

Presiding	Bo Fernhall DEAN
Processional	Music by the Asbury Brass Quintet
Opening Remarks	Eduardo Bustamante ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, KINESIOLOGY AND NUTRITION
“America the Beautiful”	Audience led by Litany Esguerra
(WORDS LISTED ON PAGE 44)	REHABILITATION SCIENCES
Welcome and Opening Remarks	Bo Fernhall
Greetings	Michael D. Amiridis CHANCELLOR OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT CHICAGO
Commencement Address	Haben Girma DISABILITY RIGHTS ADVOCATE
Conferral of Graduate, Professional, and Undergraduate Degrees	Michael D. Amiridis
PRESENTATION OF GRADUATES (SEE LIST ON PAGE 8)	
Biomedical and Health Information Sciences	Lawrence Pawola HEAD
Degrees in	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biomedical Visualization • Health Informatics • Health Information Management
Disability and Human Development	Tamar Heller HEAD
Kinesiology and Nutrition	Ross Arena INTERIM HEAD
Occupational Therapy	Yolanda Suarez-Balcazar HEAD
Physical Therapy	Ross Arena HEAD
Tassel Switch	Julie Schwertfeger CHAIR, AHS ALUMNI BOARD
HONORS AND AWARDS	
Achievement Awards	Presented by Demetra John ASSOCIATE DEAN, ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS
Dean’s Award	Presented to Veronica Singson Tantoco BS, KINESIOLOGY, MAY 2016
Excalibur Awards for Excellence in Teaching	Presented by the AHS Student Council
Silver Circle Award	Presented to Michelle Adams DEPARTMENT OF KINESIOLOGY AND NUTRITION

Response from the Class of 2016 **Briana Bonner**
CLASS OF 2016

Closing Remarks **Bo Fernhall**

Recessional **Music by the**
Asbury Brass Quintet

Audience is requested to remain seated until the academic recessional is completed. Reception to follow.

BANNER CARRIERS

- Kharma Foucher Kinesiology and Nutrition
- Eduardo Bustamante Kinesiology and Nutrition

MARSHALS

Biomedical and Health Information Sciences

- John Daugherty Biomedical Visualization MS Candidates
- Michael Dieter Health Informatics MS and Certificate Candidates
- Karen Patena Health Information Management BS and Certificate Candidates

Disability and Human Development

- Sarah Parker Harris PhD, MS, and Certificate Candidates

Kinesiology

- Giamila Fantuzzi PhD Candidates
- Jacob Haus MS Candidates
- John Coumbe-Lilley BS Candidates

Nutrition

- Giamila Fantuzzi PhD Candidates
- Carol Braunschweig MS Candidates
- Kirsten Straughan BS Candidates

Occupational Therapy

- Joy Hammel OTD Candidates
- Elizabeth Peterson MS Candidates

Physical Therapy

- Gay L. Girolami DPT Candidates
- Alexander Aruin MS Candidates



Haben Girma
 Disabilities Rights

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

Haben Girma is the first deaf-blind graduate of Harvard Law School, but that is just one of her impressive accomplishments. Girma is now an attorney with Disability Rights Advocates, where she is dedicated to creating communities—especially online communities—that are more inclusive for people with disabilities. Last year, she helped lead a victorious suit against Scribd digital library service, resulting in a federal court finding that the Americans with Disabilities Act does apply to e-commerce. Named a White House Champion of Change in 2013, Girma made headlines last July when she was selected to introduce President Obama at the White House reception to mark the ADA's 25th anniversary. Her 2014 TEDx talk has been viewed almost four million times. And since January 2016, she has been named to both Forbes' list of "30 Under 30 in Law and Policy" and *Pacific-Standard* magazine's list of "30 Top Thinkers Under 30." As Girma humbly told NPR last year, "Many cultures . . . view disability as a curse on the family. Advocates around the world are working to change such attitudes, and I help as best I can."

UNIVERSITY STUDENT AWARDS

UIC Student Employee All Star Award Winner

Maria Kokkinias Kinesiology

Martin Luther King, Jr., Scholarship

Basheerah Enahora Nutrition

Activities Honorary Society Award

Deep Shah Kinesiology

Veronica Singson Tantoco Kinesiology

The Chancellor's Student Service Award

Biomedical Visualization Samantha Bond
Samantha Olson

Health Information Management ... Razanne Aleid
Notiemwonmwan Asia
Mehreen Chaudhry
Mansi Chauhan
Mika Ishikawa
Bhavana Kolli
Sarah Majid
Karolina Minta
Amber Pruitt-Riggins

Kinesiology Lucas Beltran
Abbey Breckling
Pamela Campos
Debra Mae Dy
Dhara Gandhi
Idris Hanidu
Maria Kokkinias
Omar Lopez
Lindsey Miossi
Maribel Lopez Perez
Olivia Perozzi
Mary Schuster
Deep Shah
Parth Shah
Veronica Singson
Tantoco
Neveen Suliman

Nutrition Bazil Brainard
Michael Glab
Julie Gyondla
Reanna Peterman
Renea Solis
Elizabeth Torres

Occupational Therapy Kimberly The
Rehabilitation Sciences Sneha Kamble

The President's Volunteer Service Award

Jenna Heffron Disability Studies

AHS URBAN HEALTH PROGRAM AWARDS

Leadership Award

Brianna Hyde Kinesiology

Student Achievement Award

Jocelyn Knight Occupational Therapy

AHS Graduating Fellows—Urban Allied Health Academy

Sophia Anagnos
Jill Antonini
Dalmina Arias
Beth Basin
Briana Bonner
Jazmin Carranza
Chelsie Christophe
Grace Deardurff
Sarah Easton
Annie Elder
Ana Garcia
Jessica Guzman
Molly Hoisington

Tabatha James
Jocelyn Knight
Amy Krischer
Emily Miller
Melanie Milling
Roshni Patel
Jessica Pinto
Daiva Ragas
Rebecca Sax
Kayla Smith
Neveen Suliman
Kimberly The
Aline Xayasouk

ACADEMIC PROGRAM/PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATION STUDENT AWARDS

Biomedical Visualization

Achievement Award Jonathan Bowen

Alice and Brian Katz
Scholarship Wai-Man Chan

Thomas Smith Jones
Scholarship Carrie Shaw

Lillian B. Torrance Award Jennifer Hollis

Vesalius Trust Research Grant Samantha Olson,
Vesalian Scholar
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Carrie Shaw,
Research Grant
Michelle Lamont,
Research Grant
Mao Miyamoto,
Research Grant

Health Information Management

Achievement Award Karolina Minta

Beverly Fiorella Award Mika Ishikawa
Amber Pruitt-Riggins
Diana Salgado

Geraldine Smothers Award Notiemwonmwan Asia
Mika Ishikawa

Rita Finnegan Academic
Achievement Award Mansi Chauhan
Amber Pruitt-Riggins

ILHIMA Edna Huffman Award Karolina Minta

Disability and Human Development

Achievement Award Susun Xiong

Disability Studies

Achievement Award Lieke van Heumen

President Research in
Diversity Award Carli Friedman

2015 Award of Merit Robert Gould

Jean Vanier Emerging Scholar
Lecture 2016 Luca Badetti

Kinesiology

Achievement Award Abbey Breckling
Kris Dapiton

Nutrition

Achievement Award Basheerah Enahora (MS)
Paige Parola (BS)
Elizabeth Torres (BS)

Academy of Nutrition and
Dietetic Scholarship Lynette Becker
Elizabeth Torres

Hispanic Scholarship Fund Elizabeth Torres

Kamath Award Kristin Hoddy
Renea Solis
Elizabeth Torres

Occupational Therapy

Achievement Award Celeste Januszewski
(OTD)
Andrea Cebulski (MS)

Barbara Loomis Award
in Occupational Therapy Jill Antonini

Frances Swift Scholarship Award Kayla Smith

Lillian B. Torrance Award Sophia Anagnos
Briana Bonner
Kathryn Duke
Adam Kaltenhauser
Jocelyn Knight
Amy Krischer
Daiva Ragas
Rebecca Sax

Phyllis M. Bartlow Occupational
Therapy Scholarship Grace Deardurff

The Ruth Hadra Memorial
Scholarship Award Roshni Patel

Physical Therapy

Achievement Award Jennifer Dent

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Allyson Stellmach
Cory Silver
Zachary Zebarth

Lillian B. Torrance Award Michael Griggs

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