the Epsilon Chapter of Alpha Chi, the National Honor Society for liberal arts majors, which recognizes outstanding scholastic achievement, service, and character. Membership is open to liberal arts majors who have completed at least one half of the work required for a baccalaureate degree, rank in the top 10% of the class, and have earned cumulative GPA of 3.85 or above. Graduates wear blue and green cords. (Symbol: AC)

## **ALPHA PHI SIGMA HONOR SOCIETY (NU IOTA CHAPTER)**

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Alpha Phi Sigma is the National Criminal Justice Honor Society, offering membership to qualifying SNHU students with a GPA of 3.2 or higher within the Justice Studies, Policing and Law Enforcement, Crime and Criminology, Terrorism and Homeland Security, or Law and Legal Process programs. Members of SNHU's Nu Iota Chapter wear blue and yellow cords at graduation, while executive board members don yellow and blue stoles. (Symbol: APS)

## **ALPHA SIGMA LAMBDA HONOR SOCIETY**

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Founded with the goal of helping non-traditional students connect and further their academic and career goals, Alpha Sigma Lambda is a national honor society recognizing adult learners who display outstanding academic achievement. Students must have completed a minimum of 24 graded semester hour credits at SNHU (with at least 12 in Liberal Arts/Sciences courses) and have a minimum 3.2 GPA. Graduates wear gold and burgundy cords. (Symbol: ASL)

## **DELTA MU DELTA HONOR SOCIETY (GAMMA NU CHAPTER)**

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Delta Mu Delta is an international honor society recognizing outstanding scholastic achievement among both undergraduate and graduate students pursuing business degree programs. To qualify for membership, students must display good character, have completed more than half of their degree program, achieve a GPA of at least 3.6, and be in the top 20% of their class. Members of SNHU's Gamma Nu chapter wear gold and purple cords at graduation. (Symbol: DMD)

## **ETA SIGMA DELTA HONOR SOCIETY**

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An international hospitality management honor society, Eta Sigma Delta recognizes the academic and professional achievements of students pursuing hospitality management, tourism, and culinary arts degrees. Undergraduate students must achieve a cumulative GPA of at least 3.2, while graduate students must maintain a GPA of at least 3.5 to be eligible for membership. (Symbol: ESD)

## **NATIONAL SOCIETY OF COLLEGIATE SCHOLARS**

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The National Society of Collegiate Scholars (NSCS) is a non-profit honor society established to encourage and recognize academic achievement. Emphasizing scholarship, leadership, and service, NSCS accepts members who rank in the top 20% of their class, achieve a cumulative GPA of at least 3.4, and attend a college or university with an active NSCS chapter on campus. Membership is for life and is by invitation only. Graduates wear gold cords. (Symbol: CS)

## **NATIONAL SOCIETY OF LEADERSHIP AND SUCCESS**

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The nation's largest leadership honor society, the National Society of Leadership and Success (NSL, S) provides a step-by-step program to help build leadership skills among its members. To be nominated for membership, undergraduate students must have a minimum 3.0 GPA, while graduate students must have a GPA of 3.5 and have completed nine credits. NSL, S members wear gray and black cords at graduation. (Symbol: LS)

## **ORDER OF OMEGA**

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The Order of Omega is an honor society exclusively for Greek Letter Organizations, and students who display strong leadership, character, and academic achievement. To be eligible for membership, students must be a junior or senior enrolled in a full-time undergraduate program, actively participate in a Greek organization on campus, maintain a GPA above the average Greek GPA, and display good character. Order of Omega members wear white and yellow cords at graduation, while executive board members wear white stoles with gold lettering. (Symbol: OO)

# HONOR SOCIETIES

## **PHI THETA KAPPA HONOR SOCIETY**

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Phi Theta Kappa is an international honor society that recognizes and encourages scholarship among students in two-year associate degree programs. Dedicated to developing leadership, fellowship, and service opportunities, Phi Theta Kappa members must have completed at least 30 credits (15 at SNHU) as part of a two-year program and maintain a 3.5 GPA or higher. Members wear blue and yellow cords or a gold stole at graduation.

(Symbol: PTK)

## **PI LAMBDA THETA**

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The most selective honor society for educators, Pi Lambda Theta recognizes the academic achievement and outstanding disposition of education students. Undergraduate students must achieve at least a 3.5 GPA to earn membership, while graduate students must achieve a GPA of 3.9. All members must demonstrate exceptional disposition throughout their academic program. Upon graduation, members wear gold cords. (Symbol: PLT)

## **PSI CHI HONOR SOCIETY**

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Psi Chi is an international honor society for psychology students and is designed to encourage, stimulate, and maintain excellence in the pursuit of academic achievement. Membership is open to undergraduate students enrolled in a psychology programs (major or minor) who have completed at least 45 credits (nine in psychology courses), have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.2, and have a minimum GPA of 3.2 in psychology courses. Graduates wear blue and gray cords. (Symbol: PC)

## **SIGMA GAMMA TAU**

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Sigma Gamma Tau (SGT) is a national honor society for Aeronautical Engineering. It was founded at Purdue University in 1953 to offer appropriate recognition to persons of superior scholarship, outstanding character, and professional achievement in the field of Aeronautical Engineering. Today the society has about 50 chapters and 29,000 members.

Undergraduate students who are in the upper third of the senior class, upper quarter of the junior class, or upper fifth of the sophomore class are eligible for membership. The society's constitution allows chapters to be established only at universities which have ABET-accredited programs in Aerospace or Aeronautical Engineering. (Symbol: SGT)

## **SIGMA TAU DELTA HONOR SOCIETY (ALPHA PI PSI CHAPTER)**

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Sigma Tau Delta is an international English honor society, recognizing academic achievement among students enrolled in English Language and Literature and Creative Writing programs. To be eligible, undergraduate students must have completed at least three semesters at SNHU, have completed two or more literature courses beyond General Education requirements, and have maintained a GPA of at least 3.3. Graduate students must maintain a 3.3 GPA and have completed at least 6 semester hours at SNHU. Members wear red and black cords at graduation.

(Symbol: S)

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# PRESENTATION OF DEGREE CANDIDATES

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING, TECHNOLOGY, & AERONAUTICS

SCHOOL OF ARTS & SCIENCES

SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL ENGAGEMENT

**Associate in Science or  
Associate in Arts**

\* With Honors  
(GPA 3.500–3.699)

\*\* With High Honors  
(GPA 3.700–3.849)

\*\*\* With Highest Honors  
(GPA 3.850–4.000)

**Bachelor of Science or  
Bachelor of Arts**

\* Cum Laude  
(GPA 3.500–3.699)

\*\* Magna Cum Laude  
(GPA 3.700–3.849)

\*\*\* Summa Cum Laude  
(GPA 3.850–4.000)

*The list of names published in this program is not an official list of degree recipients. Names listed here include those who have completed all of their degree requirements as well as those who are expected to complete their degree requirements by December 31, 2020. An official list of degrees conferred is maintained by the Office of the University Registrar.*



# COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING, TECHNOLOGY, AND AERONAUTICS

## COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING, TECHNOLOGY, AND AERONAUTICS

The College of Engineering, Technology, and Aeronautics (CETA) is one of Southern New Hampshire University's newest initiatives, underlining our continuing commitment to providing high-quality STEM programs. Our priority at SNHU is to provide students with the best possible learning environment. Top-notch faculty, advanced learning tools, and modern, cutting-edge facilities. The diverse faculty members within CETA bring with them a wealth of experience, including time spent designing

videogames, serving in the armed forces, working as scientists and engineers. These faculty members help guide students through rigorous, hands-on curriculum as they spend time in the machine shop, robotics lab, aeronautics lab, electrical lab, wind tunnel, and other state-of-the-art tools available on campus. To us, success means students achieving their education and career goals—and we pride ourselves on providing them with the resources they need to do so.



*Bachelor of Science*

Richard Eric Anderson  
Christian M Lopez



# SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

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The mission of the School of Arts and Sciences is to educate students to live and work well and to be actively engaged in carrying out civic responsibilities.

By connecting the humanities, sciences, fine arts, mathematics, technology, and social inquiry, students prepare for a community role that is as central to individual success as it is to a sustainable society.

The School of Arts and Sciences delivers the General Education curriculum for all students in University College. Students of Arts and Sciences can pursue 18 different majors, 10 concentrations, and a wide array of minors. The arts and sciences curriculum serves as a gateway to many careers that already exist and prepares students for careers to come. Programs in the arts and sciences encourage critical thinking, empower students to try the new and dare the different, and help us understand the deepest forms of human expression. A creative mind is the highest recommendation for success in managing a complex world and living effectively in it.

*Master of Science*

Katherine A. Anger  
Monica Byrd  
Jennifer Caprio  
Alison L. Cote  
Beth Ann Cote  
Jillanne Marie Garrity  
Catherine Fasolino Hamlin  
Bethany A Johnson  
Karissa A Wallace  
Amelia Palmer Lincoln  
Danielle Long  
Patricia Petraro  
Nicholas Rippentrop  
Brianna Sargent Merrill  
Amanda Snyder  
Nicholas Trowbridge AC PC  
Kerri Williamson  
Ellen Willis  
Paulette T.Young

*Bachelor of Arts*

Ziqi Huang  
Lin Mo  
Emily Marguerite Nash  
Joseph Robert Reiss  
Madelyn Ansley Smith PC  
Daniel Szabo  
Haley Jo Tibbetts

*Bachelor of Science*

Wentao Zhang



# SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

## **SCHOOL OF BUSINESS**

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The School of Business at Southern New Hampshire University prepares students for successful careers through a commitment to exceptional teaching of business fundamentals, a relentless focus on the competencies and workplace skills that distinguish high performers in business, and partnerships with businesses and organizations that provide our students with workplace experience and an understanding of today's business environments. The basic knowledge in accounting, economics, finance, marketing, management, leadership, and operations that every business student must attain is no longer sufficient to succeed.

Students today need to be adaptable to succeed in a workplace where jobs that have never existed before are being created daily as new technologies provide opportunities and challenges. They need to understand the implications of a global marketplace that is fully connected and interdependent. And they need to approach every job as an entrepreneur, finding new and better ways of doing things. We pride ourselves on our exceptional faculty that provides a broad, relevant business education designed to launch our students on successful careers and lives.

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*Master of Business  
Administration*

Tanasak Chanyadilok  
Keying Chen  
Jinyi Huang  
Jun Jin  
Suhayb Khraisat  
Ifedolapo Olanrewaju Obey-  
Fabiyi  
Yogen Rai  
Shiyang Yu DMD

*Master of Science*

Kalyani Boddukuri  
Amar Dzelilovic  
Michael Rocco Franco Jr  
Bojana Grgic  
Richmond Martin M.  
Hernandez  
Dominic J. Lander  
Alyssa E Maston  
Tanvir Murad  
Matthew Thomas Musgrave  
Krishna Teja Nelakuditi  
Ambika Pradhan  
Mohammad A Qanni  
Xiaoyu Zhang DMD

*Bachelor of Arts*

Sawyer Vote Taylor

*Bachelor of Science*

Michael Richard Almonacy  
Amelia Zara Zuleika Binti  
Irhamy  
Megan Carey Decker \*\* DMD  
CS  
Nikki Jean Fain  
Dorthea Morkved Glorud \*\*\*  
XiangLiang Hao  
Maxwell B Hennessy  
Kate Lynn Merrill \*\*\* DMD  
Shawn Anthony Montague  
Brennan Alexander Ofcarcik  
Kenneth Twomey  
Andy Vargas  
Nicholas Walko CS  
Tyler Joseph Walsh  
Yu Feng Xu



# SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

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Founded in 2004, the School of Education, provides undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral programs to more than 700 students each year. The School of Education is committed to creating a better tomorrow by preparing students to be knowledgeable, reflective leaders, responsive to the needs of a diverse society. The School of Education is strongly focused on teaching. Our faculty takes great pride in working closely with our students in a rigorous, practitionerbased program that leads to teacher certification. We have built strong partnerships with schools throughout the region that are committed to providing extensive clinical experiences in classrooms for our students as early as freshman year. Our recently redesigned undergraduate teacher education program will allow our teacher education candidates to spend their entire senior year in a school placement.

*Master of Education*

Andrew T. Conrad  
Araceli Derbyshire  
Tyler Nekton  
Danielle Oldenburg  
Jean Foss-Pratt  
Lindsay Marie Reynolds  
Kylie Rose Richardson  
Alexandra Dagmar Rooney  
Hannah Lynn Smith  
Jane Kellett Stewart PLT LS  
Danielle Marie Watson

*Bachelor of Arts*

Marisa Ashley Hartung \*\*\*  
PLT

*Bachelor of Science*

Victoria DeVita



# SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL ENGAGEMENT

## **SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL ENGAGEMENT**

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The School of International Engagement (SIE) develops and promotes global experiences through a wide range of academic, co-curricular and extra-curricular programming and offers high touch services aimed at meeting the needs of international learners, on-campus and at its overseas locations in Malaysia and Vietnam. The programs and services offered through the School of International Engagement foster a culture of pluralism and create environments where students are immersed with people, ideas and places that represent a wider world view. Programs and services are designed to engage learners in global perspectives, guide them to reflect on their place in the world, and position them to be active participants in an increasingly interconnected world.



*Master of Science*

Jingwen Cai  
 Hoang Luu Ly  
 Le Thuy Duong  
 Le Phuong Thao  
 Melanie J Loraditch  
 Nguyen Khanh Huyen  
 Nguyen Phuong Lan  
 Pham Hoang Kien

*Bachelor of Arts*

Fatima Ahmed Omar  
 Balfaqih\*\*\*  
 Chang Yi Wen  
 Chong Zi Qing  
 Huong Sing Mei  
 Wong Angie

*Bachelor of Science*

Dharshinii Rama Krishnan  
 Ang Erng Chee  
 Kar Kei Aw \*\* DMD  
 Azmel 'Afif Syahmi Bin  
 Adam Bin Azizul Rahman  
 Daniel Raffie Bin Mohd  
 Mahmud  
 Siti Nurathirah Aqilah Bt  
 Mohd Zakir  
 Bui Thi Bich Phuong \*  
 Chai Cheng Sik  
 Samantha Chan Wei Shan  
 Chang Chung Hou  
 Cheah Sze Yin  
 Sidney Chew Sweet Yee  
 Eun Ho Cho  
 Choong Jia Wei  
 Josiah Choong Heng Kit  
 Dam Thi Hai Yen \* DMD  
 Dinh Hieu Ngan \*\* DMD  
 Do Hai My \*\*\* DMD  
 Duong Minh Thu  
 Aneq'shiea Kaur Gill  
 Goh Wan Qin  
 Gnei Ziyana Hajireen  
 Hew Dickson  
 Ho Yu Wai  
 Hossain Khan Ashfaq  
 Iau Jo Wei  
 Khoo Seng Hong  
 Kyo Jin Koo

Dharshini A/P Kumar  
 Janice Law Wen Li  
 Sabrina Law Wen PO  
 Le Thanh Huyen  
 Le Thi Thu Nguyet \* DMD  
 Le Tu Anh  
 Ivy Liew Jia Wei  
 Frederic Lim Cher Wei  
 Lim Fui Fu Daniel \*  
 Lim Zhen Hong  
 Gary Loi Bao Feng  
 Luong Thi Quynh Huong  
 Ng Cai Fang  
 NG Jing Xuan  
 Ng Joe Yee  
 Nguyen Thi Anh  
 Nguyen Thuy Hanh  
 Nguyen Thi Hoa \*\* DMD  
 Nguyen Kim Anh  
 Nguyen Thi Nhuong \*\* DMD  
 Nguyen Minh Quang \*  
 Nguyen Thi Mai Quynh \*\*  
 DMD  
 Nguyen Thi Thanh \*  
 Fazril Bin Nordin  
 Ong Chin Seng  
 Ong Ming Jiat  
 Qiao Ying Oui \*  
 Evelyn Sharmeela A/P  
 Pasupathy Pillay  
 Pham Cong Doan  
 Poh Jia Yi  
 Quan Cong Tuyen  
 Venushaa A/P Sandaran  
 Seng Yu Yun \*\*  
 Siew Mun Yee  
 Sim Kuan Yang  
 Tai Yi-Weii  
 Tan Yien Yien  
 Tan Ying Lin  
 Tee Michelle Wen Xue  
 To Thi Huong Giang \*\* DMD  
 Tran Thi Huyen Trang \* DMD  
 Trang Thi Tra My \*  
 Trinh Thi Hai Yen  
 Truong Thi Van Anh  
 Vu Thi Ngoc Mai \*\* DMD  
 Wong Jia Min  
 Brian Woon Jia Juen  
 Kok Hong Yap  
 Yap Sin Mun

Yee Mae Fong

## Congratulations to our newest graduates!

We are proud to welcome you to the SNHU Alumni Association, and honored to celebrate your accomplishments and the determination that got you here today. You're joining the ranks of more than 155,000 SNHU alumni worldwide, a diverse and accomplished network of professionals, community leaders, and change makers.





Remember that your alma mater is here for you after you graduate, with a multitude of ways to stay connected to the SNHU community, from volunteering as a career coach to building your regional SNHU network to attending regional and virtual events.

Be sure to visit [alumni.snhu.edu](http://alumni.snhu.edu) to update your alumni profile, leverage career resources, learn about upcoming events, access other great benefits, and find meaningful ways to continue your journey with SNHU.

With Penmen Pride,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "JR Ristaino". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending from the end of the name.

John "JR" Ristaino '82  
President of SNHU Alumni Association

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