

FOR THE

COLLEGE OF GRADUATE NURSING

COLLEGE OF GRADUATE NURSING DEAN'S MESSAGE



Dear Class of 2020 College of Graduate Nursing graduates:

On behalf of the faculty, staff and leadership, let me join your families and friends in sharing our heartfelt congratulations to all of you for this exceptional accomplishment. As you embark on the next stage of your journey, you embody the mission and values of Western University of Health Sciences and the College of Graduate Nursing.

You chose to advance your education by achieving a Master's degree, Doctoral degree, Family Nurse Practitioner or Emergency Nurse Practitioner. You will be able to tell your family and friends, "I graduated during the Great Pandemic of 2020." You are exceptionally prepared to transform health care as a clinical scholar and a leader.

And health care is ready for you. Health care today is high tech and high touch. High tech in health care is centered around the Internet of Things, telehealth, and wearable devices.

The Internet of Things is a variety of devices, mechanical and digital sensors, wirelessly connected, that can transfer data without requiring

human-to-machine contact. In health care, telehealth is closing the gap between nurses and patients by improving access to high-quality care in remote areas. Wearable devices are allowing patients are assume more responsibility in managing their health through technology in clothing and on their wrists. The possibilities are expanding at an extraordinary rate: a tattoo that only appears when the skin is overexposed to the sun's UV rays helping to prevent skin cancer; drones transport blood in remote areas; and robotics can perform surgery.

As new health care graduates, are you ready to balance high touch within a high-tech world?

My father recently passed away. He loved technology and often tinkered at inventions. In his last days, he said to me: "Mary, one machine can do the work of fifty ordinary people. Yet, no machine can do the work of one extraordinary person. Whatever you do, be extraordinary. Make the world a better place. Make a solid difference in peoples' lives."

My first charge to you is to be extraordinary. Consumer health technologies — apps, wearables, self-diagnosis tools — have the potential to strengthen the patient-nurse connection and improve health outcomes. Embrace innovation to improve access, speed and accuracy. Make the world a better place by improving the health of one person, one neighborhood, one community.

My second charge to you is to stay connected. Look your patients in the eye! Listen to them. Connect with them. Likewise, engage in professional networking and join professional associations. On-going professional development is vital. Read literature, books, and blogs within and outside of your profession. Staying connected will balance the Internet of Things in the virtual world.

You are now WesternU alumni and ambassadors. Go forth!

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FOR THE

COLLEGE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

COLLEGE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE DEAN'S MESSAGE



Dear DVM Class of 2020:

On behalf of the faculty, staff and leadership, let me join your families and friends in sharing our heartfelt congratulations to all of you for this exceptional accomplishment. As you embark on the next stage of your journey as Doctors of Veterinary Medicine, you embody the mission and values of Western University of Health Sciences and the College of Veterinary Medicine.

As we part and go our separate ways, I hope you remember us — the Faculty — as fondly as we will remember you. We have a bond with you that no other class can claim — we endured the COVID-19 quarantine together and kicked its butt!

I hope you remember the strong interpersonal connections you have formed with the faculty, staff and administration; especially the dedication, determination and professionalism we have all demonstrated during this challenging Covid-19 crisis. I am proud of them and you for thriving in such a challenging environment.

I am confident that you are capable, practice-ready, caring and ethical professionals who will now lead the veterinary profession in the health

of not only your patients, but for the public health of your communities.

We now return you to your families and set you on your professional path better trained, a little wiser, more knowledgeable, and definitely a little older. We send you off happily, and with a little sadness. We promise you an opportunity to celebrate face-to-face sometime in the future.

Remember those that have helped you along the way. Acknowledge them. Pay them back by reaching back and paying it forward. Alumni remain an integral part of the WesternU family by providing mentoring and scholarship support to students, leadership within their respective fields, and advocates for the health of their communities.

On behalf of veterinarians everywhere, and particularly the faculty of Western University of Health Sciences College of Veterinary Medicine — welcome to the veterinary profession.

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THE VETERINARIAN'S OATH

Being admitted to the profession of veterinary medicine:

I solemnly swear to use my scientific knowledge and skills for the benefit of society through the protection of animal health and welfare, the prevention and relief of animal suffering, the conservation of animal resources, the promotion of public health, and the advancement of medical knowledge.

I will practice my profession conscientiously, with dignity, and in keeping with the principles of veterinary medical ethics.

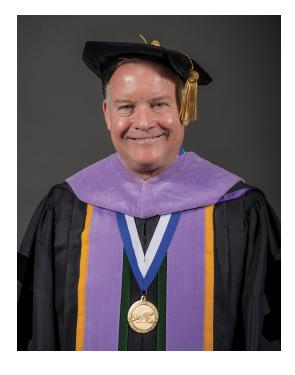
I accept as a lifelong obligation the continual improvement of my professional knowledge and competence.



FOR THE

COLLEGE OF DENTAL MEDICINE

COLLEGE OF DENTAL MEDICINE DEAN'S MESSAGE



Dear DMD Class of 2020:

On behalf of the faculty, staff and leadership, let me join your families and friends in sharing our heartfelt congratulations to all of you for this exceptional accomplishment. As you embark on the next stage of your journey as health care professionals, you embody the mission and values of Western University of Health Sciences and the College of Dental Medicine.

I want to commend the DMD Class of 2020 for your resilience and perseverance throughout the last half of your last semester in dental school. While COVID-19 has and will change many aspects of our lives, it has not erased the value of your education. Nor has it altered the knowledge, skills and attributes that each of you have acquired and cultivated throughout your time with us. I am confident that the distinctive nature of our program has prepared you to go forth to extend and enhance the quality life in our communities with scientific excellence, humanistic care-giving and a passion for innovation.

Our goal from the outset was to challenge you to not just become competent dentists, but also compassionate leaders and integral

members of an interprofessional health care team. You have most certainly demonstrated that you are all of these. What you have learned and who you have become will position you for an incredibly successful future.

Alumni remain an integral part of the WesternU family by providing mentoring and scholarship support to students, leadership within your respective fields, and advocates for the health of your communities. Because of the excellence of our graduates, there is no better time to be Western University of Health Sciences College of Dental Medicine alumni than now. The value of your degree will continue to grow as the university strives to be the preferred destination for health professions education locally, nationally and internationally.

You are entering the health care workforce at a historic and challenging time, and because of that you have earned the right to ascend to the title of The Best Class Ever, and everyone in the College looks forward to raising a toast to salute you all in person — in the future.

With profound respect and admiration,

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THE DENTIST'S PLEDGE

As a member of the dental profession, I shall keep this pledge and these stipulations.

- I understand and accept that my primary responsibility is to my patients,
- and I shall dedicate myself to render to the best of my ability,
- the highest standard of oral health care and to maintain a relationship of respect and confidence.
- Therefore, let all come to me safe in the knowledge that their total health and well-being are my first consideration.
- I shall accept the responsibility that, as a professional,
- my competence rests on continuing the attainment of knowledge and skill in the arts and sciences of dentistry.
- I acknowledge my obligation to support and sustain the honor and integrity of the profession,
- and to conduct myself in all endeavors such that I shall merit the respect of patients, colleagues and my community.
- I further commit myself to the betterment of my community for the benefit of all of society.
- I shall faithfully observe the Principles of Ethics and Code of Professional Conduct set forth by the profession.
- All this I pledge with pride in my commitment to the profession and the public which it serves.



FOR THE

COLLEGE OF OPTOMETRY

COLLEGE OF OPTOMETRY DEAN'S MESSAGE



Dear OD Class of 2020:

On behalf of the faculty, staff and leadership, let me join your families and friends in sharing our heartfelt congratulations to all of you for this exceptional accomplishment. As you embark on the next stage of your journey as optometrists, you embody the mission and values of Western University of Health Sciences and the College of Optometry.

Your journey to becoming exceptional doctors has been one of the most complicated journeys in the history of our profession. You have risen to the challenges, overcome the obstacles, and broken many barriers. I am confident that you are now ready to go forward as Doctors of Optometry, as part of an interprofessional health care team, scientifically skilled, compassionate, with a mission to extend and enhance the quality life in our communities.

Graduates of the Class of 2020, in these complicated times, my charge to you is simple: Learn from this and grow.

You are now full-fledged health care professionals responsible for serving and caring for your patients. Leave behind your uncertainties,

your insecurities, and your self-doubt. Learn from your time as a student and grow.

Recognize the dedication, time, energy and effort that the faculty members have given you to help you reach your dreams. Learn from your faculty members and grow.

As you transition to practicing what you have learned to your fullest scope and your fullest capabilities, never forget to strive for this goal in every patient encounter: Learn from your patients and grow.

Make sure that your patients' needs are met, and that you have helped them along their journey towards health and improved quality of life. Ensure that you have made a difference for your patients in such a way that you learn from each other and grow.

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Congratulations as you embark upon the next phase of your journey, full of life-long learning and life-long growing. You are the amazing Class of 2020!

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THE OPTOMETRIC OATH

With full deliberation I freely and solemnly pledge that:

I affirm that the health of my patient will be my first consideration.

I will practice the art and science of optometry faithfully and conscientiously, and to the fullest scope of my competence.

I will uphold and honorably promote, by example and action, the highest standards, ethics and ideals of my chosen profession and the honor of the degree, Doctor of Optometry, which has been granted me.

I will provide professional care for those who seek my services, with concern, with compassion, and with due regard for their human rights and dignity.

I will place the treatment of those who seek my care above personal gain and strive to see that none shall lack for proper care.

I will hold as privileged and inviolable all information entrusted to me in confidence by my patients.

I will advise my patients fully and honestly of all which may serve to restore, maintain or enhance their vision and general health.

I will strive continuously to broaden my knowledge and skills so that my patients may benefit from all new and efficacious means to enhance the care of human vision.

I will share information cordially and unselfishly with my fellow optometrists and other professionals for the benefit of patients and the advancement of human knowledge and welfare.

I will do my utmost to serve my community, my country and humankind as a citizen as well as an optometrist.

I hereby commit myself to be steadfast in the performance of this my solemn oath and obligation.



FOR THE

COLLEGE OF PODIATRIC MEDICINE

COLLEGE OF PODIATRIC MEDICINE DEAN'S MESSAGE



Dear DPM Class of 2020:

On behalf of the faculty, staff and leadership, let me join your families and friends in sharing our heartfelt congratulations to all of you for this exceptional accomplishment. As you embark on the next stage of your journey as physicians and healers, you embody the mission and values of Western University of Health Sciences and the College of Podiatric Medicine.

Your class, the Class of 2020, and your response to the historic Covid-19 crisis reminds me of a saying by Roger Crawford I often repeat, "Being challenged is inevitable. Being defeated is optional."

You could have panicked.

You could have felt sorry for yourselves.

You "could have..." but you are not "could have" kind of people.

You proved that you wanted to get on with life. That drive is what inspired our virtual oath ceremony instead of an online graduation. It was your choice.

You are now capable, compassionate doctors with a job to do. We cannot pull you out of overcrowded emergency departments and wards, teeming with illness, as much as we may want to still protect you. I caution you to care for yourselves as conscientiously as you care for your patients.

I also caution you to remember that some patients will be difficult while others will be kind and appreciative. Have compassion for them both. Remember that each patient is just seeking some happiness and trying to avoid suffering. Just like you.

Alumni remain an integral part of the WesternU family by providing mentoring and scholarship support to students, leadership within their respective fields, and advocates for the health of their communities.

Lastly, don't wait to live your lives or you will reach the end having only gone through the motions. There is no perfect time to have a child, to travel, to start a new venture. Do not wait. As a friend of mine says "Live deeply, not so fast." Savor the minutes because before you know it, they turn into years.

Go out and have a wonderful life, my friends!

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THE PODIATRIC PHYSICIAN'S OATH

I do solemnly swear to my God, on my honor, to those who have taught me, and by all things that I hold sacred, that as a practitioner of Podiatric Medicine, I shall abide by the following precepts:

I shall, above all, hold paramount the welfare of my patient, regardless of fee or favor. I shall neither prescribe nor give any treatment or drug which will be detrimental to his or her well-being.

I shall endeavor to uphold the dignity of the professional way of life, the aims of which are to render public service.

I shall cherish those who have taught me, holding high their principles and precepts, and I pledge that I shall do everything that I am able to do to promote and to protect the profession of Podiatric Medicine, and to aid my fellow practitioners.

In swearing to this oath, I hereby dedicate myself in service to the health of humanity, and I hold as my goal the relief of pain and suffering.

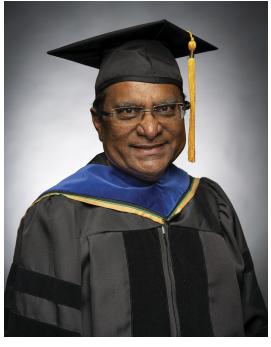
If I keep this oath, may I receive God's guidance in the practice of my art, and may I enjoy my life in the respect of all men and women.



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Dear MSBS and MSMS Classes of 2020:

Congratulations to the graduates of the Class of 2020! On behalf of the faculty, staff and leadership, let me join your families and friends in sharing our heartfelt congratulations to all of you for this exceptional accomplishment. As you embark on the next stage of your journey as health care professionals or researchers, you embody the mission and values of Western University of Health Sciences and the Graduate College of Biomedical Sciences.

You now have a strong foundation of scientific knowledge to pursue advanced professional health programs. Many of you will now pursue medicine, dentistry, optometry, and other health science fields. Some of you will continue with biomedical research, developing new molecules to combat deadly diseases such as COVID-19. Whichever path you pursue, it is crucial to remain passionate, compassionate, and innovative professionals. By taking the additional step to earn your Masters Degree, you have demonstrated dedication and commitment to the health field.

You should be incredibly proud of your achievement and quick adaptation to online education during these unprecedented times. Remember the proverb "Where there is a will, there is a way" to achieve your dreams. Even during these challenging times of a global health crisis, I am confident that you will continue to embody the mission of this university to enhance and extend the quality of life within our communities.

Alumni remain an integral part of the WesternU family by providing mentoring and scholarship support to students, leadership within their respective fields, and advocates for the health of their communities. WesternU alumni, wherever they serve—in private practice, in academic institutions, in the military, in major medical centers, in public health facilities—are known for the high standards to which the University is dedicated. The value of your degrees will continue to grow as the university strives to be the preferred destination for health professions education locally, nationally and internationally.

Once again, congratulations, and I wish you all the best,

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