36th Annual
Commencement Exercises

Graduate College of Biomedical Sciences
&
College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific
To WesternU’s Class of 2017,

It is an honor to share in this Commencement with you, as you embark on professional careers of commitment and caring. Today we celebrate all the hard work that got you to this point, as well as the people who helped you reach this milestone – family, friends, classmates and professors.

Yet the journey continues. You will not shy away from the challenges ahead. Your responsibilities are great but your capacity to serve is even greater. You have a powerful combination of skilled hands and caring hearts. Use these to help others become healthier and stronger.

The core values of WesternU and our commitment to excellence lives in you, and will well serve you in the years to come. I look forward to hearing of your many future accomplishments as caregivers and leaders – you are great ambassadors of our University.

Best wishes,

Daniel R. Wilson, MD, PhD
President, Western University of Health Sciences
Western University of Health Sciences embarked on a special mission when it opened its doors in 1977 as the College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific (COMP): educating tomorrow’s health care professionals with a combination of scientific excellence and a humanistic, compassionate approach to patient care.

From an inaugural class of 36 students in 1978, enrollment in COMP grew to more than 400 by 1986. That same year, the addition of the Master of Science in Health Professions Education program paved the way for what would become the College of Allied Health Professions. Meanwhile, the University continued acquiring former Pomona Mall buildings, remodeling them and converting them to educational use.

The campus kept growing over the next decade, with enrollment jumping dramatically in 1996, when the addition of a College of Pharmacy coincided with the campus’ name change to Western University of Health Sciences.

1998 was another landmark year for WesternU, as the College of Graduate Nursing was founded in March, and the College of Veterinary Medicine – the first veterinary college in Southern California – was established just five months later.

WesternU’s first foundation-up construction project, the Veterinary Clinical Center, opened its doors in August 2008. One year later, the University welcomed inaugural classes in three new colleges — Dental Medicine, Optometry, and Podiatric Medicine. In conjunction with that academic expansion, the University further expanded the physical campus, erecting a 180,000-square-foot Health Education Center, a Patient Care Center, and a 600-car parking garage. A ninth school, the Graduate College of Biomedical Sciences, welcomed its inaugural class in January 2010.

The University ventured north in 2011, opening a campus of the College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific in Lebanon, Oregon. COMP-Northwest has an enrollment of 400 medical students and a staff of 70. It graduated its first class of 100 osteopathic physicians in June 2015.

2016 also was an important milestone in WesternU history, as the University welcomed just the second permanent president in its history. Following the retirement of Founding President Philip Pumerantz, PhD, in September 2015, and a national search, the University’s Board of Trustees appointed Daniel R. Wilson, MD, PhD, as president in March 2016. Dr. Wilson, formerly Vice President for Health Affairs at the University of Florida Health Science Center and Dean of the College of Medicine-Jacksonville, officially took office in July 2016.

Today, WesternU is home to more than 3,800 students in 21 programs, as well as 1,200 employees, and is one of the most thriving enterprises in the Pomona and Inland valleys of Southern California and the mid-Willamette Valley of Oregon.
Prelude

“Overture”
by Craig Safan

Processional

“Pomp and Circumstance”
by Sir Edward Elgar

Alan D. Cundari, DO ’85, MS ’92
Professor of Family Medicine
College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific
University Marshal

Guru Betageri, PhD
Associate Dean, Graduate College of Biomedical Sciences
Professor of Pharmaceutical Sciences
Graduate College of Biomedical Sciences Marshal

Gerald Thrush, PhD
Associate Dean of Pre-Clinical Education
Professor of Immunology
College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific Marshal

National Anthem

Alana Garcia, BA
Student Affairs Assistant, University Student Affairs

Invocation

Bishop Dr. Raymond E. Watts, Jurisdiction Prelate
California Southern Third Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction
Church of God in Christ
New Direction Community Church
Rancho Cucamonga, California

President’s Welcome

Daniel R. Wilson, MD, PhD
President

Chairman’s Welcome

Richard A. Bond, DO ’82, DrPH, FAAFP
Chairman, Board of Trustees
Order of Exercises 2017

Commencement Address
Clinton E. Adams, DO, FACHE
President and Chief Executive Officer,
Rocky Vista University
Parker, Colorado

Presentation of the Graduate
College of Biomedical Sciences
Graduating Classes of 2017
Michel Baudry, PhD
Dean, Graduate College of Biomedical Sciences

Conferring of Degrees
Master of Science in Medical Sciences
Master of Science in Biomedical Sciences
President Wilson

Announcement of Graduates
Marcos Villa, BA
Director of Student Affairs, Master of Science in Medical Sciences Program

Hooding of Graduates
Quinn Li, PhD
Professor of Biomedical Sciences

Presentation of the College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific
Graduating Class of 2017
Paula M. Crone, DO ’92
Vice President, Oregon Campus Operations
Dean, College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific

Conferring of Degree
Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine
President Wilson

Announcement of Graduates
Rebecca Giusti, DO ’03
Chair, Department of Neuromusculoskeletal Medicine/Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine
Associate Professor of Neuromusculoskeletal Medicine/Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine
Lisa Warren, DO ’01
Chair, Department of Pediatrics
Associate Professor of Pediatrics
Colleen Talbot, PhD
Professor of Physiology
Mariam Fahim, DO
Assistant Professor of Pediatrics
Michelle Park, EdD
Assistant Dean for Student Affairs
**Faculty Hooders for Graduates**

Ethan Allen, DO, DSc (Hon.)  
Professor of Family Medicine  
Treasurer, Board of Trustees

Richard Bond, DO ’82, DrPH, FAAFP  
Chair, Board of Trustees

**Introduction of Osteopathic Oath Administrator and Alumni Association Representative**

Dean Crone

**Administering the Osteopathic Oath**

Dat Q. Trinh, DO ’03, MS ’04  
Chair, Department of Family Medicine  
Associate Professor of Family Medicine

**Alumni Association Welcome**

Kendall Anderson, DO ’15  
Internal Medicine Resident, Scripps Mercy Hospital  
San Diego, California

**Deans’ Charge to the Graduates**

Dean Baudry  
Dean Crone

**President’s Closing Remarks**

President Wilson

**Recessional**

“Fanfare and Grand March”

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**The audience is requested to stand during the processional and recessional.**

Participation in the Commencement ceremony does not necessarily indicate completion of a degree program. The student must meet all University requirements before a degree is conferred.

Students are given the option of listing previous degrees earned and/or post-doctoral training (PDT).

A video of the ceremony, in addition to hooding/diploma photos, graduate portraits, class photos and graduate candid photos, will be taken at today’s event. These items will be available for purchase within a week. For more information, see the “Available for Purchase” link at commencement.westernu.edu.

Family and guests may be photographed for future University publications.
Clinton E. Adams, DO, FACHE
President and Chief Executive Officer, Rocky Vista University, Parker, Colorado

Clinton E. Adams, DO, is President and Chief Executive Officer of Rocky Vista University in Parker, Colorado, having left Western University of Health Sciences after 11 years as Vice President of Clinical Affairs, Dean of the College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific (COMP) and Founding Dean for COMP-Northwest in Lebanon, Oregon. He joined WesternU in January 2005, following a distinguished career in the United States Navy, where he attained the rank of Rear Admiral and served in a variety of capacities, notably as Commander of the Naval Regional Medical Center and Tricare Mid-Atlantic Region in Portsmouth, Virginia, Command Surgeon for United States Fleet Forces, Joint Forces Command and for the Allied Command for Transformation (NATO).

Dr. Adams is a Fellow of the American College of Health Care Executives and board certified in anesthesiology and family medicine. He completed an anesthesia residency at George Washington University and a family medicine residency at the Charleston Naval Hospital, and holds a Master of Public Administration degree from the University of Oklahoma. He is a past president of the Association of Military Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons, a member of the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians and the American Osteopathic Association (AOA), served an Academic Fellowship at the American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine, and is a former chair of the Council of Osteopathic Postgraduate Training committee of AOA.

As dean at WesternU, Dr. Adams oversaw the implementation of a learner-centered curriculum, revision of the admissions interview process, expansion of clinical rotations, and growth of research funding and publications. He expanded the college’s clinical practice and led COMP to a major expansion in full-time faculty positions, increasing recognition of COMP as having a superior academic profile as reflected in national rankings of licensure examinations and in the placement of graduates in prestigious postdoctoral programs. Dr. Adams also quadrupled the number of residency programs and dramatically increased the number of osteopathic residencies in the West during his tenure. Dr. Adams commits his teams to graduating students who are not only competent but caring, compassionate, lifelong learners dedicated to the distinctive osteopathic philosophy. Dr. Adams currently is leading the transformation of Rocky Vista University from a single College of Osteopathic Medicine to a health sciences university, adding health science programs in Parker, Colorado and an additional campus in Ivins, Utah.

Dr. Adams has received state and national recognitions and awards, served on the Pomona Valley Hospital Medical Center Board of Directors, and most notably in 2014, became a trailblazer in osteopathic medical education as one of first DO physicians to serve as a director on the governing board of ACGME for the newly established single accreditation system for graduate medical education in the United States.
Candidates for the Degree

Master of Science in Medical Sciences

Robert Salinas Camarillo
BS, Biological Sciences
University of California, Riverside

Jihae Han Cho
BS, Environmental Systems
University of California, San Diego

Maria Cristina Cisneros
BS, Biological Sciences
University of California, Irvine

My Diep
BS, Psychobiology
University of California, Los Angeles

Myra Alejandra Gutierrez

Claire Rose Healy
BS, Molecular, Cell and Developmental Biology
University of California, Santa Cruz

Luz Evelyn Herrera
BS, Biological Sciences
University of California, Riverside

Alexander Matthew Hurtado
BS, Biological Sciences
University of California, Santa Barbara

Michael Dryden Jaso
BS, Biology
Notre Dame de Namur University

Patrick Kamgang

Kevin Kwan
BS, General Biology
University of California, San Diego

Moses Lee
BS, Biology
University of California, Los Angeles

Gloria Luong
BA, Molecular and Cellular Biology
University of California, Berkeley

Asmita Mishrekar
BS, Neuroscience
University of California, Riverside

Edward Deon Ng
BA, Neuroscience
University of Southern California

Andrew Mien Du Nguyen
BS, Biochemistry
University of California, Los Angeles

Nkiruka Odeluga

Brent Carlos Pino
BS, Biology
California Baptist University

Ralaina T. Robinson
BA, Business
Arizona State University

Oscar Daniel Salaiz
BS, Biopsychology
University of California, Santa Barbara

LaShay Taylor
BS, Biology
Bowie State University

Alexandria Michelle Thomas
BS, Health Science
California State University, Fullerton

Jessica Tran
BA, Biology
University of San Diego

Tiffany Tran
BS, Biological Sciences
California State University, San Marcos
Candidates for the Degree

Master of Science in Biomedical Sciences

Karla Villafan
BA, Molecular and Cellular Biology
University of California, Berkeley

Ivana Nadim Younan
BS, Biology
University of California, Los Angeles

Ian Guo-Yi Wong
BS, Psychobiology
University of California, Los Angeles

Ivana Nadim Younan
BS, Biology
University of California, Los Angeles

Adam Matthew Chan
BS, Biochemistry
University of California, Riverside

Dominic Ma
BS, Microbiology
University of California, Santa Barbara

Carolina Fabelo
BS, Foods and Nutrition
California State Polytechnic University, Pomona

Louis Gerald Palacios
BS, Biology
The University of Arizona

Derek Glen Kettle
BS, Biotechnology
Utah Valley University

Takashi Taguchi
BVS, Veterinary Science
Osaka Prefecture University, Japan

Steven Aram Kezian
BS, Neuroscience
University of California, Los Angeles
Candidates for the Degree

Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine

Adam Renard Burton†
BS, Biomedical Science
Grand Valley State University
PDT: Casa Colina Hospital and Centers for Healthcare
Pomona, California
Specialty: Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation

Elizabeth Marie Pines†
BS, Human Development Studies
Cornell University
MS, Epidemiology/Biostatistics
Northwestern University
PDT: Christiana Care
Newark, Delaware
Specialty: Internal Medicine

Ashley Noel Garispe**†
BS, Molecular, Cellular and Developmental Biology
California State University, Fresno
PDT: Western University of Health Sciences/ OPTI-West Educational Consortium/ Arrowhead Regional Medical Center
Colton, California
Specialty: Emergency Medicine

Nicole Christina Rouse**†
BA, Psychology and Social Behavior
University of California, Irvine
PDT: Kaiser Permanente
Fontana, California
Specialty: Psychiatry

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BS, Chemistry
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MS, Chemistry
University of Wisconsin, Madison
PDT: Crozer-Keystone Health System
Springfield, Pennsylvania
Specialty: Family Medicine

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BS, Biochemistry and Cell Biology
University of California, San Diego
PDT: UC Irvine Medical Center
Orange, California
Specialty: Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation

Lukas John Martincik†
BA, History
Pomona College
PDT: Good Samaritan Hospital Medical Center
West Islip, New York
Specialty: Pediatrics

Lauren Nicole Ables
BS, Biological Sciences
Chapman University
PDT: John Muir Medical Center
Walnut Creek, California
Specialty: Family Medicine

Andrew James Picca**†
BS, Life Science
The Pennsylvania State University
PDT: Medical University of South Carolina
Charleston, South Carolina
Specialty: Pediatrics

* Graduate is a member of Sigma Sigma Phi and in the top 20 percent of the graduating class. Sigma Sigma Phi was established to provide service to the University and the profession. It is the National Honorary Osteopathic Service Fraternity.

** Graduate is a member of the Gold Humanism Honor Society (GHHS), which recognizes students, residents and faculty who are exemplars of compassionate patient care and who serve as role models, mentors and leaders in medicine. GHHS members are peer nominated.

† Pre-Doctoral Neuromusculoskeletal Medicine/Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine Teaching Fellows – These students, originally scheduled to graduate in May 2016, spent one additional year serving the Neuromusculoskeletal Medicine/Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine department as assistant teachers, counselors and clinical demonstrators while gaining a broader experience in Neuromusculoskeletal and Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine.

PDT = Post-Doctoral Training
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I do hereby affirm my loyalty to the profession I am about to enter.

I will be mindful always of my great responsibility to preserve the health and life of my patients, to retain their confidence and respect both as a physician and a friend who will guard their secrets with scrupulous honor and fidelity, to perform fruitfully my professional duties, to employ only those recognized methods of treatment consistent with good judgment and with my skill and ability, keeping in mind always nature's laws and the body's inherent capacity for recovery.

I will be ever vigilant in aiding the general welfare of the community, sustaining its laws and institutions, not engaging in those practices which will in any way bring shame or discredit upon myself or my profession.

I will give no drugs for deadly purposes to any person, though it be asked of me.

I will endeavor to work in accord with my colleagues in a spirit of progressive cooperation and never by word or by act cast imputations upon them or their rightful practices.

I will look with respect and esteem upon all those who have taught me my art.

To my college I will be loyal and strive always for its best interests and for the interests of the students who will come after me.

I will be ever alert to further the application of basic biologic truths to the healing arts and to develop the principles of osteopathic medicine as taught by my profession.

In the presence of this gathering I bind myself to my oath.

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June 10, 1984: Rear Admiral Almon C. Wilson, MD, MC, USN, Deputy Director, Naval Medicine, “Patients, Physicians and New Technology — A Fine Blend”

June 9, 1985: Astronaut Wally Schirra, Captain, USN (Ret.), “The Greatest Obstacle to Being Heroic”

June 8, 1986: Ambassador L. Bruce Laingen, Vice President, National Defense University, “The Health of Our National Spirit”

June 14, 1987: A. Mark Novitch, MD, Sr. Vice President, Upjohn Pharmaceutical, “The Future of Medicine — Who’s In Charge?”

June 12, 1988: Murray Goldstein, DO, Assistant U.S. Surgeon General, “Facts and Fictions”

June 11, 1989: Michael Josephson, President, The Josephson Institute, “Ethics is More than Good Business”

June 10, 1990: Ron Lapin, MD, PhD, “Medicine: The Lost Art”

June 9, 1991: Norman Gevitz, PhD, Professor, University of Illinois, “The Reason to Be”


June 12, 1994: Dick Beals, Radio Actor & Author, Speaker for College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific, “Think Big”

David Werdegar, MD, Director, Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development, Speaker for School of Allied Health Professions, “The Importance of Allied Health Professionals in Health Care Reform”


June 1, 1996: Julie G. Madorsky, MD, Physical Medicine/Rehabilitation Physician & Educator, “Forging the Future Together”

June 14, 1997: Rev. Harold Henry Wilke, “Angels on Our Shoulder and Muses at Our Side”

June 6, 1998: Roger J. Bulger, MD, “Healing Persons Therapeutic Institutions”

June 3, 1999: John Roth, PhD, “Healing the Nation’s Wounds”


May 26, 2001: Reverend Chris Brown, “Earn It”

May 31, 2002: Edward Tessier, MS, “Let Compassion Lead You”

Kenneth P. Morisugu, MD, MPH, “Medical Care, Health Care and Health”

May 16, 2003: Alfred E. Mann, MS, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, MannKind Corporation, “The Rewards of Giving to Society,” Speaker for College of Allied Health Professions, College of Graduate Nursing, and College of Pharmacy

Jon Fong, DO ’84, Speaker for College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific, “A Whole in the Heart”

May 13, 2004: Douglas L. Wood, DO, PhD, Speaker for College of Allied Health Professions and College of Graduate Nursing

M. Patricia Lee, Speaker for College of Pharmacy

Barbara Ross-Lee, DO FACOP, Speaker for College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific

May 12, 2005: Edward O’Neil, MPA, PhD, Speaker for College of Allied Health Professions and College of Graduate Nursing

Byron F. Schweigert, PharmD, Speaker for College of Pharmacy


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Herk K. Schultz, BS, MPP, Speaker for College of Pharmacy

May 16, 2008: Larry A. Mullins, DHA, FAACHE, Speaker for College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific
Patricia Olson, DVM, PhD, Speaker for College of Veterinary Medicine

May 14, 2009: Richard A. Bond, DO '82, DrPH, FAAFP, Speaker for College of Allied Health Professions and College of Graduate Nursing
Lucinda Maine, PhD, Speaker for College of Pharmacy

Marty Becker, DVM, Speaker for College of Veterinary Medicine

May 20, 2010: Senator Joseph Dunn, Esq., Speaker for College of Allied Health Professions and College of Graduate Nursing
Alan T. Kiyohara, PharmD, FCSHP, Speaker for College of Pharmacy

May 20, 2011: John B. Crosby, JD, Speaker for College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific and Graduate College of Biomedical Sciences
Nicholas Trout, MA, VETMB, DACVS, ECVS, Speaker for College of Veterinary Medicine

May 17, 2012: Devorah A. Lieberman, PhD, Speaker for College of Allied Health Professions and College of Graduate Nursing
Michael S. Maddux, PharmD, FCCP, Speaker for College of Pharmacy

May 18, 2012: H. Roger Hadley, MD, Speaker for College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific and Graduate College of Biomedical Sciences
Temple Grandin, PhD, Speaker for College of Veterinary Medicine

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Edward James Olmos, Speaker for College of Optometry and College of Podiatric Medicine

May 16, 2013: Jason Hwang, MD, MBA, Speaker for College of Allied Health Professions and College of Graduate Nursing
Kevin Fitzgerald, DVM, PhD, Speaker for College of Veterinary Medicine

May 17, 2013: Jason Hwang, MD, MBA, Speaker for College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific and Graduate College of Biomedical Sciences

May 14, 2014: The Honorable Hilda L. Solis, Speaker for College of Allied Health Professions and College of Podiatric Medicine
Leo E. Rouse, DDS, FACD, Speaker for College of Dental Medicine and College of Pharmacy

May 15, 2014: Howard A. Kahn, MPA, Speaker for College of Graduate Nursing and College of Optometry
Barbara Natterson-Horowitz, MD, Speaker for College of Veterinary Medicine

May 16, 2014: Norman E. Vinn, DO, MBA, Speaker for College of Biomedical Sciences and College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific

May 20, 2015: California Lieutenant Governor Gavin Newsom, Speaker for College of Allied Health Professions and College of Podiatric Medicine
Patricia Chase, PhD, Speaker for College of Pharmacy and College of Dental Medicine

May 21, 2015: Devorah A. Lieberman, PhD, Speaker for College of Optometry and College of Graduate Nursing
Clinton A. Lewis, Jr., MBA, Speaker for College of Veterinary Medicine

May 22, 2015: Vice Admiral Matthew L. Nathan, Speaker for College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific and Graduate College of Biomedical Sciences

June 5, 2015: Jeff Heatherington, LHD (Hon.), Speaker for College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific-Northwest
Larry A. Mullins, DHA, FAACHE, LHD (Hon.), Speaker for College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific-Northwest

May 18, 2016: Wm. Jahmal Miller, MHA, Speaker for College of Allied Health Professions and College of Podiatric Medicine
Carol Gomez Summerhayes, DDS, Speaker for College of Dental Medicine and College of Pharmacy

May 19, 2016: Nicholas Webb, Speaker for College of Graduate Nursing and College of Optometry
Cathy King, PhD, DVM, MS, Speaker for College of Veterinary Medicine

May 20, 2016: David S. Bredt, MD, PhD, Speaker for College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific and Graduate College of Biomedical Sciences

June 3, 2016: Lori Sobelson, BA, Speaker for College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific-Northwest
American academic costume had its origins in the 11th-12th century European universities when gowns distinguished doctors, masters and bachelors from other segments of the population.

THE GOWN — Although it may originally have been worn as protection against unheated medieval buildings, the academic gown today symbolizes the democracy of scholarship because it covers any dress of rank or social standing underneath. It is usually black.

THE CAP — When Roman law freed the slave, he won the privilege of wearing a cap. The academic cap is a sign of the freedom and responsibility of scholarship. The color of the tassel is black, with the exception of the doctor’s tassel, which is gold.

THE HOOD — The hood is lined with the official color of the college or university. The color of the facing denotes the discipline represented by the degree. Colors associated with different degrees are: Arts, white; Business, drab; Dental Medicine, lilac; Economics, copper; Education, light blue; Engineering, orange; Fine Arts, brown; Hospital Administration, salmon; Journalism, crimson; Law, purple; Medicine, kelly green; Music, pink; Nursing, apricot; Optometry, sea foam; Pharmacy, olive; Philosophy, dark blue; Physical Therapy, sage green; Podiatric Medicine, nile green; Public Administration, peacock blue; Science, golden yellow; Social Service, citron; Theology, scarlet; and Veterinary Medicine, gray.

HONORS CORDS — Honors cords are worn to signify academic achievement and/or membership in an honor society. Purple/Gold honors cords are worn by graduates in the top 3% of their class and who have been awarded University Highest Honors. Green/Gold honors cords are worn by graduates in the top 4-10% of the class who have been awarded University Honors. Graduates must also have a cumulative grade point average of 3.75 or above to qualify for University Honors or Highest Honors. Lavender/White cords indicate membership in Phi Alpha, a chapter of the Sigma Theta Tau National Nursing Honor’s Society. Purple/White cords represent membership in Rho Chi, the National Pharmacy Honor Society. Burnished Gold cords designate membership in Sigma Sigma Phi, the National Honorary Osteopathic Service Fraternity. Gold/Silver cords denote membership in Phi Zeta, the National Honor Society of Veterinary Medicine. Green/White cords represent membership in the Alpha Eta Society, the National Honor Society for the Allied Health Professions. Gold cords represent membership in Beta Sigma Kappa, an International Optometric Society; gold and black cords signify that a graduate has been a member during all four years of study. Navy Blue/Silver cords notate membership in the Lambda chapter of Pi Delta, a National Honor Society for Podiatric Medicine. Lilac cords represent membership in Omicron Kappa Upsilon, a National Dental Honor Society.
The University Mace

The University mace is identified with the Office of the President and is carried in academic processions at commencement and convocation ceremonies. The University Marshal has the honor of serving as the macebearer at these events.

Historical maces date back to the 13th century when they were first carried as ceremonial symbols of royal authority at events attended by English kings.

The university mace was first used at the charter class graduation of the College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific (COMP) in 1982. The mace depicts the university seal, with the torch of knowledge coiled by a single serpent in the fashion of the Rod of Asclepius, set before a range of mountain peaks representing the pinnacle of academic achievement. The crowning ornament is a brass orb. Engraved upon a band encircling the mace shaft are the words: “EDUCATING HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS IN THE OSTEOPATHIC TRADITION.” The founding year of the University’s founding college is also engraved on a band in Roman numerals. The mace is permanently displayed in the President’s office.

The President’s Medallion and Collar

The President’s medallion is in the form of the University Seal and is made of solid sterling silver with 22-karat gold overlay. The President’s Collar consists of black velvet with gold trim. It serves as a field for six medals that depict memorable milestones and significant aspects of Western University of Health Sciences, including the founding of the original college, the College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific (COMP), in September 1977; the graduation of the charter class in June 1982; and the transition of COMP to Western University of Health Sciences in August 1996. Other medals on the President’s Collar include one of WesternU’s slogans, To Teach, To Heal, Together; WesternU’s core values: Caring, Compassion, Scientific Excellence; and a medal commemorating “National Influence and Leadership.”

The Flags

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The 15 flags on stage represent the Western states that the institution was originally established to serve. Since then, WesternU has grown to provide health care education worldwide.
Western University of Health Sciences pays tribute to the parents, spouses and significant others of the Class of 2017 for their support, dedication and sacrifice.

Today’s Commencement exercises would not have been such a memorable experience for our graduates, families and guests without the hard work and great dedication of the many individuals who diligently worked behind the scenes. Thank you to the Pasadena Civic Auditorium, the University Commencement Committee, WesternU staff who served as commencement assistants and the departments of University Student Affairs, Special Events, Facilities and Physical Plant, Classroom and Media Services, Public Affairs, Publications, Harris Family Center for Disability and Health Policy, WesternU Bookstore, Eyes and Ears Productions, and a special thanks to the Commencement Detail Team.