

Northeastern University

BOUVÉ COLLEGE OF  
HEALTH SCIENCES

UNDERGRADUATE AND  
GRADUATE CELEBRATION

3 MAY 2023

# **PROGRAM**

MATTHEWS ARENA, 2:30 A.M.

## **Welcome**

Jenn Kirwin, *Associate Dean of Academic Affairs*

## **Dean's Address**

Carmen Sceppa, *Dean of the Bouvé College of Health Sciences*

## **Student Speaker**

Daisha Joseph, 23'

## **Keynote Speaker**

Angela Wayne, *Chief Executive Officer, Advantia Health*

## **Alumni Speaker**

Gina Regonini, *Director of Educational Initiatives*

## **Recognition of Graduates Closing Remarks**

Carmen Sceppa, *Dean of the Bouvé College of Health Science*

## **CEREMONY SPEAKERS**

### **Carmen Sceppa, MD, PhD, FGSA**

*Dean of Bouvé College of Health Sciences and Professor at Northeastern University*

Dr. Sceppa received her medical degree from Francisco Marroquín University in Guatemala City, Guatemala, where she was born and raised. She received her PhD in Nutrition from The Gerald J. and Dorothy R. Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy at Tufts University in Boston, Massachusetts.

She is a clinician, researcher, educator and mentor. Her work centers around advancing and prolonging health for all. Her research seeks to understand the role of lifestyle interventions on advancing overall health and quality of life. She examines health and wellness in settings that promote physical activity among underserved and vulnerable populations, specifically, older adults and the elderly, particularly Hispanics and African Americans.

Dr. Sceppa's research has provided evidence-based information to transform the way we think about healthy lifestyle from personal choice to preventive medicine.

Dr. Sceppa is a senior mentor for the Network of Minority Research Investigators (NMRI) at the NIDDK of the National Institutes of Health. She is an active and long-time member and contributor of the Gerontological Society of America (GSA) and is a GSA Fellow. In 2021, Dr. Sceppa was elected as Treasurer (2022-2025) of the GSA Board of Directors. She also serves as Faculty Mentor for the Gerontological Society of America (GSA) Career Development & Mentoring Technical Assistance Workshop and is an active member of the American Society for Nutrition.

**Daisha Joseph***Student Speaker*

Daisha is a proud first generation Haitian American from Foxboro, Massachusetts. During her time at Northeastern, she majored in Health Sciences on the pre-med track and minored in Health, Humanities, and Society. Daisha completed co-ops at Sagely Health and Brigham and Women's Urology Clinic, where she gained valuable experience and skills that she plans to utilize in her future career. Daisha has been deeply involved with the Black community on campus, serving as President of Afrospectrum and a former John D. O'Bryant African American Institute Legacy mentor. Participating Bouvé Admissions Fellows program allowed her to share her passion for Bouvé with prospective and admitted students. In addition to her academic and extracurricular involvement on campus, she served her Boston community by volunteering with Northeastern Alliance of Civically Engaged Students and the Boston Public Health Commission. After graduation, Daisha plans to spend time with her family before beginning medical school.

**Angela Wayne***Keynote Speaker*

As CEO of Advantia Health, a healthcare system dedicated to ensuring that every woman has access to excellent care, Angela Wayne leads operational strategy and execution. A seasoned executive, Wayne has over 25 years of physician-practice and healthcare system experience, successfully scaling and transforming organizations both in size and care-delivery models. She is passionate about finding opportunities at the intersection of superior patient experience, clinical outcomes, greater efficiency, and higher overall value.

Over the course of Wayne's career, she has been particularly focused on helping primary care and dermatology organizations grow significantly in size and scope. Immediately prior to joining Advantia, she was the chief operating officer at APDerm, a leading network of dermatology practices, which she tripled in size over three years. Prior to that, she led the development of the primary care network for Beth Israel Deaconess (now Beth Israel Lahey Health), in New England, growing the healthcare organization from 10 to 42 practices and—importantly—moving from a fee-for-service to value-based care.

Wayne earned a bachelor's degree in business management from Boston College and an MBA from Boston University.

**Graduate names will be listed on the university-wide programs on May 7, 2023.**