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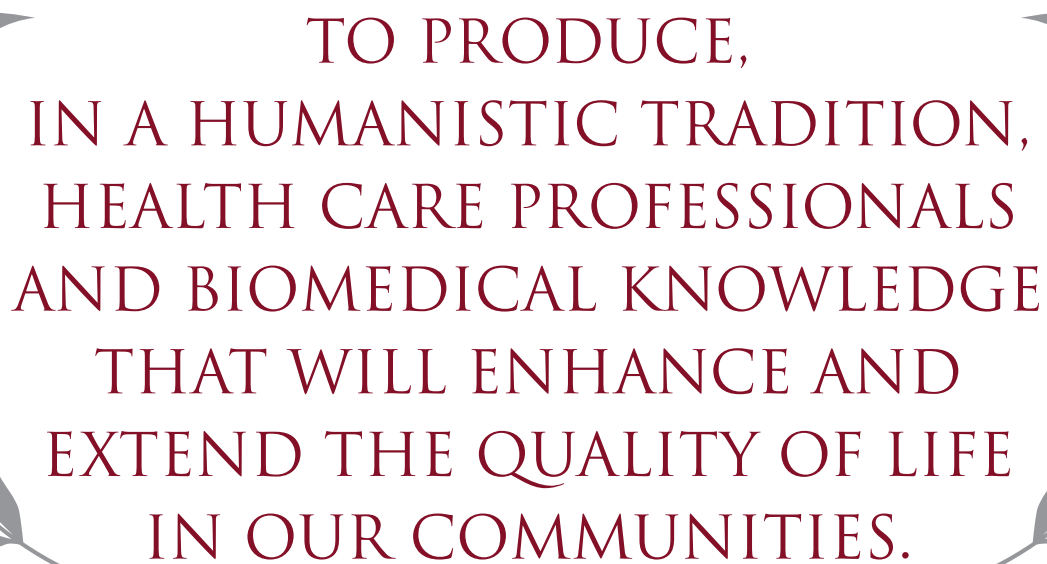
40th Annual

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

for the Graduating Classes of 2021

College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific
College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific-Northwest
College of Health Sciences
College of Pharmacy
College of Graduate Nursing
College of Veterinary Medicine
College of Dental Medicine
College of Optometry
College of Podiatric Medicine
Graduate College of Biomedical Sciences

OUR MISSION



TO PRODUCE,
IN A HUMANISTIC TRADITION,
HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS
AND BIOMEDICAL KNOWLEDGE
THAT WILL ENHANCE AND
EXTEND THE QUALITY OF LIFE
IN OUR COMMUNITIES.



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WESTERN UNIVERSITY OF HEALTH SCIENCES

HISTORY

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: 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 the College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific 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, which was renamed the College of Health Sciences in 2018. Meanwhile, the University continued acquiring former Pomona Mall buildings, remodeling them for educational use.

The institution kept growing over the next decade, with enrollment jumping dramatically in 1996, when the addition of a College of Pharmacy necessitated a 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.

The first foundation-up construction at WesternU was the Veterinary Clinical Center, which opened in August 2008. One year later, the University welcomed inaugural classes in three new colleges — Dental Medicine, Optometry, and Podiatric Medicine. In conjunction with this remarkable academic expansion, the University further enlarged 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.

Were not all this growth sufficient, the University ventured north in 2011, opening the WesternU Oregon campus with 400 students at an additional site of the College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific in Lebanon. The University is actively planning further expansion in Lebanon as a key part of the overall WesternU Strategic Plan, “Achieving Aspirations,” with the College of Health Sciences welcoming the inaugural Oregon cohort of Physical Therapy students in August 2021 and adding an Occupational Therapy program to the Lebanon campus in 2022.

2016 also was an important milestone in WesternU history, as the University welcomed just the second president in its history. Upon the retirement of Founding President Philip Pumerantz in 2015, after a national search the University Board of Trustees appointed Daniel R. Wilson, MD, PhD, as president. Dr. Wilson, an internationally distinguished psychiatrist, anthropologist and academic administrator, took office in July 2016. President Wilson presciently led the University through the worldwide pandemic to sustain our exceptional mission across all Colleges with strategy, finances, plans for growth, and a student body more robust than ever. He now ‘graduates’ as a member of the Class of 2021 to serve as President *Emeritus*.

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.

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WESTERN UNIVERSITY OF HEALTH SCIENCES

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



A lifetime of hard work, dedication and determination has brought each of you to this pivotal moment in your life. Congratulations on a job well done!

I encourage you to celebrate this achievement with all those who helped you reach this extraordinary milestone — family, friends, fellow students, and mentors.

That you must celebrate absent the physical company of your classmates, faculty, College and University administration, and hundreds of well-wishers at the typical WesternU Commencement exercises makes this occasion even more powerful and poignant. You make WesternU proud even as the pandemic etched its place in your final year and in world events.

As every member of the human family experiences personal, economic, social, and health repercussions of the pandemic, sustaining the health of our University community has meant making many hard decisions.

The hardest of all was cancelling our classic Commencement exercises for this year and last, since such large gatherings are still banned under local, state, and federal directives when this program went to press.

Commencement is the acme for our entire University. We celebrate the effort and success of some 1,000 students poised to join their colleagues among the health professions. We revel in the joy and excitement of our graduates, their families and loved ones, and the entire WesternU community who supported you along the way. It is disappointing this cannot occur in our usual grand — *truly grand* — manner. But health is a matter of adaptation, and so you have!

Relinquishing all this to defeat a worldwide menace is saddening, to be sure, but also highlights our mission in a profound way. We educate you to enhance and extend the quality of life in our communities. The protection and improvement of public health is “what we do.” There is no better testament to our mission than forgoing a treasure for the greater good.

The Class of 2021 exemplifies all the qualities that make WesternU a special place, and your institutional legacy is assured to be forever known as the senior class that persevered through a worldwide pandemic. The Class of 2021 is also especially dear to me as my last class before retiring as President!

But your journey continues. Commencement celebrates the important end to one part of your education, but it also means “a beginning or start.” You will learn a great deal more as you take your place among the healers of the world, with all the opportunities and responsibilities this brings. Your skilled hands and compassionate hearts will help foster wellness for individuals and communities the world over.

I am honored to officiate — *and celebrate* — this Commencement with you, even from a distance. I very much look forward to hearing of your many accomplishments when we greet each other — *in person* — in the years ahead.

Again, congratulations for your attainments today and for the bright future. Godspeed.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Dan'.

Daniel R. Wilson, MD, PhD
President, Western University of Health Sciences

KEYNOTE SPEAKER



David M. Carlisle, MD, PhD

Serving since 2011 as President and Chief Executive Officer of Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science (CDU) in the Watts-Willowbrook area of Los Angeles County, Dr. Carlisle is a published author in health policy, quality of care, medical education diversity, and eliminating health disparities. A board-certified internal medicine specialist, his clinical work has always revolved around caring for the underserved.

President Carlisle graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree from Wesleyan University, majoring in chemistry. He then earned a medical degree from Brown University, then a Master of Public Health degree and a PhD in Health Services Research from the UCLA Fielding School of Public Health. He completed a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Clinical Scholars Program fellowship at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA in 1990.

Dr. Carlisle has been affiliated with the UCLA Department of Medicine for 31 years, becoming a tenured associate professor in 1998. He is presently a professor of medicine and public health at CDU and an adjunct professor of medicine at UCLA.

President Carlisle served as Director of the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development for 11 years (2000-11) under governors Gray Davis, Arnold Schwarzenegger, and Jerry Brown. Under his leadership, OSHPD released its first-ever health disparities reports, increased scholarship and loan repayment opportunities for health providers committed to practicing in underrepresented, under-resourced and underserved communities, and successfully administered hospital seismic safety and health facility loan insurance programs.

In 2007, Dr. Carlisle became a senior fellow at UCLA's Luskin School of Public Affairs and presently is a member of the Advisory Council of the UCLA Fielding School of Public Health. In 2018, he was appointed to the California Future Health Workforce Commission and to the Board of Trustees for the California Health Care Foundation. He also is a member of the Futuro Health Community Board, and served as a founding member of the BioscienceLA Board.

Dr. Carlisle has lived in Los Angeles and Sacramento for almost 40 years. He is married to Dr. Sylvia Carlisle. They have two children, David and Aimee, both defense attorneys.



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Tuesday, May 18, 2021
1:00 p.m.

COLLEGE OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE OF THE PACIFIC

DEAN'S MESSAGE



Dear COMP and COMP-Northwest DO Graduating Class of 2021:

I am so proud and excited to extend my heartfelt congratulations to our Class of 2021 on your graduation from medical school! This culmination of hard work, dedication, and perseverance represents a tremendous milestone in your life. On behalf of your COMP and COMP-Northwest faculty, staff and administration, let me join your families and friends in sharing our pride in all of you for this most noteworthy accomplishment.

We have all been through a lot together over the last four years, from once in a hundred year fires to an unprecedented global pandemic. We have tackled tough issues and worked for global change.

And, all the while, you have been working on building your foundation of knowledge and developing your clinical acumen and skills. Each step leading to this graduation date. Each accomplishment putting you one step closer to your goals and dreams of being a physician. We cheered for you every step of the way, and, today we stand by proudly as we watch you graduate.

Your generation has already changed the fundamental nature of our work places and our educational structures. And, you will continue to do so. You are shaping the future for all of us. Take good care to shape it well. There has

never been a time when your effort and attention to this world has been more important than now, nor a time when you have been needed more.

You represent the best of all of us and carry with you our hopes and dreams that each of our small part in your training represents magnitudes of positive differences made for others as you move forward to your careers as Osteopathic Physicians.

I wish for all of you to always have resiliency, tenacity, purpose and courage; to find passion and joy in the care of your patients and a lifetime of impacting your patients and your communities in the best manner possible.

And, as you have heard from me for four years now, please always remember, at the end of every thought, every action, every deed, there is your patient.

Congratulations!

With the utmost respect and pride,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paula M. Crone DO".

Paula M. Crone, DO

Dean, College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific and COMP-Northwest
Vice President, WesternU Oregon



ORDER OF EXERCISES



Prelude

National Anthem

Darnell Abraham
Vocalist

Invocation

Sean Rowan, MA
Assistant Dean for Student Affairs, College of Dental Medicine

President's Welcome

Daniel R. Wilson, MD, PhD
President, Western University of Health Sciences

Dean's Welcome

Paula M. Crone, DO '92
Dean, College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific and COMP-Northwest
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Honorary Degree

David M. Carlisle, MD, PhD
President and CEO
Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science

Presented by: David Baron, DO, MEd
Senior Vice President and Provost

Conferred by: President Wilson

Commencement Keynote Address

Dr. Carlisle

Presentation of the College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific Graduating Class of 2021

Dean Crone

Conferring of Degree Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine

President Wilson



ORDER OF EXERCISES



Announcement of Graduates

Rebecca Giusti, DO '03

Chair and Associate Professor, Department of Neuromusculoskeletal Medicine/Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine

Hendrik Szurmant, PhD

Associate Professor of Microbiology, Department of Basic Medical Sciences

Nishita Patel, MD

Vice Chair and Associate Professor of Internal Medicine/Infectious Disease

Sebastien Fuchs, MD, PhD

Assistant Professor of Pharmacology, Department of Basic Medical Sciences

Administration of the Osteopathic Oath

David Connett, DO '84

Vice Dean, COMP

Alumni Association Welcome

Vania Manipod, DO '08

President, WesternU Alumni Association

Dean's Charge to the Graduates

Dean Crone

Closing Remarks

President Wilson

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 to list post-doctoral training (PDT).

To our family and friends: all commencement ceremonies will be virtual and individuals participating in family hooding, as well as anyone in close proximity to the graduate, will be captured in any images related to the event, live streamed, and included in the final recording.

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THE OSTEOPATHIC OATH

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 faithfully 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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Friday, May 21, 2021
1:00 p.m.

DEAN'S MESSAGE



Dear COMP and COMP-Northwest DO Graduating Class of 2021:

I am so proud and excited to extend my heartfelt congratulations to our Class of 2021 on your graduation from medical school! This culmination of hard work, dedication, and perseverance represents a tremendous milestone in your life. On behalf of your COMP and COMP-Northwest faculty, staff and administration, let me join your families and friends in sharing our pride in all of you for this most noteworthy accomplishment.

We have all been through a lot together over the last four years, from once in a hundred year fires to an unprecedented global pandemic. We have tackled tough issues and worked for global change.

And, all the while, you have been working on building your foundation of knowledge and developing your clinical acumen and skills. Each step leading to this graduation date. Each accomplishment putting you one step closer to your goals and dreams of being a physician. We cheered for you every step of the way, and, today we stand by proudly as we watch you graduate.

Your generation has already changed the fundamental nature of our work places and our educational structures. And, you will continue to do so. You are shaping the future for all of us. Take good care to shape it well. There has

never been a time when your effort and attention to this world has been more important than now, nor a time when you have been needed more.

You represent the best of all of us and carry with you our hopes and dreams that each of our small part in your training represents magnitudes of positive differences made for others as you move forward to your careers as Osteopathic Physicians.

I wish for all of you to always have resiliency, tenacity, purpose and courage; to find passion and joy in the care of your patients and a lifetime of impacting your patients and your communities in the best manner possible.

And, as you have heard from me for four years now, please always remember, at the end of every thought, every action, every deed, there is your patient.

Congratulations!

With the utmost respect and pride,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paula M. Crone DO".

Paula M. Crone, DO

Dean, College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific and COMP-Northwest
Vice President, WesternU Oregon



ORDER OF EXERCISES



Prelude

National Anthem

Juliette Asuncion, DO '09
Sweet Home Family Medicine, Samaritan Health Services.

Invocation

Sean Rowan, MA
Assistant Dean for Student Affairs, College of Dental Medicine

President's Welcome

Daniel R. Wilson, MD, PhD
President, Western University of Health Sciences

Dean's Welcome

Paula M. Crone, DO '92
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Honorary Degree

David M. Carlisle, MD, PhD
President and CEO
Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science

Presented by: David Baron, DO, MEd
Senior Vice President and Provost

Conferred by: President Wilson

Commencement Keynote Address

Dr. Carlisle

Presentation of the College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific-Northwest Graduating Class of 2021

Dean Crone

Conferring of Degree Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine

President Wilson

Announcement of Graduates

Janice Blumer, DO '91
Vice Chair and Associate Professor, Department of Neuromusculoskeletal Medicine/Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine

Edie Sperling, DPT, PT, OCS
Vice Chair and Assistant Professor of Anatomy



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Administration of the Osteopathic Oath

John T. Pham, DO
Vice Dean, COMP-Northwest

Alumni Association Welcome

Vania Manipod, DO '08
President, WesternU Alumni Association

Dean's Charge to the Graduates

Dean Crone

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THE OSTEOPATHIC OATH

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 faithfully 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.



COLLEGE OF
HEALTH SCIENCES



Wednesday, May 19, 2021

Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies 1:00 p.m.

Master of Science in Health Sciences 3:00 p.m.

Doctor of Physical Therapy 3:00 p.m.

COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES

DEAN'S MESSAGE



Dear CHS Graduating Class of 2021:

This is your moment – the time to celebrate and honor your academic achievements.

Today is not an end, but the beginning of a new journey. So, as you move forward into your careers remember the challenges you faced, and the resilience and flexibility and community support you utilized to succeed. Know that with these skills you can accomplish any goal.

Never forget the village that wrapped around you. The friends and family members who have encouraged and supported you. The faculty whose passion and dedication provided skills, knowledge, and professional mentorship to you to develop you into leaders with the ability to drive the future of health care as clinicians, educators, researchers, and advocates. We are proud to call you our colleagues.

Remember Graduates, you are forever part of the CHS family! Please stay in touch and share your continued successes.

Congratulations Class of 2021!



Denise Schilling, PT, PhD, F-NAP
Dean, College of Health Sciences



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President Wilson



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Kathleen Bianco, PhD, MS '03, PA-C
Clinical Education Coordinator and Instructor for Physician Assistant Education

Rosanna Bravo, PhD, MPH
Associate Professor, Community Health Education

Janet Konecne, DPT
Director of Clinical Education, Associate Professor of Physical Therapy Education

Administration of the Physician Assistant's Oath

Roy Guizado, PA '94, MS '97
Chair, Associate Professor, Physician Assistant Education

Administration of the Oath for Physical Therapists

Jeffrey Fairley, PT, DPT
Associate Professor of Physical Therapy Education

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Kevin William Canedy

Nicole Yvette Castillo

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Brittney Michelle Crawford

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James David Furedi

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Tiffany Hanze

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Keely Irvine

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Craig Alexander Jones*

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Dipali Patel Radia

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Matthew William Rexinger

Megan Elizabeth Reyes

Damien John Routledge

Cierra Marie Russ

Christina Marie Sanchez

Michael Steven Santillan

Brandon Tyler Schey

Jennifer Lynn Scott

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Kendall Renee Sitarski

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Lauren Renee Toma

Stephanie Wong

Collin Bradley Torsak

Bryan Ho-Gong Wu

Loc Vinh Truong

Rinko Yuki

Rebecca Taylor Vidal

Kevin Zhang

THE PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT'S OATH

I pledge to perform the following duties with honesty, integrity and dedication, remembering always that my primary responsibility is to the health, safety, welfare and dignity of all human beings:

I recognize and promote the value of diversity, and I will treat equally all persons who seek my care.

I will uphold the tenets of patient autonomy, beneficence, non-maleficence, justice and the principle of informed consent.

I will hold in confidence the information shared with me in the course of practicing medicine, except where I am authorized to impart such knowledge.

I will be diligent in understanding both my personal capabilities and my limitations, striving always to improve my practice of medicine.

I will actively seek to expand my intellectual knowledge and skills, keeping abreast of advances in medical art and science.

I will work with other members of the health care team to assure compassionate and effective care of patients.

I will uphold and enhance community values and use the knowledge and experience acquired as a PA to contribute to an improved community.

I will respect my professional relationship with the physician and act always with the guidance and supervision provided by that physician, except where to do so would cause harm.



I recognize my duty to perpetuate knowledge within the profession.

These duties are pledged with sincerity and on my honor.

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE
MASTER OF SCIENCE IN
 HEALTH SCIENCES 

Sushma Chaguri*

Karen Genco*

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Anna Elizabeth Weiss

OATH FOR PHYSICAL THERAPISTS

As a physical therapist dedicated to providing the highest quality care and services, I solemnly pledge I will:

Respect the rights and dignity of all individuals who seek my services or with whom I work;

Act in a compassionate and trustworthy manner in all aspects of my services;

Exercise sound professional judgment while abiding by legal and ethical requirements;

Demonstrate integrity during interactions with colleagues, other health care providers, students, faculty, researchers, the public, and payers for the enhancement of patient care and the advancement of the profession;

Enhance my practice through life-long acquisition and application of knowledge, skills, and professional behavior;

Participate in efforts to meet physical therapy and health care needs of local, national, and global communities.

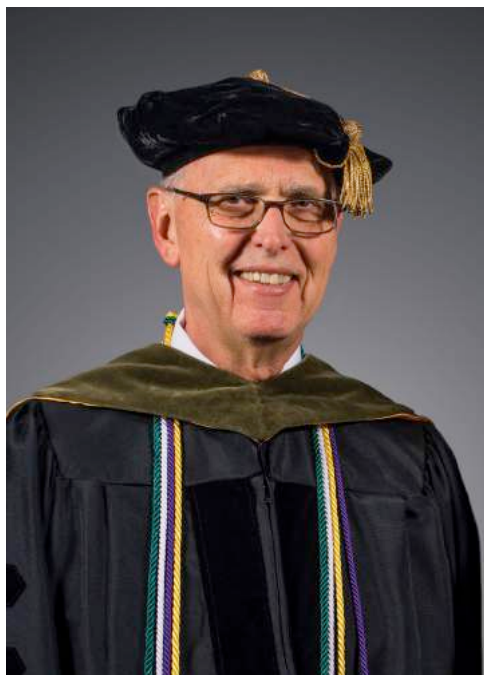
Thus, with this oath, I accept the duties and responsibilities that embody the physical therapy profession.



Monday, May 17, 2021
1:00 p.m.

COLLEGE OF PHARMACY

DEAN'S MESSAGE



Dear PharmD and MSPS Graduating Class of 2021:

Congratulations to all of our graduates; to those who have secured positions in pharmacy, those who are entering post-doctoral residencies and fellowships and master's graduates who have opened the world of possibilities with your degrees. Members of the PharmD Class of 2021 have each completed over 2,300 hours of experiential education in various pharmacy practice and patient care environments. Our Office of Experiential Education has worked diligently with our health care partners and this class to provide nearly 1,200 placements in pharmacies and health care facilities. Members of the Class of 2021 participated in community service activities that included health fairs and health-related philanthropic events throughout the past four years that have affected thousands in our communities. We estimate that College of Pharmacy faculty and students have had a hand in delivering over 500,000 vaccinations since January 2021. Our nation cannot thank you enough for the amazing volunteer services you have provided.

All of this practice-related experience is built upon a strong foundation in the sciences. I am proud to say that our graduates have met the highest standards of pharmacy and pharmaceutical education and they are leaving WesternU as Practice-ready, Team-ready pharmacists and scientists.

As pharmacists, you are among the most trusted of professions. One of the most important things you can do to advance your profession is to continue your participation in professional organizations after graduation. It is through the power of our collective voices that we are able to influence policy, ensure affordable access to professional services, and advocate on behalf of the patients we serve.

Future WesternU pharmacy graduates, perhaps 25, 50, or even 100 years from now, will look back in our archives and see an asterisk next to the Class of 2021. This is an asterisk we wish we didn't have but it is one for which you should take great pride. The pandemic of 2020-21 will show the resolve, perseverance, tenacity and greatness of this class in being prepared to enter the workforce during a national and world health care crisis. Our nation needs your talents, skills and services like never before.

To all of our 2021 graduates, the value of your degrees will continue to grow as WesternU continues to grow as a preferred destination for health professions education. Investing in the future of WesternU is an investment in your own future. Do your part. Winston Churchill said, "We make a living by what we get, we make a life by what we give."

You have received a great education and you are well prepared for what lies ahead. Now it's up to you, the Class of 2021.

Congratulations!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Daniel Robinson".

Daniel Robinson, PharmD

Dean, College of Pharmacy



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Western University of Health Sciences, Pomona, CA

OATH OF A PHARMACIST

I promise to devote myself to a lifetime of service to others through the profession of pharmacy. In fulfilling this vow:

I will consider the welfare of humanity and relief of suffering my primary concerns.

I will apply my knowledge, experience, and skills to the best of my ability to assure optimal outcomes for my patients.

I will respect and protect all personal and health information entrusted to me.

I will accept the lifelong obligation to improve my professional knowledge and competence.

I will hold myself and my colleagues to the highest principles of our profession's moral, ethical and legal conduct.

I will embrace and advocate changes that improve patient care.

I will utilize my knowledge, skills, experiences and values to prepare the next generation of pharmacists.

I take these vows voluntarily with the full realization of the responsibility with which I am entrusted by the public.



Thursday, May 20, 2021
1:00 p.m.

COLLEGE OF GRADUATE NURSING

DEAN'S MESSAGE



Dear Graduate Nursing Graduating Class of 2021:

Congratulations Graduates!

You are graduating in such a special time. The World Health Organization proclaimed 2020-21 as the Year of the Nurse. This is a time when nurses are at the forefront of a global pandemic and are needed now more than ever. As nurses, you put your lives and safety on the line to take care of other people. You learned that nursing is heartfelt work and is dedicated to serving others. Nurses see the world through the lens of humanism and service. As a graduate, you have the opportunity to practice WesternU humanism: to serve, to build on your knowledge, and discover new things. You can feel pride in that. During the pandemic, the whole world can see who you are as a nurse and what you do too.

How times have changed during the pandemic. Think back to when your journey began a few years ago at the College of Graduate Nursing and how quickly these years have flown by. As you transition from being a student to being an advanced practice nurse, and enter the frontlines of health care, you will encounter people from all walks of life each with a story to tell, and each with a health issue to address. You are entering advanced graduate nursing – a profession that chooses to take on responsibility, impact and changes lives

with every single patient encounter.

Whether your next challenge in Nursing is in a Critical Care Unit, Primary Care, Emergency Department, telehealth, teaching, or writing policy, you will be serving mankind. Each one of you will do so in a variety of ways. Embrace your future. You will soon be given the chance to shape, improve upon and brighten the future of nursing and health care. Be the best nurse you can be, the best version of yourself, always learning, growing, and becoming. The faculty and staff are so proud of you and how you are changing the face of health care as a WesternU nurse.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mary Lopez".

Mary Lopez, PhD, MSN
Dean, College of Graduate Nursing



ORDER OF EXERCISES



Prelude

National Anthem

Darnell Abraham
Vocalist

Invocation

Sean Rowan, MA
Assistant Dean for Student Affairs, College of Dental Medicine

President's Welcome

Daniel R. Wilson, MD, PhD
President, Western University of Health Sciences

Dean's Welcome

Mary Lopez, PhD, MSN
Dean, College of Graduate Nursing

Honorary Degree

David M. Carlisle, MD, PhD
President and CEO
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Senior Vice President and Provost

Conferred by: President Wilson

Commencement Keynote Address

Dr. Carlisle

Presentation of the College of Graduate Nursing Graduating Classes of 2021

Dean Lopez

Conferring of Certificates and Degrees

Emergency Nurse Practitioner Certificate
Family Nurse Practitioner Certificate
Master of Science in Nursing, Ambulatory Care
Master of Science in Nursing, Family Nurse Practitioner
Master of Science in Nursing, General Nursing
Master of Science in Nursing, Health Systems Leadership – Administrative Nurse Leader
Master of Science in Nursing, Health Systems Leadership – Clinical Nurse Leader
Doctor of Nursing Practice
President Wilson



ORDER OF EXERCISES



Announcement of Graduates

Dawn Stone, PhD, MN, RN
Director, MSN Program and Ambulatory Care Track, Associate Professor

Patricia Shakhshir, PhD, CNS, RN-BC
Director, MSN-Entry Program, Associate Professor

Marcia Luxenburg-Horowitz, DNP '14, RN, CNL
Director, Health Systems Leadership MSN Program, Assistant Professor

Khoa (Joey) Dang, MSN '12, DNP '20
Director, FNP Program, Assistant Professor

Donna Emanuele, DNP, RN, FNP-BC
Director, DNP Program, Associate Professor

Alumni Association Welcome

Vania Manipod, DO '08
President, WesternU Alumni Association

Dean's Charge to the Graduates

Dean Lopez

Closing Remarks

President Wilson

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EMERGENCY NURSE PRACTITIONER

Timothy Mark Ilag Goco

Deanna St.Cyr

Kelly Yvette Hines-Stellisch

CANDIDATES FOR THE CERTIFICATE
FAMILY NURSE PRACTITIONER

Holly Adamous

Dolly Pham

Nyree Amerkhanian

Kim Thuy Pham

Andrew Montano Anda

Amy Quynhphi Phan

Patrick Dominic Arias

Timothy James Royer

Cheryl S Carr

Asna Shilleh

Carolina Irene Chau Zheng

Kimberly Ta

Tiffany Le Chu

Dinh Truong

Erwin Lumagui Criseno

Valerie Kay Vahdat

Christina Elizondo

Adam Richard-Page Wood

Kavonna Maray Jackson

Judy Bai Xiong

Melissa Ann Dizon McCombs

Collin Sakae Yamaka

Alejandra Damayanti Mendizabal

Christine Yoo

Christine Padilla

Vanessa Zhu

Adriana Trujillo Parsons

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE
MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING –
AMBULATORY CARE

John Alvin Abellera

Audrie Casao Alegado

Matthew James Allison

Rebecca Elide Alonzo

Mikaela Cheyenne Ausbon

Gisela Jessica Barajas

Jason Louis Bowler

Savannah Mackenzie Carlson

Kaitlin Min Yee Chin

Kristina Chiu

Ramon Deleon Dionisio

Berteil Eishoei

Kimberly Charlotte Gill

Tammy Huynh Hoang

Kaylee Noel Johnson

Christina Juan

Shireen Ziad Khoury

Meredith Elizabeth Kline

Mariam Aleem Lakhani

Richard Lam

Queenie Yin Lau

Christy Ying Li

Angie Juing Lin

Jeremy Miles Magana

Anne Marie Manegdeg

Meagan Forrest Martin

Meihui Meng

Veronica Munoz

Sandra Abbi Nicholson

Nicole Marie Paulson

Shelly Rajput Rahman

Jonathan William Roberts

Dilara Romett

Tiffany Ta

Laura Villegas

Jennie C. Wong

Melanie Wong

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE
MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING –
FAMILY NURSE PRACTITIONER

Doris Castro Alan

Helen Hyunji Jeong

Mandy Elizabeth Aspel

Ivy N. Kiberu

Emma Bermudez

Michelle Khanh Le

Michelle Paige Birdsall

Christine Alicia Nelson

Derek D. Diaz

Marissa Pacheco

Reshma Esmail

Hayley Steele Schlauderaff

Alodie Gaerlan

Elizabeth Helga Walker

Dory Llamado Gomer

Kristi Diane Winn

Brenda Guadiana

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE
MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING –
GENERAL NURSING

Anysia Nicole de los Santos Academia

Susan Guan

Aida Amiri-Kazaz

Katherine Hammond

Tiffany Banh

Adriana Hernandez

Michael Brian Barrios

Dayanna Paola Hernandez

Elizabeth Betancourt

Jazmin Hernandez

Miguel Luis L. Bonoan

Janine Mendoza Herrero

Lexus B. Caine

Justine Danielle Ho

Samantha Rae Camello

Natalie Howell

Paola Aurora Cardenas

Della Zhengwen Hu

Steven Chang

Justin Alexander Hu

Emily HR Chen

Vickey Hui

Ashley Youmi Cho

Alice Huynh

Julie Dang

Yasmin Nicole Khodayari

Nina Nhu-Y Dang

Isabel B. Koo

Erica Nicole De Haro

Matthew Lai

Kayla Jacqueline Djen

Alizain Lalani

Marena Faith Douglass

Reagan Lawler

Nallely Farias

Melissa Chung Lee

Gleydis Laura Fiallo

Young Jin Lee

Jacqueline Jeannette Flores

Ryan Men-Chong Lew

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE
MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING –
GENERAL NURSING

Kyle Lo

Daniel Austin Loi

Selina Rachel Lopez

Jazmine Gonzales Magallanes

Juan Angel Martinez, Jr.

Ramiro Medina

Judith Lizzet Mendoza

Elena Elizabeth Mesa

Jisselle Nicole Miller

Lana Sufian Nazer

Alysa Tran Nguyen

Christina Nguyen

Lucas Northrop

Javier Perez

Danalit Rangel

Asra Lakhani Tar

Amia Janell Thrash

Jurielle S. Tolentino

Heidi Hue Tran

Nancy Tran

Maria Valencia Borja

Jackelyn Beatris Valle

Viviana Hue Van

Shannon Vuong

Li-Yea Wan

Erica Katherine Weir

Amanda Kimiko Wong

Timothy Carlson Young

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE
MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING
HEALTH SYSTEMS LEADERSHIP –
ADMINISTRATIVE NURSE LEADER

Sage Calenza Alossi

Aimee Marie Castillejo

Bridget Brianna Castro

Diane Choi

Stacey Correia

Devona Do

Stephen Anthony Figueroa

Stephanie Garcia

Shaheena Naeem Gazipura

Mitchell Alfred Gosvener

Natalie Hernández

Thomas Le

Hoang Duc Luu

Julianne Morgan Medeiros

Ani Minasyan

Silva Mirzaian

Elizabeth Grace Namkung

Annie Nguyen

Nga Thi Hang Nguyen

Stephanie Ann Quon



Kristopher Vincent Manasan Salazar

Miguel Nicandro Sandoval

Leann Meneses Santos

Nicolas Clay Scholzen

Yezenia A. Velazco

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE
MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING
HEALTH SYSTEMS LEADERSHIP –
 CLINICAL NURSE LEADER 

Theresa Thao Tran

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE
 DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE 

Michelle Suzanne Dieterich

Anne Marie Lawson

Laurie Sue Hannan-Reagan

Caralee Marie Skaggs

Armine Harutyunyan



Thursday, May 20, 2021
9:00 am

COLLEGE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

DEAN'S MESSAGE



Dear DVM Graduating Class of 2021:

These are odd times....

The peculiar environment created by our response to the pandemic has presented us with many challenges. The physical and mental health threats we had to face were significant and could have derailed or delayed this glorious event for the entire class – yet we prevailed.

However, it is the emotional toll I find to be the most unsettling – almost debilitating. Except for “virtual experiences,” we have not seen each other for nearly a year and a half, and now you are about to join the profession as colleagues.

It feels strange for a faculty to have invested so much in your development, then watch you slip away as if you were fine sand particles slipping between our fingers.

We are ecstatic about your success and cannot wait to see what you do with your training – but we deeply regret we won't have the opportunity to visit with you one last time, face-to-face. We will miss comparing the visage of your face today with our memories of you when you received your first white coat. We will not be able to shake your hand, or give you a pat on the back, or a hug.

I am not sure that I can summon the words to supplant the missed experience or accurately express the pride we feel. The emotional challenge is surprising, and much more intense than we expected.

Enjoy this day – it should be a celebration of a successful end of an arduous journey and a somber recognition you are about to begin a new phase of your life.

You did it! Congratulations!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "P. Nelson".

Phillip D. Nelson, DVM, PhD
Professor and Dean, College of Veterinary Medicine



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Vocalist

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President, Western University of Health Sciences

Dean's Welcome

Phillip D. Nelson, DVM, PhD
Dean, College of Veterinary Medicine

Honorary Degree

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Commencement Keynote Address

Dr. Carlisle

Presentation of the College of Veterinary Medicine Graduating Class of 2021

Dean Nelson

Conferring of Degree Doctor of Veterinary Medicine

President Wilson

Announcement of Graduates

Margaret C. (Peggy) Barr, DVM, PhD
Associate Dean for Academic Affairs
Professor Virology & Immunology



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Administration of the Veterinarian's Oath

Dirk Yelinek, DVM
President of California Veterinary Medical Association

Alumni Association Welcome

Vania Manipod, DO '08
President, WesternU Alumni Association

Dean's Charge to the Graduates

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Closing Remarks

President Wilson

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 DOCTOR OF VETERINARY MEDICINE 

Justin John Adam

Kara N. Agamaite

Vaneh Allahverdi

Soraya Aramburo

Megan Louise Archambault

Alexis Amber Awrey

Chelsey Lynn Benedix

Sebastian Betancourt Vasquez

Alanna Beth Blevins-Layton

Carly Nicole Brink

Lelyn Jehl Aguinaldo Castelo

Carla Vanessa Castro

Hilary Rei Chan

Diana Solhee Chang

Keaton Ramon Cortez

Christina Noel DeAscentis*

Amanda Rose DeJesus

Autumn Jessica Denison

Theodore Jerome Derksen

Andra Dumitrescu

Victoria Beauchamps Fliehr

Adrian Vincent Frazier

Kyle Alexander Frazier

Caroline Elizabeth Gaeraths

Jennifer C. Garrett

Paris Michelle Gilbert

Kassandra Amarylis Gonzalez

Gabriella Marie Hipp

Julissa Marie Hoogveen

Cierra Anne Kapua Howard

Lorraine Lee Nguyen Jahner*

Amy Amani Jarrah

Erica Renee Johnson

Manami Kawakita*

Albert Kim

So Young Kim

Makensie Renee Kraft

Alison Leigh Kusay

Sophia Lam*

Claudia Lau*

*Graduate is a member of the Society of Phi Zeta and in the top 25 percent of their veterinary medicine class. Phi Zeta is the Honor Society of Veterinary Medicine and was established to recognize and promote scholarship and research in matters pertaining to the welfare and diseases of animals.

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE
 DOCTOR OF VETERINARY MEDICINE 

Shana Ledner*

Erica Anne Lipari

Victoria H. Lowe

Camille Marie MacDermott

Kailynn Madsen

Michelle Maguire*

Courtney Wypiszynski Malone

Gabriela Leigh Manocchio*

Pateel Rose Manoukian

Jane Elizabeth Masengale*

Cynthia Herrera Mata*

Zeke Melman

Taylor Layne Morgan

Raquel Lane Muniz

Dana Muwanas

Adam Keith Myers*

Johnny Hai Nguyen*

Haley Renatta Nichols

Valerie Jane Ordoñez

Lauren Delaney Oviedo

Lauren Ashley Pavlock

Christine Marie Pedranghelu

Vanessa Perez*

James Christopher Pohl*

Diana Rebeca Regalado-Torres

Amelia Shay Rexford

Sonja Valeska Richter

Eduardo Ismael Rocha Colombo

Trevor Ryan Rodriguez*

Robin Marian Roque

Andrew Zakaria Said

Alexander Gerard Schreiber

Tarlan Shalchian Pourkhaljan*

Ayla Patricia Silva*

Stefani Alexandra Sison

Matthew Timothy Snyder

Elizabeth Raven St. Germaine*

Jessica Aiko Tondo*

Waining Wayne Tsang

Lauren Mako Won-Ying Tseng

Darleen Song Tu*

Elizabeth Grace Tucker*

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE
 DOCTOR OF VETERINARY MEDICINE 

Kirsten Christina Alexandra van Solinge

Elizabeth Nichole Wooton

Keli Elizabeth VanDenHeuvel

Amanda Christa Wright

Kyla Ann Varagnat

Savanna Leigh Yager

Farida Varias

Jason Yaghoobian

Maria Angelina Velasco

Zhenhuang Kevin Yang

Maria Luz Wang*

Nai Yin

Jaclyn Annette Wilson*

Timothy Young*

Joseph Wong*

Ayako Ninette Zabalaga*

Joyce Wong*

Carla Alejandra Zepeda

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.



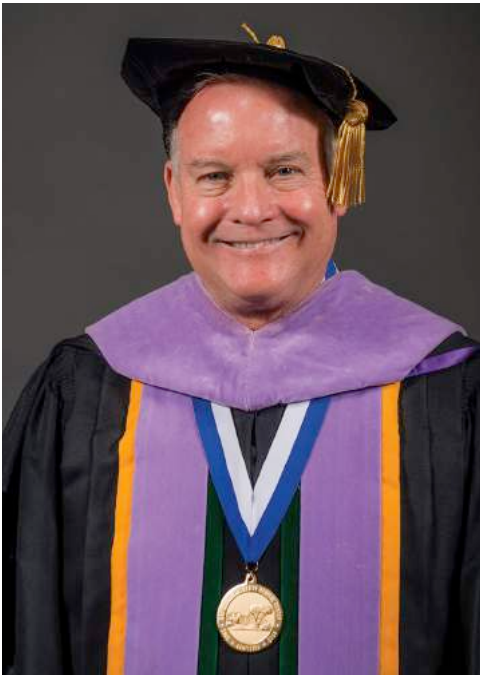
COLLEGE OF
DENTAL MEDICINE



Wednesday, May 19, 2021
9:00 am

COLLEGE OF DENTAL MEDICINE

DEAN'S MESSAGE



Dear DMD Graduating Class of 2021:

The multiplicity of historic and fateful events over the course of this past year have changed and reshaped our planet, nation, profession, University, College, and each of us as individuals. The events have been tectonic, shattering lives and creating aftershocks that reverberate to this day. Some have created inflection points, moving us in a new direction. Others have served as a stimulus for growth and much-needed change. In combination they have rained down upon us like a steady downpour and could have shattered us.

On behalf of the faculty, staff, and leadership of the College of Dental Medicine, I want to thank you for the focus and resilience you have brought to bear in completing your dental degree. You have used the core values of WesternU as an umbrella shielding your motivation to succeed from the rain of events. You have understood and appreciated that the many changes needed to reshape your education were rooted in the foundation of the College's motto, "Your Success is Our Success" – a foundation which remains intact regardless of the magnitude of change.

On your first day as a student, I promised that we would open many doors for you and advised that in alignment with the ancient proverb, "...you must walk through" those doors. None of us knew on that first day that we would have to open new and unique doors to learning remotely. We could not fathom that some doors would be closed to all of us and we would have to construct others to open the way forward.

Today, on your last day as a student, we offer our sincere appreciation that you continued to walk through the doors; learning, obtaining requisite knowledge and applying your skills to become both competent dentists and compassionate leaders. What you have become because of both the quality of your education and as a product of the times is a point of pride for us. We have every confidence that your achievements will bring great value to the College of Dental Medicine and Western University of Health Sciences.

For all you have experienced, learned, overcome, and accomplished we raise a virtual glass to toast you as the DMD Class of 2021, the "Best Class Ever!"

Steven W. Friedrichsen, DDS

Professor and Dean, College of Dental Medicine



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Vocalist

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Commencement Keynote Address

Dr. Carlisle

Presentation of the College of Dental Medicine Graduating Class of 2021

Dean Friedrichsen

Conferring of Degree Doctor of Dental Medicine

President Wilson

Announcement of Graduates

Krystle Rapisura, DMD '13, MS
Assistant Professor, Assistant Dean for Community Patient Care



ORDER OF EXERCISES



Administration of the Dentist's Pledge

Brent Fung, DDS

Associate Professor, Associate Dean for Patient Care and Clinical Education

Alumni Association Welcome

Vania Manipod, DO '08

President, WesternU Alumni Association

Dean's Charge to the Graduates

Dean Friedrichsen

Closing Remarks

President Wilson

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CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE

DOCTOR OF DENTAL MEDICINE

Anna Abele

United States Army, Colorado Springs, CO
Specialty: Advanced Education in General Dentistry

Heidi Nicolette Abraham

Daniel Martin Aclan

Abdulwahab Talat Al Tikriti

Nada Ali

Dominique Rosalia Ancona

Summer Angelyn Andrada

Jonathan Duke Ashman

Nyle Attar

Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN
Specialty: Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery

Marissa Joy Best

Zainab Abdulhusen Bhagat

Clarissa Suzette Burquez

Angelo Cacciatore

Emma Laura-McCulla Carpenter

Tony Chhay

UT Health School of Dentistry, Houston, TX
Specialty: General Practice

Jeung Mi Cho

Jihae Han Cho*

Saint Louis University, Saint Louis, MO
Specialty: Orthodontics

Maria Cristina Cisneros*

Jau-Jiing Dai*

Tibor Rubin VA Medical Center, Long Beach, CA
Specialty: Advanced Education in General Dentistry

Daphne Dincer

Abanub Wasfy Farag

Morgan Paige Dionisio Franco

Sun Hyoung Kim Goco

Sandy Gramajo Cifuentes

Lala Grigori*

UCSF, Fresno, CA
Specialty: Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery

Sydney Francine Honnlee

Maria Victoria Bartolome Jacobs

Dev Inder Jain

Youngil Jeon

Patrick Kamgang

Dongyoung Kang

Leanna Lahham

Angela An-chi Li*

Oregon Health & Science University, Portland, Oregon
Specialty: Orthodontics

Ye Lin

SUNY Buffalo, Buffalo, NY
Specialty: Orthodontics

Raquel Lomeli

Gloria Luong*

West Los Angeles VA Medical Center, Los Angeles, CA
Specialty: General Practice

*Graduate is a member of the Beta Zeta Chapter of Omicron Kappa Upsilon, a National Dental Honor Society. Omicron Kappa Upsilon was founded in 1914 and has component chapters at every dental school in the United States. Election to this society is limited to a select number of individuals in the top 20 percent of their class who have distinguished themselves through exemplary character and selflessness in the service of others.

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE
 DOCTOR OF DENTAL MEDICINE 

Tony Ly

Gregory Thomas Marchese

Rebeca Esperanza Marin

Jacqueline Maria Martinez

Edward H. Moussa

Jenny Mai-Anh Vuong Nguyen*

West Los Angeles VA Medical Center, Los Angeles, CA
Specialty: General Practice

John Cao Nguyen

Jordan Richard Overstreet

Kellie Jean Pacheco

United States Navy at Balboa Hospital, San Diego, CA
Advanced Education in General Dentistry

Anoop Pandit

Chrystopher Lewis Perez

David Leon Perez

Nam Phung

Benjamin Pinto

UCSF, San Francisco, CA
Specialty: Prosthodontics

Marius Puha

Marcus Samuel Rice

Irene Amir Salib

Eunice Sang*

University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN
Specialty: General Practice

Joshua David Seeberger

Hanaa Magdy Selim Gobriel

Ruchita P. Shah

Sandra Azer Shenouda

Jessica Grace Sin

Tanvir Singh

Lily Barbosa Sorourifar

Nickalus C. Stevens

Alivia Jane Stoddard

Analia Tahir

Micah Ian Tanikawa

Nitish Tewari

Luis G. Veloz

Joe Wang

Kelsey Wang

Christopher Xu

University of Colorado School of Dental Medicine, Aurora, CO
Specialty: Orthodontics

Ivana Nadim Younan*

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.

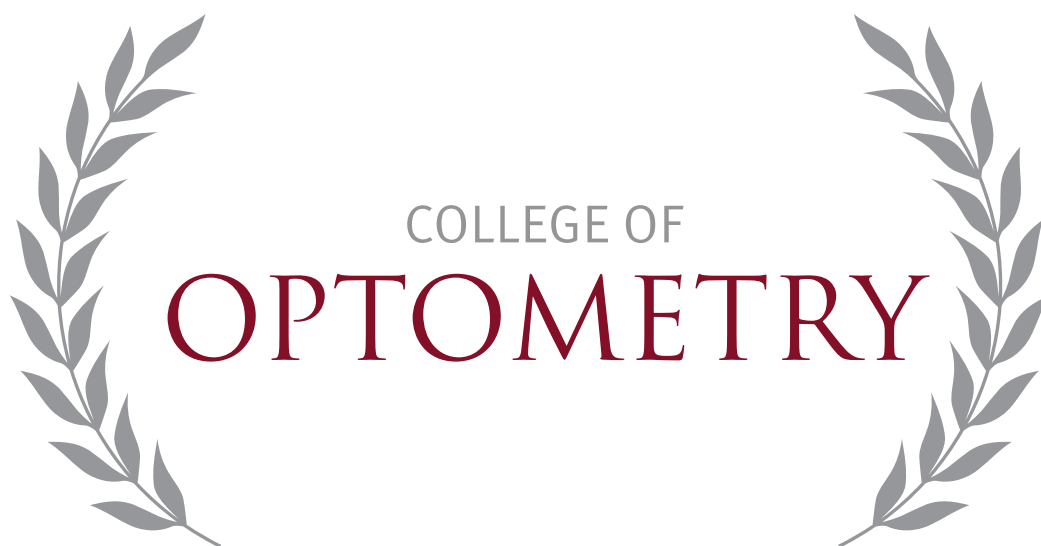
I shall accept the responsibility that, as a professional, my competence rests on continuing the attainment of knowledge and skill in the arts and sciences of dentistry.

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.



Tuesday, May 18, 2021
9:00 am

COLLEGE OF OPTOMETRY

DEAN'S MESSAGE



Dear OD Graduating Class of 2021:

I am pleased to be able to offer you and your families my congratulations, as well as my personal gratitude. Together, you have experienced a time of tremendous personal and professional growth, at the same time that our society, our health care systems, and our profession have all undergone a remarkable transformation. While I'm sure we can't wait to get back to "normal," we also know that we'll never be the same again.

I am so very proud of each and every one of you for the way that you have overcome the challenges that this year has presented to us. You have faced incredible obstacles and you have found a way over, under, around, or through every barrier standing in the way of accomplishing your goals. You graduate today at a time when our profession has never had such a broad scope of practice, access to so much technology, or a deeper partnership with our interprofessional colleagues. These three things will ensure that you will provide the best possible care for your future patients. The future looks very bright, and I am filled with gratitude for your commitment to becoming the best possible doctors of optometry that you can be.

The strongest steel is forged in the hottest fire. The most beautiful porcelain is fired in the hottest kiln. The most precious diamonds are created under the greatest pressure. I believe that you will be the strongest, most resilient, most compassionate doctors of optometry who have ever graduated, not just from our College, but for our profession. I look forward to watching you in the years to come because I know that you will leave your mark in this world.

You are the amazing Class of 2021!

Elizabeth Hoppe, DrPH, OD, MPH
Founding Dean, College of Optometry



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Prelude

National Anthem

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Invocation

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Conferred by: President Wilson

Commencement Keynote Address

Dr. Carlisle

Presentation of the College of Optometry Graduating Class of 2021

Dean Hoppe

Conferring of Degree Doctor of Optometry

President Wilson



ORDER OF EXERCISES



Announcement of Graduates

Kristy Remick-Waltman, OD
Associate Professor, Director of Community Outreach

Bennett McAllister, OD
Associate Professor

Pinakin G. Davey, PhD, OD
Professor

Frank Spors, PhD, EurOptom, MS
Associate Professor

Administration of the Optometric Oath

Ida Chung, OD, MS
Associate Dean of Academic Affairs
President, California Optometric Association

Alumni Association Welcome

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CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE DOCTOR OF OPTOMETRY

Ariana Aparicio-Phillips

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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.



Friday, May 21, 2021
9:00 am

COLLEGE OF PODIATRIC MEDICINE

DEAN'S MESSAGE



Dear DPM Class of 2021:

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 2021, 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.

Now, as you become alumni, we look forward to having you remain an integral part of the WesternU family. As other graduates before you have, we know you will provide mentoring and scholarship support to students, leadership within your respective fields, and be advocates for the health of your 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!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "V. Kathleen Satterfield".

V. Kathleen Satterfield, DPM

Dean, College of Podiatric Medicine



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Commencement Keynote Address

Dr. Carlisle

Presentation of the College of Podiatric Medicine Graduating Class of 2021

Dean Satterfield

Conferring of Degree Doctor of Podiatric Medicine

President Wilson

Announcement of Graduates

Adrienne Estes, DPM '13
Assistant Professor of Podiatric Medicine, Surgery & Biomechanics

Stephen Wan, DPM
Professor of Podiatric Medicine, Surgery & Biomechanics



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Administration of the Podiatric Physician's Oath

Aksone Nouvong, DPM
Assistant Professor of Podiatric Medicine, Surgery & Biomechanics

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Closing Remarks

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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.

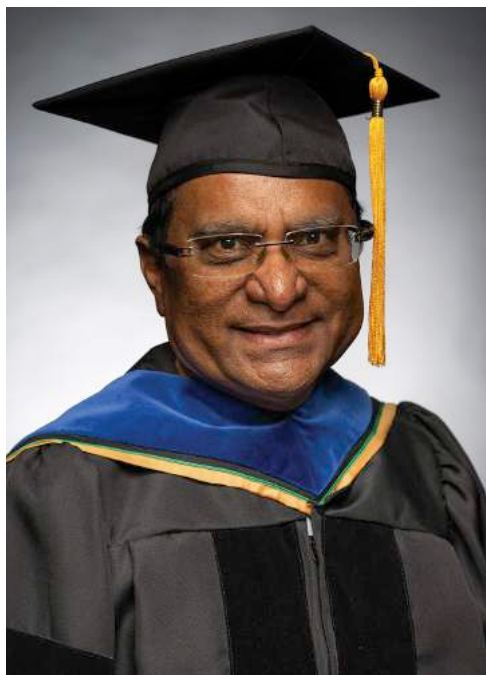
In swearing to this oath, I hereby dedicate myself in service to the health of humanity, and I hold as my goal the relief of pain and suffering.

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.



Monday, May 17, 2021
9:00 am

DEAN'S MESSAGE



Dear GCBS Graduating Classes of 2021:

I am proud of this class because you did not waver and stayed focused on your educational goal during the pandemic. You adjusted to remote learning and excelled in your coursework as well as research to complete the requirements for your degree program. You should be incredibly proud of your achievement and quick adaptation to online education during these unprecedented times, further strengthening your abilities and pursuit of helping others through the health care profession.

Some of you are going to pursue health care professions such as medicine, dental, optometry, etc. Others will continue your research career by enrolling in a PhD program or in the biotechnology industry. Either way you will be supporting health care directly in patient care or developing novel therapies to combat deadly diseases.

You realized how quickly the vaccines were developed to end the pandemic. Now we can see light at the end of the tunnel and try to return to normalcy.

It is time to celebrate your accomplishments and thank everyone that supported your journey to accomplish your goal.

I congratulate the graduates once again and wish you all the best.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Betageri".

Guru Betageri, PhD

Interim Dean, Graduate College of Biomedical Sciences



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Presentation of the Graduate College of Biomedical Sciences Graduating Classes of 2021

Interim Dean Betageri

Conferring of Degrees

Master of Science in Medical Sciences
Master of Science in Biomedical Sciences
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Ed Wagner, PhD
Master of Science in Biomedical Sciences Program



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