

The 31st Annual Commencement

The College of Health
Related Professions

and

The College of Nursing

of

The State University
of New York
Health Science
Center at Brooklyn

Half Past Ten O'Clock
Thursday Morning May 21, 1998
Carnegie Hall • New York City, New York

The Class of 1998
Commencement Program

The Commencement Program

Presiding Marshal
Joseph Balogun, Ph.D.
*Chairperson and Professor of Physical Therapy,
College of Health Related Professions*

Processional
*(Audience, please rise for the Processional.)
(Audience, please be seated.)*

Opening Remarks
Jo Ann Bradley, Ed.D.
*Vice President for Academic Affairs and Executive Dean of
Allied Health and Nursing*

Greetings from the Graduates
Vikki Gottfried
College of Health Related Professions, Class of 1998

Michelle Natalie McCallum
College of Nursing, Class of 1998

Conferring of the Honorary Degree
Eugene B. Feigelson, M.D.
Interim President and Dean, College of Medicine

Honorary Degree Recipient
Lawrence Abrams, Ed.D.

Presentation of 1998 Ailanthus Award and
Introduction of Commencement Speaker
Eugene B. Feigelson, M.D.

Commencement Address
Barbara A. DeBuono, M.D., M.P.H.

College of Health
Related Professions

Presentation of Candidates
Jo Ann Bradley, Ed.D.

Conferring of Degrees
Eugene B. Feigelson, M.D.

Awarding of Diplomas
Eugene B. Feigelson, M.D.
Program Chairpersons

College of Nursing

Presentation of Candidates
Mary Ella Graham, R.N., Ed.D.
Dean, College of Nursing

Conferring of Degrees
Eugene B. Feigelson, M.D.

Awarding of Diplomas
Eugene B. Feigelson, M.D.
Mary Ella Graham, R.N., Ed.D.

Closing Remarks and
Administration of the Oath
Eugene B. Feigelson, M.D.

Recessional
*(Audience, please rise and remain standing until the
graduates have left the hall.)*

College of Health Related Professions

Bachelor of Science

Diagnostic Medical Imaging

Yuliana Alesker
Deana Benanti
June Arleen Britz
Rima Cohen
Guo Hua Dong
Larisa S. Feldman
Nicole Dupre Gathers-
Pierre
Sorena Lempert
Yuliya Lundina
Ken Adiku Mingle
Moris Papiashvili
Deverel G. Paterson
Estee Scharf
Darnett Marcia Williams
Boris Yusim

Health Information Management

Dane Harlan Wister Alli
Nalini A. Arjoon
Gina Blizzard-Waithe
Anna Bronshteyn
Bernadette Sandra
Bruno
Martin Christopher
Carrington
Marie Madeleine Colin
Edith Ewemade Emokpae
Yanina Engelman
Aleksandr Furman
Debra Melanie Gordon
James Hammond
Marie Dominique Lundy
Alla Malakh
Andrea Mamani
Dilrajie R. Mangal
Shoshanna Gitel Merlis
Rachelle Quetant
Leah M. Rabinowitz
Floriane Rhuma
Roberta Robinson
Eric Brian Rodriguez
Samantha Eve Schaeffer
Rita Scott
Nadezhda N. Sitchalov
Ann Tse
Aleksandra M. Velnik

Occupational Therapy

Sharon Doreen Bailey-Brown
Lisa Barnable
Poonam Batra
Tova Bloch
Juliet Jean Davison
Diane T. DiVergilio-Antonette
Arthur Relor Egasan
Michael Thomas Emma
Laurel Fox
Francine Friedman
Michelle Giroux
Vikki Gottfried
Amy F. Guttmann
Neal Hakanson
Lisa Hom
Laurie Edana Lasher
Tina Marulli
Allan Meyer
Elana Mines
Tayisha Norat
Rivka Rebecca Novick-Weizberg
Jenean E. Rose
Maybelline Tan
Catherine Terino

Physical Therapy

Rachelle Bernstein
Joseph Louis Del Vicario
Michelle Louise Farella
Edwige Fourcand
Christina Andrea Gallego
Ingrid Garrick
Diana Hernandez
Tania Hirsch
Erik Hofmann
Carlene Holt
Surie Koplowitz
Tara M. Lee
Samuel Lippin
Tina Liu
Corlette Alexis Luke-
Cambridge
Therese Elena Meyder
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Astrid Nicolas
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Elizabeth Raber
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Chirag D. Shah
Margarita Sinayuk
Nechama Skolnick
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Sergey Stepanov
Hope Sy
Esther Wallach

Physician Assistant

Rodolfo Alonso
Gaielle Aristide
Michelle S. Aron
Talya Bashi
Sabine Bercy
Christine Blaine
Benny Chung
Kennworth Eaton
Faith Leslie Garbowitz
Laila Keshwani
Jiyon Jennifer Kim
Gisele Lahens
Daniel Lauferwiler
Galina Leviyeva
Kassie Mei-Jiun Liou
Sarulatha B. Mani
Carl Michel
Daniel Alan Nalepka
Aaron Ness
Amy Podolsky
Eduardo Luis Rios
Cyndie Romulus
William Simon
Saneese Stephen

Advanced
Certificate

Midwifery Education
Susanrachel Balber-Condon
Susan Veronica Brockmann
Yvette Oreta Byer-Henry
Simone Memaniye Cinque
Gloria Margarita Dominguez
Nancy K. Goley
Julia Lange-Kessler
Kamala June Krakover
Ursula Miguel
Christine J. Perkowska
Ghislaine Martha Robin
Yorleny Andrea Sherrier-
McKnight
Kristin Mary Walsh
Barry N. Wright

Certificate

Health Information
Management
Peryl Leah Bedziner
Halton Hilari

College of Nursing

Bachelor of Science

Patricia L. Abrams
Ajoke Abosedo Adeniji
Cynthia Sablah Agyemang
Gabre D. Aird
Joyce Aronovici
Trevene Beverly Bacchus
Delethia Erica Bogle-Stewart
Suzette Francine Britton
Natanya Annette Cambridge
Vilma H. Campbell
Maureen Elizabeth Cann
Colby Marie Cardone
Dennis Anthony Carter
Maria Cristina Uy Caruso
Jennifer Lowenza Charles
Roseline Carline Clerge
Abby Conway
Charmaine Yvette Danvers
Ianthé Donna Davis
Mary Annette Dawkins
Hermione Desanges
Antoinette Simone Desouza
Johane Desruisseaux
Patricia Elizabeth Dixon
Patricia Ann Driscoll
Allison Nicole Edwards-Best

Gina Lena Eugenard
Sheila Fells
Carmel Theresa Ficorelli
Danielle Francois
Karen Patricia Gayle
Ronald Roderick Gibson
Ursula Hander
Dolwyn Gale Harrison
Verona Shelly Henningham
Keran Sevenise Hill
Beverly Emily Jackson
Kathleen James
Carmeleta Eunice Johnson
Valerie Hope Kelly
Lorraine Angella Kennedy
Ann I. King
Zoya Kofman
Joana Adjoa Kusi
Lorna Patricia Lewis
Huong T. Ly
Claudia Magloire
Rose M. Malcolm
Shawanna Monique Mayo
Michelle Natalie McCallum
Metzie Jennifer McClarty
Karen Andrea McIntosh-
Alejandro

Lisa Samantha McIntyre
Sherene Monifa McIntyre
Yanick C. Menard
Karlene Jennifer Moncrieffe
Lucy Anne Mottola
Christine Leona Mulzac
Veronica Claire Noel
Rosamond Vivian Payne
Hernide Marie-Louise
Percy
Glory Pabitri Persaud
Beth Yvonne Price
Deborah Ann-Carlene
Ricketts-Newland
Antoinette Anecia Roper
Anjana Roy
Gail Theone Ryan
Lorna Elaine Shaw-Irving
William L. Sloan
Rolston Spence
Pamela Joan Spiewak
Renee Toscano
Valerie A. Warde
Morton Watford Welch
Rosemarie Whyte
Denise Louella Williams

Master of Science

Mary M. Abruzzo-Fogarassy
Denise Lesley Alleyne
Marlene Anderson
Tania O. Benjamin
Dorothy Bowen
Stephanie K. Brogdon
Barbara Jean Calvano
Marie A. Charles
Germaine Dodd
Gwendolyn Virginia
Edwards
Shirley Joyce Farquharson
Cherise M. Francis
Margaret Ann-Marie
Garrett-Herry
Sandra Christina Helmen
Gretchen A. Hodge-Penn
Jacquelin Maureen Johnson
Barbara L. Jones
Eldene Celestine King
Deloretta Theresa Lawrence
Michelle Ling
Maryann Lopez
Aliceson Lucas
Vadewattie Mangru

Michelle A. Marr
Filomena Marra
Elsamma Mathew
Victoria Maursky
Simone Allison McGowan
Abbe H. Niborski Nadel
Barbara Marie O' Sullivan
Georgiana Ochilly
Sharon E. Oliver-
Henderson
Editha R. Ong
Ellen Marie Parietti
Iveline Pennie
Gisela Del Carmen Perez
Wilma Augustina Philip
Kathy A. Phillips-Harding
Jean S. Pickering
Joan Reid
Betty H. Reynolds-Manning
Rita Marie Riley-
Constantino
Denise P. Rolston
Mary Elizabeth Romeo-
White
Denise A. Romney
Naima Grizzell Sadiq

Charlotte M. Sinrod
Yvonne E. Standford
Beth Robin Steinfeld
Toni Marie Taylor
Sandra Nicole Thompson
Marie Elizabeth Torell-Alverio
Laurence Turnier-Antoine
Joyce C. Ventour
Marvelin Margaret Williams
Maria E. Yomtov

Advanced Certificate

Nurse Practitioner
Dianne R. Hauck
Rose E. Traynor-Weissman
Jacqueline M. Myrie

Commencement Address

Commencement Speaker: Barbara A. DeBuono, M.D., M.P.H.

Barbara A. DeBuono, M.D., M.P.H., was nominated by Governor George Pataki and confirmed as the first female commissioner of health for the State of New York on January 31, 1995.

Dr. DeBuono received her undergraduate (1976) and medical (1980) degrees from the University of Rochester and subsequently received a master's degree in public health from Harvard University in 1984.

She completed her medical internship residency at the New England Deaconess Hospital in Boston, then first served as a fellow in infectious diseases at Brown University Medical School's Affiliated Hospitals Program in Providence, Rhode Island from 1984 through 1986. She is board certified in internal medicine.

From 1987 to 1995, Dr. DeBuono rose from clinical instructor in medicine to clinical associate professor of medicine at Brown University Medical School. In September, 1995 she was named professor of health policy at the University of Albany, State University of New York, School of Public Health. She is a diplomate of the American Board of Internal Medicine, and, until coming to New York, served on the medical staffs of the Infectious Diseases Division of Rhode Island Hospital and Roger Williams General Hospital. Dr. DeBuono is a fellow of the American College of Physicians.

She is also a member of the American Medical Association, the American Public Health Association, the Infectious Diseases Society of America, and serves on the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP). In 1988 she was recognized as the first recipient of the Rhode Island Woman Physician of the Year Award by the Rhode Island Medical Women's Association, and was elected a fellow of the American College of Physicians in 1989.

Prior to joining the New York State Department of Health, Dr. DeBuono served at the Rhode Island Department of Health, beginning in 1986 as a medical epidemiologist. She was promoted from that position to the joint positions of state epidemiologist and medical director of the Office of Disease Control, where she administered the Divisions of AIDS/Sexually Transmitted Diseases, Chronic Diseases, Epidemiology/Communicable Diseases, Vital Record, and Health Promotion. On June 11, 1991, she was named director of health for the State of Rhode Island and served in that capacity until being confirmed as New York's health commissioner.

Since coming to New York, Dr. DeBuono has shaped an ambitious health care reform agenda. She developed the state's comprehensive Medicaid managed care program with a particular emphasis on quality improvement in managed care and strengthening primary care access. She also chaired Governor Pataki's Ad Hoc Task Force on NYPHRM, which completed its recommendations for hospital finance reform on December 5, 1995. Governor Pataki named her chair of New York State's Long Term Care Financing Commission, which issued its report in May 1996. Last spring she spearheaded the development of legislation to reform New York's hospital finance system, thereby ending 12 years of rate setting.

Dr. DeBuono was instrumental in the re-authorization of New York's Medicaid managed care legislation until the year 2000, and the creation of standards for managed care quality, oversight and accountability through the 1996 Omnibus Managed Care Act. She also reformed the program governing physician discipline in New York, which, through new legislation, required notification of serious disciplinary actions to the public.

As New York's health commissioner, Dr. DeBuono hopes to improve health care quality and access for low income families, identify and contain infectious and non-infectious agents affecting New Yorkers, and redesign the manner in which New York finances and oversees its health care delivery system. Finally, she hopes to strengthen local public health infrastructure, thereby assuring prompt local county response to emerging threats to the health of all New Yorkers.

Honorary Degree Recipient

Doctor of Humane Letters: Lawrence Abrams, Ed.D

Lawrence Abrams is dean of the College of Health Professions, vice president for student affairs, and professor of education at Thomas Jefferson University. A national and international leader in allied health, Dr. Abrams has been at the forefront of advancing undergraduate and graduate education in these critical disciplines. More than 60 percent of the nation's healthcare personnel practice in allied health fields. Dr. Abrams' reputation on Capitol Hill as an unceasing and effective advocate to increase awareness and support for allied health education earned him election as president of the Association of Schools of Allied Health Professions, a national organization devoted to allied health education, research, and service.

Dr. Abrams has been dean of the College of Health Professions, formerly the College of Allied Health Sciences, at Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia for 19 years. The College educates students preparing for allied health careers in the diagnostic imaging fields of radiography, ultrasound, and cardiovascular technology; the laboratory sciences of biotechnology, cytogenetic technology, cytotechnology, and medical technology; occupational therapy and physical therapy; and the profession of nursing.

Dean Abrams' visionary ideas regarding academic affairs, curriculum innovations, finances, and student life have set the standard for colleges of health professions to emulate. His dedication and commitment as mentor and role model is prevalent in all interactions with students, faculty, and administration. He is recognized for his knowledge, intuition, humility, and humaneness. Colleagues, both nationally and internationally, friends, and family attest to the fact that Lawrence Abrams not only preaches his motto—"Others, that's what it's all about!" — but lives it daily.

In recognition of his tireless devotion to the advancement of allied health, both the College of Physicians of Philadelphia and the Association of Allied Health Professions have named Dr. Abrams a fellow. He has also received the President's Citation for Distinguished Service from Thomas Jefferson University on two occasions and The Pennsylvania State University's Distinguished Alumnus Award.

As testament to his national leadership in promotion of allied health careers, he developed, at Jefferson in 1968, the innovative Health Careers Guidance Clinic and established the National Health Careers Information Hotline in 1988. The highly respected resource publication, the *Health Careers Guidance Manual*, published periodically since 1969, is currently in its 10th edition. In 1994, he initiated and produced the video, "Your Future, Your Choice: Careers in Allied Health," which has since been distributed in all 50 states and several foreign countries. Dr. Abrams has authored numerous publications on allied health careers and education and has been the recipient of federal grants.

Dr. Abrams' international initiatives include presentations on allied health education, research, and practice, including a keynote speech at the dedication of a new school of allied health sciences in Osaka, Japan. He served as a consultant to the Brazilian Ministry of Education and Culture and the Agency for the International Development in the U. S. Department of State. He also has campaigned vigorously for support to establish colleges of allied health in The People's Republic of China.

Dr. Abrams is active in community affairs at the local level, having served as chairman of the Board of Trustees of Jefferson Park Hospital. He is currently on the board of directors of the Philadelphia Senior Center and board of trustees of the Pennsylvania College of Podiatric Medicine. For 10 years, he was a school board director of the Marple Newtown School District in Delaware County, Pennsylvania.

Lawrence Abrams received his undergraduate degree from The Pennsylvania State University, his master's degree in counseling psychology from Temple University, and his doctorate in higher education at Nova University.

The SUNY Health Science Center at Brooklyn

The State University of New York Health Science Center at Brooklyn is one of four such campuses within the 64-unit State University of New York. Located on an urban campus in the East Flatbush section of Brooklyn, the Health Science Center includes the College of Health Related Professions, College of Nursing, College of Medicine and the School of Graduate Studies.

The Health Science Center's history spans over 130 years. Initially chartered as the teaching division of Long Island College Hospital, it was renamed the Long Island College of Medicine in 1930. The "Downstate" era began on April 5, 1950 when a merger contract was signed with the newly constituted State University of New York. The College of Nursing and College of Health Related Professions were founded in 1966, in recognition of the critical need for allied health professionals. In 1985, the institution became known as the State University of New York Health Science Center at Brooklyn, to reflect the full scope of the Center's activities.

Today, the Health Science Center is the focal point of a health-care network that includes 26 hospitals with a campus of 13 acres, a total student body of 1,500, a faculty of nearly 3,500 (including full-time, part-time, and voluntary staff) and support staff of 3,000.

Philosophy of Health Care Professional Training

To Learn-To Search-To Serve. That is the motto of the State University of New York and the mission of the Health Science Center at Brooklyn. As an urban medical center which is part of a large public university system, the Center is keenly aware of its special obligation for public service and is a vital contributor to the health-care needs of its community. The Center provides an atmosphere of scientific scholarship designed to inspire students to observe, analyze, and interpret scientific and social phenomena in a systematic manner. Collaboration among the health professions helps develop the community health-care concepts needed to deal with the health and social needs of a changing society.

The Academic Procession

The procession is led by the presiding marshal. Other members of the procession include faculty marshals (chosen by the graduates), faculty members, deans, honorary degree recipients, and the president of the Health Science Center.

The academic gown worn by procession members is said to be symbolic of the “democracy of scholarship,” for it covers any dress of rank or social standing underneath.

Academic gowns originated in the Middle Ages, the period when universities were beginning to take form. At that time, most scholars were also clerics—and therefore dressed as clerics, in long gowns. Over time, the gown became the accepted dress code for scholars: in England, in the second half of the 14th century, for example, several colleges forbade “excess in apparel” and decreed the wearing of long gowns.

The assignment of colors to signify different academic disciplines developed much later, and was standardized in the United States in the late 19th century. In 1895, an intercollegiate commission composed of representatives from leading colleges established a code of academic dress that prescribed cut, style, and materials of the gowns, as well as colors to represent different fields of learning. Today, academic dress code is regulated by a formal Committee on Academic Costumes and Ceremonies created by the American Council on Education in 1952.

The gown is usually black for all degrees, with variations in the sleeves, the front cut, and trim. The bachelor’s degree gown is black with long pointed sleeves. The master’s degree gown is black without trim and has oblong sleeves so the upper part of the arm comes through the slit in the sleeve. Doctoral (Ph.D.) gowns are black with bell-shaped sleeves. Mortarboards (caps) with tassels have their own significance. Master’s and bachelor’s tassels are black, while the Ph.D. tassel may be black or gold; medicine is green.

Hood colors indicate the field of learning: dark blue—philosophy; green—medicine; light blue—education; apricot—nursing; science—golden yellow; history—white; law—purple; psychology—dark blue.

Details of academic attire may vary depending on where faculty members completed their degrees. Some foreign degree holders, for example, wear special hats, distinctive to their degree and institution. Whatever the differences, however, the governing tradition is continuity of the academic symbols from the Middle Ages.

Faculty Members Serving as Marshals

Nellie Bailey, M.S., R.N., Associate Dean of Academic Programming/Clinical Assistant Professor, College of Nursing

Joseph S. Balogun, Ph.D., P.T., FACSM, Professor/Chairman, Physical Therapy Program,
College of Health Related Professions

Daisy Cruz-Richman, Ph.D., R.N., Clinical Assistant Professor, College of Nursing

Elizabeth Gloss, Ed.D., R.N., Associate Professor, College of Nursing

Rose Lefkowitz, M.P.A., RRA, Clinical Assistant Professor, Health Information Management Program,
College of Health Related Professions

Joyce Miller, Ed.D., RDMS, Acting Chairperson/Clinical Assistant Professor, Diagnostic Medical Imaging,
College of Health Related Professions

Teresa Miller, M.S., P.T., Assistant Professor, Physical Therapy Program, College of Health Related Professions

Dawn Morton-Rias, B.S., R.P.A.-C., Assistant Professor/Chairperson, Physician Assistant Program, College of Health
Related Professions

Yvonne Nathan, Ed.D., R.N., Lecturer/Coordinator, RN/BS Program, College of Nursing

Harry Pomeranz, B.S., Clinical Instructor, Physician Assistant Program, College of Health Related Professions

Diane Powe, Ph.D., CRNA, Associate Professor, College of Nursing

Emily Raphael, M.S., O.T.R., Clinical Assistant Professor/Academic Fieldwork Coordinator, Occupational Therapy Program,
College of Health Related Professions

Valerie Roe, C.N.M., M.S., Assistant Professor, Nurse Midwifery Program, College of Health Related Professions

Laila Sedhom, Ph.D., R.N., NMCC, Professor/Acting Associate Dean of Graduate Programs, College of Nursing

Annette Siegel, M.S., R.N., Assistant Professor, College of Nursing

Jerome Stempak, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Anatomy and Cell Biology, College of Medicine

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Oath of Professional Practice

We, the Graduating Classes of the College of Health Related Professions and the College of Nursing, commit ourselves to the improvement of health care and the improvement of accessibility to health-care services.

We shall uphold the standards of our professions, accept responsibility for our individual actions and judgments, and function professionally as members of a health team.

Our beliefs, functions, and goals are based upon our desire and commitment to effect improvement in the delivery of health care, and to alleviate suffering and to provide treatment to those who are ill and in need of the skills of our professions.