

Dear Class of 2025:

I would like to congratulate you on your acceptance into the Entry-Level Doctor of Occupational Therapy (OTD) Program on behalf of the Student Occupational Therapy Association (SOTA). Welcome to one of the most exhilarating and rigorous 3.33 years of your life! You have reached a major milestone in your path to becoming an occupational therapist. Over the next few years, you will have the opportunity to learn from incredible, experienced professors while developing meaningful relationships with your cohort through shared experiences. Believe it or not, in just a few short years your professors and fellow classmates will be your colleagues!

As exciting as this time is, I am aware that many of you may have some remaining unanswered questions, such as how to maximize your experience on a blended campus or maybe simply where is the best place to live in the Tampa Bay area. As a student association, SOTA members are willing to answer any questions about student life you may have through the Facebook page that has been created for your cohort. If you would like to speak to me personally, I am always available to assist you, as well.

The first SOTA meeting of your NSU experience will be on the Thursday of your very first institute at 12:30PM or 1:00PM. While not mandatory, we encourage you to attend to start creating your home away from home at NSU Tampa Bay. SOTA is here to provide you with experiences to connect you with other students, our campus, and the community, which we hope you take advantage of during your time at NSU.

Enjoy every moment of this unique experience, and please feel free to reach out to me with any questions.

Sincerely,

**Rachael Rice, OTD-S**

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