

USC Chan Division of Occupational
Science and Occupational Therapy

WHITE COAT CEREMONY



Monday, September 14, 2026
10:00 A.M.

Bovard Auditorium
USC University Park Campus
Los Angeles

PROGRAM

Welcome from the Division

Grace Baranek PhD, OTR/L, FAOTA

*Associate Dean, Chair, and Mrs. T.H. Chan Professor of
Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy*

Keynote Address

Esther Yejin Suh Kwon MA, OTR/L

*Co-Founder and Executive Director Dwelle Collaborative -
Qualified*

Presentation of Master's Students

Emily Ochi OTD, OTD, OTR/L

*Director of the Post-Professional Master of Arts Program,
Associate Professor of Clinical Occupational Therapy*

Presentation of OTD Students

Samia Rafeedie OTD, OTR/L, BCPR, CBIS, FAOTA

*Director of the Entry-Level Doctorate of Occupational Therapy Program,
Director of Health and Safety, Professor of Clinical Occupational Therapy*

Oath of an Occupational Therapist

Julie McLaughlin Gray PhD, OTR/L, FAOTA

*Associate Chair for Academic, Faculty, and Student Affairs,
Director of the China Initiative, Professor of Clinical Occupational Therapy*

Welcome to the Trojan Family

Michele Berro MA, OTR/L

*OT Clinical Manager of Outpatient Services at
Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center*

Closing Remarks

Grace Baranek PhD, OTR/L, FAOTA

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OATH OF AN OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST



From the privilege and rights this coat confers, I hereby pledge my knowledge and skills to the good of those whom I serve. Therefore, I will:

Endeavor to keep both the profession and the occupational needs of the clients and communities I serve foremost in my thoughts and actions;

Deliver occupational therapy services that demonstrate the pursuit of excellence, celebrate individual differences, and respect all people equally;

Advocate for the services and rights of clients, regardless of constraints I may face;

Strive to act in a manner consistent with the philosophical base and values of the profession by upholding the occupational therapy Code of Ethics, abiding with those who need care, accepting the potential of personal risk, and advancing the dignity of all people;

And model and foster leadership, and facilitate personal and professional growth in myself, in my profession, and in others.

In keeping with the unifying values of the University of Southern California, I swear to be receptive to what those around me can teach, be committed to scholarship and the pursuit of truth, and be dedicated to building a community of justice, respect, and the common good.



USC FIGHT SONG



Fight On for ol' SC

Our men Fight On to victory.

Our Alma Mater dear, looks up to you

Fight On and win for ol' SC

Fight On to victory.

Fight On!