



**2021 Virtual
Commencement
Celebration**

May 13, 2021, at Eleven O'Clock

USC Chan Division
of Occupational Science
and Occupational Therapy

*All Hail to Alma Mater
To thy glory we sing;
All Hail to Southern California
Loud let thy praises ring;
Where Western sky meets Western sea
Our college stands in majesty;
Sing our love to Alma Mater,
Hail, all hail to thee!*



COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

OPENING REMARKS & GREETINGS

Grace Baranek PhD, OTR/L, FAOTA

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

KEYNOTE PRESENTATION

Neil Harvison PhD, OTR/L, FAOTA

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AWARD PRESENTATIONS

Julie McLaughlin Gray PhD, OTR/L, FAOTA

Associate Chair for Curriculum and Faculty

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STUDENT CELEBRATORY MESSAGE

Christopher Chu

CLOSING REMARKS

Grace Baranek PhD, OTR/L, FAOTA

PRESENTATION OF DEGREE CANDIDATES AND APPRECIATION PHOTOS

MEMORIES AT USC CHAN SLIDESHOW

AWARDS

Elizabeth June Yerxa Award

This award recognizes academic excellence, outstanding scholarly research, and dedication toward the enrichment of the profession.

Yun Ju (Claire) Chen

Lela Llorens Award for Creativity in Occupational Therapy

This award is given for a high level of commitment and dedication to programs and ideas that contribute to the creative enhancement of occupational therapy.

Marshae Franklin

Lisa Marie Bucher Award

This award is presented to a student who demonstrates loyalty, trustworthiness, creativity, and the ability to make extraordinary accomplishments that further the educational mission of the division.

Delaney Smith

Penelope Louise Richardson Award

This award is presented to a doctoral student who demonstrates outstanding potential in fulfilling the role of a faculty member. The awardee possesses qualities inherent to an academic future dedicated toward lifelong learning, diversity, student centeredness, and a strong commitment to teaching.

Ty Kim

Margaret S. Rood Award for Professional Promise

This award is given to a student in recognition of professional promise and personal excellence.

Kayla Johari

Outstanding Contribution in the Role of Teaching Assistant

This award is for creativity and dedication in the support of programming to enhance the learning opportunities provided by the division.

Stephanie Gomez-Rubalcava

Spirit of Occupational Therapy

This award is given to the student who best exemplifies the spirit of occupational therapy through their commitment, caring attitude, spirit and compassion for others.

Adam Strizich

Trojan Spirit Award

This award recognizes loyal leadership and dedicated service toward improving the quality of student life and campus community programs within the multiple spheres of university life.

Brendan LaScala

Distinguished Contribution to Research or Writing in Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy

This award is presented to a student at the master's level who has demonstrated initiative, creativity and skills in the research process or development of a theoretical paper.

Sharadan Krishnan

Mark and Semira Moshayedi Innovation Award

This award is given to the student whose innovative work enables improvement in health and wellness through technological innovation.

Christopher Tju for HandsOn Arcade

Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Award

This award is presented to the student who demonstrates effective leadership and dedication to efforts to promote diversity, access, and equity.

Daniel Padilla Vega

Political Action and Advocacy Award

This award is presented to the student who demonstrates leadership through political action and advocacy in service of occupational science and therapy stakeholders, students, and/or professionals.

Mil Wajanakunakorn

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Developmental Trajectories of Sensory Patterns in Young Children With and Without Autism Spectrum Disorders: A Longitudinal Population-based Study from Infancy to School Age

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Developmental Trajectories, Maternal-Infant Transactions, and Child Outcomes of Social-Emotional Competence and Sensory Processing

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Neural and psychosocial correlates of age-related differences in goal-directed and habitual decision-making

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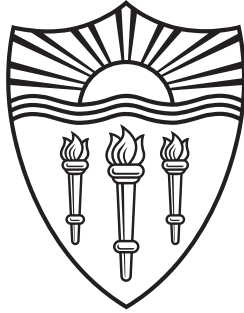
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Fight On!



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!



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