

Forty-Fourth Annual

# Commencement Ceremony

for the Graduating Classes of 2025

MAY 12, LEBANON, OREGON

## 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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**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).

Diploma photos and graduate candids will be taken at today's event.  
These items will be available for download and a link will be e-mailed to all graduates.

Family and guests may be photographed for future University publications.





*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

## College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific and College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific-Northwest

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Michelle Park, EdD .....	<i>Associate Dean, Student Affairs, COMP</i>
Colleen Talbot, PhD .....	<i>Associate Dean, Academic Affairs, COMP-Northwest</i>
Stephanie White, DO .....	<i>Associate Dean, Clinical Education</i>
Jesus Sanchez Jr., DO, MS .....	<i>Assistant Dean, Academic Affairs, COMP</i>
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Jenna Collins, DO .....	<i>Chair, Department of Family Medicine</i>
Mohammed E. Elsalanty, PhD, MBBS .....	<i>Chair, Department of Medical Anatomical Sciences</i>
Rebecca Giusti, DO .....	<i>Chair, Department of Neuromusculoskeletal Medicine/Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine</i>
Emmanuel Katsaros, DO .....	<i>Chair, Department of Internal Medicine</i>
Courtney Steller, DO .....	<i>Chair, Department of Obstetrics/Gynecology</i>
Cyrus Parsa, DO .....	<i>Chair, Department of Pathology</i>
Chaya Prasad, MD, MBA .....	<i>Chair, Department of Clinical Sciences</i>
Yadi Fernandez-Sweeny, PsyD, MS .....	<i>Chair, Department of Behavioral Medicine, Psychiatry and Psychology</i>
Matthew Eschelbach, DO .....	<i>Chair, Department of Emergency Medicine</i>
Seth Politano, DO .....	<i>Vice Chair, Department of Family Medicine</i>
Nishita Patel, MD .....	<i>Vice Chair, Department of Internal Medicine</i>
Edie Sperling, DPT, PT .....	<i>Vice Chair, Department of Medical Anatomical Sciences</i>
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## College of Health Sciences

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Harshavardhan Deoghare, PhD, PT	Chair, Department of Physical Therapy Education
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	Chair, Department of Public Health
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	Director, MSN Program
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Ruthie Perez, BS	Director, Clinical Operations
Kelly Russo, BA	Assistant Director, Academic Programs
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## College of Podiatric Medicine

Jonathan Labovitz, DPM	Dean, College of Podiatric Medicine
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Jacqueline B. Truong, DPM, MPH	Assistant Dean, Pre-Clinical Education and Outcomes Assessment
Rebecca Moellmer, DPM	Assistant Dean, Clinical Education and Faculty Affairs
Cecilia Mercado, BA	Director, Student Affairs
Chandler Hubbard, DPM	Medical Director, WesternU Health Pomona Foot and Ankle Center
Vy Nichols, MBA	Senior Director, Operations

## College of Health Sciences-Northwest

Jonathan Perry, PhD, MSc	Site Dean, College of Health Sciences-Northwest
Sandra Saavedra, PhD, PT	Chair, Department of Physical Therapy Education – Oregon
Kendra Cherry-Allen, PhD, DPT	Associate Chair, Department of Physical Therapy Education – Oregon
Clint Edwards, MFA	Senior Director, Operations
Shauna Lieu, MS	Director, Student Affairs

# Western University of Health Sciences

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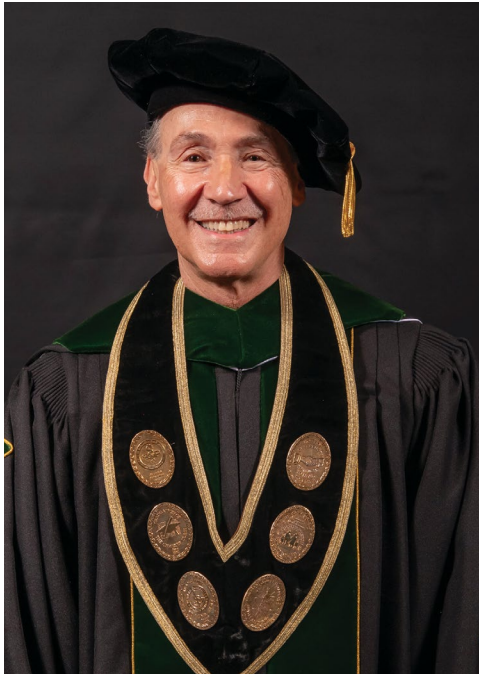
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# Western University of Health Sciences

## 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!

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

# 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

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

Colleen Talbot, PhD  
Associate Dean, Academic Affairs  
Professor, Physiology  
College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific-Northwest  
COMP-Northwest College Marshal

Christina Gomez, PhD, DPT, PT  
Assistant Professor, Physical Therapy Education  
College of Health Sciences-Northwest  
CHS-Northwest College Marshal

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### National Anthem

Tasneem Islam  
DO 2027, COMP-Northwest

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### Invocation

Rev. Laura Isaac, MDiv, BCC  
Chaplain, Samaritan Lebanon Community Hospital

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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 Trustees Welcome

Mike Cowgill, JD, LHD (Hon.)  
Member, 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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### COMP-Northwest Dean's Charge

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

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# | Order of Exercises

<b>Graduate Remarks</b>	Kye J. See, DO Class of 2025
<b>Conferring of Degree</b> Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine	President Farias-Eisner
<b>Announcement of Graduates</b>	Meagan Smith, DO '19 Assistant Professor, Neuromusculoskeletal Medicine/Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine  Jenna Collins, DO Chair and Assistant Professor, Family Medicine  Michelle Steinauer, PhD Assistant Vice President for Research Oregon Campus Vice-Chair, Biomedical Sciences Associate Professor, Microbiology
<b>Administration of the Osteopathic Oath</b>	Dean Warren
<b>CHS-Northwest Dean's Charge</b>	Jonathan Perry, PhD , MSc. Site Dean Associate Professor, Physical Therapy Education College of Health Sciences-Northwest
<b>Graduate Remarks</b>	Edwin F. Parathara, DPT Class of 2025
<b>Conferring of Degree</b> Doctor of Physical Therapy	President Farias-Eisner
<b>Announcement of Graduates</b>	Kendra Cherry-Allen, PhD , DPT Associate Chair and Assistant Professor Physical Therapy Education College of Health Sciences-Northwest
<b>Administration of the Oath for Physical Therapists</b>	Sandra Saavedra, PhD, PT, MS Chair and Professor, Physical Therapy Education College of Health Sciences-Northwest
<b>President's Closing Remarks</b>	President Farias-Eisner
<b>Recessional</b>	"Pomp and Circumstance March No. 1" by Sir Edward Elgar

# College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific-Northwest

**CLASS OF 2025**





# Candidates for the Degree of Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine

**Madeleine Grace Duncan<sup>†</sup>**

St. Joseph Hospital, Denver, CO  
Specialty: Internal Medicine

**Alan Maxwell Goering<sup>†</sup>**

Samaritan Health Services, Corvallis, OR  
Specialty: Family Medicine

**Victoria Jean Prawitz-Wiprud<sup>‡</sup>**

University of Central Florida HCA Healthcare GME,  
Pensacola, FL  
Specialty: Obstetrics and Gynecology

**Daniel Si Trinh<sup>†</sup>**

Providence Health, Milwaukie, OR  
Specialty: Family Medicine

**Peter Martyn Allegre**

Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, OH  
Specialty: Internal Medicine

**Sienna Grace Allen<sup>\*</sup>**

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

**Charles William Antonowicz**

St. Luke's Hospital, Easton, PA  
Specialty: Psychiatry

**Hamsat Bahaa Aldeen Anwar<sup>\*</sup>**

Nuvance Health, Danbury, CT  
Specialty: Surgery-General  
SSM Health Saint Louis University Hospital,  
Saint Louis, MO  
Specialty: Interventional Radiology (Integrated)

**Samuel Philip Arnot**

Samaritan Health Services, Corvallis, OR  
Specialty: Internal Medicine

**Sharmeen Azad**

NYC Health + Hospitals Queens, Jamaica, NY  
Specialty: Psychiatry

**Kayla Marie Baker**

Kaweah Delta Health Care District, Visalia, CA  
Specialty: Emergency Medicine

**David Andrew Beckett<sup>\*</sup>**

El Rio Health, Tucson, AZ  
Specialty: Family Medicine

**Yarexy Bello**

Loma Linda University, Loma Linda, CA  
Specialty: Neurology

**Camdin Marcus Bennett**

Baylor Scott & White Medical Center, Temple, TX  
Specialty: Internal Medicine

**Carl Henry Benson**

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

**Jonathan David Bettencourt**

Oregon Health & Science University, Portland, OR  
Specialty: Pathology-Anatomic and Clinical

**Anna Bjarvin**

Loma Linda University, Loma Linda, CA  
Specialty: Internal Medicine

\*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.

‡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.

Δ Graduate completed the dual enrollment Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine and Master of Public Health program between Western University of Health Sciences and Claremont Graduate University.

# Candidates for the Degree of Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine

## **Eric Bleem<sup>‡</sup>**

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

## **Hannah Katherine Branch<sup>\*</sup>**

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

## **Christine Therese Broniak**

MultiCare Health System, Puyallup, WA  
Specialty: Family Medicine

## **Ashleigh Elise Mendelowitz Calcote**

Brown University/Kent Hospital, Warwick, RI  
Specialty: Internal Medicine

## **Taylor Camfield-Bronstein**

Puyallup Tribal Health Authority, Tacoma, WA  
Specialty: Family Medicine

## **Camille Linnea Hatsuko Carlisle<sup>\*</sup>**

Santa Clara Valley Medical Center, San Jose, CA  
Specialty: Internal Medicine

## **BreeAnna Marion Carlson<sup>‡</sup>**

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

## **Megan Taylor Chang**

Kaiser Permanente, Santa Rosa, CA  
Specialty: Family Medicine

## **Justin Nhat Chau**

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

## **Alvin Chen<sup>\*</sup>**

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

## **Alexa Rae Churan<sup>\*</sup>**

University of Vermont Medical Center, Burlington, VT  
Specialty: Pediatrics

## **Cesar Olaf Cornejo Ochoa<sup>‡</sup>**

Oregon Health & Science University, Portland, OR  
Specialty: Orthopaedic Surgery

## **Sydney Elizabeth Cross**

UMass Chan Medical School, Springfield, MA  
Specialty: Pediatrics

## **Conor Lee Davenport**

Roseburg Family Medicine, Roseburg, OR  
Specialty: Family Medicine

## **Alexis Taylor de Lacy**

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

## **Natalie Nicole Finlinson**

Eastern Virginia Medical School, Norfolk, VA  
Specialty: Pediatrics

## **Yurissa Flores-Sanchez**

Rush University Medical Center, Chicago, IL  
Specialty: Emergency Medicine

## **Erica Brooke Fuller**

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# The Osteopathic Oath

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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# 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.

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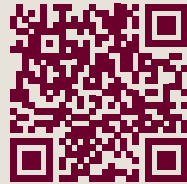
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