

From-the-Dean

Well-deserved congratulations to all our graduating students for their hard work and accomplishments during a truly challenging, unpredictable and rapidly changing period. Their commitment and resilience, flexibility and adaptability are really admirable. A special thank you to all our faculty and staff for helping our students to complete their programs successfully.

The Department of Dietetics and Nutrition celebrated its graduating students during an awards luncheon held May 1, 2023. The following students were honored with awards: **Elena Ferguson, Emily Fravel, Addison Hagge, Emma Kelly, Mary Kate Meyer, Angie Nyp** and **Taylor Sands**. Congratulations to each of you.

Graduating students from the school's other programs will be celebrated during departmental events held today. Those award winners will appear in upcoming From-the-Dean messages, along with those recognized yesterday at the pinning and doctoral hooding ceremony for the Department of Physical Therapy, Rehabilitation Science, and Athletic Training.

Tomorrow, the School of Health Professions honors and celebrates all of its Class of 2023 graduates during our annual student recognition ceremony at Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hall in Kansas City, Kansas. You are invited to attend in person or online via the livestream link available on [the school's graduation events page](#).

Finally, we are hosting a reception on Sunday prior to the 2023 University of Kansas Commencement ceremony. Join us at the KU Memorial Union (Kansas room, 6th floor) for refreshments starting at 9 a.m. and pick up some fun items including a school-branded bag, sunglasses, and more. We invite you to bring your family, friends and guests.

Just a few days remain in the LaunchKU fundraiser for the Student Teaching and Rehabilitation Therapy (JaySTART) Clinic. The [clinic provides free services](#) to the Kansas City community while allowing our students to gain experience under the supervision of licensed physical therapists, occupational therapists and speech-language pathologists. A gift of any amount is very much appreciated. [Give online.](#)

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