



# COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

COLLEGE OF NURSING  
COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES

**20 August 2022**

11:00 a.m.

 **OAK POINT**  
UNIVERSITY



THE PROCESSIONAL

WELCOME

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*The Star Spangled Banner*

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# GRADUATES

## COLLEGE OF NURSING

### BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

Julia T. Acciari  
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Dania Algholeh ✓  
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Jessica L. Almaraz \*  
Eileen Amancio \*\*  
Layla Ashkar  
Rema Ashkar \*^  
Umme Ayman  
Killian P. Bach  
Maria Barajas  
Lydia Basaka  
Hayat Belkacemi  
Shivon Bowers ✓  
Jacqueline Bubis ^  
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Briana N. Cronin  
Mary J. Damasco  
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Michael Fadipe ^  
Lupita Flores  
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Luke P. Howland  
Alexandra Hughes †^  
Veronica Joaquin  
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Cory LaVecchia ✓  
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Colleen Marks

Magaly Martinez ^  
Lorraine McFarlane  
Siria G. Meraz-Villareal  
Mira Nedic ✓  
Daniel Nesbitt  
Ayodele E. Obawale  
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Ann Patton  
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Claudia M. Pizarro  
Angelica M. Porras ^  
Kayla E. Quirk  
Kristina Reyes  
Nwamaka Richard ^  
Angela Rodriguez  
Estrella Rodriguez  
Erin Rohlfing  
Giana Sansone †  
Jamiu O. Sanusi  
Funmi O. Shokunbi  
Dazlynn Smith  
Lesley Sotelo  
Elvedina Tatarevic  
Rotimi F. Teriba  
Thelma Togoh ✓^  
Oluwaseyi Tolbert  
Sarah Tryon  
Lindsay Villalon  
Daquinda Williams \*  
Dena S. Williams  
Kayla Wilson  
Jeffrey Wong  
Afua Yeboah

# GRADUATES

## COLLEGE OF NURSING (continued) MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

Karina Chagolla  
Sandra Cho  
Crystal E. Estrada  
Suzanne Gabbidon  
Umair Hamid

Nirmela Hasanovic  
Thuan X. Mai  
Victoria Maslowski  
Freddy M. Montesdeoca  
Brooke A. Sheridan

## DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE

Carolina Pena  
Karen Soucie

## COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN IMAGING TECHNOLOGY

Hannah M. Castro ✓  
Lorraine-Andrea R. Cesario \*\*\* ° ✓  
Jonathan J. Gladstone \*\* °  
Gina M. Harper \*\*\*  
Mariena Khayri \*\*\* ° ✓  
Jasmin Luna \*\*

Yahaira Medina \*\*\* °  
Bridget S. Morris \*  
Juliette E. Rowan \*\*\* ° ✓  
Kalena Spotkaeff \*\*\* °  
Genevieve Tulloch

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### CORD COLORS

Silver // University Honors

Twisted Purple and White // Psi Lambda Chapter of STTI Honor Society of Nursing

Forest Green and Maroon // Gamma Nu Chapter of Lambda Nu Honor Society

Leaf Green // Student Organization Leader

### UNIVERSITY HONORS

The University recognizes the following honors on a 4.00 GPA scale:

\*\*\*Summa Cum Laude, "with highest praise," 3.90 to 4.00 GPA

\*\*Magna Cum Laude, "with great praise," 3.70 to 3.89 GPA

\*Cum Laude, "with praise," 3.50 to 3.69 GPA

†Officer of Student Government Organization (SGO)

>Officer of Oak Point University University Student Nurse Association

^Psi Lambda Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International (STTI) Honor Society of Nursing

° Gamma Nu Chapter of Lambda Nu Honor Society

✓ Interprofessional Education Scholar

Student honors were calculated at the midterm of the semester.

Final honors will be reflected on the official transcript.

Listing of a student's name does not guarantee degree completion.

# FACULTY

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# ABOUT OAK POINT

## OUR PURPOSE

Creating a healthy tomorrow.

## OUR MISSION

Oak Point University inspires, educates and forms life-long learners who meet the world's changing needs with curiosity, ingenuity and grace.

## OUR VALUE STATEMENT

As a student-focused University, we value human dignity, diversity and expanding personal potential to its fullest capacity. In all of our work and encounters, we demonstrate personal, professional and academic excellence.

## OUR VISION

Inspiring and leading a learning community that thinks critically, embraces change and explores new ways of delivering higher education by:

- discovering knowledge and developing skills that exceed the demands of dynamic learners and the ever-changing world around us;
- revolutionizing learning through the delivery of education and student services that stand out from the rest; and
- transforming the lives of our students, peers and our community.

All members of our community must embody these values, hold each other accountable for them, and not tolerate behaviors that disregard them.



# ABOUT OAK POINT

## OUR HISTORY

- 1912 Construction begins on West Suburban Hospital with a mission to “Establish and maintain a hospital and dispensary for the care of the sick and injured, to provide educational facilities to medical students, and to establish and maintain a training school for nurses.”
- 1914 West Suburban Hospital School for Nurses opens its doors for the first time. Our reputation grows with each graduating class.
- 1946 We enter into an affiliation with Wheaton College. In the 1950s, more than fifty percent of the missionary nurses serving across the United States and in foreign countries are graduates of the West Suburban Hospital School for Nurses and the Wheaton program.
- 1953 Our name changes to the West Suburban Hospital School of Nursing.
- 1985 We enter into an affiliation with Concordia College in River Forest, and our name changes to Concordia-West Suburban College of Nursing, and we are a now single-purpose, degree-granting college of nursing. Our model is the first in Illinois and one of the first in the nation.
- 2003 The Concordia affiliation ends, and our name changes to West Suburban College of Nursing.
- 2004 Resurrection Health Care (RHC) purchases West Suburban Medical Center, our school, and Westlake Medical Center.
- 2010 RHC sells the two medical centers while our College of Nursing remains a part of the Resurrection Health Care system. With the addition of a College of Allied Health, we become Resurrection University (ResU).
- 2013 After 98 years in Oak Park, we move to a new home in the heart of Chicago’s historic Wicker Park neighborhood located in Presence Saint Elizabeth Hospital (now Ascension Saint Elizabeth Hospital).
- 2015 We welcome the Saint Francis School of Radiography into our College of Allied Health.
- 2018 Our College of Allied Health becomes the College of Health Sciences.
- 2021 ResU becomes an independent university, and we change our name to Oak Point University. We open a second campus in Oak Brook, Illinois, and launch two new graduate nursing programs.
- 2022 Our Partner Solutions Career Accelerator Program launches its first Medical Assistant and Certified Nursing Assistant cohorts.

# ABOUT OAK POINT

## ACADEMIC REGALIA

The custom of wearing academic gowns, caps, and hoods is based on costumes used in universities of the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries, particularly those of Oxford and Cambridge, England. This academic dress has been used in the United States since colonial times and was standardized by an Intercollegiate Code in 1895.

The academic world has three grades of dignity and achievement: Bachelor's, Master's, and Doctor's. Master's and Doctor's imply the right to teach.

Gown and hoods are distinguished by:

- **Bachelor:** gowns with pointed sleeves, no trim, and a three-foot-long hood
- **Master:** gowns with long, closed sleeves with a slit at the arm or wrist, no trim, and a three-and-a-half-foot-long hood
- **Doctor:** gowns with full bell double sleeves embellished with three chevrons of velvet, faced down the front in velvet, with a four-foot-long hood edged in velvet
- **University President:** Similar to the Doctor but with the addition of a fourth chevron of velvet on the sleeve

The color of the hood is distinctive of the faculty or discipline to which the degree pertains.

## OUR GONFALONS

The gonfalon, developed from the Roman *vexillum*, is a square, flag-like banner used in the Roman military and later used by medieval guilds and various religious orders. Today they are used primarily in the university setting, displayed during ceremonies to show school pride and heritage. Oak Point University displays three different gonfalons; one represents the College of Nursing, one represents the College of Health Sciences, and one displays our University seal.

# ABOUT OAK POINT

## OUR MACE

A university's mace is a symbol of leadership and authority and is carried before the president or chancellor during commencement, inauguration, and other academic ceremonial processions. The Oak Point University Mace features our inlaid enamel seal in the medallion at the top. Silver rings circumscribing the body of the staff reflect the University's names and affiliations throughout our history. In order from top to bottom, the rings read:

- Resurrection University,
- Saint Francis School of Radiography,
- West Suburban College of Nursing,
- Concordia-West Suburban College of Nursing,
- West Suburban Hospital School of Nursing,
- Wheaton College-West Suburban Hospital School for Nurses, and
- West Suburban Hospital School for Nurses.

## OUR CHAINS OF OFFICE

For centuries, ceremonial Chains of Office have honored the highest officials of educational institutions and acted as an important expression that acknowledges the history and proud traditions of a university or college.

The University's Chains of Office was conferred for the first time in February 2017 during the Inauguration of Dr. Therese A. Scanlan. Double chains suspend six engraved banners that represent: at the topmost part of either side are our two colleges—the College of Nursing and the College of Health Sciences—followed by the three hallmarks of the University's learners in our mission: curiosity, ingenuity, and grace. Dr. Scanlan's name presides just above the enameled medallion suspended from bottom of the chain and features the Oak Point University seal.

# ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

The Alumni Association has been an integral part of the Institution since its founding in 1914. On November 18, 1915, the first class of four students graduated from what was then West Suburban Hospital School for Nurses.

## ALUMNI ASSOCIATION MISSION

The Association's mission is to serve and engage the Oak Point University Community by fostering lifelong relationships between the University and its alumni.

## PURPOSE

The purpose of the Oak Point University Alumni Association is to serve in an advisory capacity to the Oak Point community and provide leadership and direction to the Alumni Association by fostering lifelong relationships between the University and its alumni.

To continue the tradition, the Oak Point University Alumni Association strives to:

- Develop a strong organization that assists alumni to achieve their career goals through networking and mentoring opportunities
- Provide a means for open dialogue between alumni and the University
- Serve alumni, the University, and the professional community by providing continuing education opportunities
- Foster philanthropic support to help support University programs and financial needs
- Provide fellowship opportunities to honor our history and tradition

Upon graduation, all Oak Point University students are automatically entered into the Alumni Association.

## GET INVOLVED

To learn more about the Oak Point University Alumni Association, please contact Vickie Thornley, Director of Development + Alumni Relations at 630.537.9773 or [vickie.thornley@oakpoint.edu](mailto:vickie.thornley@oakpoint.edu).

# ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

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