

Class of 2015

<b>PRESIDING</b> .....	<b>Bo Fernhall</b> Dean
<b>PROCESSIONAL</b> .....	<b>Music by the Asbury Brass Quintet</b>
<b>OPENING REMARKS</b> .....	<b>Michael Jones</b> Clinical Assistant Professor, Kinesiology and Nutrition
<b>“AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL”</b> .....	<b>Audience led by Rima J. Gala</b>
(words listed on page 47)	DPT, May 2015
<b>WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS</b> .....	<b>Bo Fernhall</b>
<b>GREETINGS</b> .....	<b>Michael D. Amiridis</b> Chancellor of the University of Illinois at Chicago
<b>COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS</b> .....	<b>Grant Korgan</b> Athlete, Adventurer, and Motivator
<b>CONFERRAL OF GRADUATE, PROFESSIONAL, AND UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES</b> .....	<b>Michael D. Amiridis</b>
<b>PRESENTATION OF GRADUATES (see list on page 10)</b>	
<b>Biomedical and Health Information Sciences</b> .....	<b>Lawrence Pawola</b> Head
Degrees in	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Biomedical Visualization</li> <li>• Health Informatics</li> <li>• Health Information Management</li> </ul>
<b>Disability and Human Development</b> .....	<b>Tamar Heller</b> Head
<b>Kinesiology and Nutrition</b> .....	<b>Charles Walter</b> Head
<b>Occupational Therapy</b> .....	<b>Yolanda Suarez-Balcazar</b> Head
<b>Physical Therapy</b> .....	<b>Ross Arena</b> Head
<b>TASSLE SWITCH</b> .....	<b>Julie Schwertfeger</b> Chair, AHS Alumni Board

**COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER—GRANT KORGAN**



Grant Korgan is quickly becoming the public face of recovery from spinal cord injury. At 32, Korgan was president of his own nanotechnology company and had chosen to fill his personal life with extreme sport and adventure. Then, in March 2010, he temporarily lost use of his lower extremities in a snowmobiling accident. But the injury only reinforced his lifelong commitment to pursue his dreams and live life to the fullest as he defined it. Now, as his rehabilitation continues and he reestablishes himself in the arena of extreme sport, Korgan is also a motivational speaker who professes that “regardless of ability (or perceived dis-ability), every single one of us . . . can achieve everything you desire in this life.” Indeed, less than two years after his injury, Korgan made history as the first athlete with spinal cord injury to ski 80 miles to Antarctica’s South Pole. Among his words of wisdom Korgan has said, “Define your freedom, and always stand in your truth. Be the highest version of yourself. Regardless of circumstantial input, choose to give the world your brightest light.”

**HONORS AND AWARDS**

<b>Achievement Awards</b> .....	<b>Presented by Demetra John</b> Associate Dean, Academic and Student Affairs
<b>Dean's Award</b> .....	<b>Presented to Khattab Iwainat</b> BS, Kinesiology, May 2015
<b>Excalibur Awards for Excellence in Teaching</b> .....	<b>Presented by the AHS Student Council</b>
<b>Silver Circle Award</b> .....	<b>Presented to Michael Jones</b> Clinical Assistant Professor
<b>RESPONSE FROM THE CLASS OF 2015.</b> .....	<b>Dustin J. Jesberger</b> DPT, Class of 2015
<b>CLOSING REMARKS.</b> .....	<b>Bo Fernhall</b>
<b>RECESSIONAL</b> .....	<b>Music by the Asbury Brass Quintet</b>

*Audience is requested to remain seated until the academic recession is completed.*

*Reception to Follow*

**BANNER CARRIERS**

Michael Jones .....	Kinesiology and Nutrition
Jane Marone .....	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
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**Kinesiology**

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

**Nutrition**

Giamila Fantuzzi .....	PhD Candidates
Krista Varady .....	MS Candidates
Jamie Shifley .....	BS Candidates

**Occupational Therapy**

Joy Hammel .....	OTD Candidates
Elizabeth Peterson .....	MS Candidates

**Physical Therapy**

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

**UNIVERSITY STUDENT AWARDS**

**FMC Award of Excellence**

Ileana Druc .....	Health Information Management
Hannah Zimmer .....	Kinesiology

**Chancellor's Graduate Research Award**

Patrick Ojok .....	Disability Studies
Lieke Van Heumen .....	Disability Studies

**Fulbright Fellowship**

Patrick Ojok .....	Disability Studies
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**Martin Luther King, Jr., Scholarship**

Idalia Andrade . . . . . Kinesiology

Martha Mattingly  
Ariel Pontikes  
Evguenia Popova  
Aliza Rothstein  
Alison Sleight

**The Chancellor’s Student Service Award**

Biomedical Visualization . . . . . Catherine Lamy  
Meredith Osborn  
Kathleen Tetzlaff

Disability Studies . . . . . Jenna Heffron

Health Information Management . . . . . Robert Bodura  
Kathryn Choi  
Annie Li

Kinesiology . . . . . Abbey Breckling  
Khattab Iwainat  
Maribel Lopez  
Eileen Richards  
Akhil Sridher  
Gabriel Sutton  
Shivam Thakkar  
Gino Tobar

Nutrition . . . . . Claire Allen

**The President’s Volunteer Service Award**

Jenna Heffron . . . . . Disability Studies

**UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**

**UIAA Activities Honorary Society Award**

Shivam Thakkar . . . . . Kinesiology

**AHS URBAN HEALTH PROGRAM AWARDS**

**Leadership Award**

Elusegun Olopo . . . . . Physical Therapy

**Student Achievement Award**

Amanda Davis . . . . . Health Information  
Management

**AHS GRADUATING FELLOWS—URBAN ALLIED HEALTH ACADEMY**

Biomedical Visualization . . . . . Kathleen Tetzlaff

Disability and Human Development . . . . . Henan Li

Kinesiology . . . . . Cristal Kawi  
Gabriel Sutton

Nutrition . . . . . Ruby Erdmann  
Alexis D’Ascenzo

Occupational Therapy . . . . . Andrea Cebulski  
Staci Chan  
Jaclyn Crook  
Elizabeth Harrison  
Emily Lawrence  
Melina Marte

**ACADEMIC PROGRAM/PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATION STUDENT AWARDS**

**Biomedical Visualization**

Achievement Award . . . . . Meredith Hoffman

Alice and Brian Katz Scholarship . . . . . Catherine Lamy  
Meredith Osborn

Harrison Award for Outstanding  
Achievement in Animation . . . . . Meredith Osborn

Lillian B. Torrance Award . . . . . Kenzie Green  
Elliot Alejandro Padilla  
Xochitl Vinaja  
McKenzie Wampler

Nelva B. Richardson Scholarship . . . . . I-Hsuan Grace Hsu

Silver Medal in the Pen and Ink Category . . . . . Jonathon Bowen

Vesalius Trust Research Grant . . . . . Madeline Lee  
Faith Simunyu

AAMC Axis Committee Report Editor . . . . . Kathleen Tetzlaff

**Health Information Management**

Achievement Award . . . . . Annie Li

American Health Information  
Management Association  
(AHIMA) Merit Scholarship . . . . . Annie Li

Beverly Fiorella Award . . . . . Kathryn Choi  
Anjali Thawaney

Greater Chicago Chapter of  
Health Information Management  
Systems Society Scholarship  
Undergraduate Award . . . . . Annie Li

ILHIMA Edna Huffman Award . . . . . Kathryn Choi

Rita Finnegan Academic  
Achievement Award . . . . . Emily Kafkes  
Annie Li

**Disability and Human Development**

Achievement Award . . . . . Maria DeLourdes Rubi  
Arellano

**Disability Studies**

Achievement Award . . . . . Natasha A. Spassiani

AAIDD 2015 Student Award . . . . . Lieke Van Heumen

AAIDD Student Scholarship,  
AAIDD Gerontology Division Award . . . . . Natasha A. Spassiani

Paul D. Doolen Graduate Scholars for  
the Study of Aging . . . . . Lieke Van Heumen

Rue Bucher Memorial Award . . . . . Lieke Van Heumen

**Kinesiology**

Achievement Award . . . . . Clara Hofman  
Stephanie Sagum

**Nutrition**

Achievement Award . . . . . Michelle Mullen

**Occupational Therapy**

Achievement Award . . . . . Jennifer Friesema (OTD)  
Marlen Garcia (MS)

Barbara Loomis Award  
in Occupational Therapy . . . . . Elizabeth Harrison  
Esmeralda Vasquez

Donna Simenson Long Award . . . . . Ariel Pontikes

Illinois Federation of Women's Club  
Third District Scholarship . . . . . Staci Chan  
Lillian B. Torrance Award . . . . . Elizabeth Harrison  
Melina Marte  
Molly Smith

Lois Anderberg Koji  
Award in Occupational Therapy . . . . . Jaclyn Crook  
Phyllis M. Bartlow Award . . . . . Elizabeth Harrison  
U.S. Department of Education Scholar . . . . . Aurore Tabar

**Physical Therapy**

Achievement Award . . . . . Jessica Wierdak  
Donna K. Roach Scholarship Award . . . . . Lauren Nevoral  
OrthoSport Award . . . . . Matthew Currier  
Dustin Jesberger  
Jennifer Kick  
Megan O'Connell

Outstanding Student Member (2015) . . . . . Megan O'Connell  
Lillian B. Torrance Award . . . . . Ashley Marrapode  
Kelly Rupkey  
Anna Wetzel  
Jessica Wierdak

**2015 AHS STUDENT SPEAKER CANDIDATES**

Jeff Beyrau . . . . . Physical Therapy  
Andrea Cebulski . . . . . Occupational Therapy  
Rhadika Desai . . . . . Rehabilitation Sciences  
Annie Li . . . . . Health Information  
Management  
Khattab Iwainat . . . . . Kinesiology  
Sailee Uttam Jagdhane . . . . . Rehabilitation Sciences  
Meredith Osborn . . . . . Biomedical Visualization

**AHS STUDENT COUNCIL**

2014–2015 Officers	Academic Unit
Khattab Iwainat, President . . . . .	Kinesiology
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Ruby Erdmann, Secretary . . . . .	Nutrition
Deep Shah, Webmaster . . . . .	Kinesiology

**COLLEGE ALUMNI BOARD**

2014–2015 Officers	
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Eric Meredith . . . . .	MS, Nutrition, 2012 Treasurer
Julie Schwertfeger . . . . .	BS, Physical Therapy, 1994 President

**COLLEGE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS**

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Demetra John . . . . .	Associate Dean for Academic and Student Affairs
Mary Keehn . . . . .	Associate Dean for Clinical Affairs
Ross Arena . . . . .	Head, Physical Therapy
Tamar Heller . . . . .	Head, Disability and Human Development
Lawrence Pawola . . . . .	Head, Biomedical and Health Information Sciences
Yolanda Suarez-Balcazar . . . . .	Head, Occupational Therapy
Charles Walter . . . . .	Head, Kinesiology and Nutrition

**COLLEGE COMMENCEMENT COORDINATOR**

Elaine Nicholas . . . . . Office of the Dean,  
Student Affairs