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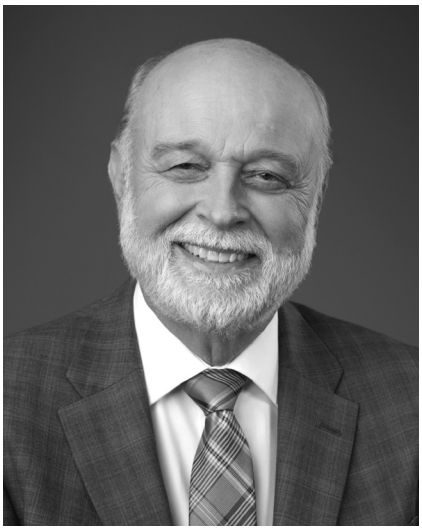

Congratulations to the Class of 2018.

One of the greatest joys experienced by our campus community is the opportunity to celebrate your academic excellence and personal achievements. This 112th commencement season marks the culmination of your study and professional preparation, which has equipped you to meet the next great adventures of your lives. You and those who have supported you are to be commended.

Now and for all time, you occupy a place among the alumni of this historic institution. I urge you always to model in your personal and professional life the excellence and vision, the courage and resilience, the passion and compassion that continue to shape and enhance our global reputation and legacy.

As you move beyond this weekend to the world of work or the pursuit of advanced degrees, I know that your commitment to our mission and values will be evident as your knowledge and skills are used to "continue the teaching and healing ministry of Jesus Christ—to make man whole."

Now go with confidence wherever your dreams may lead you—questioning, learning, and challenging as you change our world for the better. I wish for you a satisfying and successful journey as you serve in the name and spirit of our gracious God.

Richard H. Hart, M.D., Dr.P.H.

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2018 Events of Commencement

DEDICATION CEREMONIES

Diversity Consecration Service
May 19, 11:00 A.M., Campus Hill Church

School of Dentistry, D.D.S. and IDP Hooding and Awards
May 25, 11:00 A.M., University Church

School of Medicine, Basic Sciences Consecration and Hooding
May 25, 3:00 P.M., Centennial Complex, Damazo Amphitheater

School of Dentistry, Dental Hygiene Pinning
May 25, 6:00 P.M., Campus Hill Church

School of Medicine Consecration and Hooding–M.D.
May 25, 7:00 P.M., University Church

School of Pharmacy Hooding
May 25, 7:00 P.M., Wong Kerlee International Conference Center

School of Behavioral Health, Department of Social Work and Social Ecology Hooding—M.S.W.
June 8, 10:30 A.M., University Church

School of Public Health Doctoral Hooding
June 8, 11:00 A.M., Campus Hill Church

School of Allied Health Professions Doctoral Hooding
June 8, 11:00 A.M., Upper Linda Hall at Campus Hill Church

School of Behavioral Health Town and Gown—Doctoral Candidates
June 8, 1:30 P.M., University Church

School of Allied Health Professions Nutrition and Dietetics Pinning
June 8, 4:00 P.M., Centennial Complex, Damazo Amphitheater

School of Nursing Graduate Recognition Ceremony–M.S., D.N.P., and Ph.D.
June 8, 4:00 P.M., Wong Kerlee International Conference Center

CELEBRATION OF GRADUATES SERVICE	June 8, 7:00 P.M., University Church
BACCALAUREATE SERVICES	*Schools of Dentistry and Pharmacy* May 26, 9:00 A.M., University Church *School of Medicine* May 26, 11:45 A.M., University Church *Schools of Allied Health Professions and Public Health* June 9, 10:30 A.M., University Church *Schools of Behavioral Health, Nursing, and Religion* June 9, 12:00 P.M., University Church
CONFERRING OF DEGREES	*School of Medicine* May 27, 8:30 A.M., University Mall *School of Pharmacy* May 27, 1:30 P.M., University Mall *School of Dentistry* May 27, 5:00 P.M., University Mall *School of Allied Health Professions*—Allied Health Studies, Cardiopulmonary Sciences, Clinical Laboratory Science, Communication Sciences and Disorders, Health Informatics and Information Management, Nutrition and Dietetics, Physician Assistant Sciences, Radiation Technology June 10, 8:00 A.M., Drayson Center *School of Allied Health Professions*—Occupational Therapy, Orthotics and Prosthetics, Physical Therapy June 10, 10:30 A.M., Drayson Center *School of Public Health* June 10, 1:30 P.M., Drayson Center *School of Behavioral Health and School of Religion* June 10, 4:00 P.M., Drayson Center *School of Nursing* June 10, 6:00 P.M., Drayson Center

The Academic Procession

THE PROCESSION ORDER

The Commencement Marshals with the University Mace and Batons
The President's Party
Members of the University Board of Trustees
Loma Linda University Health (LLUH) Administrators
The Faculty of the School
The Candidates for Degrees

THE MACE

Traditionally, the ceremonial mace represents the authority vested in the highest officer of a governing body. In an educational institution, the authority symbolized by the mace derives from respect for the authority of knowledge and for the rights and value of the individual. Thus, the leader of an academic community assumes the obligation and challenge to ensure for its members a climate conducive to growth in knowledge and grace.

The construction of the ceremonial mace of Loma Linda University evokes further ideas. Its two metals, bronze and aluminum, suggest the value of lessons both ancient and contemporary. Rather than lying prone, an instrument to be wielded, this mace stands upright in celebration of the free human spirit. Its open construction implies free exposure to questions, ideas, and conflict. The eight vertical supporting elements (at three points bound together as for strength and stability in unity) uphold a graceful oval that points outward to the universe, the province of inquiry.

Within the oval, the University seal appears to float unfettered. The staff of Aesculapius on the left represents all fields of the healing arts and sciences. The Christian cross acknowledges the role of Jesus Christ as Savior and Redeemer. The open book symbolizes God the Word as the basis for all truth. The lighted torch suggests the illuminating power of knowledge and the University's central purpose of forwarding and perpetuating good through the enlightened, searching, caring mind and conscience of the individual.

Carrying the University mace and batons, the University head marshal and associate marshals precede the president's party, members of the board, LLUH corporate officers, faculty of the school, and candidates for degrees. Loma Linda University's colors—gold and purple—are represented in the marshals' gold-colored gowns trimmed with purple velvet.

THE PRESIDENT'S PARTY

The president's party includes participants identified in the program, as well as University administrators, school deans, and LLUH administrators.

University Administrators

Richard H. Hart, president; Rachelle B. Bussell, senior vice president for advancement; Ronald L. Carter, provost; David P. Harris, vice president for information systems; Rodney D. Neal, senior vice president for financial affairs; Rick E. Williams, vice president for enrollment management and student services.

Deans of the Schools

Elizabeth A. Bossert, School of Nursing; Beverly J. Buckles, School of Behavioral Health; H. Roger Hadley, School of Medicine; Robert A. Handysides, School of Dentistry; Craig R. Jackson, School of Allied Health Professions; Helen Hopp Marshak, School of Public Health; Jon K. Paulien, School of Religion; Noreen Chan Tompkins, School of Pharmacy.

Other LLU Health Administrators

J. Peter Baker, senior vice president for LLUMC-Murrieta; Lyndon C. Edwards, senior vice president for adult hospital services; Melvin A. Eisele, vice president for revenue cycle; Edward L. Field, vice president for Behavioral Medicine Center; Daniel W. Giang, vice president for graduate medical education; Myrna L. Hanna, corporate secretary; Kerry L. Heinrich, executive vice president for hospital affairs; Mark L. Hubbard, senior vice president for risk management and human resource management/assistant secretary; L. Orlando Huggins, assistant secretary; Jonathan Jean-Marie, vice president for East Campus and Surgical Hospital; Angela M. Lalas, senior vice president for finance; Sondra L. Leno, vice president for finance; Llewellyn L. Mowery, vice president for finance; Lizette Norton, vice president for human resource management; M. Scott Perryman, senior vice president for Children's Hospital; Ricardo L. Peverini, senior vice president for clinical faculty; Mark E. Reeves, vice president for institutes; Rhodes "Dusty" Rigsby, vice president for transitional care; Randy Roberts, vice president for spiritual life and mission; Whitney P. Smith, assistant secretary; Alan Soderblom, vice president for finance LLUMC/LLUMC-Murrieta; Darryl VandenBosch, senior vice president for University Hospital; David G. Wren, vice president for ambulatory services; Trevor G. Wright, senior vice president for health facilities operations.

Significance of Academic Regalia

ORIGINS

The origins of academic dress date back to the twelfth and thirteenth centuries. The ordinary dress of the scholar, whether student or teacher, was the dress of a cleric. Long gowns were worn and may have been necessary for warmth in unheated buildings. A statute of the University of Coimbra in 1321 required that all "Doctors, Licentiates, and Bachelors" wear gowns. In England, in the second half of the fourteenth century, the statutes of certain colleges forbade "excess in apparel" and prescribed the wearing of a long gown. In the days of Henry VIII of England, Oxford and Cambridge first began prescribing a definite academic dress. The assignment of colors to signify certain faculties was to be a much later development—in the late nineteenth century—and one that was to be standardized only in the United States. European institutions have always had great diversity in their specifications of academic dress. In contrast, American colleges and universities opted for a definite system that all might follow. The American Council on Education periodically reviews and updates the code for academic costumes for American universities.

COLORS

Gowns for the bachelor's or master's degree are untrimmed. For the doctor's degree, the gown is faced down the front with black velvet; three bars of velvet are used across the sleeves. These facings or crossbars may be of velvet of the color distinctive of the discipline to which the degree pertains. Red, one of the traditional colors of the church, went to theology. Green, the color of medieval herbs, was adopted for medicine; and olive, because it was so close to green, was given to pharmacy. Golden yellow, standing for the wealth that scientific research has produced, was assigned to the sciences.

The hoods are lined with the official color or colors of the college or university conferring the degree; more than one color is shown by division of the field color in a variety of ways. The color of the binding or edging of the hood indicates the subject to which the degree pertains.

The colors associated with the different disciplines are as follows:

Arts, Letters, Humanities	White
Business	Brown
Dentistry	Lilac
Education	Light Blue
Law	Purple
Library Science, Information Management	Lemon
Medicine	Green
Nursing	Apricot
Pharmacy	Olive Green
Philosophy	Dark Blue
Physical Therapy	Teal
Public Health	Salmon Pink
Science	Golden Yellow
Social Work	Citron
Theology	Scarlet

Excerpted from E. Sullivan (© 1997), *An Academic Costume Code and an Academic Ceremony Guide.*

The Good Samaritan

The Good Samaritan, the four-figure sculpture located on the mall of Loma Linda University, is a representation of the parable told by Jesus in Luke 10:30–37. Sculpted by Alan Collins and dedicated and unveiled at Loma Linda University May 31, 1981, it speaks eloquently of the compassionate practice of the healing arts and of our mission—"to continue the teaching and healing ministry of Jesus Christ"—and of the motto of this health sciences University—"To make man whole."

The Good Samaritan has been incorporated into the diploma as a screened background since 2006.

University History Highlights

Loma Linda University is part of the Seventh-day Adventist system of higher education that adheres to and promotes its vision—"Transforming lives through education, health care, and research"—and its motto—"To make man whole."

Loma Linda University traces its beginnings back to 1905, when—through a series of divine providences—the University, starting as a nurses' training school, was founded at Loma Linda, California, by the Seventh-day Adventist Church. The School of Nursing began in 1905. In 1909, the College of Medical Evangelists received its charter as a medical school with the express purpose of preparing physicians who could meet the needs of the whole person. Both schools emphasized the need for healthful living as a part of medical care—a revolutionary concept in 1905.

The University has steadily expanded its programs to meet the demands of a global environment. The original schools—Nursing and Medicine—have been joined by the Schools of Allied Health Professions, Behavioral Health, Dentistry, Pharmacy, Public Health, and Religion; and the Faculty of Graduate Studies. All the school programs are accredited by their respective accrediting bodies.

1905	Loma Linda Sanitarium and Nurses' Training School (renamed School of Nursing in 1924)
1909	Institution named College of Medical Evangelists (CME), which included School of Medicine
1937	School of Medical Technology
1941	School of Physical Therapy
1948	School of Tropical and Preventive Medicine (reorganized as School of Public Health in 1967)
1953	School of Dentistry
1954	Graduate School (restructured as Faculty of Graduate Studies in 2005)
1961	College of Medical Evangelists renamed Loma Linda University
1962	Voted to consolidate the Schools of Medicine and Nursing on the Loma Linda campus
1966	Schools/Programs consolidated as the School of Health Related Professions, now known as School of Allied Health Professions

1967 Loma Linda University campus merged with La Sierra College
1968 Loma Linda University Hospital dedicated; renamed Loma Linda University Medical Center in 1970
1990 Loma Linda and La Sierra campuses became two separate universities
1997 Loma Linda University and Medical Center corporately linked together through Loma Linda University Adventist Health Sciences Center—LLUAHSC
2002 School of Pharmacy
2003 School of Science and Technology (restructured as School of Behavioral Health in 2012)
2005 LLU centennial celebration
2007 School of Religion
2015 Corporation name changed from Loma Linda University Adventist Health Sciences Center (LLUAHSC) to Loma Linda University Health (LLUH)

Today the original 1905 property is part of an expanding health sciences campus operated under the jurisdiction of Loma Linda University Health—which includes six Loma Linda University-named medical facilities: Medical Center, Children's Hospital, Medical Center-East Campus, Surgical Hospital, Behavioral Medicine Center, and Medical Center-Murrieta; ten LLUH institutes; three LLUH-related research centers; and various school-related research centers.

After more than a century of service, the University remains committed to the vision of its founders and is sustained by its close association with the Seventh-day Adventist Church. The University is recognized as a leader in the field of health sciences education, research, and service—locally and internationally.

Through divine providence and guidance, Loma Linda University continues to fulfill its mission: To prepare health professionals to continue the teaching and healing ministry of the Master Teacher and Great Physician, Jesus Christ.

Loma Linda University Song

Healing Love
By Wintley Phipps and John Stoddart

We live each day to reach a world that's hurting,
To help some wandering soul to find their way.
We bring them peace with words of blessed assurance.
And with God's love we wipe the tears away.

We are His hands to touch a world that's broken.
We are His voice to cheer the wounded soul.
Shining the light of love that lives in Jesus,
We are His comfort—His healing love.

We're going to a place where pain and sadness
Will never plunge a soul into despair.
We give our service knowing Christ has promised
We live forever always in His care.

We are His hands to touch a world that's broken.
We are His voice to cheer the wounded soul.
Shining the light of love that lives in Jesus,
We are His comfort—His healing love.

Shining the light that lives in Jesus,
We are His comfort—His healing love.
We are His comfort—To make man whole.

Criteria for Institutional Awards

Loma Linda University Health (LLUH)

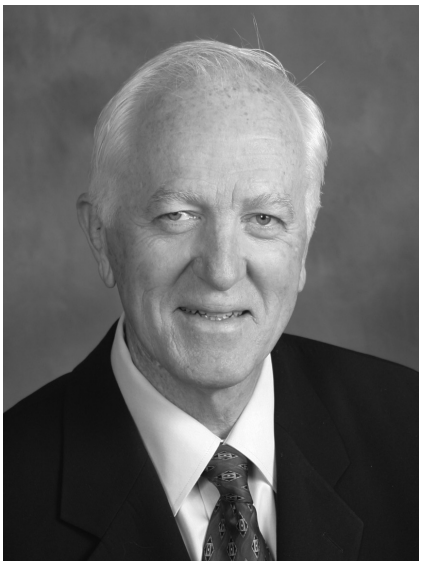
Loma Linda University (LLU)

Lifetime Service (LLUH)	Awarded in recognition of an individual or organization that uniquely advances and/or transforms the strategic direction of LLUH or its entities in education, research, services, and/or philanthropy—locally and/or globally. The recipient should have noteworthy institutional service of ten or more years and be recognized both within and external to the organization.
Honorary Doctorate (LLU)	Presented in recognition of extraordinary achievement in such fields as science and technology, the arts and humanities, business and public service; or in recognition of outstanding contributions to the welfare and/or enrichment of the University, the state, the nation, or the world. Further, this honorary degree is awarded to bring recognition to the individual(s), to expose students and faculty to distinguished citizens and leaders, and to make an institutional statement as to Loma Linda University's values. Two honorary doctorate degrees may be awarded—a Doctor of Humane Letters (L.H.D.) for excellence in scholarship and creative arts and a Doctor of Humanitarian Service (D.H.S.) for distinguished contribution to society.
Global Service (LLUH)	Presented to an individual whose commitment to global service exemplifies LLUH's worldwide mission through health care, education, and/or research. The recipient should have a minimum of ten years of service internationally within the Seventh-day Adventist system and/or through other nonprofit organizations; or a minimum of ten years of service at Loma Linda, with significant impact on behalf of the institution's global outreach and service.
Community Engagement (LLUH)	Presented to an individual or organization whose commitment to local community through respectful and reciprocal engagement exemplifies LLUH's mission through practice, education, and/or research. The recipient should have a minimum of five years of service within LLUH, with significant impact on the local community through meaningful community partnerships; or a minimum of five years of community engagement work within the Adventist system and/or through other nonprofit organizations.

University Alumnus/na of the Year (LLU)	Presented to an alumnus/na whose accomplishments exemplify the aims and aspirations of Loma Linda University. The honoree must have been distinguished in humanitarian service or in academic pursuits, including peer-reviewed research and/or education; and must have maintained spiritual commitment.
Distinguished University Service (LLU)	Presented to a faculty member, University administrator, staff member, or member of the Board of Trustees selected for having made an outstanding contribution to the academic pursuits of Loma Linda University. A person so honored is generally well known and recognized on campus and has served the University with distinction for a minimum of ten years.
Distinguished Service (LLUH)	Presented to one who has had no official connection with LLUH entities. Awarded to someone whose public attainments and commitment to excellence have contributed to the endeavors of the Church and/or have contributed to humankind in a manner that is congruent with the mission of Loma Linda University Health.
Distinguished Humanitarian (LLUH)	Presented to those who have made outstanding contributions to Loma Linda University Health and its various institutions and programs.
Distinguished Investigator (LLUH)	Recognizes an individual whose commitment to research exemplifies LLUH's mission; and whose work has had significant impact not only on the program at Loma Linda University, but also in the larger national/international community. The recipient should have a minimum of ten years of service as a researcher at Loma Linda University. He or she should also have been awarded significant external research funding, should have extensive scientific publications, should have been cited in other publications, and should be conducting research consistent with the mission of Loma Linda University.

Loma Linda University Health
and
Loma Linda University
Honorees

Leonard L. Bailey—*Lifetime Service Award*



Distinguished Professor, Department of Cardiothoracic Surgery and of Pediatrics
School of Medicine, Loma Linda University

B.S. Columbia Union College 1964
M.D. Loma Linda University SM 1969
General surgery internship, Loma Linda University Medical Center (1970-73)
Thoracic and cardiovascular surgery residency, Loma Linda University Medical Center (1973-74)
Cardiovascular surgery fellowship, Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto, Ontario, Canada (1974-75)
Thoracic and cardiovascular surgery fellowship, Loma Linda University Medical Center (1975-76)

Honors

Editorial Board, The Journal of Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery
Doctor of Science (Honorary), Andrews University
Golden Plate Award, American Academy of Achievement
Best Doctors in America
Alpha Omega Alpha
Sigma Xi

Early in his career, Leonard L. Bailey faced the disturbing reality that reconstructive surgical procedures were inadequate for babies born with certain complex congenital heart diseases. Transplantation technology, he believed, held the promise of hope for these infants.

After completing his postgraduate medical training, Dr. Bailey returned to Loma Linda where, with surgery department funding, he revived an idle transplant research laboratory. There he performed more than 200 experimental transplantations in juvenile research animals in order to determine the feasibility of transplantation in the very young.

In October 1984, Dr. Bailey made medical history when he transplanted a baboon heart into the infant known as "Baby Fae." Although she died twenty-one days later, this pioneering endeavor paved the way in November 1985 for the first successful human-to-human heart transplantation in 4-day-old "Baby Moses" (real name Eddie), who is currently the oldest living heart transplant recipient.

Since the revolutionary surgeries that ushered in a new era in heart transplantation, Dr. Bailey has actively participated in the evolution of the field of heart transplantation—making possible long-term survival for infants and children with heart problems, and helping transform Loma Linda University Children's Hospital into the world's leading pediatric heart transplant center. Transplantation remains a small portion of Dr. Bailey's practice, which involves all types of pediatric and infant open-heart surgeries.

With numerous scientific publications, Dr. Bailey is an internationally recognized authority on congenital heart surgery and infant heart transplantation. He lectures frequently to physicians throughout the world.

Dr. Bailey lives in Southern California with his wife, Nancy. They have two adult sons.

In recognition of his career, invested in pioneering efforts in infant heart transplantation, Loma Linda University Health honors Dr. Leonard L. Bailey as recipient of the *LIFETIME SERVICE AWARD*. This award will be presented to him at the Conferring of Degrees for the School of Medicine.

Ernest S. Zane—*Lifetime Service Award*

Associate Professor, Department of Ophthalmology, School of Medicine, Loma Linda University

B.A. Pacific Union College 1952
M.D. College of Medical Evangelists (now Loma Linda University) 1956
Rotating internship, Los Angeles County General Hospital 1956
Ophthalmology residency, White Memorial Hospital 1957-60

Member, University Councilors
Distinguished Service Award, School of Medicine, Loma Linda University 2010

Ernest S. Zane, a native of Honolulu, Hawaii, received his elementary school education in a one-room Seventh-day Adventist school on the island of Kauai. There his seventh grade teacher, Mrs. Winifred Ochita, planted the dream that he might one day become a physician. This dream became reality when he graduated from the College of Medical Evangelists (CME), now Loma Linda University (LLU).

Dr. Zane joined the faculty of CME in 1960, was appointed associate professor of the ophthalmology department in 1979, and was named interim department chair in 1993. His administrative priority during seven critical years of rebuilding the department and preserving the residency program focused on adding two new residents every year, later raising the number to three residents annually.

Service to others has always been a priority for Dr. Zane. In addition to using his expertise at the Seventh-day Adventist mission hospital in Lesotho, South Africa, he also participated in short-term mission trips to Taiwan Adventist Hospital between 1974 and 1989. His selfless outreach activities on behalf of a leprosarium across the river from Taipei earned him the deep appreciation of the facility's administrator, an Austrian-Catholic nun who gave him a wedding band because he did not have one. Chinese newspapers in Los Angeles and New York published stories detailing his kindness.

In celebration of Dr. Zane's 90th birthday, as well as his fifty-six years of service to LLU—a period during which 139 ophthalmologists were trained at this institution—a phonathon by current residents raised $236,000 for The Ernest Zane Endowed Fund. This fund will provide academic stipends to LLU residents transitioning into academic careers at the LLU Eye Institute.

Dr. Zane and his wife, Dorothy Leung Zane, have been married for sixty-three years and are the parents of four children—three of whom also graduated from LLU: Ryan (SM '85), Alan (AH '87, '96), and Steven (SM '90). Two daughters-in-law are also LLU alumnae: Colleen Gleniblazo (SM '92) and Dorre Yamashiro (AH '93). Grandson Steven Alec Zane recently completed his first year of study in LLU School of Medicine.

For his contributions as teacher and administrator and for the competent manner in which he has served this institution and his profession, Loma Linda University Health is honored to name Dr. Ernest S. Zane recipient of the *LIFETIME SERVICE AWARD*, which will be presented to him at the Conferring of Degrees for the School of Medicine.

Thomas and Violet Zapara—*Doctor of Humanitarian Service Degree*

Major philanthropic roles in—

- *Business Executive's Challenge to Alumni (BECA)*
- *Businessmen's Educational Challenge to Academies*
- *Alma McKibben Awards*
- *The Zapara Teacher Awards, presented to more than 1000 Adventist educators during the past decade*
- *Founding of the Hart Research Center*
- *Weimar Institute*
- *ASI Missions, Inc.—co-founded by Tom Zapara, who chaired the board for many years*
- *netAdventist software for Church and school websites, used by nine divisions of the Seventh-day Adventist Church around the world*
- *The Enactus Program at La Sierra University, whose teams have won national and international competitions in entrepreneurship*
- *The Tom & Vi Zapara School of Business at La Sierra University*
- *The Tom & Vi Zapara Rehabilitation Center at Loma Linda University's East Campus*
- *EXSEED Program at Loma Linda University, aimed at developing outstanding K-12 science, technology, engineering, and mathematics educators*
- *Loma Linda University Councilors*
- *Digital Evangelism Center for Adventist World Radio*

Thomas (Tom) and Violet (Vi) Zapara grew up in strikingly similar environments: each was born on a North Dakota farm to Seventh-day Adventist parents of Ukrainian background. At a young age, the values of hard work and persistence, a passion for excellence, and an abiding faith in God were instilled in them.

Tom and Vi met in California as teenagers while attending the wedding of Tom's cousin, but several years passed before circumstances favored the blossoming of a relationship. Following his discharge after four years of military service during World War II as a medic in the U.S. Army, Tom enrolled in La Sierra College. Vi began her higher education at Union College in Lincoln, Nebraska, but after one year transferred to La Sierra College where she earned a degree in 1947—the same year that she and Tom were married.

In the 1950s, the Zaparas launched the first of several business enterprises that began modestly at their kitchen table. From small beginnings, they created an innovative and successful new business market—industrial first aid. Steady expansion in response to market demand resulted in rapid and explosive growth. The *Los Angeles Times* newspaper, the *Wall Street Journal*, *Forbes*, *Barron's*, and other business journals have chronicled their successes.

For nearly four decades, the Zaparas have combined keen business acumen with generous philanthropic commitment in service to the Seventh-day Adventist Church and its mission. Always faithful in returning tithes and offerings and swift to give God credit for the blessings they enjoy, they consider it a privilege as partners with God to bless others through their generosity.

Tom and Vi have been members of ASI (Adventist-laymens Services and Industries) for many years. Tom served as president of the Pacific Union Chapter and was involved in many projects, including Mission Church Builders and SDA Laymen's New Church Development. He also served for twenty-five years on the Board of Trustees for Loma Linda University and continues as an emeritus board member today.

For the past seventy years, Tom and Vi Zapara have enjoyed a happy marriage. Along the way, new dimensions were added to their lives by daughters, Shelley and Cindy; as well as one son-in-law, five grandchildren, two grandsons-in-law, and two great-grandchildren.

The values that have shaped the Zaparas continue to significantly impact others, who are encouraged to "give back"—to others, regardless of one's financial capacity; and to God, who made everything and deserves "your life, your service, your thanks, and your appreciation." Additional values upheld by the Zaparas include the following:

- Make God first in your life.
- Create strong family ties.
- Find ways to encourage others.
- Accept nothing less than excellence.
- Be completely honest.
- Always challenge business processes.
- Innovate, innovate, innovate!
- Be thankful.

In recognition of the generous spirit that has allowed Mr. and Mrs. Zapara to play major philanthropic roles in numerous projects and endeavors that have advanced education, health care, and evangelism initiatives of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, Loma Linda University is pleased to confer on Thomas and Violet Zapara the *DOCTOR OF HUMANITARIAN SERVICE* degree at the Conferring of Degrees for the School of Medicine.

Benjamin J. Siapco—*Global Service Award*

Clinical Laboratory Instructor and Consultant, Adventist Health International (AHI)

B.S. Philippine Union College (now Adventist University of the Philippines) 1965
M.S. Loma Linda University AH 1971
Certified medical technologist, American Society for Clinical Pathology (MT-ASCP)
Specialist in microbiology, American Academy of Microbiology (SM-AAM)

School Distinguished Service Award AH, Loma Linda University 2014
Most Outstanding Alumni Award, Adventist University of the Philippines 2003
Best Cytology Research Award, Los Angeles County-University of Southern California Medical Center

Benjamin J. Siapco, the eldest of seven children, was born in Manila to Seventh-day Adventist parents. After completing his undergraduate education, he joined the staff of Manila Sanitarium and Hospital (now Adventist Medical Center-Manila) as a medical technologist; as well as the faculty of Philippine Union College's (now Adventist University of the Philippines) School of Medical Technology. He was later appointed laboratory manager for the hospital.

Sponsored by his employers in 1969, Mr. Siapco completed a master's degree program at Loma Linda University before returning to Manila to resume his responsibilities at the hospital and the college, and to provide consulting services to the Adventist-based clinical laboratories throughout the country. In 1980, he accepted a call to serve as manager of Taiwan Adventist Hospital and as director of the School of Medical Technology in Taiwan—appointments he held until 1986. During this period, he also became professionally involved in mission projects for the Taiwan Christian Hospital Association, the Mennonite Christian Hospital in Hualein, and the Kaoshiung Medical Center.

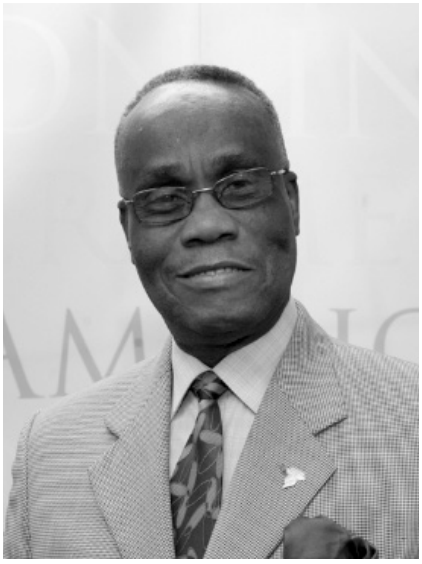
Returning to the United States in 1984, Mr. Siapco continued his academic training. In 1986, he relocated to the Inland Empire where he worked in various clinical laboratory positions until joining the Department of Microbiology at Loma Linda University Medical Center (LLUMC) in 1999. He served concurrently on the faculty of the Department of Medical Technology in the University's School of Allied Health Professions.

Throughout his professional career, Mr. Siapco has served the church at mission sites that include Afghanistan, Belize, China, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Kenya, Liberia, Malawi, the Philippines, Sierra Leone, Venezuela, and Zambia. Since retiring in 2002 from LLUMC, he has served as laboratory technical consultant for Adventist Health International (AHI). In this capacity, he visits, establishes, and develops laboratories in Adventist hospitals.

Mr. Siapco has been happily married to Clarita (Espelita), a retired nurse, for more than half a century. They have been supportive partners of each other; and their work internationally has been a team effort. Their three children have followed in their father's footsteps—all alumni of Loma Linda University and all committed to medical missionary service.

For his outstanding contributions to the Church's global outreach, Loma Linda University Health is pleased to name Mr. Benjamin J. Siapco recipient of the GLOBAL SERVICE AWARD, which will be presented to him at the Conferring of Degrees for the School of Allied Health Professions.

Elie S. Honore—*Global Service Award*



President, Adventist HealthCare Services-Inter-American Division
General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists

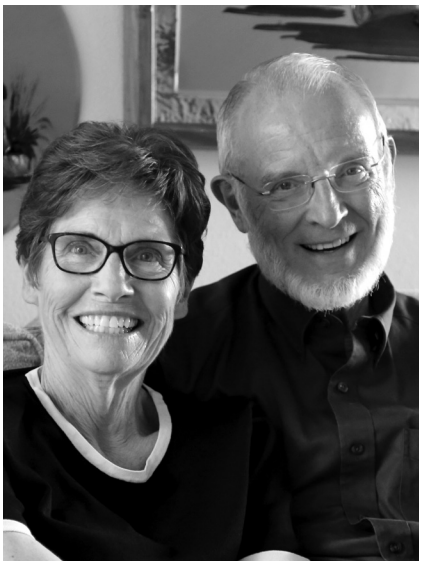
M.D. State University of Haiti, College of Medicine and Pharmacy 1969
M.P.H., M.H.A. Loma Linda University PH 1985, 1999
Obstetrics-gynecology residency, University Hospital of Haiti 1968-1971

Elie S. Honore has served as president of Adventist HealthCare Services-Inter-American Division (AHS-IA) since 2010. This association of the fourteen Seventh-day Adventist hospitals and twenty-four clinics in the Inter-American Division territory was formed with the objective of promoting wholeness through the ministry of the Church's centers of health-care excellence. To date, AHS-IA has coordinated with Loma Linda University to develop an M.H.A. degree program for hospital administrators; and a leadership professional certificate for hospital administrators, medical directors, treasurers, nursing directors, and chief accountants. Plans are currently underway to establish an online training program for board chairpersons and members; as well as a mandatory online continuing education program for administrators and chairpersons.

Prior to his appointment to AHS-IA, Dr. Honore served as medical director for the Adventist Polyclinic of Haiti (1972-76), health and temperance director for the Franco-Haitian Union of SDAs (1973-86), administrator for Haiti Adventist Hospital (1981-85), medical director for Davis Memorial Adventist Hospital in Guyana (1986-90), and health ministries director for the Inter-American Division of SDAs (1990-2010). In 2003, he was ordained as a minister of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

In recognition of his passionate commitment to the mission and operations of the health-care institutions of the Inter-American Division, as well as his efforts to promote health and wholeness through the comprehensive services of the Church's health-care ministry, Loma Linda University Health is pleased to present to Dr. Elie S. Honore the *GLOBAL SERVICE AWARD*, which he will receive at the Conferring of Degrees for the School of Public Health.

Dynnette E. and Kenneth W. Hart—*Community Engagement Award*



Dynnette (Dee) E. Hart

Associate Dean Emerita (retired), School of Nursing, Loma Linda University

B.S. Loma Linda University SN 1966
M.S. Loma Linda University GS 1968
Dr.P.H. Loma Linda University PH 1994
Certificate, University of California, Los Angeles 2001

Distinguished Service Award, School of Nursing, Loma Linda University 2016
Alumna of the Year, School of Nursing, Loma Linda University 2000

Kenneth (Ken) W. Hart

Medical Director, Social Action Community (SAC) Norton Clinic

B.A. Walla Walla College 1965
M.D., M.A. Loma Linda University SM, GS 1969
M.P.H. Johns Hopkins University 1975
Preventive medicine residency, Loma Linda University PH 1983

For more than half a century, a commitment to service has featured prominently in the interactions of Ken and Dee Hart with others—whether teaching students at Loma Linda University; treating patients locally in the Inland Empire or at mission sites in Africa; or hosting visiting friends, Church officials, or government officials in their home.

Three years after they were married in the spring of 1967, Ken and Dee—who now had a young son, Todd—accepted the first of three mission appointments to countries in Africa. By the time they returned home permanently in 1987, they had mastered the rhythms and routines of the places that had become for them a second home.

One month after their arrival in Zambia in 1970, the Harts' second child, Patrice, was born. By the time their tenure ended in 1974, Dee and Ken had learned to balance family priorities not only with Ken treating patients at Mwami and Yuka hospitals and with Dee serving as instructor and "sister-tutor" at the Mwami Adventist Nursing School; but also with graciously hosting a steady stream of visitors in their home.

Following a one-year study leave back in the United States where Ken completed an M.P.H. degree in 1974, the Harts returned to Africa. Serving this time in Tanzania, Dee taught maternal and child health education at Tanzania Adventist Seminary and College (now University of Arusha) while concurrently attending to the education needs of elementary school-aged Todd and Patrice. Ken served as medical director for Tanzania Adventist Rural Health Services, supervising approximately thirty medical clinics throughout the country. He also developed and implemented a training course for maternal/child health-care workers and a health correspondence course called *Maisha Bora*, or *Better Living*.

A second study leave during which Ken completed a residency in preventive medicine brought the Harts back to the United States in 1982; but by 1984, the family was once again in Africa—this time in Nairobi, Kenya. Dee served as a nurse at Nairobi Seventh-day Adventist Health Services while Ken worked as medical director for East African Rural Health Services, serving both Kenya and Uganda. The village-level maternal/child health program he implemented there was similar to the one he had established in Tanzania. Todd and Patrice attended local schools.

Soon after the family returned to the United States permanently in 1987, Dee joined Loma Linda University School of Nursing (LLUSN) as clinical coordinator for pediatric nursing. She also worked as a clinical nurse on the pediatric hematology/oncology unit at Loma Linda University Children's Hospital. In addition, she began a doctoral program in health education. Ken was appointed medical director of the Inland Empire Community Health Center, where he served until 1995 when he became medical director for the SACHS Norton Clinic. Dee was released from LLUSN for one year to provide assistance in getting the clinic organized.

The years after rejoining LLUSN in 1997 were busy ones for Dee as she rose through the academic ranks, coordinated nursing courses, earned a pediatric nurse practitioner certificate, worked as a pediatric nurse practitioner at SACHS, and continued teaching at LLUSN. In 2006, she was named associate dean for undergraduate nursing. After requesting retirement in 2015, she became interim associate dean until her replacement could be found. Finally, in January 2016, Dee retired from the school that she had served so meritoriously for nearly three decades.

Following her official retirement from the School of Nursing, Dee began volunteering with the Loma Linda University Church and Ureach/Acts. She became aware of San Manuel Gateway College and the needs of this start-up school and was soon involved in the planning and implementation of the first programs. Her skills and knowledge in curriculum development, program accreditation, and administration were instrumental in getting all of the programs started. But the greatest contribution she has made has been in her caring support of the students, who are her passion. She truly lives out each day as the hands and feet of Jesus—continuing to touch the world with His healing love.

For his part, Ken continues to enjoy his work at SACHS. He also teaches four Bible study classes per week, prepares study guides for an online Bible study class, and sends CDs of his lessons to a variety of locations around the globe.

For the long-time commitment they have shown to servant leadership and unselfish service that reflects our institutional mission—"to continue the healing and teaching ministry of Jesus Christ, to make man whole"—Loma Linda University Health is pleased to honor Drs. Kenneth and Dynnette Hart as recipients of the *COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AWARD*. This award will be presented to them at the Conferring of Degrees for the School of Nursing.

Kenneth J. Breyer—*Distinguished University Service Award*

Assistant Vice President for Construction and Architectural Services
Loma Linda University Health (former)

B.S. Andrews University 1982
M.S. California State Polytechnic University, Pomona 2000

Member, American Society of Civil Engineers
Civil engineer, registered in California and Oregon

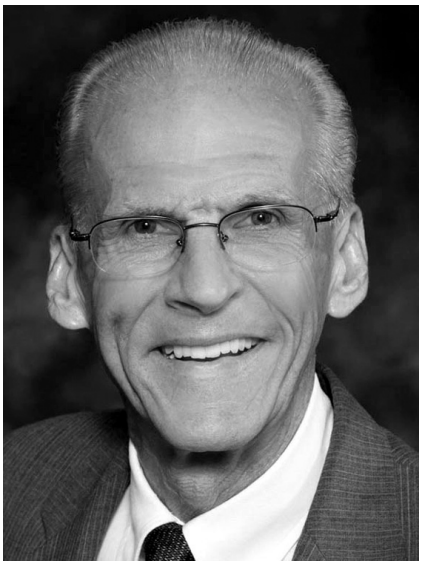
Kenneth J. Breyer has worked for Loma Linda University, Loma Linda University Medical Center, and Loma Linda University Adventist Health Sciences Center (now Loma Linda University Health [LLUH]) since 1983. In 2002, Mr. Breyer was appointed assistant vice president for construction and architectural services for LLUH. In this role, he has facilitated campus master planning and design and construction services for Loma Linda University and Loma Linda University Health.

A member of the American Society of Civil Engineers and a registered civil engineer in California and in Oregon, Mr. Breyer has volunteered his services and expertise as a member of a number of building committees. He also enjoys working in a volunteer capacity with Adventist Health International, assisting Seventh-day Adventist hospitals with facilities upgrades, development, and expansion.

Mr. Breyer is married to Karen Breyer. They have four children and four grandchildren.

This academic community acknowledges the significant contributions made by Mr. Breyer to campus life through construction and renovation of the physical spaces that support and enhance our academic mission. In appreciation for the professional expertise and personal commitment he brought through the years to projects that will benefit this institution for years to come, Loma Linda University is pleased to present the *DISTINGUISHED UNIVERSITY SERVICE AWARD* to Mr. Kenneth J. Breyer. Mr. Breyer will receive this award at the Conferring of Degrees for the School of Public Health.

Timothy Hickman—*Distinguished University Service Award*



Director, Department of Purchasing and Receiving and the "Country Store"
Loma Linda University

Spiritual Wholeness Service Award, Loma Linda University

Timothy (Tim) Hickman has been director of the Department of Purchasing and Receiving and of the "Country Store" at Loma Linda University since 1986. In these capacities, he oversees the purchase of goods and services and manages the receiving and delivery of merchandise for the entities of the University.

Mr. Hickman is willing to help any department with a special request. Thus, the campus community has learned that they can always "call Tim." The commitment of his staff, he insists, makes his service possible: "My success is their success, and the value of our service is measured by the way we reflect the Spirit of God as He accomplishes His purposes through us."

Commitment to service can be seen in ways not directly connected to Mr. Hickman's work. For example, he has coordinated fundraising for Bibles and other materials used by students providing medical and dental services and education in El Salvador; organized Bible donations to hospitals and universities in Ethiopia, Malawi, and the Philippines; and organizing relief supplies at Haiti Adventist Hospital. Working with the Global Health Institute, he also procures and ships supplies and equipment to Adventist Health International mission hospitals and clinics.

Inspired by his faith in God, Mr. Hickman also shows care and concern for individuals facing educational and health-care challenges. For example, while teenage Malek—who lost both legs below the knee after stepping on a land mine in Afghanistan—was at Loma Linda University Medical Center, Mr. Hickman arranged hand-controlled go-cart riding and ocean surfing lessons for him.

Mr. Hickman's parents recognized the value of Seventh-day Adventist education; and through their sacrifice, he attended Kansas City Junior Academy, Sunnydale Adventist Academy, and Walla Walla College.

Following the untimely death of his wife, Dianne, Mr. Hickman married Ellen Jaqua, an Adventist educator. When time permits, the couple enjoys traveling in the U.S. and abroad.

In recognition of more than three decades of outstanding service rendered faithfully and in the spirit of selflessness, Loma Linda University names Mr. Timothy Hickman recipient of the *DISTINGUISHED UNIVERSITY SERVICE AWARD*. This award will be presented to him at the Conferring of Degrees for the School of Allied Health Professions.

Elisabeth Eisner—*Distinguished Service Award*

Attorney at Law, Law Office of Elisabeth Eisner

J.D. University of California, Los Angeles 1977

Member, Board of The San Diego Foundation
Member, Board of San Diego Grantmakers

In 1981 when the firm that represented Loma Linda University Medical Center (LLUMC) refused to issue an opinion affirming that the medical center as a religious organization was eligible to receive tax-exempt financing, the medical center reached out to the firm where Elizabeth Eisner practiced law. After researching the question, Ms. Eisner concluded not only that it was permissible for LLUMC to receive tax-exempt financing; but also that the law, in fact, precluded the government from discriminating against the medical center solely as a result of its Seventh-day Adventist Church affiliation and mission. This marked the first time that Ms. Eisner represented Loma Linda University Health in a financial transaction; and she has represented LLUH entities in every major financial transaction since. In 2007, the California Supreme Court finally heard a case that discussed the question that Ms. Eisner researched in 1981. The opinion issued by the court was that faith-based organizations are permitted to receive tax-exempt funds— confirming a quarter of a century later Ms. Eisner's analysis.

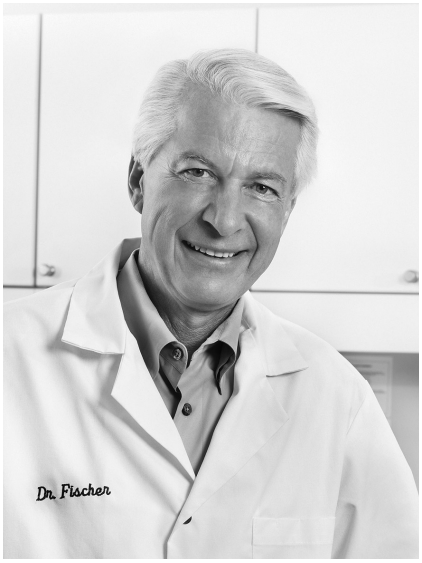
Elisabeth Eisner was born in France to an Italian mother and American father. Her early years were spent in Italy where her father worked for the Army Corps of Engineers. The Eisners moved to Southern California, where Elizabeth completed her undergraduate education and a degree in law. She began her legal career in the San Diego office of DLA Piper in 1977, was elected to the partnership in 1983, and continued as a partner at DLA Piper until starting her own practice.

Ms. Eisner's passion has been in representing nonprofit 501(c)(3) entities. In 2009, she decided that the economic and cost structure of big law firm practice made it impossible for her to continue representing the nonprofit organizations she loved; so she opened her own practice. As a solo practitioner, Ms. Eisner is committed to providing excellent service with sensitivity to cost—in robust and tough economic times alike.

Ms. Eisner is married to Brian Forbes. Together they have a blended family of seven children, five of whom are married; and 11 grandchildren.

In recognition of her contributions that have furthered the aims and aspirations of Loma Linda University Health, Elisabeth Eisner, Esq., will be presented with the *DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD* at the Conferring of Degrees for the School of Medicine.

Dan E. Fischer—*Distinguished Service Award*



Founder and Chief Executive Officer,
Ultradent Products, Inc.

B.S. University of Utah, Salt Lake City 1971
D.D.S. Loma Linda University SD 1974

Fellow, Academy of General Dentistry
Fellow, American College of Dentists

The "Golden Hands Award of Excellence for Truth and Ethics in Advertising," California Dental Association 2015, 2016
Lifetime Achievement Award, American Association of Cosmetic Dentistry 2005
Distinguished Service Award, Utah Dental Association 2000

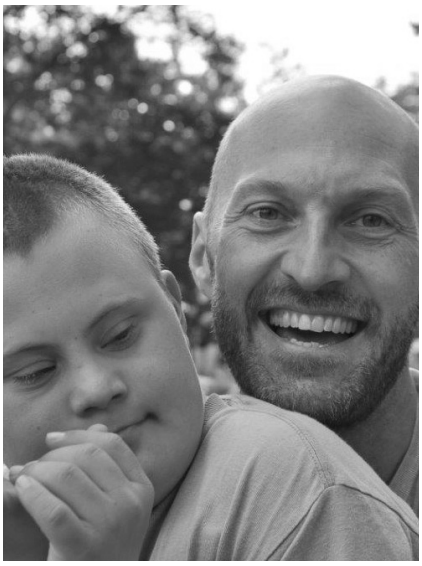
Shortly after completing the D.D.S. degree, Dr. Dan E. Fischer established a full-time private practice, Benchmark Dental, in Sandy, Utah. As a young dentist, Dr. Fischer realized that the ability to rapidly control bleeding and manage tissue was imperative to quality operative dentistry. With no product on the market that could predictably control bleeding and sulcular fluid, he worked after office hours to develop the product he felt was needed. His insight, determination, and perseverance resulted in the development of Astringedent® and later Viscostat®, two of the flagship products of the company he founded, Ultradent Products, Inc.—now an international leader in the manufacture of dental materials, devices, and equipment. Numerous U.S. and foreign patents have been granted or are pending for the company's discoveries and innovations that have been revolutionizing the dental industry for nearly four decades.

Since 1990, Dr. Fischer has worked extensively in research and development, but he still finds time to lecture regularly and to write articles about state-of-the-art dentistry. Working part-time in his daughter's dental practice enables him to connect with patients and practice minimally invasive dentistry—a philosophy around which Ultradent develops products and procedures. In addition, he serves as an adjunct assistant professor at Loma Linda University School of Dentistry and at the University of Texas at San Antonio.

When he is not working, Dr. Fischer enjoys tending to his garden and spending time with his wife, children, and grandchildren.

In recognition of and appreciation for his professional contributions that have transformed the lives of countless individuals, Loma Linda University Health is pleased to present the *DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD* to Dr. Dan E. Fischer. Dr. Fischer will receive this award at the Conferring of Degrees for the School of Dentistry.

Brian R. Brock—*University Alumnus of the Year*



Reader, Moral and Practical Theology
The School of Religion, History, and Philosophy, University of Aberdeen (Aberdeen, United Kingdom)
Managing Editor, *Journal of Disability and Religion*

B.S. Colorado Christian University 1993
M.A. Loma Linda University GS 1996
Dip. Theol. Oxford University
M.A., D.Phil. King's College, London
Visiting Scholar, Friedrich Alexander Universität, Erlangen-Nürnberg, Germany; and Duke Divinity School

The seeds of Brian Brock's doctoral research on the ethics of technological development were planted during discussions of real-world ethical dilemmas at Loma Linda University School of Medicine's weekly Ethical Grand Rounds. Dr. Brock's work on these themes was published in *Christian Ethics in a Technological Age* (2010).

Further graduate work took Dr. Brock to Erlangen, Germany, where his book on the role of Scripture in Christian ethics was published in 2007 as *Singing the Ethos of God: On the Place of Christian Ethics in Scripture*. During this time, he and his wife Stephanie had their first child, Adam, who has Down's syndrome.

The University of Aberdeen offered Dr. Brock his first full-time academic appointment, and he has taught there in the area of moral and practical theology for the past thirteen years. When his interest in medical ethics gravitated toward disability issues, he and an Aberdeen colleague, John Swinton, pursued a range of scholarly projects from which a string of edited books have been issued, including: *Theology, Disability and the New Genetics: Why Science Needs the Church* (2007); and *Disability in the Christian Tradition: A Reader* (2011). The latter title is now the standard university textbook in courses on disability theology. Aberdeen's Divinity Department is currently recognized as a world leader in disability theology.

Dr. Brock is managing editor of the peer-reviewed *Journal of Disability and Religion*; and is one of the founding members of the European Society for the Study of Disability. He is currently spearheading the Friendship House initiative—a cooperative project between local churches, government agencies, and support organizations that brings adults with learning difficulties into the heart of the University of Aberdeen for weekly meals and events with students and faculty.

It is with deep respect and admiration that Loma Linda University recognizes the outstanding contributions made by Dr. Brock in the area of Christian ethics. In recognition of his willingness to critically address priorities that are consonant with our institutional mission, Loma Linda University is pleased to name Dr. Brian R. Brock *UNIVERSITY ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR*. This title will be conferred on him at the joint Conferring of Degrees for the School of Behavioral Health and the School of Religion.

Joseph M. Caruso—*University Alumnus of the Year*

Associate Dean for Strategic Initiatives and Faculty Practices; and Professor, Department of Orthodontics, School of Dentistry
Member, Faculty of Graduate Studies
Loma Linda University

B.S. Loma Linda University AS 1968
D.D.S. Loma Linda University SD 1973
M.P.H., M.S. Loma Linda University PH, SD 1975

Diplomate, American Board of Orthodontics
Fellow, American College of Dentists and of the International College of Dentists
Member, Omicron Kappa Upsilon

Daniel M. Laskin Award from the Oral Maxillofacial Surgery Foundation in 2013 in recognition of his publication, "Recombinant Human Bone Morphogenetic Protein 2 Combines with an Osteoconductive Bulking Agent for Mandibular Continuity Defects in Nonhuman Primates," which was designated Best Article of the Year
Golden Step Award, 3M Company

Joseph M. Caruso's curiosity and innovative thinking began in his early childhood when, at age 7, he attempted to recharge batteries. As a graduate student, his research and invention efforts in his garage and kitchen resulted in his first patent, which significantly improved an orthodontic procedure. To date, Dr. Caruso holds eight U.S. patents.

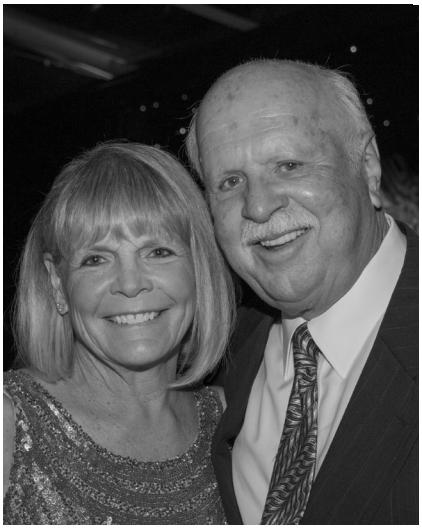
Active teaching, research, and service have characterized Dr. Caruso's four decades of affiliation with Loma Linda University. After maintaining a successful private orthodontics practice for twenty-one years while teaching in the School of Dentistry part time and serving part time on the faculty of the University of Southern California, he was recruited to Loma Linda University as chair of the Department of Orthodontics and as director of the Advanced Specialty Education Program in Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics. In 2008, Dr. Caruso was appointed associate dean for strategic initiatives and faculty practices in the School of Dentistry—in addition to his ongoing responsibilities as professor and department chair. As associate dean, he led in the development of three new dental clinics, served as chief administrator for operation of the faculty private practice clinics, and guided the strategic planning initiatives of the school.

In addition to his teaching and administrative responsibilities, Dr. Caruso has sustained his involvement in research—reviewing manuscripts for scientific journals, lecturing worldwide at continuing education conferences, participating in more than 100 research projects, and publishing extensively in the field of orthodontics.

A visionary planner and dental researcher, he was instrumental in obtaining FDA approval and approval in the state of California for dentists to use 3D radiographic equipment. Because of his foresight, Loma Linda University School of Dentistry was the first dental school in the United States to install and use cone beam CT scans. He also built and wired the initial computer servers used in his department, which were the first ones used in the school.

Loma Linda University recognizes the outstanding academic and research contributions made by Dr. Joseph M. Caruso during forty years of dedicated service. As beneficiary of his outstanding expertise, the University acknowledges the high regard in which he is held by conferring on him the title *UNIVERSITY ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR* at the Conferring of Degrees for the School of Dentistry.

Irving M. and Pamela N. Feldkamp III—*Distinguished Humanitarian Award*



Major philanthropic roles in—
San Bernardino County Museum
Children's Fund
Loma Linda University Health
128CM Memorial Foundation

Irving M. (Bud) Feldkamp III and Pamela (Pam) Newbury Feldkamp have a rich history with Loma Linda University Health that includes a legacy of service and support.

Dr. Feldkamp III's grandfather, I. M. Feldkamp, was a 1918 graduate of the School of Medicine. Dr. Feldkamp III received his D.D.S. degree from the School of Dentistry in 1971, and Mrs. Feldkamp earned a bachelor's degree in dental hygiene from the School of Dentistry in 1969. Their four children graduated from Loma Linda University: two from the School of Medicine and one each from the Schools of Dentistry and Nursing.

Personally and through their businesses, Hospitality Dental and Glen Helen Raceway in San Bernardino, the Feldkamps have supported a variety of organizations in the community—including the San Bernardino County Museum and the Children's Fund. They have also helped to further the teaching and healing ministry of Jesus Christ through their consistent and growing support of Loma Linda University Health (LLUH) for more than thirty-five years.

One of the ways the Feldkamps have expressed their commitment to Christian education is through the 128CM Memorial Foundation, which they established to honor the fourteen lives tragically cut short in a plane crash in 2009. Since then, nearly $500,000 has been provided to worthy elementary and secondary students.

In service to their community, Dr. and Mrs. Feldkamp have volunteered on the boards of several local organizations. Currently, they are members of LLUH President's Advisory Cabinet—which assists LLUH by bringing professional expertise, diversity of perspectives, and connections to local and national resources. They also serve on the corporation's Campaign Steering Committee for Vision 2020—The Campaign for a Whole Tomorrow. In addition, Mrs. Feldkamp is a member of the Loma Linda University Children's Hospital Operating Board.

As part of Vision 2020, the Feldkamp Family has generously sponsored the Healing Miracles of Jesus, a series of twelve original paintings by Nathan Greene that will be prominently displayed in the new hospital towers.

In recognition of exemplary service and philanthropy, and for inspiring and challenging others to model our mission, Loma Linda University Health honors Irving M. and Pamela N. Feldkamp III with the *DISTINGUISHED HUMANITARIAN AWARD*. This award will be presented at the Conferring of Degrees for the School of Dentistry.

Lubo Zhang—*Distinguished Investigator Award*

Director, Lawrence D. Longo Center for Perinatal Biology
Professor, Department of Basic Sciences
School of Medicine, Loma Linda University

Ph.D. Iowa State University 1990

(Sir William) Liley Award and Lectureship of the Perinatal Research Society 2012
Centennial Vanguard Award, Loma Linda University Adventist Health Sciences Center 2006

Dr. Lubo Zhang's research focuses on maternal and developmental physiology. His specific interests are in the areas of molecular and epigenetic modulations of developmental plasticity in the programming of health and disease—particularly maternal adaptation and fetal and neonatal development in response to hypoxia during gestation. His research has increased understanding of the molecular and epigenetic mechanisms in preeclampsia and developmental programming of "ischemic-sensitive" phenotype in the brain and heart, as well as their impacts in neonatal hypoxic-ischemic brain injury and ischemic heart disease later in life.

With research continuously funded by multiple National Institutes of Health (NIH) grants, Dr. Zhang has received more than $20 million in awards during the past twenty years. He is currently program director of a National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD) investigation of gestational hypoxia and developmental plasticity.

Dr. Zhang's more than 260 peer-reviewed publications have appeared in journals with high impact factors in the global research community. For the past two decades, he has served as a grant application reviewer for study sections of the U.S. NIH and the American Heart Association. In 2007, he served as president of the Western Pharmacology Society.

In recognition of his outstanding contributions and career success in the area of perinatal research, Loma Linda University Health is pleased to name Dr. Lubo Zhang recipient of the *DISTINGUISHED INVESTIGATOR AWARD*. This award will be presented to him at the Conferring of Degrees for the School of Medicine.

The Programs,
The School Honorees,
and The Speakers

School of Medicine

May twenty-seven, eight-thirty o'clock, University Mall

PRELUDE

Loma Linda Academy Wind Symphony
Dr. John Carter, conductor

Abide with Me . . . *William H. Monk* (arr. Jay Dawson)

ACADEMIC PROCESSION

The audience is requested to clear the aisles and remain seated.

Ronald L. Carter, University Grand Marshal, leading
Francis P. Chan, Adrian N. Cotton, Lynda Daniel-Underwood, Paul C. Herrmann, Associate Marshals, assisting

The President's Party, Members of the University Board of Trustees, LLUH Administrators

Faculty

Sine Nomine . . . *Ralph Vaughan Williams* (arr. Bruce H. Houseknecht)

Candidates for Degrees

Pomp and Circumstance . . . *Sir Edward Elgar* (arr. Clare Grundman)

INVOCATION

Andrew John Sumnicht
Class of 2018

WELCOME

Richard H. Hart
President of the University

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

H. Roger Hadley, Dean of the School
The President
Ronald L. Carter, Provost of the University

A GRADUATE'S REFLECTIONS

Daniel Sebastian Udrea
President of the Class

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER	The Dean
ADDRESS	Nephtali R. Gomez Clerkship Director, Surgery Loma Linda University School of Medicine DOCTORS, SUPERHEROES, AND THE WORLD OF TOMORROW
CONFERRING OF DEGREES	The President
AWARDING OF DIPLOMAS	The Dean Penelope Duerksen-Hughes, Associate Dean for Basic Science and Translational Research Hansel Fletcher, Assistant Dean for Graduate Student Affairs Cheryl Germain, Director, Pathologists' Assistant Program Jeremy Deisch, Associate Professor, Pathology and Human Anatomy Tamara M. Shankel, Senior Associate Dean for Medical Student Education Tamara Thomas, Vice Dean for Academic Affairs Henry H. Lamberton, Associate Dean for Student Affairs Kevin Cordoniz, Assistant Dean for Clinical Education
THE PHYSICIAN'S OATH	Tamara Thomas Vice Dean, Academic Affairs President, Alumni Association
CHARGE TO THE CLASS	The Dean
BENEDICTION	Rachael Nicole Spady Class Pastor
ACADEMIC RECESSION	Molly on the Shore . . . *Percy Grainger* The audience is requested to clear the aisles and remain seated during the recession.

Commencement ceremonies will be available for viewing and downloading from the Commencement website: llu.edu/commencement

To minimize distracting others during the ceremony, guests are requested to observe the following picture-taking courtesies: *Please do not*—

- use a flash or additional lighting;
- walk in the main aisles or in front of the platform;
- stand except very briefly in the audience line of vision.

COMMISSIONING OF MILITARY OFFICERS

This ceremony will take place in the Randall Amphitheater at 11:00 A.M.

Candidates for Degrees

The listing of a candidate's name in the commencement program is presumptive evidence of graduation but is not to be regarded as conclusive.

The three-letter designation following a student's name (MAR, SEP, DEC) indicates the month in which the student completed his or her program, if other than May/June.

DOCTOR OF MEDICINE

Medicine

Jonathon Jin-Sung Ahn
B.S. Andrews University 2014

Kelcie Alexander
B.S. Oakwood University 2013

Hector Miguel Almanzar-Ramos
B.S. Universidad Adventista de las Antillas 2014

Emily Assavapisitkul
B.S. Pacific Union College 2013

Jonathan Joseph Baker
B.S. Oakwood University 2014

Carly Paige Barruga
B.S. Walla Walla University 2014

Catalino Joshua Bautista III
B.S. La Sierra University 2013

Daniel Ryne Bianchi
B.A. Skidmore College 2002

Romeo Salomon Bilugan
B.S. University of California, Riverside 2011

Jessica Joy Blaza
B.S.N. Wright State University, Main Campus 2013

Samantha Kasi Bodiford
B.S. California Baptist University 2012

Kelcie Jacqueline Brown
B.S. Burman University 2014

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Thesis: A Comparative Microbial Composition Assessment of Storm Water, Urban Runoff, and Wastewater

The purpose of this research was to compare the performance of the IDEXX Quanti-Tray technique and the USEPA membrane filtration methods 1603 and 1600 for assessment of fecal indicator bacteria (FIB) in storm water, urban runoff, and wastewater. The researcher quantified the densities and reductions of *E. coli* and *Enterococcus* in each water type and compared the recovery efficiency of the methods. Across treatment processes, results showed the expected reduction of FIB densities of urban runoff and wastewater. Urban runoff had the lowest FIB density, followed by the storm water, with the highest densities in the wastewater. The Wilcoxon signed rank test demonstrated that the IDEXX methods detected significantly higher densities of FIB in all treatment stages of urban runoff and wastewater. For raw storm water, the USEPA method 1603 detected a higher density of *E. coli* than did the IDEXX's Colilert.

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Dissertation: Microgravity Exerts an Age-Dependent Effect on Cardiovascular Progenitor Cell Development

The effect of microgravity on cardiovascular progenitor cells (CPCs) is relevant for long- term space missions and has potential for therapeutic applications on Earth. The researchers studied the impact of microgravity on Islet-1 expressing CPCs sent to the International Space Station aboard SpaceX CRS-11. In response to spaceflight, CPCs exhibited changes in mechanical signaling that correlated with enhanced stemness and proliferation, a greater migratory capacity, activation of Akt and calcium signaling, and the induction of genes normally expressed within the biological pacemaker, the sinoatrial node. Calcium activation within these CPCs in validation studies on Earth demonstrated a similar induction of genes, protein, and electrophysiological behavior characteristic of the sinoatrial node. In addition to modifying the developmental profile of CPCs, which may facilitate cardiac repair, microgravity provides inductive cues that promote CPC differentiation along the sinoatrial nodal pathway—a finding that has implications for stem cell-based biological pacemaker development.

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Dissertation: Intranasal Wnt3a Attenuates Neuronal Apoptosis through Frz1/PIWIL1a/FOXM1 Pathway in MCAO Rats

After ischemic stroke, apoptosis of neurons is a primary factor in determining outcome. Wnt3a is a naturally occurring protein that has been shown to have protective effects in the brain for traumatic brain injury. Although Wnt3a has been investigated in the phenomena of neurogenesis, anti-apoptosis, and anti-inflammation, it has never been investigated as a therapy for stroke. This study hypothesized that the potential neuroprotective agent Wnt3a would reduce infarction and improve behavior following ischemic stroke by attenuating neuronal apoptosis and promoting cell survival through the Frizzled-1/PIWI1a/FOXM1 pathway in MCAO rats. Two hundred twenty-nine Sprague-Dawley rats were assigned to male, female, and aged 9-month male MCAO or sham groups, followed by reperfusion two hours after MCAO. Animals assigned to MCAO were given either Wnt3a or its control. To explore the downstream signaling of Wnt3a, the following interventions were given: Frizzled-1 siRNA,

PIWI1a siRNA, and PIWI1a-CRISPR—along with the appropriate controls. Post-MCAO assessments included neurobehavioral tests, infarct volume, Western blot, and immunohistochemistry. Endogenous levels of Wnt3a, Frizzled-1/PIWI1a/FOXM1, were lowered after MCAO. The administration of intranasal Wnt3a one hour post-MCAO increased PIWIL1a and FOXM1 expression through Frizzled-1, reducing brain infarction and neurological deficits at 24 and 72 hours. Frizzled-1 and PIWI1a siRNAs reversed the protective effects of Wnt3a post-MCAO. Restoration of PIWIL1a after knockdown of Frizzled-1 increased FOXM1 survival protein and reduced cleaved caspase-3 levels. In summary, Wnt3a decreases neuronal apoptosis and improves neurological deficits through Frizzled-1/PIWI1a/FOXM1 pathway after MCAO in rats. Therefore, Wnt3a is a novel intranasal approach to decrease apoptosis after stroke.

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Dissertation: Pain and Stress in the Premature Neonate

Procedural pain and stress in premature neonates is currently assessed utilizing tools that lack objectivity and accuracy. This results in untreated or mismanaged pain. This research utilized physiological methods and biochemical markers that identified pain in premature neonates and its effect on energy metabolism. The painful procedure examined was the retinopathy of premature (ROP) examination—a necessary and routine eye examination done in the neonatal intensive care unit that detects and identifies infants at risk for blindness due to retinal detachment. The effects of the ROP examination on peripheral and deep tissue oxyhemoglobin saturation and urinary purine degradation markers were examined. This study concluded that these noninvasive metrics can be used to inform clinical decisions regarding the pain and stress status of the premature infant.

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Dissertation: Epidemiological, Environmental, and Biological Risk Factors for Gastroschisis

Gastroschisis, a congenital defect of the abdominal wall, manifests as external herniation of viscera. The worldwide prevalence of gastroschisis continues to rise; and while the etiology and pathogenesis remain unknown, risk factors include young maternal age, nulliparity, low maternal body mass index, and environmental teratogens. This study examined epidemiological, environmental, and biological factors of gastroschisis by 1) determining prevalence in Southern California's Inland Empire over time, 2) assessing geospatial patterns with overlays of environmental factors, and 3) comparing potential differences in cell

migration rates from biological samples in gastroschisis versus control pregnancies. We found increased maternal age and parity over time in those carrying a baby affected by gastroschisis and a clustering of cases in the Inland Empire region. There were no significant differences in cell migration rates. Results identified changing prenatal characteristics and potential relationships with environmental hazards, which future studies will continue investigating.

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Dissertation: Investigations of Intraventricular Hemorrhage in Preterm Neonates

Improved survival of preterm newborns comes with increased morbidity and mortality risks. Intraventricular hemorrhage (IVH) is the most frequent bleeding disorder associated with prematurity, occurring within the first weeks of life. Because the etiology of IVH is not well understood, possible links with inflammatory and hemostatic responses were investigated. Urinary allantoin, an inflammation marker, was elevated 36 to 72 hours after birth in preterm newborns, who were subsequently diagnosed with IVH at 11th day of life. This suggests a strong association of IVH with inflammatory processes. Additionally, platelet-neutrophil interactions were found to be reduced in premature newborns—particularly in those with preterm premature rupture of membranes and subsequent respiratory distress—who are at increased risk for IVH. Such interactions are components of effective immune and hemostatic responses. Together, these findings suggest that IVH is likely the result of a confluence of increased physiological stressors, such as inflammation, and a reduced capacity for effective hemostatic response.

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Dissertation: Minerals and Macrophages: Testing the Silicon-Aluminum Paradigm for the Etiology of Podoconiosis

Certain earth materials, most famously silica and asbestos, are harmful to humans and can induce systemic disease. Podoconiosis is a disease affecting a large population in Ethiopia. Existing etiological models invoke a link to the composition of specific local volcanic soils. In particular, silicon and aluminum are hypothesized to induce inflammation, leading to obstructions within the lymphatic system of the legs. The researchers collected soil samples from twenty-nine towns across Ethiopia, with and without cases of podoconiosis. Geological analyses showed elevated trace element concentrations, potentially adsorbed on ultrafine clays, in podoconiosis-associated soils. Immunological analyses revealed no significant difference between soil groups but did show a different cell death mechanism for cells treated with soils compared to those treated with a silica control. Combined approaches suggest an alternative etiology of podoconiosis is necessary and also indicates that use of the silicosis model for particle-cell interactions is not universally applicable.

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Dissertation: Geomorphology of the Potholes of Rock Window Mesa

Potholes are striking and enigmatic features found on the top of Rock Window Mesa in Chinle Valley, Arizona. Two prominent questions emerge when studying potholes: how do they keep from being filled with sediment, and how did they form? This study found that wind is sufficient to remove sediment from the potholes, provided the sediment is dry. The data we collected on the potholes is consistent with their formation during the Upper Miocene/Pliocene flash flooding proposed by Elston (1991). The sediment-laden water, aided by the ubiquitous erratic pebbles and cobbles found on the mesa, may have scoured out the potholes.

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Dissertation: Conduction Plus Convection Heat Flow Modeling for the Linga Complex, Peruvian Coastal Batholith

Thermal evolution of the Linga granitic intrusion in the Ica-Pisco area of the Peruvian Coastal Batholith was modeled using data from field work, petrography, and geochemistry. Simple 1D MATLAB calculations using only conductive heat flow from a 3 km-thick dike intruded at 900°C yielded 210 kyrs until crystallization at about 600°C. However, measured $\delta^{18}O$ and δD values for eleven rock samples suggested alteration by magmatic fluids. Using 2D HYDROTHERM software to include convection of meteoric hydrothermal fluids yielded 150 kyrs for a 1233 km^2, 3 km depth-to-top, and 10^{-15} m^2 permeability pluton to cool from 900°C to 600°C in a geothermal gradient of 25°C/km. Adjusting these parameters decreased the estimated cooling time: a smaller 1232 km^2 pluton by 50%, lower 700°C intrusion temperature by 40%, higher 10^{-14} m^2 permeability by 17%, and lower 10°C/km geothermal gradient by ≤3%. Varying other parameters could significantly decrease or increase these estimated cooling times.

Physiology

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Dissertation: The Role of Glucocorticoid Signaling in Prostate Cancer Health Disparities

African American men are more likely to develop aggressive prostate cancer (PCa) and die from the disease than are men in other ethnic groups. Glucocorticoid signaling is a contributing biological factor associated with a worse PCa prognosis. The mechanism involves glucocorticoids binding to glucocorticoid receptor (GR) and activating genes that promote tumor aggressiveness and therapy resistance. This is problematic because African American men have chronically elevated levels of glucocorticoids linked to cumulative stressful life events. To explore the role of glucocorticoid signaling in PCa health disparities, this research used a variety of molecular and biochemical approaches to examine the effects of GR activation on the expression of LEDGF/p75 and clusterin—stress oncoproteins linked to tumor aggressiveness and therapy resistance—using a racially diverse panel of PCa cell lines. Results revealed a robust pattern of GR-induced upregulation of LEDGF/p75 and clusterin in the PCa cells of African American men as compared with the PCa cells of European American men. This finding is consistent with a possible role of GR signaling in PCa health disparities.

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Dissertation: Lipid Regulation as a Critical Factor in the Development of Alzheimer's Disease

For more than two decades, it has been thought that Alzheimer's disease is caused by accumulation of amyloid beta protein in the brain. Unfortunately, amyloid-reducing therapies have failed to treat the disease. Here, I present and defend an alternative hypothesis in which amyloid does not cause Alzheimer's disease but, rather, is part of the defense mechanism against a more likely cause of the condition: dysregulation of lipids, such as cholesterol. This hypothesis is supported both by current studies as well as my own work. In mice, I found that the amyloid precursor protein is necessary to regulate cholesterol under conditions of cellular stress seen in Alzheimer's disease. In humans, I developed a novel blood test to potentially quantify the disease state. Overall, my studies will help expand our understanding of neurodegeneration, provide a new means of identifying individuals at risk of developing Alzheimer's, and open a potential route for treatment.

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Dissertation: Beneficial Effects of Vitamin E and Docosahexaenoic Acid-Enriched Prophylactic Diets and the Implications of Lipid Transport in Spinal Cord Injury

Spinal cord injury (SCI) presents a devastating problem in our society. Secondary damage after SCI contributes to hindered tissue healing and recovery. Vitamin E ω3PUFAs are capable of attenuating secondary damage, which promotes functional recovery. This study investigates the impact that pretreatment with ω3PUFAs and vitamin E has in functional outcomes after SCI, and investigates if the fatty acid transporter FAT/CD36 has a role in the pathophysiology of SCI and the ω3PUFAs and vitamin E effect. We report that pretreatment with DHA injections and dietary ω3PUFAs improved locomotion, bladder recovery, and survival of neurons and oligodendrocytes; and neuropathic pain was decreased by the dietary pretreatment. Dietary vitamin E improved locomotion, H-reflex depression, accelerated bladder recovery, numbers of oligodendrocytes, and supraspinal serotonin immunoreactivity. Findings of this study support the complementary use of ω3PUFAs and vitamin E to ameliorate motor, sensory, and autonomic dysfunctions after SCI. Lastly FAT/CD36 may be a contributor to basic protection mechanisms in SCI.

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Dissertation: Gene Delivery of Adenoviral-TMBIM6 Vector Protects the Neonatal Brain after Hypoxic-Ischemic Injury

Neonatal hypoxia ischemia (HI), an injury caused to the immature brain due to reduced cerebral blood flow, is associated with life-long neurological impairments. A major pathology encountered after HI is the dysregulation of protein folding that causes endoplasmic reticulum (ER) stress and results in the activation of pro-apoptotic and pro-inflammatory pathways. Given the lack of effective treatment options for neonatal HI, the main objective of this research was to establish a novel role for Bax Inhibitor-1 (BI-1) and ER stress in the pathophysiology of HI and to help leverage this new understanding to design interventions that affect the outcome of neonatal HI patients. Using viral-mediated gene delivery of human adenoviral-TMBIM6 (Ad-TMBIM6) vector, this research showed that overexpression of BI-1 attenuated the morphological and neurological consequences post-HI via inhibition of ER stress-induced pathways. This new finding may help to provide a basis for BI-1 as a potential therapeutic target.

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Dissertation: Role of Astrocyte Network in Edema after Juvenile Traumatic Brain Injury

Juvenile traumatic brain injury (jTBI) is the leading cause of death and disability in children and adolescents. Astrocyte networks may play a key role in the edema process, a major pathological hallmark of jTBI. Aquaporin-4 (AQP4) and connexin 43 (Cx43) are proteins hypothesized to be central players in the network. This research hypothesized that AQP4 acts as one of the potential passageways of water into the astrocyte, whereas Cx43 acts as the bridge between astrocytes once inside the brain. By blocking these strategically located pathways with siRNA, we hypothesized that edema would decrease post-jTBI. The researcher observed that post-jTBI, both AQP4 and Cx43 were significantly upregulated, edema was prominent, and reactive astrogliosis occurred. When siAQP4 was administered after jTBI, there was functional improvement, decreased edema, and decreased reactive astrogliosis. When siCx43 was administered, there was functional improvement and decreased reactive astrogliosis; but the level of edema did not change.

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Dissertation: Docosahexaenoic Acid (DHA) Inhibits Cell Injury Caused by Hypoxia and Lipotoxicity

Lipotoxicity is triggered by lipid overload leading to oxidative stress (OS), cell dysfunction, and apoptosis in nonadipocyte cells, including neurons. Nerve growth factor-differentiated pheochromocytoma 12 (NGFDPC12) cells exposed to palmitic acid overload or hypoxia increase cellular OS, expression of HIF-1α and BNIP3, and apoptosis. Caspases inhibition only diverts the dying cell from apoptosis to necroptosis. Treatment with DHA protected NGFDPC12 from lipotoxicity and hypoxia, and repressed the induction of HIF-1α and BNIP3 and apoptosis. Moreover, DHA induces autophagy to protect NGFDPC12 cells against OS and necroptosis. The study supports a role of DHA to reduce the impact of cellular lipotoxicity.

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Dissertation: Effects of Angiotensin II Receptors and MicroRNA on Heart Susceptibility to Ischemia-Reperfusion Injury

Ischemic heart disease is the leading contributor to mortality and morbidity facing the American population. Globally, the prevalence of risk factors for atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease has been steadily increasing in the most populated countries of the developing world. It is projected that by 2020, cardiovascular disease will be the major cause of morbidity and mortality worldwide. In our studies, we addressed the effects of angiotensin II receptors on acute ischemic reperfusion injury. Chronic inhibition of the receptors led to increased expression on the cardiomyocytes and conferred deleterious effects similar to the chronic activation of angiotensin II receptors. In addition, microRNA collected from heart tissue and whole blood from postischemic episodes exhibited differential regulation of microRNA, indicative of heart failure. This study provided evidence of cardiovascular consequences associated with angiotensin activity, regulatory mechanisms, and microRNA as a potential novel biomarker.

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Dissertation: Developmental Changes in the Morphology of Hypoglossal Motor Neurons of Rats

Breathing pattern changes in mammals in the first postnatal weeks, with pronounced changes at 10 to 13 days postbirth (P10–P13)—implying developmental changes in chemoreflex sensitivity and central respiratory

drive. However, little is known about the morphology of brainstem neurons during early development. The objective of this study was to characterize the morphological changes in hypoglossal motoneurons (XII MNs) from P1 to P21 days in rat pups. I hypothesized that morphological changes in XII MNs parallel the sensitive period observed at postnatal days 10 to 13. Golgi-Cox staining was used to examine the dendritic arbor of developing XII MNs at nine separate postnatal ages from P1 to P21. Images were obtained for subsequent morphological measurement and neural simulations. I found that there were three distinct developmental stages at P1 to P5, P7 to P12, and P13 to P21—with P7 to P12 being a period of transition slightly preceding the sensitive period for functional changes.

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- Society for Academic Emergency Medicine: Daniel S. Udrea.
- Brent Bills "Pat on the Back" Award: Anna L. Yap.

Family Medicine (Walter Ordelheide): Carolyn F. Pearce, Jacob A. West.

Gynecology/Obstetrics (Harold Ziprick): Victoria S. Haase.

Medicine
- Daniel D. Comstock: Brandon S. Peplinski.
- Donald E. Griggs: Laura J. Oppegard.
- Harold J. Hoxie: Christelle Miot, Carolyn F. Pearce
- Varner J. Johns, Jr.: Daniel R. Bianchi, Anastasia H. Haddad.

Neurology (Guy Hunt): Jennifer P. Pauldurai.
AAN Medical Student Prize for Excellence in Neurology: Morgan J. Stephan.

Orthopaedic Surgery (Philip H. Reiswig): Andrew R. Kutzner.

Pediatrics (Robert Chinnock): Allyssa E. Dann.

Preventive Medicine
Distinguished Student in Preventive Medicine: Stephanie Looi.

Psychiatry (Benjamin Kovitz): Alice Ing, Kevin Ing.

Distinguished Student in Radiology: Raymond Krause.

Surgery (David B. Hinshaw, Sr.): Alison S. Wong.

Urology (Roger Barnes): Sidney L. Lakusta-Wong.

Physician's Oath

LOMA LINDA UNIVERSITY
SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

Before God, these things I do promise:

In the acceptance of my sacred calling—

I will dedicate myself to the furtherance of Jesus Christ's healing and teaching ministry.

I will give to my teachers the respect and gratitude which is their due. I will impart to those who follow me the knowledge and experience that I have gained.

The wholeness of my patient will be my first consideration.

Acting as a good steward of the resources of society and of the talents granted me, I will endeavor to reflect God's mercy and compassion by caring for the lonely, the poor, the suffering, and those who are dying.

I will maintain the utmost respect for human life. I will not use my medical knowledge contrary to the laws of humanity. I will respect the rights and decisions of my patients.

I will hold in confidence all secrets committed to my keeping in the practice of my calling.

I will lead my life and practice my art with purity and honor; abstaining from immorality myself, I will not lead others into moral wrongdoing.

May God's kingdom, His healing power, and His glory be experienced by those whom I serve; and may they be made known in my life, in proportion as I am faithful to this truth.

The Scientist's Oath

Before God these things I do promise:

In the acceptance of my sacred calling—

I will dedicate my life to the furtherance of Jesus Christ's healing and teaching ministry.

As a member of the community of scholars, I promise to uphold the values of this body and all that it stands for.

I will give to my teachers the respect and gratitude which is their due.

I will impart to those who follow me, the knowledge and experience that I have gained.

I will extend the boundaries of scientific knowledge with my scholarship, teaching, research and publications.

I will deal fairly and justly with my fellow scientists, and will practice scientific integrity in the handling, acquisition, and interpretation of all data.

I will never misuse my research for personal or financial gain, or for the intentional harm of my fellow human beings.

I will respect the confidences entrusted to me by my research subjects, fellow scientists, and the general public.

May I always strive so as to preserve the finest traditions of this community.

May God's kingdom, His healing power and glory be experienced by me, as I am faithful to this Oath.

Ethan D. Frank—*President's Award*

B.S. Biola University 2014
M.D. Loma Linda University SM 2018

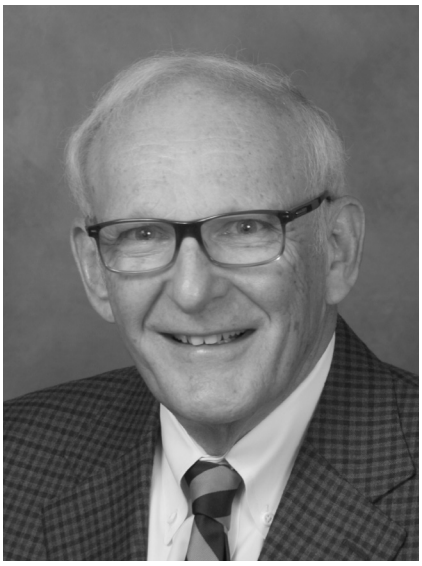
Ethan D. Frank achieved an outstanding academic record, earning honors in 15 of 16 basic science courses and in all seven third-year clerkships. He was one of five students inducted into the Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Society during his junior year—an honor that is typically reserved for senior medical students. Also outstanding were his scores on the United States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE) Step 1 and Step 2 Clinical Knowledge (CK).

Actively involved in research while in medical school, Ethan published seven peer-reviewed publications, four as first author; and authored seven poster and three oral presentations. Since 2016, he has also served as associate editor for the *Loma Linda Student Journal*. Distinguishing himself as a voting member of the Curriculum Committee of the School of Medicine (SM) for two years, Ethan earned the respect and appreciation of his peers and the faculty for his judgment, communication skills, outstanding academic performance, personal warmth, integrity, and the respect he has consistently shown to others. Hired by the Office of the Dean, for three years he has served as a tutor in anatomy and physiology and has received outstanding evaluations from his fellow students.

Ethan will continue his medical training in the otolaryngology residency program at Loma Linda University Medical Center.

For his outstanding academic achievements and his contributions to the mission of the School of Medicine, the 2018 *PRESIDENT'S AWARD* was presented to Ethan D. Frank at the School of Medicine's senior banquet on May 23, 2018.

Philip Gold—*School Distinguished Service Award*



Vice Chair and Professor, Department of Medicine, School of Medicine, Loma Linda University

B.S. Stanford University 1958
M.D. University of California, Los Angeles 1962
Residency, University of California, Los Angeles 1962-66
Cardiovascular Research Institute fellowship, University of California, San Francisco; and San Francisco General Hospital

Fellow, American College of Chest Physicians
Master, American College of Physicians

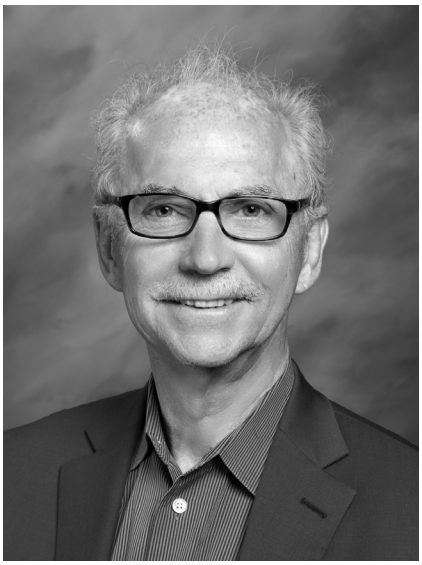
Cesario Lifetime Medical Teaching Award, American College of Physicians 2011
Lifetime Achievement Award, American Lung Association 1989
Walter E. Macpherson Society Clinical Teacher of the Year Award, Loma Linda University SM 1981

Dr. Philip Gold firmly resolved from a young age to make a difference in people's lives. After completing his medical degree, residency, and a fellowship—his expertise in pulmonary diseases led him to Hawaii, where he served in the U.S. Army Reserve Medical Corps at Tripler General Hospital on the island of Oahu. He completed three years of active duty, having attained the rank of major and having served as assistant chief and then chief of the pulmonary and infectious disease service and as chief of the women's medical section.

Hawaii's loss became the mainland's gain when Dr. Gold returned to Southern California in 1970 to serve as chief of pulmonary services at San Bernardino County Medical Center. It was not long before Loma Linda University School of Medicine (LLUSM) recognized his skill as a clinician and educator and appointed him associate professor in 1977 and then professor of medicine in 1984. His tenure at LLUSM has also included chief of the Division of Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine, medical director for the Pulmonary Disease and Critical Care Medicine Fellowship Program, chair of the Department of Medicine, and vice chair of humanities in the Department of Medicine. On the clinical side, Dr. Gold has shared his talents with Loma Linda University Medical Center and with Jerry L. Pettis Memorial VA Medical Center. As a valued member of the pulmonary and respiratory care teams, his skill and compassion have earned him the high regard and respect of his colleagues and those he served.

For his exemplary, outstanding, and compassionate service; and for his significant contributions that promote the motto of this University, "to make man whole," the School of Medicine honors Dr. Philip Gold with the *SCHOOL DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD*, which will be presented to him at the Conferring of Degrees for the school.

Siegmund Teichman—*School Distinguished Service Award*



Professor, Department of Medicine, School of Medicine, Loma Linda University

San Jose State University 1964
M.D. Loma Linda University SM 1968
Internal medicine residency, Loma Linda University 1969-70
Nephrology fellowship, Walter Reed General Hospital 1970-72

Certified, American Board of Internal Medicine
Certified diplomate, nephrology subspecialty

For more than four decades of service to Loma Linda University (LLU) and Loma Linda University Medical Center (LLUMC), Dr. Siegmund Teichman has successfully practiced in his area of specialization, nephrology, with dialysis and transplantation as his key interests.

Born in Litzmann Stadt, Germany, Dr. Teichman emigrated to the United States where—after completing a degree in medicine, a residency in internal medicine, and a fellowship in nephrology—he joined the faculty of Loma Linda University School of Medicine in 1974. Concurrent with and subsequent to his rise through the ranks from his initial appointment as assistant professor to his appointment as full professor in 2000, he served as secretary, vice president, and president of the hospital medical staff; chaired quality assurance and medical utilization reviews; and from 1992 to 2016 served as chief of the Division of Nephrology. He is currently a member of the faculty of nephrology at LLUMC.

In addition to the contributions he has made while executing his academic and administrative responsibilities, Dr. Teichman has also shared his expertise and skills through publication of significant research studies in the area of nephrology and related areas. In addition, he is an active member of international, national, regional, and local medical associations and of nephrology and transplant societies; and has served on the boards of some of these organizations.

The School of Medicine recognizes not only Dr. Siegmund Teichman's outstanding leadership and scholarship, but also his quiet humility that inspires and engenders respect. We are honored to name him recipient of the *SCHOOL DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD*. This award will be presented to him at the Conferring of Degrees for the school.

Carlos A. Casiano, Daisy D. De León, and Marino De León—*School Distinguished Service Award*

Carlos A. Casiano

Associate Director, Center for Health Disparities and Molecular Medicine, School of Medicine
Professor, Department of Basic Sciences and Department of Medicine, School of Medicine
Member, Faculty of Graduate Studies
Loma Linda University

B.S., M.S. University of Puerto Rico, San Juan 1981, 1983
Ph.D. University of California, Davis 1992
Postdoctoral fellow, The Scripps Research Institute, La Jolla 1997

Section editor, Autoimmunity Highlights *(SpringerOpen)*
Community Service Award, Loma Linda University Hispanic Alumni Association 2012
American Association of Cancer Research-Minorities in Cancer Research Award 2008

Dr. Carlos A. Casiano serves as co-investigator (CI) for the National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities (NIMHD) P20 grant that supports Loma Linda University Center for Health Disparities (LLUCHD) research, and has directed the research training and education core of this grant since 2006. During the past fifteen years, he has also served as faculty mentor, CI, and associate program director on the National Institute of Health (NIH)/National Institute of General Medical Science R25 training grant that supports the LLU-NIH Initiative for Maximizing Student Development (IMSD) Program to enhance the research training and education of graduate students from underrepresented and disadvantaged backgrounds.

Dr. Casiano's impressive résumé of professional contributions includes a strong record of relevant publications in the fields of molecular cancer research, autoimmunity, and cell death; a successful history of significant extramural research funding; effective academic leadership and mentoring; and productive collaborations with cancer biologists, clinicians, and behavioral health researchers.

Dr. Casiano's general research interest is in the regulation of cell death and survival in human disease, particularly cancer and systemic autoimmunity. For more than two decades, his work has focused on investigating biological and clinical aspects of tumor-associated autoantigens (TAAs) in prostate cancer. Current research in his laboratory focuses on the characterization of stress and survival pathways induced by the "augmented state of cellular oxidative stress" (ASCOS) in prostate cancer. Prostate cancer presents the greatest racial disparity of any cancer in the U.S., with an alarmingly high incidence and mortality in African American men. It is Dr. Casiano's hope that his research will contribute to the national goal of eliminating or reducing this disparity.

Committed to increasing the number of underrepresented students and faculty in the biomedical and clinical sciences, and to providing high-quality education that prepares physicians and biomedical

Daisy D. De León

Director, Research Core for the EXPORT Project, Center for Health Disparities and Molecular Medicine
Assistant to the Dean for Diversity; Professor, Department of Basic Sciences
School of Medicine, Loma Linda University

B.S., M.S. University of Puerto Rico, San Juan 1977, 1980
Ph.D. University of California, Davis 1987
Postdoctoral fellow, Stanford University School of Medicine 1990
Senior fellow, NIH-NCI Metabolism Branch 1993
National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK) medal for service to National Minority Research Investigators (NMRI) 2017
Distinguished S.D.A. Hispanic Woman Award 2013
Loma Linda University Diversity Leadership Award 2006
Loma Linda University Hispanic Alumni Award for Contributions Leading to Hispanic Empowerment 2003
Outstanding Young Women of America 1997
Outstanding Leadership of Minority Students Award 1996, 1999
S.D.A. Year of the Woman Hispanic Award 1995
Pfizer Award 1994

scientists to more effectively serve in an increasingly diverse world—Dr. Daisy D. De León has participated since her own graduate student days in recruitment efforts, activities and program development, and mentoring and training programs that forward these goals. Her roles in the establishment of the Office for Minority Student Development and the Center for Health Disparities and Molecular Medicine at Loma Linda University have opened doors of opportunity for underrepresented students at levels of education from junior high school through professional and graduate training programs.

Dr. Daisy De León's extensive professional contributions include numerous peer-reviewed publications and service as grant-review panelist for national research councils, science foundations, and health institutes. She is a member of the Endocrine Society, the American Society for Cell Biology, the American Society for Cancer Research, and the IGF International Society. She served as member and later led as chair of the Minority Affairs Committee for the Endocrine Society. In this role, she was CI for the NIGMS grant entitled "Endocrine Short courses," a program that partners with historically black colleges and Hispanic-serving institutions to develop endocrinologists, scientists, and clinicians from underrepresented groups. In 2004, Dr. Daisy De León was elected council member for the Endocrine Society.

Current research in Dr. Daisy De León's laboratory is investigating the mechanisms that link insulin-like growth factor (IGF)-2, diabetes, and the breast cancer survival disparity observed between African American women and other ethnic groups. It also seeks to identify the signaling pathways and the cellular and molecular mechanisms associated with the ability of IGF-2 to promote breast cancer development and metastasis without the requirement of estrogen in the NUDE/SCID mouse models; as well as to determine how dietary supplements and anti-inflammatory drugs regulate IGF-2 to prevent cancer.

In 1993, Dr. Marino De León joined the faculty of Loma Linda University's School of Medicine, where he currently serves as director of the Center for Health Disparities and Molecular Medicine (CHDMM). He has contributed significantly to the development of successful student training programs that have increased diversity at Loma Linda University by training hundreds of

Marino De León

Director, Center for Health Disparities and Molecular Medicine; Professor, Department of Basic Sciences
School of Medicine, Loma Linda University

B.S., M.S. University of Puerto Rico, San Juan 1978, 1980
Ph.D. University of California, Davis 1987
Postdoctoral fellow, Stanford University School of Medicine 1990
Staff fellow, National Institutes of Health 1990-93

Loma Linda University Centennial Vanguard Award
Loma Linda University Leadership Award for Outstanding Leadership of Minority Students and the Principle of Diversity 2007
Loma Linda University Hispanic Alumni Association Award 2003
The Walter E. Macpherson Society Outstanding Faculty Researcher of the Year 2001
Loma Linda Little League Leadership Award 1999
Loma Linda University Diversity Service Award 1998

underrepresented minority and disadvantaged students in the STEM—science, technology, engineering, and mathematics—and biomedical fields.

As a neuroscientist, Dr. Marino De León studies molecular and cellular pathways important in neuroprotection, nerve regeneration, and neuropathy pain. His publications have made contributions pertinent to the role of peripheral myeline protein 22 (PMP-22), fatty acid-binding proteins, and omega 3 fatty acids in these important cellular processes.

Dr. Marino De Léon's extensively cited research has been extramurally funded primarily by National Institutes of Health—Child Health and Human Development, General Medical Sciences, and Minority Health and Health Disparities; the National Science Foundation; and the Montgomery Street Foundation. Loma Linda University School of Medicine has also funded his investigations. Dr. Marino De León has chaired or served as member of numerous national scientific federal and academic review panels and boards and has been the recipient of numerous awards for his contributions and service.

Key areas of interest for Dr. Marino De León's research are restorative neuroscience and health equity/disparities.

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Researchers in the Center for Health Disparities and Molecular Medicine in the School of Medicine at Loma Linda University are engaged in innovative research that is critical to identifiying and understanding the contributors to health disparities. These contributors may include biological, environmental, socioeconomic, or cultural factors. In recognition of the significant contributions made by Dr. Carlos A. Casiano, Dr. Daisy D. De León, and Dr. Marino De León to reducing currently disproportionate illness and disease rates that lead to health disparities, as well as their promotion of the engagement, empowerment, and recruitment of underrepresented populations in the health professions, the School of Medicine is pleased to present to them the *SCHOOL DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD*. This award will be presented to Dr. Carlos A. Casiano, Dr. Daisy D. De León, and Dr. Marino De Léon at the Conferring of Degrees for the School of Medicine.

Nephtali R. Gomez—*Speaker*

Director, Predoctoral Education for Surgery
Associate Program Director, Transitional Year Residency
Assistant Professor, Department of Surgery
School of Medicine, Loma Linda University

B.S. Loma Linda University AH 2000
M.D. Loma Linda University SM 2004
Fellowship, Johns Hopkins University

Loma Linda University residents' Golden Scalpel Award 2013
Teacher of the Year, Loma Linda University School of Medicine 2012-13
Whole Person Care Award 2011
Teaching Resident of the Year, Department of Surgery, Loma Linda University Medical Center 2009
Junior Resident of the Year, Loma Linda University Surgery Residency (vascular surgery) 2006
Alpha Omega Alpha 2004
Hispanic Alumnus of Loma Linda University Award/Scholarship 2003

Born in San Bernardino, California, Dr. Nephtali R. Gomez's workplace—Loma Linda University—is geographically close to his roots. When he was five years old, his family moved to Mexico where they lived on a farm with his grandparents, aunts, and uncles. Farm life was a happy and busy experience that included feeding animals, gathering eggs, and milking cows. After five blissful years, his family moved back to the United States—this time to San Diego, California.

Dr. Gomez's career in health care began at Loma Linda University when he enrolled in the respiratory therapy program. He was employed in his discipline for several years before returning to the classroom to complete his undergraduate education and pursue the study of medicine, his true passion.

Four years of medical school were followed by a general surgery residency. He subsequently relocated to Boston, Massachusetts, with his family—wife, Maty, and their two children, Gabriel and Elena—to continue on his career path at Johns Hopkins University Hospital.

In 2010, Dr. Gomez joined the Loma Linda University Department of Surgery, Division of Surgical Oncology. His appointment in 2014 as director of the surgery clerkship has brought him into contact with bright, young physicians-in-training whom he considers to be more like colleagues than students.

In addition to classroom instruction, Dr. Gomez shares his expertise through research publications and presentations and through membership in professional organizations, such as the American College of Surgeons. He is also an active member on several advisory committees that formulate policies and procedures to ensure quality performance for medical residents and for physicians.

The School of Medicine is honored and pleased to have Dr. Nephtali R. Gomez deliver his address during the Conferring of Degrees for the school.

School of Pharmacy

May twenty-seven, one-thirty o'clock, University Mall

PRELUDE

Loma Linda Academy Wind Symphony
Dr. John Carter, conductor

Abide with Me . . . *William H. Monk* (arr. Jay Dawson)

ACADEMIC PROCESSION

The audience is requested to clear the aisles and remain seated.

Ronald L. Carter, University Grand Marshal, leading
Marilyn B. Eggers, Christian W. Johnston, Arthur B. Marshak, Zane Yi, Associate Marshals, assisting

The President's Party, Members of the University Board of Trustees, LLUH Administrators

Faculty

Sine Nomine . . . *Ralph Vaughan Williams* (arr. Bruce H. Houseknecht)

Candidates for Degrees

Pomp and Circumstance . . . *Sir Edward Elgar* (arr. Clare Grundman)

INVOCATION

Olayemi Adeoye
Assistant Professor, Department of Pharmaceutical and Administrative Sciences

WELCOME

Richard H. Hart
President of the University

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

Noreen Chan Tompkins, Dean of the School
The President
Ronald L. Carter, Provost of the University

RECOGNITION OF RESIDENTS AND FELLOWS	Norm Hamada Director, Clinical Pharmacy Services, Loma Linda University Medical Center
INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER	The Dean
ADDRESS	Joseph L. Kuti Associate Director, Clinical and Economic Studies Center for Anti-Infective Research and Development Hartford Hospital FINDING YOUR BALANCE
CONFERRING OF DEGREES	The President
AWARDING OF DIPLOMAS	The Dean
OATH OF A PHARMACIST	Huyentran Tran Assistant Professor, Department of Pharmacy Practice
BENEDICTION	Kathryn Knecht Associate Professor, Department of Pharmaceutical and Administrative Sciences
ACADEMIC RECESSION	Molly on the Shore . . . *Percy Grainger* The audience is requested to clear the aisles and remain seated during the recession. Commencement ceremonies will be available for viewing and downloading from the Commencement website: llu.edu/commencement To minimize distracting others during the ceremony, guests are requested to observe the following picture-taking courtesies: *Please do not*— • use a flash or additional lighting; • walk in the main aisles or in front of the platform; • stand except very briefly in the audience line of vision.

Candidates for Degrees

The listing of a candidate's name in the commencement program is presumptive evidence of graduation but is not to be regarded as conclusive.

The three-letter designation following a student's name (MAR, SEP, DEC) indicates the month in which the student completed his or her program, if other than May/June.

SCHOOL OF PHARMACY

Doctor of Pharmacy

Sali Al-Sharrak
B.S. University of California, San Diego 2014

Aaron Min Jae Ann
B.A. Whittier College 2014

Anna Camille Arocho
B.S. Southwestern Adventist University 2014

Sherri Metias Assad
B.S. University of California, Irvine 2014

Bretiel Betshmuel
B.A. California State University, Northridge 2013

Mena Maher Boules
B.S. California State University, Monterey Bay 2012

Natalie Gray Bouz
B.A. Southern Adventist University 2014

Thu Bui
B.S. University of California, Irvine 2011

Geraldine Rose Cadalin
B.A. University of Hawaii, Manoa 2011
B.S. University of Hawaii, Manoa 2011

James Robin Calma
B.S. University of California, Riverside 2013

Janet Ordonez Cantada
B.S. San Diego State University 2013

Robert Dwayne Chiles
B.S. Oakwood University 2014

Beth Nicole Curcin
B.S. La Sierra University 2014

Shawnee Nia Daniel
B.S. Oakwood University 2014

Monica Cuasay De Jesus
B.S. University of California, San Diego 2012

James Robert Dexter
B.S. La Sierra University 2010

Annie Nguyen Dinh
B.S. University of California, Irvine 2010

Vahan Gregor Dinkchian
B.S. University of California, Riverside 2013

Trang T. T. Doan
B.S. University of California, Davis 2013

David John Downham
B.A. Sonoma State University 2014

Eric Michael Drab
B.S. Southern Adventist University 2013

Hyibird Eleasiyan
B.A. California State University, Northridge 2010

Melissa Anne Farin
B.S. University of California, Irvine 2013

Ryan James Faulconer
B.S. California State University, Northridge 2013

Narine Nancy Gavoutian
B.S. University of California, Irvine 2012

Regina Hany Gergis
B.S. University of California, Riverside 2011

Stephanie Louise Hamilton
B.S. Burman University 2014

Stella Eka Putri Harefa
B.S. La Sierra University 2014

Jungah Hong
B.S. University of California, Los Angeles 2010

Kimngoc Huynh
B.S. University of California, San Diego 2014

Maro Iskenderian
B.S. University of California, Irvine 2013

Alexis Lei Agacer Jaravata
B.S. University of California, San Diego 2013
M.S. Loma Linda University AH 2017

Lisa Johnson
B.S. University of California, Irvine 2014

Sharon Gee Hae Jung
B.S. University of California, Irvine 2013

Tanya Rita Kalandjian
B.S. University of California, Santa Barbara 2013

Isaac S. Kim
B.S. Pacific Union College 2013

Jessica Hira Kim
B.S. University of California, Riverside 2013

So Hyun Kim
B.S. University of California, San Diego 2010

Stephen Kim
B.S. University of California, Irvine 2012

Jason Brian Kiroyan
B.S. University of California, San Diego 2011

Mihyun Michelle Kong
B.S. University of California, San Diego 2011

Julie Le La
B.S. University of California, Irvine 2012

Eshban Kyung Hyun Lee
B.A. Pacific Union College 2014

Jason Chang Lee
B.A. Pacific Union College 2009

Jonathan Lee
B.S. Andrews University 2014

Austin Man Tsun Li
B.A. Whittier College 2013

Christine Sarah Lucaciu
B.S. University of Illinois at Chicago 2013

Linda Lumintaintang
B.S. Pacific Union College 2014

Syndy Rielle Pasco Malit
B.S. California State University, San Bernardino 2014
M.A. Loma Linda University SR 2017

Paul Salib Mansour
B.S. University of California, Irvine 2014
M.A. Loma Linda University SR 2017

Nicolas Kyung Joon Min
B.S. Pacific Union College 2013

Florin Gabriel Moldovan
B.S. University of California, Riverside 2013

Marian Nageeb
B.A. University of California, Irvine 2011

Hongnhi Hoang Nguyen
B.S. University of California, Irvine 2013

Jennifer Oh
B.S. University of California, Los Angeles 2013

Ada Laura Ortega
B.S. Grand Canyon University 2014

Christine Dominique Padillo
B.S. California State University, Long Beach 2013

Ellen S. J. Pak
B.S. La Sierra University 2013

Bo Ye Park
B.A. Arizona State University West 2013

Pearl Jinhee Park
B.S. University of California, Irvine 2012

Nevart Rosette Piloyan
B.S. University of California, San Diego 2012

Sean Samsami
B.S. University of California, Santa Barbara 2013

Briseyda Sequeira
B.S. University of Phoenix, Phoenix Campus 2011

Nilomi Nilesh Shah
B.A. University of California, Berkeley 2013

Jenny Jeongwon Shin
B.S. University of California, Irvine 2012

Damien Leon Snider
B.A. California State University, Fresno 2010

Assad Solati
B.A. California State University, Northridge 2010

Seung Ho Song
B.S. University of California, Davis 2014

Joseph Angelo Lim Tiongson
B.S. Biola University 2008
M.A. Loma Linda University SR 2017

Vanessa Ellen Tran
B.S. University of California, Irvine 2012
M.S. Loma Linda University AH 2017

Vivi Thao Tran
B.S. University of California, San Diego 2013

Leanna Dimzon Tuscano
B.S. California State University, San Marcos 2013

Miriam Ogugua Uchendu
B.S. California State University, East Bay 2013

Katie Trang Minh Vu
B.S. University of California, Riverside 2014

Adrian Ryan Wasylyshen
B.S. Southern Adventist University 2011

Alison Danielle Webster
B.S. University of California, Los Angeles 2013
M.S. Loma Linda University AH 2017

Joshua Lik Jun Wu
B.S. University of California, Irvine 2014

Jaeeun Yoon
B.S. California State Polytechnic University, Pomona 2012

Jungkyu Justin Yoon
B.S. University of California, Los Angeles 2013

Sahar Zafarmehr
B.A. California State University, Northridge 2014

Awards

President's Award: Shawnee N. Daniel.

Distinguished Service Award: Willie L. Davis.

Junior Faculty Award: Lisa Hong.

School Alumnus of the Year: Scott D. Glenny.

Wil Alexander Whole Person Care: Stephanie Hamilton, Joseph Tiongson.

Mission Excellence Award: Robert Chiles.

Dean's Award: Eric Drab.

Pharmacy Resident Acknowledgments: Monica Awad, Noel Chan, Melissa Gage, Leilani Isozaki, Jennifer Kang, Jane Lee, Susan Lee, Christopher Lin, Jane Litwak, Sheng Ma, Bert Matsuo, Elhaam Mesghali, Kiwon Park, Jessel Villegas.

Pharmacy Fellow Acknowledgments: Emily Limberg, Howard Siu.

The Pharmacist's Oath

Today, May 27, 2018, I stand on the campus of Loma Linda University before you and in the presence of God. 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 concern.

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

I will respect and protect all personal and health information entrusted to me.

I will accept the lifelong obligation to improve my professional knowledge and competence.

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 and by God.

Shawnee N. Daniel—*President's Award*

B.S. Oakwood University 2014
Pharm.D. Loma Linda University SP 2018

Charles E. Weniger Fellowship Scholarship and Phi Lambda Sigma Leadership Award, Loma Linda University 2017
Consistent honor student, School of Pharmacy, Loma Linda University

Because of her love for people and for science, Shawnee Daniel was drawn to the field of pharmacy. As an undergraduate student at Oakwood University, she served as president of the student pharmacy club.

At Loma Linda University School of Pharmacy (LLUSP), her passion for pharmacy and for helping others became more evident. Throughout the Pharm.D. program, Shawnee demonstrated exemplary spirituality, academics, civil service, and leadership. While maintaining an exceptional G.P.A., she also participated in class Bible studies and exhibited an eagerness to serve others, just as Jesus instructed His followers to do. For three consecutive summers, she volunteered at Camp Conrad Chinnock, where children with type 1 diabetes are provided a positive camping experience. On mission trips to Sierra Leone and the Dominican Republic, she ministered to and assisted the impoverished people of those countries.

An outstanding leader, Shawnee chaired LLUSP's contribution to the Script Your Future Campaign for two years; presided over the leadership society Phi Lambda Sigma; and served as student pharmacy manager at the Riverside Free Health Clinic, where she established multidisciplinary collaboration between the pharmacy and the medical and nursing departments. She also served as secretary of the University's Black Health Professional Student Association, treasurer of Rho Chi honor society, interprofessional liaison for Christian Pharmacist Fellowship International; and wrote as a student blogger for LLUSP's website.

For her scholastic achievement, participation in her student community, and commitment to the mission of this University—"to continue the teaching and healing ministry of Jesus Christ"— Shawnee N. Daniel is named recipient of the 2018 *PRESIDENT'S AWARD* for the School of Pharmacy. This award was presented to her at the School of Pharmacy's honors and awards ceremony on May 23, 2018.

Willie L. Davis—*School Distinguished Service Award*

Director of Academic Support, School of Pharmacy
Associate Professor, Department of Pharmaceutical and Administrative Sciences, School of Pharmacy; and of Basic Sciences, School of Medicine
Loma Linda University

B.S. Georgia State University 1988
Ph.D. Meharry Medical College 2004
Postdoctoral fellow, National Cancer Institute

Kinzer-Rice Award for Excellence in University Teaching 2012
Teacher of the Year Award, Loma Linda University School of Pharmacy 2008

Since joining Loma Linda University School of Pharmacy in 2004 as assistant professor, Dr. Willie L. Davis has taught physiology, biochemistry, and multiple electives—contributing to the academic growth of the school almost since its inception. Promoted to associate professor in 2009, he was appointed chair of the Department of Pharmaceutical and Administrative Sciences in 2012. His special interests are biochemistry, pathology, and gene regulation.

In addition to teaching, Dr. Davis has engaged with students and faculty on research initiatives—focusing on pharmacogenomics of obesity, cerebrovascular disease, and triple-negative breast cancer. He has also contributed to the profession of pharmacy through numerous publications and is actively involved as a member on various committees across campus.

As director of academic support, Dr. Davis employs predictive modeling to identify academically at-risk students. He also incorporates the use of technology for student success. If asked to define what he does, he readily responds that his job is to reach out to students, get to know them, and help them succeed in their academic pursuits.

An esteemed professor, Dr. Davis touches others with his internal joy, positive attitude, and humor.

In recognition of his many years of exemplary service that have provided opportunities for optimum learning and student growth, and for his contributions towards maintaining quality education, the School of Pharmacy honors Dr. Willie L. Davis with the *SCHOOL DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD*. This award will be presented to him at the Conferring of Degrees for the school.

Scott D. Glenny—*School Alumnus of the Year*

Pharmacy supervisor, Loma Linda University Children's Hospital

B.S. University of California, Los Angeles 2002
M.Ed. University of California, Riverside 2004
Pharm.D. Loma Linda University SP 2011

Golden Brick Award, Loma Linda University School of Pharmacy 2017
Member, Phi Lambda Sigma
Member, Rho Chi Society

As a student leader, Dr. Scott D. Glenny served as class president and as Loma Linda University Health general student senator. While pursuing his pharmacy education, he and his wife initiated a unique and fun event called the "Brick Awards." The Brick Awards program provides an opportunity for students to nominate and honor each other, faculty, and staff with an actual brick turned into an award. The School of Pharmacy has continued this creative event in honor of the Glenny family. In 2017, Dr. and Mrs. Glenny were presented with the "Golden Brick Award" at the 10th Annual Brick Award Ceremony.

Dr. Glenny shares his passion for the community by generously working at the Riverside Free Clinic as director of pharmacy and as a board member. He embraces Loma Linda University School of Pharmacy students, opening doors of opportunity for them to serve the community. He also serves as an Advisory Committee member for the San Bernardino Valley College Pharmacy Tech Program.

Dr. Glenny and his wife, Tara, have three children—James, Andrew, and Kathryn. He enjoys spending time with family and friends.

In recognition of his exemplary service to others and his commitment to improving patient care, Dr. Scott D. Glenny is named *SCHOOL ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR*. This title will be conferred on him at the Conferring of Degrees for the School of Pharmacy.

Lisa Hong—*Junior Faculty Award*

Assistant Professor, Department of Pharmacy Practice, School of Pharmacy, Loma Linda University

Pharm.D. University of Colorado Skaggs, School of Pharmacy 2013
PGYI pharmacy residency, University of Colorado Hospital 2014
PGY2 pharmacy residency, University of Utah Hospital and Clinic 2015
Board certified pharmacotherapy specialist (BCPS)

Since joining the faculty of Loma Linda University School of Pharmacy (LLUSP) in July 2015, Dr. Lisa Hong has devoted herself not only to the development of interprofessional service and learning opportunities at LLU, but also to the personal and professional growth of her trainees.

During her first year at LLUSP, Dr. Hong served and trained students on an international, interprofessional medical mission trip to Belize. Since then, she has precepted students on two medical mission trips to Sierra Leone—focusing on education of hospital staff to improve long-term patient care. Locally, Dr. Hong has encouraged students to join her in volunteering at local free clinics, including Pathways to Health and AMEN Clinic; and has promoted interprofessional collaboration and clinical pharmacy involvement at Street Medicine Clinic twice monthly for almost two years. She also serves on the Interprofessional Education Committee, coordinates a learning experience that includes more than ten different professions across campus, and continues to work on the formation of additional alliances with other schools on campus in order to incorporate more interprofessional activities into the LLUSP curriculum.

Dr. Hong exemplifies dedication to providing high-quality training for her students and residents. In addition to her preceptorship and daily commitment to patient care in an acute internal medicine service, she also delivers several lectures and coordinates two courses—including a capstone course focused on patient cases, clinical application, and literature evaluation.

A scholar and researcher, Dr. Hong has engaged in numerous research or quality-improvement projects that have culminated in national poster presentations or publications—many of which include student participation. Most recently, she established the American College of Clinical Pharmacy student chapter to promote clinical pharmacy and provide additional resources for career and professional development.

In recognition of her significant impact on global service and the local community, and for her outstanding contribution to the academic pursuits of Loma Linda University, the School of Pharmacy is honored to name Dr. Lisa Hong recipient of the *JUNIOR FACULTY AWARD*. This award will be presented to her at the Conferring of Degrees for the school.

Joseph L. Kuti—*Speaker*

Associate Director, Clinical and Economic Studies
Center for Anti-Infective Research and Development, Hartford (Connecticut) Hospital

Pharm.D., B.S. Rutgers University 2000
Postdoctoral fellow, Hartford Hospital
Licensed pharmacist, New Jersey and Connecticut

Fellow, Society of Infectious Diseases Pharmacists (SIDP) 2017
SIDP/BioMérieux Diagnostic Stewardship Research Award 2016
Best Poster Award, Annual Connecticut Infectious Diseases Society (CIDS) Conference 2011, 2012

A recognized scholar and prolific researcher and research consultant, Dr. Joseph L. Kuti has published more than 200 peer-reviewed papers and has presented cutting-edge studies in numerous prestigious forums and scientific meetings—including presenting on national and international circuits. In his role at the Center for Anti-Infective Research and Development, Hartford Hospital, he has trained more than thirty postdoctoral fellows in the area of antibiotic management and pharmacoeconomics.

Dr. Kuti's therapeutic, research, and antibiotic stewardship interests and experience include bacterial infections and the pharmacology of antibiotic therapy; pharmacodynamics, pharmacokinetics, pharmacoeconomics, and outcomes of antimicrobial therapy; and implementation of hospital-wide dosing strategies or antibiotic programs and evaluation of outcomes on patient care.

Dr. Kuti contributes knowledge and expertise through active professional memberships and affiliations in a number of national and international organizations, associations, and societies: American College of Clinical Pharmacy, American Society of Health System Pharmacists, American Society for Microbiology, Clinical Laboratory Standards Institute, Infectious Disease Society of America, International Society of Anti-Infective Pharmacology, Society of Infectious Diseases Pharmacists (SIDP), and Society of Industry Leaders. During his term as president at SIDP, the society grew in the areas of membership; financial investments; outreach; and income and fundraising, which increased to more than $1 million. In addition, SIDP was invited to be a founding member of the U.S. Stakeholder Forum on Antimicrobial Resistance, which allows the society a place at the table on numerous issues affecting antimicrobial development, resistance, and stewardship.

As adjunct assistant professor, Dr. Kuti has served in the schools of pharmacy at Quinnipiac University, University of Rhode Island, and University of Connecticut. He has also guest lectured for the Working Professional Doctor of Pharmacy Program at the University of Florida. His expertise has been enlisted as reviewer for more than ten scientific journals, including serving on the Editorial Board for *Antimicrobial Agents and Chemotherapy* and for *Antibiotics for Clinicians*.

Dr. Joseph L. Kuti will deliver his address at the Conferring of Degrees for the School of Pharmacy.

School of Dentistry

May twenty-seven, five o'clock, University Mall

PRELUDE

Loma Linda Academy Wind Symphony
Dr. John Carter, conductor

Abide with Me . . . *William H. Monk* (arr. Jay Dawson)

ACADEMIC PROCESSION

The audience is requested to clear the aisles and remain seated.

Ronald L. Carter, University Grand Marshal, leading
Zina A. Johnston, Robert D. Walter, Shelly A. Withers, John B. Won, Associate Marshals, assisting

The President's Party, Members of the University Board of Trustees, LLUH Administrators

Faculty

Sine Nomine . . . *Ralph Vaughan Williams* (arr. Bruce H. Houseknecht)

Candidates for Degrees

Pomp and Circumstance, March No. 4 . . . *Sir Edward Elgar* (arr. Clare Grundman)

INVOCATION

Colleen A. Whitt
Associate Professor, Dental Hygiene

WELCOME

Richard H. Hart
President of the University

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

Robert A. Handysides, Dean
Yiming Li, Associate Dean for Research
Mark E. Estey, Assistant Dean for Academic Affairs
Ronald L. Carter, Provost of the University

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER	The Dean
ADDRESS	Kent A. Hansen General Counsel, Loma Linda University Health BECOMING A BELOVED PROFESSIONAL
RESPONSE FOR GRADUATES	Alexis Lemmon President of the Class of Graduating Dental Hygienists Austin Owen President of the Class of Graduating Dentists
CONFERRING OF DEGREES	The President
AWARDING OF DIPLOMAS	The Dean Assistant Dean for Academic Affairs Kris Wilkins, Chair, Department of Dental Hygiene D. Graham Stacey, Associate Dean, Admissions and Student Affairs Steven G. Morrow, Associate Dean, Advanced Education
PLEDGE TO DENTISTRY	Michael J. Fitzpatrick Professor, Division of General Dentistry
BENEDICTION	Lancelot McLean Associate Professor, Department of Dental Education Services
ACADEMIC RECESSION	Molly on the Shore . . . *Percy Grainger* The audience is requested to clear the aisles and remain seated during the recession. Commencement ceremonies will be available for viewing and downloading from the Commencement website: llu.edu/commencement

To minimize distracting others during the ceremony, guests are requested to observe the following picture-taking courtesies: *Please do not*—

- use a flash or additional lighting;
- walk in the main aisles or in front of the platform;
- stand except very briefly in the audience line of vision.

The Alumni Association is sponsoring a reception on the lower campus mall for all graduates and families immediately following the program.

Candidates for Degrees

The listing of a candidate's name in the commencement program is presumptive evidence of graduation but is not to be regarded as conclusive.

The three-letter designation following a student's name (MAR, SEP, DEC) indicates the month in which the student completed his or her program, if other than May/June.

SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY

Bachelor of Science

Dental Hygiene

Aileen Anne Alegre

Rachelle Melisa Andra

Katrina Lynn Awad

Taylor Louise Bray, cum laude

Taylor Danielle Ewert, cum laude

Veronica Irene Gallardo

Taylor Lee Gustavsson, cum laude

Hailey S. Hofmann, summa cum laude

Megan Nicole Hormann, MAR

Ashton Louise Izydorek, cum laude

Cynthia Jamal Kakish

Neda Kakvand, cum laude

Alexis Marie Lemmon, summa cum laude

Teresita Alejandra Lopez

Guada L. Lund, cum laude

Nicole Ryan Mack, summa cum laude

Sarah Marie Masacek, cum laude

Brett Scott McKean

Brianna Esther Melgar, summa cum laude

Alaine H. Miller

Alaa Moussaoui

Mitra Nikpour

Brenda Pena, MAR

Lorena Perez

Regina Grace Simon Pugrad

Susana Rico, MAR

Mohammed Shaikh

Stacy S. Sidabutar

Vanessa R. Silver, cum laude

Bonnie Kaylee Smith, cum laude

Christie N. Stephens, cum laude

Hyun Sung

Deanna R. Sweiss, cum laude

Lovelyjoy Padilla Tan

Emma Yadira Tello

Emily Elizabeth Thornton

Cynthia Uribe

Alyssa Lauren Wasylucha

Lauren Caressa White, cum laude

Sierra Christine Wille, cum laude

Doctor of Dental Surgery

Dentistry

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Dentistry/International Dentist Program

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Awards

DENTISTRY

Academy of Dentistry International Student Servant Leadership Award: Kyle Leis.

Academy of General Dentistry: Steven Debulgado, Milton Vega.

Academy of Operative Dentistry: Minna Chun.

Academy of Osseointegration: Carlisle Salcedo.

ADAF Colgate Student Research Recognition (D3): Christina Chi.

Alpha Omega Certificate of Academic Achievement: Paul Jung.

Alumni Association Award: Trina Chung.

American Academy of Gold Foil Operators: Safina Waljee.

American Academy of Implant Dentistry: Kylin Chen.

American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology: Paul Jung.

American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology: Rene DeWenter.

American Academy of Oral Medicine: Adrien Charles-Marcel.

American Academy of Orofacial Pain: Lynda Lee.

American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry: Ross Emerick.

American Academy of Periodontology: Safina Waljee.

American Association of Endodontists: Minna Chun.

American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons: Jeffrey Anderson.

American Association of Orthodontists: Lynda Lee.

American College of Dentists, Southern California Section: Morgan Steely.

American College of Prosthodontists: Kylin Chen.

American Dental Association Foundation Scholarship (D2): Kathleen Aguilar, Minna Chun.

American Dental Society of Anesthesiology: Michael Weis.

American Student Dental Association: Douglas Gammenthaler.

Boyko Award for Christ-like Service: Elaine Bersaba.

California Dental Association Senior Award: Vidit Mehta.

CDA Foundation Research Table Clinic Scholarships (D3):
First—Christina Chi, Minna Chun, Arfasso Gullo, Emily Hwang, Darlene Teddy.
Second—Brian Choi, Grace Chung, Jamie Kim, Lynda Lee, Reza Parhizkar, Anthony Pham, Rodrigo Robles.
Third—Abhishek Batra, Trina Chung.
Honorary Mention: Tricia Aprecio, Allison Lee.

CDA Public Affairs Program (D2): Kyle Leis.

Clinic Awards: DDS—Kylin Chen, Brian Choi, Kevin Chung, Steven Debulgado, Abigail Duong, Paul Jung, Morgan Steely, Michael Weis. IDP—Sam Jameel, Meena Mahmoud.

Delta Dental Student Leadership Award: Kyle Leis.

Dental Trade Alliance Foundation Scholarship (D3): Kathleen Aguilar.

Fixed Prosthodontics Award: Katimarie Ralston.

ICOI/Dentsply Pre-doctoral Student Achievement Award: Paul Jung.

International College of Dentists Student Leadership: Alison Perez.

International College of Dentists Student Humanitarian: Kathleen Aguilar.

LLU Center for Dental Research Basic Science Award (D2): Jamie Kim.

LLU International Dentist Program Fixed Prosthodontics Award: Michele Ferreira de Souza.

LLU International Dentist Program Professionalism Award: Ody Zoma.

LLU International Dentist Program Removable Prosthodontics Award: Jina Mariano Martinez.

National Association of Seventh-day Adventist Dentists: Elaine Bersaba, Austin Owen.

Oesterling-Wical Removable Prosthodontics Award: Elliott Kim.

Omicron Kappa Upsilon: Meena Adami (IDP), Minna Chun, Rene DeWenter, Ross Emerick, Sam Jameel (IDP), Paul Jung, Jamie Kim, Allison Lee, Lidya Lee, Alison Perez, Katimarie Ralston, Safina Waljee, Michael Weis.

Omicron Kappa Upsilon, William S. Kramer Award for Excellence (D3): Paul Jung.

Oral and Facial Surgeons of California Award: Alyssa DeWenter.

Pierre Fauchard Academy: Ross Emerick.

Pierre Fauchard Foundation Scholarship (D3): Austin Owen.

President's Award: Alison Perez.

Prince Award: Austin Owen.

SCADA Dentsply Student Clinician (D3): Jeffery Anderson.

Service Learning Award: Kathleen Aguilar, Lynda Lee, Christopher Lopes, Ashlee Sumilat.

Southern California Academy of Oral Pathology: Katimarie Ralston.

Southern California Society of Dentistry for Children: Austin Owen.

Terry Tanaka Student Humanitarian Award (D3): Lyle Leis.

Western Society of Periodontology: John Hegazin.

Wil Alexander Award: Steven Debulgado.

Wilfred A. Nation Award: Milton Vega.

DENTAL HYGIENE

American Association of Public Health Dentistry: Lauren White.

Bates Award: Emily Thornton.

CDHA California Dental Hygienist's Association: Mitra Nikpour.

Clinician's Award: Hailey Hofmann.

Colgate STAR Award: Deanna Sweiss.

Dean's Award: Alexis Lemmon.

Joni Stephens' Preventive Dentistry Award for Research: Rachelle Andra, Teresita Lopez, Brett McKean, Mohammed Shaikh, Hyun Sung.

Klooster Humanitarian Award: Emma Tello.

Middleton Award: Brianna Melgar.

Mitchell Award: Alexis Lemmon.

NASDAD: Sarah Masacek, Deanna Sweiss.

Service Learning Award: Taylor Bray, Bonnie Smith.

Sigma Phi Alpha Award: Ashton Izydorek, Nicole Mack, Brianna Melgar, Guada Lund.

Tri-County Dental Hygienist's Society Award: Mitra Nikpour.

Western Society of Periodontology Award: Lorena Perez.

The Dental Pledge

Before God and all present,
these things I do declare:

I will live my life in the service of humanity.

I will promote and practice the charity I owe humankind and endeavor to reflect God's mercy and compassion in the practice of dentistry.

I will uphold and promote the honor and dignity of my profession. I will strive to conduct myself so that I may merit the respect and confidence of my colleagues.

I will accept my civic responsibilities.

I will hold in gratitude the teachings of my school and the inspiration of my teachers and classmates.

I will impart to those who follow me the knowledge, skills, and experience I have gained.

I will live my life in a way that brings honor to my family, my profession, my community, my school, and my God.

Alison Perez—*President's Award*

B.S. University of California, Los Angeles 2013
D.D.S. Loma Linda University SD 2018

The youngest of four siblings, Alison Perez grew up in a close, supportive, Christian family in Fontana, California. As a child, she enjoyed learning and the "challenge of test taking"—inventing her own summer homework. She lists running and caring for children as her hobbies.

Alison attended Etiwanda High School and later studied psychobiology at the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA). In 2011 after completing her first half-marathon and reading an article on the important connection between good oral health and a healthy body, Alison decided to pursue dentistry as a career. She joined UCLA's predental organizations, volunteering at a free clinic and enjoying opportunities for service beyond oral care for patients.

After completing her undergraduate studies, she enrolled in the dual degree Dentistry (D.D.S.) with Bioethics (M.A.) Program at Loma Linda University (LLU). In addition to mastering her challenging course work, she has also tutored young children and served as a child life volunteer at Loma Linda University Children's Hospital. An outstanding student whose excellent performance has placed her consistently on the LLU School of Dentistry's (SD) Dean's List each quarter, Alison has achieved clinical proficiency and excellence in whole person care. She also has demonstrated dynamic leadership as president of LLU's American Dental Student Association (ASDA)—encouraging her peers to get involved and representing the school in the national ASDA.

Alison states: "As members of the health-care community, we have the unique ability to care for and nurture fellow human beings. This is the most motivational, and, I am sure, will be the most rewarding aspect of dentistry."

In recognition of Alison Perez's excellent academic and leadership performance and community engagement, the School of Dentistry names her recipient of the 2018 *PRESIDENT'S AWARD*. This award was presented to her at the School of Dentistry's hooding and awards ceremony on May 25, 2018.

Mathew T. Kattadiyil—*School Distinguished Research Award*

Professor, Department of Restorative Dentistry, School of Dentistry
Member, Faculty of Graduate Studies
Loma Linda University

B.D.S., M.D.S. College of Dental Surgery, Kasturba Medical College, Manipal, India 1989, 1992
Certificate (advanced prosthodontics), Loma Linda University SD 1997
M.S. Loma Linda University SD 1999

Robert A. James Achievement Award for Implant Dentistry 2017
Examiner (Director) of the American Board of Prosthodontics 2017
Prosthodontics Educator of the Year, American College of Prosthodontists 2012
Chair, Board Preparation Subcommittee, American College of Prosthodontists 2007
Member, Omicron Kappa Upsilon 2006
Diplomate, American Board of Prosthodontics 2005

Mathew T. Kattadiyil was born in Kerala State, India. He entered the Loma Linda University School of Dentistry advanced education program for prosthodontics in 1995. After completing his advanced education certification and earning the master's degree, Dr. Kattadiyil joined the School of Dentistry faculty as an assistant professor in restorative dentistry. A series of promotions—associate professor (2002), associate director of the advanced prosthodontics program (2004), interim director of the advanced prosthodontics program (2006), director of the advanced prosthodontics program (2008)—culminated in 2013 with his appointment as professor and director of the advanced education prosthodontics program.

Dr. Kattadiyil's interest in research began early in his career as he mentored graduate students toward successful thesis defense and participated in twenty-seven thesis committees as chair or member. Through the years, his continuing research has yielded fifty-nine scientific articles and books/book chapters addressing a variety of topics: dental implants, digital technology, computer-engineered complete dentures, restoration, and treatment guidelines. In addition, he has received several research grants, made nearly 100 presentations at scientific sessions of national and international professional organizations, and collaborated in developing a patent.

In recognition of his outstanding scholarship and for his invaluable contributions to the dental profession in the field of prosthodontics and implant dentistry, the School of Dentistry names Dr. Mathew T. Kattadiyil recipient of the *SCHOOL DISTINGUISHED RESEARCH AWARD*. This award will be presented at the Conferring of Degrees for the School of Dentistry.

D. Graham Stacey—*School Distinguished Faculty Service Award*

Associate Dean, Admissions and Student Affairs; and Associate Professor, Department of Dental Education Services, School of Dentistry
Assistant Professor, School of Religion
Adjunct Assistant Professor, Department of Psychology, School of Behavioral Health
Loma Linda University

B.A. Avondale College (Australia) 1970
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M.A. Loma Linda University SR 1998
Ph.D. Loma Linda University GS 1999

Licensed psychologist, California, Australia
Ordained pastor, Seventh-day Adventist Church

Member, Omicron Kappa Upsilon

In May 2008 while living in Australia and teaching at Avondale College in New South Wales, Dr. D. Graham Stacey was recruited to Loma Linda University (LLU) School of Dentistry. For the past decade, he has maintained a concurrent adjunct appointment in the University's School of Religion. Upon accepting the invitation to return to Loma Linda and serve in the School of Dentistry, he also assumed the role of associate dean for student affairs—an assignment that aligned well with his rich background and academic preparation in psychology, family therapy, biomedical and clinical ethics, and theology. In 2015 with structural changes within the School of Dentistry, Dr. Stacey became the associate dean for admissions and student affairs.

Dr. Stacey began his educational journey at LLU in 1984 and earned his doctoral degree fifteen years later. During this interim, he served in multiple roles, including associate pastor at Loma Linda University Church, clinical psychologist at the Center for Health Promotion, director of psychological services for the Department of Psychology, lecturer at La Sierra University, and director of the Marriage and Family Counseling Clinic.

Multitalented and committed to service, Dr. Stacey has taught predoctoral and postdoctoral classes; and has served as member on multiple committees at LLUSD: Administrative Council, Admissions Committee, Curriculum Committee, Diversity Committee, and Spiritual Life & Wholeness Committee.

In recognition of his invaluable contributions, the School of Dentistry names Dr. D. Graham Stacey recipient of the *SCHOOL DISTINGUISHED FACULTY SERVICE AWARD*. This award will be presented at the Conferring of Degrees for the school.

Kent A. Hansen—*Speaker*

General Counsel, Loma Linda University
Assistant Professor, Department of Dental Education Services, School of Dentistry, Loma Linda University

B.A La Sierra University 1975
J.D. Willamette University, Oregon 1979
LL.D. La Sierra University 2017

University Distinguished Service Award, Loma Linda University 2011
Honorary life member, Chi Chi Chapter, Omicron Kappa Upsilon

As general counsel for Loma Linda University since 2000, Mr. Kent Hansen provides advocacy and legal representation for the academic health sciences center—which comprises the University, affiliated hospitals, and clinical faculty practices. He is the founding co-chair of the Legal Affairs Committee of the Association of Academic Health Sciences Center.

Appointed to the faculty of the School of Dentistry in 1997, Mr. Hansen teaches the course "The Dentist and the Law."

A conscientious scholar committed to his faith and professional calling, Mr. Hansen has been recognized for his significant contributions to higher education and community service, not only as a legal counsel but also a frequently sought-after resource person at national conferences on legal issues of private higher education and Christian health care. He has authored two books and continues to publish articles on prayer and spiritual renewal.

Mr. Kent A. Hansen will deliver his address at the Conferring of Degrees for the School of Dentistry.

School of Allied Health Professions

Allied Health Studies, Cardiopulmonary Sciences, Clinical Laboratory Science, Communication Sciences and Disorders, Health Informatics and Information Management, Nutrition and Dietetics, Physician Assistant, Radiation Technology

June ten, eight o'clock, Drayson Center

PRELUDE	Alva Waworoendeng, keyboard Selected Compositions
ACADEMIC PROCESSION	The audience is requested to clear the aisles and remain seated. Ronald L. Carter, University Grand Marshal, leading Heather N. Appling, W. Lawrence Beeson, G. Charles Dart, Jeffrey Gang, Associate Marshals, assisting The President's Party, Members of the University Board of Trustees, LLUH Administration
Faculty	Jubilee Suite . . . *Gordon Young*
Candidates for Degrees	Pomp and Circumstance Military March, Op. 39, No. 1 . . . *Sir Edward Elgar*
INVOCATION	Terry Douglas Chair and Associate Professor, Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders
WELCOME	Richard H. Hart President of the University
PRESENTATION OF AWARDS	Craig R. Jackson, Dean of the School The President Ronald L. Carter, Provost of the University
INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER	The Dean

ADDRESS	Timothy Gillespie Lead Pastor, Crosswalk Church THE HOPE OF BEGINNINGS
CONFERRING OF DEGREES	The President
AWARDING OF DIPLOMAS	The Dean Helen Martinez-Wendtland, Assistant Dean of Admissions and Records Health Care Administration, B.S.: Karla G. Lavin Williams Health Professions Education, M.S.: Arthur B. Marshak Cardiac Electrophysiology Technology, A.S., Certificate: James R. Cruise II Emergency Medical Care, B.S.: Brendan Gongol Respiratory Care, B.S.: Richard Nelson Advanced Practitioner Respiratory Care, B.S.: Alan Alipoon Respiratory Care, M.S.: David Lopez, Chair Communication Sciences and Disorders, B.S.: Terry Douglas, Chair Communication Sciences and Disorders, M.S.: Karen Mainess Speech Language Pathology Doctorate: Keith Wolgemuth Clinical Laboratory Science, B.S.: Alicia Triplett Cytotechnology, B.S.: James M. Riding Health Information Administration, B.S.: Pauline Cabanada Coding Specialist, Certificate: Ryan Stephan Health Informatics, M.S.H.I.: Braden Tabisula

Nutrition and Dietetics, B.S., M.S.: Cindy Kosch, Chair

Physician Assistant Sciences, M.S.: Catherine Oms

Medical Radiography, A.S.: Will Edmunds

Radiation Sciences, B.S.: James Rippetoe

Radiologist Assistant, M.S.: Brigit C. Mendoza

Cardiac and Diagnostic Medical Sonography, Certificate: Marie De Lange

Cardiac and Vascular Imaging, Certificate: James R. Cruise II

Computed Tomography and Magnetic Resonance Imaging, Certificate: Joe Hewes

Medical Dosimetry, Certificate: Carol A. Davis

Nuclear Medicine Technology, B.S.: Raynold Ho

Radiation Sciences, M.S.: Michael F. Iorio

Radiation Therapy, B.S.: Carol A. Davis

Rehabilitation Sciences, Ph.D.: Grenith Zimmerman

BENEDICTION

Communication Sciences and Disorders students, signing

The Lord's Prayer . . . *Malotte*

ACADEMIC RECESSION

March Religieuse . . . *Alexandre Guilmant*

The audience is requested to clear the aisles and remain seated during the recession.

Commencement ceremonies will be available for viewing and downloading from the Commencement website: llu.edu/commencement

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- use a flash or additional lighting;
- walk in the main aisles or in front of the platform;
- stand except very briefly in the audience line of vision.

Candidates for Degrees

The listing of a candidate's name in the commencement program is presumptive evidence of graduation but is not to be regarded as conclusive.

The three-letter designation following a student's name (MAR, SEP, DEC) indicates the month in which the student completed his or her program, if other than May/June.

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Otilia Carmen Green
Toni Joanna Ornelas, DEC
Shalini Srivastava, DEC
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Cassandra Patricia Aldridge
Tiffanie Florian
Jill Nicole Profitt
Joanna Imad Rashid

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Michelle Nicole Collabolletta
Victoria Teresa Garcia
Tory Ann Grainger
Khadija Leena Gull
Kerry Alyssa Lupercio
Robin Marie Maciel
Lauryn Ashley MacLeod
Kelsey JoAnn Markle
Ana Lilia Peralta
Amy Romero
Brittany Sermons
Josiah Daniel Tolopilo

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Jill Marie Agnello, SEP

Janette Barajas, MAR

Araseli Castaneda, SEP

Philip Ray Eckert, MAR

Christopher Gomez, MAR

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Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders

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Rehabilitation Science

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Awards

SCHOOL OF ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONS SCHOLARSHIPS	Dahlia Benzaquen, Albert Chang, Katherine Fundora, Diana Gorgees, Linda Gorgees, Kasey Keane, Knarik Kerobyan, Pia Baltazar Maquilon, Sydnii Ray, Nidhi Shah, Tyler Whitcomb.
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DEPARTMENT OF CARDIOPULMONARY SCIENCES	
Emergency Medical Care, B.S.	AMR Southern California Scholarship Fund: Sara Garcia.
Respiratory Care, B.S.	Loma Linda University Medical Center and Children's Hospital Scholarship: Ashley Jones.
DEPARTMENT OF CLINICAL LABORATORY SCIENCE	Chair's Award: Elijah Yap. Faculty Award: Valerie Coria. Rising Star Award: Michael Bond. Dr. James L. Welch Scholarship: Daniella Ullrich. Marlene Ota Endowment: Janet Ruiz. Walsh Loock Scholarship Endowment: Karen Bathan, Lauren Bathan, Ryan Gillen. Moncrieff Scholarship: Karen Bathan, Lauren Bathan. Clinical Laboratory Sciences Scholarship: Ryan Gillen.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATION SCIENCES AND DISORDERS

Rising Star: Lindsay Caddel.

Speech–Language Pathology and Audiology Scholarship Endowment: Hee Yoon Chun, Claudine Talamayan.

Evelyn Britt Promising Student Award: Irel Idrisalman, Kassandra Quibin.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH INFORMATICS AND INFORMATION MANAGEMENT

Faculty Award: Maha Alshiekh, Hilary Lawas.

Student Award: Hilary Lawas, Brianna Mejia.

Elizabeth M. Guerra Scholarship: Vanessa Jara, Hilary Lawas.

Davidian Scholarship: Maha Alshiekh, Shameka Harris.

Margaret Jackson Alumni Scholarship Endowment: Vanessa Jara, Hilary Lawas, Jean Lee.

Health Information Administration Scholarship: Maria Delgado, Joyce Obeng.

DEPARTMENT OF NUTRITION AND DIETETICS

Rising Star: Ledy Cordero.

Winifred Van Pelt Schmitt Scholarship: Souad Aboufadel, Kathleen Anderson, Jaime Martin, Marysol Zaragoza.

Jennie S. Hudson Scholarship: Souad Aboufadel, Kathleen Anderson, Jaime Martin, Marysol Zaragoza.

Kathleen Zolber Scholarship: Kathleen Anderson, Annique Cornejo, Jaime Martin, Marysol Zaragoza.

Nutrition and Dietetics Scholarship: Souad Aboufadel, Annique Cornejo.

Martha Miller Scholarship: Annique Cornejo.

DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT SCIENCES

Rising Star: Mirella Cortez.

Physician Assistant Faculty Award: Amgad Alfred.

Department Chair's Award: Jacqueline Evans.

The Spirit of LLU Physician Assistant Award: Prescott Lederer.

Distinguished Alumnus of the Year Award: Brian Stinnett.

Physician Assistant Alumni Award: Kevin Kilmurray.

Neidigh Physician Assistant Scholarship: Tiffany Mendoza.

DEPARTMENT OF RADIATION TECHNOLOGY

Rising Star: Petra Mastoupil.

Faculty Award: Bradley Knowlton.

Distinguished Alumnus Award: Pedro Payne.

Clinical Stillson Award: Kristen Ahrens, Jesssica Holguin, Alex Serrato.

SCHOOL AWARDS

President's Award: Claire Nguyen, Danielle Newcombe.

Dean's Award: Kristen Barba, Mariel Calinog.

Community Service Award: Breanna Gonzalez.

HONORED FACULTY AND ALUMNI

Distinguished Service Award: Nicceta Davis.

Alumna of the Year: Ruby Hayasaka.

Faculty of the Year Award: Julie Kugel.

Danielle J. Newcombe—*President's Award*

B.A. California State University, San Bernardino 2014
M. S. Loma Linda University AH 2018

As a student, Danielle J. Newcombe has modeled academic excellence (maintaining a G.P.A. of 4.0); a passion for professional development; and commitment to community service.

Prior to enrolling at Loma Linda University, Danielle was a varsity athlete and a personal trainer who was already committed to a healthy lifestyle. She sets goals for her clients and celebrates even their smallest progress, a process she associates with treatment in speech-language pathology.

Making a difference has been an underlying motivation for Danielle's service. She participated in an outreach program (2010-11) working with underrepresented children in San Bernardino public schools. In 2012, she gained an intimate perspective on the plight of the disabled when she joined the DisAbility Sports Festival—similar to the Special Olympics but for local children with disabilities—and assisted participants through various sports activities. In the fall of 2017, she spent the night as a "prom buddy" to a special needs individual at the "Night to Shine, Special Needs Prom."

Danielle's life was significantly impacted by her participation in the Communication Sciences and Disorders (CMSD) Department China mission trip. She was one of eight students selected to go to Zhejiang University Children's Hospital in Hangzhou—where they spent two weeks providing training and education workshops to hospital staff, doctors, and clinicians; consulting and collaborating with clients and staff; and offering accent modification services to staff at the hospital.

For her excellent academic performance, outstanding professional achievement, and commitment to community service—which reflects the mission of this University "to continue the teaching and healing ministry of Jesus Christ"—the School of Allied Health Professions recognizes Danielle J. Newcombe with the 2018 *PRESIDENT'S AWARD*. This award will be presented at the Conferring of Degrees for the school.

Ruby A. Hayasaka—*Alumna of the Year*

Director, Nutritional Services, Castle Medical Center, Kailua, Hawaii
Executive Director, Sweet Annie, Waimanalo, Hawaii
Adjunct Instructor, Department of Nutrition and Dietetics, School of Allied Health Professions, Loma Linda University

B.S. Loma Linda University AH 1968
M.S. Loma Linda University GS 1971
M.A. University of Redlands 1986

Early in her career, Ruby A. Hayasaka worked as a clinical dietitian in Nutritional Services at Loma Linda University Medical Center (LLUMC). Later, as nutrition support chief clinical dietitian in Pharmacy Services at LLUMC, she helped develop protocols for intravenous and enteral nutrition support at a time when the practice of feeding patients using these methods was in its infancy. The ability to send patients home on total parenteral nutrition and enteral nutrition gained importance in the industry as it became evident that patients could survive for years with these types of feedings. Ms. Hayasaka also worked collaboratively with Pharmacy, Nursing, and Social Work services, as well as with home infusion companies, to provide the resources needed for patients to safely return to their homes and work places with the ability to lead meaningful, productive lives.

While subsequently serving as president of Nutri-Group—a management consulting services business—and as corporate director of nutrition services for Adventist Health Systems, Ms. Hayasaka's food service management skills were utilized to keep the twenty-two hospitals of the West Coast's Adventist Health Systems chain adequately staffed with dietitians and dietetic technicians.

When Ms. Hayasaka relocated to Hawaii, she was appointed nutritional services director at Castle Medical Center in Kailua. Here she also cofounded *Sweet Annie*—a nonprofit organization in Waimanalo, Hawaii, with a mission to equip communities to champion healthier lifestyles. In 2017, she was named executive director of this organization.

Ms. Hayasaka is recognized for her numerous contributions to her field through service as officer in professional organizations and as active member on professional committees.

For her outstanding performance in the field of nutrition and dietetics, which reflects the motto of this health sciences institution, "to make man whole," the School of Allied Health Professions names Ms. Ruby A. Hayasaka *SCHOOL ALUMNA OF THE YEAR*. This title will be conferred on her at the Conferring of Degrees for the school.

Timothy J. Gillespie—*Speaker*

Lead Pastor, Crosswalk Church, Redlands, California
Assistant Clinical Professor, School of Public Health, Loma Linda University
Adjunct Professor, Azusa Pacific University, Azusa, California; and La Sierra University, Riverside, California
Consultant, Mission Integration for Adventist Health, West Coast

D.Min. George Fox University 2011

Dr. Timothy J. Gillespie is lead pastor of Crosswalk Church in Redlands, California. His doctoral study focus was in the area of semiotics and future study.

Currently an adjunct professor at both Azusa Pacific University and La Sierra University, Dr. Gillespie is also a consultant on mission integration for Adventist health on the West Coast.

Dr. Gillespie recently gave a TEDx Talk entitled "Faith by Design" and is working on a book by that same title. He has published a book with his father, Dr. V. Bailey Gillespie, entitled *Love Them and They Will Come*. This book addresses the important challenge of young adult retention in the church and suggests a model of opportunity from which to engage young adults in ministry at the local church level.

For twenty-two years, Dr. Gillespie has been married to Sara Gillespie, an art teacher at Loma Linda Academy. They have three amazing children—Hannah (16), Jacob (13), and Isaac (11).

Dr. Gillespie will deliver his address at the Conferring of Degrees for the School of Allied Health Professions.

School of Allied Health Professions

Occupational Therapy, Orthotics and Prosthetics, Physical Therapy

June ten, ten-thirty o'clock, Drayson Center

PRELUDE

Alva Waworoendeng, keyboard

Selected Compositions

ACADEMIC PROCESSION

The audience is requested to clear the aisles and remain seated.

Ronald L. Carter, University Grand Marshal, leading
W. Lawrence Beeson, G. Charles Dart, William J. Edmunds, Christian W. Johnston, Associate Marshals, assisting

The President's Party, Members of the University Board of Trustees, LLUH Administrators

Faculty

Jubilee Suite . . . *Gordon Young*

Candidates for Degrees

Pomp and Circumstance March No. 1, Op. 39 . . .
Sir Edward Elgar

INVOCATION

Johannes Schaepper
Chair and Assistant Professor, Department of Orthotics and Prosthetics

WELCOME

Richard H. Hart
President of the University

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

Craig R. Jackson, Dean of the School
The President
Ronald L. Carter, Provost of the University

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER	The Dean
ADDRESS	Timothy Gillespie Lead Pastor, Crosswalk Church THE HOPE OF BEGINNINGS
CONFERRING OF DEGREES	The President
AWARDING OF DIPLOMAS	The Dean Helen Martinez-Wendtland, Assistant Dean of Admissions and Records Occupational Therapy, entry-level M.O.T.: Heather Javaherian-Dysinger Occupational Therapy, O.T.D: Julie Kugel Orthotics and Prosthetics, M.S.: Heather Appling Physical Therapist Assistant, A.S.: Jeannine Stuart Mendes Physical Therapy, D.P.T.: Lawrence E. Chinnock, Chair Physical Therapy, D.Sc.: Todd Nelson Physical Therapy, postprofessional D.P.T.: Gurinder S. Bains Rehabilitation Sciences, Ph.D.: Grenith Zimmerman
BENEDICTION	Communication Sciences and Disorders students, signing The Lord's Prayer . . . *Malotte*
ACADEMIC RECESSION	Rigaudon . . . *André Campra* The audience is requested to clear the aisles and remain seated during the recession. Commencement ceremonies will be available for viewing and downloading from the Commencement website: llu.edu/commencement

To minimize distracting others during the ceremony, guests are requested to observe the following picture-taking courtesies: *Please do not*—

- use a flash or additional lighting;
- walk in the main aisles or in front of the platform;
- stand except very briefly in the audience line of vision.

Candidates for Degrees

The listing of a candidate's name in the commencement program is presumptive evidence of graduation but is not to be regarded as conclusive.

The three-letter designation following a student's name (MAR, SEP, DEC) indicates the month in which the student completed his or her program, if other than May/June.

ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE

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Juan Jose Espinosa, Jr.
Irene Estrada
Micaela Ann Fairchild
Shannon En Ming Fang
Travis Lamonte Gaines
Ashley Nicole Gnagy
Ronald Calvin Goldsmith, Jr.
David Alexander Gonzalez
Hailey Mackenzie Hopper
Ashton Gamaliel Hutauruk
Nicholas Andrew Jimenez
Yvonna Ann Johle
Knarik Kerobyan
Clayton Baginda Kirojan
Jamie Lynn Leffingwell
Derek Mateo
Rebekah Grace Morgan
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Rolland Serquinia

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Nicholas Tomlin

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MASTER OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

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MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ORTHOTICS AND PROSTHETICS

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Amala Vinayak Sahasrabudhe
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M.P.T. Manipal University 2015

Julee Seo, MAR
B.A. Sangmyung University 2003
B.S. Sahmyook University 2015

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B.P.T. Maharashtra University of Health Sciences 2014

Mansi Dilipkumar Shah, MAR
B.P.T. Manipal University 2016

Piyush Pravin Shelar, MAR
B.P.T. Maharashtra University of Health Sciences 2015

Singaraiah Swarna
B.P.T. N.T.R. University of Health Sciences 2010
M.S. California Baptist University 2016

Snehal Manohar Uparkar
B.P.T. Padmashree Dr. D. Y. Patil Vidyapeeth 2015
M.S. The University of Texas at Arlington 2017

Renuka Vishnu Wadhwa, MAR
B.P.T. Janardan Rai Nagar Rajasthan Vidyapeeth 2009

Cheng-jung Wu, MAR
B.S. National Yang-Ming University 2015

Aboli Manohar Yenkar, MAR
B.P.T. Tilak Maharashtra Vidyapeeth 2013

DOCTOR OF SCIENCE

Department of Physical Therapy

Physical Therapy

In conjunction with the Faculty of Graduate Studies

Saad Suleman Alfawaz
B.A.M.S. King Saud University 2006
MASTER'S EQUIV. Flinders University 2012

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Department of Allied Health Studies

Rehabilitation Science

In conjunction with the Faculty of Graduate Studies

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B.S. King Saud University 2006
M.P.T. Loma Linda University AH 2011
D.P.T. Loma Linda University AH 2012

Dissertation: The Effects of Protonics Knee Brace versus Hamstring Resisted Exercise on Individuals with Patellofemoral Pain Syndrome

Michael James Granado
B.S. University of California, Davis 1998
M.P.T. California State University, Long Beach 2001

Dissertation: A New Biomechanical Theory Underlying Plantar Fascitis

Amy Lynn Sadek
B.S. California State University, San Bernardino 2010
M.O.T. Loma Linda University AH 2013

Dissertation: The Effects of High Antioxidant Cacao on Behaviors in Autism Spectrum Disorder

Awards

SCHOOL OF ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONS SCHOLARSHIPS

Dahlia Benzaquen, Albert Chang, Katherine Fundora, Diana Gorgees, Linda Gorgees, Kasey Keane, Knarik Kerobyan, Pia Baltazar Maquilon, Sydnii Ray, Nidhi Shah, Tyler Whitcomb.

ROBERT AND RUTH HERVIG SCHOOL OF ALLIED HEALTH S.D.A. SCHOLARSHIP

Alexandra Baroya, Criss Carlson, Irina Gheorghita, Togar Mamora, Nathan Munir.

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

Alumni Award: Joshua Cobb, Rolando Moran.

Faculty Award: Jannessa Chan, Myungjae Lee.
Edwinna Marshall Leadership Award: Kimmy Phan, Brittany Soltani.

Lynn Arrateig Clinical Practice Award: Reina Andreatta, Jacqueline Lopez, Britt Wallstrom.

Community Outreach Award: Emily Haus, Lindsey Henning.

Rising Star Award: Ivana Poste.

Distinguished Alumna of the Year: Maria Cruz.
Hamid Javaherian Scholarship Award: Joyce Khowdee.

Occupational Therapy Scholarship: Michelle Cabrera, Delilah DeBellis, Yaiselyn Estrella, Rebecca Hall, Andrea Poblete.

PHYSICAL THERAPY

Physical Therapist Assistant

Scholarship Excellence Award: Stephanie Eagan, Ashley Gnagy, Hailey Hopper, Averen Pelayo.

Exceptional Service Award: Tran Cao, Hailey Hopper, Denmark Noche, Averen Pelayo, Ernest Reyes, Tyler Whitcomb.

PTA Program Faculty Award: Travis Gaines, Ashley Gnagy, Laura Oyagi, Lisa Richter, Dina Shafik.

Randall C. Isley Memorial Award: Shannon Fang.

Matthew Lynn Schrader Memorial Scholarship: Dina Shafik.

Doctor of Physical Therapy

PT Faculty Award: Criss Carlson, Naomi Myers.

Scholarship Excellence Award: Morgan Barrow, Annelise Boone, Irma Henry, Claire Nguyen, Amanda Ratner, Megan Shore, Jordan Spady.

Thomas G. Burke Scholarship Award: Megan Shore.

Jonna Hughes Memorial Scholarship Award: Marie Bell, Kimberly Keilson, Mandy McCrary, Nwannedimma Maduabum.

Distinguished Alumnus Award: Pete Lingas.

Rising Star Award: Ryan Dolinsky.
Jeanne Middleton Scholarship: Graziella Borgesi, Matthew Reyes.

Ron Hershey Student Endowment: Mansoor Al-Ameri, Hailey Hopper, Maria Kim, Siddhika Kore, Oluwaseyi Ogunye.

Physical Therapy Scholarship Endowment: Peter Bauchert, Austin Lee, Melvin Magsino, Bose Olaleye, Spencer Swetname, Celisse Valdez.

SCHOOL AWARDS

President's Award: Claire Nguyen, Danielle Newcombe.

Dean's Award: Kristen Barba, Mariel Calinog.

Community Service Award: Breanna Gonzalez.

HONORED FACULTY AND ALUMNI

Distinguished Service Award: Nicceta Davis.

Alumna of the Year: Ruby Hayasaka.

Faculty of the Year Award: Julie Kugel.

Claire W. Nguyen—*President's Award*

D.P.T. Loma Linda University AH 2018

Claire W. Nguyen embodies wholeness, service, and the ideals of Loma Linda University—blending excellence in academics with commitment to community service. Contributing significantly to the community through her leadership in the physical therapy component of Street Medicine—an interdisciplinary outreach program to assist uninsured and underinsured individuals in the communities around LLU—she coordinated the schedules of therapists and students to staff two clinics under the Street Medicine umbrella, and recruited and trained forty-five new students and five new faculty to deliver care to the clients. She also participated in a collaborative effort to develop videos highlighting students' work at Street Medicine. Further, she designed and administered a qualitative and quantitative assessment to determine students' exposure to diagnoses, change in attitude after serving in Street Medicine, and the strengths and weaknesses of the organization.

In addition to her consistent volunteer activities at Helping Hands Pantry, Claire has also been a student guide for Loma Linda University Open House and has been part of the DPT Class of 2018 Leadership Committee. While enrolled in the Doctor of Physical Therapy Program, she continued to provide pro bono workshops in woodwind and brass performance for four concert bands—incorporating physical therapy concepts of postural control, alignment, and diaphragmatic breathing.

To her peers, Claire's intelligence, diligence, positive outlook, progressive thinking, empathy, and sensitivity to various temperaments are assets that will translate into success in her professional endeavors.

For her outstanding performance and promotion of the mission of the University, the School of Allied Health Professions names Claire W. Nguyen recipient of the 2018 *PRESIDENT'S AWARD*. This award will be presented at the Conferring of Degrees for the school.

Nicceta Davis—*School Distinguished Service Award*

Director, Clinical Education; and Associate Professor, Department of Physical Therapy
School of Allied Health Professions, Loma Linda University

B.S. Loma Linda University AH 1976
M.Sc. Temple University 1989
Ph.D. American University 1999
M.P.H. Loma Linda University PH 2007

Meritorious Award, Pine Forge Academy 2017
Outstanding Leadership Award, Black Health Professionals Student Association, multiple
Expression of Appreciation for outstanding effort in evangelism, West Jamaica Conference of Seventh-day Adventists 2004

Respected and highly esteemed by students and colleagues, Dr. Nicceta Davis has been making significant contributions to Loma Linda University for nearly a quarter of a century.

In addition to her full-time work as a professor in the Department of Physical Therapy, Dr. Davis is a much-sought-after committee member—not only within the School of Allied Health Professions, but also across the broader University. She is particularly appreciated for supporting initiatives to help recruit and retain underrepresented faculty, students, and staff through the Loma Linda University (LLU) Diversity Faculty Forum—which she describes as a space for providing community: "bringing Black and Latino faculty together in a place where they can share what they need to share." As a sponsor of the LLU Black Health Professionals Student Association, she has provided student activities for fellowship, both on campus and in her home.

Dr. Davis is very engaged in service to her profession—through research and publications, as book reviewer, consultant, and committee chair or member. She also sits on the *William Johnson Center for Understanding World Religions* at LLU, an advisory board outside the boundaries of her discipline.

Beyond academic excellence, research, and community service, Dr. Davis is especially passionate about advancing the cause of Jesus Christ. An active member of Riverside Kansas Avenue S.D.A. Church, she has served as head elder, contributed to numerous advisory and planning committees and constituency sessions; and sung in many of Dr. Craig Jackson's *Messiah* performances at Christmas time! With her rich contralto voice, she has often been requested to sing the University theme song, *"Healing Love,"* at official functions.

For her broad scope of compassionate service and her depth of commitment to our global mission over many years of service to the institution and the community, the School of Allied Health Professions is pleased to recognize Dr. Nicceta Davis as recipient of the *SCHOOL DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD*. This award will be presented at the Conferring of Degrees for the school.

Julie Kugel—*Faculty of the Year*

Director, Postprofessional OTD Program
Associate Professor, Department of Occupational Therapy
School of Allied Health Professions, Loma Linda University

M.O.T., O.T.D. Loma Linda University AH 2006, 2009

Alumna of the Year
Outstanding Scholastic and Professional Achievement in Occupational Therapy
Hamid Javaherian Memorial Award, School of Allied Health Professions, Loma Linda University 2014, 2010, 2009

Dr. Julie Kugel has actively employed her knowledge, skills, and expertise in diverse venues. She has been first author on numerous publications focusing on the role of occupational therapy in addressing childhood obesity through community interventions, and on wellness programs as seen through the eyes of youth and their parents.

A scholar with a passion for sharing her knowledge and expertise, Dr. Kugel has presented at several professional conferences on a variety of topics—including childhood obesity, caring for non-driving elders, and utilizing technology for innovative teaching. She has also participated in scholarly projects that include the use of interactive video gaming for seniors, the impact of screen-based media on adolescents, dyslexia, wellness programs for children and youth, and characteristics of critical thinking outcomes across graduate allied health departments.

For her outstanding performance in her field, Dr. Kugel has been the recipient of two grants that focused on programming for community youth and youth within a domestic violence shelter. As program director, she has received numerous awards and honors for her leadership. Following an extensive external review of the postprofessional Doctor of Occupational Therapy (OTD) program, Dr. Kugel was commended for her commitment to quality education; and for her insights that challenge OTD students to be visionary practitioners and researchers.

Recognized for her dynamic leadership and scholarship, Dr. Kugel serves as vice president of the Washington Occupational Therapy Association (WOTA); OTD Educator Representative of the Commission of Education (COE); Editorial Review Board member for a peer-reviewed OT journal; and serves on the Advisory Board for the Master's in Occupational Therapy program at the University of Southern Caribbean.

The School of Allied Health Professions recognizes Dr. Julie Kugel's outstanding performance and significant contribution to quality occupational therapy education, and is pleased to name her recipient of the 2018 *FACULTY OF THE YEAR AWARD,* to be presented at the Conferring of Degrees for the school.

School of Public Health

June ten, one-thirty o'clock, Drayson Center

PRELUDE

Alva Waworoendeng, keyboard

Selected Compositions

ACADEMIC PROCESSION

The audience is requested to clear the aisles and remain seated.

Ronald L. Carter, University Grand Marshal, leading
Jeffrey Gang, Arthur B. Marshak, JeJe Noval, Calvin J. Thomsen, Associate Marshals, assisting

The President's Party, Members of the University Board of Trustees, LLUH Administrators

Faculty

Jubilee Suite … *Gordon Young*

Candidates for Degrees

Pomp and Circumstance March No. 1, Op. 39 . . .
Sir Edward Elgar

INVOCATION

Seth Wiafe
Assistant Professor

WELCOME

Richard H. Hart
President of the University

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

Helen Hopp Marshak, Dean of the School
The President
Ronald L. Carter, Provost of the University

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER

The Dean

ADDRESS	Michael B. Kelly II Senior Pastor, Mt. Rubidoux Seventh-day Adventist Church Riverside, California WHAT A DIFFERENCE A DAY MAKES
CONFERRING OF DEGREES	The President
AWARDING OF DIPLOMAS	The Dean Donna Gurule, Associate Dean for Academic Administration Wendy Genovez, Assistant Dean for Academic Records
GRADUATION PLEDGE	Celine Heskey Assistant Professor Lap T. Le Class of 2018
BENEDICTION	Synnove Knutsen Professor
ACADEMIC RECESSION	March Religieuse . . . *Alexandre Guilmant* The audience is requested to clear the aisles and remain seated during the recession. Commencement ceremonies will be available for viewing and downloading from the Commencement website: llu.edu/commencement To minimize distracting others during the ceremony, guests are requested to observe the following picture-taking courtesies: *Please do not*— • use a flash or additional lighting; • walk in the main aisles or in front of the platform; • stand except very briefly in the audience line of vision.

Candidates for Degrees

The listing of a candidate's name in the commencement program is presumptive evidence of graduation but is not to be regarded as conclusive.

The three-letter designation following a student's name (MAR, SEP, DEC) indicates the month in which the student completed his or her program, if other than May/June.

Master of Business Administration

Perry Atsu Kwame Ashilevi
B.S. Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology 2002
L.L.B. University of Ghana 2004

Alexis Chang
B.S. Andrews University 2015

Long Kim Duong, DEC
B.ARCH. University of Southern California 2001
M.A. ARCH. University of Southern California 2004

Rose Bora Kim
B.A. University of California, Irvine 2013

Ryan Patrick Napod
B.S. La Sierra University 2015

Maurice Abraham Pandjaitan
B.S. Pacific Union College 2015

Varlet Philippe
BACH. EQUIV. Universite Adventiste d'Haiti 1999

Myjeila Velasco
B.S. Southern Adventist University 2014

Alexander Manuel Vitug
B.S. Andrews University 2013

Olivia White
B.S. Union College 2016

Moses Win
B.S. Thomas Edison State College 2015

Master of Public Health

Alaa Alabadi
epidemiology
B.E. Taibah University 2012

Muath Ahmed Alghamdi
health education
B.M.S. Al-Baha University 2012

Mohammed Hussain Alshanbari
global health
B.D.M.S. Ibn Sina National College of Medical Studies 2011

Anwar Noor Althubyani, MAR
epidemiology
B.M.S. Al-Baha University 2013

Abel Hennis Alvarez
epidemiology
global health
M.D. University of Montemorelos 2001

Amia Noelle Andrade
epidemiology
B.A. University of California, Davis 2016
B.S. University of California, Davis 2016

Gina Andrade, MAR
nutrition
B.S. California State University, Chico 2014

Sara Jane Aney
population medicine
B.A. Willamette University 2008
M.D. Loma Linda University SM 2014

Jorge A. Belmonte
health education
B.A. California State University, Stanislaus 2013

Sara Jo Bennin
nutrition
B.S. Montana State University, Bozeman 2016

Natalie Andrea-Marie Black
nutrition
B.S. California State University, San Bernardino 2015

Jeffrey Phillip Calender
environmental and occupational health
B.S. University of Kentucky 2005
M.D. Texas A & M University 2012

Jonathan Allen Carrillo
global health
B.S. Arizona State University, Main Campus 2013

Joshua Yochan Chung, SEP
health education
B.S. Pacific Union College 2013

Kody Alexander Colman
nutrition
B.A. University of California, Los Angeles 2014

Anette Lisandra Alves da Costa
epidemiology
B.S. Loyola University New Orleans 2014

Lauren Alessandra Cruz
nutrition
B.S. Andrews University 2014

Mikaela Kathleen Curtis
nutrition
B.S. California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo 2016

Alice Tram Dang, MAR
biostatistics
B.S. University of California, Irvine 2015

Anna Marie Douglas, DEC
lifestyle medicine
B.S.N. Univ of Tampa 2008
M.S. University of South Florida 2011

Kelsy Escalante
nutrition
M.D. University of Montemorelos 2015

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B.A. University of California, Los Angeles 2012

Pamela Fernandez
health education
B.A. La Sierra University 2015

Andrea Fischer
global health
B.S. University of Illinois at Chicago 2013

Azzulla C. Forde, MAR
health education
B.S. University of Phoenix, Phoenix Campus 2012

Jillian Gaddison
health education
B.S. University of California, Irvine 2014

Natali Green
lifestyle management
B.S. University of Central Florida 2015

Sarah Jean Gulli
nutrition
B.S. California State Polytechnic University, Pomona 2015

Jesus Gutierrez
nutrition
B.S. California State University, San Bernardino 2016

Rizwan U. Haque, MAR
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B.S. University of California, Los Angeles 2005

Marcus William Heisler
population medicine
B.S. Burman University 2010
M.D. Loma Linda University SM 2014

Emiko Virginia Ishihara
population medicine
B.A. Middlebury College 2007
D.O. Des Moines University-Osteopathic Medical Center 2014

Walshe Emma Tsuruyo Izumigawa, DEC
biostatistics
B.A. University of San Diego 2016

Kaelyn Maxine Johnson
nutrition
B.A. University of Redlands 2016

Priya Kaushal
epidemiology
B.D.S. Baba Farid University of Health Sciences 2014

Kevin M. Kim
nutrition
B.S. Pacific Union College 2014

Kayla Camille Knight
nutrition
B.S. Andrews University 2015

Genevieve Michele Kray, MAR
epidemiology
B.A. University of California, Berkeley 2013

Marissa Lee
nutrition
B.A. University of California, Berkeley 2013
B.S. University of California, Berkeley 2013

Amy Minelly Lopez Rivera
global health
B.A. University of Redlands 2016
B.S. University of Redlands 2016

Kayley Masumi Martin
nutrition
B.S. California State University, Los Angeles 2016

Hemangi Bipin Mavadiya
nutrition
Shreemati Nathibai Damodar Thackersey Women's University

Rittal Mehta
epidemiology
B.D.S. Bharati Vidyapeeth University 2014

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population medicine
B.D.S. Maharashtra University of Health Sciences 2014

Jennifer Marie Milchenko
global health
B.S. Walla Walla University 2013

David William Minishian
nutrition
B.S. University of California, Los Angeles 2015

Afsah Moinuddin
nutrition
B.S. Benedictine University 2009

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health education
B.S. California State University, San Bernardino 2016

Christopher Ryan Boeckmann Montgomery, MAR
global health
B.S. Technische Universität Kaiserlautern 2016

Danielle Renee Montoya
global health
B.A. California Lutheran University 2015
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global health
B.A. University of California, Los Angeles 2012

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population medicine
B.D.S. Maharashtra University of Health Sciences 2015

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global health
B.A. Pacific Union College 2016

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health policy and leadership
B.S. Pacific Union College 2006
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B.S. University of California, Riverside 2015

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B.S. Idaho State University 2016

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health policy and leadership
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health education
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Cesar Reis, Jr.
population medicine
M.D. EQUIV. Santa Casa de Misericórdia School of Advanced Scientific Studies of Vitó

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nutrition
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environmental and occupational health
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population medicine
M.D. University of Hamburg 2008

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nutrition
M.S. Texas Womans University 2007

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Bandar Saud Shukr
epidemiology
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M.D. Tufts University 2015

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M.D. Loma Linda University SM 2014

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Robin Yip
nutrition
B.S. University of California, Irvine 2015

Sara Trisha Yousuf
global health
B.S. California State University, Northridge 2016

Steev Priston Yovan
global health
B.S. Washington Adventist University 2011
M.A. Washington Adventist University 2012

Master of Science

In conjunction with the Faculty of Graduate Studies

Cody James Hanick
B.S. University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point 2015

Doctor of Public Health

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nutrition
B.S. King Faisal University 2007
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Dissertation: The Effect of a Diet Supplemented with Walnuts on Metabolic Syndrome in an Elderly Cohort

Eiman Mohammad Alghmdi, MAR
preventive care
M.H.A. University of La Verne 2010

Dissertation: Exergaming and Body Mass Index among Female Adolescents in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

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BACH. EQUIV. King Abdulaziz University 2004
M.S.P.H. Loma Linda University PH 2012

Dissertation: Roles of Demographic and Clinical Characteristics for Colorectal Cancer as Predictors of Survival

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M.S. Capella University 2007

Dissertation: The Role of Acculturation in Breastfeeding Intention and Duration among Hispanic Women

Erynn Michal Burks
preventive care
B.S. Oakwood University 2010
M.P.H. Loma Linda University PH 2012

Dissertation: The Effects of Seventh-day Sabbath Observance on Inflammatory Biomarkers and Cortisol

Elena Eun-Young Chai
preventive care
B.S. University of North Carolina at Charlotte 1997
M.P.H. Loma Linda University PH 2006

Dissertation: Dietary Factors and Asthma-Related Outcomes among Children in California

Pheakdey Chea
health education
B.S. University of California, Irvine 2008
M.P.H. Loma Linda University PH 2010

Dissertation: Depression among Asian American Subgroups in California

Danjuma Dauda Daniel
health policy and leadership
B.A. Andrews University 1997
M.B.A. Southwestern Adventist University 2002
M.P.H. Loma Linda University PH 2013

Dissertation: Governance and Management: A Study of Organization Practice in Seventh-day Adventist-Affiliated, Health-Care Institutions in Developing Countries

Krystal Sky Gheen
health policy and leadership
B.S. University of California, Davis 2004
M.P.H. Loma Linda University PH 2009

Dissertation: Validation of the General Nutrition Knowledge Questionnaire for Adults in a Southern California Community Sample

Jamilla Mishawn Green
health policy and leadership
B.S. University of South Florida 2001
M.P.H. San Diego State University 2009

Dissertation: Association of Mental Illness and Military Sexual Trauma on Referral and Engagement in Tobacco-Cessation Treatment among Veterans

Sara Haddad Tabrizi
nutrition
BACH. EQUIV. Islamic Azad University 2005
MASTER'S EQUIV. Shahid Beheshti University 2009

Dissertation: The Effect of Lunasin on Cardiometabolic Risk Factors

Sandra Leanne Handysides
preventive care
B.S. Loma Linda University SN 2009
M.S. California State University, Long Beach 2011

Dissertation: Physical Fitness and Body-Mass Index of 5th-11th Grade Students Attending Seventh-day Adventist Schools: Physical Genesis Study

Brian Andrew Hedgeman
health education
B.A. University of Redlands 2009
MA Claremont Graduate University 2011
M.B.A. Claremont Graduate University 2012

Dissertation: Perceived Social Support, Stress, Medical Distrust, and Self-Reported Hypertension Risk Differences among African American Men and Immigrant Black Men

Ellen Kim Cho
preventive care
B.S. Boston University 2004
BACH. EQUIV. Karolinska Institutet 2008

Dissertation: Factors Associated with Ferritin and STFR Concentrations and Iron Status among Vegetarian and Nonvegetarian Participants of the AHS-2 Calibration Study

Lap Tai Le, MAR
nutrition
B.S. University of California, Los Angeles 2008
M.P.H. Loma Linda University PH 2012

Dissertation: Design, Development and Evaluation of the Vegetarian Lifestyle Index on Dietary Patterns and Risk of Mortality in the Adventist Health Study-2 Cohort

Lily K. Lee
health education
B.A. University of California, Berkeley 1996
M.P.H. Emory University 2000

Dissertation: Employers', Staff's and Community Health Workers' Perceptions on their Readiness for Health-Care Integration

Charlotte Marie Lewis
health education
B.S. Santa Clara University 2010
M.P.H. University of California, Davis 2012

Dissertation: Community Health Worker Clinical Integration: Understanding Patient and Community Health Work Perceptions

Darlene Newton
health policy and leadership
B.S. California State University, San Bernardino 2006
M.P.H. California State University, San Bernardino 2010

Dissertation: Evaluation of a Comprehensive Change Program for Chronic Health Conditions: Implications for Management

Diamond Nguyen
health education
B.S. California State University, Fullerton 2007
M.S. California State University, Fullerton 2008

Dissertation: Exploring the Relationship between Religious Coping, Anxiety, and Adherence among Cardiac Rehabilitation Patients

Maria Fernanda Pugo
health policy and leadership
B.A. University of California, San Diego 2009
M.P.H. Loma Linda University PH 2014

Dissertation: Risk Factors Associated with Perinatal Depression and the Utilization of Health-Care Services: An Evaluation of Secondary Data

Michaell Silva Rose, DEC
health policy and leadership
B.A. California State University, Long Beach 1995
M.S.W. California State University, Long Beach 1997

Dissertation: Partnership Development: Evaluation of the Nonprofit Center Model

Kimberly Anne Youngberg
health policy and leadership
B.A. University of California, Riverside 2004
M.P.H. Loma Linda University PH 2006

Dissertation: Leadership, Organizational Culture, and Partnerships in Global Health Snake Antivenom Development Programs: A Qualitative Case Study on Instituto Clodomiro Picado

Doctor of Philosophy

In conjunction with the Faculty of Graduate Studies

Kristen N. Arthur
B.S. University of California, Irvine 2007
M.P.H. Loma Linda University PH 2010

Dissertation: Association between Socio-Environmental Stressors and Adverse Respiratory Health Outcomes among a Low-Income Adult Population Living in the Inland Region of Southern California

Brice Jabo, DEC
M.D. Université Nationale du Rwanda 2010
M.P.H. Loma Linda University PH 2013

Dissertation: Treatment-Related Outcomes for Gastrointestinal Cancers

Seiji Matsumoto
B.S. Tokyo Gakugei University 1976
M.S.P.H. Loma Linda University SH 1979

Dissertation: Dietary Effect on the Link between Air PM and IHD Mortality of AHSMOG-2 Subjects

Steve Serrao
M.B.B.S. Manipal University 2002
M.P.H. Loma Linda University PH 2004

Dissertation: Evaluation of Inpatient Outcomes for Vascular Lesion of the Gastrointestinal Tract

Awards

President's Award: Marissa Lee

Dean's Award: Perry Ashilevi (M.B.A.), Anette Costa (M.P.H.), Danjuma Daniel (Dr.P.H.).

School Alumnus of the Year: Adam A. Tahiru.

School Distinguished Service Award (faculty): Sujatha Rajaram.

Community Outreach Project Scholarship: Jorge Magana, Christopher Montgomery.

Delta Omega Honor Society: Sara Aney, Alexis Chang, Mikaela Curtis, Anette Costa, Lindsay Fahnestock, Andrea Fischer, Jamilla Mishawn Green, Walshe Izumigawa, Genevieve Kray, Lily Lee, Marissa Lee, Charlotte Lewis, Kayley Martin, Hemangi Mavadiya, Jennifer Milchenko, David Minishian, Elizabeth Montes, Maurice Pandjaitan, Jiahao Peng, Jill Peters, Mayur Dinesh Rawal, Luz Razo, Charity Russell, Rasika Thondukolam.

Hulda Crooks Scholarship Award: Cody Hanick, David Minishian.

Hulda Crooks research Grant: Danjuma Daniel, Alan Cupino.

Merrit C. Horning Award for Outstanding Research: Jamilla Mishawn Green, Lynnley Huey, Lap Tai Le.

Randall Lewis Fellowship Award: Mohammed Alshanbari, Lynnley Huey, Ijeoma Mordi.

Selma Andrews Scholarship: Yu-Ping Chang, Lauren Cruz, Danjuma Daniel, Shalaurey Jones, Kayley Martin, Vivian Navarro.

SPH Graduating Class Legacy Award: Jennifer Paul.

SPH Student Association Awards

William Dysinger Excellence in Teaching: W. Lawrence Beeson.

Charlie Liu Award: Caitriona Sansonetti.

Ruth White Award: Ahmed Al Abdrabalnabi.

Wil Alexander Whole Person Care Award: Ijeoma Mordi.

ENVIRONMENTAL AND OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH PROGRAM

Environmental and Occupational Health Scholarship: Charity Russell.

EPIDEMIOLOGY BIOSTATISTICS, AND POPULATION MEDICINE PROGRAM

Epidemiology and Biostatistics Department Scholarship: Amia Andrade.

GLOBAL HEALTH PROGRAM

Excellence in Global Health Scholarship: Sarah Snyder.

HEALTH-CARE ADMINISTRATION PROGRAM

S. Eric Andersen Scholarship: Perry Ashilevi, Henry Pha, Anna Pham, Loredana Trica, Myjeila Velasco, Alexander Vitug.

HEALTH POLICY AND LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

C. Torben Thomsen Scholarship: Kushinga Bvute.

HEALTH PROMOTION AND EDUCATION PROGRAM

Gerkin-Neish Scholarship: Celia Chen, Katherine Diane Palacios.

Joyce W. Hopp Scholar's Fund: Vanessa Ayer Miller, Katie Viehmann-Wical.

Naomi Modeste Award: Muath Ahmed Alghamdi, Elizabeth Montes.

Ruth White Dr.P.H. Scholarship: Priya Bhat-Patel, John Haubenstricker.

NUTRITION PROGRAM	Alejo Pizarro Award: Hemangi Bipin Mavadiya. McClean Endowment for Vegetarian Nutrition: Michelle Adams. Patricia K. Johnston Nutrition Scholarship: Rawiwan Sirirat.
PREVENTIVE CARE PROGRAM	Glen Blix Award for Excellence in Preventive Care: Eiman Alghmdi.

Graduation Pledge

We believe that wholeness of human beings encompasses and integrates the physical, spiritual, social, and mental dimensions.

We pledge to seek this wholeness in ourselves and those we serve.

We believe in the worth and potential of all individuals.

We pledge ourselves to respect the beliefs, ideas, opinions, and cultures of others.

We value our earth and all the resources it provides to us.

We pledge ourselves to care wisely for those resources and to work toward their fair and equitable distribution.

We acknowledge the responsibility of providing education in public health, continuing the legacy of Loma Linda University.

We pledge ourselves to use with integrity and compassion the knowledge and skills we have gained.

We understand that learning is a lifelong process.

We pledge to continue our quest for knowledge and understanding of our world and of ourselves

We acknowledge that true wisdom comes not from people or books alone but from a relationship with the Maker of us all.

We pledge ourselves to seek this wisdom and accept God's strength in doing so.

Students' response italicized

Marissa Lee—*President's Award*

B.S., B.A. University of California, Berkeley 2013
Fellowship, Duke University Program on Global Policy and Governance 2017
M.P.H. Loma Linda University PH 2018

Diversity Leadership Scholarship, Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics Foundation 2017
Executive Committee Member of the Year, University of California Alumni Association 2012
International Scholar Laureate, Golden Key International Honour Society 2011
Haas fellow, Phi Beta Kappa (high honors)

Marissa Lee has consistently demonstrated superior scholarship and academic performance; and has actively engaged in global service programs both at Loma Linda University and in the community. Convinced that nutrition care at a global level is her calling, Marissa applied for and participated in the 2017 Duke University global health fellows program, which afforded her the opportunity to travel to Switzerland and complete her internship at the United Nations (UN) Migration Agency. At the UN, she assisted in creating documents and presentations to address such issues as the Libya refugee crisis in Tunisia and tuberculosis in migrant children. As health expo coordinator during a Students for International Mission Service (SIMS) trip to Zimbabwe, she was involved in curriculum and lecture development, health screenings and assessments, and interventions. She also led out in nutrition education activities during a SIMS trip to Honduras.

For the past three years, Marissa has served in the Institute for Community Partnerships (ICP) as a research project manager and fellow, assisting in efforts to improve the health of marginalized and culturally diverse groups in Southern California. In addition, she manages graduate students engaged in community projects, facilitates youth focus groups, and contributes material for scientific publications and professional presentations. As president of the Loma Linda University chapter of Phi Upsilon Omicron—national honor society for family and consumer sciences—she led out in various service activities and collaborated with Samaritan's Purse in 2017 to support the Operation Christmas Child Shoebox to provide gifts and needed supplies to children in developing countries.

In recognition of her outstanding academic and leadership performance, scholarship, and community engagement, the School of Public Health honors Marissa Lee with the 2018 *PRESIDENT'S AWARD*, which will be presented at the Conferring of Degrees for the school.

Sujatha Rajaram—*School Distinguished Faculty Service Award*

Associate Professor, Department of Nutrition, School of Public Health
Member, Faculty of Graduate Studies
Loma Linda University

B.S. Women's Christian College, Madras University (India) 1976
M.S. Avinashilingam Instituted for Home Science Coimbatore (India) 1988
Ph.D. Purdue University, Main Campus 1993

P. William Dysinger Teaching Award 1996

For nearly a quarter of a century, Dr. Sujatha Rajaram has served Loma Linda University School of Public Health with distinction in the areas of teaching, research, and academic administration.

Since her 1994 faculty appointment as assistant professor in the Department of Nutrition, Dr. Rajaram has been an integral part of the school's research program as principal investigator and co-investigator for many dietary intervention trials. Also, for the past eighteen years, she has chaired the doctoral program in nutrition—assisting graduate students to acquire the knowledge and skills necessary to successfully defend their dissertations. Through her guidance, the doctoral program in nutrition has consistently achieved a high success rate, with graduates regularly transitioning to notable careers in academia and at various public agencies.

As chair of the SPH Doctoral Committee (a post she continues to hold), Dr. Rajaram reorganized the doctoral curriculum in 2015—appropriately and successfully shifting the Doctor of Public Health (Dr.P.H.) degree in nutrition and epidemiology programs to Ph.D. degree offerings; as well as assisting with the restructuring of other doctoral programs. An excellent negotiator, she approached her task with integrity and respect for her colleagues.

Dr. Rajaram has chaired the Scientific Program Committee during four editions of the International Congress on Vegetarian Nutrition. In this capacity, she helps design the program based on the latest scientific advances; and invites domestic and international scientific leaders in the field of nutrition to participate. The largest scientific conference in the Inland Empire—this event has been hosted every five years for the past twenty years at Loma Linda University and is one of the institution's signature events.

Dr. Rajaram is married to Dr. Ram Hariharan, a mechanical engineer. Their 14-year-old daughter, Saadhvi, is a high school freshman. The family enjoys traveling and exploring the history, culture, and natural wonders of new places.

For her exemplary service and commitment to quality public health education, the School of Public Health names Dr. Sujatha Rajaram recipient of the *SCHOOL DISTINGUISHED FACULTY SERVICE AWARD*. This award will be presented to her at the Conferring of Degrees for the school.

Adam A. Tahiru—*School Alumnus of the Year*

Senior Public Health Analyst, Management and Project Officer
Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources Services Administration, Bureau of Health Work Force and National Health Service Corps, Rockville, MD

B.H.Sc. Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science, Los Angeles 1997
M.P.H. Loma Linda University PH 2003
D.H.Sc. Nova Southeastern University 2010
Certificate of Humanitarian Assistance (CHA)
Certified, National Commission of Certification of PAs (PA-C)

Global Response Service Award
Presidential Unit Citation, United States Public Health Service Commissioned Corp 2015, 2017

Dr. Adam A. Tahiru models a mature understanding of the principles and practice of public health and preventive medicine. He has a strong commitment to service, research, and learning in the health sciences; and he is an effective, caring, and dedicated health professional. His passion for service and learning grows out of his deep-rooted faith foundations and life convictions—which, in turn, inform his involvements, focus, and activities.

A recipient of numerous government and private sector local and international awards, Dr. Tahiru is acknowledged for his specialized expertise in serving resource-deprived populations and advancing public health partnerships and services in challenging domestic and global settings. He has effectively utilized his multifaceted talents and skills in communication, planning, organization, recruitment, and clinical/public health care—nationally and globally. With his unique cross-cultural competency and multilingual skills (proficiency in Spanish, French, Arabic, Hausa, and a number of African languages/dialects)—Dr. Tahiru enjoys a distinct advantage when working in international settings.

Dr. Tahiru's major interests are in the prevention and control of infectious diseases of global public health significance, such as HIV/AIDS, malaria, tuberculosis; and more recently, Ebola. Noteworthy is his deployment as part of the elite 70-member Ebola Virus Crisis Response (Monrovia Medical Unit Team 3) to Liberia in the wake of the major epidemic in that region in 2015.

Born in Ghana, Dr. Tahiru has been blessed with a supportive and caring family: his wife of more than sixteen years, Ramatu Ibrahim; and three lovely children—two daughters—Aisha, Rukaya, 13 and 7 years old, respectively; and a son, Ahmed, 10.

For consistently exemplifying the lofty ideals of public health service and for modeling the core values of Loma Linda University, the School of Public Health recognizes Dr. Adam A. Tahiru with the title *SCHOOL ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR*. This title will be conferred on him at the Conferring of Degrees for the school.

Michael B. Kelly II—*Speaker*

Senior Pastor, Mt. Rubidoux Seventh-day Adventist Church
Riverside, California

B.Th. Columbia Union College 2001
M.Div. Andrews University 2003

Martin Luther King, Jr., Trail Blazer Award for Spiritual Leadership and Community Service
Award for Effective Evangelism, Central States Conference of Seventh-day Adventists and Southeastern California Conference of Seventh-day Adventists

Born in Inglewood, California, to Christian parents Michael and Sharon Kelly, Michael B. Kelly II was privileged to develop a relationship with God during his childhood. After completing his sophomore year at Murrieta Valley High School where he excelled in football and track, he transferred to La Sierra Academy for his junior and senior years. Following graduation, he continued his education at Columbia Union College (CUC) in Takoma Park, Maryland, on a track scholarship. While there, his affirmative response to God's call to enter pastoral ministry opened the door to serving the student body for two years as religious vice president, and then as religious vice president of the Adventist Inter-Collegiate Association. Continuing his education at Andrews University Theological Seminary, he served as chaplain for the Black Seminary Student Association as he pursued the M.Div. degree.

Pastor Kelly began his career in ministry as assistant pastor for the Fairfax and Arlington churches in Virginia. He continued his vibrant ministry as youth pastor for Community Praise Center Church in Alexandria (Virginia); Mt. Rubidoux S.D.A. Church (Riverside, California); and Highland S.D.A. Church (Benton Harbor, Michigan). He has also served as senior pastor for Palace of Peace Church (Colorado Springs, Colorado); Claremont Seventh-day Adventist Church (Pueblo, Colorado); and Allon Chapel Seventh-day Adventist Church (Lincoln, Nebraska). At Union College in Lincoln, Nebraska, he was appointed adjunct professor and taught the course "Christian Ethics."

Currently, Pastor Kelly serves as senior pastor at Mt. Rubidoux S.D.A. Church, where he has the honor of leading an amazing community of believers and a pastoral staff nicknamed "The Avengers." He travels the globe preaching the gospel and providing leadership and team-building training for churches and businesses.

Pastor Kelly and his wife, the former Tia Patrice Green, have two daughters—Gihanna (14) and Genesis (12).

Pastor Michael Kelly will deliver his address at the Conferring of Degrees for the School of Public Health.

School of Behavioral Health *and* School of Religion

June ten, four o'clock, Drayson Center

PRELUDE

Alva Waworoendeng, keyboard

Selected Compositions

ACADEMIC PROCESSION

The audience is requested to clear the aisles and remain seated.

Ronald L. Carter, University Grand Marshal, leading
Qais Alemi, Ellen M. D'Errico, Jan M. Nick, Sylvia D. Stewart, Associate Marshals, assisting

The President's Party, Members of the University Board of Trustees, LLUH Administrators

Faculty

Jubilee Suite . . . *Gordon Young*

Candidates for Degrees

Pomp and Circumstance March No. 1, Op. 39 . . .
Sir Edward Elgar

INVOCATION

Leo Ranzolin
Associate Dean of the School of Religion

WELCOME

Richard H. Hart
President of the University

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

Beverly J. Buckles, Dean of the School of Behavioral Health
Jon Paulien, Dean of the School of Religion
The President
Ronald L. Carter, Provost of the University

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER	Dean of the School of Religion
ADDRESS	Daniel R. Jackson President, North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists JUST DO IT
CONFERRING OF DEGREES	The President
AWARDING OF DIPLOMAS	Dean of the School of Religion Dean of the School of Behavioral Health
BENEDICTION	Susanne B. Montgomery Associate Dean for Research of the School of Behavioral Health
ACADEMIC RECESSION	March Religieuse . . . Alexandre Guilmant The audience is requested to clear the aisles and remain seated during the recession. Commencement ceremonies will be available for viewing and downloading from the Commencement website: llu.edu/commencement To minimize distracting others during the ceremony, guests are requested to observe the following picture-taking courtesies: *Please do not—* • use a flash or additional lighting; • walk in the main aisles or in front of the platform; • stand except very briefly in the audience line of vision.

Candidates for Degrees

The listing of a candidate's name in the commencement program is presumptive evidence of graduation but is not to be regarded as conclusive.

The three-letter designation following a student's name (MAR, SEP, DEC) indicates the month in which the student completed his or her program, if other than May/June.

SCHOOL OF RELIGION

In conjunction with the Faculty of Graduate Studies

Master of Arts

Bioethics

Adam David Borecky
B.S. Pacific Union College 2014

Jacklyn Ibrahim
B.A. University of California, San Diego 2012
B.S. University of California, San Diego 2012

Bates Devaseelan Moses
B.S. Loma Linda University AH 1994
M.D. Loma Linda University SM 1999

Alison Marie Perez
B.S. University of California, Los Angeles 2013

Amy Catherine Reese
B.S. Biola University 2011

SCHOOL OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Master of Social Work

Social Work

Radel Aguinaga
B.A. Universidad Adventista de las Antillas 2016

Daniel Inez Almaraz, Jr.
B.A. California State University, San Bernardino 2001

Imani Austin
B.S. University of Maryland, Eastern Shore 2011

Stacey Leeanne Beckman
B.A. California State University, San Bernardino 2011

Yvette Beltran
B.A. California State University, Dominguez Hills 2011

Selena Briana Bueno
B.A. Azusa Pacific University 2015

Laura Milena Castellanos Martin
B.S.W. La Sierra University 2017

Angela Jean Chavez
B.S.W. La Sierra University 2017

Kaitlyn Iris Chuquimia
B.S. La Sierra University 2014

Tori Dang
B.S. University of California, Riverside 2006

Anne-Michelle Ellis
B.A. University of California, Riverside 2003

Andrew Theodore Ezpeleta
B.S. Walla Walla University 2016

Marielena Gonzalez
B.A. University of California, Riverside 2015

Melanie Michelle Harris
B.S.W. La Sierra University 2017

C J Carl John Henoch
B.A. Brandman University 2015

Lisa Marie Hernandez
B.A. California State University, San Bernardino 2001

Lakeisha Sherrell Howard
B.S.W. Oakwood University 2015

Ashley Nicole Hutchinson
B.S. Liberty University 2016

Victoria Srunn Ing
B.A. Point Loma Nazarene University 2017

Angela Marie Johnson
B.S.W. La Sierra University 2017

Sandra Roxanne Koury
B.A. University of La Verne 2013

Tara Denise Lagarde
B.A. California State University, San Bernardino 2016

Marco Antonio Lopez, Sr.
B.A. Brandman University 2014

Flavia Guadalupe Macias
B.S.W. La Sierra University 2017

Larcenia Renee McDaniel
B.S.W. La Sierra University 2017

Erika Montoya
B.A. California State University, San Bernardino 2006

Tiffany Harris Noonan
B.A. Arizona State University, Main Campus 1996
M.A. National University 2000

Courtney Beth Otto
B.S.W. Azusa Pacific University 2005

Samantha Lin Reed
B.S. University of La Verne 2014

Jessica Marie Requejo
B.A. University of California, San Diego 2014

Eleanor Dolores Silva
B.S.W. La Sierra University 2017

Jessica Careess Spoelstra
B.S. California State University, Fullerton 2012

David Torres
B.S. University of California, Riverside 2014

Marisol Torres
B.A. California State University, San Bernardino 2016

Julia Renee Vaughn
B.S.W. La Sierra University 2016

Edgard Eduardo Villa, Jr.
B.A. California Baptist University 2015

Ryan David Wilson
B.A. California State University, San Bernardino 2016

MASTER OF SCIENCE

Child Life Specialist

Melissa Aliena Baptiste
B.S. Andrews University 2014

Carina Barrales, DEC
B.A. La Sierra University 2015

Samantha Jean Collar, SEP
B.A. University of California, Riverside 2014

Sarah Danielle Farris
B.A. University of Puget Sound 2015

Nicole Marie Giovanisci, SEP
B.A. California State University, Northridge 2013

Linda Her
B.A. University of California, Merced 2016

Erika Kiyomi Noelani Kobayashi, DEC
B.A. Mount Saint Mary's College 2010

Vanessa Tyler-Sanchez Minishian
B.A. University of California, Los Angeles 2016

Michelle Pactanac, DEC
B.A. La Sierra University 2015

Ayumi Yamamoto
B.N. Tokyo Woman's Medical University 2008

Counseling

Shenielle Alexandria Bisson, DEC
B.A. University of Georgia 2015
B.S. University of Georgia 2015

Daniel Minki Cho, DEC
B.S. Andrews University 2015

Matthew Choi
B.A. Roger Williams University 2016

Jennifer Lynn O'Toole
B.S. Liberty University 2016

Cindy Payne
B.S. Fayetteville State University 2015

Kelly Lynn Ross, DEC
B.A. California Baptist University 2015

Sarah Ann Torres, DEC
B.S. University of Phoenix, Southern California Campus 2015

Chanel Rene Treadwell
B.A. University of Washington, Seattle 2016

Sarai G. Velasquez
B.A. Biola University 2013

Criminal Justice

Imani Austin
B.S. University of Maryland, Eastern Shore 2011

Kaitlyn Iris Chuquimia
B.S. La Sierra University 2014

Gerontology

Ryan David Wilson
B.A. California State University, San Bernardino 2016

Marital and Family Therapy

Jordyn Faith Ackerman
B.A. Taylor University Upland 2015

Lucina Natalie Asatryan
B.A. University of California, Santa Barbara 2016

Sweta Rajendra Babaria
B.A. University of California, San Diego 2015

Tasneem Javid Bholat
B.A. Azusa Pacific University 2016

Melody Fiorella Ezpeleta
B.S. Walla Walla University 2015

Natalie Wei-Mun Hsieh, SEP
B.A. Stanford University 2003
M.A. Stanford University 2004
M.A. Bethel Seminary San Diego 2013

Brittany Verna' Huelett
B.S. The University of Texas at Austin 2016

Katrina Mae Cantuba Jimenez
B.S. California State Polytechnic University, Pomona 2016

Janice Lynn Kite, MAR
B.S. California State University, Fullerton 2014

Jacob Chil-Sung Kurily, SEP
B.A. University of Michigan, Ann Arbor 2001

Shaon M. Martineau, DEC
B.S. Oakwood University 2015

Kateline Pamela Medina
B.A. University of California, Riverside 2016

Michael Nicholas
B.S. Andrews University 2013

Nazneen Nizami
B.A. University of California, Riverside 2016

CarmenoemiAngela Diuco Reyes
B.A. California State University, Fullerton 2013

Carolina Samano
BACH. EQUIV. Universidad Autonoma de Baja California 2008

Mona Ranee Smith, SEP
B.A. California State University, San Bernardino 2015

Kathleen H. Tran
B.S. Abilene Christian University 2016

Hilda Tranquilino, DEC
B.A. California State Polytechnic University, Pomona 2009

Lilena Marie Walker, MAR
B.A. Oakwood University 2013

DOCTOR OF MARITAL AND FAMILY THERAPY

Marital and Family Therapy

David D. Allred, MAR
B.S. Utah State University 2004
M.S. Seattle Pacific University 2006

Danielle La'Tonya Clair
B.S. Florida Gulf Coast University 2012
M.S. Nova Southeastern University 2014

Smita Kapoor
B.S. Union Institute and University 2012
M.S. Loma Linda University BH 2016

Antoinette Ruth Montgomery
B.S. University of Maryland, College Park 2004
M.S. Nova Southeastern University 2006

RoJean Lorraine Talmadge
B.A. California State University, San Bernardino 2014
M.S. Loma Linda University BH 2016

Alysha Danielle Thomas
B.S. Morgan State University 2012
M.S. University of Southern Mississippi 2016

Lauren Michelle Wiley
B.A. University of Redlands 2008
M.A. Pepperdine University 2010

DOCTOR OF PSYCHOLOGY

Psychology

Elena Duong
B.S. University of California, Davis 2013
M.A. Loma Linda University BH 2015

Rochelle Young Ae Leilani Jones
B.A. San Diego State University 2010
M.A. Loma Linda University BH 2015

Dzovak Kazandjian
B.A. University of California, Irvine 2008
M.A. Pepperdine University 2012

Jessica Patricia Lenihan
B.A. San Diego State University 2011
M.A. Loma Linda University BH 2015

Tina Marie Sanchez Lincourt
B.A. Brandman University 2013
M.A. Loma Linda University BH 2015

Allison Nicole Miller
B.A. Harding University 2009
M.S. Chatham College 2012
M.A. Loma Linda University BH 2015

Jeffrey Ryan Murray
B.A. University of Delaware 2012
M.A. Loma Linda University BH 2015

Elizabeth Ann Wolpern
B.A. University of California, Berkeley 1999
M.A. Loma Linda University BH 2015

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

In conjunction with the Faculty of Graduate Studies

Family Studies

Moosgar Yrveens Borieux
B.S. Oakwood University 2005
M.A. Andrews University 2008

Dissertation: Young African Americans Navigating Nonmarital Intimate Relationships: A Grounded Theory Study

Marital and Family Therapy

Leslie Edward Bishop
B.A. Life Pacific College 1976
M.A. Wheaton College 1981
M.DIV. Andover Newton Theological School 1987
M.A. Syracuse University 1994

Dissertation: Resilience and Complicated Grief

Scott Sanford Johnson, DEC
B.S. Brigham Young University 1999
M.S. Loma Linda University ST 2009

Dissertation: The Substance-Abuse Treatment Experience of Men Who Have Sex with Men

Psychology

Ma Guadalupe Corona
B.A. California State University, Los Angeles 2005
M.A. California State University, Northridge 2007

Dissertation: Effects of Emotional Content on Working Memory Updating: Proactive Interference and Resolution

Katherine Dautenhahn
B.A. University of Dallas 2012
M.A. Loma Linda University BH 2015

Dissertation: Training Models in Psychology: An Empirical Examination of Doctoral Training in the United States and Canada

Natacha Donoghue Emerson
B.A. Occidental College 2008
M.A. Loma Linda University BH 2015

Dissertation: Preliminary Validation of the Pediatric Rating of Chronic Illness Self-Efficacy

Michael Finlay
B.S. University of Maryland, University College 2009
M.S. California Baptist University 2012

Dissertation: The Relationship between Psychotherapist Personality and Client-Reported Therapeutic Alliance

Shina Halavi
B.S. University of California, Los Angeles 2010
M.A. Loma Linda University BH 2014

Dissertation: Neuropsychological and Psychosocial Effects of Repeated Concussion on Children and Adolescents

Adrianna Elyse Holness, SEP
B.A. Pomona College 2011
M.A. Loma Linda University BH 2013

Dissertation: Relational Savoring among Intimate Partners of Cancer Patients

Evan John Lima
B.A. Walla Walla University 2007
M.A. Saint Martin's University 2011

Dissertation: Parental Quality of Life among Parents in the NICU: Examining Moderators of Change over Time

Susanna Luu, DEC
B.A. University of California, Riverside 2009
M.A. Loma Linda University BH 2013

Dissertation: The Role of Temporal Distraction on Short-Term Memory and Delayed Recognition

Michelle Brianna McDonnell
B.A. University of California, Riverside 2011
M.A. Loma Linda University BH 2014

Dissertation: Evaluating Cognitive Changes in Patients Receiving Outpatient Alcohol Treatment

Cristina Paula Moldovan
B.A. Central Washington University 2007
M.A. Loma Linda University BH 2014

Dissertation: AM Happy Scale: Reliability and Validity of a Single-Item Measure of Happiness

Imari Ashley Fulache Palma
B.A. La Sierra University 2012
M.A. Loma Linda University BH 2014

Dissertation: Exploration of a Healthy Aging Profile: Possible Buffers against Age-Related Cognitive Impairment

Alphonso Andre' Smith, Jr.
B.S. La Sierra University 2011
M.A. Loma Linda University BH 2013

Dissertation: The Effects of Seizure Modeling and Polyphenols on Behavior in Bang-Sensitive Drosophila

Systems, Families, and Couples

Annie Kathryn Johansson
B.S. University of Minnesota, Twin Cities 2012
M.A. Saint Mary's University of Minnesota 2015

Dissertation: Risk Markers for Caregiver Elder Abuse: A Meta-Analytic Study

Elsie Sandra Lobo
B.S. University of Alberta, Edmonton 2008
M.S. Loma Linda University BH 2012

Dissertation: From Homelessness toward Self-Sufficiency: A Longitudinal Study of Families on a Government-Assisted Housing Program

Awards

School of Religion

President's Award: Bates Moses.

Dean's Award: Adam Borecky.

Center for Christian Bioethics Excellence Award: Adam Borecky

David and Maxine Taylor Scholarship: Shameema Adibzadeh.

Mission Leader Scholarship: Carissa McSherry.

New Horizon Scholarship: Soo Jin "Stella" Kang.

Saxby Scholarship: Asa Nemoto.

Wil Alexander Whole Person Care Award: Akivah Northem-Dixon.

School of Behavioral Health

President's Award: Elsie Lobo.

Dean's Award for Master's Degree Programs: Tori Dang.

Dean's Award for Doctoral Degree Programs: Jeffrey Murray.

Distinguished Service Award: Shari Lane, Dianna Simon.

Alumna of the Year: Marlene Hagen.

Bates D. Moses—*President's Award (SR)*

Palliative Medicine Physician, Southern California Permanente Medical Group, with Kaiser Permanente in Riverside County

Regional Physician Director of Bioethics, Southern California Kaiser Permanente

B.S. Loma Linda University AH 1994
M.D. Loma Linda University SM 1999
M.A. Loma Linda University SR 2018

Fellow, Society of Hospital Medicine and of the American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine

Excellence in Pain Management Award, Southern California Permanente Medical Group/Kaiser Permanente 2012

Dr. Bates D. Moses was born in Sri Lanka in 1972, and his family emigrated to the United States before his second birthday.

An alumnus of Loma Linda University's Schools of Allied Health Professions and Medicine, Dr. Moses completed an internal medicine residency at Kettering Medical Center in 2002. He currently practices as a palliative medicine physician for Kaiser Permanente in Riverside County. Until 2009, he served as the physician co-chair for the bioethics committee at Kaiser Permanente in San Bernardino County; he currently serves in that capacity for Riverside County.

In 2013, Dr. Moses published *The Palliative Medicine Pocketbook* as part of the popular Tarascon medical book series. An article he wrote for the American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO) Post, "Incorporating the Goals of Medicine with the Goals of Care," was published June 25, 2017.

Dr. Moses enjoys working closely with his palliative medicine team to care for seriously-ill, hospitalized patients and to support their loved ones. He also enjoys working with Southern California Kaiser Permanente's eleven full-time ethicists. His region-wide bioethics work involves collaborating with an interdisciplinary team—reviewing difficult cases, developing and reviewing policies and procedures, educating, and interacting with other institutions in the delivery of ethical medicine.

The School of Religion recognizes Dr. Bates D. Moses's outstanding academic and professional achievements and significant contributions to the field of bioethics with the 2018 *PRESIDENT'S AWARD*. This award will be presented to him at the joint Conferring of Degrees for the School of Behavioral Health and the School of Religion.

Elsie S. Lobo—*President's Award (SBH)*

B.S. University of Alberta (Alberta, Canada) 2008
M.S. Loma Linda University, Canadian Campus (Alberta, Canada) BH 2012
Ph.D. Loma Linda University BH 2018

Selma Andrews Scholarship Endowment Award, School of Behavioral Health, Loma Linda University 2017
AFTA Student Registration Scholarship Award 2016, 2017

Elsie S. Lobo has long recognized her special interest in the area of healing and has focused her attention beyond individuals' internal biological processes to their larger social contexts and how these contexts are constructed and influenced. This interest inspired her to pursue the master's degree in marital and family therapy. Her earnest passion not only for clinical healing, but also for research and educating others on the powerful role of social context and the forces that influence its construction, prodded her to pursue a doctoral degree in systems, families, and couples.

Through all her interactions and service engagements, Elsie has exemplified what it means to be a scholar and servant leader: sixteen professional presentations at various national and international conferences, collaborative work on three grant-funded projects, teaching eight classes, and serving as a regular ad hoc reviewer for numerous professional journals. Her most recent scholarly contribution was an article published in the *Journal of Couple and Relationship Therapy*.

Elsie's scholarly achievements are complemented by her clinical work and contributions to the local and global community. In 2017, she joined the Students for International Mission Services (SIMS) and shared her knowledge and training as a student behavioral health clinician in Cuba. Also noteworthy is her contribution to the Housing Authority of San Bernardino County, where she assisted with multiple projects focusing on families and individuals receiving government housing support. In one of these projects, she facilitated multifamily therapy groups for families on Section 8 Housing in order to promote socioeconomic mobility through improved family functioning. Qualitative and quantitative data collected and analyzed from these multifamily groups were collated and presented to the Housing Authority to inform policy and program development for San Bernardino County.

In recognition of her excellent scholarship, professionalism, exemplary leadership, and passion for her field, the School of Behavioral Health names Elsie S. Lobo recipient of the 2018 *PRESIDENT'S AWARD*. This award will be presented to her at the joint Conferring of Degrees for the School of Behavioral Health and the School of Religion.

Shari Lane—*School Distinguished Service Award (SBH)*

Coordinator, Admission and Records, Department of Psychology
School of Behavioral Health, Loma Linda University

Since 1996, Shari Lane has been an integral member of the Department of Psychology. As coordinator of admission and records, she helps to insure a seamless process for prospective students from the point of inquiry to application and then acceptance into the program. Her commitment to serving students and faculty is driven by her strong belief in the "Love of Our Lord" and the mission of Loma Linda University (LLU).

Shari attended Grades 1 through 12 at Armona Union Academy located in California's San Joaquin Valley, where her father—a member of the inaugural D.D.S. class in the School of Dentistry—had an active dental practice. After graduation in 1970, she enrolled in Pacific Union College as a secretarial administration major. Her employment at LLU began in 1972, when she was hired by the School of Dentistry as a department secretary. She remained there until 1980, when she accepted a senior administrative secretary position with the Department of Psychiatry. In 1996, she transferred to the department that has been her professional home for more than two decades.

From office décor that includes numerous motivational sayings to her caring spirit and extra-mile efforts, Shari's values are on display as she helps make students feel comfortable and supported in their transition to doctoral training.

Since returning to work in early 2017 following a Stage IV cancer diagnosis in 2016, Shari recognizes with humility and gratitude that the Lord has a bigger plan for her life; and she considers each day a "God moment." She fills her days with caring for her 87-year old mother (her father succumbed to leukemia when he was 47 years old), enjoying music and movies, reading books, shopping, and admiring muscle cars.

In recognition of and appreciation for her contributions to this academic community, the School of Behavioral Health is pleased to honor Ms. Lane with the *SCHOOL DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD*. This award will be presented to her at the joint Conferring of Degrees for the School of Behavioral Health and the School of Religion.

Dianna Simon—*School Distinguished Service Award (SBH)*

Professor Emerita, Department of Social Work and Social Ecology
School of Behavioral Health, Loma Linda University

M.S.W. University of California, Berkeley
Ph.D. University of Southern California 1993

Dr. Dianna Simon's parents were survivors of the holocaust of WWII. After relocations to South America and later Aruba where Dr. Simon was born, the family moved to the United States when Dianna was ten years of age. Residing initially in New York City, they subsequently settled in California.

Following the completion of her master's degree, Dr. Simon began her career as a clinician with the Riverside County Department of Mental Health. In 1975, she was hired by Loma Linda University School of Medicine, Department of Psychiatry as a psychotherapist. It was soon recognized that her advanced clinical skills uniquely positioned her not only to join the teaching faculty for psychiatry residents, but also heightened regard for her as a leading expert in the treatment of eating disorders. In 1994, she was appointed professor in the Department of Social Work and Social Ecology, where she remained until her retirement in 2009.

Throughout her career, Dr. Simon has enjoyed high regard for her expertise in legal and ethical issues in clinical practice and for the exceptional quality of her clinical teaching. As a member of the Loma Linda University International Behavioral Health Trauma Team, she provided direct intervention to victims of disasters and training to first responders. In addition to serving on a statewide mental health committee, she also co-authored the mental health competencies for social work education in California and was an active member for many years with the Southern California Psychoanalytic Association. In 2009, in recognition of her many professional contributions, she was honored with the distinction of Professor Emerita.

Until 2017, Dr. Simon maintained an active private practice in Redlands, California, specializing in eating disorders and other major behavioral health conditions. She is now fully retired and resides locally.

In recognition of her significant contributions to behavioral health education, research, practice, and service, the School of Behavioral Health is pleased to honor Dr. Dianna Simon with the 2018 *SCHOOL DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD*. Due to her health, this award was previously presented to her at her residence.

Marlene Hagen—*School Alumna of the Year (SBH)*

Director, San Bernardino County Department of Children and Family Services

B.S. California State University, Fullerton 1996
M.S.W. Loma Linda University BH 1998

Certified forensic interview specialist

Marlene Hagen and her two siblings grew up in a bilingual household in the Hacienda Heights portion of the San Gabriel Valley. Her mother had emigrated to the U.S. from Mexico when in her 20s, and her father was a California native.

Prior to pursuing her graduate education, Mrs. Hagen was a staff member at the Loma Linda University Behavioral Medicine Center (BMC). While at the BMC, she met Professor James Dyer who saw something special in her and became her mentor, encouraging her to pursue the M.S.W. degree at Loma Linda University. The title IV-E Child Welfare Training Program stipend she received while in the program focused on preparing social workers for professional careers in public child welfare.

During the twenty years that she provided direct services to hundreds of children and their families, she specialized in family maintenance, reunification and adoption, and guardianship services. Her exceptional professional practice and administrative and leadership skills contributed to her steady rise through the ranks to the position she holds today: director of children and family services. As director of this public agency that employs approximately 1,000 people, her days are filled with a multitude of leadership roles and responsibilities. But she thoroughly enjoys interacting with staff and meeting new employees during the director's "Meet-and-Greet" events. She emphasizes to her staff the importance of building relationships, collaborating with the families served, and understanding parents' need to be "invested in their success.

A highly regarded public speaker, Mrs. Hagen effectively provides information and understanding regarding the needs of children and families in San Bernardino County. Her legacy is one of support for community-engaged scholarship and education, and her commitment to giving back to the community is exceptional.

Mrs. Hagen is married to her high school sweetheart, Tony. They have two children—Ian Hagan and Christina Stuart.

In recognition of her modeling and promotion of service that reflects the University's motto, "to make man whole," the School of Behavioral Health is pleased to name Mrs. Marlene Hagen its 2018 *SCHOOL ALUMNA OF THE YEAR*. This title will be conferred on her at the joint Conferring of Degrees for the School of Behavioral Health and the School of Religion.

Daniel R. Jackson—*Speaker*

President, North American Division of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists

B.Th. Canadian Union College 1971
M.A. Andrews University 1974

Ordained minister, teacher, and administrator—Canadian-born Daniel R. Jackson has faithfully served the Seventh-day Adventist (S.D.A.) Church for more than four decades as church pastor in the Alberta and Ontario Conferences; and as president of the Manitoba-Saskatchewan and British Columbia Conferences, and the S.D.A. Church in Canada. Since his election as president of the North American Division (NAD) of S.D.A.s in 2010, Elder Jackson has directed the administrative work and provided leadership and vision in the NAD—with 1.1 million members located throughout Bermuda, Canada, Federated States of Micronesia, the French possession of Saint Pierre and Miquelon, Guam; the Johnston, Marshall, Midway, and Northern Marianna Islands; Palau, and the United States of America. The NAD operates a system of more than 850 elementary and secondary schools and 13 colleges and universities, including Andrews University in Michigan, Oakwood University in Alabama, and Loma Linda University in California.

A seasoned administrator and servant-leader, Elder Jackson—who also serves as a vice president of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists—has provided wisdom and direction in the elective processes for each of the nine unions in the NAD; and the numerous significant committees and institutional boards he chairs or on which he sits as ex-officio member, including: GC and NAD Executive Committees, the governing boards of the GC Corporation, Adventist Media Ministries, Oakwood University, and Pacific Press Publishing Association.

Elder Jackson's leadership has been anchored in his strong belief that "Jesus, our Leader, is the grandest, most noble Person to ever grace this planet. He is the Foundation, Cornerstone, and CEO of the SDA Church." In his interactions with colleagues, church members, and friends, he considers and conducts himself as a fellow traveler on the same path as every Christian, headed toward the Kingdom.

With him through his challenging and fulfilling professional and spiritual journey have been Elder Jackson's beloved wife, Donna, and their three children.

Elder Daniel R. Jackson will deliver his address at the Conferring of Degrees for the School of Behavioral Health and the School of Religion.

School of Nursing

June ten, six o'clock, Drayson Center

PRELUDE	Alva Waworoendeng, keyboard Selected Compositions
ACADEMIC PROCESSION	The audience is requested to clear the aisles and remain seated. Ronald L. Carter, University Grand Marshal, leading Stephen G. Dunbar, Arthur B. Marshak, Kevin E. Nick, Jackie Williams Reade, Associate Marshals, assisting The President's Party, Members of the University Board of Trustees, LLUH Administrators
Faculty	Jubilee Suite . . . *Gordon Young*
Candidates for Degrees	Pomp and Circumstance March No. 1, Op. 39 . . . *Sir Edward Elgar*
WELCOME	Richard H. Hart President of the University
INVOCATION	Lisa Roberts Associate Professor
PRESENTATION OF AWARDS	Elizabeth A. Bossert, Dean of the School The President Ronald L. Carter, Provost of the University
INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER	The Dean

ADDRESS	Betty Ferrell Director and Professor, City of Hope THE SACRED PROFESSION OF NURSING
CONFERRING OF DEGREES	The President
AWARDING OF DIPLOMAS	The Dean Susan Lloyd, Associate Dean for Graduate Nursing M.S. and D.N.P. Programs—Shirley Bristol, Associate Professor Ph.D. Program—Ellen D'Errico, Associate Professor Barbara Ninan, Associate Dean for Undergraduate Nursing Undergraduate Programs—Nancie Parmenter, Assistant Professor JoAnn Shaul, Assistant Dean for Finance and Administration
NURSES' PLEDGE	Erin Guevara and Aiko Resurreccion Undergraduate Senior Class Co-Presidents
BENEDICTION	Marian Llaguno Assistant Professor
ACADEMIC RECESSION	March Religieuse . . . *Alexandre Guilmant* The audience is requested to clear the aisles and remain seated during the recession. Commencement ceremonies will be available for viewing and downloading from the Commencement website: llu.edu/commencement To minimize distracting others during the ceremony, guests are requested to observe the following picture-taking courtesies: *Please do not*— • use a flash or additional lighting; • walk in the main aisles or in front of the platform; • stand except very briefly in the audience line of vision.

Candidates for Degrees

The listing of a candidate's name in the commencement program is presumptive evidence of graduation but is not to be regarded as conclusive.

The three-letter designation following a student's name (MAR, SEP, DEC) indicates the month in which the student completed his or her program, if other than May/June.

SCHOOL OF NURSING

Bachelor of Science

Frank Sherwin Laurella Afan

Cynthia Aguilar, cum laude

Sandra Isabel Aleman, DEC, cum laude

Carina Alvino Salgado, MAR

Barbara Jeannie Andrews, MAR

Hoshi Naomi Aviles, DEC

Alexandra Avitha, MAR

Joshua Olatunde Babalola, DEC

Brooke Esther Bailey, DEC

Eunji Bang

Elizabeth Baray, DEC

Michelle Evangeline Benavides, MAR

Joshua Thomas-Nguyen Bui

Jordan Janay-Lynn Butler, magna cum laude

Martin Ray Calixterio, MAR

Jessica Campos Nunez, DEC, summa cum laude

Alex Brandon Capuchino, cum laude

Brianna Renee Carranza, DEC, cum laude

Jessica Michele Cavazos, MAR, magna cum laude

Gianna Nicole Cioe, DEC, cum laude

Casey Lee Cochran, cum laude

Joana Marie Corpus, MAR, cum laude

Erika Elizabeth Cortes, DEC, magna cum laude

Francella DeFalco, DEC

Jacobed Marie De Leon, MAR

Alexis Monique DiCiccio

Theodore Jesse Duerksen, MAR, cum laude

Leslie Aline Duke

Rebecca Elizabeth Faist, DEC

McKenna Michelle Fankhanel, cum laude

Hannah Millicent Fauni, MAR

Lizbeth Flores, cum laude

Christopher J. Gagnon

Karina Garibay

Carley Garnica, DEC, cum laude

Mercedes Ann Gasparovic, MAR, cum laude

Daniel Joseph Genstler, MAR

Jillian Claire Goddard, cum laude

Sarah M. Godoy

Aime Gomez, DEC, cum laude

Keila Merari Gonzales, DEC

Keziah Marie Moreno Gragasin

Erin Victoria Guevara, DEC

Theresia Ananda Gurning, MAR, cum laude

Chloe Easton Gustavsen, cum laude

Brandy Anne Gutierrez, DEC

Jennifer Haley, MAR

Cristina Renee Hamlin

Amanda Lee Haney, MAR, cum laude

Geoffrey Cole Hayton, DEC, cum laude

Daniel Joseph Hernandez

Roxanne Teresa Hernandez, DEC

Jessica Huang, cum laude

Alma Patricia Hunter, MAR

Diana Hurtado, DEC

Dannielle Lee Ivey

Alexandra Elizabeth Alyssia James, MAR

Abigail Marie Jarmin

Samantha Jaroszewski, DEC, cum laude

Jiyoon Jeong, MAR

Ima Efiong Jewell, MAR

Danielle Elaine Johnson, DEC

Alisa Evelyn Jordan

Emiko Hirata Kachirisky

Misun Kang, MAR

Nathan Austria Kawile

Ashley Ann Kim, MAR

Daniel Joonkyu Kim, DEC

Kellilynn Lee Kochever, cum laude

Esther Marie Lacey, MAR

Stephanie J. Lanier, DEC, cum laude

Rhonda Lynn Lee

Kenia Natalie Lindley, MAR, cum laude

Shirlynn Racquel Lindrum

Shelbey Rae Loeffler, MAR, magna cum laude

Valerie R. Lopez

Anthony Ray Lucero, cum laude

Blair Alexander Luchs

Amber Christina Lujan, MAR

Utha Andhika Lumbantobing, MAR, magna cum laude

Natalie Joy MacKinnon, DEC, cum laude

Ariel Robert Magcalas, DEC

Kaitlyn Kartika Mailangkay, MAR, cum laude

Kirste Ruth Manullang

Martha Patricia Marban Ruiz, cum laude

Eryn Lynn Martinez, MAR, cum laude

Stephanie Marie Masotto, MAR

Alyssa Nicole Mc Coll, MAR

Melissa Elizabeth McDermott, DEC, cum laude

Eustolia Lizeth Medina Zuniga, MAR

Rachel Marie Miceli, MAR, cum laude

Tina Marta Mihoc

Rachelle Lynn Mullins

Lian KaiiKhan Mung

Zeel Mungra

Bianey Munoz, MAR, cum laude

Jocelyn Munoz, DEC

Vincent Joseph Munoz, DEC

Philana Queena Neemia

Wenxin Niu

John Paul Noble, MAR, cum laude

Aluny Noravong, DEC

Nicole Nunez, MAR

Chane' Nicole O'Bannon, cum laude

Lauren A. Ochs, DEC, cum laude

Holly Ann Cortez Olalia, DEC, cum laude

Autumn M. Orozco, MAR, summa cum laude

Cinthia Nallely Ortiz, MAR, cum laude

Christian Oliver Antonio Padron, MAR, cum laude

Dean Gale Antonio Padron, cum laude

Jungwha Park, cum laude

Aribeth Perez, DEC, cum laude

Iridian Perez

Bryan Phan, DEC

Jacob Thomas Pick, MAR

Elizabeth Rachelle Porco, cum laude

Angeline Francesca Pueyo

Connie Jo Purdom, magna cum laude

Nathaly Gilleanne Rader, cum laude

Alma Jeanette Ramirez, DEC

Kelly Kay Resheske, DEC

Aiko Zari Resurreccion, DEC

Heidi Louise Reuter, cum laude

Brittany Ong Richardson, MAR, cum laude

Victoria Rene Richer, cum laude

Erica Danielle Rivera, summa cum laude

Katrina M. Robinson

Eric Samuel Rodriguez

Esther Marie Rodriguez, DEC

Natalie Amanda Rodriguez, DEC

Andrew Mervin Salgado, MAR, cum laude

Kevin Andre Salgado, MAR, summa cum laude

Ernesto Sanchez Sanchez, DEC, cum laude

Lauren Nicole Sanders, DEC, magna cum laude

Eunice Sandoval, MAR, cum laude

LeeAnna Delfina Sands, cum laude

Jezreel Victor Santiago, MAR

April-Dawn Sapigao, DEC

Dhevie Aprilia Saragih, MAR, cum laude

Charlene Joy Tobola Senosiain, MAR, magna cum laude

Sheba Sharifi, MAR

Jennifer Ann Sharp

Hannah Patricia Simmons, DEC, magna cum laude

Jessica H. Simpson, MAR, cum laude

Hunter M. Sparrow

Garrett Randall Speyer, MAR, magna cum laude

Jennelle Shandon Suchecki

Richard Joseph Tampubolon

Candis Carisa Terradot, DEC

Ann Marie Thomas

Lidia Torres Alcaide, MAR, cum laude

Anna Christianna Tway, MAR

Rajdeep Kaur Uppal, DEC, cum laude

Danny Samrat Uppala

Jennifer Monique Urena, magna cum laude

Joshua Michael Vasconcellos

Alyssa Monei Vega, MAR

Ayana Jarah Viduya, cum laude

Hung Van Vo, DEC, cum laude

Candice Lecreshia Walden, MAR

Baoying Wang, MAR, cum laude

Sipa Whitley, MAR, cum laude

Keirstin Violet Wikert, MAR, magna cum laude

Lacey Joye Wiley, cum laude

Brian Scott Wills, SEP

Michelle Andrea Wiltshire-Tomlin, MAR

Danielle Kaitlyn Wren

Shelby D. York, cum laude

Master of Science

Susan Bone, SEP
B.S. Loma Linda University SN 2009

Bernice M. Chapman-Stewart
B.S. Andrews University 1986

Chanda Renee Cinko, SEP
B.S. Loma Linda University SN 2012

Lizett Briseida De Leon, MAR
B.S.N. The University of Texas at El Paso 2007

Cleidimara Chollet De Souza
B.S. Loma Linda University SN 2012

Sarah Midigaspe Fenton, MAR
B.S.N. Vanguard University of Southern California 2013

Johnny Ray Garza, MAR
B.S. Loma Linda University SN 2013

Craig Marshall Johnson, MAR
B.A. California State University, Sacramento 2007
B.S. Loma Linda University SN 2011

Ernanie Trinidad Kho, MAR
B.S. California State University, San Bernardino 2010

Brian Kim, MAR
B.S. Andrews University 2010

Edgar Steven Lampano, MAR
B.S.N. University of Phoenix, Online Campus 2011

Justin Rex Lee, MAR
B.S.N. Arizona State University, Main Campus 2013

Vicki Lin, MAR
B.S. University of Missouri, Columbia 2006
B.S. William Jewell College 2012

Grecia Guadalupe Luna, MAR
B.S.N. Azusa Pacific University 2009

Nesi Villaraza Napod, DEC
B.S.N. Kaplan University 2011

Sherry Lynn Nolfe
B.S.N. Southern Adventist University 1995

Ammon Ray Parker, MAR
B.S.N. Southern Utah University 2013

Rachel Ann Reidinger, MAR
B.S. California State University, Long Beach 2012

Adrian Faissal Sabalboro
B.S. Loma Linda University SN 2009

Lida Odet Salcedo
B.S. Loma Linda University SN 1998

Aaron Schmid, MAR
B.S. South Dakota State University 2012

Sandy Simatupang, MAR
B.S. Loma Linda University SN 2011

Justin Val Stevenson, MAR
B.S. Westminster College 2010

Virginia Tijerina, MAR
B.S.N. The University of Texas at El Paso 2013

Doctor of Nursing Practice

Chrystanya Ashle Adeniji
B.S. California State University, Sacramento 2011

Candice Sheree Armstrong
B.S. California State University, San Bernardino 2009

Erica Eunyoung Kim
B.S. Andrews University 2011

Cydney Lynn Love, MAR
B.A. University of California, Riverside 1995
B.S. Loma Linda University SN 2008
M.S. Loma Linda University SN 2012

Kristen Ashley Schilling
B.S. Loma Linda University SN 2012
M.S. Loma Linda University SN 2015

Cheary Anna Shelim
B.S. Loma Linda University SN 2011

Doctor of Philosophy

In conjunction with the Faculty of Graduate Studies

Amal Abdulaziz Alaskar
M.S.N. George Mason University 2006

Dissertation: Accreditation Perceptions and Involvement in Saudi Arabian Nursing Schools

Alaa Fouad Mujallad
B.N. King Abdulaziz University 2003
M.H.A. University of La Verne 2009

Dissertation: Saudi Nurse Knowledge, Cultural Belief, and Intent Regarding Cervical Cancer Prevention

Mai Mohammed Yaseen, SEP
B.N. King Abdulaziz University 2008

Dissertation: The Relationship between Organizational, Nurse, and Patient Empowerment in a Magnet Designated-Hospital versus a Non-Magnet Designated Hospital

Undergraduate Class Officers

Co-Presidents: Erin Guevara, Aiko Resurreccion.

Co-Spiritual Vice Presidents: Natalie McKinnon, Hung Vo.

Co-Social Vice Presidents: Samantha Jaroszewski, Holly Olalia.

Historian: Hunter Sparrow.
Co-Secretaries: Brittany Richardson, Kevin Salgado.

Co-Treasurers: Jennifer Jeong, Bryan Phan.

Undergraduate Faculty Sponsors

Sara Allen Larsen, Assistant Professor of Nursing
Donna Becker, Assistant Professor of Nursing
Nancie Parmenter, Assistant Professor of Nursing

Undergraduate Staff Sponsor

Jackson Boren, Director, Alumni Relations

Awards

President's Award, Undergraduate: Lauren Ochs.

Dean's Award, Undergraduate: Chane' O'Bannon.

Dean's Award, Graduate, Master's: Lida Odet Salcedo.

Dean's Award, Graduate, D.N.P.: Cheary Shelim.

The following awards were presented prior to commencement:

Agatha Hodgins CRNA Memorial Award: Craig Johnson.

Bonnie Fang Award, Undergraduate Program: Wenxin (Helena) Niu.

Bonnie Fang Award, Graduate Program: Craig Johnson.

Class of 1966 Mentor Scholarship Award: Blair Luchs, Autumn Orozco, Christian Padron.

CNS Student of the Year Award: Nesi Napod.

DNP Project Award: Candice Armstrong.

FNP Student of the Year: Adrian Sabalboro.

Helen Emori King Professional Leadership Award: Cydney Love.

Joe Wilkinson Leadership Award: Aaron Schmid.

Lucile Lewis Award: Nathaly Rader, Jeanette Ramirez.

Nurse Anesthesia Wellness Award: Vicki Lin.

Dissertation Impact Award: Amal Alaskar.

Wil Alexander Whole Person Care Award: Samantha Jaroszewski.

Nurse's Pledge

I solemnly pledge myself, before God
and in the presence of this assembly
to practice faithfully my profession
of nursing.

I will do all in my power to make and maintain the highest standards and practices of my profession.

I will hold in confidence all personal matters committed to my keeping in the practice of my calling.

I will serve as a loyal member of the health care team and will devote myself to the welfare of my patients, my families, and my community.

I will endeavor to fulfill my rights and privileges as a good citizen, and to take my share of responsibility in promoting the health and welfare of my community.

I will constantly endeavor to increase my knowledge and skills in nursing and to use them wisely.

I will zealously seek to nurse those who are ill, wherever they may be and whenever they are in need.

I will be active in assisting others in safeguarding and promoting the health and happiness of humanity.

Adapted from the International Pledge of Nursing

Lauren Ochs—*President's Award*

B.S. Loma Linda University SN 2018

Sigma Theta Tau, International

Lauren Ochs was born and reared in Southern California. A home-schooled student, she graduated from Faith Academy and then attended Crafton Hills Junior College, where she earned associate degrees in social science, health science, and medical sciences. Continuing her academic journey, she earned a bachelor's degree in nursing at Loma Linda University. She is currently a registered nurse on staff at Loma Linda University Children's Hospital.

Blessed with a compassionate and positive outlook, Lauren's peers and colleagues consider her a role model and an ethical leader—dependable in any circumstance; and one who continually pursues excellence and integrity, going "above and beyond" not only scholastically but also in her patient care.

Lauren acknowledges God as the center of her life—the One who has guided in her decision making. A talented pianist, she has been involved in worship and service to the church since childhood.

As a student, Lauren was thrilled to complete her public health clinical requirement in Botswana, Africa; and to participate in short-term mission trips to Mexico and Cuba. She continues her outreach ministry as a volunteer with Community-Academic Partners in Service (CAPS), Social Action Community Health System (SACHS) clinic, Loma Linda University Medical Center, and Loma Linda Street Medicine.

A dynamic leader, Lauren has served LLU School of Nursing as social vice president for her class, president of the Associated Students of Nursing, volunteer study group leader, and tutor for pediatric and obstetric nursing.

For her outstanding academic performance, leadership, and community service engagement, the School of Nursing names Lauren Ochs recipient of the 2018 *PRESIDENT'S AWARD*.

Betty Ferrell—*Speaker*

Director of Nursing Research and
Education and Professor of Nursing
City of Hope Medical Center

B.S.N. Central State University, Edmond 1977
B.S. University of Oklahoma, Oklahoma City 1980
Ph.D. Texas Women's University 1984
M.A. Claremont University 2007

Visionary in the Field of Hospice and Palliative Medicine 2013
Regents Award for Outstanding Research, University of Oklahoma 1987
Professional Volunteer Award, American Cancer Society, Oklahoma County 1983
Professional Volunteer Award, American Cancer Society, Oklahoma Division
Nurse of the Year, District #1, Oklahoma Nurses' Association 1982
Award for Academic Achievement, University of Oklahoma 1980

Fellow, American Academy of Nursing
Alpha Chi
Alpha Lambda Delta

For four decades, Dr. Betty Ferrell has contributed significantly to the field of nursing education and clinical practice—sharing her expertise and upgrading the quality of research in pain management and palliative care for patients' well-being.

Dr. Ferrell has published more than 400 manuscripts and researches in peer-reviewed journals and texts. She has authored eleven books, including the *Textbook of Palliative Nursing* (4th edition, Oxford University Press, 2015); and has co-authored *The Nature of Suffering and the Goals of Nursing* (Oxford University Press, 2008) and *Making Health Care Whole: Integrating Spirituality into Patient Care* (Templeton Press, 2010). She is principal investigator for a research project funded by the National Cancer Institute—"Palliative Care for Patients with Solid Tumors on Phase 1 Clinical Trials"; and of the "End-of-Life Nursing Education Consortium (ELNEC)" project. She was co-chair of the National Consensus Project for Quality Palliative Care and currently directs several other funded projects related to palliative care in cancer centers and to quality of life (QOL) issues.

Dr. Ferrell is an active member of more than a dozen prestigious associations specializing in palliative care, pain management, and cancer education, including American Academy of Nursing, American Cancer Society, American Nurses Association, American Pain Society, Sigma Theta Tau National Honor Society for Nursing, and California State Nursing Association.

For her commitment to excellence and for her innovative and progressive contributions to the nursing profession, Dr. Ferrell was named "one of the 30 visionaries" by the American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine. She continues to extend her invaluable services as classroom and clinical professor, research consultant/researcher, and strong advocate on issues affecting patient care.

Dr. Betty Ferrell will deliver her address at the Conferring of Degrees for the School of Nursing.