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COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY
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PROGRAMS IN
PHYSICAL THERAPY

CONVOCATION & AWARDS CEREMONY

2025
CLASS OF 5



TUESDAY, MAY 20TH, 2025

ALUMNI AUDITORIUM

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

RECEPTION

50 HAVEN AVE.

12:30 PM - 2:30 PM

PROGRAM

PROCESSIONAL

Welcome by the Program Director

Land Acknowledgment

Welcome by the Interim Dean

Welcome by the Chair

Keynote Speaker

PIERCE Commitment to Social Justice

Class President

Class Video

Jean Fitzpatrick

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James M. McKiernan

Joel Stein

Clare Bassile

Kassandra Harrelson & Sabrina Wu

Haley Loeffler

Juan De La Rosa Calvo

PROGRAM AWARDS

Faculty Award for Academic Excellence

Mary E. Callahan Award

Joan E. Edelstein Award

Risa Granick Award

Marcia Ebert Award for Clinical Excellence

*Faculty Award for Excellence in Adult
Neurorehabilitation*

*Faculty Award for Excellence in Adult
Orthopedics*

*Alfred DiMarino Award for Excellence in
Pediatrics*

Excellence in Research Award

Excellence in Teaching Award

Leadership in Clinical Education Award

*Debbie Clayton Krasinski Award for
Lifetime Achievement*

Wing Fu

Laurel Abbruzzese

Samantha Sawade

Rami Said

Mahlon Stewart & Danielle Struble

Lobna Elsarafy & Michael Gevertzman

Colleen Brough & Kevin Wong

Samantha Sawade & Lisa Yoon

Jacqueline Montes & Ashwini Rao

Stacy Kinirons

Mahlon Stewart & Danielle Struble

Debra Krasinski

HOODING CEREMONY

Stacy Kinirons, Rami Said &
Mahlon Stewart

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