

#### Forty-Third Annual

# Commencement Exercises

## for the Graduating Classes of 2024

May 15-17, 2024, Pasadena, California

College of Podiatric Medicine

College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific

College of Health Sciences

College of Pharmacy

College of Dental Medicine

College of Optometry

College of Graduate Nursing

College of Veterinary Medicine

May 24, 2024, Lebanon, Oregon

College of Health Sciences-Northwest

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 and an academic medical center offering outpatient clinics, public health and welfare services.

The University ventured north in 2011, opening the WesternU Oregon campus with 100 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 cohort of Physical Therapy students in July 2021.

In 2015, the University embarked on a new era of leadership and vision when Founding President Philip Pumerantz, PhD, announced his retirement. In 2016, the University Board of Trustees appointed internationally distinguished psychiatrist, anthropologist and academic administrator Daniel R. Wilson, MD, PhD, as the president, the second president in history at WesternU.

Dr. Wilson stepped down from the presidency after serving five years, and in fall 2021 the WesternU Board of Trustees announced that Robin Farias-Eisner, MD, PhD, MBA, would become WesternU's third president 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 one of the most comprehensive graduate schools for the health professions, ranking among the top leaders in health care and medicine throughout the country and the world due to its academic programs, outstanding faculty and successful alumni. WesternU is home to more than 3,700 students in 27 programs, 1,300 employees and over 20,000 alumni.

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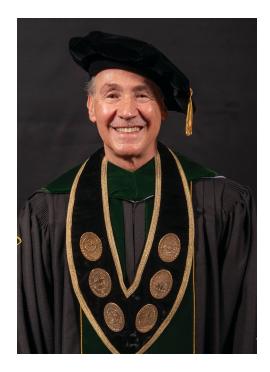
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## Western University of Health Sciences

## President's Message



To WesternU's Class of 2024,

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 2024 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!

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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

CONGRATULATIONS **CLASS OF 2024** 

## Colleges of Podiatric Medicine and Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific

May 15, 2024, 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** "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

Jacqueline B. 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, MBA

Assistant Dean, Graduate Medical Education Chair and Associate Professor, Pediatrics

Marshal, College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific

**National Anthem** Elika Salimi, DO Class of 2024

Invocation Mike Spradlin

Lead Pastor, Valley Christian Church

Chaplain, Chino Police

President's Welcome Robin Farias-Eisner, MD, PhD, MBA

President, Western University of Health Sciences

**Board of Trustees Welcome** Dianne Philibosian, PhD

Member, Board of Trustees, Western University of Health Sciences

Provost's Remarks and Introduction

of Graduate Speakers

Paula M. Crone, DO'92

Provost and Chief Academic Officer

#### 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.

Family and guests may be photographed for future University publications.

### Order of Exercises

Jashpreet Singh Sanghera, DPM Class of 2024 Graduates' Remarks

Vu Luu, DO Class of 2024

Teresa A. Hubka, DO **Honorary Degree** 

President-Elect, American Osteopathic Association

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

Teresa A. Hubka, DO, LHD (Hon.)

Dean's Presentation of the College of Podiatric Medicine Graduating Class of 2024

Jonathan Labovitz, DPM Dean, College of Podiatric Medicine

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** 

Joseph Park, DPM

Assistant Professor, Podiatric Medicine, Surgery and Biomechanics

Dean's Presentation of the

College of Osteopathic Medicine

of the Pacific

Graduating Class of 2024

**Acting Dean Connett** 

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

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Emmanuel Katsaros, DO

Chair, Department of Internal Medicine

Brian Kraatz, PhD Professor, Anatomy

**Hooding of Graduates** David Redding, DO '93, MS '96

Associate Professor, Neuromusculoskeletal Medicine/ Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine and Family Medicine

Jesus Sanchez Jr., DO, MS

Professor, Neuromusculoskeletal Medicine/

Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine Assistant to the University Marshal

Introduction of Oath Administrator Dean Labovitz

Administration of the Kelly Parks, DPM '16

Podiatric Physician's Oath

Assistant Professor, Podiatric Medicine, Surgery and Biomechanics

Introduction of Oath Administrator Acting Dean Connett

Administration of the Associate Professor Redding

Osteopathic Oath

Introduction of Dean Labovitz

Alumni Association Representative

Alumni Association Welcome Bryanna Vesely, DPM '20, MPH

Foot and Ankle Surgical Fellow

Las Vegas Foot and Ankle Advanced Reconstruction Fellowship

Las Vegas, NV

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

## Teresa A. Hubka, DO President-Elect, American Osteopathic Association



Dr. Hubka, a native of San Diego, California, earned her degree in Biochemistry and Nutrition Science from the University of California, Davis and her Master of Science in Biology and Clinical Nutrition from the University of Bridgeport in Connecticut. Dr. Hubka received her Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (DO) degree from Des Moines University - Osteopathic Medical Center in Des Moines, Iowa. She then completed an osteopathic internship at Atlantic City Medical Center in New Jersey followed by a residency in obstetrics and gynecologic surgery at Mercy Hospital & Medical Center in Chicago, Illinois, where she was the Administrative Chief Resident.

Dr. Hubka is dual board-certified in obstetrics and gynecology by the American Osteopathic Association's Board of Osteopathic Obstetricians and Gynecologists (AOBOG) and the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology (ABOG). She is a Distinguished Fellow of the American College of Osteopathic Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOOG), a Diplomat of the American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) and an inductee in the American Osteopathic Association's Mentor Hall of Fame.

Dr. Hubka is Founder and Medical Director of Comprehensive Wellness Care, LLC, a practice of professionals in Obstetrics and Gynecology, Reproductive Health, Behavioral Health and Integrated Health and Fitness specialists that

provides complete health services to women of all ages. She has practiced Obstetrics and Gynecology in the Lincoln Park area of Chicago, Illinois since 1994. Dr. Hubka is in private practice but also is affiliated with hospitals in Chicago, including Ascension - Resurrection Medical Center, where she served as Program Director of the OB/GYN Residency program of Midwestern University/OPTI: Presence - Resurrection Healthcare Consortium from 2000 through 2015. She continues to be an active member of the teaching faculty and advisor to both the residents and program administrative team.

Dr. Hubka is a Clinical Professor and Department Chair of OB/GYN at Midwestern University - Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine and a Costin Scholar in Medical Education, certified in MWU-Master Faculty Series. She also serves as the core and elective Clerkship Director for third- and fourth-year osteopathic medical students and Advisor to the Student Osteopathic OB/GYN Association (SOOGA). She is an Advisory Faculty and Instructor for the Basic and Advanced Life Support in Obstetrics (BLSO, ALSO) courses (which she has taught at local, national and international conferences since 2013) and is an active member of ACOG (serving on the Congressional Leadership Council), the Association of Professors in Gynecology and Obstetrics (APGO) and the Council of Resident Educators on Obstetrics and Gynecology (CREOG).

Nationally, Dr. Hubka is the president-elect of the American Osteopathic Association and has been on the Board of Trustees since 2013. She was named the ACOOG Mentor of the Year in 2023. In 2014, she was the Alumnus of the Year for Des Moines University. She received the ACOOG Distinguished Service Award 2013-14, the highest honor bestowed by the College.

## In Memoriam

## Kay Kalousek, DO'89, MS'94, AAHIVE, FACOFP Chair and Professor, Department of Family Medicine



Those who knew Dr. Kay Kalousek will understand the enduring impact she had on the COMP community and the countless lives she has touched as an educator and clinician. Dr. Kalousek lived a rich and varied life, where her lived commitment to the medical profession, her devotion to her family, her faith as a member of the Seventh-Day Adventist church and her passion for the well-being of her patients and students was always apparent.

A native of Southern California, Dr. Kalousek completed her Bachelor of Arts (BA) at Loma Linda University, Loma Linda, Calif. in 1983 and completed a Master of Science (MS) degree at California State University, San Bernardino in 1985. She graduated in 1989 with a Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (DO) degree from the College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific. Dr. Kalousek became a member of the American Osteopathic Board of Family Physicians in 1994. She was a member of the American Academy of HIV Medicine, carrying an HIV Expert Credential (AAHIVE) and HIV Specialist Credential (AAHIVS) from 2002-13.

She joined COMP in 1991 as a faculty member in Family Medicine and in 1994 she earned an MSHPE degree in the newly formed College of Allied Health Professions (CAHP – now College of Health Sciences). Dr. Kalousek was promoted to Professor of Family Medicine in 2017 and in her last role with the

University served in the capacity of Chair of the Department of Family Medicine. She previously served COMP as Associate Dean of Academic Affairs, Associate Dean of Medical Education, Assistant Dean of Medical Education and Director of Medical Education.

Dr. Kalousek took a brief sojourn from WesternU to act as Dean of the School of Osteopathic Medicine in Arizona (SOMA) campus of A.T. Still University of Health Sciences from 2012-15.

Recognition for her professional achievements includes the Osteopathic Medical Educator of the Year from the Arizona Osteopathic Medical Association in 2015, the Pumerantz Lifetime Fellow of Excellence from Western University of Health Sciences in 2012 and Physician of the Year from the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians-California (ACOFP-CA) in 2010. The DO class of 2006 recognized her as the "Most Inspirational Faculty Member."

At WesternU, Dr. Kalousek supported the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians (ACOFP) as Advisor/Preceptor from September 2006-June 2012, the Pomona Homeless Outreach Program (PHOP) as Advisor/Preceptor August 2004-June 2012, the Women's Health Interest Group as Advisor July 2000-June 2007, the American Medical Women's Association Advisor July 2000-June 2005 and the National Organization of Women Physicians Advisor July 2000-June 2005.

Dr. Kalousek was an individual of integrity, always frank and forthright about her beliefs. She actively worked professionally to improve the life circumstances of those marginalized with AIDS and HIV infection at a critical time before advanced medical technology rendered these chronic treatable conditions. All those that knew her at Western University of Health Sciences are grateful for her contribution to the community and grieve and mourn her loss, together with her wife, Pat, and her two adult sons.

## In Memoriam

## Sumeet Brar, DO Class of 2024



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 his third year, Sumeet joined the inaugural class of COMP and COMP-Northwest students at Kern Medical Center in Bakersfield, California. 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.

Sumeet is being posthumously awarded his DO degree at the 2024 WesternU COMP commencement ceremony. 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.

With the support of family and friends, the Sumeet Singh Brar Memorial Scholarship will be presented annually to a graduating fourthyear DO student on the Pomona campus who has matched into a psychiatry residency program, with preference given to a student who has demonstrated an interest in pursuing child and adolescent psychiatry. The inaugural recipient of the Sumeet Singh Brar Memorial Scholarship was Nicole Poladian, DO Class of 2024. For additional information about this scholarship, go to https://www.westernu.edu/donations/ sumeet-singh-brar-memorial-scholarship.

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Huntington Memorial Hospital, Pasadena, CA Specialty: Internal Medicine

#### Hannah Marie Ward

UCI Medical Center, Orange, CA Specialty: Pediatrics

#### **Alexander Wong**

Kaiser Permanente, Santa Ana, CA Specialty: Family Medicine

#### Grace Cao Do Wong

University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA Specialty: Pediatrics

#### Elizabeth Anne Wright

Parkview Health, Fort Wayne, IN Specialty: Obstetrics and Gynecology

#### Amneh Yacoub

Kaiser Permanente, Riverside, CA Specialty: Family Medicine

#### Aram Yegiazaryan

Southwest Healthcare Medical Education Consortium, Temecula, CA

Specialty: Internal Medicine

#### Joseph Kim Yi

St. Joseph's Medical Center, Stockton, CA Specialty: Psychiatry

#### Tanin Zadeh

Harbor-UCLA Medical Center, Torrance, CA Specialty: Pathology-Anatomic and Clinical

#### Klara Zakery

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

Ming Xuan Zheng\*

## 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.

CONGRATULATIONS **CLASS OF 2024** 

# College of Health Sciences

May 15, 2024, 3:00 p.m.

Pasadena Civic Auditorium 300 East Green Street, Pasadena, California

#### 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

Zachary Travis, PhD, MPH

Assistant Professor, Medical Sciences

Director, Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging

Marshal, College of Health Sciences

**National Anthem** Eryn Peeler, DPT '20

Sean Rowan, MA Invocation

> Associate 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 Welcome** Dianne Philibosian, PhD

Member, 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

Graduates' Remarks Alexandra Quiones, MSMS Class of 2024

Nuha Alomari, MSPA Class of 2024

Doughlas Patrick Ocampo, DPT Class of 2024

#### 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.

Family and guests may be photographed for future University publications.

**Honorary Degree** 

John P. Hamilton, EdD

Assistant Vice Chancellor, Strategic Partnership and Student Success

Initiatives

California State University - Chancellor's Office

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

Conferred by: President Farias-Eisner

**Commencement Keynote Address** 

John P. Hamilton, EdD, LHD (Hon.)

Dean's Presentation of the College of Health Sciences Graduating Classes of 2024 Acting Dean Evans Grayson

**Conferring of Degrees** 

Master of Science in Medical Sciences Master of Science in Physician **Assistant Studies** Doctor of Physical Therapy (Professional) President Farias-Fisner

Announcement of Graduates

Emilie Orillard, PhD

Assistant Professor, Medical Sciences

Amber Singletary, PA'00, MS'04, DMSc

Associate Professor, Physician Assistant Education

Janet Konecne, PT, DPT, PhD Director, Clinical Education

Associate Professor, Physical Therapy Education

**Hooding of Graduates** 

Jenniffer Licero Campbell, PhD

Chair, Department of Medical Sciences Assistant Professor, Medical Sciences

Roy Guizado, PA'94, MS'97, PA-C

Assistant Dean, College Policy and Affairs

Chair, Department of Physician Assistant Education Associate Professor, Physician Assistant Education

Harshavardan Deoghare, PT, PhD

Assistant Dean, Research

Chair, Department of Physical Therapy Education Associate Professor, Physical Therapy Education

Tim Wood, DHSc, MSPA'02

Associate Vice President, Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning

Associate Professor, Physician Assistant Education

Assistant to the University Marshal

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

Cathelyn Timple, PT, DPT

Assistant Professor, Physical Therapy Education

Introduction of Alumni Association

Representative

Acting Dean Evans Grayson

Alumni Association Welcome

Saloni Swarup, MSPA'13, PA-C

Neurosurgery PA

Kaiser Permanente Woodland Hills

Dean's Charge to the Graduates

Acting Dean Evans Grayson

**President's Closing Remarks** 

President Farias-Eisner

Recessional

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

## Keynote Speaker

John P. Hamilton, EdD Assistant Vice Chancellor, Strategic Partnership and Student Success Initiatives, California State University



Dr. John Hamilton serves as the systemwide Assistant Vice Chancellor of Strategic Partnerships and Student Success Initiatives for California State University. Prior to serving in this capacity, he served as the Associate Vice President for Student Success and Equity at California State University, Long Beach (CSULB) providing leadership to bridge for services, via Academic and Student Affairs, that impact access and retention across the university. Additionally, Dr. Hamilton served as co-chair of the CSULB President's Equity and Change Commission.

A former teacher in the Los Angeles Unified School District, Dr. Hamilton knew that "impact" and "scalability" were critical to the success of equity and diversity in urban schools. Transitioning to higher education, Dr. Hamilton used "impact" and "scalability" throughout his career with great success. Dr. Hamilton has held leadership positions across a variety of higher education institutions including UCLA and Loyola Marymount and has taught at Pepperdine University, National University and Occidental College. Prior to his role as AVP of Student Success & Equity, Dr. Hamilton was the Director of Educational Opportunity Program and Guardian Scholars at CSULB.

Dr. Hamilton has presented at numerous conferences and provided workshops on equity, diversity, hip-hop, pop culture, welfare-to-work programming, foster youth, community policing and identity-conscious strategies.

As an influencer and leader in higher education institutions, Dr. Hamilton seeks to improve practices, inform decisions, strengthen communities and ensure success. An expert, leader and advocate, Dr. Hamilton has a strong passion to assist BIPOC students to excel in and outside of the classroom. He pays particular attention to African American males in the efforts to dispel the myths and deficit perspective attitudes within and beyond the walls of education.

#### Candidates for the Degree of

## Master of Science in Medical Sciences

Aisha Ayomide Adelotan

Arbab Alam

Diego Jose Avelar

Odet Behado

Cayla Rose Brooks

Abinav Teja Chilukuri

Robin Nelson Aquino Clanor

Karen Paola De Leon Perussina

Adam Joseph Diab

Linh-Mai Dinh Do

Zohreh Fallah

Elizabeth Mary Filipian

Charita Gedela

Ryan Hani Hallal

Vy Ngoc Tuong Ho

Tommy Le

Sun Kyung Lee

Ramona Rebecca Lup

Liliana Martinez

Abigail Mendoza

Sukhjinder Kumar Momi

Kenny Ngo

Hayley Nguyen

Jimmy Phi Hoang Nguyen

Joseph Doi Thanh Nguyen\*

Cristian Moises Ochoa

Alexandra Karly Quinones

Justin Christopher Quintana

Jazmin Isabel Ramirez Villalobos

**Kimberly Salazar** 

Nicholas Sarmiento

Tanu Singh

**Tracy Phuong Tran** 

<sup>\*</sup>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 Physician Assistant Studies

Zahra Akberzie Alexandra Gutierrez

Rebecca Elizabeth Alanis Selina Han

Alana Nicole Almond\* Malayna Nicole Heglar

Nuha Ibrahim Alomari Anna Herbst

Lidia Alvarez **Madison Dyan Hill** 

Jasmin Aracely Argueta Naomi Huynh

Jesus Ayala Kiersten Lynn Johnston

Zanae Deidra Jones Grace Mary Bahbah

Madison Ryan Balachio **Brittany Jordan** 

Lara Khosrovian Katelyn Seeley Beilby

Ashlyn Rose Boardman\* Jenna Colleen Knapp

Sarah Elizabeth Kooda-Black Kelsey Guevara Bridger

Angeline Nguyen Le\* Lindsay Huynh Brown

Andrew C. Chu William Loo

Hannah Chu Jennifer Phuong Ly

Victoria Covarrubias Rachel Janney Mahar

Kody Duybao Dang Ricardo Cesar Fulgencio Martin

Viktoriya Andreyevna Derjabin Kyle Christopher Melendez

Brevin Joseph Carracedo Domingo Olympia Esther Miranda

Katherine Marie Donhauser\* Morgan Marie Molinaro

Samira Mosalla **Xavier Anthony Duenas** 

**Matthew Samuel Musikanth** Katelyn May Erkelenz

Parmis Fakheri Cindy Ngo

Isabel Cecilia Galvez Sandy Nhan

Daniella Nili Jisa Saji George

Mareiya Ale'zai Gonzales Alyssa Emilee Odneal

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

**Eric Brett Oliver** Alexandra Miriam Shafa

Felicia Nicolemarie Ortiz **Amrinder Singh** 

Katherine Elizabeth Pittam Leore Marcel Slavick

Jesse Glenn Pompa **Chase James Snodgrass** 

**Shomal Shareen Prasad** Rachel So Yeon Sul

Kassandra Gisele Ramirez Luna Thezia Sylviana

**David Ramos** Alan Wen-Keng Sze

Sasha Rebecca Ravaei Joyce Tapia-Barahona

Karen Thai Fady Emad Rezk

Samantha Elizabeth Robison Stefania C. Villanueva

**Emily Van** 

**Amber Itzel Romero** Kimberly Lynn Voortman

Tyler Dean Ryan Xin Wang

Chanel Michel Saidian\* Marcella Marina Watson

Sage Marie Salacup Hayley Marie Wishner

Amandeep Kaur Sandhu John Dae Hyun Yoo

**Jessica Nicole Santos** Zoey Elizabeth Zoerner

Nichole Mary Sayegh Stephanie Yem Na Zou

Andrew John Rizeq

Alena A. Sebryakova\*

#### Candidates for the Degree of

# Doctor of Physical Therapy (Professional)

Mario Benjamin Alvarado Ayala

Austin Ryan Rozul Ambion

Azeezat Precious Anthonio

Kahleah Mae Banawa

Kaitlyn O'Brien Barry

Alyssa Vanessa Bays Bonifacio

**Janell Chan Bondoc** 

**Iarred Evan Call** 

Rosario Del Carmen Camacho

James Jordan Campbell

Rommel Cruz Castro Jr.

Travis Jonathan Cerbin

Julie Chan

**Steven Chuong** 

Fredie Abisai Cordon

Monika Cordon

Hansal Dalal

Jonina Yanga De Guzman

**Nicole Frances Donnelly** 

Dillon Van Nguyen Duong

Victoria Anne Edwards

Lauren Nicole Escalante

Allen Espejo

Alejandro David Estrada

Cassadie Frances Gearhart

Carli Lorraine Harrison

Alondra Hernandez Solis

**Brandon Malik Hubley** 

Harvard Da Hyun Kang

Royce Seiji Komesu

Clarissa Jenell Leal

**Quincey Caroline Mac Millan** 

Amara Janette Madison

David Margaryan

Teishia Mae Tinelle Matlock

Ryan Jacob McCombs

Michelle Shigeko Gardner Mestanza

Adriana Marie Moitozo

Amy Nicole Morikawa

Haley Ann Moss

Tigran Movsesyan

Ivy Nguyen

Justine Tran Nguyen

**Doughlas Patrick Ocampo** 

**Quinten Gustavo Pabon** 

Vanessa Marlenen Padron

Joseph Franklin Anacito Price

Joycelin Janellis Puente

Emma Rocha Torres

Ryan Alexander Suwito

Aileen Tran

Angela Mitchell Trejo

# 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.

CONGRATULATIONS **CLASS OF 2024** 

# Colleges of Pharmacy and **Dental Medicine**

May 16, 2024, 9:30 a.m.

Pasadena Civic Auditorium 300 East Green Street, Pasadena, California

#### 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

Anandi V. Law, PhD, BPharm 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** Dana Jean Manalo, DO Class of 2026

Invocation Sean Rowan, MA

> Associate 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 Welcome** Catherine Mater, MSCE, LHD (Hon.)

Member, 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

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Katherine Bang, MSBPS Class of 2024 Graduates' Remarks

> Calvin Nguyen, PharmD Class of 2024 Ahmad Abdallah, DMD Class of 2024

Tony L. Chan, PharmD **Honorary Degree** 

Trustee, Western University of Health Sciences

Presented by: Sunil Prabhu, PhD, BPharm Dean and Professor, College of Pharmacy

Conferred by: President Farias-Eisner

Commencement Keynote Address

Tony L. Chan, PharmD, LHD (Hon.)

Dean's Presentation of the College of Pharmacy

Graduating Classes of 2024

Dean Prabhu

**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** 

Preshita Desai, PhD, BPharm

Assistant Professor, Biotechnology and Pharmaceutical Sciences

Mark Nguyen, PharmD

Assistant Dean, Experiential Education

Dean's Presentation of the College of Dental Medicine Graduating Class of 2024

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

**Conferring of Degree** 

Doctor of Dental Medicine

President Farias-Eisner

**Announcement of Graduates** 

Shirley Kang, DDS

Associate Dean, Academic Affairs

**Hooding of Graduates** 

Jeffrey Turchi, DDS

Assistant Dean, Admissions and Recruitment

Coordinator, Continuing Education Assistant Professor, Dental Medicine

Brent Fung, DDS

Associate Dean of Clinic Operations and Educational Development

Assistant to the University Marshal

Introduction of Oath Administrator Dean Prabhu

Administration of the David Q. Pham, PharmD

Oath of a Pharmacist Associate Professor, Pharmacy Practice and Administration

Introduction of Dean Andrews

Pledge Administrator

Administration of the Marisa K. Watanabe, DDS, MS

Dentist's Pledge Professor, Dental Medicine

Associate Dean, Community Partnerships and Access to Care

Introduction of Dean Prabhu

Alumni Association Representative

Alumni Association Welcome Haikui Parsamyan, PharmD '10, BCGP

Geriatric Pharmacist at Elite Clinical Care Pharmacy

North Hills, CA

Deans' Charge to the Graduates Dean Prabhu

Dean Andrews

President's Closing Remarks President Farias-Eisner

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

# Keynote Speaker

# Tony L. Chan, PharmD Trustee, Western University of Health Sciences



Tony L. Chan, PharmD, was born in 1951 in Burma (now Myanmar) to a life of abject poverty and adversity. His father died of influenza due to a lack of available medical care, leaving his mother with seven children to raise on her own on the wages of a seamstress. This tragedy influenced Dr. Chan's decision to enter the health care profession and created his commitment to make sure other families would not endure a similar tragedy. Dr. Chan's family immigrated to the United States, where they began their quest for the American dream.

Through hard work, sacrifice and an indefatigable work ethic, Dr. Chan earned his PharmD from the University of the Pacific in 1977. It was there that he met his wife, Dr. Virginia Chang Chan, standing in line for graduation. Together, Tony and Virginia have built a successful business as community pharmacists, owning 14 pharmacies in L.A., the Inland Empire, and Orange County. They have lived lives of service in gratitude for the opportunities that higher education afforded them.

Dr. Chan has served on the WesternU Board of Trustees since 2011, spanning the presidencies of Dr. Pumerantz, Dr. Wilson, and Dr. Farias-Eisner. He has given his treasure, talent and time to WesternU. He has also served as a Regent to his alma mater, the University of Pacific, for over 11 years. Dr. Chan received

the highest honors from his alma mater, both the Medallion of Excellence and the Order of the Pacific. His philanthropy spans decades and has touched the lives of many students at many institutions.

When Dr. Chan graduated from the University of Pacific, his mother emphasized the importance of giving back to others, to pay forward the benefit of a college education. Dr. Chan has done just that at WesternU and other institutions of higher learning. A plaque dedicated to Dr. Chan's mother, Sofia Chan, is proudly displayed in WesternU's Health Professions Center.

#### Candidates for the Degree of

# Master of Science in Biotechnology and Pharmaceutical Sciences

**Katherine Younseo Bang** 

Mekedlawit Maza Efrem

Iffat Hasnin Era

Elnaz Fahimi Shabestari

**Emmanuel Etienne Felix** 

Heba Kaadan

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

Verna Nabil Abdelmasih

Pomona Valley Hospital Medical Center, Pomona, CA

Zainab Saad Abdulwahid

Marwah Hussein Al Obaidi

Gebriel Lishan Assefa

Aselle Barak

Dignity Health Hospitals - Sacramento Region, Carmichael, CA

Elijah Elias Bernal

Ashlynn Xiaojun Bi

Joni-Renee Borlongan

Diamante Christa Cabrera

Loma Linda University Medical Center, Loma Linda, CA

Mi Hyang Cha\*

Erin Chiang\*

OptumRx, Orange County, CA

Kevin Chilgevorgian

Sneha Chintala Cheruvu

**Ester Chung Seo** 

Nicolet Deeb

Giancarlo Alfonso Borja Dino

Cleveland Clinic Mercy Hospital, Canton, OH

**Afshin Dinyari** 

**Cheonyong Do** 

**Tyler Anh-Dung Do** 

Samantha Hope Era

UC Irvine Health, Orange, CA

Elder Escobar

**Dolores Ashley Estevez** 

**Brittany Leigh Foster** 

Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital, Santa Barbara, CA

Kimberly Isabel Garay

Nardeen Gorgy

Samuel Hanoun\*

Kimberly Jean Hendrix\*

Desert Oasis Healthcare, Palm Springs, CA

<sup>\*</sup>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**

Miranda S. Hirmez

Desert Hospital Outpatient Pharmacy Ambulatory Health, Palm Springs, CA

Melody Lyn Ho

Tina Trinh Ho

Ionathan Hua\*

VA Long Beach Health Care, Long Beach, CA

Nia Armani Huggins

Leanna Stacie Hunt

VA Palo Alto Health Care, Palo Alto, CA

Trevin Tetsuo Inoue\*

USC-Neurocrine Fellowship in Medical Affairs, San Diego, CA

Nikki Ladan Izadi

Dilpreet Kaur

Shikha Khatri\*

VA Greater Los Angeles Health Care, Los Angeles, CA

Tiffany Khou

Kaiser Permanente, Bellflower, CA

**Evelyn Sungmin Kim** 

Western University of Health Sciences, Pomona, CA

Leslie Kuang\*

Pisev Kuv Lee\*

Houston Methodist Sugar Land Hospital, Sugar Land, TX

Sun Jin Lee

USC Mann School of Pharmacy & Pharmaceutical Sciences, Los Angeles, CA

Lan Lertpanit

Carol Lin\*

Prospect Medical Group, Orange, CA

Alexandra Lipovich

Desert Valley Medical Center, Victorville, CA

Jacqueline Mary Luga\*

US Medical Affairs Fellowship in Immunology/ Rheumatology at AbbVie in partnership with USC

Khanh Doan Minh Luong\*

PIH Health Hospital, Whittier, CA

Darlene Leng Ly

**Errol James Manarang** 

Samantha Martinez-Iniguez

Komoto Healthcare, Delano, CA

Banafsheh Masoudi

Alina Moeen

Dana Victoria Morris\*

Kaiser Permanente, Fontana, CA

Allison Tam Nguyen\*

VA San Diego Health Care, San Diego, CA

Anh Hoang Nguyen

Calvin Nguyen

Scripps Memorial Hospital, La Jolla, CA

Tina Nguyen\*

Virginia Mason Franciscan Health -St. Joseph, Tacoma, WA

Tran My Nguyen

**Darren James Ocampo** 

Shant Zhirayr Ogtanyan\*

Pauline Angeli Padua

Young Joon Pak

Krishna Rajendrakumar Patel

Parth Patel

Rajan Sunny Patel

Sesha Jayant Patel

Shiv Hitendra Patel

**Hunter Earle Payne** 

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

Jocelyn Aracely Peraza

Brenda Perez

Anna Uyen Pham

MemorialCare Miller Children's & Women's Hospital, Long Beach, CA

**Bonny Ngoc Pham** 

Nhu Dinh Pham\*

Thu Quynh Anh Pham\*

**Kimberly Phan** 

Laurin Jane Randle

Behnam Razmjooei

Michael Mathew Reimer

**Albert Rodriguez** 

Arrowhead Regional Medical Center, Colton, CA

Ateka Omar Saadallah

Lei Elise Lara Saluta

Jessica Christabella Santoso

**Amani Mounir Sayed** 

Fountain Valley Regional Hospital, Fountain Valley, CA

Hueini Shih

**Karanvir Singh** 

**Ruby Carmen Tow** 

USC-Neurocrine Fellowship in Medical Affairs, San Diego, CA

Katie Tran

Katie Quynh Tran

Mien Thi Tuong Tran

Nghi Dinh Quang Tran

Ngoc Tran

Tyler Huy Tran

Benneth Uzochukwu Ugwumadu

Joshua D. Wang

Zakiya D'llaine Woodson

University Hospitals-UH Meds, Parma, OH

Allen Yousif\*

VA Loma Linda Healthcare System, Loma Linda, CA

Melanie Marie Yousif

Wenjing Zan

#### Candidates for the Degree of

## **Doctor of Dental Medicine**

Ahmad Khamis Abdallah

Nadeen Isam Allah Werdi\*

Nadia Amer

Ashley Nichole Barahmani

Melanye Bender

University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM Advanced Education in General Dentistry

Marlyn Magdy Beshay

Kimberly Susan Borch\*

US Navy - Camp Pendleton, Fallbrook, CA Specialty: General Practice

John Kien Bui

Keaton McClain Burchfield

Kelsey Marie Caldwell\*

Mayra Camacho

**Englise Claire Cardone** 

Jong Soo Choi\*

Saint Louis University, St. Louis, MO Specialty: Orthodontics

**Juchan Choi** 

Barbara Alice Clyburn

University of California, San Francisco, San Francisco, CA Specialty: Dental Public Health

Celine Nilamani Das

NYU Langone Dental Medicine, Brooklyn, NY

Specialty: General Practice

Makenzie Moroni Davis

Leah Clarisse Victoriano Dayrit

Aniel C. Del Rosario

**Zohal Ebrahimi** 

Marina Elizabeth Elkess

Cori Alaine Fine

Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center, Los Angeles, CA Specialty: General Practice

Najeeb Frangool

Tyler James Fyfe

Daniela Alany Gonzalez

Jessica Kelly Gordon\*

Broward Health Medical Center, Fort Lauderdale, FL Specialty: Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery

Stephanie Diane Govea\*

Brandon Najeeb Hanna

Simon Hedvat

Jeong Ho Hyun

University of the Pacific, San Francisco, CA Specialty: Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery

**Xiangxiang Jiang** 

Brian Jun

Staten Island University Hospital, Northwell Health, Staten Island, NY

Specialty: General Practice

Jonathan Chan Gon Kim

Joshua Lee Kincannon

Mark Dylan Kovar

Niveen Esam Kryakos

AuCo Le

**Vuong Brandon Le** 

<sup>\*</sup>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

Jinyong Jacob Lee

Carl R. Darnall Army Medical Center, Fort Cavazos, TX Advanced Education in General Dentistry

Johnson Tin Li

Timothy Qiyu Li

Sebastian Lucar

Megan Nicole Maher-Sandstrom\*

University of California, Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA

Specialty: Pediatric Dentistry

Alexandra Megan Tillie McFee

Abdilrahman Hamad Majeed

Harrison Luke Menard

University of Tennessee Health Science Center,

Memphis, TN

Specialty: Periodontics

Camellia Mirkazemi

Niki Negar Moghadasi

Neda Mousavi

Mayra Munguia

Maria Caroline Nsubuga

Mitchell McNamara Olivieri

**Enrique Ortega** 

Pooja N. Patel

Priya A. Patel

Samuel Benjamin Ramirez\*

Auva Elizabeth Ravanpey

Avesta Reddy

Luis Gustavo Robinson

**Gregory Allen Ryder** 

Tara Sadeghi

**Zorrain Shakeel** 

Pallavi Sharma

Julianne T Soria

Matthew Douglas Takeuchi

Marc Toma\*

University of Texas Medical Branch, Galveston, TX

Specialty: Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery

Tim Tran

Victor Hugo Viveros

Nathan Mark Williams

**Tyesha Thompson Younger** 

Fernando Luo Zhong

# 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.

CONGRATULATIONS **CLASS OF 2024** 

# Colleges of **Optometry** and **Graduate Nursing**

May 16, 2024, 3:00 p.m.

Pasadena Civic Auditorium 300 East Green Street, Pasadena, California

#### President Robin Farias-Eisner Officiating

"Overture" by Craig Safan **Prelude** 

**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

Associate Dean, Administration and Research

Professor, Graduate Nursing

Marshal, College of Graduate Nursing

**National Anthem** Megan Pineda, OD Class of 2024

Invocation Sean Rowan, MA

> Associate 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 Welcome** Tony L. Chan, PharmD, LHD (Hon.)

Member, Board of Trustees, Western University of Health Sciences

Provost's Remarks and Introduction

of Graduate Speakers

Paula M. Crone, DO '92

Provost and Chief Academic Officer

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Joshua Pe, OD Class of 2024 Graduates' Remarks

Marine Sargsyan, MSNE Class of 2024

Edwin C. Marshall, OD, MS, MPH **Honorary Degree** 

Professor Emeritus, Optometry and Public Health, Indiana University

Executive Director, National Optometric Association

Presented by: Elizabeth Hoppe, DrPH, OD, MPH

Founding Dean, College of Optometry

Conferred by: President Farias-Eisner

**Commencement Keynote Address** 

Edwin C. Marshall, OD, MS, MPH, LHD (Hon.)

Dean's Presentation of the College of Optometry Graduating Class of 2024

Founding Dean Hoppe

**Conferring of Degree** 

Doctor of Optometry

President Farias-Eisner

Announcement of Graduates

Bennett McAllister, OD

Associate Professor, Optometry

Kristy Remick-Waltman, OD

Founding Director, Community Outreach

Associate Professor

**Hooding of Graduates** 

Raymond Maeda, OD

Associate Dean, Clinical Affairs

Dean's Presentation of the College of Graduate Nursing Graduating Classes of 2024

Mary Lopez, PhD, MSN

Dean, College of Graduate Nursing

**Conferring of Degrees** 

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

Announcement of Graduates

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

Dawn Stone, PhD, MN, RN

Assistant Dean, Academic Affairs

Director, MSN Program

Associate Professor, Graduate Nursing

**Hooding of Graduates** 

Khoa "Joey" Dang, MSNFNP'12, DNP'20 Director, Family Nurse Practitioner Program Director, Master of Science in Nursing Program Associate Professor, Graduate Nursing

Michael Marinello, MSN, RN

Director, Master of Science in Nursing - Entry Program

Assistant Professor, Graduate Nursing

Christy Cotner, DNP, FNP, PMHNP

Director, Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Program

Assistant Professor, Graduate Nursing

Donna Emanuele, DNP, FNP, ENP, CNS Director, Doctor of Nursing Practice Program Director, Emergency Nurse Practitioner Program

Associate Professor, Graduate Nursing Assistant to the University Marshal

Introduction of Oath Administrator Founding Dean Hoppe

Administration of the **Optometric Oath** 

Christopher Gee, OD

President, California Optometric Association

Introduction of

Dean Lopez

Alumni Association Representative

Alumni Association Welcome

Minna Miller, DNP '15, MSN, FNP-BC '12, NP(F), FAANP

Nurse Practitioner, BC Children's Hospital, Division of Respiratory

Medicine

Adjunct Professor, University of British Columbia and Thompson Rivers

University Schools of Nursing, Vancouver, B.C., Canada

Faculty, Canadian Centre for Advanced Practice Nursing Research at

McMaster University, Hamilton, ON, Canada

Deans' Charge to the Graduates

Founding Dean Hoppe

Dean Lopez

**President's Closing Remarks** 

President Farias-Eisner

Recessional

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

## Keynote Speaker

Edwin C. Marshall, OD, MS, MPH Professor Emeritus, Optometry and Public Health, Indiana University Executive Director, National Optometric Association



Edwin C. Marshall, OD, MS, MPH, FAAO, FNAP, is professor emeritus of optometry in the Indiana University School of Optometry and professor emeritus of public health in the Indiana University Richard M. Fairbanks School of Public Health and the Indiana University School of Public Health - Bloomington. Dr. Marshall is a past Indiana University vice president for Diversity, Equity and Multicultural Affairs. Prior to being named an IU vice president, he was the associate dean for Academic Affairs and Student Administration at the IU School of Optometry. He also was the University Grand Marshal.

Dr. Marshall served as chair of the National Commission on Vision and Health, chair of the Executive Board and vice president (USA) of the American Public Health Association, chair of The Nation's Health Editorial Advisory Committee, chair of the IU Public Health Coordinating Council and vice chair of the Indiana Public Health Institute. He is a past president of the National Optometric Association, the Indiana Optometric Association, the Indiana Public Health Association and a current member of the Advisory Committee of the Center for Vision and Population Health. He also served as a United States Public Health Service Primary Care Policy Fellow and was the founding chair of the Minority Health Advisory Committee at the Indiana State Department of

Dr. Marshall is a Distinguished Practitioner and Fellow of the National Academies of Practice and a Diplomate in Public Health and Fellow of the American Academy of Optometry. He is a recipient of the Tony and Mary Hulman Health Achievement Award in Public Health and Preventive Medicine from the Indiana Public Health Foundation, the Indiana State Health Commissioner Award for Excellence in Public Health, the Distinguished Service Award from the Vision Care Section of the American Public Health Association, the Distinguished Hoosier Award from the Office of the Indiana Governor and the Carel C. Koch Memorial Medal from the American Academy of Optometry.

Dr. Marshall was named the Indiana Optometrist of the Year by the Indiana Optometric Association and the National Optometrist of the Year by both the National Optometric Association and the American Optometric Association. He was honored by the Indiana Optometric Association with the Indiana Optometry Lifetime Achievement Award and by Indiana University with the President's Medal for Excellence, the School of Public Health-Bloomington Founding Dean's Medallion, the Bicentennial Medal and the Indiana University Distinguished Alumni Service Award. Dr. Marshall is an inductee into both the National Optometry Hall of Fame and the American Academy of Optometry Hall of Fame.

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

Maryam Abedrabbo

Bianka Aghajanian

Ahmed Aden Ali

Taleb Alsafi

Adelina Babadostov

Lilia Bolbolian

Joseph Gergis Botrus

Eye Care Institute, WesternU Health, Pomona, CA Specialty: Vision Rehabilitation/Brain Injury

Rehabilitation/Vision Therapy

Caitlin Ann Bozner\*

Lina Bui\*

Samantha Nicole Carrillo\*

Christine Sung Cheu\*

**Grace Cheung** 

Talisa Kaur Chhabra\*

Tammy Yi-Hsuan Chong\*

Kyle Paul Criswell\*

Mann-Grandstaff Spokane VA Medical Center,

Spokane, WA

Specialty: Ocular Disease/Primary Care Optometry

**Chelsy Tiy Cummings** 

Victoria Dang\*

Yuyang Duan

Sarah Wael Ebrahim

Kristy Maria Figueroa\*

Desirei Ann Maglalang Galgana\*

Araks Ghazaryan

Nane Ghazaryan

Rachanjeet Kaur Gill

Korrin Aldine Goode

Maria Habib

Sweta Halari

Saliha Haq

D'Anne Leilani Harp\*

Wow Vision Therapy, St. Joseph, MI Specialty: Vision Rehabilitation

Ariba Hasan

Phoebe Y Nhi Hoang

Gavin R. K. Hollyer\*

Elisya Incidis

Sheila Javadi

Katherine Jay Jiang\*

Lawrence Kazzazi

Sabeen Khalid\*

Fadi Emad Khalil\*

Harsimran Kaur Khalsa

Robin Michelle Khorrami\*

Neha B. Khushalani\*

Michelle Jieun Kim\*

Kayla Kisan\*

Cristalle Kwok\*

Irene Lam

<sup>\*</sup>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**

Jennifer Thanh Truc Le

VA Central California Health Care System, Fresno, CA Specialty: Ocular Disease

Jessica Kay Lee\*

Michael Malki Malki\*

Kaiser Permanente, Los Angeles, CA Specialty: Primary Care Optometry/Ocular Disease

Alexandros George Marneris

Perla Del Sol Marquez\*

Kyra Lanay McMillan\*

Basil Mubarkeh

Ramtin Nassehi

Kevin Lee Nguy

Henry Minh Nguyen\*

Priyaben Bhupendrabhai Patel\*

Vaeta Patel

Christopher Shaun Payne

Ioshua Aaron Pe\*

Megan Marie Pineda\*

Hersel "Woody" Williams VA Medical Center, Huntington, WV Specialty: Ocular Disease/Glaucoma/Retina

Vanessa Quinesares Racal

Mona Rafatzadeh

Luis Manuel Rego II\*

Gyneth Gin-Yi Rock

Tina Shafa

Haakam Sherwani

Makayla Ann Shore

Krista Fernanda Soto\*

Megan Stephan

Charisse Mae Suba\*

Manisha Suresh\*

Audrey Wing-Hei Tam

Sara Beth Taylor\*

Maika David Francis Teal\*

Tay Thi Bella Tran\*

Wilson Minh Truong

Ginna Liseth Vanegas-Hedayat

Joshua Samuel Villegas\*

Tracy Kai Voong<sup>⋆</sup>

Shara Thuy Vu\*

NOVA Southeastern University College of Optometry, Fort Lauderdale, FL

Specialty: Primary Care/Pediatrics/Binocular Vision

Cheryl-Ann Patrine Webb-Scott

Camille Whitten\*

Houaka Yang

Carlyn Marie Yarosh

Cameron Micah Yu

Riverside-San Bernardino County Indian Health Inc., Grand Terrace, CA

Specialty: Primary Care Optometry/Ocular Disease

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

Ryan Bernal Fernandez Clarence Zhi Hao Ly

Kyung Yun Kim Marisa Jean Quon

Beverly Laksana Jessica Louise Tower

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

Janelle Viviana Acosta\*

Christine Anne Lapuz Ejanda\*

Gabriela Theresa Aguirre-Enriquez\* Ahlam Elsarraj\*

Jonathan Truong Ang\*

Natashia Lynn Ernst-Ponte\*

Anna Baghramian Samaria Jamillieth Fuentes\*

Yasmine Baker\* Tanya Gabrielyan\*

Karina Barsegyan\* Jennifer Ann Garcia\*

Allen Armen Berberian Dámaris Abigail Garza\*

Joel William Bonilla\* Faye Rochelle Golden\*

Christine Leanne Brown\* Christopher Alfredo Gutierrez

Phuong Uyen Ngoc Bui\*

Magdalene Afereba Hagan\*

Nayeli Cermeño\* Crystal Skye Johnson

Lisa Chu\* Sona Kanayan\*

Maya Hope Criswell\* Anastasia Kim

Melissa Culata\* Hye Won Kim\*

Catthy Nguyen Dinh Monique Ton Lam\*

Anyssa Raeanne Dominguez\* Sirena Wai-Tung Lau\*

<sup>\*</sup>Graduate is a member of Phi Alpha, a chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International, a Nursing Honor

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

Shannon Baotram Pham\* Vivian Kim Le\*

Isabel Lizardi\* Priscilla Nita Phasouk

Ho Yin Lok\* Stephanie Guadalupe Pineda\*

Jenny Soulidy Loundara\* Lisa Promprasert\*

Evelyn Vega Luna\* Denisse Ramirez\*

Mykayla J. MacGregor\* Adrian Paul Ripa Riberal\*

Marine Sargsyan\* Ana Alicia Mancillas Serrano\*

Natalie Victoria Manzanero\* Preethi Selvan\*

Britney Mejia\* Mary Evelynn Shirley\*

Brenda Mojica\* Naihema Angelica Smythe

Maryann Tran Nguyen\* Ye Dam Sun\*

Vy Phuong Nguyen\* **Jaden Elias Tinoco\*** 

Augustina Ada Nnamdi Erika Kei Tom\*

Mariafe Orihuela\* Kim Thien Tran\*

Omoregie Oziegbe Osawaru Kimberly Tran\*

Mohammad Emad Othman Daisy Phuong-Thuy Trang\*

Kaitlyn Stephanie Parrish\* Nguyen Hoang Cao Truong\*

Guinevere Beatrice Pascual\* Michael Umana\*

Leyna Quynh Anh Pham\* Christy Sim Vasconez\*

Jacqueline Christina Wong\* Phuong Pham\*

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

Gemechis Abdissa

Amanda Michelle Arreola

Luis Alfredo Barrera

Rosa Carmina Diaz\*

**Josef Gebre** 

Amber Michelle Janes

Maria Kristina Salayog Llanes

Esmeralda Perez Lopez

Paris Levi Schantzen

Christine Wahidi

Angela Noël Wilhoit

Jeffrey Matthew Wilson

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

Christian John Custodio

Alea Laurie Foster\*

**Stephanie Evette Lewis** 

Erica Natalie Michelle Rodriguez

### 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 the diverse populations who seek my services, with concern, with compassion and with due regard for their human rights and dignity.

I will work to expand access to quality care and improve health equity for all communities.

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 doctors of optometry 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.

CONGRATULATIONS **CLASS OF 2024** 

# College of Veterinary Medicine

May 17, 2024, 9:30 a.m.

Pasadena Civic Auditorium 300 East Green Street, Pasadena, California

### **Order of Exercises**

### President Robin Farias-Eisner Officiating

"Overture" by Craig Safan **Prelude** 

**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

Paul Gordon-Ross, DVM, MS

Director, Year 4

Associate Professor, Veterinary Medicine Marshal, College of Veterinary Medicine

**National Anthem** Dana Jean Manalo, DO Class of 2026

Invocation Wael Khamas, PhD, MS

> Professor, Veterinary Medicine Assistant to the University Marshal

Robin Farias-Eisner, MD, PhD, MBA President's Welcome

President, Western University of Health Sciences

John A. Forbing, LHD (Hon.) **Board of Trustees Welcome** 

Member, 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

Graduate's Remarks Simon Ettenger, DVM Class of 2024

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#### Order of Exercises

Kwane Stewart, DVM **Honorary Degree** 

Co-Founder and President, Project Street Vet

San Diego, CA

Presented by: John Tegzes, VMD, MA

Interim Dean, College of Veterinary Medicine

Conferred by: President Farias-Eisner

Commencement Keynote Address

Kwane Stewart, DVM, LHD (Hon.)

Dean's Presentation of the College of Veterinary Medicine Graduating Class of 2024

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** 

Josep Rutllant-Labeaga, DVM, PhD

Professor, Anatomy

**Professor Khamas** 

Assistant to the University Marshal

Introduction of Oath Administrator Interim Dean Tegzes

Administration of the

Michael Karle, DVM

Veterinarian's Oath

President, California Veterinary Medical Association

Introduction of

Interim Dean Tegzes

Alumni Association Representative

Alumni Association Welcome

Karen C. Eiler, DVM '07, MS

Owner/Veterinary Internal Medicine Specialist Waves Mobile ACVIM, Santa Barbara, CA

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**

# Kwane Stewart, DVM Co-Founder and President, Project Street Vet



A graduate of the renowned Colorado State University Veterinary program, Dr. Kwane Stewart has been a California practicing vet for 22 years. He has worked in nearly every part of the profession honing his clinical and business expertise.

His journey started in 1997 as an associate and emergency clinician in San Diego. From there he climbed the ranks quickly, becoming the Chief Medical Officer of Vetco Hospitals, Inc. Later he would take the reins of a struggling municipal shelter as County Veterinarian and reverse one of the worst euthanasia rates in the country. Most recently, he completed a six-year stint as the Chief Veterinary Officer of American Humane, and Director of their legacy program, No Animals Were Harmed<sup>®</sup>, protecting over 100,000 animals every year around the globe on film and TV sets. Now he serves as Netflix's Veterinary Consultant in charge of Animal Oversight. Behind the scenes, he has worked on such films as "War Horse" and "Once Upon A Time In Hollywood."

He has been sought for his expertise by many media outlets and major companies – including Disney, United Airlines and Sea World – for guidance to improve their animal care standards. He is known for his outspoken, compassionate, charismatic and genuine nature.

Today, his career has evolved into another new journey, helping pets and people in need. Many years ago, during a five-year tenure as a Shelter Veterinarian in a struggling, depressed area of California, Dr. Stewart began to form a true appreciation for those who struggle to afford health care for their pets.

One day, on a whim, he headed downtown with some medical supplies. He set up a table near a homeless food bank and invited anyone with a pet to be examined and treated at no charge. It was the most memorable day of his career. Afterwards, he made more consistent efforts to find the unhoused, wherever they were, and give free medical aid to their pets.

Now, years later, his journey is being chronicled on a new television series called "The Street Vet." It follows him as he travels the streets of California helping pets and people alike while retrieving some of the most remarkable and inspiring stories of sacrifice and hope. With that came the founding of Project Street Vet. Dr. Stewart's nonprofit provides free veterinary care, treatment and support to the pets of individuals experiencing homelessness and/or financial hardship and is expanding across the country.

Honoring his years of impactful work, Dr. Stewart was recently recognized as the CNN Hero of the Year for 2023.

### Candidates for the Degree of **Doctor of Veterinary Medicine**

Kristen Marie Aceves

Breanna Victoria Alexis Aguilar

Lindsey Anna Airth

Raul Amaral

Li Ju Anderson\*

Sara Bella Bartelt

**Kailey Anne Bennett** 

Cassandra Nicole Bernas

Iessica Nicole Bitters\*

Kelly Ryan Bjerke

Jane Frances Fuentes Boyer

Jeremiah Boykins

Ren Brown\*

Sirena Nicole Burgueno\*

Jennifer Melisa Calderon\*

Kelcey Elizabeth Cantrell

Emely Castelo\*

Alexandria Evelyn Clifton\*

Alexandra Jane Coats\*

Joseph Brent Cook

Jagdeep Singh Deol

**Emily Anne Dixon** 

Dominique Amanda Dominguez

**Bridget Honour Dunn** 

Cynthia Rangel Echeverria

**Janelle Edwards** 

Leobardo Sebastian Escalante

Fielding Elizabeth Etheridge\*

Simon Elan Ettenger\*

Hayden Baxter Ferrell\*

**Shane Patrick Forman** 

Vanessa Franco-Gomez

**Alastair Angus Fraser** 

Alyssia Kim Gabriel

Dianna E. Galeas

**Brittany Anne Galvan** 

Ashley Lynn Garatea\*

Kayla Garcia

Samantha Jade Garcia

Yadira Amy Garcia

**Elizabeth Gomez** 

Emily Michelle Gray-Harrell\*

Tatiana Tiera Herbert

Alejandra Jacinto

Dylan Stephen Johnston

Kristina Marie Junghans

**Daniel Christopher Just** 

**Tobin Fremont Kalebaugh** 

**Emily Jane Kichline** 

**Timothy Seungmo Koo** 

Austin Joshua Kyan

Justin Michael Lahl

<sup>\*</sup>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

Brandi Rhianna Larkin

Martin Eugene Lee\*

Alexandra Paola López de Victoria Villaverde

**Audrey Chloe Macasias-Lee** 

Selina Magallon

Alexandria Loren Marfori\*

Alexandra De La Rocha Martinez\*

**Daniel Ryan Martinez** 

Joseph Michael Martinez\*

Katie Rain Mayes\*

Tarun R. Mehta

Danielle Christina Merichko

Alexander Harrison Mertz\*

**Emily Nicole Miralaie** 

Jason Montoya

**Dillon Douglas Morton** 

Victoria Elizabeth Moule

Arturo Cid Muñoz

Dahlia Christina Neri

**Jeffrey Trong Nguyen** 

Michelle Ngoc Nguyen

Maria Ignacia Noguera

Braxton Lynn Norris\*

Nicole Marie Oller

Jill Marie Piorkowski

Nikole Miriam Pouri\*

Nicole Renee Ramirez

Jewel Anne Randolph

Cassandra Lynn Raudenbush

Morgan Rachel Reece\*

**Inez Giselle Rivero** 

Morgan Miranda Robinson\*

Alexa Rodriguez

Joshua David Roter

Katya Maria Ruszczyk\*

Yessenia Carolina Salmeron

HermanMax Orbita Salvosa-Chua

Cecilia Elena Sambrano

Melanie Ann Sanfilippo\*

Samara Schaen Schreier

Sharona Sedighim

**Dena Alexis Seiss** 

Grace Elizabeth Shinn

Jose Rafael Sienes

Mikaela Jordan Sivley\*

**Daniel Michael Swanson** 

Fady Tadruss\*

**Abhinay Tirupati** 

Cynthia Tak Liang Tom\*

**Jasmine Charity Trinidad** 

Janelle Uribia Aguilar

Natalie Catalina Warmoth

Savannah Michelle Willems

Burgandi Tiara Williams

Sierra Brook Williams

Shannon Marie Writt

Tao Zhang

### 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.

CONGRATULATIONS **CLASS OF 2024** 

# College of Health Sciences-Northwest

May 24, 2024, 9:00 a.m.

**Boulder Falls Center** 605 Mullins Drive, Lebanon, Oregon

### Order of Exercises

### President Robin Farias-Eisner Officiating

"Overture" by Craig Safan Prelude

**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

Christina Gomez, PT, DPT, PhD Director of Clinical Education

Assistant Professor, Department of Physical Therapy Education

Marshal, College of Health Sciences-Northwest

**National Anthem** Elease Hunter, DPT Class of 2025

Nyra Mabanta, DPT Class of 2025

Gabriela Carey-Zuniga, DPT Class of 2025

Invocation Patrick Bowler, Lead Pastor

Valley River Church

Lebanon, OR

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

Graduate's Remarks Natalie Garcia, DPT Class of 2024

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Mike Cowgill, JD **Honorary Degree** 

Trustee, Western University of Health Sciences

Presented by: Jonathan Perry, MSc, PhD

Site Dean, College of Health Sciences-Northwest

Associate Professor, Department of Physical Therapy Education

Conferred by: President Farias-Eisner

Mike Cowgill, JD, LHD (Hon.) Commencement Keynote Address

Site Dean's Presentation of the Site Dean Perry

College of Health Sciences-Northwest Graduating Classes of 2024

President Farias-Eisner Conferring of Degree

Doctor of Physical Therapy

(Professional)

Doctor of Physical Therapy (Post-Professional)

**Announcement of Graduates** Nicole Biltz, DPT, PT

Instructor, Department of Physical Therapy Education

Cody Serdar, DPT, PT, DHSC **Hooding of Graduates** 

Assistant Professor, Assistant Director of Clinical Education

Erin McMullen, DPT, PT, NCS

Director of PALs Clinic/Assistant Professor, DPT-Oregon

Assistant to the University Marshal

Introduction of Site Dean Perry

Oath Administrator

Administration of the Kendra Cherry-Allen, PhD, DPT, PT Associate Chair and Assistant Professor, Oath for Physical Therapists

Department of Physical Therapy Education

Introduction of Site Dean Perry

Alumni Association Representative

**Provost Crone** Alumni Association Welcome

Sandra Saavedra, PhD, PT Chair's Charge to the Graduates

Chair and Professor, Department of Physical Therapy Education

President Farias-Eisner **President's Closing Remarks** 

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

### **Keynote Speaker**

# Mike Cowgill, JD Trustee, Western University of Health Sciences



Michael G. Cowgill, JD, grew up on a family farm on Tennessee Road north of Lebanon and graduated from Lebanon High School in 1971. He graduated with a BS degree from Oregon State University in 1975 and with a JD degree from the University of Oregon Law School in 1978.

Cowgill has practiced law with Weatherford Thompson in Albany, Oregon for more than 45 years. Weatherford Thompson was founded in 1875 by J.K. Weatherford, Cowgill's great-great-grandfather, who traveled over the Oregon Trail to the Willamette Valley in 1864 from Springfield, Missouri at the age of 14. Weatherford Thompson is the oldest law firm in Oregon with continuous family ownership, as a Weatherford family lineal descendant has always been employed as a lawyer and partner in the firm. Weatherford Hall at Oregon State University is named in honor of J.K. Weatherford.

Cowgill is a founding member of the COMP-Northwest Advisory Board and serves as its chair. He joined the WesternU Board of Trustees in October 2022. He also serves on the Trillium Family Services Foundation Board of Directors. He is past president of the Samaritan Albany General Hospital Foundation, the Oregon State University Alumni Association, the Albany Chamber of Commerce and United Way of Linn County.

Cowgill and his wife of 41 years, Cheryl, have raised three children, Scott, Brett and Lisa, and are the proud grandparents of Karis, Josiah, Eden, Titus and Marrin. Cheryl is a CPA employed by the Oregon State University Foundation.

### Candidates for the Degree of

### Doctor of Physical Therapy (Professional)

Anthony Jesus Albarran

Jean Carlo Alvarez Rodriguez\*

Ryan Jonathon Angellano

**Enobong Tarela Archibong** 

Corey Jamison Abeleda Borromeo

**Jason Jan Brieva** 

Albert David Buchalski\*

Mariann Michelle Caballero

Chase Steven Cole\*

**Bradley Martin Davis** 

Kristoffer Niel De Leon

Amer de Veyra

Stephanie Alice Deering\*

Warren Dijamco

Darren Dinh

Tristen Rodriguez Escano\*

Natalie Rose Garcia

Priyanka Rani Garg

Jeremy Joshua Gutierrez\*

Cynthia Ho\*

**Kayla Alexis Hopkins** 

Devon Misano Kawada

Zebuli John Kiggins

Katrina Kaye Lee

Lucas Tyler Lewandowski

Glenn Anthony Manapat

**Taylor Marie Monta** 

Ryan Madden Mullen

Isabella Marie Pando

Christian Jacob Phillips

Jesse Thor Quarum\*

Summer Rose Rauk

Matthew Jeremiah Sablay

**Jannie Christine Smith** 

**Dalma Eloiza Torres** 

**Christian Angel Velez** 

**Armin Alfred Webb** 

Nickeisha Nicole Williams

**Alexis Celine Yamas** 

Daniel Kam Yep

Joanne Hayoung Yoon

**Yvonne Do Young** 

Marissa May Yu

Kellie Zepeda

<sup>\*</sup>Graduate is a member of the Delta Phi Tau Honor Society, the National Physical Therapy Student Honor Society for the American Council of Academic Physical Therapy, which promotes and recognizes individuals who demonstrate excellence, integrity, and professionalism in areas of: academic achievement (top 25%), leadership, service or research, and demonstrate strong moral character, ethics and the core values of the Physical Therapy profession.

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

Aimée Catherine Guarriello

Michael Quesnell

### 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.

CONGRATULATIONS **CLASS OF 2024** 

# College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific-Northwest

May 24, 2024, 1:00 p.m.

**Boulder Falls Center** 605 Mullins Drive, Lebanon, Oregon

### Order of Exercises

### President Robin Farias-Eisner Officiating

"Overture" by Craig Safan **Prelude** 

**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** Tasneem Islam, DO Class of 2027

Edward K. Goering, DO '94, DVM Invocation

Assistant Professor, Neuromusculoskeletal Medicine/Osteopathic

Manipulative Medicine

President's Welcome Robin Farias-Eisner, MD, PhD, MBA

President, Western University of Health Sciences

**Board of Trustees Welcome** Mike Cowgill, JD, LHD (Hon.)

Member, 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

Graduate's Remarks Nicholas Scrivens, DO Class of 2024

Jonathan J. Rotella, BS **Honory Degree** 

President and CEO, NexGen Hyperbaric LLC

The Center for Wound Healing & Hyperbaric Medicine LLC

Presented by: David A. Connett, DO'84

Acting Dean, College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific

and COMP-Northwest

Conferred by: President Farias-Eisner

#### 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.

Family and guests may be photographed for future University publications.

#### Order of Exercises

Commencement Keynote Address

Jonathan J. Rotella, BS, LHD (Hon.)

Dean's Presentation of the

College of Osteopathic Medicine

of the Pacific-Northwest Graduating Class of 2024 **Acting Dean Connett** 

**Conferring of Degree** 

Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine

President Farias-Eisner

Announcement of Graduates

Gina Miller, MD

Assistant Professor, Family Medicine

Frances Shelly Spiller, DO

Assistant Professor, Department of Family Medicine

Belinda McCully, PhD

Assistant Professor, Physiology

**Hooding of Graduates** 

Jenna Collins, DO

Chair and Assistant Professor, Family Medicine

Colleen Talbot, PhD Professor of Physiology

Assistant to the University Marshal

Introduction of Oath Administrator

**Acting Dean Connett** 

Acting Dean Connett

Administration of the Osteopathic Oath

Mandilin Hudson, DO '09 Site Dean, COMP-Northwest

Assistant Professor, Behavioral Medicine & Psychiatry

Introduction of

**Alumni Association Representative** 

Alumni Association Welcome Tyler Earley, DO'16

Cardiologist

Samaritan Heart Center, Corvallis, 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**

Jonathan J. Rotella, BS President and CEO, NexGen Hyperbaric LLC The Center for Wound Healing & Hyperbaric Medicine LLC



Jonathan J. Rotella is the visionary Founder and CEO of NexGen Hyperbaric and the Center for Wound Healing & Hyperbaric Medicine, leading a cuttingedge venture dedicated to revolutionizing health care through evidence-based hyperbaric oxygen therapy. Under his dynamic leadership, NexGen Hyperbaric has burgeoned from its inception in 2004 into a trailblazing network of 13 centers nationwide, with further expansion slated for 2024.

Pioneering innovation in medical care, Rotella propelled NexGen Hyperbaric into the forefront of sports medicine by introducing a groundbreaking mobile hyperbaric unit for the Philadelphia Eagles and multiple NFL teams in 2021. This achievement underscores his unparalleled expertise and established NexGen Hyperbaric as the exclusive provider of hyperbaric services to the NFL, a milestone unparalleled in the annals of hyperbaric medicine.

With an unwavering commitment to excellence, Rotella has championed the delivery of world-class, cost-effective wound care treatments, ensuring superior patient outcomes and satisfaction. His strategic vision revolves around forging dynamic partnerships with hospitals, fostering collaborations that deliver unparalleled clinical services and patient care.

Rotella's academic prowess is underscored by his Bachelor of Science in Marketing and Finance from LaSalle University, Philadelphia, Pa., earned in

1997. A visionary leader dedicated to advancing medical education and research, he serves on the WesternU Oregon Advisory Board and has generously donated a tabletop hyperbaric chamber to WesternU, catalyzing a spectrum of research and educational opportunities.

### In Memoriam

### Kay Kalousek, DO'89, MS'94, AAHIVE, FACOFP Chair and Professor, Department of Family Medicine



Those who knew Dr. Kay Kalousek will understand the enduring impact she had on the COMP community and the countless lives she has touched as an educator and clinician. Dr. Kalousek lived a rich and varied life, where her lived commitment to the medical profession, her devotion to her family, her faith as a member of the Seventh-Day Adventist church and her passion for the well-being of her patients and students was always apparent.

A native of Southern California, Dr. Kalousek completed her Bachelor of Arts (BA) at Loma Linda University, Loma Linda, Calif. in 1983 and completed a Master of Science (MS) degree at California State University, San Bernardino in 1985. She graduated in 1989 with a Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (DO) degree from the College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific. Dr. Kalousek became a member of the American Osteopathic Board of Family Physicians in 1994. She was a member of the American Academy of HIV Medicine, carrying an HIV Expert Credential (AAHIVE) and HIV Specialist Credential (AAHIVS) from 2002-13.

She joined COMP in 1991 as a faculty member in Family Medicine and in 1994 she earned an MSHPE degree in the newly formed College of Allied Health Professions (CAHP – now College of Health Sciences). Dr. Kalousek was promoted to Professor of Family Medicine in 2017 and in her last role with the

University served in the capacity of Chair of the Department of Family Medicine. She previously served COMP as Associate Dean of Academic Affairs, Associate Dean of Medical Education, Assistant Dean of Medical Education and Director of Medical Education.

Dr. Kalousek took a brief sojourn from WesternU to act as Dean of the School of Osteopathic Medicine in Arizona (SOMA) campus of A.T. Still University of Health Sciences from 2012-15.

Recognition for her professional achievements includes the Osteopathic Medical Educator of the Year from the Arizona Osteopathic Medical Association in 2015, the Pumerantz Lifetime Fellow of Excellence from Western University of Health Sciences in 2012 and Physician of the Year from the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians-California (ACOFP-CA) in 2010. The DO class of 2006 recognized her as the "Most Inspirational Faculty Member."

At WesternU, Dr. Kalousek supported the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians (ACOFP) as Advisor/Preceptor from September 2006-June 2012, the Pomona Homeless Outreach Program (PHOP) as Advisor/Preceptor August 2004-June 2012, the Women's Health Interest Group as Advisor July 2000-June 2007, the American Medical Women's Association Advisor July 2000-June 2005 and the National Organization of Women Physicians Advisor July 2000-June 2005.

Dr. Kalousek was an individual of integrity, always frank and forthright about her beliefs. She actively worked professionally to improve the life circumstances of those marginalized with AIDS and HIV infection at a critical time before advanced medical technology rendered these chronic treatable conditions. All those that knew her at Western University of Health Sciences are grateful for her contribution to the community and grieve and mourn her loss, together with her wife, Pat, and her two adult sons.

### Candidates for the Degree of

### **Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine**

#### John Luke Henderson<sup>†</sup>

Ohio State University Medical Center, Columbus, OH Specialty: Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation

#### L.J. Scott McKenzie<sup>†\*</sup>

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

#### Claudia Lynn Nelson<sup>†</sup>

Mercy Medical Center, Des Moines, IA Specialty: Psychiatry

#### Morgan Corrine Nichols<sup>†</sup>

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

#### Indudeep Bedi

Baylor Scott & White Medical Center, Fort Worth, TX Specialty: Anesthesiology

#### Jacob Martin Berg

Legacy Salmon Creek Medical Center, Vancouver, WA Specialty: Internal Medicine

#### Nathaniel John Bigot

University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, Pittsburgh, PA Specialty: Pathology-Anatomic and Clinical

#### **Daniel Brian Bishop**

Morehouse School of Medicine, Dominican Hospital, Santa Cruz, CA

Specialty: Family Medicine

#### **Forrest Taylor Bliss**

Samaritan Health Services, Corvallis, OR

Specialty: Family Medicine

#### Laura Marie Boreen

University of New Mexico School of Medicine, Albuquerque, NM Specialty: Pediatrics

#### Benjamin Adam Buchalski

Samaritan Health Services, Corvallis, OR Specialty: Internal Medicine

#### Allia Knight Burch<sup>‡</sup>

Baylor University Medical Center, Dallas, TX Specialty: Emergency Medicine

### Christopher Paul Cariello\*

Nassau University Medical Center, East Meadow, NY Specialty: Transitional Year

#### Taryn Lee Carroll

Hackensack University Medical Center, Hackensack, NJ Specialty: Pediatrics

#### Anne Xiaoan Cheng

University of Rochester Medical Center Strong Memorial Hospital, Rochester, NY Specialty: Emergency Medicine

#### Peng Chu

University of Louisville School of Medicine, Louisville, KY Specialty: Anesthesiology

#### Austin Luke Coleman

University of Washington, Boise, ID Specialty: Psychiatry

#### Matthew Aaron Coleman

PeaceHealth Southwest Medical Center, Vancouver, WA Specialty: Family Medicine

†Graduate is a pre-doctoral Neuromusculoskeletal Medicine/Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine Teaching Fellow. These students, originally scheduled to graduate in May 2023, spent one additional year serving the Neuromusculoskeletal Medicine/Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine department as assistant teachers, counselors and clinical demonstrators while gaining a broader experience in Neuromusculoskeletal and Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine.

<sup>\*</sup>Graduate is a member of Sigma Sigma Phi and in the top 20 percent of the graduating class. Sigma Sigma Phi is the National Honorary Osteopathic Service Fraternity, which was established to provide service to the University and the profession.

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

#### **Zachary Kenneth Creitz**

Sutter Health, Roseville, CA Specialty: Emergency Medicine

#### Derek W. Deng

Ventura County Medical Center, Ventura, CA Specialty: Family Medicine

#### Halley Elizabeth Egnew\*\*

Swedish Medical Center, Seattle, WA Specialty: Family Medicine

#### Celia Grace Evans\*

University of New Mexico School of Medicine, Albuquerque, NM Specialty: Child Neurology

#### Megan Elizabeth Ewens\*

UC Davis Medical Center, Sacramento, CA Specialty: Emergency Medicine

#### Samar Said Fakih

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

#### Sterling Quinn Falkenstein

#### Robin Nicole Faulkner

University of Kentucky Medical Center, Lexington, KY Specialty: Internal Medicine

#### Hanna Lee Schulte Galka\*

Albany Medical Center, Albany, NY Specialty: Pediatrics

#### Sean Andrew Galka\*

Albany Medical Center, Albany, NY Specialty: Anesthesiology

#### Adam Montgomery Garman\*

Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center, Shreveport, LA Specialty: Surgery-General

#### Mabry Carole Novosad Gentry

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

#### Madeleine Jian He Gertz\*

Oregon Health & Science University, Portland, OR Specialty: Internal Medicine

#### Hannah Jane Graham\*

Poudre Valley Hospital, Fort Collins, CO Specialty: Family Medicine

#### Alysia Marie Gregg

Providence Health, Portland, OR Specialty: Internal Medicine

#### Thomas Paul Guyn

Western Michigan University Homer Stryker M.D. School of Medicine, Kalamazoo, MI Specialty: Internal Medicine/Pediatrics

#### Cassandra Suzanne Hafford

Tidelands Health, Myrtle Beach, SC Specialty: Family Medicine

#### Malia'ka Kaelvnn Hall\*

Providence Health, Portland, OR Specialty: Internal Medicine

#### Khaled Waleed Halwani\*\*

NewYork-Presbyterian Brooklyn Methodist Hospital, Brooklyn, NY Specialty: Internal Medicine

#### Hannah Nora Haughn

#### **Shannon Rose Henry**

University of New Mexico School of Medicine, Albuquerque, NM Specialty: Internal Medicine

#### Peter Bao Phuc Hong

University of Nevada, Reno School of Medicine, Reno, NV Specialty: Internal Medicine

#### Iackie Hu\*

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

#### Cortland Jaymes Hutchison\*

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

#### Ashley Da-Lan Huynh<sup>‡</sup>

Oregon Health & Science University, Portland, OR Specialty: Pediatrics

#### **David James Ile**

Virginia Mason Franciscan Health, Seattle, WA Specialty: Surgery-General

#### **David John Jeffries**

Desert Regional Medical Center, Palm Springs, CA Specialty: Emergency Medicine

#### Polly Elizabeth Jenkins

Albert Einstein Healthcare Network, East Norriton Township, PA

Specialty: Emergency Medicine

#### Maxwell Brooks Jette\*

University of Kentucky Medical Center, Lexington, KY Specialty: Emergency Medicine

#### Cailin Delaney Johnson

University of Michigan Hospital, Ann Arbor, MI Specialty: Emergency Medicine

#### Alexander Russell Jones

Samaritan Health Services, Corvallis, OR Specialty: Internal Medicine

#### Marissa Laura Jones

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#### Sol Khaitas

University of North Carolina Hospitals, Chapel Hill, NC Specialty: Pediatrics

#### Cory Jaehyun Kim

Ohio State University Medical Center, Columbus, OH Specialty: Emergency Medicine

#### Elizabeth Inae Kim\*

Nellis Air Force Base, Las Vegas, NV Specialty: General Surgery

#### **Gabriel James Koch**

University of Illinois College of Medicine, Peoria, IL Specialty: Emergency Medicine

#### Yvonne Lam

University of Washington Medical Center, Seattle, WA Specialty: Pathology-Anatomic and Clinical

#### Paige Elizabeth Lay

University of Tennessee College of Medicine, Knoxville, TN Specialty: Internal Medicine

#### Pingting Li

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#### Victoria Alexandra Liederbauer

#### Bao Bao Luong

Samaritan Health Services, Newport, OR Specialty: Family Medicine

#### Shawn Ali Mahmood\*

Gundersen Lutheran Medical Foundation, La Crosse, WI Specialty: Internal Medicine

#### Antonio Chun-Wen Maldonado Liu\*‡

University of Rochester Medical Center Strong Memorial Hospital, Rochester, NY Specialty: Pediatrics

#### Clarice Anna Martinez deCastro\*

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#### Briana Jane Martiszus

Samaritan Health Services, Corvallis, OR Specialty: Internal Medicine

#### Steven LeGrand Mayberry

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#### Jessica Rose Mazzi<sup>‡</sup>

Ascension Genesys Hospital, Grand Blanc, MI Specialty: Orthopaedic Surgery

#### Kathryn Elayne McAnnis\*

Albany Medical Center, Albany, NY Specialty: Ophthalmology

#### Cameron Dean McCraw

University of New Mexico School of Medicine, Albuquerque, NM

Specialty: Internal Medicine

#### Alyssa Renae McCue

Corewell Health Lakeland, Saint Joseph, MI Specialty: Emergency Medicine

#### Dillon Donahue McDonald

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#### Riley James Meister\*

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#### Mark Christopher Perkins

Central Iowa Health System, Des Moines, IA Specialty: Internal Medicine

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Stanford Health Care, Stanford, CA Specialty: Pediatrics/Medical Genetics

#### Lee Michael Raunig

Mercy Medical Center, Redding, CA Specialty: Family Medicine

#### Daniel Stephen Resnick\*

Loma Linda University, Redlands, CA Specialty: Psychiatry

#### **Kevin Allen Rogers**

Hilo Medical Center, Hilo, HI Specialty: Family Medicine

#### Sarah Alison Rothwell

Marian Regional Medical Center, Santa Maria, CA Specialty: Family Medicine

#### Armin Saba

Valley Health System, Paramus, NJ Specialty: Internal Medicine

#### Natalia Schekochikhina

Albany Medical Center, Albany, NY Specialty: Emergency Medicine

#### Nicholas Ryan Scrivens

Travis Air Force Base/UC Davis, Fairfield, CA Specialty: Family Medicine

#### Michelle Veronica Sendejas

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

#### Nicole Marie Ignacio Sims

Albert Einstein Medical Center, Philadelphia, PA Specialty: Obstetrics and Gynecology

#### Rachel Supinda Sinit

Arrowhead Regional Medical Center, Colton, CA Specialty: Surgery-Preliminary

#### **Huxley Ann Smart**

University of Connecticut School of Medicine, Farmington, CT

#### Specialty: Surgery-General Mary Kathryn Swinton

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Specialty: Family Medicine

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Henry Ford Jackson Hospital, Jackson, MI Specialty: Emergency Medicine

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Oregon Health & Science University, Portland, OR Specialty: Internal Medicine

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Lahey Clinic, Burlington, MA Specialty: Internal Medicine

#### Morgan Amelia Ann Wardle

Roseburg Family Medicine, Roseburg, OR Specialty: Family Medicine

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Albany Medical Center, Albany, NY Specialty: Family Medicine

#### **Aaron Henry Williamson**

Oregon Health & Science University, Portland, OR Specialty: Anesthesiology

#### Yanwei Zhang

University of Rochester Medical Center Strong Memorial Hospital, Rochester, NY Specialty: Pediatrics

### 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.

# Western University of Health Sciences Faculty

Shahrzad "Sherry" Aarup, DMD, MA	Assistant Professor of Dental Medicine
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Christopher Chase, PhD	
Kendra Cherry-Allen, PhD, DPT	
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Eunice P. Chung, PharmD	$\dots$ Associate Professor of Pharmacy Practice and Administration
Ida Chung, OD, MS	Associate Professor of Optometry
David Clark, DO	Assistant Professor of Internal Medicine/Neurology
David E. Clark, DVM	Associate Professor of Veterinary Medicine
Wendell Cole, DVM	Professor of Veterinary Medicine (Emeritus)
Jenna Collins, DO	Assistant Professor of Family Medicine
Ellen W. Collisson, PhD	Professor of Veterinary Medicine (Emerita)
Carlos Compean, DDS	Assistant Professor of Dental Medicine
David A. Connett, DO	Professor of Family Medicine
Josh Cook, DO	Assistant Professor of Family Medicine
Christy Cotner, DNP, PMHNP	Assistant Professor of Graduate Nursing
Mihai Covasa, PhD	Professor of Physiology
Lauren Crostic, MS, PA-C	, , , ,
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Jeannie Davis, EdD	Assistant Professor of Population Health Science
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Maisie Dawes, PhD, DVM	Associate Professor of Veterinary Medicine
Harshavardhan Deoghare, PhD	Associate Professor of Physical Therapy Education
Preshita Desai, PhD, BPharm	Assistant Professor of Biotechnology and Pharmaceutical Sciences
Neha Dewan, PhD, DPT, MPT	
Pedro Paulo V. P. Diniz, PhD, DVM	Professor of Veterinary Medicine
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Steven Do, MS, PA-C	Instructor of Physician Assistant Education
Anne Doan Van, DDS	Assistant Professor of Dental Medicine
Fanglong Dong, PhD	Professor of Podiatric Medicine, Surgery and Biomechanics
Renee Doss, OD	Assistant Professor of Optometry
Adam Dost, DO, MPH	Assistant Professor of Internal Medicine
Yvonne Drechsler, PhD	Professor of Veterinary Medicine
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Christine Eddow, PhD, DPT	
Jim Eddow, DPT	
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Mohammed Elsalanty, PhD, MBBS	Professor of Anatomy
Donna M. Emanuele, DNP, FNP, ENP	
Curtis Eng, DVM	Clinical Associate Professor of Veterinary Medicine
Helen Engelke, BVSc, MPVM	Assistant Professor of Veterinary Medicine
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