



**Western University**  
OF HEALTH SCIENCES

**Forty-Second Annual**

# Commencement Exercises

**for the Graduating Classes of 2023**

**May 17-19, 2023, Pasadena, California**

College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific

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

**May 26, 2023, Lebanon, Oregon**

College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific-Northwest



## **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 Pomona, California, 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 has since expanded in Lebanon, with the College of Health Sciences welcoming the inaugural Oregon cohort of Physical Therapy students in July 2021 and adding an Occupational Therapy program in 2023.

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, 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 and among other accomplishments led the University through the worldwide COVID pandemic while sustaining the University's mission.

Dr. Wilson stepped down from the presidency on June 30, 2021. The WesternU Board of Trustees appointed Sylvia Manning, PhD, as Interim President, and in the fall of 2021 announced that Robin Farias-Eisner, MD, PhD, MBA, would become the third president in WesternU history effective March 1, 2022.

President Farias-Eisner joined WesternU after serving Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska, as Director of the Henry Lynch Comprehensive Cancer Research Center and Chief Academic Officer for the School of Medicine. Prior to Creighton, he worked for many years as a professor, administrator, and chair of gynecologic oncology at UCLA. Since taking office at WesternU, President Farias-Eisner has initiated ambitious strategies to broaden the University's impact and further enhance its mission, including further growth of the WesternU Oregon campus, upgrades and expansions to facilities and programs at WesternU California in Pomona, and realignment of departments to better serve the needs of WesternU students, faculty, staff, alumni, and supporters.

Today, WesternU is home to more than 3,700 students in 27 programs, as well as 1,300 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.

# Western University of Health Sciences

## Administration

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# | College Administration

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# | College Administration

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## College of Podiatric Medicine

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# Western University of Health Sciences

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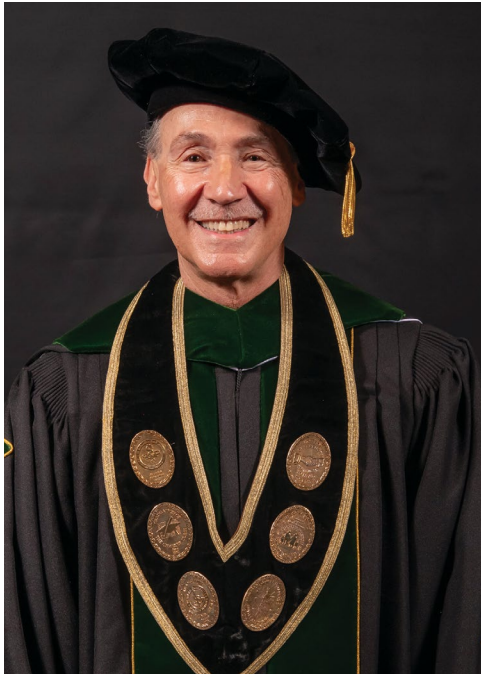
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# Western University of Health Sciences

## President's Message



To WesternU's Class of 2023,

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, faculty, staff, and mentors.

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.

Your education prepares 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 your ambassadorship!

The Class of 2023 exemplifies all the qualities that make WesternU a special place, and your institutional legacy is assured to be forever known as a class that persevered through a worldwide pandemic and prevailed! As a WesternU graduate, you are prepared to embody humanism through caring, respect,

empathy, trust, diversity, and inclusion of all you serve.

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 inherent to the role. Your skilled hands and compassionate hearts will foster wellness for individuals and communities the world over.

I am honored to officiate — and celebrate — this Commencement with you. I very much look forward to hearing of your many accomplishments as one of our alumni.

Again, congratulations as you embark upon a bright future!

My very warmest wishes to each one of you, and know that you will forever be a part of the WesternU family!

**Robin Farias-Eisner, MD, PhD, MBA**

President, Western University of Health Sciences



# Colleges of Podiatric Medicine and Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific

**May 17, 2023, 9:30 a.m.**

Pasadena Civic Auditorium  
300 East Green Street, Pasadena, California

# Order of Exercises

## President Robin Farias-Eisner Officiating

### Prelude

"Overture" by Craig Safan

### Processional and Passing of the University Mace

"Pomp and Circumstance" by Sir Edward Elgar

Alan D. Cundari, DO '85, MS '92  
Professor, Family Medicine (Emeritus)  
College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific  
University Marshal (Emeritus)

Gerald R. Thrush, PhD  
Vice Dean, Academic Affairs  
Professor, Immunology  
College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific  
University Marshal

Jacqueline Truong, DPM, MPH  
Assistant Dean, Pre-Clinical Education and Outcomes Assessment  
Associate Professor, Podiatric Medicine, Surgery and Biomechanics  
Marshal, College of Podiatric Medicine

Lisa Warren, DO '01  
Assistant Dean, Graduate Medical Education  
Chair and Associate Professor, Pediatrics  
Marshal, College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific

### National Anthem

Dana Jean Manalo, DO Class of 2026

### Invocation

Ken Fong, MDiv, DMin  
Reverend

### President's Welcome

Robin Farias-Eisner, MD, PhD, MBA  
President, Western University of Health Sciences

### Board of Trustees Chair's Welcome

Hon. Consuelo M. Callahan, LL.M., JD, LHD (Hon.)  
Judge, Ninth Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals  
Chair, Board of Trustees, Western University of Health Sciences

### 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 to list post-doctoral training (PDT).

Hooding/diploma photos and graduate candids 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](http://commencement.westernu.edu).

Family and guests may be photographed for future University publications.



# | Order of Exercises

## **Provost's Remarks and Introduction of Graduate Speakers**

Paula M. Crone, DO '92  
Provost and Chief Academic Officer  
Vice President, WesternU Oregon

## **Graduates' Remarks**

Katherine Lucia Gutierrez, DPM Class of 2023  
David Patrick Ashley, DO Class of 2023

## **Honorary Degree**

Gary Hall, Jr.  
Olympic Hall of Fame Inductee and Three-time Olympian

Presented by: Jonathan Labovitz, DPM  
Dean, College of Podiatric Medicine

Conferred by: President Farias-Eisner

## **Commencement Keynote Address**

Gary Hall, Jr., LHD (Hon.)

## **Dean's Welcome and Presentation of the College of Podiatric Medicine Graduating Class of 2023**

Dean Labovitz

## **Conferring of Degree Doctor of Podiatric Medicine**

President Farias-Eisner

## **Announcement of Graduates**

Adrienne M. Estes, DPM '13, MS  
Assistant Professor, Podiatric Medicine, Surgery and Biomechanics

Stephen Wan, DPM  
Professor, Podiatric Medicine, Surgery and Biomechanics

## **Hooding of Graduates**

Rebecca Moellmer, DPM  
Assistant Dean, Clinical Education and Faculty Affairs  
Assistant Professor, Podiatric Medicine, Surgery and Biomechanics

## **Dean's Welcome and Presentation of the College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific Graduating Class of 2023**

David A. Connett, DO '84  
Acting Dean, College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific  
and COMP-Northwest

## **Conferring of Degree Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine**

President Farias-Eisner

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## **Announcement of Graduates**

Rebecca E. Giusti, DO '03  
Chair and Associate Professor, Neuromusculoskeletal Medicine/  
Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine and Family Medicine

Michelle Park, EdD  
Associate Dean, Student Affairs

Edward Barnes, MD  
Vice Dean, College Affairs  
Associate Professor, Internal Medicine

Yadi Fernandez-Sweeny, PsyD, MS  
Chair and Professor, Chair, Behavioral Medicine, Psychiatry and  
Psychology

## **Hooding of Graduates**

Vice Dean Barnes

## **Introduction of Oath Administrator**

Dean Labovitz

## **Administration of the Podiatric Physician's Oath**

Kelly Parks, DPM '16  
Assistant Professor, Podiatric Medicine, Surgery and Biomechanics

## **Introduction of Oath Administrator**

Acting Dean Connett

## **Administration of the Osteopathic Oath**

Chair Giusti, DO '03

## **Introduction of Alumni Association Representative**

Acting Dean Connett

## **Alumni Association Welcome**

Pradhab Kirupaharan, DO '17  
Chief Fellow in Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine  
Thomas Jefferson University Hospital, Philadelphia, PA

## **Deans' Charge to the Graduates**

Dean Labovitz  
Acting Dean Connett

## **President's Closing Remarks**

President Farias-Eisner

## **Recessional**

"Pomp and Circumstance March No. 1" by Sir Edward Elgar

# Keynote Speaker

Gary Hall, Jr.



Gary Hall, Jr., is a health care-focused board member, patient advocate, and key opinion leader with expertise in strategic alliances, marketing, clinical distribution, sports science, medical research, and patient engagement.

Gary is a three-time U.S. Olympian who earned 10 Olympic medals in swimming and was inducted into the Olympics Hall of Fame in 2012. Using his accomplishments in sports as a platform to advance diabetes advocacy for more than 20 years, Gary amassed an influential network of policymakers, politicians, health care industry executives, and diabetes care specialists, as well as medical research, nutrition, philanthropic, sport, physical activity, obesity prevention, sports medicine, and sports science organizations.

Gary has testified three times before Senate subcommittees on health care-related issues, was the first-ever recipient of USA Swimming's Humanitarian Award, and was a featured speaker at the 2016 Vatican-hosted Cellular Horizons conference on stem-cell therapy. One of his health initiatives was recognized at the Aspen Institute's Project Play Summit. He has presented at American Heart Association, American Diabetes Association, American College of Sports Medicine, International Olympic Committee Medical Commission, and National Youth Sports Health & Safety Institute conferences. He also has served on the Sanford Health Research & World Clinic Board, Prysm Institute

Advisory Board, Aspen Institute Project Play Advisory Group, and National Youth Sports Health & Safety Institute Leadership Board.

While competing, Gary co-founded The Race Club, an international swimming academy. Today The Race Club is one of the most recognized brands in the sport of swimming. Considered one of the first professional swim teams, Race Club athletes have won more than 40 Olympic medals. The Race Club continues to run swim camps and clinics year-round. He also founded Sea Monkeys Swimming Academy, a learn-to-swim business in West Los Angeles.

# College of Podiatric Medicine

## Dean's Message



Dear College of Podiatric Medicine Graduating Class of 2023:

First and foremost, please allow me to congratulate you on behalf of the CPM faculty, staff, and administration. This is a significant accomplishment! While the magnitude of its significance may take time to sink in, live in the moment and recognize the accomplishment for what it is today.

Today you become a graduate, an alumnus of CPM, and *you begin your future*. It is today that you take the next step in what it means to care for someone else, what it means to advocate for your patients, and what it means to positively impact someone's quality of life.

This doesn't come easily. Instead, it comes with the same energy and passion that carried you through CPM. Ask questions and seek knowledge. Each of you have the ability to make a difference, and we know you will.

In the words of Aristotle, "Knowing yourself is the beginning of all wisdom." Do not forget who you are or where you came from. Stop and devote time to all those who help you through challenging times and who celebrate with you today. Graduating from CPM does not mean leaving CPM. Remember to share your successes with us since you are always part of the CPM family.

You are entering a complicated medical system with many inequalities and opportunities. It is a complex time, but it is your time. So go and create the needed change and enjoy it.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jonathan Labovitz, DPM". The signature is fluid and cursive.

**Jonathan Labovitz, DPM**  
Dean, College of Podiatric Medicine

# College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific

## Acting Dean's Message



Dear COMP Graduating Class of 2023:

Congratulations Class of 2023 Medical School Graduates! On behalf of all of us at COMP and COMP-Northwest, let me join your families and friends in sharing our pride in all of you for this hard-earned accomplishment. This culmination of hard work, dedication, and perseverance represents a tremendous milestone in your life.

As your Acting Dean, I am proud that you are part of our growing legacy. You are incredible examples of the young medical professionals we are training to lead medicine, here and around the world. This is your moment, the time to celebrate and honor your achievements.

Over these last four years you have faced and overcome difficult challenges with courage and humility during this pandemic. The global lockdown resulted in social isolation from family members and support groups, to include your classmates and faculty. You had to adapt to the challenge of an online learning format, which is especially noteworthy given the hands-on requirements of our curriculum. The resiliency you have developed will enable you to overcome any challenges that come your way moving forward as you establish your careers as physicians.

Your residency will be the next phase in your career, and you will hone your clinical skills based on your selected field of study. You must however begin to adopt a “work-life” balance. Although the rigors of residency will be tremendous, especially in the beginning, you must begin to take time for yourself, your family, and your friends. Continue to nurture these relationships with your colleagues; they will be lifelong.

From all of us at COMP and COMP-Northwest, we wish you all the very best with a lifetime of good health, wellness, and professional fulfillment as you care for your patients and positively impact your communities.

We are proud of you! Congratulations not only to you, but to your friends, family, and all the fellow students and mentors who helped you in your journey as a medical student.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David A. Connett, DO".

**David A. Connett, DO**

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# In Memoriam

## Sumeet Brar



Sumeet Brar joined our WesternU/COMP community in the summer of 2020. He immediately stood out as a dedicated and determined student. When faced with adversity Sumeet showed his capacity to endure again and again.

In this 3rd year, Sumeet joined the inaugural class of COMP & COMP-NW students at Kern Medical Center in Bakersfield, CA. He, along with 22 fellow students, committed to spending the year at a single site, caring for underserved communities. This group of medical students became a close-knit community, depending on each other for connection, learning and emotional support. Sumeet was deeply valued and respected by his classmates. They described his gentle humor, quiet brilliance, and unfailing generosity of spirit. When classmates, faculty members and his Kern Medical Center team reflect on Sumeet, universally they describe him as kind. Sumeet helped people feel safe and seen. He noticed when someone was struggling and helped them find inner strength to persevere.

Sumeet spoke often of his passion for the field of psychiatry and intended to focus on child psychiatry specifically. He believed you could change a child's life by making an impact in their formative years. His mentor at Kern Medical Center shared how impressed she was with his bedside manner, his capacity for empathy and connection with patients. She said watching him communicate

revealed the quality of his character and she was hopeful he would stay on as a resident physician in their psychiatry program.

In May of 2024 at the WesternU/COMP commencement ceremony, Sumeet will be posthumously awarded his DO degree. Dr. Sumeet Brar will forever live in our hearts and will be missed by faculty, staff and students who were touched by his courage, humility, and unwavering kindness.

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Specialty: Family Medicine

## **Lynnsey Michelle Rebner**

Bayhealth Medical Center, Dover, DE  
Specialty: Surgery-General

## **Chance Ernest Rumler**

Eglin Air Force Base, Eglin AFB, FL  
Specialty: Family Medicine

## **Bezon Rustomi\***

Community Memorial Health System, Ventura, CA  
Specialty: Orthopaedic Surgery

## **Minnie Nawaphat Sakulsakpinit**

Offutt Air Force Base, Bellevue, NE  
Specialty: Family Medicine

## **Saba Saleem<sup>‡</sup>**

## **Nicole Kaur Samra**

Loma Linda University, Loma Linda, CA  
Specialty: Pediatrics

## **Juan Carlos Sanabria**

Harbor-UCLA Medical Center, Torrance, CA  
Specialty: Family Medicine

## **Jonathan Tony Semaan\***

San Ysidro Health, San Diego, CA  
Specialty: Internal Medicine

## **Ariel Meir Shafa**

Loma Linda University, Loma Linda, CA  
Specialty: Anesthesiology

## **Teodick Shahbandari**

Adventist Health Glendale, Glendale, CA  
Specialty: Family Medicine

## **Brijesh Sharma<sup>‡</sup>**

UCI Medical Center, Orange, CA  
Specialty: Internal Medicine  
Stanford Health Care, Stanford, CA  
Specialty: Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation

## **Madeleine Michele Shaver**

Eisenhower Medical Center, Rancho Mirage, CA  
Specialty: Internal Medicine

## **Gabriella Layla Shirazi**

MacNeal Hospital, Berwyn, IL  
Specialty: Family Medicine

## **Ryan Michael Shota**

Kaweah Delta Health Care District, Visalia, CA  
Specialty: Psychiatry

## **Jasper Shu**

Alameda Health System Highland Hospital, Oakland, CA  
Specialty: Internal Medicine

## **Saad Akbar Sidiq\*\***

University of Texas Medical Branch, Galveston, TX  
Specialty: Internal Medicine

## **Ivan Anthony Silva**

Riverside University Health System, Moreno Valley, CA  
Specialty: Emergency Medicine

# Candidates for the Degree of Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine

## **Bhavdeep Singh\***

### **Landon Bradford Smith**

UHS Southern California Medical Education Consortium, Temecula, CA  
Specialty: Family Medicine

### **Steven Soltani**

Presbyterian Intercommunity Hospital, Whittier, CA  
Specialty: Family Medicine

### **Andrew Daniel Sous**

University of Arizona College of Medicine, Tucson, AZ  
Specialty: Internal Medicine

### **Rachel Anna Southard**

Marian Regional Medical Center, Santa Maria, CA  
Specialty: Obstetrics and Gynecology

### **Jordan Mark Steelquist‡**

Sunrise Health GME Consortium, Las Vegas, NV  
Specialty: Transitional Year  
VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System, Los Angeles, CA  
Specialty: Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation

### **Kimberly Swafford‡**

University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA  
Specialty: Pathology-Anatomic and Clinical

### **Benjamin Alexander Szumowski**

UHS Southern California Medical Education Consortium, Temecula, CA  
Specialty: Internal Medicine

### **Jonathan Tam**

University of California, San Francisco, School of Medicine, Fresno, CA  
Specialty: Internal Medicine

### **Houman Tazhibi\***

Kaiser Permanente, Santa Ana, CA  
Specialty: Family Medicine

### **Daniel Noe Tellez Guerrero**

Riverside University Health System, Moreno Valley, CA  
Specialty: Family Medicine

### **Ani Terteryan-Asryan**

Adventist Health Glendale, Glendale, CA  
Specialty: Family Medicine

### **Garrett Steven Teskey\***

Scripps Mercy Hospital, San Diego, CA  
Specialty: Internal Medicine

### **Agatha Ada Tesmer**

University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA  
Specialty: Pathology-Anatomic and Clinical

### **Shivani Thacker**

KPC Health Hemet Valley Medical Center, Hemet, CA  
Specialty: Transitional Year

### **Vishal Tharani\***

OhioHealth Doctors Hospital, Columbus, OH  
Specialty: Emergency Medicine

### **Yu-Sam Ting**

Riverside University Health System, Moreno Valley, CA  
Specialty: Emergency Medicine

### **Anthony Hoa To**

Riverside Community Hospital, Riverside, CA  
Specialty: Internal Medicine

### **Tania Torbati**

Los Robles Regional Medical Center, Thousand Oaks, CA  
Specialty: Neurology

### **Kaylinda Ngoc-Han Tran**

Pomona Valley Hospital, Pomona, CA  
Specialty: Family Medicine

### **Kent Michael Tran**

HCA Healthcare: East Florida Division GME, Tamarac, FL  
Specialty: Psychiatry

### **Lauren Lynn Truong‡**

Loma Linda University, Loma Linda, CA  
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### **Roland Truong\***

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Specialty: Transitional Year  
Indiana University School of Medicine, Indianapolis, IN  
Specialty: Anesthesiology



# Candidates for the Degree of Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine

## **Mary Unanyan**

University of Illinois College of Medicine at Chicago,  
Chicago, IL  
Specialty: Emergency Medicine

## **Rebecca Mary Varghese**

St. Luke's Hospital - Anderson Campus, Easton, PA  
Specialty: Pediatrics

## **Emily Danuta Velez**

Eisenhower Medical Center, Rancho Mirage, CA  
Specialty: Family Medicine

## **Pooja Vora<sup>‡</sup>**

College Medical Center, Long Beach, CA  
Specialty: Internal Medicine

## **Justin Nguyen Vu**

Community Memorial Health System, Ventura, CA  
Specialty: Psychiatry

## **Michael Vu**

UHS Southern California Medical Education  
Consortium, Temecula, CA  
Specialty: Internal Medicine

## **Tameena Wais<sup>‡\*</sup>**

University of Arizona College of Medicine, Tucson, AZ  
Specialty: Neurology

## **Jami Wang**

## **Chardonnay Symone Ward<sup>\*</sup>**

Duke University Medical Center, Durham, NC  
Specialty: Internal Medicine  
Duke University Medical Center, Durham, NC  
Specialty: Neurology

## **William Sun-ho Whang<sup>\*</sup>**

Virginia Mason Franciscan Health, Tacoma, WA  
Specialty: Internal Medicine

## **George Le Whorton**

Kaiser Permanente, Riverside, CA  
Specialty: Family Medicine

## **Hannah Lynn Williams**

Ascension St. Vincent Hospital, Indianapolis, IN  
Specialty: Transitional Year  
Indiana University School of Medicine, Indianapolis, IN  
Specialty: Anesthesiology

## **Kindchia Lam Wong**

Kaiser Permanente, San Jose, CA  
Specialty: Family Medicine

## **Shelby Jean Wong**

Saint Agnes Medical Center, Fresno, CA  
Specialty: Family Medicine

## **Rachel Fong-Fong Wu**

Arrowhead Regional Medical Center, Colton, CA  
Specialty: Internal Medicine

## **William Wu**

Zucker School of Medicine at Hofstra/Northwell at  
Staten Island University Hospital, Staten Island, NY  
Specialty: Emergency Medicine

## **Irene Emily Yang<sup>\*</sup>**

University at Buffalo, School of Medicine, Buffalo, NY  
Specialty: Emergency Medicine

## **Yeelong Yang**

Valley Health Team, Fresno, CA  
Specialty: Family Medicine

## **Christopher Shawn Yeh**

## **Stanley Yong**

Mercy Catholic Medical Center, Darby, PA  
Specialty: Internal Medicine

## **Jennifer Da Hyun Yoo**

Legacy Emanuel/Good Samaritan, Portland, OR  
Specialty: Internal Medicine

## **Skyler David Young**

University of Washington, Boise, ID  
Specialty: Internal Medicine

## **Zade Zahlan<sup>\*</sup>**

Sunrise Health GME Consortium, Las Vegas, NV  
Specialty: Internal Medicine

## **Carolina Zamora Salazar**

Oregon Health & Science University, Hillsboro, OR  
Specialty: Family Medicine

## **Blake Conner Zufall**

Shasta Community Health Center, Redding, CA  
Specialty: Family Medicine

# The Podiatric Physician's Oath

I do solemnly swear, on my honor 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 their wellbeing.

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

I shall hold high the profession's principles and precepts. I pledge that I shall do everything that I am able to do to promote and to protect Podiatric Medicine, and to aid my fellow practitioners.

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

# 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.



# Graduate College of Biomedical Sciences and College of Health Sciences

**May 17, 2023, 3:00 p.m.**

Pasadena Civic Auditorium  
300 East Green Street, Pasadena, California

# Order of Exercises

## President Robin Farias-Eisner Officiating

### Prelude

"Overture" by Craig Safan

### Processional

"Pomp and Circumstance" by Sir Edward Elgar

Gerald R. Thrush, PhD  
Vice Dean, Academic Affairs  
Professor, Immunology  
College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific  
University Marshal

Jerome Lacroix, PhD  
Associate Professor, Basic Medical Sciences  
Marshal, Graduate College of Biomedical Sciences

Gunnar Fillerup, PT, DPT '16  
Instructor, Physical Therapy Education  
Marshal, College of Health Sciences

### National Anthem

Eryn Peeler, DPT '20

### Invocation

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

### President's Welcome

Robin Farias-Eisner, MD, PhD, MBA  
President, Western University of Health Sciences

### Board of Trustees Chair's Welcome

Hon. Consuelo M. Callahan, LLM, JD, LHD (Hon.)  
Judge, Ninth Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals  
Chair, Board of Trustees, Western University of Health Sciences

### Provost's Remarks and Introduction of the Graduate Speakers

Paula M. Crone, DO '92  
Provost and Chief Academic Officer  
Vice President, WesternU Oregon

#### **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 to list post-doctoral training (PDT).

Hooding/diploma photos and graduate candids 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](http://commencement.westernu.edu).

Family and guests may be photographed for future University publications.

# | Order of Exercises

## **Graduates' Remarks**

Veronica Anne Mata-Pacheco, MSBS Class of 2023  
Parsa Noori, MSMS Class of 2023  
Marcos Bryan Monteon, MSHS Class of 2023  
Albert Heisler Lanzillo, MSPA Class of 2023  
Kendra Deshaun Hudson, DPT Class of 2023

## **Honorary Degree**

Deborah Deas, MD, MPH  
Vice Chancellor for Health Sciences & Mark and Pam Rubin Dean of the  
School of Medicine  
University of California, Riverside

Presented by: Gail Evans Grayson, EdD  
Acting Dean, College of Health Sciences

Conferred by: President Farias-Eisner

## **Commencement Keynote Address**

Deborah Deas, MD, MPH, LHD (Hon.)

## **Dean's Welcome and Presentation of the Graduate College of Biomedical Sciences Graduating Class of 2023**

Bradley Henson, DDS, PhD  
Acting Dean, Graduate College of Biomedical Sciences

## **Conferring of Degree**

Master of Science in Biomedical Sciences

President Farias-Eisner

## **Announcement of Graduates**

Karen Hutton-Lopez, MBA  
Assistant Dean, Student Affairs, College of Health Sciences

## **Hooding of Graduates**

Judge Callahan

Tim Wood, DHSc, MS '02  
University Marshal Assistant  
Associate Vice President, Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning  
Associate Professor, Physician Assistant Education

## **Dean's Welcome and Presentation of the College of Health Sciences Graduating Classes of 2023**

Acting Dean Evans Grayson

## **Conferring of Degrees**

Master of Science in Medical Sciences  
Master of Science in Health Sciences  
Master of Science in Physician  
Assistant Studies  
Doctor of Physical Therapy  
(Professional)

President Farias-Eisner

# | Order of Exercises

## **Announcement of Graduates**

Assistant Dean Hutton-Lopez

Kathleen Bianco, MSPA '03, PhD, PA-C  
Instructor, Physician Assistant Education

Karen Genco, PA '01, MS '21, PA-C  
Assistant Professor, Physician Assistant Education

Janet Konecne, PT, DPT, PhD  
Director, Clinical Education  
Associate Professor, Physical Therapy Education

## **Hooding of Graduates**

Rosana Bravo, PhD, MPH  
Founding Chair, Department of Public Health Education  
Chair, Department of Health Sciences

Jenniffer Licero Campbell, PhD  
Chair, Department of Medical Sciences

Roy Guizado, PA '94, MS '97, PA-C  
Chair, Department of Physician Assistant Education

Harshavardan Deoghare, PT, PhD  
Assistant Dean, Research  
Chair, Department of Physical Therapy Education

## **Introduction of Oath Administrator**

Acting Dean Evans Grayson

## **Administration of the Physician Assistant's Oath**

Chair Guizado

## **Introduction of Oath Administrator**

Acting Dean Evans Grayson

## **Administration of the Oath For Physical Therapists**

Michael Granado, PT, MPT, PhD,  
Assistant Professor, Physical Therapy Education

## **Introduction of Alumni Association Representative**

Acting Dean Henson

## **Alumni Association Welcome**

Amanda Ileen Borgquist, MSBS '15, DVM '18  
Associate Veterinarian  
Heritage Animal Hospital, Fontana, CA

## **Deans' Charge to the Graduates**

Acting Dean Henson  
Acting Dean Evans Grayson

## **President's Closing Remarks**

President Farias-Eisner

## **Recessional**

"Pomp and Circumstance March No. 1" by Sir Edward Elgar



# Keynote Speaker

Deborah Deas, MD, MPH



Deborah Deas, M.D., M.P.H. is the Vice Chancellor for Health Sciences, the Mark and Pam Rubin Dean of the School of Medicine, and Professor of Psychiatry at the University of California, Riverside (UCR).

Dr. Deas is a child/adolescent and addiction psychiatrist who completed her medical doctor degree, residency and fellowship training at the Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC). She also completed a National Institutes of Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA) research fellowship. She has conducted research in psychosocial and pharmacological treatments of adolescents with substance use disorders.

In 2022, Dr. Deas was elected to the National Academy of Medicine, which advises the nation on issues of health, healthcare, biomedical sciences, and technology. It was just the latest of a variety of accolades and awards that she has received at the national, regional, and local levels, including certificates of recognition from the California State Senate, the California State Assembly, and the County of Riverside (2020), the Woman of Action Award from the Riverside City Council (2020), the National Hispanic Health Foundation Award in Medicine (2019), and the NAACP Riverside Branch #1059 Medicine award (2019)

She has received extensive funding from the National Institutes of Health (NIH), as well as industry-sponsored funding. She is a member of several professional organizations and serves as a member of the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) Council of Deans Administrative Board as well as the board of the California Institute for Regenerative Medicine (CIRM).

Under her leadership, the University of California, Riverside, School of Medicine has seen tremendous growth in its medical education, biomedical sciences, and clinical enterprise programs, helping it fulfill its mission to improve the availability of healthcare for the people across inland southern California.

Since arriving in 2016, Dr. Deas has led efforts to increase the class size of our medical and biomedical sciences programs, expand clinical affiliations, develop and expand the robust UCR Health clinical enterprise, and increase National Institutes of Health (NIH) funding as well as private giving. She has worked with UC leadership and state legislators to secure state funding for a new medical education building as well as an ongoing commitment of annual state funding to support the operational expenses for the school.

# Graduate College of Biomedical Sciences

## Acting Dean's Message



Dear Master of Science in Biomedical Sciences Class of 2023:

On behalf of the faculty, staff, and administration of the Master of Science in Biomedical Sciences program, I would like to congratulate you on this important milestone in your lives and careers. You should be very proud of what you have accomplished through your determination, creativity, hard work, and resiliency. Wherever you go in the future, know that you have what it takes to build successful and impactful professional paths. You carry within you your love of learning, your strong intellect, and the ability to leverage the knowledge and skills you have acquired at WesternU to make a difference in the world.

Today, I ask you to reflect on this crucial moment in your lives and the future you are now poised to influence more than ever before. The Institute of Biomedical Science refers to biomedical research as “the science at the heart of healthcare.” Every person in the United States has benefited from the results of biomedical research. From the development of cutting-edge vaccines, medicines, and novel disease prevention approaches to safety testing and improvement of products we use on a daily basis, scientists strive to make the world a healthier and more joyful place for humans, other animals and plants to coexist and flourish. You are now, and forever will be, an integral part of that most noble mission.

As you leave WesternU to embark on your next exciting adventure, please know that the MSBS faculty and staff enjoyed getting to know you very much, that we value and respect you, and that you will always have a home here at WesternU. At every stage of your life, you will always have plenty to learn. Remember, a reliable path toward acquiring wisdom is learning how to listen. Learn to listen to your patients, your laboratory personnel, your mentors, your family and friends, and your community. Listen and learn ways in which you can utilize the knowledge you have acquired here at WesternU to make others' lives better. Congratulations on a job well done, and best wishes for a prosperous and happy life and career!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bradley S. Henson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

**Bradley S. Henson, DDS, PhD**

Acting Dean, Graduate College of Biomedical Sciences

# College of Health Sciences

## Acting Dean's Message



Dear CHS Graduating Classes of 2023:

On behalf of the College of Health Sciences, I am extending a sincere and enthusiastic congratulations to you, the Class of 2023. We are so incredibly proud of you and your accomplishments. This is your moment! This is the time to celebrate and honor your academic achievements. You have come far, worked hard, and achieved your goal. All your hard work and perseverance have led you to this proud moment in your lives. Your commitment, dedication, and strength of character have taken you through your educational journey, ready to use your training and knowledge to make the world a better place for the rest of us.

Our faculty, staff, and administrators truly wish you the best in your future endeavors, and remember to never accept the status quo, always ask questions, be critical in your thinking, and always bring your true authentic self to every room and conversation. Our community will look to you for reassurance and for help in times of need. They will entrust their health and lives to you. Change the world, but never be changed by the world. Be the agent of change!

And then, after you turn your tassel and have that diploma in hand, go out into this world and do what you are destined to do.

Carry with you the lessons and learnings of your time at WesternU.

Embrace the responsibility of being a difference-maker.

Dream of a better tomorrow.

Inspire change.

Solve problems.

Demand justice.

Get in good trouble.

Be the light our communities so desperately need.

Be bold, be courageous, be your best. Until our paths cross again, it has been an honor to have you as a student in our programs. You will forever be a part of the CHS Family!

Congratulations to our graduates and we wish you a happy, healthy, and prosperous future!

With admiration and gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gail Evans Grayson".

**Gail Evans Grayson, EdD, MA**

Acting Dean, College of Health Sciences

# Candidates for the Degree of Master of Science in Biomedical Sciences

Manreet Kaur Atwal

Angelo Keklikian

Melissa Marie Kelley

Hoangvi Le

Jimmy Chun-yi Lin

Veronica Anne Mata-Pacheco

Claudia Truc Anh Nguyen

Andrea Gabrielle Shammass

Iquo-Bella Udoh

# Candidates for the Degree of Master of Science in Medical Sciences

Emin Babaei

Thomas Barry\*

Daniel Grant Bridger

Mel Claude Viejo Cerrillo

Dilpreet Singh Chandi

Nolan Isaum Dafesh

Ijeoma Ezengwa

Joselyn Cassandra Gonzalez

Fouad Hajjar

Reyna Patricia Henry

Jakia Anika Islam

Taylor Jauregui

Lauren Eunjae Jeong

Faith Louise Lucasan

Gilberto Macancela Jr.

Kameron Lyle Medina

Barbara Bao Ngoc Nguyen

Parsa Noori

Kasim Pendi

Megan Ruth Barbadillo Posis

Charlott Rebeca Rubi Dixon

Bahram Saber

Shriya Samudrala

Shaira Gail Ramirez Santos

Syed Shah

Gurkaranjot Singh

Tiffany Tadros

Chiaki Takebayashi

\*Graduate is a member of the Alpha Eta Society, the National Scholastic Honor Society for the Allied Health Professions, which promotes and recognizes individuals who have maintained a GPA of 3.80 or higher, have demonstrated exceptional leadership and have made contributions to the Allied Health Professions. The society's motto is "together we serve."

## Candidates for the Degree of Master of Science in Medical Sciences

Martin Vazquez

Katreen Zakery

Patchoua Yang

## Candidates for the Degree of Master of Science in Health Sciences

Alexandra Diaz

Menmeet Singh

Kelly Yvette Mack

Tatiana Setha Tim

Marcos Bryan Monteon

Janit Anne Vong

Emely Ocegueda Orellana

Chelsea Marie Lee Williams

## Candidates for the Degree of Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies

Aysha Afaq

Christina Co

Valeria Sheccid Alvarez

Madelyn Helen Couderc\*

Sonia Elizabeth Arriaza Marroquin

Wendy Cun

Natasha Helena Johannes Blonsky

Julia Elizabeth Dages

Lana Alexandra Boladian

Mark Anthony Dalen

Andy Quang Bui

Sophia Thy Dang

Orlando Adrian Campos

Nathalie Marie De Vera

Daae Alexis Cantu

Vilma Diaz

Channah Leah Carmi

Kaisa Lyn Dodge

Genesis Shekinah Casco

Ulemj Dugarnyam

Ryan Michael Casey

Adriana Garcia

# Candidates for the Degree of Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies

Julia Esperanza Garcia

Emilee Elizabeth Gower

Ekaterina Alexandrovna Gurzhi

Anais Jacqueline Hacobian

Dina Nazarian Haghazhar

Natalie Jo Hakala

Elizabeth Marie Hardin

Elnaz Motamen Hassanshahi

Emily Guzman Hays

Denea Marie Heintz

Gabriela Soledad Hernandez

Sarah Marie Hester

Elizabeth Hinze

Emily Jean Holmquist

Julie Ka Li Huang

Amanda Renee Jensen

Bailey Nicole Johnson

Shaina Niloofar Kashanirokh

Laureen Khalil

Ashley Kim

Claudia Lam\*

Natalie Vance Lam

Melina Lanzar

Albert Heisler Lanzillo

Daisy Chi-sin Lee\*

Odeyah Levihim

Abigail Rose Lockman

Vincent Meng

Ashley Elizabeth Moline

Carlie Anne Motta

Isabella Anna Murray

Farnoosh Nadalizadeh

Diana Thao Nguyen

Gia N. Nguyen

Eunji Oh

Amelia Mei-Yan Ooi\*

Samantha Aguayo Oregel

Yesenia Ortiz

Sharon Margaret Paiz

Jennifer Pajounia

Julie Pham

Adrinh Pkhrikyan

Susan Marie Powell

Pamela Patricia Rivas

Aryeh Rosenberg

Micaela Marie Scafani

Alyssa Claire Schoonmaker\*

Naomi Seleh

Liana Shahinyan

Gayaneh Shirvanian

Kylee Anne Simone

Sabina Singh

Brigitte Solorzano\*

Suchada Tachasooksaree

## Candidates for the Degree of Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies

Feifan Tang

Armine Ter-Barseghyan

Lindsey Elizabeth Thomas

Leonard Tjoakro

Jessica Tran

Winnie Li Tran

Christina Le Truong

Angela Marie Valdez

Brittany Vega

Alexander Scott Weis

Erica Kristine Williams

Helen Ray Wrinkle\*

Ashley Yu

Jasmine Yuen

## Candidates for the Degree of Doctor of Physical Therapy (Professional)

Stephany Barajas

Shiv Bhakta

Rajat Bhardwaj

Benjamin Evan Bristol

Stephanie Chu

Courtney Lynn Collins\*

Jaina Ramadane Do

Alexandra Marie Dobesh

Joshua Ryan Aquino Dzyak

Nichole Ann Fleischmann\*

Lorenzo Urbano Garcia

Victor Roman Garcia Loza

Kacie Mei Hitomi

Kendra Deshaun Hudson

Brianna Nicole Huey

Priya Kaur Hundal

Kristin Deann Kline

Carissa Lynne Lee

Zong Lou Lee

Samiyah Dimitra Leith

Naomi Linares

Samantha Camit Maniago

Kimberly Mae Castillo Manuel

Martin Jr. Marquez Merino

Stephanie Keiko Matsui

Laura Catalina Murillo

Jessica Danielle Nastarin

Kylie Rie Nishisaka

Sarah Elise Nowosad

Monica Padilla Gonzalez

# Candidates for the Degree of Doctor of Physical Therapy (Professional)

Winnie Wing Lam Pang

Arti Nilesh Patel

Leandra Kristine Putman

Jonathan Martin Ray

Tatiana Laurèn Rizzotti

Amanda Michelle Rodriguez

Sergio Antonio Saco

Steven Anthony Samaniego

Sweeta Shalika

Alexa Nadia Tanoto

Patrick Stark Tarnate

Immanuel Yu Terbio\*

Michele Jing Ying Tom

Vivian Tran\*

Courtney Danielle Trueblood\*

Jasmine Valadez

Nikita Noelle van Kralingen

Taylor Michele Warinner-Calixto

Tyler Shigeru Wong

Julia Catherine Wright



# 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.

# 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.





# Colleges of Pharmacy and Dental Medicine

**May 18, 2023, 9:30 a.m.**

Pasadena Civic Auditorium  
300 East Green Street, Pasadena, California

# Order of Exercises

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Vice Dean, Academic Affairs  
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Anandi Law, PhD, MS  
Associate Dean, Assessment  
Professor, Pharmacy Practice and Administration  
Marshal, College of Pharmacy

Sandra Farah-Franco, DDS, MS '16  
Associate Dean, Dental Sciences Education  
Associate Professor, Dental Medicine  
Marshal, College of Dental Medicine

### National Anthem

Romellus Wilson, PMP  
Vocalist

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Sean Rowan, MA  
Assistant Dean, Student Affairs

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Robin Farias-Eisner, MD, PhD, MBA  
President, Western University of Health Sciences

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## **Graduates' Remarks**

Claudia Ann Verzosa, PharmD Class of 2023  
Seraphina Elizabeth Oney, DMD Class of 2023

## **Honorary Degree**

Nader A. Nadershahi, DDS, MDA, EdD  
Dean, Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry  
University of the Pacific

Presented by: Elizabeth Andrews, DDS, MS  
Dean, College of Dental Medicine

Conferred by: President Farias-Eisner

## **Commencement Keynote Address**

Nader A. Nadershahi, DDS, MDA, EdD, LHD (Hon.)

## **Dean's Welcome and Presentation of the College of Pharmacy Graduating Class of 2023**

Sunil Prabhu, PhD, BPharm  
Dean and Professor, College of Pharmacy

## **Conferring of Degrees**

Master of Science in Biotechnology  
and Pharmaceutical Sciences  
Doctor of Pharmacy

President Farias-Eisner

## **Announcement of Graduates**

Patrick Chan, PhD, PharmD  
Assistant Dean, Enrollment Management

## **Hooding of Graduates**

Kabir Lutfy, PhD, MSci, BPharm  
Professor, Biotechnology and Pharmaceutical Sciences

Mark Nguyen, PharmD  
Assistant Dean, Experiential Education  
Associate Professor, Pharmacy Practice and Administration

Brent Fung, DDS  
University Marshal Assistant  
Associate Dean, Patient Care and Clinical Education

## **Dean's Welcome and Presentation of the College of Dental Medicine Graduating Classes of 2023**

Dean Andrews

## **Conferring of Degree**

Doctor of Dental Medicine

President Farias-Eisner

## **Announcement of Graduates**

Shirley Kang, DDS  
Associate Dean, Academic Affairs

# | Order of Exercises

## **Hooding of Graduates**

Jeffrey Turchi, DDS  
Manager, Recruitment and Admissions  
Coordinator, Continuing Education  
Assistant Professor, Dental Medicine

James Ywom, DDS, MS  
Clinical Associate Professor, Dental Medicine

## **Introduction of Oath Administrator**

Dean Prabhu

## **Administration of the Oath of a Pharmacist**

Shawn Smith, PharmD  
Assistant Professor, Pharmacy Practice and Administration

## **Introduction of Pledge Administrator**

Dean Andrews

## **Administration of the Dentist's Pledge**

Marisa K. Watanabe, DDS, MS  
Professor, Dental Medicine  
Associate Dean, Community Partnerships and Access to Care

## **Introduction of Alumni Association Representative**

Dean Andrews

## **Alumni Association Welcome**

Hope Song, DMD '16, MS  
Orthodontist  
Private practice, Portland, Oregon

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Dean Prabhu  
Dean Andrews

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President Farias-Eisner

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# Keynote Speaker

Nader A. Nadershahi, DDS, MBA, EdD



Dr. Nader A. Nadershahi serves as the ninth dean of the University of the Pacific's Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry and Vice Provost of the San Francisco campus, bringing to the role nearly 30 years of leadership experience in dental education, organized dentistry, and clinical practice.

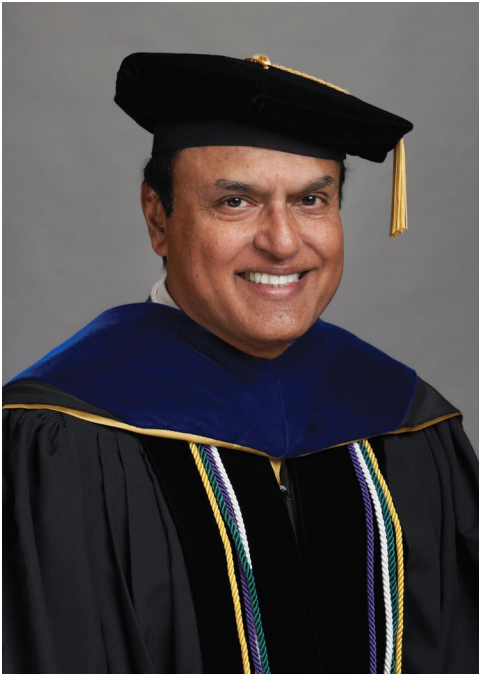
He earned his DDS, completed GPR training, and has also earned MBA and EdD degrees. He is a fellow of the American College of Dentists, Academy of Dentistry International, International College of Dentists, and Pierre Fauchard Academy. He also completed a fellowship in the ADEA Leadership Institute.

Dr. Nadershahi serves on the boards of the Bay Area Council and the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce and was appointed by Gov. Newsom to the California Health Workforce Education and Training Council. He practiced in Marin County, California, and during his academic career has more than 120 presentations, 23 publications, five book chapters, and numerous abstracts and other publications to his credit.

Dr. Nadershahi serves as chair of the American Dental Education Association Board of Directors and has been a leader at the California Dental Association and American Dental Association. He also is a member of the Santa Fe Group, a national organization focused on catalyzing improvement of oral health and health care in the United States and beyond.

# College of Pharmacy

## Dean's Message



Dear PharmD and MSBPS Graduating Classes of 2023:

Congratulations on making it to the finish line! For our graduating PharmD class, I want to go back in time to fall 2019 when you first came in as eager student pharmacist professionals ready to take on the rigors of an intensive curriculum and make new and lifelong friendships, secure in knowing that you were well on your way to becoming a health care professional with a great future. No one could have anticipated what came next! As our world turned upside down in early 2020 and the pandemic started taking hold, we quickly adapted to rapidly changing conditions. We efficiently pivoted to online learning, kept each other safe, and essentially experienced a new way of living. We went through this experience together, full of uncertainty and unknowns. But most importantly, we overcame! Here we are, after three years of the pandemic, we are back in-person, safe and sound, and looking forward to new things in life! In all this, I am proud to state that our quality of education remained high as ever, you kept learning at the top of your ability, your grit and determination were in full display, and I firmly believe that your real-world experiences during the pandemic have prepared you for greater challenges in the future. You have remained steadfast and committed to the goal that brought you here in 2019, and I have full confidence that you will succeed as outstanding professionals. You are now prepared to enter the world where your patient is

your number one priority, thus you will not leave any stone unturned when it comes to their health, safety, and well-being!

For our graduating MSBPS students, while you were with us for a relatively short time, just know that we have prepared you to be the best in the sciences and opened up a world full of great opportunities to further your research careers. You now have doors open to choose from in the industry, PhD, or professional programs. Always remember that WesternU gave you your first path to career success!

On behalf of our graduating students, I thank the tireless efforts of our faculty, staff, preceptors, parents, and families which have given our students the important tools and the support system they need to become successful in their careers. We owe them a great deal of gratitude and appreciation!

And as I always say, from here on out, wherever your path takes you, remember that you will forever be a part of our WesternU College of Pharmacy family; a proud graduate who, as you climb the ladders of success, will always remember where you came from. Our doors will always remain open for our graduates, and we will welcome you with open arms anytime you want to return to your alma mater. Finally, as you prepare to take your final steps toward graduation, it may at first seem challenging; however, believing in yourself and armed with your degree in hand, you can take on any challenge that comes your way. To paraphrase a famous quote "Just be the change!" On behalf of your beloved College of Pharmacy, you have my best wishes for the future! Congratulations once again!

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Sunil Prabhu". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

**Sunil Prabhu, PhD, BPharm**  
Dean, College of Pharmacy

# College of Dental Medicine

## Dean's Message



Dear DMD Graduating Class of 2023:

Congratulations Graduates! As you prepare to cross the stage and receive the award of your DMD degree, reflect on your journey traveled in this moment and look ahead to your exceptional future. Think back to the start of your dental education and how you imagined it would be. Consider the fact that your class experienced most of your clinical education under the specter of a world-wide pandemic. No one could have predicted, nor has previously experienced dental education like you did. Ultimately, your adaptability, diligence, and resilience were vital components to your success. The health care environment you are entering has also been transformed from the pre-pandemic era – significantly in some instances. On the first day of your dental school experience, you were told that dentistry is a “challenging, yet rewarding profession.” The fundamental concept of caring for each patient with a humanistic approach has not changed and is more important today. Your willingness to provide optimum care as a frontline worker, even when faced with challenges to the profession, will serve you well. Your capacity to see the opportunities embedded in these challenges provides you tools for success. The end of this phase of the journey approaches but, remember to take on the many opportunities that the profession will offer you.

On behalf of the faculty, staff, and leadership of the College, we offer our continued support for your successful careers. As demonstrated over the past four years, the motto of, *Your Success is Our Success* was not insignificant, but was part of our daily investment in your future. A commitment that continues as you become our most recent alumni. Today, we honor you as the DMD Class of 2023. A class worth waiting for!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Elizabeth Andrews".

**Elizabeth Andrews, DDS, MS**  
Dean, College of Dental Medicine

# In Memoriam

## Sripriya “Priya” Upadhyayula Patel



Sripriya “Priya” Upadhyayula Patel was a healer by trade and by instinct. Following an early calling to medicine, Priya attended the Sri Ramachandra Institute of Higher Education and Research in Chennai, India, where she earned her Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) degree. Upon returning to the United States, Priya worked with her father, Ramesh Upadhyayula, to develop and support progressive outpatient initiatives in the independent pharmacy setting. Priya grew a powerful interest and appreciation for pharmacy practice and matriculated at the Western University of Health Sciences College of Pharmacy in 2019 with the goal of earning her Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD) degree and becoming a clinical pharmacist.

Priya was best known for her boundless professional and personal energy, her unique, pretense-busting humor, and her generous and inclusive spirit. She was undeniably memorable, leaving a lasting impression on everyone who had the fortune of meeting her, and vivifying the lives of her family, friends, classmates, and colleagues.

During her time at WesternU, in addition to her own academic commitments, Priya was a frequent tutor and peer mentor. Priya was also highly involved in student organizations and outreach and was recognized for her tireless advocacy for the pharmacy profession. In addition, Priya was a dedicated and selfless

community member who believed staunchly in equitable access to health care. Priya spent much of her free time volunteering on behalf of the underserved, including organizing and conducting vaccine drives for indigent patients.

Priya was a leader, an advocate, a colleague, a friend, and—in every sense—a healer; a provider of care. She is survived by her daughter, Raahi Patel, her husband, Mrunal Patel, her parents, Ramesh and Sujatha Upadhyayula, and the memories kept of her in this school and community she so deeply loved.

*With the support of family and friends, the Sripriya (Priya) Upadhyayula Patel Memorial Endowed Scholarship will be presented annually to a College of Pharmacy student who, like Priya, has demonstrated exemplary service at the College, University and/or local and state levels, has participated in and displays a commitment to provide opportunities for underrepresented or disadvantaged populations, and has demonstrated a keen interest in the advocacy of the pharmacy profession. The inaugural recipient of the Sripriya (Priya) Upadhyayula Patel Memorial Endowed Scholarship was Keysi Ekmekciyan, PharmD Class of 2023. For additional information about this scholarship, go to [alumnifriends.westernu.edu/PriyaPatel](http://alumnifriends.westernu.edu/PriyaPatel).*

# Candidates for the Degree of **Master of Science in Biotechnology and Pharmaceutical Sciences**

**Katrin Boyanova**

**Dominique Tonimarie Brown**

**Rinku Dhungana**

**Alexandra Angel Martinez**

**Pabitra Kumar Sardar**

**Kevin Alexander Ventocilla**

**Chen Yun Wen**

# Candidates for the Degree of **Doctor of Pharmacy**

**Perla Anai Aispuro Vidana**

**Rosa Akskalyan**

**Sara Nihad Altowaiji**

**Paniz Amanat**

**Alenoush Avakian**

Adventist Health, Glendale, CA

**Gore Badikyan\***

Adventist Health, Glendale, CA

**Dianne Sareena Aquino Balmeo**

**Leslie Diana Banuelos\***

University of Maryland Medical Center, Baltimore, MD

**Jeremy Jesus Alberto Barahona**

**Angeline Camille Eugenio Bautista**

**Violeta Beglarian**

**Chelsea Nicole Bradford**

**Shaun Anthony Rimas Castillo**

**Brijesh Hiteshbhai Charadva**

**Jun Chen\***

Riverside Community Hospital, Riverside, CA

**Arpine Chimayan**

**Eric Woorim Choi**

**Sophia Dang\***

**Linh Khanh Dao**

**LeRoi Jean de-Souza**

Kadlec Regional Medical Center, Richland, WA

**Nga Thien Duong**

**Keysi Madlen Ekmekciyan\***

VA Greater Los Angeles Health Care, Los Angeles, CA

**Diane Estephan**

**Nadeen Farah**

**Destiny Breanna Farihi\***

MemorialCare Long Beach Medical Center,  
Long Beach, CA

\*Graduate is a member of Rho Chi Society, the academic honor society in Pharmacy, and in the top 20 percent of the graduating class.

# Candidates for the Degree of Doctor of Pharmacy

**Aaron Joshua Fernandez**

**Kristyna Bree Ann Frakes**

**Arpine Gevorgyan**

**Nare Gevorgyan**

**Karna Bahadur Ghimirey**

**Kellie Allison Gong**

**Winnie Guan\***

Kern Medical, Bakersfield, CA

**Mane Hakhverdyan**

**Nare Hakobyan**

Western University of Health Sciences, Pomona, CA

**Jennifer Lynn Hom**

**Hye Rin Hur**

**Vivian Huynh**

**Wayne Quang Huynh**

**Tatevik Ispiryan**

**Maryam Javidfard**

**Janie Jeong**

**Cez Dominique Abitan Juan**

**Yu-Han Emily Kao**

**Sohanabanu Khalak\***

**Christine Dasol Kim**

University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA

**Praiser Kim**

**Soyoung Kim\***

**Youn Ah Kim**

**Shogo Shawn Kono**

VA Greater Los Angeles Health Care, Los Angeles, CA

**Emily Koo\***

Kaiser Permanente, San Diego, CA

**Winnie Kuang**

**Ginny Kuo**

**Lynn Lam\***

VA Long Beach Healthcare System, Long Beach, CA

**Victoria Lam**

**Saline Lay**

**Kevin Pham Le**

**Christian Justin Medina Lee\***

Sharp Chula Vista Medical Center, Chula Vista, CA

**Xuemei Li\***

**Joshua Liao**

**Marlene Luu**

**Reza Mahani**

**Xuyen Kim Mai**

**Philip John McMichael II**

**Siria Medina**

**Gnessi Mendez**

**Lanie Gliane Mendoza**

Kaiser Permanente, Los Angeles, CA

**Angela Mercado**

UCSF Medical Center, San Francisco, CA

**Becker Poumbet Moungang**

**Dina Amin Mustafa**

Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, Los Angeles, CA

**Victoria Fontanares Navarro\***

**Tori Vuthanette Ngo**

**Anh Kim Nguyen**

# Candidates for the Degree of Doctor of Pharmacy

**Christy Ngoc Uyen Nguyen**

**John Khoa Nguyen**

**Katrina Kieu Nguyen**

**Kevin Nguyen**

**My Duyen Thi Nguyen**

**Nguyen Nguyen\***

**Quinson Vu Nguyen**

**Sabrina Nguyen\***

**Steven Duy Nguyen**

Adventist Health, Glendale, CA

**Tai Nhan Nguyen**

**Thao Thi Ngoc Nguyen**

**Tiffany Nguyen\***

City of Hope, Duarte, CA

**Michael George Panoyan**

**Carolina Papazyan**

Henry Mayo Newhall Hospital, Valencia, CA

**Thao Hoang Pham**

**Katrina Abad Pobre**

**Hana Rim**

**Joshua Ian Rivas**

**Jeremiah Samaco Sabocor**

**Andrea Giulana Saenz**

**Karankumar Atul Savaliya**

**Nara Son**

**Aveen Ahmad Tahir**

**Mia My Tay**

Kaiser Permanente Fresno Medical Center, Fresno, CA

**Zaka David Temori**

**Kristine Kieu Tran**

**Lucas Loc Tran**

**Michelle My Tran**

**Michelle Tuyet Tran**

UC Irvine Health, Orange, CA

**Quang Long Tran**

**Yenyen Le Tran\***

**Nalea Trujillo\***

Stanford Health Care, Stanford, CA

**Sharon Truong**

VA Sierra Nevada Health Care System, Reno, NV

**Arghavan Vafaei**

**Ntsa Iab Vang**

Saint Francis Hospital, Tulsa, OK

**Noah Vannarat\***

Scripps Memorial Hospital, La Jolla, CA

**Claudia Ann Verzosa**

**Pedro Mari Villamin III**

**Peter Vue**

Kaiser Permanente, Santa Clara, CA

**Yanting Wu\***

**Anni Yu\***

Western University of Health Sciences, Pomona, CA

**Michael Yu**

Western University of Health Sciences, Pomona, CA  
St. Mary Medical Center, Long Beach, CA

**Samantha Heh-Jung Yum\***

Sutter Medical Center, Sacramento, CA

**Jose Miguel Zamora**

Western University of Health Sciences, Pomona, CA

**Yiya Zhao**

# Candidates for the Degree of Doctor of Dental Medicine

## **Omid Akramian**

Alameda Health System Highland Hospital, Oakland, CA  
Specialty: Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery

## **Marissa Michele Albert**

## **Stephen Joseph Anderson**

## **Chioma Jessica Aniwigbo**

## **Ryan Danny Assali**

## **Merit Maria Attalla**

## **Julie Hsin Ting Lee Au**

## **Nareh Avedian**

## **Andro Ehab Azer**

## **Aaron Omar Bacha\***

## **Annam Hudda Baig**

St. Charles Hospital, Long Island, New York  
Specialty: General Practice

## **Alexandra Nottingham Barsotti**

## **Justin Leroy Bermudez**

## **Jacky Chen**

## **Nicole Catherine Cyterski**

Seton Hill University Center for Orthodontics,  
Greensburg, PA  
Specialty: Orthodontics

## **Lily Dalco**

Jersey City Medical Center, Jersey City, New Jersey  
Specialty: General Practice

## **Gillian Ann DeGennaro\***

## **Lauren Elise DeGooyer**

## **Robert Bradley Denslow**

## **Jessica Anne DeVera**

VA Palo Alto Healthcare System Stanford Hospital,  
Palo Alto, CA  
Specialty: General Practice

## **Michelle Thanh Dinh**

## **Ahmed Elsheikh**

## **Aviel Gaft\***

## **Misha J. Ganda**

## **Kevin Richard Gardner**

## **Jasinder Singh Gill**

## **Marsha Jaya Girish**

## **Raees Golwalla**

## **Ambrose Minh Ha\***

Roseman University, Henderson, NV  
Specialty: Orthodontics

## **Christina Hayes\***

## **Maxwell Steven Hewett**

## **Kylie LaRue Holliday\***

## **Kylee Ann Homecillo**

## **Song-Heng Tanguy Hong**

## **Michael Jordan Jung\***

## **Alia Meagan Kabbara**

## **Golara Khandan**

University of California Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA  
Advanced Education in General Dentistry

\*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 of Doctor of Dental Medicine

**Weston Dean Killpack**

**Benjamin Sahng Mahn Kim**

**Lisa Seongah Kim**

**Casey La**

**Sarah Ladhani**

**James Myhre Le**

**Dong Sup Lee**

**Mindy Michelle Lombere**

**Genevieve Thuy-vi Nguyen Luu**

**Linh Mai**

**Ian Thomas Giovanni Manfredo**

**Zeba Mehrin Mani**

**Melvin Mark Mansoor**

**Alexandra Rose Markou**

NYU Langone Advanced Education in Pediatric  
Dentistry, Providence, RI  
Specialty: Pediatric Dentistry

**Nuha Marooki**

**Elsa Mary Martinez Hernandez**

**Michael Roland Mears**

Specialty: Pediatric Residency

**Natalie Montoya\***

NYU Langone Dental Medicine, Santa Cruz, CA  
Advanced Education in General Dentistry

**Doan-Trang Hoang Nguyen**

**Heather Nhuha Nguyen**

**Robert Nguyen**

**Seraphina Elizabeth Oney**

**Kamran Pakdamanian**

**David Sungmin Park**

**Rahul Girishbhai Patel**

**Caleb Hieu Pham**

**Jonathan Hung Pham**

**Stephanie Lang-Yen Phan**

**Ryan Joseph Rodef**

**John Mark Rodgers**

NYU Langone Dental Medicine, Brooklyn, NY  
Specialty: Pediatric Dentistry

**Vineza Danese Saraza Reduta**

New York University College of Dentistry, New York, NY  
Specialty: Pediatrics

**Barinder Singh**

**Abigail Nicole Stolz**

**David Andrew Taves\***

**Brian Dejin Yoon**

**Luis-Felipe C. Zavala**

# 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 promote inclusion, embrace diversity and advocate for justice to advance health equity.

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 responsibility to improve my professional knowledge, expertise and self-awareness.

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.

# 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.



# Colleges of Optometry and Graduate Nursing

**May 18, 2023, 3:00 p.m.**

Pasadena Civic Auditorium  
300 East Green Street, Pasadena, California

# Order of Exercises

## President Robin Farias-Eisner Officiating

### Prelude

"Overture" by Craig Safan

### Processional

"Pomp and Circumstance" by Sir Edward Elgar

Gerald R. Thrush, PhD  
Vice Dean, Academic Affairs  
Professor, Immunology  
College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific  
University Marshal

Tiffenie Harris, OD  
Assistant Dean, Clinical Education  
Associate Professor, Optometry  
Marshal, College of Optometry

Rodney Hicks, PhD, MSN, RN  
Assistant Dean, Administration and Research  
Professor, Graduate Nursing  
Marshal, College of Graduate Nursing

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Eugene Brown, DNP Class of 2023

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Thao Minh-Tran Ngo, OD Class of 2023  
Fareshta Waheed, MSNE Class of 2023

## **Honorary Degree**

John Chapman, MBA  
CEO  
San Antonio Regional Hospital

Presented by: Mary Lopez, PhD, MSN  
Dean, College of Graduate Nursing

Conferred by: President Farias-Eisner

## **Commencement Keynote Address**

John Chapman, MBA, LHD (Hon.)

## **Dean's Welcome and Presentation of the College of Optometry Graduating Class of 2023**

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

## **Conferring of Degree**

Doctor of Optometry

President Farias-Eisner

## **Announcement of Graduates**

Bennett McAllister, OD  
Associate Professor, Optometry

Raymond Maeda, OD  
Associate Dean, Clinical Affairs

## **Hooding of Graduates**

Robin Drescher, OD, MS  
Retired Associate Professor, Optometry

Frank Spors, PhD, MS  
University Marshal Assistant  
Associate Professor, Optometry

## **Dean's Welcome and Presentation of the College of Graduate Nursing Graduating Classes of 2023**

Dean Lopez

## **Conferring of Degrees**

Certificate of Emergency Nurse Practitioner  
Certificate of Family Nurse Practitioner  
Certificate of Psychiatric Mental Health  
Nurse Practitioner  
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 -  
Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner  
Doctor of Nursing Practice

President Farias-Eisner

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## **Announcement of Graduates**

Patricia Shakhshir, PhD, MSN, RN  
Associate Professor, Graduate Nursing

Dawn Stone, PhD, MN, ANP  
Assistant Dean, Academic Affairs  
Associate Professor, Graduate Nursing

## **Hooding of Graduates**

Donna Emanuele, DNP, FNP  
University Marshal Assistant  
Director, DNP Program  
Associate Professor, Graduate Nursing

Gwen Orozco, PhD, MSN  
Assistant Director, MSN-Entry Program  
Associate Professor, Graduate Nursing

Khoa "Joey" Dang, MSNFNP '12, DNP '20  
Director, FNP Program  
Assistant Professor, Graduate Nursing

Christy Cotner, DNP, FNP, PMHNP  
Director, PMHNP Program  
Assistant Professor, Graduate Nursing

## **Introduction of Oath Administrator**

Founding Dean Hoppe

## **Administration of the Optometric Oath**

Tamami Candi Kimura, OD  
Knoll Family Optometry  
President, California Optometric Association

## **Introduction of Alumni Association Representative**

Founding Dean Hoppe

## **Alumni Association Welcome**

Sahil Dosaj, OD '13  
CEO  
Miller Optometry/California Optometric Center

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Founding Dean Hoppe  
Dean Lopez

## **President's Closing Remarks**

President Farias-Eisner

## **Recessional**

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# Keynote Speaker

John T. Chapman, MBA



John T. Chapman is President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) at San Antonio Regional Hospital (SARH) in Upland, California. He joined the hospital in 2018 and is currently serving as the seventh President and CEO in its history. SARH has 363 beds and a staff of more than 500 physicians, 2,000 employees, and 300 volunteers. The hospital offers advanced patient care throughout the Inland Empire. John is LEAN certified and represents the Inland Empire as its board member for the Hospital Association of Southern California.

John has served as an experienced hospital executive for more than two decades. Prior to arriving at San Antonio, he served as Chief Operations Officer at Highland Hospital in Oakland, California, where he not only was in charge of operations at the 169-bed general acute care hospital but also led clinical and support services for the Alameda Health System. Some of his accomplishments included Alameda's accreditation as a Level 1 Trauma Center, a Baby Friendly designation, and construction of a nine-story patient tower.

John is a clinical microbiologist by training. Prior to joining the Alameda Health System, he served as Executive Director of Clinical Services, Director of Laboratory Services, and in other leadership positions at the University of California San Francisco Medical Center. In these roles, he served as director of

the medical center's service lines, including its Orthopedic Institute and its Heart and Vascular Institute. He also led a variety of strategic planning processes and UC system-wide operational initiatives.

John earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Microbiology and Immunology from the University of California, Berkeley and a Master of Business Administration degree in Health Care Management from the University of Phoenix. John, his wife Arnin, and daughter Nicole are avid dog lovers and enjoy whitewater rafting. John's hobbies include traveling, basketball, and renovating homes. In fact, he built his own home in Northern California.

# College of Optometry

## Founding Dean's Message



Dear College of Optometry Graduating Class of 2023:

I am so pleased to be able to extend my heartfelt congratulations to you, your families, and your supporters who have been by your side over your educational journey. Together, you have fulfilled our University's core values of caring, scientific excellence, and humanism. You have experienced a time of tremendous personal and professional growth, while our society, our health care systems, and our profession have all undergone a remarkable transformation.

I am proud of each one of you for the way that you have overcome the challenges that these past few years have presented. You have faced incredible obstacles and found a way over, under, around, or even through every barrier standing in the way of accomplishing your goals. You never gave up and today you are realizing your dreams because of that perseverance.

You graduate today at a time when our profession enjoys our broadest scope of practice, access to amazing new technology, and expanded partnerships with our interprofessional colleagues. These three things, along with WesternU's hallmarks of inclusion and humanism, ensure that you will provide the best possible care for your future patients. I look forward to watching you in the years to come because I know that you will leave your mark in this world. The

future looks bright because of your talents that you are contributing. Always remember that no one has ever damaged their vision by looking on the bright side! Congratulations to the Class of 2023!

Yours in WUCO Pride,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Elizabeth Hoppe".

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

# College of Graduate Nursing

## Dean's Message



Dear Graduate Nursing Graduating Class of 2023:

Congratulations, Graduates! You are graduating at such a special time. This is a time when the pandemic is slowly turning into an endemic, and nurses remain at the heart of the action. As nurses, you put your lives and safety on the line to take care of other people. During your graduate education at WesternU, 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 can practice WesternU humanism: to serve, build on your knowledge, and discover new things. You can feel pride in that. As we adjust to the post-pandemic world, your work is more important than ever.

How times have changed since the pandemic. Over half of Americans surveyed report that their health is more important to them now than before the pandemic. Over 100 million people have wearable tech that measures health, and nurses are there with patients to help them interpret the data and guide health care decisions. New technologies, like smart tattoos, use sensors injected into the skin and change color while monitoring glucose levels and body temperature. As consumers turn to digital avenues and high-tech methods to guide their health, nurses have remained at the forefront, standing beside patients with compassion and empathy.

As you transition from being a student to being an advanced practice nurse and enter the frontlines of health care, you will encounter diverse people from all walks of life each with a story to tell, and each with a health issue to address. 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 diverse populations. Each of you will strive to increase access to care and advocate for health equity for all people.

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". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

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

# Candidates for the Degree of Doctor of Optometry

**Yasmin Oklah Alhayek**

**Karen Arantxa Alvarez**

**Jennifer Liliana Avina\***

**Dominic Liam Brophy**

**Stacy Jy Chen**

**Eduardo Cruz-Aragon**

**Samantha Daoud**

**Danya Deiranieh\***

**Yhair DeSantiago\***

**Austin Joseph Dias**

**Mary Nvart Eskandarian\***

**Jenna Marie Farrar\***

**Alysa Marie Figgins**

Lexington VA Medical Center, Lexington, KY  
Specialty: Ocular Disease

**Francesca Antoinette Fuertez\***

**Adrian Garcia**

**Jacqueline Cristina Gomez Morales\***

**Roxanne Jackelyn Gurrola\***

**Mikala Windsor Herr**

**Michael Tannitad Huang**

**Joel Hyun\***

**Tina Isagholian\***

**Arineh Issaian\***

**Maryam Khatami\***

**Kara Michelle Kopolow\***

**Elizabeth Galina Kovalchuk**

**Breanna Colbie Krombs**

**Krista Kyin**

**Alexander Wilson Leser**

**Kevin Aditya Liem**

**Ariana Denise Magana**

**Yasaman Mahdavi**

**Mallory Marto\***

**Marisa Paige Maura\***

**Jillian Nicole McMullen\***

**Emily Melgar\***

**Misty Claire Perez Mello**

**Shahean Yussef Mimouni\***

**Karanjit Kaur Mohaar\***

**Roshni Narine**

**Thao Minh-Tran Ngo\***

**Anwell Nguyen**

**Berlinda Thuy Nguyen**

**Samantha Rose Nixon**

**Lillyt Ouzounian**

**Vanessa Pan\***

**Cynthia Suzanne Panderla**

**Jay Kaimas Patel**

\*Graduate is a member of Beta Sigma Kappa, an International Optometric Honor Society. Members of Beta Sigma Kappa are composed of students in the College of Optometry as well as noteworthy professionals in Optometry such as educators, scientists and practitioners. Members have excelled academically and promote the ethical practice of Optometry while supporting projects related to vision care and the eyes.

## Candidates for the Degree of Doctor of Optometry

Aubrianna Aline Pere

Andrew Pham\*

Dylan Tien Phu

Anna Catherine Pillsbury

Yasmin Pishvaiy

Rebecca Andrea Quintero

Ana Rebeca Rego

Alexis Infinity Sanchez

Sabrina Linh-dan Sifter

Crystal Karena Sin\*

Breanna Lexi Skeens

Nisreen Zaid Sloulin

Diana Su

Jasmine Ta\*

Aaron Lee Tayman\*

Hao Thanh Van

Julia Mae Velasquez

Cathy Tien Vu

Ustina E Wasif

Christine Yaman

Verena Miin-Hsuan Zeng

## Candidates for the Certificate of Emergency Nurse Practitioner

Brandy Leigh Coward

Olga Emig

Beverly A. Prejean

Quala Wells-McGhee

\*Graduate is a member of Phi Alpha, a chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International, a Nursing Honor Society.

## Candidates for the Certificate of **Family Nurse Practitioner**

Kristina Chiu

Annie-Marie Ferrer

Katherine Grace Hammond

Victoria Hoang

Ryan Men-Chong Lew

Cathy Liang

Fabiola Emma Lopez

Stephanie Anne Ng

Bo Kyung Sul

Travis Check Welch

Melanie Wong

Wendeline Joyce Cordero Young

## Candidates for the Certificate of **Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner**

Melissa Alas

Mariel Alvarez

Gerrald Angeles

Melanie Hinano Bainbridge

Rica Motomal Beck

Dema Majdi Bitar

LaSonya A. Davis

Stacie Beth Dourthe

Jennifer Louise Eastman

Shaheena Gazipura

Megan Rae Hartsell

Ascencion Marisela Hernandez

Annie Hoang

Barbara Gestwick Huggins\*

Chinyere Iwuagwu

Cynthia Jovanov

Lauren Elyse Laviolette

Vincent Cam Lieu

Karen Linares

Mary Regina Lockard

Tong Minh Luong

Terry McGarvey-Tanenbaum

Katherine Meeker

Rose Jionna Newton

Raymond Tran Nguyen

Kristin Anne Nurre

Ken Samith Oerding

Manuel Paschinger

Candidates for the Certificate of  
**Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner**

Wendi Sellers

Leyna Phuong Tran

Teresa Frances Vaughn-Davies

Hadley Price Veselak

Khanh Vu

Candidate for the Degree of  
**Master of Science in Nursing –  
Ambulatory Care**

Caroll Duong\*

Candidates for the Degree of  
**Master of Science in Nursing –  
Family Nurse Practitioner**

Mahnaz Mary Asghaei

Gabrielle Elaine Beinschroth

Leslie Camarillo Navarro

Romelda Capitly

Rafael Sosa Centeno

Taylor Yingham Chen\*

Shirley Chi

Tiffanee Rae Cravens

Cynthia Danielle Croslin

Melissa Duran Kramer

Grace Keyeun Lee

Ron E. Loomis

Jessica Mendoza

Jennifer Thanh Ngo

Helen Hoang Nguyen

Beainy Yeva Natefka Ohanian

Rosana Marfori Romasanta

Marine Yahyayan

# Candidates for the Degree of Master of Science in Nursing – General Nursing

Joseph Baba Abaya

Ali Akbari

Hayley Park Alcaraz\*

Elizabeth Jimenez Arias\*

Kimberly Arreguin

Elizabeth Barba\*

Alexandra Ann Blakeney

Rachel Nicole Brady\*

Alliyah Caitlin Brown\*

Stephanie Elizabeth Campana\*

Alyssa Seeyan Chan\*

Christian Gustavo Chavez\*

Kelly Shaina-Esther Chester

Melissa Stacey Cruz\*

Ivy Dang\*

Haley Alexandria Dulken\*

McKenna Faith Dunn\*

Payaam Elmi

Amanda Nicole English\*

Cassandra Flores\*

Cassandra Meki Fong\*

Taylor Gaines\*

Megan Elizabeth Gill\*

Theresa Noel Grube\*

Jerome Guzman\*

Ashley Marie Hammett\*

Priscilla Silk Han

Saima Hanif\*

Jessika Brandi Hinojosa\*

Lillian Le Ho\*

Elizabeth Jinjoo Hwang\*

Justina Anna Ibrahim

Dyani Jacobo\*

Nini Kunichika

Jacob Joon Yil Lee

Jocelyn Luna\*

Danny Luu

Derek Ly\*

Sarah Marie Magaña\*

Tiffany Magaña\*

Dominique Yasmine Martinez

Blanca Patricia Martinez Munoz\*

Jonathan Jossue Medina Sandoval\*

Susan Melikyan\*

Donya Moazeni\*

Logan Asher Morrison\*

Skie Raylene Munoz\*

William Omar Murguia



## Candidates for the Degree of Master of Science in Nursing – General Nursing

Jacqueline Ngo\*

Brittney Ty-Han Nguyen\*

Vy K. Nguyen

Kristin Ednalino Ocampo

Songyee Oh\*

Arielle Oved\*

Ryan Tae Woong Park\*

Paige Yep Pearson\*

Rachel Ann Pokipala

Aaron Paragas Santamaria\*

Cassandra Allison Savala\*

John Hoon Seung

Maisha Rhiana Somerville\*

Anamica Sood\*

Stacie Dyone Still\*

Alexander Daniel Taylor\*

Quynh Dan Tran\*

Brianna Gabrielle Valizan\*

Cynthia Velasco\*

Fareshta Waheed\*

Olivia Michael Walesch\*

Lilit Yermagyan\*

Nicole Denisse Zulca Guerra\*

## Candidates for the Degree of Master of Science in Nursing – Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner

Tamara Cancio Bacani

Esther Hee Cho

Kimberly Daugherty

Maryann Macapagal Del Cid

Sharan Kaura Gill

Candidates for the Degree of  
**Doctor of Nursing Practice**

**Eugene Alexander Brown**

**Young-sik Cho**

**Sokpheap Lim**

**Michael Joseph Marinello**

**Robert John Spano**

# 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.



# College of Veterinary Medicine

**May 19, 2023, 9:30 a.m.**

Pasadena Civic Auditorium  
300 East Green Street, Pasadena, California

# Order of Exercises

## President Robin Farias-Eisner Officiating

<b>Prelude</b>	"Overture" by Craig Safan
<b>Processional</b>	"Pomp and Circumstance" by Sir Edward Elgar  Gerald R. Thrush, PhD Vice Dean, Academic Affairs Professor, Immunology College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific University Marshal  Paul Gordon-Ross, DVM, MS Director, Year 4 Associate Professor, Veterinary Medicine Marshal, College of Veterinary Medicine
<b>National Anthem</b>	Dana Jean Manalo, DO Class of 2026
<b>Invocation</b>	Wael Khamas, PhD, MS Professor, Veterinary Medicine
<b>President's Welcome</b>	Robin Farias-Eisner, MD, PhD, MBA President, Western University of Health Sciences
<b>Board of Trustees Chair's Welcome</b>	Hon. Consuelo M. Callahan, LLM, JD, LHD (Hon.) Judge, Ninth Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals Chair, Board of Trustees, Western University of Health Sciences
<b>Provost's Remarks and Introduction of Graduate Speaker</b>	Paula M. Crone, DO '92 Provost and Chief Academic Officer Vice President, WesternU Oregon
<b>Graduate's Remarks</b>	Ana Arcelia Ramirez, DVM Class of 2023

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# | Order of Exercises

## **Honorary Degree**

Liz Mossop, BVM&S, PhD  
Provost and Senior Vice Chancellor  
University of Lincoln

Presented by: John Tegzes, VMD, MA  
Interim Dean, College of Veterinary Medicine

Conferred by: President Farias-Eisner

## **Commencement Keynote Address**

Liz Mossop, BVM&S, PhD, LHD (Hon.)

## **Dean's Welcome and Presentation of the College of Veterinary Medicine Graduating Class of 2023**

Interim Dean Tegzes

## **Conferring of Degree**

Doctor of Veterinary Medicine

President Farias-Eisner

## **Announcement of Graduates**

Peggy Barr, PhD, DVM  
Associate Dean, Academic Affairs

## **Hooding of Graduates**

Diane McClure, DVM, PhD  
Associate Professor

Professor Khamas  
University Marshal Assistant

## **Introduction of Oath Administrator**

Interim Dean Tegzes

## **Administration of the Veterinarian's Oath**

Keith Rode, DVM  
President, California Veterinary Medical Association

## **Introduction of Alumni Association Representative**

Interim Dean Tegzes

## **Alumni Association Welcome**

Dustin Ong, DVM '18  
Assistant Professor, Veterinary Medicine  
College of Veterinary Medicine

## **Dean's Charge to the Graduates**

Interim Dean Tegzes

## **President's Closing Remarks**

President Farias-Eisner

## **Recessional**

"Pomp and Circumstance March No. 1" by Sir Edward Elgar

# Keynote Speaker

Liz Mossop, BVM&S, MMedSci, PhD, MAcadMed, FRCVS



Dr. Liz Mossop originally qualified as a veterinarian and worked in clinical practice for several years in rural Lincolnshire and Nottinghamshire, United Kingdom, before developing an interest in veterinary education.

She joined the newly formed Veterinary School at the University of Nottingham in 2006 as a University Teacher, focusing on developing the professional skills curriculum and eventually becoming Professor of Veterinary Education in 2017. The school has a specific remit around widening access to veterinary education, and Liz has a long-standing interest in this area.

Dr. Mossop holds a PhD in Clinical Education and was awarded her Fellowship of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons in 2018 for meritorious contributions to the profession.

She moved to the University of Lincoln in 2018 to become Deputy Vice Chancellor for Student Development and Engagement. As part of this role, she oversees the university's Teaching, Learning and Student Experience strategy and is heavily involved in student support and attainment. In 2023, she became Provost and Senior Vice Chancellor, taking on a broader academic leadership remit but retaining her student interests.

Dr. Mossop holds multiple awards for teaching and curriculum development, including a National Teaching Fellowship. Her research career has focussed on veterinary and medical education, as well as the growing field of veterinary patient safety and human factors, with multiple publications and grants in these areas.



# College of Veterinary Medicine

## Interim Dean's Message



Dear College of Veterinary Medicine Graduating Class of 2023:

Graduation is not only the culmination of all of your hard work of the past four years; it is the fulfillment of a dream that for many began during childhood. Allow yourself a moment to appreciate and acknowledge your dedication, your commitment to the journey, and your many accomplishments. Your transition from student to professional is finally here! Congratulations!

As you walk into the world as a veterinarian, remember the dream that led you here. And now begin to dream even bigger. What will your work look like? Who are the animals that will benefit from your care? Who are the people who will benefit from the work you do? How will society be impacted by your dedication and contributions? The reality is that while graduation feels like the end of the dream, it is really only the beginning. Everything you have worked for, and all that you have learned is only the start of your career. And what a time to begin this part of the journey!

The animals, people, and communities need you more than ever. The world changed dramatically while you were a student at WesternU, and now more than ever are the roles of veterinarians appreciated and needed. Continue your lifelong learning by embracing the importance of your work and committing to

your ongoing success. Embrace every opportunity to be of service to the animals and society. We are forever proud of you! And we will be forever supporting you and your success from a distance. I hope you remember your time here with fondness and pride. We are happy to now refer to you as our colleagues rather than as our students. Continue to dream big! And remember to appreciate every moment that brought you here today.

Wishing you ongoing success and happiness,

**John Tegzes, VMD**

Interim Dean, College of Veterinary Medicine

# Candidates for the Degree of Doctor of Veterinary Medicine

Tamara Jean Abato-Earwood

Talya Rosette Aghoian-Stubbs

Clarissa Marie Alaniz

Andriana Elizabeth Albini

Alexis Zhane Allen

Emily Marie Arellano\*

Samantha Leann Ayotte\*

Stephanie Joan Babington

Shant Balci

Raja Kumar Basak-Smith

Alexa Berardini

Alyshia Lynelle Bier

Elizabeth Tess Carlucci

Juan Martin Castellanos

Marie Ann Chase\*

Katherine Ren-yi Chen

Jessica Iris Conner\*

Marilena Constantinou

Madison Elaine Cooper

Analise Caroline Curley

Elizabeth Silva Dawkins

Katelyn Allyson DeVore\*

Katherine Diehl

Elise Ashley Dittmann

Linda Gabriela Flores

Nicolina Marisa Foster

Courtney Miye Fukushima

Zaira Pamela Gomez

Jose David Gonzalez David

Erryn Bychelle Goods

Abrielle Amanda Goodwein\*

Aline Veronica Graham\*

David Alan Green\*

Jimmy Guan\*

Taylor Morgan Haefs\*

Karina Nicole Hallam

Jessica Henriquez\*

Katarina Alexi Hilton

Erin Kelly Hooper\*

Samantha Rae Hurtado

Justin Randal Jensen

Samantha Melissa Johnson\*

Leeza Kao\*

Kayla Marie Kleve\*

Alexandra Catherine Kochanowsky

Hana Marie Krauss

\*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 of Doctor of Veterinary Medicine

Breanna Leddy

Apryl Lynn Leimgruber

Paige Michelle Lenz

Catherine Chwen-Ray Li

Kyla Kathleen Lodwig

Beverley Loo

Heidi Luczynski

Jesse Michael Maestas

Thao Thanh Mai

Marcella Mancini

Zach Curtis Manley

Frederick Jonathan Manson\*

Nicole Helene Marter

Laura Victoria Mason\*

Christain Mary Jean Medley

Katherine Ann Ehle Meyer

Richard Ryan Meyer

Melonie Lynn Miller

Nicole Caryl Morgan\*

Keely Anne Mullens

Cesar Damon Muro Bernal

Andrew Atef Nemetalla

Katherine Marie Nieswiadomy

Danielle Sophia Ortiz

Deanna Marie Overton

Denise Renee Paciotti

Brian Lawson Painting\*

Alexandra Grace Patten

Brenda Perez

Karina Lauren Quiroz

Ana Arcelia Ramirez

Sophia Rasmussen

Tanya Lynn Regan

Fiona Mary Reid\*

Marissa Nicole Robertson\*

Christina Rostami\*

Yamila Ruiz-Espada

Kalee Marie Salas

Gunimat Parkash Singh Samra

Tiffany Marie Santiago

Nathan Sharp

Nicole Ashley Smith

Sarah Ann Snow

Citlalli Soltero Ruelas\*

Madelaine Mae Steevens

Glenna Stomackin

Meg Frances Sullivan

Giela Tehrani

Courteney Ann Thompson

Nicholas Steven Tremonti

Elizabeth Eileen Tuff\*

Tierra Ashley Tyson

# Candidates for the Degree of Doctor of Veterinary Medicine

Parris Rose Watkins

Rachel Jaye Wechsler

Greta Louise Wicht\*

Elizabeth Catharine Winn-Hoyte\*

Cleo Ashley Wong\*

Kyle Akio Wong

Joseph Wen-Chi Wu

Sean Sugasawa Yamada

# 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 Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific-Northwest

**May 26, 2023, 10:00 a.m.**

Boulder Falls Center  
605 Mullins Drive, Lebanon, Oregon

# Order of Exercises

## President Robin Farias-Eisner Officiating

### Prelude

"Overture" by Craig Safan

### Processional

"Pomp and Circumstance" by Sir Edward Elgar

Gerald R. Thrush, PhD  
Vice Dean, Academic Affairs  
Professor, Immunology  
College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific  
University Marshal

Alexander Paul Aversano, DO  
Professor, Internal Medicine/Neurology  
Marshal, College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific-Northwest

### National Anthem

Jessica Cabusog, DO Class of 2026

### Invocation

Robert Wimmer, MD  
Retired Physician and Lebanon Strawberryian

### President's Welcome

Robin Farias-Eisner, MD, PhD, MBA  
President, Western University of Health Sciences

### Board of Trustees Welcome

Jeff Heatherington, LHD (Hon.)  
Secretary, Board of Trustees, Western University of Health Sciences

### Provost's Remarks and Introduction of Graduate Speaker

Paula M. Crone, DO '92  
Provost and Chief Academic Officer  
Vice President, WesternU Oregon

### Graduate's Remarks

Mehak Preet Kaur, DO Class of 2023

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# | Order of Exercises

## **Honorary Degree**

Catherine Mater, MSCE  
Trustee, WesternU Board of Trustees  
Member, WesternU Oregon Advisory Board

Presented by: David A. Connett, DO '84  
Acting Dean, College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific and COMP-Northwest

Conferred by: President Farias-Eisner

## **Commencement Keynote Address**

Catherine Mater, MSCE, LHD (Hon.)

## **Dean's Welcome and Presentation of the College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific-Northwest Graduating Class of 2023**

Acting Dean Connett

## **Conferring of Degree**

Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine

President Farias-Eisner

## **Announcement of Graduates**

Kara Mintier, DO  
Vice Chair and Assistant Professor, Neuromuskuloskeletal Medicine/  
Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine

Jenna Collins, DO  
Vice Chair and Assistant Professor, Family Medicine

Charles Ross, DO  
Assistant Professor, Emergency Medicine

Bachtuyet Le, DO '16  
Assistant Professor, Neuromuskuloskeletal Medicine/  
Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine

## **Introduction of Oath Administrator**

Acting Dean Connett

## **Administration of the Osteopathic Oath**

Mandilin Hudson, DO '09  
Vice Dean, College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific-Northwest  
Assistant Professor, Behavioral Medicine and Psychiatry

# | Order of Exercises

**Introduction of  
Alumni Association Representative**

Acting Dean Connett

**Alumni Association Welcome**

Morgan Cameron Wimmer, DO '19  
Family Medicine Physician and Hospitalist  
Samaritan Medical Group, Lebanon, OR

**Dean's Charge to the Graduates**

Acting Dean Connett

**President's Closing Remarks**

President Farias-Eisner

**Recessional**

"Pomp and Circumstance March No. 1" by Sir Edward Elgar

# Keynote Speaker

Catherine M. Mater, MSCE



Catherine Mater is a founding Advisory Board Member for COMP-Northwest and currently serves as a member of the WesternU Board of Trustees. Her extensive background in health care governance includes serving as a founding member and current ex-officio director of the US Foundation for Medical Excellence, a past member of the Oregon Board of Medical Examiners, a past member of the Oregon Health Council, as well as serving on the BlueCross BlueShield Board of Directors.

Catherine holds a BS in Political Science from Oregon State University and a MS in Civil Engineering with specialized engineering focus in construction engineering management. She has been inducted into the Oregon State University Engineering Hall of Fame for her national and global achievements. Sustainable natural resource management, forest-related climate change issues, and connecting human health with forest health in US policy development is her life's work. She has served on and briefed numerous White House committees, Congressional committees, Governors' panels, federal agencies, institutes, and commissions on forest preservation and sustainability.

She is a worldwide expert in sustainable forestry and forest product development for global markets and a recognized expert witness in US federal court systems in sustainable forestry management and product manufacturing.

Expanding her expertise into global markets, she has presented at the United Nations in Geneva on sustainable forestry and human health and was appointed Oregon's official envoy to Iraq for establishing sustainable engineering curriculums in 17 universities throughout the country. Currently Catherine is working throughout the Middle East and Ukraine on forest health-human health issues.

# College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific-Northwest

## Acting Dean's Message



Dear COMP-Northwest DO Graduating Class of 2023:

Congratulations Class of 2023 Medical School Graduates! On behalf of all of us at COMP and COMP-Northwest, let me join your families and friends in sharing our pride in all of you for this hard-earned accomplishment. This culmination of hard work, dedication, and perseverance represents a tremendous milestone in your life.

As your Acting Dean, I am proud that you are part of our growing legacy. You are incredible examples of the young medical professionals we are training to lead medicine, here and around the world. This is your moment, the time to celebrate and honor your achievements.

Over these last four years you have faced and overcome difficult challenges with courage and humility during this pandemic. The global lockdown resulted in social isolation from family members and support groups, to include your classmates and faculty. You had to adapt to the challenge of an online learning format, which is especially noteworthy given the hands-on requirements of our curriculum. The resiliency you have developed will enable you to overcome any challenges that come your way moving forward as you establish your careers as physicians.

Your residency will be the next phase in your career, and you will hone your clinical skills based on your selected field of study. You must however begin to adopt a “work-life” balance. Although the rigors of residency will be tremendous, especially in the beginning, you must begin to take time for yourself, your family, and your friends. Continue to nurture these relationships with your colleagues; they will be lifelong.

From all of us at COMP and COMP-Northwest, we wish you all the very best with a lifetime of good health, wellness, and professional fulfillment as you care for your patients and positively impact your communities.

We are proud of you! Congratulations not only to you, but to your friends, family, and all the fellow students and mentors who helped you in your journey as a medical student.

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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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