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*Commencement*

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FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY

Ocean Bank Convocation Center  
Modesto A. Maidique Campus, Miami, Florida

Sunday, July 30, 2017

Monday, July 31, 2017

Tuesday, August 1, 2017

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Florida International University is a vibrant, student-centered public research university, ideally located in Miami, that is **Worlds Ahead** in its commitment to learning, research, entrepreneurship, innovation and creativity so that our graduates are prepared to succeed in the global market.

Since 1965, when it was chartered as the area’s first public university, FIU has built a reputation for excellence in teaching, research and community engagement. Since taking office in August 2009, President Mark B. Rosenberg has focused on strengthening student-centered academic excellence, enhancing research that supports community priorities and expanding community partnerships.

FIU has diverse and nationally celebrated faculty who bring a global perspective to their research and teaching. Our vibrant student body is made up of individuals from throughout the United States and more than 130 countries, and our **Worlds Ahead** alumni have risen to prominence in every field.

FIU offers nearly 200 baccalaureate, master’s, doctoral and specialist degree programs in its colleges and schools, including: College of Communication, Architecture + The Arts, College of Arts, Sciences & Education, College of Business, College of Engineering and Computing, Honors College, College of Law, Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine, Nicole Wertheim College of Nursing and Health Sciences, Chaplin School of Hospitality and Tourism Management, Steven J. Green School of International and Public Affairs, and Robert Stempel College of Public Health and Social Work.

As one of South Florida’s anchor institutions, FIU contributes almost \$9 billion each year to the local economy and is ranked second in Florida in *Forbes Magazine’s* “America’s Best Employers” list. This year, FIU also achieved honor roll distinction in all categories of The Chronicle of Higher Education’s “Great Colleges to Work For” — making FIU the only university in the country to receive the recognition. FIU graduates are consistently among the highest paid college graduates in Florida and are among the leaders of public and private organizations throughout South Florida. FIU is **Worlds Ahead** in finding solutions to the most challenging problems of our time. FIU emphasizes research as a major component of its mission with multiple state-of-the-art research facilities including the Wall of Wind Research and Testing Facility, the Medina Aquarius Program and the Advanced Materials Engineering Research Institute. FIU has awarded more than 220,000 degrees and enrolls more than 55,000 students in our Modesto A. Maidique and Biscayne Bay campuses and centers including FIU Downtown on Brickell, FIU@I-75, the Miami Beach Urban Studios, and Tianjin, China. FIU also supports artistic and cultural engagement through its three museums: Patricia & Phillip Frost Art Museum, the Wolfsonian-FIU, and the Jewish Museum of Florida-FIU. FIU is a member of Conference USA, and more than 400 student-athletes participate in 18 sports.

Thanks to the support of the South Florida community, FIU has emerged as a **Worlds Ahead** leader of higher education.

HERBERT WERTHEIM COLLEGE OF MEDICINE.....	Adrian Jones, <i>Banner Marshal</i>
ROBERT STEMPEL COLLEGE OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL WORK .....	Consuelo Beck Sague, <i>Banner Marshal</i>
NICOLE WERTHEIM COLLEGE OF NURSING AND HEALTH SCIENCES .....	Alliete Alfano, <i>Banner Marshal</i>
UNIVERSITY GRADUATE SCHOOL .....	Deana Goldin, <i>Banner Marshal</i>
HONORS COLLEGE .....	Umer Rahman, <i>Banner Marshal</i>
STUDENT AFFAIRS .....	Tony Delgado, <i>Banner Marshal</i>
UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION.....	Vicenta Shepard, <i>Banner Marshal</i>
ENROLLMENT SERVICES & MANAGEMENT .....	Debra Manning, <i>Banner Marshal</i>

PROCESSIONAL .....	Grand Marshal Kathleen Wilson, <i>Chair, Faculty Senate</i>
<i>Fanfare for the Common Man</i> , Aaron Copland	<i>Member, FIU Board of Trustees</i>
<i>Chariots of Fire</i> , Vangelis	
<i>Pomp and Circumstance</i> , Sir Edward Elgar	

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM AND FIU ALMA MATER .....	Adam Levine, <i>Junior, Vocal Performance</i>
<i>The Star-Spangled Banner</i> , Francis Scott Key	
<i>FIU Alma Mater</i> , Belinda Gunn	

CONVENER .....	Kenneth G. Furton, <i>Provost and Executive Vice President</i>
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SGA MESSAGE.....	Krista Schmidt, <i>SGA President</i> ,
	<i>Modesto A. Maidique Campus, Member, FIU Board of Trustees</i>

PRESENTATION OF DOCTORAL DIPLOMAS.....	Andrés G. Gil, <i>Dean, University Graduate School</i>
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WORLDS AHEAD RECOGNITIONS.....	Mark B. Rosenberg, <i>President</i>
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PRESENTATION OF GRADUATE AND UNDERGRADUATE DIPLOMAS	
Narrator .....	Stephen Neal, <i>Instructor, Theatre</i>
Robert Stempel College of Public Health and Social Work.....	Tomás R. Guilarte, <i>Dean</i>
Nicole Wertheim College of Nursing and Health Sciences .....	Ora L. Strickland, <i>Dean</i>
Honors College .....	Juan Carlos Espinosa, <i>Interim Dean</i>
University Graduate School .....	Andrés G. Gil, <i>Dean</i>

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# Commencement Program

## Sunday, July 30, 2017, 6:30 p.m.

*The audience is requested to remain seated for the Processional and rise for the National Anthem and the FIU Alma Mater.*

CHAPLIN SCHOOL OF HOSPITALITY AND TOURISM MANAGEMENT ..... Jumyong Stephen Lee, *Banner Marshal*  
COLLEGE OF COMMUNICATION, ARCHITECTURE + THE ARTS ..... Aaron Pikula, *Banner Marshal*  
UNIVERSITY GRADUATE SCHOOL ..... Nicole Kashian, *Banner Marshal*  
HONORS COLLEGE ..... Umer Rahman, *Banner Marshal*  
STUDENT AFFAIRS ..... Tony Delgado, *Banner Marshal*  
UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION ..... April Lewis, *Banner Marshal*  
ENROLLMENT SERVICES & MANAGEMENT ..... Alexandra LaForest, *Banner Marshal*

PROCESSIONAL ..... Grand Marshal Kathleen Wilson, *Chair, Faculty Senate*  
*Fanfare for the Common Man*, Aaron Copland  
*Chariots of Fire*, Vangelis  
*Pomp and Circumstance*, Sir Edward Elgar

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM AND FIU ALMA MATER ..... Alex Toussaint, *Senior, Music Education*  
*The Star-Spangled Banner*, Francis Scott Key  
*FIU Alma Mater*, Belinda Gunn

CONVENER ..... Kenneth G. Furton, *Provost and Executive Vice President*

WELCOME AND RECOGNITIONS ..... Mark B. Rosenberg, *President*

SGA MESSAGE ..... Leo Cosio, *SGA President*,  
*Biscayne Bay Campus and FIU at I-75*

WORLDS AHEAD RECOGNITIONS ..... Mark B. Rosenberg, *President*

PRESENTATION OF GRADUATE AND UNDERGRADUATE DIPLOMAS  
Narrator ..... Stephen Neal, *Instructor, Theatre*  
Chaplin School of Hospitality and Tourism Management ..... Mike Hampton, *Dean*  
College of Communication, Architecture + The Arts ..... Brian Schriener, *Dean*  
Honors College ..... Juan Carlos Espinosa, *Interim Dean*  
University Graduate School ..... Lidia Kos, *Associate Dean*

CHARGE TO THE GRADUATES ..... Mark B. Rosenberg, *President*

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# Commencement Program

## Monday, July 31, 2017, 10 a.m.

*The audience is requested to remain seated for the Processional and rise for the National Anthem and the FIU Alma Mater.*

COLLEGE OF ARTS, SCIENCES & EDUCATION ..... Paul R. Warren, *Banner Marshal*  
UNIVERSITY GRADUATE SCHOOL ..... Sonia Miller-Underwood, *Banner Marshal*  
HONORS COLLEGE ..... Umer Rahman, *Banner Marshal*  
STUDENT AFFAIRS ..... Lynn Hendricks, *Banner Marshal*  
LIBRARIES ..... George Pearson, *Banner Marshal*  
UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION ..... Hazel Hooker, *Banner Marshal*  
ENROLLMENT SERVICES & MANAGEMENT ..... Katharine Conrad, *Banner Marshal*

PROCESSIONAL ..... Grand Marshal Joerg Reinhold, *Vice Chair, Faculty Senate*  
*Fanfare for the Common Man*, Aaron Copland  
*Chariots of Fire*, Vangelis  
*Pomp and Circumstance*, Sir Edward Elgar

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM AND FIU ALMA MATER ..... Victoria Roland, *Senior, Vocal Performance*  
*The Star-Spangled Banner*, Francis Scott Key  
*FIU Alma Mater*, Belinda Gunn

CONVENER ..... Kenneth G. Furton, *Provost and Executive Vice President*

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SGA MESSAGE ..... Leo Cosio, *SGA President*,  
*Biscayne Bay Campus and FIU at I-75*

PRESENTATION OF DOCTORAL DIPLOMAS ..... Andrés G. Gil, *Dean, University Graduate School*

WORLDS AHEAD RECOGNITIONS ..... Mark B. Rosenberg, *President*

PRESENTATION OF GRADUATE AND UNDERGRADUATE DIPLOMAS  
Narrator ..... Stephen Neal, *Instructor, Theatre*  
College of Arts, Sciences & Education ..... Michael Heithaus, *Dean*  
Honors College ..... Juan Carlos Espinosa, *Interim Dean*  
University Graduate School ..... Andrés G. Gil, *Dean*

CHARGE TO THE GRADUATES ..... Mark B. Rosenberg, *President*

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# Commencement Program

## Monday, July 31, 2017, 3 p.m.

*The audience is requested to remain seated for the Processional and rise for the National Anthem and the FIU Alma Mater.*

COLLEGE OF ARTS, SCIENCES & EDUCATION.....Mandayam O. Thirunarayanan, *Banner Marshal*  
COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING AND COMPUTING .....Claudius Carnegie, *Banner Marshal*  
UNIVERSITY GRADUATE SCHOOL.....Lu Zhang, *Banner Marshal*  
HONORS COLLEGE.....Umer Rahman, *Banner Marshal*  
STUDENT AFFAIRS.....Cheryl Nowell, *Banner Marshal*  
LIBRARIES .....George Pearson, *Banner Marshal*  
UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION .....Hugo Jimenez, *Banner Marshal*  
ENROLLMENT SERVICES & MANAGEMENT .....Ashish Patil, *Banner Marshal*

PROCESSIONAL ..... Grand Marshal Joerg Reinhold, *Vice Chair, Faculty Senate*  
*Fanfare for the Common Man*, Aaron Copland  
*Chariots of Fire*, Vangelis  
*Pomp and Circumstance*, Sir Edward Elgar

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM AND FIU ALMA MATER ..... Mary Espinosa, *Senior, Vocal Performance*  
*The Star-Spangled Banner*, Francis Scott Key  
*FIU Alma Mater*, Belinda Gunn

CONVENER ..... Kenneth G. Furton, *Provost and Executive Vice President*

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SGA MESSAGE..... Krista Schmidt, *SGA President*,  
*Modesto A. Maidique Campus, Member, FIU Board of Trustees*

PRESENTATION OF DOCTORAL DIPLOMAS.....Lidia Kos, *Associate Dean, University Graduate School*

WORLDS AHEAD RECOGNITIONS..... Mark B. Rosenberg, *President*

PRESENTATION OF GRADUATE AND UNDERGRADUATE DIPLOMAS  
Narrator .....Stephen Neal, *Instructor, Theatre*  
College of Arts, Sciences & Education.....Michael Heithaus, *Dean*  
College of Engineering .....Ranu Jung, *Interim Dean*  
Honors College .....Juan Carlos Espinosa, *Interim Dean*  
University Graduate School .....Lidia Kos, *Associate Dean*

CHARGE TO THE GRADUATES..... Mark B. Rosenberg, *President*

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# Commencement Program

## Monday, July 31, 2017, 7:30 p.m.

*The audience is requested to remain seated for the Processional and rise for the National Anthem and the FIU Alma Mater.*

COLLEGE OF ARTS, SCIENCES & EDUCATION.....Patrick Houle, *Banner Marshal*  
UNIVERSITY GRADUATE SCHOOL ..... Jun Li, *Banner Marshal*  
HONORS COLLEGE.....Umer Rahman, *Banner Marshal*  
STUDENT AFFAIRS.....Steven Sweat, *Banner Marshal*  
UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION ..... Gabriela Esteves, *Banner Marshal*  
ENROLLMENT SERVICES & MANAGEMENT ..... Jaclyn Jonusas, *Banner Marshal*

PROCESSIONAL ..... Grand Marshal Joerg Reinhold, *Vice Chair, Faculty Senate*  
*Fanfare for the Common Man*, Aaron Copland  
*Chariots of Fire*, Vangelis  
*Pomp and Circumstance*, Sir Edward Elgar

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM AND FIU ALMA MATER ..... Jorge Diaz, *Senior, Vocal Performance*  
*The Star-Spangled Banner*, Francis Scott Key  
*FIU Alma Mater*, Belinda Gunn

CONVENER ..... Kenneth G. Furton, *Provost and Executive Vice President*

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SGA MESSAGE..... Leo Cosio, *SGA President*,  
*Biscayne Bay Campus and FIU at I-75*

PRESENTATION OF DOCTORAL DEGREES ..... Andrés G. Gil, *Dean, University Graduate School*

WORLDS AHEAD RECOGNITIONS..... Mark B. Rosenberg, *President*

PRESENTATION OF GRADUATE AND UNDERGRADUATE DIPLOMAS  
Narrator .....Stephen Neal, *Instructor, Theatre*  
College of Arts, Sciences & Education.....Michael Heithaus, *Dean*  
Honors College .....Juan Carlos Espinosa, *Interim Dean*  
University Graduate School ..... Andrés G. Gil, *Dean*

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# Commencement Program

## Tuesday, August 1, 2017, 10 a.m.

*The audience is requested to remain seated for the Processional and rise for the National Anthem and the FIU Alma Mater.*

STEVEN J. GREEN SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL & PUBLIC AFFAIRS..... Jeffery Gonzalez, *Banner Marshal*  
UNIVERSITY GRADUATE SCHOOL..... Terrence Peterson, *Banner Marshal*  
HONORS COLLEGE..... Umer Rahman, *Banner Marshal*  
STUDENT AFFAIRS..... Scott Jones, *Banner Marshal*  
UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION ..... Jennifer Bravo, *Banner Marshal*  
ENROLLMENT SERVICES & MANAGEMENT ..... Barbara Pita, *Banner Marshal*

PROCESSIONAL ..... Grand Marshal Jennifer Doherty-Restrepo, *Secretary, Faculty Senate*  
*Fanfare for the Common Man*, Aaron Copland  
*Chariots of Fire*, Vangelis  
*Pomp and Circumstance*, Sir Edward Elgar

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM AND FIU ALMA MATER ..... Orianna Gutierrez, *Junior, Vocal Performance*  
*The Star-Spangled Banner*, Francis Scott Key  
*FIU Alma Mater*, Belinda Gunn

CONVENER ..... Kenneth G. Furton, *Provost and Executive Vice President*

WELCOME AND RECOGNITIONS..... Mark B. Rosenberg, *President*

SGA MESSAGE..... Leo Cosio, *SGA President,*  
*Biscayne Bay Campus and FIU at I-75*

PRESENTATION OF DOCTORAL DIPLOMAS..... Lidia Kos, *Associate Dean, University Graduate School*

WORLDS AHEAD RECOGNITIONS ..... Mark B. Rosenberg, *President*

PRESENTATION OF GRADUATE AND UNDERGRADUATE DIPLOMAS  
Narrator ..... Stephen Neal, *Instructor, Theatre*  
Steven J. Green School of International & Public Affairs..... John F. Stack, *Founding Dean*  
Honors College ..... Juan Carlos Espinosa, *Interim Dean*  
University Graduate School ..... Lidia Kos, *Associate Dean*

CHARGE TO THE GRADUATES..... Mark B. Rosenberg, *President*

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# Commencement Program

## Tuesday, August 1, 2017, 3 p.m.

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CHAPMAN GRADUATE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS..... Jayati Sinha, *Banner Marshal*  
UNIVERSITY GRADUATE SCHOOL..... Arun Kumaraswamy, *Banner Marshal*  
STUDENT AFFAIRS..... Kerrie Montgomery, *Banner Marshal*  
ENROLLMENT SERVICES & MANAGEMENT ..... Ivelisse Lombana, *Banner Marshal*

PROCESSIONAL ..... Grand Marshal Jennifer Doherty-Restrepo, *Secretary, Faculty Senate*  
*Fanfare for the Common Man*, Aaron Copland  
*Chariots of Fire*, Vangelis  
*Pomp and Circumstance*, Sir Edward Elgar

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM AND FIU ALMA MATER ..... S. Christopher Ellis, *College of Business;*  
*The Star-Spangled Banner*, Francis Scott Key  
*FIU Alma Mater*, Belinda Gunn  
Donald Roomes, *College of Business;*  
Louis Melbourne, *College of Business*

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PRESENTATION OF DOCTORAL DEGREES ..... Andrés G. Gil, *Dean, University Graduate School*

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PRESENTATION OF GRADUATE DIPLOMAS  
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College of Business ..... Joanne Li, *Dean*  
University Graduate School ..... Andrés G. Gil, *Dean*

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## Tuesday, August 1, 2017, 7:30 p.m.

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LANDON UNDERGRADUATE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS ..... Jimmy Carmenate, *Banner Marshal*  
 HONORS COLLEGE..... Umer Rahman, *Banner Marshal*  
 STUDENT AFFAIRS..... Kristen Kawczynski, *Banner Marshal*  
 UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION ..... Valerie Morgan, *Banner Marshal*  
 ENROLLMENT SERVICES & MANAGEMENT ..... David Dugard, *Banner Marshal*

PROCESSIONAL ..... Grand Marshal Jennifer Doherty-Restrepo, *Secretary, Faculty Senate*  
*Fanfare for the Common Man*, Aaron Copland  
*Chariots of Fire*, Vangelis  
*Pomp and Circumstance*, Sir Edward Elgar

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM AND FIU ALMA MATER ..... S. Christopher Ellis, *College of Business*;  
*The Star-Spangled Banner*, Francis Scott Key  
 Donald Roomes, *College of Business*;  
 FIU Alma Mater, Belinda Gunn  
 Louis Melbourne, *College of Business*

CONVENER ..... Kenneth G. Furton, *Provost and Executive Vice President*

WELCOME AND RECOGNITIONS..... Mark B. Rosenberg, *President*

FIU FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS MESSAGE..... Maria Del Busto, *Member*

SGA MESSAGE..... Krista Schmidt, *SGA President*,  
*Modesto A. Maidique Campus, Member, FIU Board of Trustees*

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PRESENTATION OF UNDERGRADUATE DIPLOMAS  
 Narrator ..... Stephen Neal, *Instructor, Theatre*  
 College of Business ..... Joanne Li, *Dean*  
 Honors College ..... Juan Carlos Espinosa, *Interim Dean*

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### THE COMMENCEMENT:

## An Academic Tradition

At every academic institution, commencement exercises are the high point of the calendar for students and their families. Since the purpose of a college or university is to prepare its students to merit the conferral of an academic degree, the commencement ceremony serves as the instrument for exhibiting the success of both the university and its students in fulfilling this primary goal. The rites involved in the celebration of commencement stem from civilization's earliest times. In fact, the very word, commencement, means a beginning. If you are familiar with the trappings of this grand ceremony, you are aware that the traditions carried forth from medieval days are revealed in all of their pomp, color and symbolism. It is a celebration of new beginnings. For participants and observers alike, commencement is meant to be both self-serving and an emotional experience.

### The Chain of Office

The university president is the ceremony's convener and chief presider at the commencement ceremonies. The great chain, which is the FIU chain of office, is displayed on stage. This ancient symbol is perhaps the most beautiful and artistic of any of the accoutrements of the ceremony. During the Renaissance, holders of very high office sometimes wore a chain as a symbol of their authority. FIU's chain is made of sterling silver and its designs are cast, cut and etched. The center medallion represents the world and is surrounded by sea shells cast from an actual shell. Reflecting the university and the South Florida area are the eight ovals which make up the chain—designed by Clem Pennington, associate professor of art education, now retired, and created in 1977 by Leo Shirker, a Miami goldsmith, art teacher and FIU alumnus.

### Grand Marshal

The leader of the academic procession is the Grand Marshal. At FIU, this prestigious honor goes to the chairperson of the Faculty Senate, which is the democratic collegial governance body of the faculty.

### The Mace

The Grand Marshal carries a ceremonial club called a mace. In antiquity, when an official of high rank went out in public, a mace-bearer was assigned to accompany him in order to literally beat away those who got close enough to try to petition the favors of the official. Today, the bearing of the university's mace is ceremonial in nature, signifying the authority and authenticity of those who are to follow.

### The Dais Party

The Dais Party is also known as the Platform Party. This group is composed of the university's administrative leaders and very special guests. The Dais Party enters the hall before the faculty and proceeds directly to stage.

### Academic Regalia

The tradition of wearing distinctive academic attire at commencement ceremonies originated in Europe in the 12<sup>th</sup> century. However, gowns and capes had been worn by clerics and ecclesiastics even before that date. A heavy black or brown gown was apparently worn at all times. Hoods and capes were also a necessity during the long, cold European winters because the buildings in which scholars lived, studied and taught were cold and drafty. When not being used to provide warmth, hoods and baggy sleeves

served the same purpose as do today's pockets. The academic costume at English universities (from which many of our American commencement traditions originate) can be traced as far back as the middle of the 14<sup>th</sup> century, to the time when scholars were rebuked that a decent habit was to be worn (Statutes of Peterhouse, 1344). The faculties of American universities have worn academic garb for commencement ceremonies since the beginning of the system. For almost 250 years, each university chose its own costume until it was realized that in 1896 an event unique in history would be taking place. This was the simultaneous celebrations of the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Harvard University and the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Heidelberg University. Because of this unique circumstance, the Intercollegiate Bureau of Academic Costume was opened in 1895 to record the distinctive colors of institutions, their arrangement, the particulars of gowns, hoods and caps, as well as information pertaining to academic ceremonies. At that time, an American code of academic dress was agreed upon to which we adhere today with few modifications. Since Spring 2011, FIU has selected to use earth-friendly academic regalia for undergraduate and graduate students. This initiative underlines FIU's commitment to sustainability. At Florida International University, whose colors are blue and gold, the traditional colors of the disciplines are:

**Master's candidates wear black gowns and bachelor's candidates wear blue gowns with the following tassel and hood colors representing degrees:**

Architecture	Blue Violet
Arts and Sciences	White
Business	Drab
Communication Arts	Crimson
Criminal Justice	Peacock Blue
Economics	Copper
Education	Light Blue
Engineering and Computer Science	Orange
Fine Arts	White
Health Sciences	Green
Honors	Gold
Hospitality and Tourism Management	Navy Blue
Journalism and Mass Communication	Crimson
Music	Pink
Nursing	Apricot
Public Administration	Peacock Blue
Public Health	Salmon
Social Work	Citron

**Doctoral candidates wear black gowns with gold tassels and hood colors are assigned as follows:**

Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.)	Navy Blue
Doctor of Education (Ed.D.)	Light Blue
Doctor of Physical Therapy (D.P.T.)	Teal
Doctor of Nursing Practice (D.N.P.)	Apricot
Doctor of Medicine (M.D.)	Green



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## The Honors College

The Honors College provides highly motivated students with a cutting-edge education that complements their majors and prepares them to successfully compete for graduate school or employment. The heart of the college is its creative, active, and supportive community of outstanding students, superb teachers, accomplished researchers, and dedicated staff. Honors College scholars are admitted competitively into a transformational environment featuring problem-based experiential learning, active mentoring, and interdisciplinarity.

The curriculum emphasizes critical, integrative, and creative thinking; team and independent research; oral and written communication; and integration of class work with the world outside the university. Students choose from an array of advanced multidisciplinary seminars that complement their major studies; study abroad; and/or extended research through the groundbreaking Advanced Research and Creativity in Honors (ARCH) program. The College also provides unique, focused tracks in pre-med/health professions, innovation/entrepreneurship, and law, with Early Assurance Programs in law, medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, and osteopathy.

Students can live in the Honors College Building, taking advantage of its extensive Honors living-learning community and co-curricular opportunities, with access to high-tech innovation and video labs, as well as IT support. The College's Career Center guarantees an internship to any student seeking one, and provides training in real-world social and business skills. Honors students embrace civic responsibility, and engage in service-research that directly benefits external communities, such as the Worlds Ahead Honors-Sweetwater Partnership.

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## 2017 Summer Semester Doctoral Candidates

### College of Arts, Sciences & Education

#### Melissa E. Abdo

Doctor of Philosophy in Biology  
 Dissertation: *A Floristic Study of Halmahera, Indonesia Focusing on Palms (Arecaceae) and Their Seed Dispersal*  
 Major Professor: Dr. Hong Liu

#### Steven Abood

Doctor of Philosophy in Biology  
 Dissertation: *The Effects of Artemisia Derived Natural Products on Adipogenesis*  
 Major Professor: Dr. M. Alejandro Barbieri

#### Valda Adeyiga

Doctor of Education in Curriculum and Instruction  
 Dissertation: *The Relationship between Information Literacy and Global Learning*  
 Co-Major Professor: Dr. Hilary Landorf  
 Co-Major Professor: Dr. Sarah A. Mathews

#### Oswaldo Artiles

Doctor of Philosophy in Physics  
 Dissertation: *Multinucleon Short-Range Correlation Model for Nuclear Spectral Functions*  
 Major Professor: Dr. Misak M. Sargsian

#### Srikanth Banda

Doctor of Philosophy in Biochemistry  
 Dissertation: *Protein-Protein Interactions of Bacterial Topoisomerase I*  
 Co-Major Professor: Dr. Yuk-Ching Tse-Dinh  
 Co-Major Professor: Dr. Yesim Darici

#### Laura C. Batista

Doctor of Education in Adult Education and Human Resource Development  
 Dissertation: *The Relationship between Occupational Stress and Workplace Incivility, as Moderated by Personality, to Organizational Outcomes: A Test of an Occupational Stress and Workplace Incivility Model*  
 Major Professor: Dr. Thomas G. Reio, Jr.

#### Chinmayee D. Bhedi

Doctor of Philosophy in Biology  
 Dissertation: *Quorum Sensing Signals Produced by Heterotrophic Bacteria in Black Band Disease (BBD) of Corals and Their Potential Role in BBD Pathogenesis*  
 Major Professor: Dr. Laurie L. Richardson

#### Princess Briggs

Doctor of Education in Exceptional Student Education  
 Dissertation: *Teachers as Facilitators or Barriers of Parent Involvement: Experiences of African American Mothers of Children in Special Education Programs*  
 Major Professor: Dr. Elizabeth Cramer

#### Tanya Brown

Doctor of Philosophy in Biology  
 Dissertation: *Phenomenological and Molecular Basis of the Cnidarian Immune System*  
 Major Professor: Dr. Mauricio Rodriguez-Lanetty

#### Christina Crocco

Doctor of Education in Exceptional Student Education  
 Dissertation: *The Effect of Covert Audio Coaching on the Attending Behavior of Elementary Students with Autism Spectrum Disorder in the Classroom Setting*  
 Major Professor: Dr. Kyle D. Bennett

#### Wenbin Cui

Doctor of Philosophy in Chemistry  
 Dissertation: *Comparative Evaluation on Human Dietary Mercury Exposure through Consumption of Fish and Rice Products*  
 Major Professor: Dr. Yong Cai

#### Jacqueline Doyle

Doctor of Philosophy in Physics  
 Dissertation: *Describing and Mapping the Interactions between Student Affective Factors Related to Persistence in Science, Physics, and Engineering*  
 Major Professor: Dr. Geoff Potvin

**Joseph P. Eberhard**

Doctor of Education in Educational Administration and Supervision  
Dissertation: *Multidimensional Leadership: Masculine and Feminine Leadership Approaches in Public Education*  
Major Professor: Dr. Peter J. Cistone

**Kathleen Fallon**

Doctor of Philosophy in Geosciences  
Dissertation: *Rip Current Formation and Beach Safety Implications for Several U.S. Atlantic Coast Beach Areas*  
Major Professor: Dr. Stephen Leatherman

**Cesar Gonzalez**

Doctor of Philosophy in Chemistry  
Dissertation: *Synthesis of Gemcitabine Analogues with Silicon-Fluoride Acceptors for <sup>18</sup>F Labeling*  
Major Professor: Dr. Stanislaw F. Wnuk

**Bhargav Guntupalli**

Doctor of Philosophy in Chemistry  
Dissertation: *Nanomaterial-Based Electrochemical and Colorimetric Sensors for On-Site Detection of Small-Molecule Targets*  
Major Professor: Dr. Yi Xiao

**Chelsey M. Hartley**

Doctor of Philosophy in Psychology  
Dissertation: *Reward Responsivity in Parenting: Development of a Novel Measure in Mothers*  
Major Professor: Dr. Jeremy W. Pettit

**Sarah A. Helseth**

Doctor of Philosophy in Psychology  
Dissertation: *Peer-Assisted Social Learning in Urban After-School Programs*  
Major Professor: Dr. Stacy L. Frazier

**Jennifer Hoyte**

Doctor of Philosophy in Curriculum and Instruction  
Dissertation: *Investigating How the Use of Subjectivist Instructional Strategies in Teaching Multiple Sections of an Eighth Grade Algebra Class in Guyana Relates to Algebra Achievement and Attitude Changes toward Mathematics*  
Major Professor: Dr. Maria L. Fernandez

**Xiaoshuang Li**

Doctor of Philosophy in Biology  
Dissertation: *Identification and Phenotypic Plasticity of Metastatic Cells in a Mouse Model of Melanoma*  
Major Professor: Dr. Lidia Kos

**Archana Manapragada**

Doctor of Philosophy in Psychology  
Dissertation: *The Always On Employee: The Antecedents and Consequences of Work-Related Email Use After Hours*  
Major Professor: Dr. Chockalingam Viswesvaran

**Julian L. Mendel**

Doctor of Philosophy in Biology  
Dissertation: *Laurel Wilt Disease: Early Detection through Canine Olfaction and Omics: Insights into Disease Progression*  
Major Professor: Dr. DeEtta K. Mills

**Allison Mugno**

Doctor of Philosophy in Psychology  
Dissertation: *Priming for Honesty: A Novel Technique for Encouraging Children's True Disclosures of Adult Wrongdoing*  
Major Professor: Dr. Lindsay Malloy

**Namuna Panday**

Doctor of Philosophy in Physics  
Dissertation: *Scanning Ion Conductance Microscopy for Single-Cell Imaging and Analysis*  
Major Professor: Dr. Jin He

**Peter Regier**

Doctor of Philosophy in Chemistry  
Dissertation: *Linking Organic Matter Dynamics to Management, Restoration and Climate in the Florida Everglades*  
Major Professor: Dr. Rudolf Jaffé

**Carolyn Reid-Brown**

Doctor of Philosophy in Curriculum and Instruction  
Dissertation: *Project Based Learning: Investigating Self-Directed Learning Readiness Skills and Content Knowledge Retention in an Urban Jamaican High School 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Integrated Science Cohort*  
Major Professor: Dr. Linda Spears-Bunton

**Jessica Megan Ross**

Doctor of Philosophy in Psychology  
Dissertation: *Risky Sexual Behavior and the Role of Decision-Making*  
Major Professor: Dr. Raul Gonzalez

**Vanquilla L. Shellman Francis**

Doctor of Philosophy in Chemistry  
Dissertation: *The Identification of Volatile Organic Compounds from Synthetic Cathinone Derivatives for the Development of Odor Mimic Training Aids*  
Major Professor: Dr. Kenneth G. Furton

**Maria Victoria Suarez Ulloa**

Doctor of Philosophy in Biology  
Dissertation: *Transcriptomic and Epigenetic Responses to Environmental Stress in Marine Bivalves with a Focus on Harmful Algal Blooms*  
Major Professor: Dr. Jose M. Eirin-Lopez

**Suresh C. Subedi**

Doctor of Philosophy in Earth Systems Science  
Dissertation: *A Functional Trait Approach to Examine Plant Community Dynamics in South Florida Hardwood Hammock Forests*  
Major Professor: Dr. Michael Ross

**Sk Md Sazzad Hossain Suzol**

Doctor of Philosophy in Chemistry  
Dissertation: *Novel Nucleoside Analogues with Bases Modified with (β-Halo)vinyl Sulfone or β-Keto Sulfone as Probes to Study RNA/DNA-Proteins Interactions*  
Major Professor: Dr. Stanislaw F. Wnuk

**Ling Wang**

Doctor of Philosophy in Chemistry  
Dissertation: *Applications of Paper Microfluidic Systems in the Field Detection of Drugs of Abuse*  
Major Professor: Dr. Bruce McCord

**Mingwei Yang**

Doctor of Philosophy in Chemistry  
Dissertation: *In Situ Arsenic Speciation Using Surface-Enhanced Raman Spectroscopy*  
Major Professor: Dr. Yong Cai

**Qingxuan Zhou**

Doctor of Philosophy in Biochemistry  
Dissertation: *Studies of N<sup>ε</sup>-Lysine Acetylation Modification of Escherichia coli Topoisomerase I*  
Major Professor: Dr. Yuk-Ching Tse-Dinh

**Torki A. Zughaibi**

Doctor of Philosophy in Chemistry  
Dissertation: *Study of the Transport of Odorants from Illicit Substances Using Direct Analysis in Real Time Mass Spectrometry*  
Major Professor: Dr. Kenneth G. Furton

## Alvah H. Chapman Graduate School of Business

**Dale Alan Dejong**

Doctor of Philosophy in Business Administration  
Dissertation: *The Path of Least Resistance: An Advanced Index Alternative to the Cultural Distance Index for Measuring International Expansion*  
Major Professor: Dr. Karen Paul

**Mingyu Zhang**

Doctor of Philosophy in Business Administration  
Dissertation: *Client-Vendor Collaboration in IT Development Projects and its Emerging Outcomes*  
Major Professor: Dr. Weidong Xia

## College of Engineering & Computing

**Sayed Safayet Alam**

Doctor of Philosophy in Computer Science  
Dissertation: *Analysis of Eye-Tracking Data in Visualization and Data Space*  
Major Professor: Dr. Sitharama S. Iyengar

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Doctor of Philosophy in Civil Engineering  
Dissertation: *Development of a Lightweight Hurricane-Resistant Roof System*  
Major Professor: Dr. Arindam Gan Chowdhury

**Claudia Cardona**

Doctor of Philosophy in Civil Engineering  
Dissertation: *Uranium Sequestration by pH Manipulation Using NH<sub>3</sub> Injection in the Vadose Zone of Hanford Site 200*  
Co-Major Professor: Dr. Walter Z. Tang  
Co-Major Professor: Dr. Shonali Laha

**Bekir Sait Ciftler**

Doctor of Philosophy in Electrical Engineering  
Dissertation: *Wireless Positioning and Tracking for Internet of Things in GPS-Denied Environments*  
Major Professor: Dr. Ismail Guvenc

**Ata Dolatmoradi**

Doctor of Philosophy in Materials Science and Engineering  
Dissertation: *Thermally-Assisted Acoustofluidic Separation for Bioanalytical Applications*  
Major Professor: Dr. Bilal El-Zahab

**Mohammad Fesharaki**

Doctor of Philosophy in Civil Engineering  
Dissertation: *3D Dynamic Analysis of Railroad Track*  
Major Professor: Dr. Ton-Lo Wang

**Amirmasoud Hamed**

Doctor of Philosophy in Civil Engineering  
Dissertation: *Optimizing Hydraulic Structures for Flow Regime Control: Experimental Development*  
Major Professor: Dr. Hector R. Fuentes

**Aidin Massahi**

Doctor of Philosophy in Civil Engineering  
 Dissertation: *Multi-Resolution Modeling of Active Traffic Management on Urban Streets*  
 Major Professor: Dr. Mohammed Hadi

**Sadegh Mehdi Aghaei**

Doctor of Philosophy in Electrical Engineering  
 Dissertation: *Electronic and Magnetic Properties of Two-Dimensional Nanomaterials beyond Graphene and Their Gas Sensing Applications: Silicene, Germanene, and Boron Carbide*  
 Co-Major Professor: Dr. Irene Calizo  
 Co-Major Professor: Dr. Shekhar Bhansali

**MD Monirojjaman Monshi**

Doctor of Philosophy in Electrical Engineering  
 Dissertation: *Band Gap Engineering of 2D Nanomaterials and Graphene Based Heterostructure Devices*  
 Co-Major Professor: Dr. Irene Calizo  
 Co-Major Professor: Dr. Shekhar Bhansali

**Melissa Morris**

Doctor of Philosophy in Mechanical Engineering  
 Dissertation: *Robot Control for Remote Ophthalmology and Pediatric Physical Rehabilitation*  
 Major Professor: Dr. Sabri Tosunoglu

**Md Mahbubur Rahman**

Doctor of Philosophy in Computer Science  
 Dissertation: *Efficient Mission Planning for Robot Networks in Communication Constrained Environments*  
 Major Professor: Dr. Leonardo Bobadilla

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Doctor of Philosophy in Civil Engineering  
 Dissertation: *Exploring Mobile Phone Data for Better Understanding of Travel Behavior and Mobility Patterns*  
 Major Professor: Dr. Xia Jin

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Doctor of Philosophy in Electrical Engineering  
 Dissertation: *Mobility Analysis and Management in Heterogeneous Networks*  
 Major Professor: Dr. Ismail Guvenc

## Steven J. Green School of International & Public Affairs

**Elvis Asorwoe**

Doctor of Philosophy in Public Affairs  
 Dissertation: *The Diffusion of Social Media in Nonprofit Organizations*  
 Major Professor: Dr. Sukumar Ganapati

**Sebawit Genete Bishu**

Doctor of Philosophy in Public Affairs  
 Dissertation: *Gender and Authority in the Public Sector: The Case of Local Government Chief Administrative Officers in the United States*  
 Major Professor: Dr. Mohamad Alkadry

**Gretha Burchard**

Doctor of Philosophy in Public Affairs  
 Dissertation: *Representative Bureaucracy in German Public Schools: An Assessment of the Mechanisms of Passive Representation*  
 Major Professor: Dr. Mohamad Alkadry

**Alvin Lun-Yue Chiang**

Doctor of Philosophy in Economics  
 Dissertation: *Three Essays in Economic Development, Growth, and Trade*  
 Major Professor: Dr. Cem Karayalcin

**Bridgette Cram**

Doctor of Philosophy in Public Affairs  
 Dissertation: *Cultural Competence in Public Administration: A Framework and Predictors of Cultural Competence for Graduating Masters Students*  
 Major Professor: Dr. Mohamad Alkadry

**Yuanyuan Fang**

Doctor of Philosophy in International Relations  
 Dissertation: *Balance of Power in Regional Institutional Framework: Reassessment of the U.S.-China-Japan Trilateral Relationship*  
 Major Professor: Dr. Thomas A. Breslin

**Alexander David Huezo**

Doctor of Philosophy in Global and Sociocultural Studies  
 Dissertation: *Contested Natures, Insecurities and Territorialities: The Aerial Eradication of Coca in Colombia*  
 Major Professor: Dr. Ulrich Oslender

**Thomas Just**

Doctor of Philosophy in International Relations  
 Dissertation: *Contemporary State Policies toward Anti-Semitism in Germany and Poland*  
 Major Professor: Dr. Tatiana Kostadinova

**Craig Lang**

Doctor of Philosophy in Political Science  
 Dissertation: *The Impact of Transitional Justice on the Development of the Rule of Law*  
 Major Professor: Dr. Tatiana Kostadinova

**Frank Otero Luque**

Doctor of Philosophy in Spanish  
 Dissertation: *Between Ethno-Sway and Ethno-Boomerang: Peruvian Subaltern's Cultural Identity, Strategies of Resistance, and Literary Imprint*  
 Major Professor: Dr. Santiago Juan-Navarro

**Ana Paula von Bochkor Podcameni**

Doctor of Philosophy in International Relations  
 Dissertation: *The Contribution of the Special Court for Sierra Leone to the Law on Criminal Responsibility of Children in International Criminal Law*  
 Major Professor: Dr. Harry Gould

**Christa L. Remington**

Doctor of Philosophy in Public Affairs  
 Dissertation: *The Cultural Competence of Response and Recovery Workers in Post-Earthquake Haiti*  
 Co-Major Professor: Dr. Meredith Newman  
 Co-Major Professor: Dr. Nazife Emel Ganapati

**Auzeen Shariati**

Doctor of Philosophy in Public Affairs  
 Dissertation: *An Assessment of the Role of Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED) in Campus Safety*  
 Co-Major Professor: Dr. Rob T. Guerette  
 Co-Major Professor: Dr. Nazife Emel Ganapati

**Syed Al-Helal Uddin**

Doctor of Philosophy in Economics  
 Dissertation: *Three Essays on International Trade and Finance*  
 Major Professor: Dr. Hakan Yilmazkuday

**Devon A. Wright**

Doctor of Philosophy in Comparative Sociology  
 Dissertation: *Conservative Right-Wing Protest Rhetoric in the Cold War Era of Segregationist Mobilization*  
 Major Professor: Dr. Guillermo Grenier

**Qianying Zhang**

Doctor of Philosophy in Economics  
 Dissertation: *Three Essays in Financial Economics*  
 Major Professor: Dr. Xiaoquan Jiang

## Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine

**Jiaojiao Li**

Doctor of Philosophy in Biomedical Science  
 Dissertation: *Arsenic Biotransformation in Microbes and Humans, and Catalytic Properties of Human AS3MT Variants*  
 Major Professor: Dr. Barry P. Rosen

**Shashank S. Pawitwar**

Doctor of Philosophy in Biomedical Science  
 Dissertation: *Biochemical Characterization of ArsI: A Novel C-As Lyase for Degradation of Environmental Organoarsenicals*  
 Co-Major Professor: Dr. Barry P. Rosen  
 Co-Major Professor: Dr. Masafumi Yoshinaga

## Nicole Wertheim College of Nursing & Health Sciences

**Ivette M. Hidalgo**

Doctor of Philosophy in Nursing  
 Dissertation: *The Effects of Children's Spiritual Coping after Parent, Grandparent or Sibling Death on Children's Grief, Personal Growth, and Mental Health*  
 Major Professor: Dr. JoAnne Youngblut

### Doctor of Nursing Practice

Daniel Brian Brady  
 Belinda Arjona Godfrey  
 Sarah Samuel Mathews  
 Janice D. Tapper

### Doctor of Physical Therapy

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 Mario Raul Beltran  
 Thomas Benso  
 Hugo Botero  
 Domenica Nicole Caleca  
 Rebekah Marie Campbell  
 Javier Alexander Carlin  
 Harold Castedo-Garcia  
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## Robert Stempel College of Public Health & Social Work

### Mohannad M. Garoub

Doctor of Philosophy in Public Health  
Dissertation: *The Effect of Target-Specific Biomolecules in Breast Cancer*  
Co-Major Professor: Dr. Marcus S. Cooke  
Co-Major Professor: Dr. Stanislaw F. Wnuk

### Rigaud Joseph

Doctor of Philosophy in Social Welfare  
Dissertation: *Concurrent Participation in Federally-Funded Welfare Programs and Empowerment toward Economic Self-Sufficiency*  
Major Professor: Dr. Miriam Potocky

### Khaleeq Lutfi

Doctor of Philosophy in Public Health  
Dissertation: *Examining the Association between Racial Residential Segregation, Risky Sexual Behaviors, and Sexually Transmitted Infections*  
Major Professor: Dr. Mary Jo Trepka

### Sheila Y. McKinney

Doctor of Philosophy in Public Health  
Dissertation: *Exploring Breast Health Perceptions, Behaviors, and Social Cohesion among Ethnically Diverse Black Women*  
Major Professor: Dr. William D. Darrow

### Janelle Taveras

Doctor of Philosophy in Public Health  
Dissertation: *HIV Risk Behaviors, Previous HIV Testing and Positivity among Hispanic Women Tested for HIV in Florida, 2012*  
Major Professor: Dr. Mary Jo Trepka

### Gustavo G. Zarini

Doctor of Philosophy in Dietetics and Nutrition  
Dissertation: *The Effect of Vitamin D3 Supplementation on Kidney Function and Cardiovascular Disease Markers among Hispanics and African Americans with Type 2 Diabetes*  
Major Professor: Dr. Fatma G. Huffman



## 2017 Summer Semester Graduate and Undergraduate Candidates

To graduate **Summa Cum Laude**, a student must have earned a cumulative GPA of 3.90 or better and completed 40 semester hours of coursework for GPA at FIU.

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### Master of Fine Arts

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Sona Huseynova  
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Victoria Eugenia Bali, **Cum Laude**  
Jess William Barnett, **Magna Cum Laude**  
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