



UNC
GREENSBORO
Department of Kinesiology

May 2026 KINmencement

Bachelor's Celebration & Master's Hooding Ceremony

May 7, 2026 at 3:00 PM
Bodford Arena

The Department of Kinesiology

The Department of Kinesiology is one of the largest academic units within the School of Health and Human Sciences at the University of North Carolina Greensboro. The department prepares students at the undergraduate and graduate levels through excellence in teaching, research, and service, with a shared mission to enhance health, physical activity, and quality of life across the lifespan.

The roots of kinesiology at UNCG date back to the founding of the university in 1892, when instruction in physiology, hygiene, and physical culture was first introduced as part of the Woman's College. In 1921, the Division of Physical Education was formally established under the leadership of Mary Channing Coleman, who developed one of the nation's premier programs for training physical education teachers.

Throughout the twentieth century, the department evolved alongside broader social and educational changes. It played an important role in expanding opportunities for women in sport and physical activity, focusing on participation, inclusion, and leadership.

Reflecting growth in the discipline, the department underwent several name changes, from Physical Education and Sport Science in 1989, and ultimately to the Department of Kinesiology in 2009, signaling a broader scientific and interdisciplinary focus on human movement. Today, kinesiology is defined as the study of physical activity and its impact on health, performance, and quality of life, a mission that remains central to the department's work.

Today, the Department of Kinesiology at UNCG offers a wide range of undergraduate and graduate programs and is recognized for its comprehensive approach to the study of human movement, with expertise spanning exercise physiology, athletic training, sport and exercise psychology, biomechanics, motor behavior, and pedagogy. Building on more than a century of history, the department continues to prepare future leaders dedicated to improving health and well-being in their communities and beyond.

Program

Faculty Processional

National Anthem

Please rise for the playing of The National Anthem

Welcome and Introductory Remarks

Presentation of Awards

Recognition of Doctoral Degree Candidates

Remarks by Meg Klawitter

Graduate Student Speaker

Recognition of Master's Degree Candidates

Remarks by Abigail Schneid

Undergraduate Student Speaker

Recognition of Bachelor's Degree Candidates

Closing Remarks

Recessional

Please stand and remain standing until all faculty and graduates have exited the facility.

Guests are invited to join the graduates and faculty for a reception in Coleman 141 immediately following the ceremony.

Graduating Student Awards

Graduate:

American Kinesiology Association Scholar Award

**YJ Seo*

~Mari Dortch Diaz

Mary Channing Coleman Award

**Brynn Hudgins*

~Erin Heil

~Diamond McKelvey

School of Health and Human Sciences Outstanding Graduate Award

**Youngjin Lee*

**Praveen Pasupathi*

~Rodrigo Yus Fernandez

~Berta Vidal Carnero

**Denotes Doctoral Level Recipients*

~Denotes Masters Level Recipients

Undergraduate:

Graduating student awards will be announced during the ceremony.

Kinesiology Faculty

Dr. Erin Reifsteck

Department Chair

Dr. Helena Batatinha

Dr. Jen Farrell

Dr. Adam Berg

Dr. Judy Fowler

Dr. Thomas Birchmeier

Dr. Lauren Griffin

Dr. Anne Brady

Dr. Michael Hemphill

Dr. Pam Brown

Dr. Hannah Koch

Dr. Ang Chen

Dr. Nicholas Kreter

Dr. Alan Chu

Dr. Jaclyn Maher

Dr. Greg Daniels

Dr. Jessica McNeil

Dr. Paul Davis

Dr. Traci Parry

Dr. Eric Drollette

Dr. Louisa Raisbeck

Dr. Donna Duffy

Dr. Teah Rawlings

Dr. Ben Dyson

Dr. Aaron Terranova

Dr. Jennifer Etnier

Dr. Laurie Wideman

Kinesiology Staff

Ellen Ashley

Business Services Coordinator

Carol Booth

Graduate Studies Coordinator

Becky Kates

Undergraduate Studies Coordinator

2025-2026 Graduates

Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.)

Peyton Greco

Praveen Astalakshimi Pasupathi

Aleiza Higgins

YJ Seo

Yongjin Lee

Doctor of Education (Ed.D.)

Christine (Christy) Bennett

Aileen Rossouw

William (Bill) Burniston

Carolyn Swearingen

Trevor Hall

Trevor Ward

2025-2026 Graduates

Master of Science in Athletic Training (M.S.A.T.)

Andreeck Aguilar

Capstone: Post-Operative Rehabilitation Protocol Following BPTB Anterior Cruciate Ligament Reconstruction in a Collegiate Soccer Player

Rachel Colvin

Capstone: Multiple Post-Operative Rehabilitation Protocols Following Two Distinct Shoulder Surgeries in a Collegiate Wrestler

Corrin Crawford

Capstone: Post-Operative Rehabilitation of an ACL Reconstruction with Concomitant Meniscus Repair & MCL Sprain in a Collegiate Football Athlete

Sierra Davenport

Capstone: Post-Operative Rehabilitation of a Patellar Maltracking Arthroscopy in a High School Wrestler

Zandra Gregory

Capstone: Non-Operative Rehabilitation of a Mid-Foot Sprain/Bursitis in a High School Basketball Player

Jacob Garcia

Capstone: Post-Operative Rehabilitation of a Hip Labral Arthroscopic repair in a 35-year-old

Kyarah Hemmons

Capstone: Post-Operative Rehabilitation of an Achilles Tendon Repair in a Collegiate Female Basketball Player

Meg Klawitter

Capstone: Post-Operative Rehabilitation of an Ulnar Collateral Ligament Sprain of the First Metacarpophalangeal Joint in a Collegiate Baseball Player

Elaina Ramon

Capstone: Post-Operative Rehabilitation of an Anterior Cruciate Ligament with Medial & Lateral Meniscal Repair in a Collegiate Soccer Player

Paige Scaman

Capstone: Non-Operative Rehabilitation of a Grade 2 Medial Collateral Ligament Sprain in a Professional Hockey Player

Melandy Resignac

Capstone: Post-Operative Rehabilitation of an ACL Avulsion Non-Fracture in a 17-year-old High School Basketball Player

Te-Jou Sha

Capstone: Post-Operative Rehabilitation of a Posterior Dislocated Shoulder & Labrum Repair in a Collegiate Rugby Player

Mattie Wall

Capstone: Post-Operative Rehabilitation of Medial Patellofemoral Ligament Repair in a High School Basketball Player

Master of Science (M.S.)

Karley Alston

Jalen Benjamin-Bullock

Sarah Booth

Jordan Brewer

Mackenzie Cottingham

CJ Denning

Riley Dorman

Mari Adelyn Dortch Diaz (*thesis*)

Reese Dudeck

Taryn Alexis Faull

Kajsa Gedlitschka

Kerri Golden

Anne Gregory

Casey Harrell

Erin Heil

Joey Henschel

Malik Henry

Noah Larson

Tori Lee

Brooklyn Maxwell

Diamond McKelvey (*thesis*)

Isabel Mugaas

Kira van Ravensburg

Alex Rodriguez

Brandon Rusere

Kimani Ross

Lydia Camille Saunders

Nick Shelly

Alex Smith

Emma Snapper

Mariah Sullivan

Berta Vidal Carnero (*thesis*)

Rodrigo Yus Fernandez (*thesis*)

2025-2026 Graduates

Bachelor of Science (B.S.)

Graduates in attendance are listed

Juan Arreola-Meza	Kyla Holden	Katherine Renee Reyes
Nicholas Bartlett	Jalise Horton	Mason Rico
Aniyah Bethea	Kyla Jackson	Emma Robinette
Ashlyn Black	Amira Johnson	Raven Ann Ross
Sarah Blackman	Omar Justo-Basheer	Makayla Ann Rumley
Alex Briley	Leena Kogure	Abigail Schneid
Carolyn Brown	Elijah Luna	Victoria Sosa
Nathaly Castro-Buitrago	Tiana McCann	Viviana Smith Rodrigues
Kimberly Cedillos	Lane Wilson McDowell	Paul Swain
Khaliq Marcellus Cook	Aidan McKenna	Rashaun Tart
Stephanie Fernandez Torres	Tanisha Monique McMillan	Brook Taylor
Leela Flomo	Jaleigh Morrison **	Isabella Tisdale
Erik Robert Foltz	Dariana Giselle Hernandez Murillo	Brandon Vestri
Shavon Foust	Kimya Outlaw	Luke Jackson Ward
Jordan Hamilton *	Yurihxi Ann Paniagua Ferreira	Emma Whisnant
Gionna Hines	Krishan Patel	
Serena Hinshaw	Joshua Stephen Pavon	

**B.S., Physical Education & Health Teacher Education*

***B.S., Kinesiology and B.S., Physical Education & Health Teacher Education*



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CONGRATULATIONS!

To All of Our 2025-2026 Graduates!