

Forty-Fourth Annual

# Commencement Ceremony

for the Graduating Classes of 2025

MAY 13 AND 14, POMONA, CALIFORNIA

## Western University of Health Sciences

College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific (est. 1977)

College of Health Sciences (est. 1992)

College of Pharmacy (est. 1996)

College of Graduate Nursing (est. 1998)

College of Veterinary Medicine (est. 1998)

College of Dental Medicine (est. 2009)

College of Optometry (est. 2009)

College of Podiatric Medicine (est. 2009)

College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific-Northwest (est. 2011)

College of Health Sciences-Northwest (est. 2021)



## 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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*to teach to heal*  
**together**





# 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 3,600 students in 27 programs, more than 1,400 employees and over 21,000 alumni.

# Western University of Health Sciences

## Administration

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# College Administration

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## College of Health Sciences

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## College of Podiatric Medicine

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# Western University of Health Sciences

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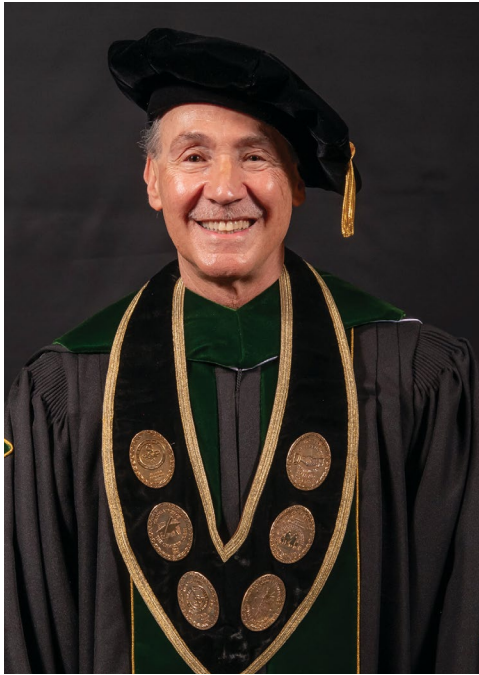
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# Western University of Health Sciences

## President's Message



To WesternU's Class of 2025,

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 2025 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, and inclusion for all you serve.

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

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

Again, congratulations as you embark upon a bright future!

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

Handwritten signature of Robin Farias-Eisner.

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



# College of Podiatric Medicine

**CLASS OF 2025**



# Order of Exercises

## President Robin Farias-Eisner Officiating

<b>Prelude</b>	"Overture" by Craig Safan
<b>Processional</b>	"Pomp and Circumstance" by Sir Edward Elgar  Gerald R. Thrush, PhD Vice Dean, Academic Affairs Professor, Immunology College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific University Marshal  Jacqueline B. Truong, DPM, MPH Assistant Dean, Pre-Clinical Education and Outcomes Assessment College of Podiatric Medicine Marshal
<b>National Anthem</b>	Evyn Marisol, DPM Class of 2025
<b>President's Welcome</b>	Robin Farias-Eisner, MD, PhD, MBA President, Western University of Health Sciences
<b>Board of Trustee's Welcome</b>	Hon. Consuelo M. Callahan, LL.M, JD, LHD (Hon.) Judge, Ninth Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals Chair, Board of Trustees, Western University of Health Sciences
<b>Provost's Remarks</b>	Paula M. Crone, DO '92 Provost and Chief Academic Officer
<b>Dean's Welcome and Introduction of Graduate Speaker</b>	Jonathan Labovitz, DPM Dean, College of Podiatric Medicine

### 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](https://commencement.westernu.edu).

Family and guests may be photographed for future University publications.



# | Order of Exercises

<b>Graduate's Remarks</b>	Donya Rabadi, DPM Class of 2025
<b>Dean's Presentation of the College of Podiatric Medicine Graduating Class of 2025</b>	Dean Labovitz
<b>Conferring of Degree</b> Doctor of Podiatric Medicine	President Farias-Eisner
<b>Announcement of Graduates</b>	Stephen Wan, DPM, FACFAS Professor of Podiatric Medicine, Surgery and Biomechanics  Adrienne Estes, DPM, MS, FACFAS, DABPM Associate Professor of Podiatric Medicine, Surgery and Biomechanics
<b>Hooding of Graduates</b>	Joseph Park, DPM, FACFAS
<b>Dean's Charge to the Graduates and Administration of the Podiatric Physician's Oath</b>	Dean Labovitz
<b>President's Closing Remarks</b>	President Farias-Eisner
<b>Recessional</b>	"Pomp and Circumstance March No. 1" by Sir Edward Elgar

# Candidates for the Degree of Doctor of Podiatric Medicine

**Daniel Isaac Ahdoot**

MemorialCare Long Beach Medical Center,  
Long Beach, CA

**Marcus Graham Alegria\***

UF College of Medicine - Jacksonville, Jacksonville, FL

**Elizabeth Cai**

DVA - Carl T. Hayden VA Medical Center, Phoenix, AZ

**Vivian Chan**

MemorialCare Long Beach Medical Center,  
Long Beach, CA

**Edward Chen**

University of California, Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA

**Qi Chu**

Boston University Medical Center, Boston, MA

**Daniel Chung**

Loma Linda University Medical Center, Murrieta, CA

**Natalie Kendall Cornelison**

DVA - N. Florida S. Georgia VA Healthcare System,  
Gainesville, FL

**Tiffany Nicole Duarte**

Adventist Health White Memorial, Los Angeles, CA

**Robert Michael Erickson\***

Mount Auburn Hospital, Cambridge, MA

**Simin Gholibeikian**

Catholic Health System - Sisters of Charity Hospital,  
Buffalo, NY

**Marc Santos Gonzales**

Intermountain Medical Center, Murray, UT

**Petrina Haghverdian**

Ochsner Clinic Foundation, New Orleans, LA

**Engy Heshmat Hanna\***

University of Texas HSC at San Antonio, San Antonio, TX

**Derek Adam Jackson**

DVA - Southern Arizona VA Health Care System,  
Tucson, AZ

**Belinda Jimenez**

Scripps Memorial Hospital Encinitas, Encinitas, CA

**Sean Lee**

Adventist Health White Memorial, Los Angeles, CA

**William Liu**

DVA - Jerry L. Pettis Memorial VA Medical Center,  
Loma Linda, CA

**Megan Pauline Lucavs\***

UF College of Medicine - Jacksonville, Jacksonville, FL

**Jessica Espino Mangaliag**

UCSF Health - St. Mary's Hospital, San Francisco, CA

**Shawdee Roxane Mashayekh**

DVA - Jerry L. Pettis Memorial VA Medical Center,  
Loma Linda, CA

**Anthony Edward McColgan**

Brookdale Hospital Medical Center, Brooklyn, NY

\*Graduate is a member of the Lambda Chapter of Pi Delta, the National Honor Society for Podiatric Medicine.

# Candidates for the Degree of Doctor of Podiatric Medicine

**Evyn Claire Mirasol**

Chino Valley Medical Center, Chino, CA

**Loris Orbelians\***

Keralty Hospital, Miami, FL

**Bhumi Mihir Patel**

Kent Hospital, Warwick, RI

**Omid Patrus**

Chino Valley Medical Center, Chino, CA

**Donya Anwar Rabadi\***

Kaiser Permanente Santa Clara Medical Center,  
Santa Clara, CA

**David Israel Ramon II**

Scott & White Medical Center - Temple, Temple, TX

**Jonah Singh Sandhu**

DVA - Carl T. Hayden VA Medical Center, Phoenix, AZ

**Sarah Sae Rim Seo**

Lakewood Regional Medical Center, Lakewood, CA

**Fraih Samer Shahatit**

HCA Houston Healthcare West, Houston, TX

**Mohadesch Tahsini\***

Catholic Health System - Sisters of Charity Hospital,  
Buffalo, NY

**Riley Christine Ann Louise Thomas**

University of California, Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA

**Jacob Evert Trotter\***

HCA Houston Healthcare Kingwood, Houston, TX

**Megan Ai Binh Vo**

University of California, Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA

**Sabiha Fatima Wahab**

Ochsner Clinic Foundation, New Orleans, LA

**Brian W. Wong**

Chino Valley Medical Center, Chino, CA

# 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.







# College of Optometry

**CLASS OF 2025**



# Order of Exercises

## President Robin Farias-Eisner Officiating

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### Prelude

"Overture" by Craig Safan

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### Processional

"Pomp and Circumstance" by Sir Edward Elgar

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

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

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### National Anthem

Angelica Calvo, MSNE Class of 2025

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### President's Welcome

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

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### Board of Trustee's Welcome

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

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### Provost's Remarks

Paula M. Crone, DO '92  
Provost and Chief Academic Officer

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### Dean's Welcome and Introduction of Graduate Speaker

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

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<b>Graduate's Remarks</b>	Gerard Joseph Sim, OD Class of 2025
<b>Dean's Presentation of the College of Optometry Graduating Class of 2025</b>	Dean Hoppe
<b>Conferring of Degree Doctor of Optometry</b>	President Farias-Eisner
<b>Announcement of Graduates</b>	Kristy Remick-Waltman, OD Founding Director of Community Outreach, Associate Professor  Bennett McAllister, OD Associate Professor
<b>Hooding of Graduates</b>	Raymond Maeda, OD Associate Dean of Clinical Affairs College of Optometry
<b>Dean's Introduction of Oath Administrator</b>	Dean Hoppe
<b>Administration of the Optometric Oath</b>	Brian Park, OD President, California Optometric Association
<b>President's Closing Remarks</b>	President Farias-Eisner
<b>Recessional</b>	"Pomp and Circumstance March No. 1" by Sir Edward Elgar

# Candidates for the Degree of Doctor of Optometry

Natalie Aghazarian

Maha Habib Ahmed\*

Hania Alim

Kaljit Kaur Atwal

Dana Barakat\*

Giselle Barrientos\*

Daniel Cardenas\*

Bianca Esmeralda Castro

Young C. Cha

Michelle Caitlin Cristi

Ashima Dadhwal\*

Lynn Dang

Yusuf Danishgar

Cindy Diaz\*

Torrey Lauren Fauth\*

Rong Fu

Rita Mike Ghali\*

Grace Park Han\*

Galia Hatamzadeh\*

Julia Lauren Rachel Hayward

Quynh Nhu Ho

Yan Li Huang\*

Sai Prasanthi Jayaprakash

Madisyn Marie Henning Jones\*

Jackie Walorski VA Clinic, Mishawaka, IN

Specialty: Primary Care Optometry

Julliette Jewel Kestenian\*

Tiana Joy Darlene Kind\*

Serene Koudsi\*

Azul Vision / Cal Eye Specialists - Inland Empire,  
Redlands, CA

Specialty: Ocular Disease

Kathryn La\*

Sophia S. Lam\*

University of California, Berkeley, Berkeley, CA

Specialty: Primary Care Optometry/Community Health  
Optometry

Jacquelyn Mijin Lee

Mark Kristopher Leon

Heather Nicole Griffin Leser

Amanda Nicole Lopez\*

Oriana Gabrielle Lopez

Sarah Natasha Lopez\*

Rachel Luong\*

Herlyn Janeth McIntosch Leiva\*

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

Specialty: Primary Care Optometry/Ocular Disease

Marina Messak

\*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.

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**Daryl Christopher Moniaga\***

**Brett Thomas Monji\***

**Janine Phuong Chi Nguyen\***

**Lenna Thao Nguyen\***

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Fresno, CA  
Specialty: Ocular Disease

**Minh Thi Nhu Nguyen\***

**Tracey Dang Nguyen**

**Segun Ezekiel Oke\***

**Sergio Steven Palafox\***

**Joshua Christopher Poole**

**Michele Kristyn Raad\***

**Lakith Visula Ranaweera**

**Rimyland Rezko\***

**Samantha Wing-Li Royer**

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Walla Walla, WA  
Specialty: Ocular Disease/Refractive and Ocular  
Surgery

**Elia Rptchian**

**Sama Fatima Ruda**

**Yasmine Zouheir Saleh**

**Amir Rausteen Shaibani**

**Gerard Joseph Bernal Sim\***

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Grand Terrace, CA  
Specialty: Primary Care Optometry/Ocular Disease

**Jazmine Nichole Smith**

VA Southern Nevada Healthcare System, Las Vegas, NV  
Specialty: Ocular Disease

**Jonathan Tao**

**Natalen Veronica Tashjian\***

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

**Yeng Thao**

**Jessica May Yeh\***

Newsom Eye, Tampa, FL  
Specialty: Ocular/Refractive and Ocular Surgery /  
Cornea and Contact

**Scott Toshiro Yoshimoto**

**Sukaina Zaidi**

**Irene Pearl Zhang\***

# 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.







# College of Dental Medicine

**CLASS OF 2025**



# Order of Exercises

## President Robin Farias-Eisner Officiating

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### Prelude

"Overture" by Craig Safan

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### Processional

"Pomp and Circumstance" by Sir Edward Elgar

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

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

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### National Anthem

Angelica Calvo, MSNE Class of 2025

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President, Western University of Health Sciences

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Provost and Chief Academic Officer

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

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<b>Dean's Presentation of the College of Dental Medicine Graduating Class of 2025</b>	Dean Andrews
<b>Conferring of Degree</b> Doctor of Dental Medicine	President Farias-Eisner
<b>Announcement of Graduates</b>	Shirley Y. Kang, DDS Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, Associate Professor
<b>Hooding of Graduates</b>	Jeffrey L. Turchi, DDS Assistant Dean of Admissions and Recruitment Coordinator of Continuing Education Assistant Professor
<b>Dean's Charge to Graduates and Administration of the Dentist's Pledge</b>	Dean Andrews
<b>President's Closing Remarks</b>	President Farias-Eisner
<b>Recessional</b>	"Pomp and Circumstance March No. 1" by Sir Edward Elgar

# Candidates for the Degree of Doctor of Dental Medicine

**Natalie Aabodi**

**Mustafa Al Mahdawi**

**Nema Christopher Alimian\***

**Mariam H. Alsaadi**

**Chadron Shitoshi Araki Jr.**

**Lauren Rebecca Berard\***

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**Benjamin Alden Burdick**

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**Derica Jesenia Burwell**

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Specialty: General Practice

**Andrew Darius Butawan**

**Jennifer Yohana Caballero**

**Damarcus Antonio-Silvester Causey**

**Jasper Yi Ling Chang**

Herman Ostrow School of Dentistry of USC,  
Los Angeles, CA  
Specialty: General Practice

**Yong Hun Cho**

**Christopher Chung**

**Jessica Dang**

**Roshiel Sanchez De Guzman**

**Ivonne Kimberly Elias**

**Layla Eltejaye**

**Tanner Andrew Emring**

**Sarah Faizy**

**Ramy Roshdy Ragheb Farag\***

**Erica Elizabeth Franco**

**Valentina Garcia**

**Andrea Carroll Garner**

**Manar Hanna Georges**

**Adrianna Vanessa Gerber**

**Riley Austin Gonnet**

**Lourdes Maria Guerrero**

**Mayra Michelle Guerrero**

**Andrew Paul Halverson\***

State University of New York at Buffalo, Buffalo, NY  
Specialty: Orthodontics

**Maryam Asma Haque**

**Stephen Scott Henriksen**

**Emmie Ho**

**Duk Hwan Hong**

**Quyen Thuy Huong Huynh**

**Brian Matthew Ibrahim**

**Christopher Bryan Jimenez**

**Parminder Kaur\***

\*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

**Sailesh Khimji**

**Jae You Kim**

**Kyurim Kim**

**Rosalin Le**

**Jarrad Lee**

Tibor Rubin VAMC/VA Long Beach Healthcare System,  
Long Beach, CA  
Advanced Education in General Education

**Mitchell Brandon Lee**

**Sanghyun Lim**

**Jiawei Liu**

**Wajeha Hamdi Mahmoud**

**Adilene Martinez**

**Mark Andrew Mozzicato**

**Austin Toan Nguyen**

**Emily Nguyen\***

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**William Minh Thien Nguyen**

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Loma Linda, CA  
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**Utkarsh Pankajkumar Patel**

**Emily Christine Pellegrino**

**Peter Hoang Pham**

**Roberto Carlos Porras Sanchez**

**Angeli Joy Balagtas Poyaoan**

**Janna Firdevs Ramirez\***

**Nathalie Roman**

**Rutuja Sabnis**

**Robert Anthony Salcido**

**Camron Bradley Sharp**

**Daniel Jaewan Shon**

**Menmeet Singh**

**Chad Faulkner Smylie**

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Specialty: General Practice

**Jair Solis Lopez**

**Janelle Lani Tam**

**Leo Charles Taylor**

**Rajvinder Singh Walia**

**Ricky Yang**

**Brian Ye**

**Nickan Zarrabi**



# 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.





# College of Pharmacy

**CLASS OF 2025**



# Order of Exercises

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### Prelude

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### Processional

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University Marshal

Anandi Law, PhD  
Associate Dean, Assessment  
Professor, Pharmacy Practice and Administration  
College of Pharmacy Marshal

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### National Anthem

Dana Jean Manalo, DO Class of 2026

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Provost and Chief Academic Officer

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

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<b>Dean's Presentation of the College of Pharmacy Graduating Class of 2025</b>	Dean Prabhu
<b>Conferring of Degree</b> Master of Science in Biotechnology and Pharmaceutical Sciences Doctor of Pharmacy	President Farias-Eisner
<b>Announcement of Graduates</b>	Patrick Chan, PhD, PharmD Assistant Dean, Enrollment Management Associate Professor
<b>Hooding of Graduates</b>	John Andraos, PharmD, APh Assistant Professor  Kabirullah Lutfy, PhD, MSci, BPharm Professor
<b>Dean's Charge to the Graduates</b>	Dean Prabhu
<b>Administration of the Oath of a Pharmacist</b>	Mona Ligvani, PharmD Assistant Professor
<b>President's Closing Remarks</b>	President Farias-Eisner
<b>Recessional</b>	"Pomp and Circumstance March No. 1" by Sir Edward Elgar

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

**Eugene Mensah Agyare**

**Mohammed Riaz Hasan Chowdhury**

**Manisha Ghising**

**Isha Vivek Khairnar**

**Joshua Jin Lee**

**Ogochukwu Fortunia Orabueze**

**Wilson Steven Tang**

# Candidates for the Degree of Doctor of Pharmacy

**Amir Remon Abdo**

**Pauline Angeles Acosta**

**Shumokh Abdullah S. Alanazi**

Cooley Dickinson Hospital, Northampton, MA

**Basma Alani\***

Mercy Hospital, Springfield, MO

**Amiel Jandy Aguilar Angelo**

Fred Meyer Pharmacy, Washington State University,  
Portland, OR

**Patrick Ayitey**

**Tatevik Badanyan**

**Rianne Chieh Peng Chang\***

**Albert Chen**

**Snowy Vijaykumar Christian**

**Alejandro Alberto Cuadra**

**Demi Diep Dang**

**Lily Thao Dang**

VA Loma Linda Healthcare System, Loma Linda, CA

**Quynh Anh Nguyen Dao**

**Amanda Duyen Daraphet\***

**Natalie D. Deeb\***

VA Greater Los Angeles Health Care, Los Angeles, CA

**David Duc Doan**

**Ava Eisa**

**Manuel Estevez Jr.**

**Mary Jacqueline Bustamante Gagni**

County of Santa Clara Health System, San Jose, CA

**Sarina LeAnne Garcia\***

**Camrin Gill**

Desert Regional Medical Center, Palm Springs, CA

**Anthony Angel Guevara**

Providence St. Mary Medical Center, Walla Walla, WA

**Dina Hanna**

**James Bose Hariyanto\***

UC Irvine Health, Fountain Valley, CA

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



# Candidates for the Degree of Doctor of Pharmacy

**Harmeet Singh Hayer**

**Luiza Hekimyan**

**Mariam Hmayakyan**

**Lynn Thi Ngoc Ho\***

**Adia Hong**

Ralphs Pharmacy/Western University of Health  
Sciences, Pomona, CA

**Daniel Huynh**

**Nancy Huynh**

**Brannon Ichwan**

**Maryam Talal Gebrael Jabri**

**Denesse Javier**

**Neda Jiveh**

**Kevin Ernaz Jones Jr.**

**Narinder Kaur Kaila**

**Simrat Kaur\***

Kindred Hospital, La Mirada, CA

**Affan Ahmed Khan**

**Sharon Kim\***

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**Annie Lam**

**Davis Le**

**Julie Thy Le**

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Sciences, Los Angeles, CA

**Thi Ngoc Anh Le**

**Victoria Bao Uyen Le\***

**Jennifer Cristine Ledesma**

**Jenny Haebin Lee**

**Zhongqi Li\***

**Daphne Lin**

**Quynh Vu Nhat Luong\***

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**Ashley Hyelin Ma\***

**Katarina Thao Thanh Mai**

Ascension St. Vincent, Evansville, IL

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Adventist Health Glendale, Glendale, CA

**Antonio Martinez**

**Louisa Victoria McKinnon**

Arrowhead Regional Medical Center, Colton, CA

**Camille Joy Reyes Mendoza**

**Najme Mollaali**

**Eltayeb Mohammed Omer Mussa**

**Gohar Angelica Narinyan**

**Ashley Khanh Nguyen**

**Emily Nguyen**

**Julianne Kimberly Nguyen**

**Kelly Dang Nguyen**

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**Quyen Thuy Nguyen\***

VA Greater Los Angeles Health Care, Los Angeles, CA

**Thuy Phuong Thao Nguyen**

**Stephanie Orozco**

Asante Rogue Regional Medical Center, Medford, OR

**Jean Riezl Penullar Palma\***

# Candidates for the Degree of Doctor of Pharmacy

**Somin Park**

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**Ravi Shanviskumar Patel****Ryan Raad Petros****Andrew Minh Quoc Pham****Brian Thien Bao Pham****Sovannaroith Phang\***

VA Long Beach Healthcare, Long Beach, CA

**Thu Phu\***

UCSF Medical Center, San Francisco, CA

**Pinkle Rajpoot****Keila Abisua Ramirez Partida**

Kaiser Permanente, Harbor City, CA

**Jesus Ivan Rottier****Maegan Marinas Salonga**

Kaiser Permanente, Lancaster, CA

**Manifa Shahnazarian****Parker Sin**

City of Hope, Duarte, CA

**Paul Zachary Stumpe**

Walgreens Specialty Pharmacy/Western University of Health Sciences, Orange, CA

**Tiffany Tang****Lauren Nu Quynh Ton****Pauline Nu Quynh Ton****Stephanie Nicole Torrez\***

Children's Hospital Colorado, Aurora, CO

**Anh Ngoc Tram Tran**

Adventist Health Glendale, Glendale, CA

**Ashely Tran**

Kaiser Permanente, Bellflower, CA

**Tiffany Thao Tran****Angelina Tran Bao Chau****Phuong Nhu Trinh****Melody Chijou Tseng****Veng Hout Ty\*****Marisa Sovannda Ung****Jennifer Nancy Vong****Amy Vuong****Paige Jacqueline Weathersby****Rachael Yan**

Kaiser Permanente, Sacramento, CA

**Yikang Yang****Alvin Yeung****Brady J. Yu\***

VA Long Beach Healthcare, Long Beach, CA

**Wei Zhu\***

# 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 treat all patients with dignity and respect and will not discriminate against any patient.

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



# College of Veterinary Medicine

**CLASS OF 2025**



# Order of Exercises

## President Robin Farias-Eisner Officiating

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Executive Associate Dean  
College of Veterinary Medicine Marshal

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**Dean's Welcome and  
Presentation of the  
College of Veterinary Medicine  
Graduating Class of 2025**

John Tegzes, VMD, MA  
Dean, College of Veterinary Medicine

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**Conferring of Degree**  
Doctor of Veterinary Medicine

President Farias-Eisner

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**Announcement of Graduates**

Beth Boynton, DVM  
Professor, Preventive Care and Communication

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**Hooding of Graduates**

Christine Green Tindal, BVSc  
Associate Professor

Donna Shettko, DVM  
Associate Professor

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**Dean's Charge to the Graduates  
and Administration of the  
Veterinarian's Oath**

Dean Tegzes

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**President's Closing Remarks**

President Farias-Eisner

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**Recessional**

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

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# Candidates for the Degree of Doctor of Veterinary Medicine

Henry Aguila Jr.

Hanna Elaine Atiyeh

Joseph Awada\*

Lauren Jacqueline Belloff

Katrina Abad Billote

Andrea Brkic

Nicole Nadya Cabristante

Heather Rose Chakrabarti

Vanessa Chavez

Pamina Davin Chong

Lauren Croquenois\*

Aaron Marlin de Buck

Hailey Chanel Bernal De La Rosa

Tram Ngoc Do

Madison Marie Dunkin

Jillian Nicole Eicher

Christina Espinosa\*

Alejandra Figueroa

Susan Fisher Fredericks

Alexander Yoshinari Fu\*

Edward Armen Galfayan\*

Zoe Zuyi Gant\*

Kathryn Grace Garcia

Ivonne Vanessa Garrido

Kaitlyn Ann Garrison

Meredith Irene Geissinger

Cameron Joseph Gheith

Natalia Rose Gilbert

Emani L'Kaya Green

Rebecca Jean Hagelberg

Scarlett Rose Harrison

Paxton Montgomrie Hartman

Emily Grace Henkels\*

Jennifer Nichole Hernandez\*

Luke Robert Hernandez

McKenna Linn Hernandez

Ethan Obata Hirose\*

Kevin Kai Lun Huang\*

Eunice Kahng

Anastassiya Kantserova

Micaela Teresa Kent

Yoor Kim

Angelica Kinder

Josie Elizabeth Knieriemen\*

Chandrika Kumar

Ji-Hyun Lee\*

Nicole Ann Lent

Christina Marie Lewis

Gwenevere Marie Lockrey

Aleksandra Teresa Long\*

Paulina Lopez Nava

Emily J. Lubach

\*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

Sergio Madrigal

Tamar Sheridan Maljian\*

Mariana Elizabeth Martinez\*

Michelle Emily Beth McCorkell

Ariana Maureen McKenzie\*

Keely McLaughlin\*

Brooke Elise Migdal\*

Courtney Lee Miller

Sarah Jane Mirjavadi\*

Nazleen Mohseni\*

Maria Alejandra Molina Velandia

Karen Molina Zaldivar

Katherine Elizabeth Montejano

Briana Sumarie Moreland

Ethan John Nobles

Tyler P O'Brien

Andrea Patino

Yerania Pelaez Brito\*

Serena Alexis Perez

Kelly Lew Pham

Antoinette Marie Piraino

Alexandra Rose Ponkey

Venus Pun\*

Alexa Ramirez

David Rodriguez

Caitlin Ariel Rolle

Ryan Steven Romero

Sean Michael Rowan

Jacob Tyler Ruiz\*

Alexis Marie Rye

Sawyer Christaan Sahlinger

Haley Rose Salas

Tamesis Yailyn Santiago Merced

Victoria LuAnn Schultz

Valerie Irene Sherwood

Noel Carlie Simms

Nicole Akki Singh

Carissa Smith\*

Shelby Naomi Suzuki

Connor Stephan Theis

Anna Alexis Thompson

Tyra Sin Yue Tse

Christina Panayiota Vagenas

Kimya Vazindel

Savanah Kathleen Vieira

Derrick Wang

Mina Alberta Gloria Weakley\*

Bryan George Williams

Theresa Wang Chin Wong

Benjamin Michael Wyman

Alexis Diana Ybarra\*

Charlize Raquel Zuraek\*

# The Veterinarian's Oath

Being admitted to the profession of veterinary medicine:

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

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

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





# College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific

**CLASS OF 2025**



# Order of Exercises

## President Robin Farias-Eisner Officiating

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### Prelude

"Overture" by Craig Safan

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### Processional

"Pomp and Circumstance" by Sir Edward Elgar

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

Emmanuel Katsaros, DO, FACR  
Chair and Professor of Internal Medicine  
College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific Marshal

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### National Anthem

Ivin Yu, DO Class of 2025

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### President's Welcome

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

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### Board of Trustee's Welcome

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

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### Provost's Remarks

Paula M. Crone, DO '92  
Provost and Chief Academic Officer

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### Dean's Welcome and Introduction of Graduate Speaker

Lisa Warren, DO '01, MBA  
Dean, College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific  
and COMP-Northwest

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### Graduate's Remarks

Aaron Bautista, DO Class of 2025

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

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

Students are given the option 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](https://commencement.westernu.edu).

Family and guests may be photographed for future University publications.

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**Dean's Presentation of the  
College of Osteopathic Medicine  
of the Pacific  
Graduating Class of 2025**

Dean Warren

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**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

Edward V. Barnes II, MD  
Vice Dean, College Affairs  
Associate Professor of Internal Medicine  
Chief, Division of Nephrology and Hypertension

Seth Politano, DO  
Vice Chair, Department of Family Medicine

Brian Kraatz, PhD  
Professor of Anatomy

Robert Pechnick, PhD  
Professor of Pharmacology

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**Hooding of Graduates**

Jesus Sanchez Jr., DO '04, MS  
Assistant Dean, Academic Affairs  
Professor of Neuromusculoskeletal Medicine/  
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**Dean's Charge to Graduates and  
Administration of the  
Osteopathic Oath**

Dean Warren

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**President's Closing Remarks**

President Farias-Eisner

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**Recessional**

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

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‡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.

†Graduate is a pre-doctoral Neuromusculoskeletal Medicine/Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine Teaching Fellow. These students, originally scheduled to graduate in May 2024, 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.

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# The Osteopathic Oath

I do hereby affirm my loyalty to the profession I am about to enter.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



# College of Graduate Nursing

**CLASS OF 2025**



# Order of Exercises

## President Robin Farias-Eisner Officiating

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### Prelude

"Overture" by Craig Safan

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### Processional

"Pomp and Circumstance" by Sir Edward Elgar

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

Rodney Hicks, PhD, MSN, FNP  
Associate Dean, Administration and Research  
College of Graduate Nursing Marshal

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### National Anthem

Angelica Calvo, MSNE Class of 2025

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### Provost's Remarks

Paula M. Crone, DO '92  
Provost and Chief Academic Officer

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### Dean's Welcome and Introduction of Graduate Speakers

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

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## **Graduate's Remarks**

Kristelle Louise Patricio Gatchalian, MSNE Class of 2025  
Dhara Patel, MSN '18, DNP Class of 2025

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## **Dean's Presentation of the College of Graduate Nursing Graduating Class of 2025**

Dean Lopez

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## **Conferring of Degree**

President Farias-Eisner

Master of Science in Nursing – Ambulatory Care  
Master of Science in Nursing – Family Nurse  
Practitioner  
Master of Science in Nursing – General Nursing  
Master of Science in Nursing – Psychiatric  
Mental Health Nurse Practitioner  
Doctor of Nursing Practice

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## **Announcement of Graduates**

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

Dawn Stone, PhD, MSN, APN  
Associate Professor, Graduate Nursing

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## **Hooding of Graduates**

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

Donna Emanuele, DNP, FNP, ENP  
Director, Doctor of Nursing Practice Program  
Associate Professor, Graduate Nursing

Michael Marinello, DNP '25, FNP  
Director, Masters of Science in Nursing, Entry  
Assistant Professor, Graduate Nursing

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

Dean Lopez

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## **President's Closing Remarks**

President Farias-Eisner

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## **Recessional**

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

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

Christine Renee Wells Mendiola

Misa Ailene Vasquez\*

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

Sarah Du

Ryanne Jessica Furst

Michelle Ann Gonzales\*

David Gonzalez

Ha Neul Kim

Paul Juho Kim

Kiersten Hannah Kirby

Elizabeth Kvryan

Jacob Liscano

Jamie Taylor Ly\*

Emelia Mardigian

Jose Plata

Gabriela Maria Reyes

Abbey Gabrielle Ison Roth

Madison Abigail Salter

Preston Lawrence Salyer

Jennifer Ann Sandoval

Alexandra Valencia

Norma Isela Vega

Lisa Xu

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

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Aimee Aispuro\*

Arline Arreguin

Aylin Aritzzy Arriola\*

Ricky Avila\*

Sara Babazadeh\*

Jordan Babbitt

Robert Leonel Baeza\*

Eliza Barsegyan\*

Angelica Augustine Calvo\*

Mary Elizabeth Carrasco

Cynthia Berenice Carrillo\*

Ingrid Castro Serpas\*

Vincent Chai

Katelynn Cynthia Raquel Diaz\*

Josephina Diaz Calderon\*

Autumn Jaylyn Douglass\*

Tiffany Duong\*

Zahra Erfanian\*

Jillianne Melle Santarina Fernando\*

Emily Maria Flink\*

Lilliana Garcia Pacheco\*

Kristelle Louise Patricio Gatchalian\*

Tyler William Gay

Karina Alexis Gomez\*

Nadia Faye Gov\*

Michelle Granados\*

Eric Brandon Green\*

Thao Hong\*

David Kim\*

Chloe Monet Kraus\*

Alison Therese Kusumoto\*

Sarah Kwak\*

Stephanie Lauren Lazaro\*

Michelle Lee\*

Yu Qi Liu\*

Megan Luc\*

Brianna Marisa Magaña\*

Jaclyn Amelia Margallo\*

Mary Ellen Nicole Mendoza\*

Giselle Moz\*

Tina Thuy Ngo\*

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Xuan Thi Kim Pham\*

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Zoya Razak\*

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Vanessa Renee Rivera\*

Gabriela Gorgina Romero Arevalo\*

Payton Bella Ross\*

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Isabel Tabaha Satala\*

Geneva Xiao Yang Schroeder\*

Bree Michelle Shofner\*

Andrew Eliu Sincuir\*

Jirat Taepwong\*

Yer Thor\*

Stacy Loan Anh Tran\*

Tiffany Trieu Tran\*

Arielle Chow Tsai\*

Rebecca Ann Tsarofski\*

Tiffany Ann Ung\*

Lillyan Rae Upp\*

Maria Guadalupe Vargas-Gomez\*

Alexis Marie Vera\*

Mersedeh Yazdani Seysan

Mary Yebremian\*

Michael Sunghan Yoon\*

Ruizhuo Zhao\*

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Claire Mei-Chi Chow

Briana Ashley Cullen

Simone Natalya Daniels\*

Kelly Marie Erikson

Kyle Martin Gambill

Michelle Baluyot Garton

Simone Michelle Khalil

Eileen Kil

Connie Kuykendall

Matthew Caylao Lu

Julian Alejandrez Macias

Julian Carlo Garcia Marcelo

Marian Christy Palzis

Yuri Park

Christina Marie Poland

Melva Elena Renteria

Akshaydeep Singh

Tessa Louise Thompson

Jasmine-Nicole Manalo Tran

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Jennifer Louise Eastman

Dhara Hasmukh Patel



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Dean, College of Health Sciences

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

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President Farias-Eisner

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## Announcement of Graduates

Emilie Orillard, PhD  
Assistant Professor, Medical Sciences

Angela Gutierrez, PhD, MPH  
Associate Professor, Health Sciences Education

Jennifer Guerra, MS, PA-C  
Assistant Professor, Physician Assistant Education

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

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## Hooding of Graduates

Jennifer Licero Campbell, PhD  
Chair, Department of Medical Sciences  
Assistant Professor, Medical Sciences

Rosana L. Bravo, PhD, MPH  
Associate Dean, Assessment and Strategic Initiatives  
Chair, Department of Health Sciences Education  
Associate Professor

Amber Singletary, DMSc, PA '00, MS '04  
Program Director/Associate Professor  
Department of Physician Assistant Education

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

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## Dean's Charge to the Graduates

Dean Evans Grayson

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## Administration of the Physician Assistant's Oath

Professor Singletary

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## Administration of the Oath For Physical Therapists

Laura Murphy, EdD, DPT, PT  
Assistant Professor/Assistant Director of Clinical Education,  
Department of Physical Therapy Education

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## President's Closing Remarks

President Farias-Eisner

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## Recessional

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Rosemaria Xuan-My Dang

Czarina Mae Yabes De Castro

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Joseph Malik Haddad

Karen Frances Jaranilla

Matthew R Lee

Gisell Alexandra Medina Veloz

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Sebastian Quintero

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Rehan Saber

Andrew Jacob Schenker

Ameliya Shamirian

Miriam Sheikhmamondi

Justin Ethan Soliman

Rubina Takhmazian

Dorna Tayebipour

Vianna Dai Truong

Michelle Tung

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Zohra Tumor

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Hanna Rin Chu

Elizabeth Martinez

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David Cedric Archer

Jodie Elena Arevalo

Justin Tobias Barcenas

Kylie Brianne Carr

Teresa Marie Castro

Chak Kai Chau

Caitlyn Jade Chin

Andrew Ryan Cline

Justin Michael Corral

Frank Jude Curtis

Kady Elizabeth Flores

Karissa Rose-Edralin Frech

Urja Kamlesh Godhani

Michael Guillen-Villa

Christopher Ledesma Hutchinson

Brooke Elizabeth Jaunal

Janica Srey Kann

Michelle Khoshaba

Saleena Khoshnevis

Nicolas Takeyoshi Kiyohara

Vuong Thai Le

Joshua Li

Amanda Anne Maravi

Joshua Medina

Matthew Miao

Mikaela Elyse Millican

Juma Musa Mughrabi

Ezriel Robin Ochoa

Shaun Tooru Oku

Amanda Winona Oshita

Brenda Nancy Porras

Matthew Cosio Raguindin

Paul Arthur Rodriguez

Jazmine Evelyn Rayan Romero

Gurneal Kaur Sahota

Mitchell Gregory Skinner

Daniel Jinwook Son

Avery Celeste Spencer

Aaron Sze

Sydney June Ta

Diana Aivy Trannam

Olivia Lyn Vinci

Arianna Jasmine Viola

Rachel Lauren White

Paula L. Yang

Ejay Yuan



# 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.

# Western University of Health Sciences

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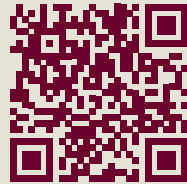
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