

Fifteenth Annual
Commencement Ceremony



*Sunday, May 31st
Two Thousand Twenty-Six
Two O' Clock*

Terrace Theater
Long Beach Convention Center
Long Beach, CA 90802

Message from the CEO

Congratulations on your remarkable achievement!

The Commencement Ceremony is just one accolade that marks your incredible dedication and hard work in reaching this significant milestone. Your achievement not only represents the culmination of years of study but also the beginning of a promising journey ahead.



As you enter the next phase of your journey, I encourage you to embrace the future with confidence and excitement, especially with the valuable skillsets, knowledge, and experiences gained during your studies at T UW. More so, remain curious, never stop learning, and continually seek opportunities for growth and development in all your endeavors.

With this wonderful achievement, I welcome you into the ranks of Touro University Worldwide alumni, who have gone before you making a difference in this ever-changing global environment. Both the opportunities and challenges you have embraced during your time with T UW have provided the foundation that contributes to lifelong learning whether in academe, career enhancement and or your personal lives.

Graduates and now alumni, I want to extend a HUGE thank you to all with an extended thanks to your family and friends. Thank you for selecting T UW for your education and allowing us to contribute to your future.

I wish you great success, happiness, and prosperity. I know your greatest accomplishment is yet to come as your knowledge and ideas shape the future worldwide.

Dr. Roy Finaly
Chief Executive Officer
Touro University Worldwide

Keynote Speaker



Angela German, PhD, LMFT
Touro University Worldwide
Director, DMFT

Dr. Angela German is a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist, Licensed Mental Health Counselor, National Certified Counselor, Substance Abuse Professional (SAP), and AAMFT Qualified Supervisor with extensive experience in behavioral health, trauma-informed care, and family systems therapy. She earned her PhD in Marriage and Family Therapy from Nova Southeastern University, where her research focused on the lived experiences of Afro-Caribbean women who have experienced sexual abuse, with particular attention to disclosure and cultural context.

Dr. German is the Program Director for the Doctor of Marriage and Family Therapy (DMFT) program at Touro University Worldwide, where she provides leadership in doctoral education and mentors emerging clinicians and scholars. She is also the founder and CEO of Thrive Mental Health and Substance Abuse Recovery Services and Thrive and Success Community Outreach, a nonprofit.

In addition to her clinical and academic roles, Dr. German is an author and thought leader whose work explores personal growth, faith, relationships, and healing. She has written several books and contributed to publications on trauma, family systems, and empowerment. Her broader professional experience includes clinical program development, supervision, crisis intervention, and training across community mental health and substance abuse treatment settings.

Dr. German's work is grounded in a commitment to advancing clinical excellence, increasing access to care, and strengthening individuals, families, and communities through evidence-based and culturally responsive approaches.

Commencement Program

Theme: *Carrying the Torch of Knowledge Forward to Impact the World*

Academic Processional

“Pomp and Circumstance March No. 1”

**Convening of the Fifteenth Annual Commencement of
Touro University Worldwide**

Dr. Rachel Bishar, Master of Ceremonies

National Anthem

“The Star Spangled Banner”

Welcome

Dr. Rachel Bishar, Master of Ceremonies

Introduction of Keynote Speaker

Dr. Shelia Lewis, Provost

Keynote Speaker

Dr. Angela German, Director of the DMFT Program

“America The Beautiful”

Valedictorian

Abheri Chakraborty Pinky, Master of Arts in Psychology

Presentation and Investiture of Graduates

Dr. Shelia Lewis, Provost

Conferring of Academic Degrees

Dr. Roy Finaly, CEO

Alumni Name Announcer

Kim Strickler, Senior Director of Enrollment Counseling

Doctoral Hooding

Dr. Aldwin Domingo, Associate Provost & School/Program Directors

Closing Remarks

Dr. Roy Finaly, CEO

Academic Recessional

“The Stars and Stripes Forever”

*The audience is requested to remain seated for the recessional of the
platform party, faculty, and graduates.*

Processional Order

"Pomp and Circumstance March no. 1"
Composed by Sir Edward Elgar

Platform Party

Roy Finaly, DMgt
CEO
Touro University Worldwide

Jacqueline Jemmott, PhD, LMFT
Director, School of Behavioral and Applied Sciences

Shelia Lewis, PhD
Provost
Touro University Worldwide

Michael Epstein, PhD
Director, PsyD Program

Angela German, PhD, LMFT
Keynote Speaker & Director, DMFT Program

Abby Harris, PhD
Director, BA and MA PSY, MS Forensic Psychology Programs

Aldwin Domingo, PhD
Associate Provost
Director, School of Psychology

Glenn Zimmerman, DBA, MPA
Director, DBA and Doctorate of Management Programs

Lyzette Blanco, PhD
Director, The Edith Neumann School of Health and Human Services

Godwin Igein, PhD
Director, AA in General Studies

Radu Munteanu, PhD
Director, School of Business and Management

Masha Godkin, PhD
Director, MA Marriage and Family Therapy Program

Abheri Chakraborty Pinky, MA Psy
Valedictorian

Rachel Bishar, PhD
Master of Ceremonies

Marshals

Quintin Robinson, PhD
Director of Institutional Effectiveness

Tera Romero, AA
Student Records Coordinator

Commencement Candidates

Doctorate of Business Administration

*Stephanie Anne Baltazar**
*Saher Nabila Chaudhary**
*Chandra Andrea Chester**
*Jeffrie Dean Evans**
*David Friedland**
*Amanda Jones**
*Maksudur Rahman**
*Generea Lea Mitchell Thompson***
*Adriana Velazquez**
*Enjema Diane Westbrook-Hudson**

Doctor of Health Science

*Aaliyah Malaika Anderson**
*Manish Basistha**
*Edwin Dewayne Jackson-Young**
*Calvin Earl Jefferson Jr.**
*Ambrosia Reese**
*Nurys Elizabeth Saldana Diaz**
*Jaquela Renee Stewart***

Doctorate of Marriage & Family Therapy

*Deirdra Barrios**
*Jaimesha Nichelle Ferrell**
Parinaz Golozar Basiri
*Victoria Sayenko**
*Tamara Marie Talbott**

Doctorate of Physician Assistant

*Kelli Ann Biggans**

Doctor of Psychology in Human & Organizational Psychology

*Levi Druin**
*Sophia R. D. Johnson**
*Nikki Lee-Rogers**
*Gregory Lee Lyons**
*Joseph Picon**
*Tobeka Robbin**
*Garfield Hugh Vassell**

Master of Arts in Counseling

*Evelyn Moon****

Master of Arts in Dispute Resolution

E Deanna Williams

*Isa Williams**

Master of Arts in Industrial & Organizational Psychology

*Patrick Booth**

Jasmine Nicole Cash

*Anna Leilani DeLaCruz**

*Taylor Simone Drake**

*Vidal Rashid Duah****

*Kylie Chirzten Muncada Espina**

Floritza Raquel Espinal

David Gonzalez

*Jazmin Goris**

Alexis Briana Grant

*Chavonne Hodges**

*Sabine Moore**

*Kwasi-Omilio Murray**

*Trevor Myers**

*Kody Parsons**

*Emily Marie Quintana***

*Beatriz Ramos***

Passion Endia Richmond

Master of Arts in Marriage & Family Therapy

Aasia Nadhira Abdullah

*Alana Adornato**

Jake Alano

*James Alan Alcantara**

*Hailey Josefine Alzina**

*Rida Attaurrehman**

*Diana Avila**

*Angelina Marie Bailey**

Cindy Muy Barbakov

*Vanessa Barrales**

*Ashley Renee Battle**

Mierra Blake Mary Blake

*Heidi Dorothy Burgess**

*Norma Calderon**

*Erin Campbell**

*Matthew Cathern Jr**

*Olivia Michelle Chambers**

*Charlotte Nikki Christensen**

*Lois Christie**

Rita Marie Cole

Brian Cousins
Liset Cuevas*
Laurah A. Y. Dastine
Emma-Kate Davies
Erick De Los Santos
April Del Rosario
Marie Guerda Desrosier
Erin Margaret Dial*
Emily Rose Dmytryk*
Christina Dye*
Michelle Enos*
Elrico Balanza Fernandez
Megan Fikes*
Jennifer Louise France Talvitie*
Diana Garcia*
Yehudit Garmaise*
Emily Elizabeth Gonzalez
Katharine Gonzalez
Natalia Gonzalez*
María Angelica Guardado*
Elissa Cecilia Guterrez*
Stacy Sheron Hampton*
Cyniya Darrielle Haynes
Lucy Henin
Emma Mae Hernandez*
Maia Gabriella Hernandez*
Madeline Hong
Jane Hurst*
Dana Elizabeth Jackson
Mary Alice Johnson*
Ryan Andre Johnson
Shandy LeeAnn Johnson
Courtney Je'ni Jones
Daniel Boyd Jones*
Harrison Kautoga*
Kaila Kawasaki
Hyemi Kim*
Thea LaMay*
Roger Laredo
Patrick Martin Law*
Beatriz Leida Ledezma*
Wendy Lee*
Eva Lisbeth Lopez
Marlon Ramon Luna
Anchisa Majchaklam

Julia Rose Manick
Nathan Maniloff
Natasha Marisett
*Danielle Hallee McGuffin**
*John Mora***
*Metzie America Moran De Santiago**
*Bob Kigai Muballe***
*Gilbert Muñoz**
*Nkechi Ndu****
*Khaliun Nguyen**
Rudolph Novak
*Charlene Paleguin Noveras**
*Denise Nunez Velasco**
*Christine Oh***
*Jessica Olsen**
*Lynn Marie Olson**
*Polina Ortiz***
*Chaya Mushka Paltiel**
Evangeline Natalie Pearson-Scott
*Regina Lyn Porter***
*Sara Janel Raya**
Robert James Rispoli
Bryce Rodgers
*Georgia Anne Rodman**
*Lysvette Rodriguez**
*Gabriela Rodriguez Ruiz**
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*Moumena Saradar**
*Christopher Schmidt**
*John Earl Sells Jr.**
Yitzchok Shuchat
*Earl Shuford**
*Sachelle Elizabeth Singleton**
*Briana Morgan Smith**
*Kim St. Romain**
*Aviva Tabarzia**
*Nira Nouara Tamayo**
Vanessa Taylor
*Golenaz Tazari**
*Aliyah Marie Tinsley**
Lizbeth Torres-Piñon
Riley Belle Turk
*Shanti Darcel Turner**
Iris Ulbrich
Yadira Michelle Vico

*Emma L Vieth**
*Anna Welle**
*Nay'yarrah Akerah Winder**
*Michelle Wong**
*Gittel Wuensch***
*Christian Washington Young***
*Sarah Yuan**
*Deborah Zakariaei**

Master of Arts in Psychology

*Gerelyn Asmart**
*Petagaye Copeland**
Sonia Maribel Flores Ayala
*Ninaliza Galang**
*Shabnam Mustary Islam**
*Monique Llewellyn**
Amber Michelle Melton
*Fiona Moore**
*Patricia Pereira**
*Abheri Chakraborty Pinky**
*Justina Ratliff***
*Keyona Reid-Ellis**
*Brian Joseph Sardisco**
Karina Vargas Arias
Jade Kimora Wilkes

Master of Arts in Public Administration

*Suzanne Illyse Bressler**
Deborah Gerard
*Victoria Kelly Laboy**
*Paradise Mingo Achic'a Mingo**

Master of Business Administration

*Rommel Babaan**
*Melissa Baljeet**
*Mehar Brar**
*Benish Shabbir Choudhry***
*Tameika Denise Cooper**
*Cara Theresa Fley***
*Paiman Hozhaber**
Ludny Jean-Alcime
*Denise Goldman Kaduri**
*Nathalie Innoncentes Nadie**
*Danielle Lisa Petrocelli**
JoAnne Delosreyes Pho

*Amy Louise Schau**
Prabhjot Singh
*George Zamora**

Master of Science in Forensic Psychology

*Sara Beck**
*Casey Benczo**
*Latrice Monica Esslinger**
*Stephanie Nicole Godsey**
*Takeisha Hardaway**
*Alexandra Laurore**
*Jasmine Morris**
*Stanley Uyi Oghogho**
*Solanghely Raffo**
*Brianna Reyes**
*Fatima Shaukat**
*Shawna Nicole Welch**

Master of Science in Health Sciences

*Rahat Chowdhury**
Sara Kristin Digre
*Jennifer Marie Gonzales-Hammer***
*Matthew Joudeh****
*Kathryn Eileen Lipstein**
*Katrina Jean Watson**

Master of Science in Healthcare Administration

*Emily Capistrano**
*Gurkirt Kaur**
*Shantaya Pace***
*Trinity Tyeisha Robinson**
*Ciera Deborah Watford**

Master of Science in Human Resource Management

Angie Kathy Cornejo
Jacqueline Figueiredo
*TiShawn Lynn Hall**
*Gabrielle Johnson**
*Kizzy Victoria Martinez-Beek**
*Mercy Osato Wilfred**

Master of Science in Human Services

*Nekada Kavesha Clarke**
*Mildred Kennedy**

Bachelor of Arts in Psychology

*Eseosa Shanice Ayemere**
Joi Iman Booker
Ashley Natalee Calvillo
*Heavenlee Dross**
Melissa Gramlich
*Amirh Guzman***
Marcella Marissa Jeremie
*Quwan Pearsall**
*Soroush Douglas Smith**
Caprice Linette Taylor
Leslie Victoria Timms
*Marisa Cherrise Vazquez***

Bachelor Arts of Social Work

Gloria Berdine
*Nicole Jessica Franklin****
Nasiayah Ashley Paul
*Takeyah Shields***

Bachelor of Science in Business Administration & Management

*Jason Clark**
*Matthew Ray Craig**
*De'Andrea Ladreak Dillahunty**
Samantha Joy Hall
*Jacob Noah Kranz**

Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences

Andrea Alban
*Queen Atapka**
*Stephanie Ladwina Brown**
*Coleen Cowell**
Fior Angely Ovalles
*Jessica Renteria**
LaNajia Washington

Associate of Arts in General Studies

*Jasmine Anderson***
*Selina Gallardo**
*Kayla Vanessa Hall**
*Veletta Holmes**
*Shannen Azuredee Spencer**

Explanation of Latin Honors

*summa cum laude (“with highest honor”) –
signifies a graduating grade point average between 3.90-4.0

**magna cum laude (“with great honor”) –
signifies a graduating grade point average between 3.75-3.89

***cum laude (“with honor”) –
signifies a graduating grade point average between 3.60 – 3.74

Disclaimer: Names listed are not an official record of degrees awarded by TUW. Honors are awarded at the time of graduation. Summer I, 2026 graduates will not have their honors noted in this program, but will have their honors noted in their transcripts and on their degree.

Thank you to the following people for their gracious contributions to our commencement.

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The Sea Funk Brass Band

Photographer

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Venue

Terrace Theater—Long Beach Convention Center

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***President and CEO, Dr. Alan Kadish
Touro University System (TUS)***

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*And to all the family and friends of our graduates
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