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LIBERTY UNIVERSITY  
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*School of Health Sciences*

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS

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*“Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and He  
will establish your plans.”*

PROVERBS 16:3



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# MESSAGE *from the* DEAN

To the Class of 2026, we celebrate you for your academic accomplishments. You have overcome the hurdles, applied the lessons you have learned in your course of study, and reached this pinnacle on your educational journey. You are now champions and scholars, ready to apply your acquired knowledge to enrich and advance our world.

As faculty and staff, we pray that you have learned to seek God's will for your lives and commit to using your gifts for His purpose. Today, you add your name to the roll of men and women who have been changing the world for over fifty years. We look forward to hearing your stories of success and celebrating with you, *Champions for Christ!*

**Heidi DiFrancesca, Ph.D.**

*Dean*



# LIST *of* AWARDS

Dean's Awards for Outstanding  
Student Achievement

Awards for Academic Excellence by  
Degree Program

Faculty Awards



# ORDER *of* CEREMONY

**Welcome** . . . . . **Dr. Brendan Haynie**  
*Associate Dean*

**Invocation** . . . . . **Dr. Ben Forrest**  
*Administrative Chair*

**Dean's Remarks** . . . . . **Dr. Heidi DiFrancesca**  
*Dean*

**Presentation of Awards** . . . . . **Dr. Eric Brubaker**  
*Professor and Chair*

**Dr. Ben Kalu**  
*Professor and Chair*

**Dr. Linnaya Graf**  
*Professor and Chair*

**Dr. Heidi DiFrancesca**  
*Dean*

**Presentation of Degrees** . . . . . **Dr. Eric Brubaker**  
*Professor and Chair*

**Dr. Ben Kalu**  
*Professor and Chair*

**Dr. Linnaya Graf**  
*Professor and Chair*

**Benediction** . . . . . **Dr. Jing Xu**  
*Professor and Director of Research*

