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**DOCTOR OF
PHYSICAL THERAPY**

**2026
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National Student Honor Society
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Student Success Committee
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Class of 2025 Student Award
Melissa Sterling Professionalism Award

Clinical Awards

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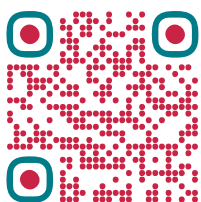
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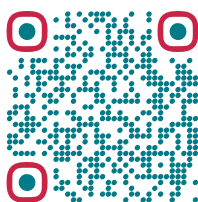


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