



Western University of Health Sciences

45th Annual Commencement Ceremony

for the Graduating Classes of 2026

May 18-20, 2026
Pomona, California

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)



On the shoulders of giants

As WesternU alumni, you embark on your next journey with the scientific and humanistic standards to which WesternU is dedicated. You remain an integral part of the WesternU family: whether through mentoring, scholarship support, leadership within your respective fields, or advocating for the health of your communities. Because of your excellence, WesternU will continue to be known and respected as one of this nation's leading universities dedicated to the teaching of the health sciences.



As you embark on your next chapter, please pause a minute to join us in the **Alumni Village** after the ceremony to enjoy a celebration of your accomplishment and build a WesternU tradition.

For families and loved ones of graduates, honor this incredible milestone by making a gift in your graduate's name. Your support helps future generations of WesternU students pursue their calling and become the healthcare leaders our communities need.

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 the 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 its 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 WesternU's second president.

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, more than 1,400 employees and more than 22,000 alumni.

University Administration

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College Administration

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Emmanuel Katsaros, DO	Chair, Department of Internal Medicine
Courtney Steller, DO	Chair, Department of Obstetrics/Gynecology
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College of Health Sciences

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College of Podiatric Medicine

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College of Health Sciences-Northwest

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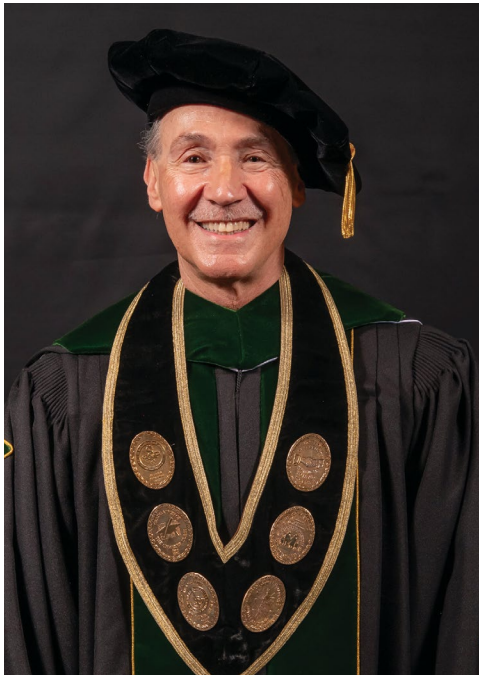
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President's Message



To WesternU's Class of 2026,

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 2026 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 of all you serve.

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

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

Again, congratulations as you embark upon a bright future!

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

Robin Farias-Eisner, MD, PhD, MBA

President, Western University of Health Sciences

The seal of Western University is visible in the background, featuring a central torch with a flame, surrounded by the Latin motto "Educare Sanare Coniunctim" and the text "WESTERN UNIVERSITY" and "COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES".

College of Dental Medicine

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Family and guests may be photographed for future University publications.

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
	Sandra Farah-Franco, DDS, MS Associate Dean of Dental Sciences Education, Professor College of Dental Medicine Marshal
National Anthem	Romellus Wilson Assistant Director of Programming, Office of Humanism
President's Welcome	Robin Farias-Eisner, MD, PhD, MBA President, Western University of Health Sciences
Board of Trustee's Welcome	Hon. Consuelo M. Callahan, LL.M, JD, LHD (Hon.) Judge, Ninth Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals Chair, Board of Trustees, Western University of Health Sciences
Provost's Remarks	Paula M. Crone, DO '92 Provost and Chief Academic Officer
Dean's Welcome and Introduction of Graduate Speaker	Elizabeth Andrews, DDS, MS Dean, College of Dental Medicine
Graduate's Remarks	Sara Fayad, DMD Class of 2026
Dean's Presentation of the College of Dental Medicine Graduating Class of 2026	Dean Andrews
Conferring of Degree Doctor of Dental Medicine	President Farias-Eisner
Announcement of Graduates	Krystle Rapisura, DMD, MS Assistant Dean for Community Patient Care, Associate Professor
Hooping of Graduates	Jeffrey L. Turchi, DDS Assistant Dean of Admissions and Recruitment Coordinator of Continuing Education Assistant Professor
Dean's Charge to the Graduates	Dean Andrews
Administration of the Dentist's Pledge	Hubert K. Chan, DDS Executive Associate Dean, Professor
President's Closing Remarks	President Farias-Eisner
Recessional	"Pomp and Circumstance March No. 1" by Sir Edward Elgar

Candidates for the Degree of Doctor of Dental Medicine

Mohammad Abdel Jabbar*

Raniah Fahad Abualjis

Saranya Adimoolam Chinnadurai

Pyoung Kweon Ahn

Usama A. Al Saedi

Gerin Joseph Albelda

Arash Alirezaei

Malak AlRefai

Mazen Atout

Jeevansonia Auja*

Gregory Bai*

Felicia Banh

Kirolos Rafeek Basely

Shiva Bayat

Samah Nor Bouyakoub

Tin Nghia Cao*

Edvic Chawki

Northwell Health at Staten Island University Hospital,
Staten Island, NY
Specialty: General Practice

Eunho Cho

Patricia Kristine Nepomuceno De Villa

Sophia Leeana DeVore

Lawrence Cereno Dimayuga

Justin James Gudilano Donato

Diana Duong

Natalie Nicole Duran*

Andrew Brownlee Eusebio, Jr.

Sara Fayad

Moura Maged Samir Ghattas

Luna Flor Gonzalez

Alexandra Grace Manguera Graeve

Masood Haghiri

Merna Melad Hanna

Rayan Ali Hatem

Brent Daniel Haws

Eboney Jasmina Hinds

Atousa Iranishemirani

Justin Seungheon Jang

Joshua Goel Kapenhas

Travis Teru Kayahara

Dina Keo

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

Kristin Nicole Kepley

Mahvish Fatima Khan

Geon Woo Kim

Jisoo Christine Kim

St. Francis Hospital,
Hartford, CT
Specialty: General Practice

Samuel Junwon Kim

*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 continued

Justin Cheng-Wei Lai

Ghena Lebbos

Seong Eun Lee*

Valerie Giselle Lua

Erika Lizbeth Luna Vilchis

Daniel Luy

Dawn Ku'unani Makio

Mohammad Mohammad

Jihye Moon

Danielle Moreira Cardoso

Ayesha Mubeen

Maryam Nakisa

Kristie Linh Ngo

Kimberly Minh Nguyen

Peterson Nguyen

Trung Duc Nguyen

William Don Nguyen

Jihyeon Park

Nishitkumar Dineshbhai Patel

Priyanka Vijay Patil

Gabriel Gerardo Perez

Saad Muhammad Qureshi

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Baltimore, MD
Specialty: Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery

Shayan Rahimi

Kumaran Muthu Rajendran

Maher Rifai

Esther Marie Rodriguez

University of California San Francisco,
San Francisco, CA
Specialty: General Practice

Monica Ann Conner Rodriguez

Kendall Nicole Rollin*

Howard University,
Washington, D.C.
Specialty: Orthodontics

Medina Sadat

Jaipal Kaur Sandhu*

Majd Sarkees

Ali Mohammad SHafiee SHams

Davinderjit Kaur Shergill

Woochul Shin

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Negin Silani

Frank Po Chou Su

Jeel Bhupendra Trivedi

Ryan Morgan Wentworth-Brown

Mariam Y. Youssef*

Sean Zendedel

Xingyu Zhao

Netaliya Fares Zora

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 2026

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Dean's Welcome and Introduction of Graduate Speaker	Sunil Prabhu, PhD, BPharm Dean and Professor, College of Pharmacy
Graduate's Remarks	Manjot Kaur, MSBPS Class of 2026
	Monica Aziz, PharmD Class of 2026
	Melanie Thien-Lan Nguyen, PharmD Class of 2026A
Dean's Presentation of the College of Pharmacy Graduating Classes of 2026	Dean Prabhu
Conferring of Degrees	President Farias-Eisner
Master of Science in Biotechnology and Pharmaceutical Sciences	
Doctor of Pharmacy	

Order of Exercises continued

Announcement of Graduates	Patrick Chan, PhD, PharmD Assistant Dean, Enrollment Management
Hooding of Graduates	Preshita Desai, PhD, BPharm Assistant Professor, Biotechnology and Pharmaceutical Sciences
	John Andraos, PharmD Assistant Professor, Pharmacy Practice and Administration
Dean's Charge to the Graduates	Dean Prabhu
Administration of the Oath of a Pharmacist	Mona Ligvani, PharmD Assistant Professor, Pharmacy Practice and Administration
President's Closing Remarks	President Farias-Eisner
Recessional	"Pomp and Circumstance March No. 1" by Sir Edward Elgar

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

Manjot Kaur

Prince Jonathan Meziem

Aparna Paudel

James Patrick Villegas

Candidates for the Degree of Doctor of Pharmacy

Class of 2026

Farhan Ahmad

Mereva Lois Pacis Aniceto*

Monica Aziz

Sharp Grossmont Hospital,
La Mesa, CA

Sharareh Babaiedarabad

Taylor Kaili Brower*

Tiffany Kimhao Bui

Memorial Hospital Pembroke
Pembroke Pines, FL

Danica Baluyut Cabrera

Marilyn June Carrasco

Kaiser Permanente San Bernardino County,
Fontana, CA

Wenjun Rain Che

Kalen Noelle Cooper

Francheska Anne Barniego Cruz

Katelyn Ky Duyen Dinh Nguyen*

Desert Oasis Healthcare,
Palm Springs, CA

Keyur Jayantikumar Divecha

Natalie Elie Elfahel*

Noha Khalid Fakhoury

Arshan Ferdowsian

Taylor B. Gahub

Fred Meyer Pharmacy - Washington State University
Portland, OR

Desiree Michele Gutierrez

Adventist Health Ukiah Valley,
Ukiah, CA

Dae-Woo Han

Andrew Thomas Hsieh*

UC Irvine Health,
Orange, CA

Brandon Thomas Icamen

Farinaz Kargar

Golnoush Khosravi

Nicholas Sam Lam*

Sean Leu

UCSF Medical Center,
San Francisco, CA

Shannelle Wenn Li*

Brianna Jazlynn Lopez

Sierra Dior Macias

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Candidates for the Degree of Doctor of Pharmacy continued

Ruba Manneh

Christine Anne Marcelino Martin*

Adventist Health White Memorial,
Los Angeles, CA

Morvarid Moshtahedian

Mamtaben Rameshbhai Nasit

Deema Bashir Nasla*

Hill Physicians Medical Group/PriMed Management,
San Ramon, CA

Andre Duy Nguyen

Mission Hospital Regional Medical Center,
Mission Viejo, CA

Britney Q Nguyen

Christine Hong Nguyen

WesternU/St. Mary Medical Center,
Long Beach, CA

Jennie Tu Nguyen

Le Viet Nguyen

Phuoc Hong Nguyen

Randy Hieu Nguyen

Komoto Healthcare
Delano, CA

Stella Nguyen

Steven Nguyen

PIH Health Hospital,
Whittier, CA

Thanh Thien Nguyen

Tran Khanh Linh Nguyen

An Huu Nguyen-Bui

Jasmine Nicole Patel*

Stuti Patel

Nancy Jacqueline Plascencia

Riverside Community Hospital,
Riverside, CA

Pratik Dhirajlal Satasiya

Aleksei Solomatov

Franky Thomas

Teresa Tran Tran

Asante Rogue Regional Medical Center
Medford, OR

Thi Pham Thi Tran

Minh Tan Trinh

John Paul Ventenilla

Kali Michelle Wong*

Carlsein Alabado Yapching

WesternU/Ralph's Pharmacy,
Pomona, CA

Giti Zahedzadeh

Class of 2026A

Alexa Marie Rosales Abarca

Kulsoom Shaheen Ahmad

Noora Qusay Alqaseer

Alexander Alvarado

Justin Amouna

Aisha Anna Alex

Mehrnoush Asadi Gharabaghi

Atousa Elena Broumand

Cecilia Mai Han Bui

Melanie Gisell Calamonic

Alejandro Castellon Arteaga*

Tommy Chau

Ethan Vang Chhan

Lea Rajeshkumar Christian

Marie Angeli Dorotheo Dai

Lauren Sydney De Guzman

Shreya Sunjay Desai

Roujina Donyaei

David Du

Maryam Ebrahimi

Niklas Augustine Giers*

Danny Han

Kemisha Pananhia Her

Bunny Horn

Amy Huynh

Jennie Phuong Uyen Huynh*

Gursimratpreet Kaur

Simranpreet Kaur*

Pouria Peter Keyvani

Leon Kha

Bokyoung Kim*

Chaeun Kim

Celina La

Tram Ngoc Do Le

Erin Lee

Baoying Li*

Jelanie Loucille Parchejo Lingal

Adriana Elizabeth Little

Crysbelle Lopez

Caitlin Nicole Santos Mallari

Carmen Nicoleta Marian

Andre Adnan Matti

Parmis Moghbeli*

Rebecca Elizabeth Moore

Kevin Phuc Dong Ngo

Jessica Nguyen

Jimmy Nguyen

Melanie Thien-Lan Nguyen*

Andrew Nunez

Saira Rubi Pacheco Penalzoza

Candidates for the Degree of Doctor of Pharmacy continued

Angela Park

Bhakti S. Patel

Dhrupalkumar Girishbhai Patel

Saloni Patel*

Vrutti Rakeshbhai Patel

Santana Marie Prieto

Andrea Ramirez

Menachem Rapoport

Diana Rios

Hallie Marie Rossi

Meliton Nathaniel Gonzales Santos

Aynaz Sarchami*

Roomnaz Zaid Shaikh

Anique Mohammad Sheikh*

Thao Nu Phuong Ton

Anna Lillian Tran*

AnneMarie Hong An Tran

Emily Mai Tran*

Khang Cong Tran

Michelle Tran

Deanna Tuong

Franchesca Anneliese Babilon Vanguardia

Kyle Nikko Velasquez

Thomas Wu*

Alliah Jane Perocho Yap

Juliana Mari Punzalan Yap

Lauren Yaejin Yi

George Yuan*

Mona Zarka

Iliana Yacoub Zedan

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.

The seal of Western University is visible in the background, featuring a central torch with a flame, surrounded by the Latin motto "Educare Sanare Coniunctim" and the text "WESTERN UNIVERSITY" and "COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES".

College of Graduate Nursing

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	Rodney Hicks, PhD, MSN, FNP Associate Dean, Administration and Research College of Graduate Nursing Marshal
National Anthem	Darryenn Castellanos Arroyo, MSNE Class of 2026
President's Welcome	Robin Farias-Eisner, MD, PhD, MBA President, Western University of Health Sciences
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Provost's Remarks	Paula M. Crone, DO '92 Provost and Chief Academic Officer
Dean's Welcome and Introduction of Graduate Speaker	Mary Lopez, PhD, MSN, RN Dean, College of Graduate Nursing
Graduate's Remarks	Francisco Velasquez, MSNE Class of 2026
	Suzan Yacoub Shakhshir, DNP Class of 2026
Dean's Presentation of the College of Graduate Nursing Graduating Classes of 2026	Dean Lopez
Conferring of Degree	President Farias-Eisner
Master of Science in Nursing – General Nursing	
Master of Science in Nursing – Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner	
Doctor of Nursing Practice	
Announcement of Graduates	Patricia Shakhshir, PhD, MSN, RN Associate Professor, Graduate Nursing
	Dawn Stone, PhD, MSN, APN Assistant Dean of Academics & Associate Professor, Graduate Nursing

Order of Exercises continued

Hooding of Graduates

Amanda Imai, DNP, MSN, FNP, RN
Director, Family Nurse Practitioner Program
Associate Professor, Graduate Nursing

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

Michael Marinello, DNP, FNP, RN
Director, Master of Science in Nursing Program
Associate Professor, Graduate Nursing

Dean's Charge to the Graduates

Dean Lopez

President's Closing Remarks

President Farias-Eisner

Recessional

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

Victoria Michele Abel*

Jonathan Luis Aguila*

Alexis Elmira Altounian*

Alyssa Camille Heras Ang*

Celeste Angulo

Kacie Miyuki Arios*

Sasha Maryam Bagheri*

Alizbeth Bello*

Fernando Joseph Cabral*

Bryanna Lynn Caloca*

Darryenn Gabriela Castellanos Arroyo*

Nicole Alexandra Castro*

Hana Miriam Catudio*

Desiree Chen*

Monica Mien Chih Chen*

Jaclyn Andrea Cisneros*

Hannah Nicole Corral

Jamie Lynette Niña Rivero Crespo*

Daniel Dang*

Arturo Davila*

Vivian Do*

Arielle Kay Ellis*

Alexia Kate Espinosa

Hannah Ray Forgay*

Alanna Rose Garcia*

Angerica Rianne Gomez Garcia*

Briana Michelle Garcia*

Gabriela Gonzalez

Yezenia Gonzalez*

Victoria Hannah Grimaldi*

Natalie Grimaldi Soto*

Brianna Eloisa Hernandez*

Ashley Hyun*

Jaqueline Jimenez Navarro

Zoe Monroe Johnson Arciniega*

Alisia Marie Jones*

Dahee Jung*

Shae Ka'imina'auao Kawelo*

Abigail Yen Yen Labastida*

Angela Lam*

Justin K Lam*

Nicole Tran Lam*

Danielle Nguyen Le*

Julie Nhu Le*

Kristy Le*

Ada Lee*

Victoria Li

Selin Mandani*

Blanca Marroquin*

Emma Laura Martinez*

Jamie Herlinda Mendez

Alison Erma Munoz*

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

Mirna Milad Nasif*

Diana Belen Navarro*

Danielle Thi Nguyen*

Jarrold Michael Nguyen*

Julie Nguyen*

Khanh Ngoc Van Nguyen*

Ti Top Nguyen*

Jaselyn Nagtalon Nieves*

Maria Alejandra Ocon*

Scott Andre Ondap*

Chau Dieu Ong

Yasmine Monique Padilla*

Andrew Vincent Pascual*

Hannah Wing-Gwun Poon*

Jaquelin Ramirez*

Amanda Monique Raygoza*

Ruth Anne Romanu*

Julissa Salgado*

Maria Jose Sarabia*

Kendra Ivette Serrano*

James Shigeru Shimoda*

Sophia Diane Silacci*

Julia Grace Simons*

Sarina Kaur Sohal*

Leon Subhash Solanky*

Gloria Lee Su

Jasmine Lizette Sulla*

Marina Alicia Tamayo*

Jennifer Kay Chau Tetzlaff*

Auvianna Ilysh Thompson*

Jason Patrick Tolentino*

Angela Hai-An Ton*

Jacquelyn Tran

Jonathan AnhTuan Tran*

Vicki Ngoc Yen Tran*

Keegan Montana Turner*

Dora Lynn Varner*

Francisco Velasquez*

Ana Lucia Veliz*

Rita Ixcatli Villarino-Uribe*

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

Robert Michael Anderson

Candace Rae Cox*

Ayda Nahorai

Veronica Mary Pytak

Mary Mitchell Stewart

Candidates for the Degree of Doctor of Nursing Practice

Michael Jourdan Baello*

Alicia Danielle Buck

Natalya Olegovna Doroshenko

Stacey Dyane Giammona

Erika Delgado Hanna

Jacklyn Eileen Krumwiede*

Jeremy Miles Magana

Michele Marie Niklewicz*

Dena Marie Robinson*

Suzan Yacoub Shakhshir*

Elizabeth Ann Skipper

Rachel Leigh Wood Tilkens

Pei-Ju Peggy Yu



College of Optometry

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Dean's Welcome and Introduction of Graduate Speaker	Elizabeth Hoppe, DrPH, OD, MPH Founding Dean, College of Optometry
Graduate's Remarks	Shianne Brannan, OD Class of 2026
Dean's Presentation of the College of Optometry Graduating Class of 2026	Dean Hoppe
Conferring of Degree Doctor of Optometry	President Farias-Eisner
Announcement of Graduates	Bennett McAllister, OD Associate Professor
	Kristy Remick-Waltman, OD Director of Community Outreach, Associate Professor
Hooding of Graduates	Raymond Maeda, OD Associate Dean of Clinical Affairs College of Optometry
Dean's Charge to the Graduates	Dean Hoppe
Administration of the Optometric Oath	Rachelle Lin, OD, MS President, California Optometric Association
President's Closing Remarks	President Farias-Eisner
Recessional	"Pomp and Circumstance March No. 1" by Sir Edward Elgar

Candidates for the Degree of Doctor of Optometry

Moses Estrella Alcantara, Jr.*

Kelsey Lei Tacata Baoec

Serina Bou Mansour

Omni Eye Services,
NY/NJ, Iselin, NJ
Specialty: Ocular Disease

Shianne Brannan*

Eyecare Professionals, PC,
Hamilton Square, NJ
Specialty: Vision Rehab/Vision Therapy and Rehab/Pediatric

Kayla Marie Britt*

Mia Chien

Manchester VA Medical Center,
Manchester, NH
Specialty: Ocular Disease/Glaucoma/Retina

Tenzin Choedon*

Clarissa Choy

Kristine Dayrit

Lynette Dilanchyan*

Sepulveda VA Ambulatory Care Center,
Sepulveda, CA
Specialty: Primary Care Optometry/Ocular Disease

Angela Lynn Ea*

Alina Mercedes Garcia*

Angel Mary Gezalyan

Nicole Rae Guttman*

Merey Hannalla*

Olivia Kam*

Kristine Sara Karimian

Jasleen Kaur*

Taylor Ashlyn Kelley

Lara Elizabeth Kerwin*

BronxCare Health System,
Bronx, NY
Specialty: Pediatric Optometry/Primary Care/Ocular Disease

Candice Minyoung Kim

Jane Dajung Kim

Valerie May Kwong*

Erik Christopher Lachendro*

Sophia Shaheen Ladha

Jeffrey Justin Lam*

Ashley Samatra Lamug*

Jacqueline Itzel Lazcano-Lobato*

Jonathan M Wainwright VA Medical Center,
Walla Walla, WA
Specialty: Ocular Disease/Refractive and Ocular Surgery

Brian Minh Le*

Yuluo Liang*

Kalie Yuen-Young Loc*

Amanda Jean Mallory

Michael Alexander Marroquin*

Ana Mendoza

George Mnatsakanyan*

Celine Nguyen*

Denise Myvy Nguyen

Katelyn Linh Thao Nguyen*

Shayla Vy Nguyen

*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 continued

Tina Nguyen

Oluwafunmilayo Ojo*

Sergio Ivan Olivas*

Catherine Helen Ortiz*

Johanna Coline Basister Partoza

Sanket Jayant Patel

Diana Pham

Tam Chi Pham

Catelyn Tayler Price*

Christopher Duc Thanh Quan*

Nor Amjad Qutob

Braeden James Rake*

Malika Yasra Ramay*

Kamalpreet Kaur Randhawa

Humna Saeed Sandhu*

Jacob Aaron Smith

Marielle Cantor Tadio

Jenny Tai*

Brittany Julia Tang

Anna Ter-Grigoryan*

Kevin Minh Tran*

Jessica Seng Tum*

Edgar Alejandro Vazquez Gallegos*

Jonathan M Wainwright VA Medical Center,

Walla Walla, WA

Specialty: Ocular Disease

Matthew Nathan Vuong

Vicky Jessica Wong

Rex Yang

Delavar Yazdani Fard

Reine Youssef

Diva Nathalie Zeckua Barajas

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.

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Class of 2026

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Graduate's Remarks	Olugbolahan Timothy Fajolu, MSMS Class of 2026 Benjamin Antonio Iraheta, MSPAS Class of 2026 Joscelise Isabella Jackson, DPT Class of 2026
Dean's Presentation of the College of Health Sciences Graduating Classes of 2026	Dean Evans Grayson
Conferring of Degrees	President Farias-Eisner
Master of Science in Medical Sciences	
Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies	
Doctor of Physical Therapy	

Order of Exercises continued

Announcement of Graduates

Emilie Orillard, PhD, MS
Assistant Professor, Department of Medical Sciences

Meghna Patel, MS, PA-C
Associate Program Director, Assistant Professor, Department of Physician
Assistant Education

Janet Konecne, PhD, DPT, PT
Acting Chair & Professor, Department of Physical Therapy Education

Hooding of Graduates

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

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

Gunnar Fillerup, DPT, PT
Assistant Professor, Department of Physical Therapy Education

Dean's Charge to the Graduates

Dean Evans Grayson

Administration of the Physician Assistant's Oath

Professor Singletary

Administration of the Oath For Physical Therapists

Cathelyn Timple, EdD, DPT, PT
Assistant Professor, Department of Physical Therapy Education

President's Closing Remarks

President Farias-Eisner

Recessional

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

Candidates for the Degree of Master of Science in Medical Sciences

Yousef Abdallah

Wajiha Akif

Grace Nour Amour

Karen Samy Angyous

Maryam Omotunde Olutope Bello

Brandon Lam Bui

Roberto Rodolfo Burquez

John Isaac Cordova

Sara Elizabeth Dejbakhsh

Kaylee Christine Dillard

Olugbolahan Timothy Fajolu

Miranda Fernandez

Dana Gabrielle Fox-Bennett

Isabella Renee Garcia*

Andrew Wai En Hsei

Marie Elizabeth Ismail

Destiny Marie Jaime

Celine Mazen Kabbara

Corina Alexandera Lara-Giron

Kevin Michael Lyons*

Sanga Min

Gricelda Negrete

Anhthu Nhu Nguyen

Kaitlyn Thuy Nguyen

Zainab Jadesola Oshodi

Krishnaben JatinKumar Patel

Demelza Keziah Leitani Pierre

Roxanne Rabiee

Ileen Rashidfarokhi

Ariel Nicolas Rodriguez

Alexander David Rosales

Megan Saechao

Ahmed Nazar Sanousi

Yasmine Saraf

Shraya Saxena

Komal Sethi

Danielle Elise Slone Taylor

Angela BaoTran Tran

Xuân Meadow Webb

*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

Andrew Charles Admire

Maya Andari

Rose Anserlian

Jordan Ashley Arbayo

Brianna Arroyo

Olivia Cristina Banando

Jessica Verina Bebawi*

Brisa Marina Botsko

Karsten James Briley*

Sydney Suaiaunoa Cooper

Jacklyn Colleen Corona-Kerns*

Natalie Katherine Crouse*

Rachel Veronica D'Lima

Christina Do

Krista Madison Eberle*

Sheida Eshghi

Karin Eskander

Klara Emad Eskander

Janine Joyce Ellazar Estipona

Monique Frenkel

Coleby Michael Garrett*

Jerardo Gomez

Makenna Katherine Green

Kimberly Michelle Gordon Hamm

Yael Han

Haley Kai Higgins

Benjamin Antonio Iraheta

Ryan Ishii

Duaa Jaafar

Ansh Piyush Jain

Irene Soohyun Joo

Isabel Yasmine Kartouch

Sarine Kazandjian

Nadine Taher Khalil

Sara Alrubai Khan

Alice Kim*

Peter MinWoo Kim

Cami Kouyoumjian*

Audrey Lai

Cassidy Elizabeth Latham*

Kathy Tuyet Le

Hijoo Jade Lee

Matthew Lee

Valerie April Leung

Jessica Lin

Michelle Liu*

Amy Andrea Lucas

Prisca Maldonado

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

Antonella Mantovani

Mitchell Espanola Marquez

Mellisa Mikhail Matthew

Lara Allison McKennon*

Masihollah Mehrpouya

Christian Luis Mendoza

Laura Estelle Métraux*

Jasmine Marlyne Murillo

Neha Sanjay Naran

Hannah Naser Nesheiwat

Jamie Ng

Kendrick Tran Nguyen

Travis Quang Nguyen-Tran

Connor Ryan O'Malley*

Ronald William-Kirk Ormiston*

Nina Parvizi*

Nhi Jannie Y Phung

Brittney Marie Pineda

Jessica Nathaly Quijada

Arianna Danielle Quiroz

Milagros Razo*

Noor Mousa Rifai

Mahsa Safvati

Liana Mae Salvador

Sofia Isabella Sanchez

Maricsa Nataly Secundo

Nicole Shirazi

Dara Marie Sparks

Lindsay Dianne Sprague

Jessica Rose Stepanian

Quynh-Anh Ta*

Shaida Tabibian

Taytum Noelle Tercenio

Danielle Doreen Torres

Alexander Tien Tran

Gino Faustino Valarao*

Henry Velasquez

Anthony David Wadzinski

Kathryn Elaine Wood*

Jane Yunna Yi

Joyce Soohyun Yoo

Alessandra Chiara Yoon

Timothy Hsi-Hsiang Yueh

Shelley Zhu

Candidates for the Degree of Doctor of Physical Therapy

Sarine Avo Aghyarian

Isaiah Obinna Aneke

Jack Arthur Arias

Anas AnwarAqel Baddad

Daron Baghoomian

Alysandra Zahan Bui

Tygr Lynne Burnett

Marvin Vong Chau

Eileen Chen

Daniel Diaz

Blake Kiyoshi Eddow

Gerard Cesar Elepano

Alec Feliciano

Steven Tyler Figueroa

Gizelle Denisse Flores

Cristian Garcia

Calvin Giang

Alexis Grace Hayward

Sean Thomas Henry

Macy Hoang

Samantha Yuting Hsia

Joscelise Isabella Jackson*

Amado Eric Katigbak

Daniel Donardson Agoncillo Magahis

Timothy Rithy Mann

Dustin Lee Martin

Jalyn Hatsuyo Matsumoto

Veroneka Matta

Eric Jorge Mena

Edwin Emilio Moya

Andrea Paulette Murguia

Hieu Huy Pham

Bridget Phu

Destiny Guadalupe Pierce

Julissa Marie Ramirez

Anrae Galvan Reotutar

Mariah Brooke Rowe

Grant James Taylor

Jaime Victor Uy

Mario Enrique Velasquez

Christine Noelle Verrette

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The Physician Assistant Oath

I pledge to perform the following duties with honesty and dedication:

I will hold as my primary responsibility the health, safety, welfare and dignity of all human beings.

I will uphold the tenets of patient autonomy, beneficence, nonmaleficence and justice.

I will recognize and promote the value of diversity.

I will treat equally all persons who seek my care.

I will hold in confidence the information shared in the course of practicing medicine.

I will assess my personal capabilities and limitations, striving always to improve my medical practice.

I will actively seek to expand my knowledge and skills, keeping abreast of advances in medicine.

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

I will use my knowledge and experience to contribute to an improved community.

I will respect my professional relationship with the physician.

I will share and expand knowledge within the profession.

These duties are pledged with sincerity and upon 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.



College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific

Class of 2026

**The audience is requested to stand, if able, 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

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 Emmanuel Katsaros, DO, FACR Chair and Professor of Internal Medicine College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific Marshal
National Anthem	Mia Villarosa, DO Class of 2026
President's Welcome	Robin Farias-Eisner, MD, PhD, MBA President, Western University of Health Sciences
Board of Trustee's Welcome	Hon. Consuelo M. Callahan, LL.M, JD, LHD (Hon.) Judge, Ninth Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals Chair, Board of Trustees, Western University of Health Sciences
Provost's Remarks	Paula M. Crone, DO '92 Provost and Chief Academic Officer
Dean's Welcome and Introduction of Graduate Speaker	Lisa Warren, DO '01, MBA Dean, College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific and COMP-Northwest
Graduate's Remarks	Esmeralda Santos-Guadalupe, DO Class of 2026
Dean's Presentation of the College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific Graduating Class of 2026	Dean Warren
Conferring of Degree Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine	President Farias-Eisner

Order of Exercises continued

Announcement of Graduates

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

Hendrick Szurmant, PhD
Professor of Microbiology and Co-Director of Student Research

Nishita Patel, MD, FACP
Vice Chair & Professor of Internal Medicine/Infectious Disease

Michael Jaso, DO
Assistant Professor of NMM/OMM and Family Medicine

Jessie Atterholt , PhD
Associate Professor of Anatomy

Hooding of Graduates

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

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

Dean Warren

President's Closing Remarks

President Farias-Eisner

Recessional

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

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*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 2025, 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.

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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 nefarious 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.

The seal of Western University is visible in the background, featuring a central torch with a flame, surrounded by the Latin motto "Educare Sanare Coniunctim" and the text "WESTERN UNIVERSITY" and "COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES".

College of Podiatric Medicine

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National Anthem	Romellus Wilson Assistant Director of Programming, Office of Humanism
President's Welcome	Robin Farias-Eisner, MD, PhD, MBA President, Western University of Health Sciences
Board of Trustee's Welcome	Hon. Consuelo M. Callahan, LL.M., JD, LHD (Hon.) Judge, Ninth Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals Chair, Board of Trustees, Western University of Health Sciences
Provost's Remarks	Paula M. Crone, DO '92 Provost and Chief Academic Officer
Acting Dean's Welcome and Introduction of Graduate Speaker	Jacqueline B. Truong, DPM, MPH Acting Dean, College of Podiatric Medicine
Graduate's Remarks	Jeremy Andrus Skelton, DPM Class of 2026
Acting Dean's Presentation of the College of Podiatric Medicine Graduating Class of 2026	Acting Dean Truong
Conferring of Degree Doctor of Podiatric Medicine	President Farias-Eisner
Announcement of Graduates	Kelly Parks, DPM Assistant Professor of Podiatric Medicine, Surgery & Biomechanics
	Joseph Park, DPM, FACFAS Assistant Professor of Podiatric Medicine, Surgery & Biomechanics
Hooding of Graduates	Rebecca Moellmer, DPM, FACFAS, FAAPSM, DABPM Assistant Dean, Clinical Education and Faculty Affairs
Dean's Charge to the Graduates and Administration of the Podiatric Physician's Oath	Acting Dean Truong
President's Closing Remarks	President Farias-Eisner
Recessional	"Pomp and Circumstance March No. 1" by Sir Edward Elgar

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Loma Linda, CA

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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.

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Graduate's Remarks	Melinda Jane Weinberg, DVM Class of 2026
Presentation of the College of Veterinary Medicine Graduating Class of 2026	Dean Tegzes
Conferring of Degree Doctor of Veterinary Medicine	President Farias-Eisner
Announcement of Graduates	Maria Fahie, DVM, MS, DACVS Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, Professor
Hooding of Graduates	Gagandeep Kaur, BVSc&AH, PhD Interim Director, Year 4 Curriculum Professor of Foundational Sciences
Dean's Charge to the Graduates	Dean Tegzes
Administration of the Veterinarian's Oath	Peter Bowie, DVM President, California Veterinary Medical Association
President's Closing Remarks	President Farias-Eisner
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Raniah Abouzedan

Alexis Lucero Agsaoa

Cesar Eduardo Arzate

Isabella Sofia Avincola

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Tamar Elizabeth Babaian*

Hannah Elizabeth Backiel

Alexis Danielle Bagby

Roberta Antoinette Bailey

Maya Ballout

Vahe Danial Barkhordarian

Allison Marie Belaunde

Christian Paolo Bermudez

Lyndjy Bernard

Andrew Eugene Biehler

Courtney Noel Bourquin

Seza Atamian Boyajian

Hannah Rose Burger

Rachel Yuki Burke

Phoebee Rae Cadrez

Daisy Angelica Campos

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Anaid Alexandra Carlo-Allende

Alejandra Castillo Valenzuela

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Gabriella Ernestina Chan*

Nuntaporn Teta Charernsuk

Amanda Olivia Clark

Justine Elayne Cooper

Lindsay Alexandra Costello

Reyana Denise Custodio

Abigail Marie Davis Bogdonoff

Jilliane Alisasis De Leon

Mark Joseph Dell'Aira*

Serena Kaur Dhillon*

Bryant Diep

Nicole Elizabeth Dietrich

Sherry MacDougall Dijkstra

Ana Dimaculangan

Anh Van Do*

Henry Anthony Dudley III

Cynthia Enriquez

Martin Estrada

Kaylee Reanne Friedman*

Alana Daryl Gaba

Brian Michael Gillette

Courtney Marie Graham

Madison Nicole Hartman

Hector Daniel Hernandez

*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.

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Amanda Lo McGregor

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Irene Chae Young Na

Jonathan Najera

Heidi Sarah Nam

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Forest Wolf Neikirk*

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Vonnie Van Quynh Nguyen*

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Dylan James Olofson*

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Mykah Elise Peters

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Taylor Norton Vance*

Alexis Vazquez

Nadine Veitnere*

Kimberly Rebecca Ware

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Allison Katherine Warnick

Melinda Jane Weinberg*

Morgan Corynne Winters

Emily Yang

Kaitlin Justine Yi*

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.

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Setareh A. Lavasani, DDS, MS	Professor of Dental Medicine
Austin Lawrence, PhD	Assistant Professor of Anatomy
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Bachtuyet Le, DO	Assistant Professor of Neuromusculoskeletal Medicine/ Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine
Quang Le, PhD, PharmD	Professor of Pharmacy Practice and Administration
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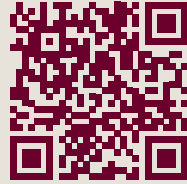
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