2021 Virtual Commencement Celebration

May 13, 2021, at Eleven O’Clock
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!
OPENING REMARKS & GREETINGS
Grace Baranek PhD, OTR/L, FAOTA
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STUDENT CELEBRATORY MESSAGE
Christopher Chu

CLOSING REMARKS
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PRESENTATION OF DEGREE CANDIDATES AND APPRECIATION PHOTOS

MEMORIES AT USC CHAN SLIDESHOW
**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.

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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

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