

Dear Class of 2029:

On behalf of the Student Occupational Therapy Association (SOTA), congratulations on your acceptance into the Doctor of Occupational Therapy program. Welcome to one of the most challenging, rewarding, and exciting three years of your life. Reaching this milestone is a major accomplishment, and you should be incredibly proud as you begin your journey toward becoming an occupational therapist.

Throughout the program, you will learn from dedicated and highly experienced faculty while building strong connections with your cohort through shared academic and personal experiences. Before you know it, your classmates and professors **will** become not only mentors and friends, but future colleagues as **well**.

We also recognize that this transition may come with questions-whether about navigating a blended campus experience, getting involved on campus, or finding the best places to live in the Tampa Bay area. SOTA is here to support you every step of the way. Members of the association are happy to answer questions through SOTA Instagram direct messaging (@sota_nsuotd), as we check it regularly. You are also always welcome to reach out to me directly-I'm happy to help.

Your first SOTA meeting at NSU will take place on Thursday during your very first institute at 1:00 PM. While attendance is optional, we strongly encourage you to join us as it's a great opportunity to begin building your community and sense of belonging at NSU-Tampa. SOTA is committed to connecting you with fellow students, campus life, and the surrounding community through meaningful experiences throughout the program.

Enjoy every moment of this unique journey, and please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions. We look forward to welcoming you to the NSU OT community!

Sincerely,

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