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Message from the President

Congratulations to the Class of 2019.

One of the greatest joys experienced by our campus community is the opportunity to celebrate your academic excellence and personal achievements. This 113th 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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DEDICATION CEREMONIES

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May 24, 11:00 A.M., University Church

School of Medicine, Basic Sciences Consecration and Hooding
May 24, 3:00 P.M., Randall Amphitheater

School of Dentistry, Dental Hygiene Pinning
May 24, 6:00 P.M., Campus Hill Church

School of Medicine Consecration and Hooding—M.D.
May 24, 7:00 P.M., University Church

School of Pharmacy Hooding
May 24, 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 14, 10:30 A.M., University Church

School of Allied Health Professions Doctoral Hooding
June 14, 11:00 A.M., Campus Hill Church, Upper Linda Hall

School of Public Health Doctoral Hooding
June 14, 11:00 A.M., Campus Hill Church

School of Behavioral Health Town and Gown—Doctoral Candidates
June 14, 1:30 P.M., University Church

School of Allied Health Professions and School of Public Health Nutrition and Dietetics Pinning
June 14, 4:00 P.M., Centennial Complex, Damazo Amphitheater

School of Nursing Graduate Recognition Ceremony—M.S., D.N.P., and Ph.D.
June 14, 4:00 P.M., Wong Kerlee International Conference Center
FOCUS ON GRADUATES

VESPER PROGRAM

June 14, 7:00 P.M., University Church

BACCALAUREATE SERVICES

Schools of Medicine and Pharmacy
May 25, 9:00 A.M., University Church

School of Dentistry
May 25, 11:45 A.M., University Church

Schools of Allied Health Professions, Behavioral Health, Nursing, Public Health, and Religion
June 15, 11:45 A.M., University Church

CONFERRING OF DEGREES

School of Medicine
May 26, 8:30 A.M., Campus Mall

School of Pharmacy
May 26, 1:30 P.M., Campus Mall

School of Dentistry
May 26, 5:00 P.M., Campus 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 16, 8:00 A.M., Drayson Center

School of Allied Health Professions—Occupational Therapy, Orthotics and Prosthetics, Physical Therapy
June 16, 10:30 A.M., Drayson Center

School of Public Health
June 16, 1:30 P.M., Drayson Center

School of Behavioral Health and School of Religion
June 16, 3:30 P.M., Drayson Center

School of Nursing
June 16, 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 grand 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, Michael R. Samardzija, vice president for research affairs.

Deans of the Schools

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

Other LLU Health Administrators

J. Peter Baker, senior vice president for LLUMC-Murrieta; Lyndon C. Edwards, senior vice president for adult hospital services; 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; Whitney P. Henderson, assistant secretary; 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. Lallas, chief financial officer/senior vice president for finance; Sondra L. Leno, vice president for finance; Llewellyn L. Mowery, 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 L. “Dusty” Rigsby, vice president for transitional care; Randall L. Roberts, vice president for spiritual life and mission; Eric N. Schilt, vice president for planning, design, and construction; Alan Soderblom, vice president for finance, hospital operations; Helen Staples-Evans, senior vice president for patient care services; 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

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.

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## Criteria for Institutional Awards

**Loma Linda University Health (LLUH)**

**Loma Linda University (LLU)**

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<td>Lifetime Service Award (LLUH)</td>
<td>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.</td>
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<td>Honorary Doctorate (LLU)</td>
<td>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.</td>
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<td>University Alumnus (na) of the Year (LLU)</td>
<td>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.</td>
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<td>Meritorious Service Award (LLUH)</td>
<td>Presented to one who has had no official connection with the 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 mankind in a manner which is congruent with the mission of Loma Linda University Health.</td>
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Distinguished Academic Award (LLUH)  
Presented to a faculty member, administrator, clinician or staff member selected for having made outstanding contributions to Loma Linda University Health's academic mission. A person so honored, is generally well known and recognized on campus and has served with distinction for a minimum of ten years.

Distinguished Service Award (LLUH)  
Presented to a faculty member, administrator, staff member or member of the Board of Trustees, selected for having made outstanding contributions to LLUH in service areas. A person so honored is generally well known and recognized on campus and has served the institution with distinction for a minimum of ten years.

Distinguished Humanitarian (LLUH)  
Presented to those who have made outstanding contributions to Loma Linda University Health and its various institutions and programs.

Distinguished Investigator Award (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 Health.

Global Service Award (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 Award (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.
Loma Linda University Health
and
Loma Linda University
Honorees
H. Roger Hadley—*Lifetime Service Award*

Dr. Roger Hadley has been involved with the administration of the Loma Linda University School of Medicine and its practice organizations for many years. Coming from a long line of physicians on both sides of his family, his career has centered on quality care for patients while nurturing an effective practice environment. His extensive experience with faculty members, residents, and medical students has enabled him to initiate and encourage improvements in the LLU Medical Center as chief medical officer, the Faculty Medical Group as chair of the board, and also LLU Health Care (the managing organization of the medical practices), which he developed and guided.

Dr. Ricardo Peverini, CEO of the Faculty Medical Group/vice dean, School of Medicine speaks of Dr. Hadley’s deep commitment to his service, thus: “Dr. Hadley has always advocated for both the specific individual as well as the larger system. His availability and willingness to engage with the small details as well as dealing with the challenging larger issues are recognized and appreciated by all. Throughout his career, he has continued to advocate for both the institution and the individuals who make up that institution. Hundreds of medical students and hundreds of faculty members are deeply grateful for his leadership and commitment to LLU Health and its mission.”

Roger Hadley’s service as dean of the School of Medicine has spanned 16 years—one of the longest tenures as dean of a school of medicine in the country. In this capacity, he served as board member of the Licensing Committee for Medical Education; and currently serves on the board of the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education. While choosing to step down as dean, he will continue to practice urology and assist with alumni relations and serve as campus advisor in various areas.

Dr. Hadley will best be remembered not by the various administrative roles he has carried, but as a friend of students and the ultimate photographic recorder of individuals, events, and selfies. Carried on from his father, Henry, he has a unique ability to file and recall pictures of many through the years, and present them for the enjoyment of all.

Loma Linda University Health recognizes Dr. H. Roger Hadley’s excellent and innovative leadership and his invaluable contributions to medical education and practice, which promote our mission—“To continue the teaching and healing ministry of Jesus Christ,” and honors him with the LIFETIME SERVICE AWARD. This award will be presented at the Conferring of Degrees of the School of Medicine.
For over three decades Dr. Martin Joseph Doblmeier has produced and directed more than 30 films about religion, faith, and spirituality that have been widely distributed and have earned critical acclaim including an Emmy, three U.S./International Film Festival awards, and eight Gabriel Awards for best film on a topic of religion in America.

His films explore how belief leads to extraordinary unexpected acts, how spirituality creates and sustains communities, and how faith is lived in extraordinary ways. Dr. Peter Landless, General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists director of Health Ministries, considers him as “intrepid visionary with a penchant for taking on interesting and sometimes even controversial subjects…he researches these, indefatigably pursues facts and truths, and presents them in film format. His works reflect his character, his attention to detail, his integrity, and his creativity.”

Dr. Doblmeier's widely acclaimed film, Bonhoeffer, broke theater box office records nationwide; and The Power of Forgiveness was a national best seller, earning him the distinction of leading over 70 special event screenings in the United Nations, Washington National Cathedral, and Virginia Tech. It was a screening of Bonhoeffer in 2003 that brought him to Loma Linda, where he was interviewed on LLBN's Faith at Work. Following a tour of the medical center and campus, Dr. Doblmeier shared, “I've never seen a group of people so much on the cutting edge of medicine, for whom prayer and faith in God are so tightly interwoven with health care. Someday, I'm going to do a film about the Adventists.” This vision was realized through the production of The Adventists, The Adventists 2, The Blueprint: The Story of Adventist Education, and Chaplains.

A prolific film writer and passionate storyteller, Dr. Doblmeier has traveled to more than 50 countries conducting research and profiling religious leaders, spiritual communities, heads of state, and Nobel laureates.

Dr. Martin Doblmeier is married to Dr. Jelena Vucetic, a professor of computer science and electrical engineering. The couple have been blessed with an adult son.

For his strong, positive influence on his audiences' thoughts, values, and decisions; for exemplifying excellence and commitment to truth, spirituality, and healthy lifestyle, Loma Linda University is pleased to confer on Dr. Martin Joseph Doblmeier the DOCTOR OF HUMANE LETTERS at the joint Conferring of Degrees for the School of Behavioral Health and the School of Religion.
Don Hall—*University Alumnus of the Year*

Dr. Hall was diagnosed with muscular dystrophy when he was 12 years old. Instead of succumbing to what people considered unchangeable, he believed in God's power and resolved to realize his dream to blend his love of the ministry and public health. “Dr. Hall has demonstrated a firm commitment to prevention and healthy living. His work as founder and chairman of Wellsource, Inc., one of the earliest computerized health risk assessment companies, was groundbreaking for its time and continues to this day. Dr. Hall has wanted to help change lives for the better, in ways that make a difference.” He has trained more than 3,800 individuals in lifestyle improvement and developed the Wellsource Corporate Wellness Seminar to help businesses control high health care costs.

While pursuing his doctorate, Dr. Hall developed *Health Age*—a program based on the results of the Alameda County study on longevity; and was a founder of the Loma Linda Lopers, one of the largest running and walking clubs in California.

Dr. Albin Grohar, Executive Director in Philanthropy, says about him: “Dr. Hall is unusual as a philanthropist. He doesn’t linger long in seeing and deciding on an impact-generating opportunity. When the possibility and potential of an endowed chair was discussed, he didn’t wait, but immediately said: ‘this makes sense; let’s figure out how we can do this.’ In this way, he created and funded the Don and Trish Hall Research Professorship in Public Health. This endowed chair was conceived and brought about by him, making it the first significant endowed research chair for the School of Public Health.”

Dr. Hall’s presentations at local, national, and international conferences, his numerous publishings, and his online wellness center have contributed significantly to public health. In 2011, Dr. Hall joined the Center for Disease Control and Prevention panel to develop guidelines for using health risk appraisals to provide personalized prevention plan services during Medicare-sponsored annual wellness visits. A minister, health care administrator, sports guru, and educator, he was recognized in *Time Magazine* for his significant initiatives and ground-breaking contributions to computerized health analysis.

Loma Linda University recognizes Dr. Don Hall’s invaluable contributions to this institution through his exemplary leadership, modeling of health and fitness, his generosity, and his promotion of this University’s motto, “To make man whole,” and names him *UNIVERSITY ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR*. This award will be presented to him at the Conferring of Degrees for the School of Public Health.
Robert J. Wagner—University Alumnus of the Year

Dr. Robert Wagner planned to become a chemistry teacher, however, shortly after graduation from college he decided to enter medical school. During his senior year, he was involved in surgical research with Dr. Leonard Bailey on canine heart transplant studies, under the direction of Dr. Ellsworth Wareham and Dr. Wilford Huse. Following an internship in internal medicine and a residency in obstetrics and gynecology (OB/GYN), Dr. Wagner joined the OB/GYN staff at the Loma Linda University Medical Center. After a two-year fellowship in Texas, he returned to Loma Linda as the Residency Program Director in OB/GYN. This entailed administering the program at night and on weekends while carrying a full clinical load.

Dr. Kevin Balli, current chair of the department, says of Dr. Wagner: "Dr. Wagner is the embodiment of the mission of the OB/GYN Department—healing patients, and educating young physicians. Not only has he shaped policy and practice during his various administrative roles, but he is quite literally the ‘ancestor’ of the majority of our current departmental staff, as so many successive generations of our faculty developed their own expertise under his guidance and direction."

Dr. Wagner served as Chief of the Division of Gynecology Oncology, during which time he became acting chair of the Department of OB/GYN. Additionally, he served as chair of the Department of OB/GYN at the San Bernardino County Hospital.

Dr. Hadley, Dean, School of Medicine, notes: "Dr. Wagner is perhaps the longest continuously operating surgeon at Loma University Medical Center. He was an early pioneer in gynecologic oncology and was one of the first specialists in this field. His uncompromised commitment to the patient’s health combined with outstanding operative skills made him the ‘go to’ surgeon in the Inland Empire."

A colleague who admires Dr. Wagner noted, “Beyond his ongoing contributions to education, countless women can say that their lives were saved by Dr. Wagner.”

Dr. Wagner is married to Marian Radke Wagner. They have three successful children, Andrea Thorp, Jessica Sabo, and Jake Wagner.

For his exemplary service, and his contributions to obstetrics and gynecology education and practice, Loma Linda University names Dr. Robert J. Wagner UNIVERSITY ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR. This award will be presented to him at the Conferring of Degrees for the School of Medicine.
Bradley P. Gilbert—Meritorious Service Award

Dr. Bradley P. Gilbert was appointed Chief Executive Officer of the Inland Empire Health Plan in October 2008. The plan is one of the largest not-for-profit public health plans in California with more than 1,240,000 members and over 5,000 health care providers.

Dr. Gilbert’s commitment to patients and families with great needs springs from his background as a public health physician. Coupled with a keen analysis of people and services, he has been able to assemble a healthcare network that is both effective and comprehensive.

Under Dr. Gilbert’s direction, the Inland Empire Health Plan has emerged as a preeminent Medicaid managed care plan. Its growth, efficiency, and creative services have been exemplary as it addresses not only the health needs of its members but social determinants of health, including housing, food, and social support services.

Dr. Gilbert’s impact as a leader in healthcare reform has been immense. The partnership between the Inland Empire Health Plan and the University’s Social Action Community Health System (SACHS) have strengthened programs such as the innovative Behavioral Health Integration Complex Care Initiative, which strives to improve members’ health outcomes by coordinating complex physical and behavioral needs across multiple providers and healthcare systems in the region. SACHS has also benefitted tremendously from the Inland Empire Health Plan’s Network Expansion Fund which has helped bring primary care and mid-level providers to our community.

Supported by Dr. Gilbert’s leadership, Loma Linda University Health and the Inland Empire Health Plan work together in many ways to bring health and healing to our region’s population. The Inland Empire is blessed to have a health care visionary like Dr. Gilbert, who continues to encourage each of us to “do the right thing.” Loma Linda University Health recognizes Dr. Gilbert as a true partner in service.

Dr. Gilbert and his wife of more than 38 years are avid hikers. He loves cooking and is a longtime fan of the Los Angeles Lakers.

Recognizing his significant contributions towards provision of health care to our surrounding communities through collaborative partnerships and relevant reforms, Loma Linda University Health honors Dr. Bradley P. Gilbert with the MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD. This award will be presented to him at the Conferring of Degrees for the School of Medicine.
As a committed Christian and practicing surgeon, Dr. Bruce Steffes felt a calling to serve the world. He joined the Pan African Academy of Christian Surgeons (PAACS) in 2003 and served as Executive Director from 2006 to 2014. He and his wife, Michelle (nee Turner) an accountant, have employed their surgical, business, and administrative skills in the developing world. Susan Koshy, Executive Director, PAACS, says of Dr. Steffes: "Under his leadership, PAACS became a well-established and recognized ministry in Africa. He laid the foundations on which PAACS is being built and continues to grow." His exemplary work has taken PAACS to the next level of engagement being recognized in the international surgical world.

Dr. Steffes has given his volunteer services for most of each year in Haiti, Belize, Guatemala, Brazil, Kenya, Uganda, Ghana, Togo, Benin, Zambia, Sierra Leone, Liberia, Angola, Papua New Guinea, Afghanistan and Uzbekistan.

The son of missionary parents, Dr. David C. Thompson grew up in Cambodia. In 1968, while studying at Geneva College, his parents were martyred in Banmethuot, Vietnam.

As a surgeon in Gabon, Africa, he recognized that needs surrounding him would soon overwhelm his own capacity. Dreaming of training 100 Christian surgeons by 2020, he approached Loma Linda University about backstopping a training program based at Christian hospitals across Africa.

Dr. Richard Hart, Loma Linda University Health president, notes that “Dr. Thompson has logged thousands of miles developing a network of 11 Christian hospitals across Africa – encouraging lonely surgeons, solving logistical problems, and setting a high standard for surgical training.”

The PAACS program is recognized as the preeminent surgical training program in Africa. Only a visionary, godly man, like Dr. Thompson could have had the vision and courage to start training physicians across sub-Saharan Africa. Dr. Keir Thelander, PAACS Chief Medical Officer, admires him for his "perseverance and deep trust in the Lord that gave him the confidence to pursue things that others couldn’t imagine."

Dr. Thompson and his wife, Rebecca, served in Gabon for 35 years. In 2013 they moved to Harpur Memorial Hospital in Menouf, Egypt to open a second PAACS program. They retired from full-time missionary service in 2018.

In recognition of their visionary leadership and invaluable contributions towards improved quality of health care through the training of surgeons in developing countries, Loma Linda University Health honors Dr. Bruce Steffes and Dr. David C. Thompson with the MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD, to be presented at the Conferring of Degrees for the School of Medicine.
Dr. Jayakaran S. Job—physician, public health scholar, mentor, resource speaker, and consultant—has modeled excellence and unwavering commitment in his service at the Loma Linda School of Public Health for almost three decades. As public health educator and scholar, his efforts focused on tobacco smoking prevention and control, global epidemiology, maternal and child health, human resource development, control of infectious diseases, population dynamics and demography, and medical and public health.

As a researcher and scholar, Dr. Job served as co-investigator for a nationwide, long-term ($3.2 billion over 25 years), federally funded study in 2010. Unprecedented in scope, the study focused on and tracked 105,000 children—1,000 of whom reside in San Bernardino Country—from birth to age 21. Dr. Job considers the study a "once-in-a-lifetime privilege which afforded him the opportunity to examine a fairly comprehensive range of genetic, biological, social, cultural, behavioral, and other health factors—which has never been done in a single study." The research shared insights for improving medical practice and guiding government policy on issues relevant to childhood obesity, autism, birth defects, diabetes, heart disease, and other growing health concerns in the country. It also provided data on how environmental factors, including family income, culture, parenting styles, and neighborhood—as opposed to genetic factors—affect a wide range of health conditions.

Dean Helen Hopp Marshak notes: "Dr. Job faithfully served the School of Public Health for almost three decades. He is a scholar and a gentleman, and a colleague, friend and mentor to so many in public health, at Loma Linda and around the world."

Besides the influence he has exerted on vital public health issues through his research and his numerous publications and presentations, Dr. Job has helped redirect public health practice as consultant to organizations engaged in the field of global public health. In addition, he has influenced health policy through his active leadership and involvement in local and international health organizations.

For his invaluable contributions to global health and for his unwavering commitment to promoting our mission, "To continue the teaching and healing ministry of Jesus Christ," Loma Linda University names Dr. Jayakaran S. Job recipient of the DISTINGUISHED ACADEMIC AWARD. This award will be presented to him at the Conferring of Degrees for the School of Public Health.
Born in Fort Richardson, Alaska, where his father was stationed after World War II, Dr. Henry H. Lamberton grew up on a ranch in the wheat and apple country of north-central Washington. He attended Upper Columbia Academy, where he met his wife, Elaine (née Spechko). Dr. Lamberton served in various capacities after earning his B.A. and M.Div. degrees: academy dean and Bible teacher; pastor in Washington and Idaho for seven years; faculty member in the School of Theology at Walla Walla University for six years; then, as a faculty member in Loma Linda University’s School of Religion. He proceeded to earn a doctorate in his long-time area of interest—the integration of psychology and religion.

In January 1994, Dr. Lamberton was appointed associate dean for Student Affairs in the School of Medicine. He has taught religion courses and served as coordinator for Orientation to Religion and Medicine. He has sponsored the University’s Healthy Neighborhoods Project and was chair of the University’s Global Mission Appointment Committee. Dr. Lamberton has considered it a distinct privilege and richest blessing to have known and worked with students from 27 graduating classes in the School of Medicine.

Dr. Lamberton co-authored Spirituality, Health and Wholeness: An Introductory Guide for Healthcare Professionals, and has published on forgiveness and the role of spirituality in medicine; and co-authored research articles on the integration of cognition and emotion in physician-patient interaction and the development of cynicism in physicians. Further, he has led many conversations at national and international meetings of the Seventh-day Adventist Church on topics related to religion, psychology, and mental health.

Dr. Roger Hadley, dean of the School of Medicine fondly refers to Dr. Lamberton as “the face of the Loma Linda University School of Medicine to its students;” and “his seemingly limitless accessibility to students is eclipsed only by his competence and compassion.” Dr. Hadley further noted, “The lives he has positively affected will benefit the countless patients who will be cared for by our graduates.”

Loma Linda University Health recognizes Dr. Henry H. Lamberton’s exemplary service and invaluable contributions towards academic excellence and the achievement of the mission of this health sciences institution, “To continue the teaching and healing ministry of Jesus Christ; and names him recipient of the DISTINGUISHED ACADEMIC AWARD. This award will be presented at the Conferring of Degrees for the School of Medicine.
Mary L. Clement—*Distinguished Service Award*

Mrs. Mary L. Clement joined the School of Dentistry’s Office of Admissions as a volunteer in 1996 and became a permanent employee two years later. Her husband, Dr. Robert J. Clement, had joined the school’s faculty in 1988, following a highly decorated 30-year career as a professional dental officer and Commander in the United States Air Force. Mrs. Clement continued to serve in support positions in the Dental School after her husband’s untimely death in 2002. Dr. Clement was given the Faculty Distinguished Service Award posthumously that year.

In 2008, Mrs. Clement joined the University’s Department of Public Affairs as tour coordinator and guide. She has been one of the very public faces of Loma Linda University Health, telling its story in ways that make a difference in people’s lives. She has shared Loma Linda University Health with prospective staff members, proton center patients, church groups, guests from around the world, and many others; she has provided orientations for visiting interns, new employees, and guest professionals. “Her hospitality and gracious demeanor have combined to warmly welcome thousands of campus visitors. Kelsey Culler notes that she introduced everyone to Loma Linda University Health in a way that made them feel they were special.”

“The Loma Linda University Health community acknowledges the significant contributions Mrs. Clement has made to strengthening the reputation and image of the institution during the past 22 years. She embodies the values Loma Linda University Health emphasizes and provided an accurate portrait of who we are to all the people she encountered,” says Cherie Martin.

Her service to the institution concluded with her retirement on February 1, 2019.

Mrs. Clement has two adult children and four grandchildren. Her sons, Robert Jr. and Douglas, along with their families from Florida, Indiana, Wisconsin, and Arizona, are in attendance today to honor both their mother and grandmother, and the memory of their father and grandfather.

In appreciation for the outstanding way in which she has represented each one of us, Loma Linda University Health is pleased to present the *DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD* to Mrs. Mary L. Clement. This award will be presented to her during the Conferring of Degrees for the School of Dentistry.
Jack Schlinkert—*Distinguished Service Award*

For more than four decades, Jack Schlinkert has demonstrated outstanding, exemplary servant-leadership at Loma Linda University Medical Center (LLUMC) and Loma Linda University (LLU). Since 1964, when he began serving at the then-Sanitarium kitchen, he has dedicated his career to high standards of customer service and has consistently conducted himself with professionalism.

Unassuming and soft-spoken, his colleagues and friends admire him for his Christ-like demeanor, problem-solving skills, and ability to get along with everyone—even the occasional “difficult” personalities he encounters. He has faithfully served LLUMC and LLU as shop supervisor and presently, as assistant director of the Campus Engineering Department.

Rod Neal, senior vice president for Finance, says of Mr. Schlinkert: "Jack has been exemplary to his colleagues, and the entire campus has benefited immeasurably from his quiet, yet effective way that he serves."

Believing in the value of Christian education, Mr. Schlinkert's family moved to Loma Linda in 1956 where he and his brothers attended school. In 1967 he met Catherine Radke, who became his wife in 1969. Inspired by God's call to establish a church and a school, the couple relocated to Hobbs, New Mexico in 1975. Six years later in 1981, Mr. Schlinkert's family moved back to Loma Linda and he started his service at the Maintenance/Campus Engineering Department.

In his current role, he oversees the day-to-day operations of several of the physical plant shops and sets up department events ensuring that institutional programs—including commencement—held in the Drayson Center, reflect the Christian ambience and quality this health sciences institution stands for.

Mr. Schlinkert has been blessed with a loving and supportive family—Catherine, his wife of 50 years; and the couple's two children and four grandchildren. Besides his work, he enjoys gardening and woodworking.

For his invaluable and exemplary service and for modeling servant-leadership, Loma Linda University Health recognizes and honors Mr. Jack Schlinkert with the *DISTINGUISHED SERVICE 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.
Rick Williams—Distinguished Service Award

Dr. Rick Williams has committed nearly his entire career to Seventh-day Adventist education. Serving in various roles in student life and recruitment at five different institutions, he has positively impacted thousands of young people. His skill at organizational strategies has been coupled with his technical knowledge of software to facilitate significant advances in recruitment, admissions, and registration of students. This knowledge has made him an effective consultant and lecturer at other institutions and organizations, in addition to being a presenter at national conferences in the area of enrollment management.

Throughout his professional career, Dr. Williams has served SDA education in the roles of dean of men, director of recruitment, director of admissions, dean of students, director of public relations and development, and vice president for advancement. He taught counselor education for many years ending with rank of full professor. His service included Pacific Union College, University of Northern Colorado, Columbia Union College, Cal State San Bernardino, and Loma Linda University. In addition, Dr. Williams spent 11 years as the vice president of a healthcare company in long-term care.

Over the last 15 years, he has served Loma Linda University as vice president for enrollment management and student affairs. This broad responsibility has enabled him to make many improvements across campus. “The efficiencies currently experienced in student enrollment and records is a testament to the role he has played at Loma Linda University. Dr. Williams’ retirement will leave behind a legacy of programs and services that will influence this institution for the future,” says Erin Seheult, Director, University Records.

He and his wife of 48 years, Linda, have two children and six grandchildren.

For his dynamic and innovative leadership translated into relevant student services, Loma Linda University honors Dr. Rick Williams with the DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD. This award will be presented to him at the Conferring of Degrees for the School of Pharmacy.
Clifton and Sandra Reeves—*Distinguished Humanitarian Award*

A native of Oklahoma, Dr. Clifton D. Reeves attended Union College, where he initially planned to take business, but ultimately changed to the pre-med course. There he met Sandra Joyner, a lab tech student, in the chemistry class. They were married in 1955.

Dr. Reeves was a member of the last class to graduate from the College of Medical Evangelists, before the school became Loma Linda University School of Medicine. His internship and surgical residency took place at the White Memorial Hospital with additional training in thoracic surgery. In 1965, Dr. Reeves was recruited to serve as the first chief surgical resident at Riverside General Hospital. He remained there for 40 years, eventually becoming the Chief of Surgery for 25 years.

In his quiet and humble way, Dr. Reeves also provided leadership through service as chair of the Loma Linda University School of Medicine admissions committee for 30 years. He was instrumental in beginning the first student tuition aid fund when he served as President of the Alumni Association from 1983 to 1984. He also oversaw the start and completion of the first endowed chair of surgical education in the department of surgery at Loma Linda University. This chair is appropriately named the (Clifton and Sandra) Reeves Endowed Chair for General Surgery.

“Service” has certainly been a consistent theme throughout Dr. and Mrs. Reeves’ lives—having served in early teen/youth ministry, head elder, and many other positions at La Sierra University Church. He has served on the boards of both the La Sierra University Church (LSUC) and La Sierra Academy as chair and member. An avid harp enthusiast, Mrs. Reeves has been a part of the music program at LSUC as a longtime member of the choir and a number of other support functions.

Dr. and Mrs. Reeves have served on mission and teaching trips to Argentina, China, Guam, Hong Kong, Japan, the Philippines, and Thailand. In addition, Dr. Reeves has served on accreditation trips in Africa for the Pan African Academy of Christian Surgeons.

Dr. and Mrs. Reeves are devoted to their three sons, seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

In recognition of exemplary service and philanthropy, and for inspiring and challenging others to model our mission, Loma Linda University Health honors Clifton and Sandra Reeves with the *DISTINGUISHED HUMANITARIAN AWARD*. This award will be presented to them at the Conferring of Degrees for the School of Medicine.
Head, Division of Regenerative Medicine and Professor of Biochemistry, Orthopedic Surgery, Pediatrics, and Oral Surgery Loma Linda University

B.A. Walla Walla College 1953
M.D. Loma Linda University SM 1957
Fellow in Internal Medicine and Research, Lahey Clinic Foundation, Boston, Massachusetts 1962, 1963
NIH Postdoctoral Fellow, Postgraduate Medical School of London and Harvard Medical School, Boston, Massachusetts 1963, 1965

Distinguished Professor of Basic Sciences and Walter E. Macpherson Endowed Chair, School of Medicine, Loma Linda University 2013
Outstanding Contribution to Medicine Award, San Bernardino County Medical Society 2012
Alumnus of the Year, Loma Linda University School of Medicine 2010
William F. Neuman Award, American Society of Bone and Mineral Research 2008
Member, Czech Learned Society 2005
Institutional Scientist of the Year 1989
More than a dozen awards as educational researcher

Multi-awarded and Distinguished Professor of Medicine and Basic Sciences, Dr. David J. Baylink holds the distinction of five decades of productive career in the field of basic and clinical metabolic bone diseases. A prolific scholar and researcher, he has contributed more than 650 peer-reviewed publications and over 800 abstracts, reported numerous significant discoveries in osteoporosis and bone health, and secured tens of millions of dollars in external grant funding.

As a former and current member of 12 journal editorial boards, Dr. Baylink has generously shared his expertise which has translated into important cutting-edge contributions to science, in the areas of insulin-like growth factor and growth hormone, osteoporosis and genetics, Vitamin D and autoimmunity, fracture healing and mechanical loading, and, presently, stem cell and gene therapy. He has mentored and inspired hosts of students toward successful careers, and co-authored with former junior faculty, including—Leah Hans, Ceasar Libinati, and Arnold Tabuenca. His colleagues with whom he has trod the challenging path to discovery, consider collaborating on projects with him a privilege and an opportunity for professional growth.

In a highly competitive world of grant-funded research, Dr. Baylink continues to reinvent himself and contributes to spread his positive influence to his peers, students, and acquaintances. Under a federal grant, Dr. Baylink is engaged in his current area of interest—stem cell gene therapy, particularly focusing on the study of skeletal augmentation.

Recognized as an expert and scholar in his field, Dr. Baylink has been a member of prestigious local and international organizations. He currently serves as president of the Southern California Bone and Mineral Club.

For his outstanding, cutting-edge contributions and professional success in the area of metabolic bone diseases, and for continuing to benefit his field through research innovations and discoveries, Loma Linda University Health is pleased to name Dr. David J. Baylink recipient of the DISTINGUISHED INVESTIGATOR AWARD. This award will be presented to him at the Conferring of Degrees for the School of Medicine.
Kimberly Payne—*Distinguished Investigator Award*

Dr. Kimberly Payne grew up on a dairy farm near Rising Star, Texas where she was raised by her parents, Jerrel and Caroline Harris. She joined the Division of Anatomy at Loma Linda University in 2006 where she serves as the Research Director for the Pediatric Cancer Research Program and as the Director for Translational Research for the Cancer Center and the School of Medicine. In these capacities, she mentors graduate and medical students, supports clinical fellows in their research, and facilitates faculty members with the application of their research.

Dr. Marino de Leon notes that, "Dr. Payne has shown high dedication to the research training of beginning basic and clinical investigators—introducing them to new technologies critical for their career development; and has implemented innovative courses in which students are trained in the latest flow cytometer applications. Dr. Payne has also conducted successful NIH grant proposal writing courses that have helped early-stage investigators prepare and submit competitive grant applications."

During her career, Dr. Payne has secured over $4 million in research funding, including multiple NIH and foundation awards. She directs a NIH-funded research program that is focused on a high-risk form of pediatric leukemia which disproportionately affects Hispanic children. Based on her discoveries, Dr. Payne has partnered with the University incubator, N³Eight, in starting a company focused on developing a promising treatment for this disease.

She has served on numerous NIH grant review panels and has presented her research findings at multiple national and international conferences. Dr. Mark Reeves shares that "Dr. Payne carries with her a flame that sparks engagement, encouragement, and a sense of the awesome potential that is always present. Although she has a great deal more to give, Dr. Payne has already contributed to the University community providing unassailable proof that one person can, indeed, make a huge and positive difference."

Dr. Payne and her husband, Dr. Marvin Payne, have two sons—one who is a rancher in Rising Star, Texas; and another one who is completing the M.D./Ph.D. program at Loma Linda University.

Loma Linda University Health recognizes the invaluable impact of Dr. Kimberly Payne's outstanding scholarship and contributions to pediatric research and education; and honors her with the *DISTINGUISHED INVESTIGATOR AWARD*. This award will be presented to her at the Conferring of Degrees for the School of Medicine.
Steve (SM’70), and Donna (SN’69) Shank, have lived the mission of Loma Linda University their entire lives. For the first eight years of their professional careers, they provided leadership at the Guam Seventh-day Adventist Clinic, including medical services during many short visits to the outlying islands. They chose to settle in Summersville, West Virginia—where there was no Seventh-day Adventist presence; and led out in developing a church, a school, and a child care center. Their children have followed their parent’s tracks into health care and church service. Throughout Greg and Cristy’s own medical careers in Cameroon and Malawi, Steve and Donna assisted them on short-term mission trips.

Greg Shank (SM’00) followed his father into medicine, where he met and married Audrey Fisher (SM’01). Following their respective residencies in surgery and family medicine respectively, they accepted a call and moved with their daughter, Sarah, to Koza Adventist Hospital in the remote hills of northern Cameroon. Quickly adjusting to the culture and challenges of rural Africa, they cared for a wide spectrum of patients. Audrey focused on children’s needs and attended to nutrition and infection control in the surrounding villages. The couple braved the challenges of providing complex, quality care for the most seriously ill patients in this resource-depleted environment for five years before relocating to Reedsport, Oregon, where they currently practice. Greg has returned many times to Africa for short-term service, including during the Ebola outbreak in Liberia, and also with his sister in Malawi.

Cristy Shank (SM’00) initially took nursing, then shifted to medicine, desiring to serve abroad. Following a family medicine residency, she accepted a call to Malamulo Hospital in rural Malawi, where she served for six-and-a-half years—part of that time as medical director. Her clinical and leadership skills have elevated the hospital’s status in many ways, which includes providing the first PAP smear program in the country—now a model for cervical cancer prevention. During Cristy’s tenure, Loma Linda designated Malamulo Hospital as its first global campus, expanding the hospital’s clinical and teaching programs with five School of Medicine alumni covering all core specialties and hosting a surgical residency program for African graduates. The hospital has also been a popular rotation venue for many LLU
students and residents. Presently, Cristy directs a family medicine residency program in West Virginia, and leads the residents back to Malamulo Hospital annually to experience missions first hand.

For enthusiastically responding to service opportunities in developing countries and modeling in their personal and professional lives the priorities and compassion of Jesus Christ, Loma Linda University Health celebrates and honors the Shank Family—Steve and Donna, Greg and Audrey, and Cristy with the GLOBAL SERVICE AWARD. This award was presented to them during Homecoming Weekend in March.
Over the last four decades, Dr. Mark J. Carpenter has demonstrated outstanding servant-leadership and community service. Dr. Carpenter spearheaded the development of the Compassion Clinic in which he supervised students at the SACHS-Norton facility, treating drug rehabilitation patients and those recently released from prison. He co-founded the Foundation for Worldwide Health—dedicated to providing care to the underprivileged; and was the moving spirit behind the student mission outreach to Nicaragua. When the Compassion Clinic moved to the Blessing Center in Redlands, Dr. Carpenter supervised students on evening clinics, treating the homeless and patients devoid of access to dental care. Additionally, he participated each year at clinics held by the Flying Doctors group and at Mary’s Mercy Center for the homeless in San Bernardino.

Dr. Carpenter’s daughter, Erin, who entered private dental practice with him in 1998, testifies to his unwavering commitment to his family and his utmost dedication to service. Graduating from Loma Linda School of Dentistry when his three children were young, his family heard many stories of and witnessed the career path that continues to be his passion today. While maintaining private dental practice and actively engaging in local and global community work, he has always been available for his family. Through all his professional engagements and community service—Dr. Carpenter modeled consistency and commitment, treating each of his patients as though they were Christ on the chair; and keeping promises despite great challenges. Dr. Carpenter is lauded by his family for his unwavering commitment to them; by his staff who have been blessed by his support for their growth through championing the RDAEF (Registered Dental Assistant in Extended Functions) at Loma Linda University Health, and for the quality and loving patient care that he has modeled and instilled.

Dr. Carpenter and his wife of 50 years have managed his private dental practice for 40 years, and he continues working to support all who continue the legacy that he began.

For his invaluable contributions in the field of dentistry, his exemplary leadership, and excellent community service that promote the mission of this institution, “To continue the teaching and healing ministry of Jesus Christ,” Loma Linda University Health honors Dr. Mark J. Carpenter with the COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AWARD. This award was presented to him during Homecoming Weekend in March.
Dr. Amy Young-Snodgrass grew up in the local community, attending the University of California, Irvine for her undergraduate degree. She completed the M.P.H. degree at the School of Public Health, Loma Linda University, before studying medicine.

It was during her pediatric rotation that her passion for children became evident while caring for a badly abused child. Following a residency in pediatrics, she immediately joined the developing field of forensic pediatrics. This new discipline focuses on the evaluation and care of abused children, a growing tragedy in this country. It includes gathering legal evidence for prosecution of the perpetrators, and requires extensive court testimonies.

Dr. Young-Snodgrass’ commitment has led to the development of an expanded Children's Assessment Center, a combined initiative of San Bernardino County and Loma Linda University Health, with support from law enforcement. This Center has become a national exemplar for a public/private endeavor focusing on this national crisis and now hosts one of the few accredited fellowship programs in forensic pediatrics.

For her passion and dedication to the children in our surrounding community, and her impact on the welfare of this young population, Loma Linda University Health is pleased to award Dr. Amy Young-Snodgrass with the COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AWARD. This award was presented to her during Homecoming Weekend in March.
The Programs,
The School Honorees,
and The Speakers
School of Medicine

May twenty-six, eight-thirty o'clock, Campus Mall

PRELUDE
Loma Linda Academy Wind Symphony
Craig Mohr, Conductor
Selected Compositions

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

Ronald L. Carter, University Grand Marshal, leading
Jeffrey D. Cao, 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
The Thunderer . . . John Philip Sousa

Candidates for Degrees
Pomp and Circumstance . . . Sir Edward Elgar (arr. James D. Ployhar)

INVOCATION
Matthew Lloyd Dally
Class Pastor

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
Lydia Grace Kore
President of the Class
INTRODUCTION
OF SPEAKER

The Dean

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David Turay
Head, Surgery, Trauma Division
Associate Professor, Surgery
Loma Linda University School of Medicine

THE BLESSING OF IMPERFECTION

CONFERRING OF DEGREES

The President

AWARDING OF DIPLOMAS

The Dean
Cheryl Germain, Director, Pathologists’ Assistant Program
Jeremy Deisch, Associate Professor, Pathology and Human Anatomy
Penelope Duerksen-Hughes, Associate Dean for Basic Science and Translational Research
Hansel Fletcher, Assistant Dean for Graduate Student Affairs
Tamara Thomas, Vice Dean for Academic Affairs
Tamara M. Shankel, Senior Associate Dean for Medical Student Education
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

CHARGE TO THE CLASS

The Dean

BENEDICTION

Daniel Kwasi Amponsah
Class Vice President

ACADEMIC RECESSION

Western One-Step, from Suite of Old American Dances . . .
  Robert Russel Bennett

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

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.

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Biology

Tyler Stuart Dos Santos
B.S. Southern Adventist University 2013

Thesis: Determining Heavy Metal Concentrations in the Blueband Hermit Crab (*Pagurus samuelis*) and its Surrounding Environment

Although heavy metal concentrations fluctuate naturally in the environment, anthropogenic sources of heavy metal concentrations can mask and override natural fluctuations. Large anthropogenic metal concentrations can lead to deleterious effects in organisms such as malformation or death. Indicator species can be used to determine environmental concentrations of certain metals to help understand the impact of anthropogenic sources of heavy metal concentrations. This study sought to determine if *Pagurus samuelis* may play a role as an indicator species by analyzing specimens for Cadmium (Cd), Chromium (Cr), Copper (Cu), Lead (Pb), and Zinc (Zn) found in tidepool seawater in locations along the Southern California coast. Seawater and *P. samuelis* samples were collected from both Cabrillo Beach and White Point Beach locations and analyzed using Microwave Plasma–Atomic Emission Spectrometer (MP-AES). Pb concentrations were higher at Cabrillo Beach in seawater, while at White Point Beach, Zn concentrations were higher than at Cabrillo. All other metals were not significantly different between locations. In hermit crab samples, Cd was higher in crabs collected from Cabrillo Beach and Cr was higher in crabs collected from White Point Beach. Comparing seawater with hermit crab samples, the former had higher concentrations of Zn and Cd, while the latter had higher concentrations of Cu for both locations. Hermit crabs had higher concentrations of Cr at White Point Beach. While this study does not provide conclusive evidence of *P. samuelis* as an indicator species, it does demonstrate differences in metal concentrations between locations and populations of *P. samuelis*. Although *P. samuelis* may not be negatively impacted by the heavy metal concentrations found in this study, bioaccumulation is a potential threat to predators higher on the trophic pyramid. Expanded studies are required to confirm or deny the acceptability of *P. samuelis* as indicator species.

Lee Michelle Silva Nunez
B.S. University of New Mexico, Main Campus 2012

Thesis: Size, Shape, and Sexual Dimorphism of Island and Mainland Melanerpes Woodpeckers of the *Centurus* Clade

Island ecosystems are widely studied as “natural laboratories” for biological change. Animals that colonize islands frequently exhibit numerous differences from their mainland counterparts in morphology, physiology, and behavior. Some of the most striking features include changes in body size and shape, with extreme examples being dwarfism, gigantism, and flightlessness. These changes are generally driven by isolation and
reduction in predators and competitors. The 10 woodpecker species belonging to the *Centurus* clade of the genus *Melanerpes* are ideally suited to study changes associated with island conditions because they include numerous populations restricted to islands.

To test specific hypotheses regarding overall body size, overall shape, and differences between the sexes in size (sexual size dimorphism) and shape (sexual body component dimorphism), the researcher analyzed six measures of bill, wing, tail, and leg dimensions in more than 1500 museum specimens representing 43 taxa or populations, of which 20 were island forms. In contrast to prior studies of island birds, this study computed overall body size as the geometric mean of the six measurements to derive a reliable measure of body size. Although insular effects of body size and shape have been widely studied in birds, island effects on sexual dimorphism have been largely ignored, for which use of an unbiased reference character is essential.

For overall body size, this research did not find consistent difference between island and mainland populations at either the interspecific or intraspecific level. Sexual size dimorphism existed in all taxa and populations, with males being larger in overall size than females, but no consistent differences between island and mainland populations were detected at either the interspecific or intraspecific level. For overall body shape, island populations consistently exhibited relatively shorter wings, which followed the general trend for insular birds that places them on a trajectory toward flightlessness. For sexual body component dimorphism, males consistently possessed larger bill dimensions, whereas females had consistently longer wings, tails, and legs relative to overall size; however, no differences between island and mainland populations existed at either the interspecific or intraspecific level.

Collectively, these findings augment the current understanding of how island conditions influence the morphology of birds.
The development and progression of tumors are dependent on the diverse interactions within the surrounding environment. Intercellular communication contributes to cellular proliferation, chemoresistance, and migration. Vesicles secreted into the tumor microenvironment (TME) play an integral role in transporting oncoproteins and oncogenes to adjacent cells and into the circulatory system to facilitate the spread of these factors. Exosomes are nano-sized vesicles released in excess from tumor cells and internalized by cells within the tumor, TME, or in distant sites. Once internalized, exosomes release functional proteins and nucleic acids, modifying cellular response and differentiation. Exosome internalization has been described by several groups, but the determining factors of the specific mechanisms involved remain unknown. This project was designed to further clarify the influential components of exosome uptake.

The hypothesis tested the influence of recipient cell type and protein-protein interactions on exosome internalization. Constitutively endocytosing cells like phagocytes and antigen presenting cells tend to have less variability in endocytic mechanism, while evidence of every type of endocytosis has been described for exosome uptake by endothelial cells. The study found that receptor-ligand complexes are key components in the uptake process, and exosomes utilize a wide variety of ligands to enter a cell. This research identified four cellular receptors, transferrin receptor 1 (TfR1), endothelin B receptor (ETBR), glucocorticoid receptor (GR), and the insulin receptor α (IRα) that facilitate exosome internalization in HeLa cells. The contribution of exosomal surface proteins to uptake was determined by degrading the surface proteins and assessing uptake, which was decreased in the absence of the proteins. One such protein, found both in the lumen and on the surface of the exosome is survivin, a member of the inhibitor of apoptosis family, with multiple essential intracellular functions in cell death and division. The study also discovered a novel function for survivin, that is, by blocking its exosomal surface presence, exosome internalization was impeded. Thus, survivin not only influences a recipient cancer cell to become more aggressive, but also plays a role in the endocytosis of its exosomal carrier. These findings can improve the therapeutic targeting of survivin as well as inspire new methods of therapy utilizing survivin's influence on intercellular communication.

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Dissertation: Effect of Extracellular Survivin and Lymphoma Exosomes on Natural Killer Cells

Tumors alter their microenvironment to promote survival using methods such as angiogenesis promotion, growth signals, and immune suppression. The immune system becomes unresponsive to transformed neoplastic cells through a variety of methods including T cell suppression, increased myeloid-derived suppressor cells (MDSCs), and reduced natural killer (NK) cell activity. NK cells have inherent killing capabilities and thus are among the first responders in recognizing and destroying abnormal cells.
However, many types of cancers inhibit the surveillance and cytotoxic abilities of NK cells by releasing exosomes, vesicles that can modulate the tumor microenvironment (TME) and intercellular communication for the purpose of enhancing tumor malignancy. These 30-150 nm sized lipid-bound vesicles are secreted by many cell types, including immune cells and tumor cells, and the specific protein, lipid, miRNA and miRNA contents contribute to the complex intercellular communication occurring between malignant and normal cells. Cancer patients often have increased numbers of exosomes circulating through their body, including patients with hematological malignancies, such as lymphoma. This research sought to determine the interactions between B cell lymphoma exosomes and NK cells, and characterize the resultant effects on NK cell function. Specifically, this research determined whether Survivin, an Inhibitor of Apoptosis protein recently found to be localized within exosomes, contributes to modulating NK cells similar to previous findings of T cell modulations. Results show that lymphoma exosomes have low levels of internalization into NK cells, and no detectable presence of immune modulating proteins MICA/B or TGF-β. Exposure of NK cells to lymphoma exosomes did not result in observable changes in degranulation or cytotoxic ability. However, treatment with recombinant Survivin protein decreased NKG2D receptor levels in NK cells stimulated with target cells, and decrease protein levels of TNF-α, IFN-γ, perforin, and Granzyme B. A better understanding of the underlying processes by which Survivin or exosomes suppress immune cells in the TME may pave the way to more efficacious immunological therapies against cancer.

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Dissertation: Signaling Pathways in Skeletal Development and Metabolism

Osteoporosis, a disease characterized by low bone mass and micro-architectural deterioration, causes millions of debilitating fractures each year. An increase in bone resorption which is not adequately compensated by a corresponding increase in bone formation is the major mechanism of osteoporosis. Since current therapies have failed to effectively treat and prevent osteoporosis, there is an urgent need to discover novel mechanisms which regulate bone resorption and formation and develop new therapeutic approaches to treat this disease. To that end, this study explored novel, non-canonical signaling mechanisms of two well-established bone regulators: thyroid hormone (TH) and vitamin C (ascorbic acid, AA). Since previous studies have shown TH can induce so-called browning of adipose tissue, and since bone marrow adipose tissue (MAT) quantity and metabolic activity are related to bone quality, the researcher first tested whether TH signaling could induce browning of MAT. Results show that activation of TH receptor (TR)β did induce browning gene expression in MAT, and these changes were associated with increased bone mineral density. Next, since non-canonical, nongenomic signaling pathways for TH have recently
been demonstrated, the study tested whether some TH effects on bone are mediated via a nongenomic TRβ–PI3K pathway. The research found that disruption of this TRβ–PI3K pathway reduced trabecular bone formation and peak bone mass in mice, and this nongenomic pathway is required for TRβ to induce osteoblast differentiation. Similarly, AA, a well-known regulator of osteoblast differentiation, is required for skeletal growth and development, and vitamin C deficiency is implicated in osteoporotic fractures. Many AA effects on bone are mediated via prolyl hydroxylase domain-containing protein (PHD)2. Since AA has been shown to induce DNA demethylation via the ten-eleven translocases (TETs), and since PHD2 is a member of the same enzyme family as the TETs, the researcher tested whether AA induces osteoblast differentiation via DNA demethylation. Findings revealed that AA does induce demethylation in promoter regions of osteoblast differentiation genes, and this effect may be mediated via PHD2. Further elucidation of these novel nongenomic TH and epigenetic vitamin C signaling pathways will lead to many new drug-treatable targets for the treatment and prevention of osteoporosis.

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Dissertation: The Role of Wnt3a in Ischemic Stroke

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 (229) Sprague-Dawley rats were assigned to male, female, and 9-month-old male MCAO or sham groups followed by reperfusion two hours after MCAO. Animals assigned to MCAO were either given Wnt3a or its control. To explore the downstream signaling of Wnt3a, the following interventions were administered: 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, 1 h post MCAO, increased PIWI1a 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 PIWI1a 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: A Novel Exo-Proteomic Approach to the Study of Traumatic Brain Injury

Concussions and Traumatic Brain Injuries (TBI) are significant health concerns and affect a wide cross-section of society. Current diagnostic criteria and modalities, such as brain imaging and subjective measures of consciousness such as the Glasgow Coma Scale (GCS) score, are insufficient to properly diagnose the full spectrum of head injuries. Assessment of injury severity and outcome are further complicated by the vast array of symptoms, many of which mimic those displayed by other disorders. It is important to possess a better diagnostic tool for head injury triage and outcome prediction. One current line of inquiry seeks to discover a “traumatic brain injury biomarker”, or a number of them, in order to differentiate the healthy patient from the concussed individual. However, there are challenges in proteomic analysis of neuronal proteins. Current methods, such as sampling cerebral spinal fluid via lumbar puncture, are both invasive and carry risk of injury. Discovery of trauma-specific biomarkers present in peripheral blood may present a viable alternative. However, the likely degradation of neuronal proteins in the peripheral circulation is an obstacle. Exosomes, small membrane vesicles known to carry proteins and injury-specific biomarkers, may help provide an ideal modality for the study of the TBI. The current work sought to assess the utility of an exo-proteomic approach for the study of traumatic brain injury. Blood samples taken from trauma patients admitted to a Level 1 Trauma Center were stratified according to GCS score and their exo-proteomic content was analyzed via mass spectrometry. Results indicated differential exosomal protein expression in patients corresponding to injury severity, as categorized by GCS score. Based on these findings, we believe that exo-proteomic analysis of patients with differing level of injury severity lends itself well to the discovery of potential trauma-specific biomarkers that can aid in the establishment of a true differential diagnostic for the full spectrum of concussion and traumatic brain injuries.

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Dissertation: Aryl Hydrocarbon Receptor Mediated Restoration of Cytoglobin as a Treatment for Breast Cancer

Nearly 40,000 women die annually from breast cancer in the US. Clinically available targeted breast cancer therapy is ineffective in triple negative breast cancer (TNBC) subtypes, which lack expression of the estrogen receptor,
progesterone receptor and human epidermal growth factor receptor 2. TNBC carries a poor prognosis. Previous reports show that aryl hydrocarbon receptor (AhR) agonist 2-(4-amino-3-methylphenyl)-5-fluorobenzothiazole (5F 203) selectively inhibits the growth of breast cancer cells including those of the TNBC subtype. This study determined whether 5F 203 induces the expression of epigenetically silenced putative tumor suppressor gene cytoglobin (CYGB) and suppresses TNBC cell growth in vitro and in vivo. Additionally, 5F 203 induces the expression of pro-apoptotic genes and promotes TNBC cell death, in part, via CYGB upregulation. These data provide a basis for the development of AhR agonists with potential to restore CYGB expression as a strategy to treat TNBC.

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Dissertation: Variation in Morphology, Diet, and Venom Composition of the Southwestern Speckled Rattlesnake (Crotalus pyrrhus (Cope 1867)).

The researcher investigated variation in morphology, diet, and venom protein composition in the southwestern speckled rattlesnake (Crotalus pyrrhus) from 23 populations located in six biogeographical regions across the southwestern states of Arizona, California, and Nevada. Snakes varied in morphological attributes among biogeographical regions and females were found to possess longer heads and longer trunks than males, while controlling for body size. Snakes also varied in the class of prey they consumed with larger snakes taking a greater percentage of endotherms than smaller snakes. Utilizing reverse-phase liquid chromatography and mass spectrometry I defined 8 elution regions each dominated by one or two protein families. Venom composition varied regionally with 5 elution regions found to vary significantly by biogeographic range. Collectively, these findings document differences in phenotypic and behavioral traits of C. pyrrhus and provide support that variable fitness landscapes provide variable fitness optima.

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Dissertation: Behavioral Causes of Paleopathologies in Cretaceous (Maastrichtian) Edmontosaurus Annectens, Lance Formation, Wyoming, USA

The study of dinosaur paleopathology has been a valuable contributor to improve understanding of their living conditions and intra- or interspecific behavior. This study examined bone lesions from a monospecific bone bed (Edmontosaurus annectens) and their implications for E. annectens behavior and ecological conditions that affect this population. The bone bed contains abundant well-preserved, scattered and disarticulated bones, mostly representing an adult population of E. annectens. From the 3013
bones examined, 96 displayed genuine pathologies such as: hypertrophic ossification; healed fractures; tooth traces; idiopathic or traumatic shaft angulation; bone fusion; degenerative joint diseases; osteochondrosis; infection, neoplasm; and idiopathic bone stenosis. Etiologies were attributable to trauma, infection, neoplasm, and developmental and idiopathic lesions. Tail trauma, mostly in caudal vertebrae, and developmental joint diseases in pedal phalanges comprised the majority of the paleopathological manifestations, representing respectively 69% and 17% of all pathological cases. Frequent pre-mortem traumatic lesions in middle-distal caudal vertebrae of E. annectens suggest tail anatomy, biomechanics and tail usage associated. Other manifestations of trauma such as degenerative joint diseases in distal caudal centra also indicate mechanical stress in that respective tail region. Caudal lesions suggest that E. annectens tail was frequently used and injured. Additional joint lesions associated with developmental etiology such as osteochondrosis, are repeatedly manifested in pedal phalanges suggesting a developmental predisposition to joint disease in E. annectens. Most manifestations of tooth traces in the E. annectens bones are peri- or post-mortem. The density of striations and serrations characterizing these traces indicate Tyrannosaurus rex teeth suggesting successful predation or scavenging of this E. annectens population by T.rex. Other bone lesions suggest pseudo-pathologies that resulted from biogenic and diagenetic taphonomic factors. Findings from this research, combined with current reports of hadrosaurian pathologies, indicate common manifestations of diseases amongst hadrosaurs, and specific to this study, the morbidities that frequently affected the E. annectens population. This study (1) augments the literature on dinosaur paleopathology, especially hadrosaurs; (2) validates paleopathological usefulness in interpretations pertaining to animal behavior, biomechanics and living conditions; and (3) stimulates further research.

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Dissertation: Response Mechanisms of the Hermit Crab Pagurus samuelis to Environmental Hypoxia

At the intersection of land and sea, intertidal environments are exposed to many natural stressors and anthropogenic disturbances. Changes in global climate further threaten intertidal species. This dissertation reports the effects of environmental factors on the hermit crab, Pagurus samuelis, using three sets of laboratory-based experiments. The first study investigated the effect of acute temperature changes and shallow burial conditions on the survival and behavior of P. samuelis. The highest mortality occurred at the combined conditions of 30 °C and 6 cm depth. Hermit crabs which abandoned their shells and escaped were more likely to survive than those that kept their shells. In the second experiment hemolymph lactate and ammonia were measured to better understand hermit crab physiology during burial. High buildups of lactate and ammonia were associated with higher risks of mortality in hermit crabs. However, when these metabolite
concentrations were mimicked and corresponding levels of lactate and ammonium salts were injected, most hermit crabs survived, thereby indicating that lactate and ammonia buildups were not the primary cause of death. In the third project, gene expression of the hypoxia-inducible factor (HIF)-α subunit were monitored in hermit crabs exposed to 2 h of shallow burial or hypoxic water, and compared to hermit crabs in normoxic conditions. No change in the HIF-α expression was observed, suggesting that P. samuelis may use different strategies, such as hypometabolism, or post-translational HIF changes, to cope with hypoxia. These findings have demonstrated behavioral, biochemical, and molecular mechanisms of P. samuelis in response to combined stressors of both natural and anthropogenic sedimentation and hypoxia on intertidal animals and ecosystems. Results of these studies advance our understanding of potential effects of global climate change on tropically important intertidal invertebrates.

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Dissertation: Synthesis, Characterization and Application of Hemocompatible Antibiotic Nanoparticles

The oral pathogen Porphyromonas gingivalis is a causative agent of periodontal disease and a risk factor for cardiovascular disease. Periodontal disease is currently treated using antibiotics and mechanical debridement. Novel methods for treatment of P. gingivalis infection include nanomaterials. Nanomaterials inhibit bacterial growth via several mechanisms and can be optimized for specificity while minimizing toxicity. Silver nanoparticles were synthesized and stabilized with Pluronic F127 surfactant. Silver/gold bimetallic nanoparticles, from the silver nanoparticle seeds, were then synthesized to optimize silver ion release and to reduce toxicity. These nanoparticles were tested for their antimicrobial activity and hemocompatibility in planktonic bacteria and citrated whole blood respectively. Both silver and silver/gold bimetallic nanoparticles stabilized in F127 inhibited P. gingivalis W83 growth. The researcher also evaluated the hemocompatibility of the nanoparticles and of the stabilizer F127 by probing their impact on platelet activation. Pluronic F127, over a range from 1 – 10^{-11} % w/v, on its own activated platelets significantly above baseline (p value 0.05). In contrast, silver and silver/gold bimetallic nanoparticles stabilized in Pluronic F127 surfactant solution did not induce significant platelet activation above baseline (p value 0.05). Results suggest that (a) both the silver and silver/gold bimetallic nanoparticles are effective inhibitors of bacterial growth; and (b) the stabilizer Pluronic F127 has the potential to activate platelets. This suggests the need for more careful characterization of the role of Pluronic F127 in the context of thrombosis/hemostasis.
Sedimentary basins along western South America contain a detailed record of tectonic, sedimentologic, and paleontologic activity during the Cenozoic. Improved high resolution stratigraphy is fundamental to extracting regional-scale conclusions. This study presents two projects utilizing calcareous nannofossils as biostratigraphic indicators from the Pisco Basin in west central Peru. A survey for nannofossil presence in 25 outcrops across the basin demonstrated optimal lithologies for preservation. Collection then focused on two stratigraphic levels: (1) a critical stratigraphic interval, where the placement and age assignment of formation boundaries is problematic; and (2) a basal, onlapping unit without an official formation name or age assignment. Twenty-four samples were collected on the northern end of the Cerros Yesera de Amara trend (section A), six samples from Cerros Las Tres Piramides (section B), and eighteen samples from the eastern end of Cerros Media Luna (section ECML). Smear slides were prepared for light-microscope examination of nannofossil presence and assemblage diversity, and gravity settling preparations for scanning electron microscope (SEM) observation of nannofossils preservation. Based on semi-quantitative analysis of nannofossils, 33 species were identified in section A, 26 species in section B, and 30 species in section ECML. Nannofossil preservation in these sections ranges from poor to moderate. The assemblage recovered from section A and section B represent an age of earliest Miocene (Zone NN1) based on the First Occurrence (FO) of Helicosphaera carteri in association with Cyclicargolithus abisectus, Reticulofenestra bisecta, and Triquetrorhabdulus carinatus. The absence of Discoaster druggii might suggest that the assemblage is not younger than NN1, although Discoaster druggii tends to be rare and difficult to find even in well preserved sediments. The assemblage recovered from section ECML represents an age of latest Eocene to earliest Oligocene (Zone NP19/20 to Zone NP21) based on the FO of Isthmolithus recurvus and the Last Occurrence (LO) of Ericsonia formosa. All other taxa present in the assemblage are consistent with this assignment. These results from nannofossil biostratigraphy contribute to the ongoing stratigraphic work in the Pisco Basin and to regional biostratigraphy of the earliest Miocene.

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Dissertation: Characterization of Cross-Bed Depositional Processes in the Coconino Sandstone

The Permian Coconino Sandstone of Northern and Central Arizona is widely recognized as a classic eolian dune deposit, with conspicuous large-scale cross-beds that are interpreted as preserved dune foresets. On
modern bedforms, fine-scale processes – which include grainflow, grainfall, and ripple migration – transport and deposit sediment, and these may provide useful analogs for interpreting ancient deposits. Even though the Coconino Sandstone is well known, such fine-scale process models have not been adequately developed to explain its cross-bed deposition. Furthermore, observed discrepancies between the sandstone and some eolian criteria suggest that additional study is needed to explore and refine these process models.

To interpret cross-bed depositional processes, sedimentary textures and structures were described in multiple outcrops across Northern Arizona. A methodology was developed to disaggregate the well-cemented sandstone, which is characteristic of most localities. These disaggregation methods are less tedious than petrographic approaches, and allow for expedited textural analysis of many samples.

Cross-beds were observed to be laterally extensive along strike, with most dip angles ranging from the mid-teens to mid-twenties. Some cross-bed sets are coarser at their bases, but others exhibit variable changes in grain size with no significant vertical trends. While both massive and laminated textures occur, these do not show a preferred distribution within the studied cross-bed sets. Lamination—as observed in high-resolution scans of thin sections—appears to exhibit both normal and reverse grading, but these trends are difficult to define where laminae contacts are diffuse. Diagenetic features, which include stylolite seams and large pores, mimic primary structures and likely relate to both depositional and post-depositional processes. These features also show no preferred vertical distribution within their respective cross-beds.

The observed textures and sedimentary structures may suggest that the cross-beds consist of undifferentiated grainflow and grainfall deposits. Such a model explains massive textures and vertical coarsening in some outcrops, but also predicts that the beds may differ from those produced by modern grainflows (due to the inclusion of grainfall). This characterization of fine-scale processes will serve as a critical piece of the puzzle as researchers seek to understand the deposition of the Coconino Sandstone.

Microbiology and Molecular Genetics

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Dissertation: RNA-Seq Reveals Transcriptomic Program Associated with Stemness in Taxane Resistant Prostate Cancer

There is no cure for advanced prostate cancer (PCa); and taxane chemotherapy is the only treatment option once other therapies have failed. However, this is problematic since all patients eventually develop chemoresistance. Emerging treatments for advanced PCa have shown promise at the benchside, but clinical trials have not resulted in newly-approved drugs, due in part to redundant survival pathways...
used by prostate tumor cells to maintain therapy-resistance. Using RNAsequencing—an innovative approach to quantifying gene expression changes—this dissertation sought to elucidate chemo-resistance-associated molecular pathways as catalyst to develop new therapeutic targets. Results revealed a differential upregulation of stemness-associated genes in PCa cells selected for chemo-resistance. In addition, chemo-resistant cells formed robust stem cell prostaspheres compared to chemo-sensitive cells, and expressed other markers of cancer stem cells. Overall, these findings support the hypothesis that PCa chemo-resistance is driven by cancer stem cells.

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_Dissertation:_ Characterization of FGF-mediated Sonic Hedgehog Expression during Limb Development

Crosstalk between Fibroblast Growth Factors (FGFs) and Sonic hedgehog (SHH) is essential for proper limb development; however, the molecular mechanisms involved in this process remain unclear. Via comparative transcriptome analysis, and gene knockdown and overexpression studies, this research identified the transcription factor Lim homeobox 2 (LHX2) as an intermediate in FGF-directed SHH expression. The study determined that FGF signaling was necessary for LHX2 expression and demonstrated that LHX2 is a primary transcription target of FGF signaling through the RAS and AKT pathways. Additionally, loss of LHX2 in the distal limb results in decreased SHH expression and a truncated limb within 24 hours of treatment, while overexpression of LHX2 in the presence of ectopic FGF leads to increased SHH expression. While LHX2 is insufficient alone to induce SHH, the study concludes that it likely serves as a competency factor for endogenous SHH expression, keeping it juxtaposed to the distal apical ectodermal ridge during limb outgrowth.

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_Dissertation:_ Aminoflavone Inhibits α6-integrin and Growth of Tamoxifen Resistant Breast Cancer

Approximately 40% of estrogen receptor positive (ER+) breast cancer patients develop resistance to standard care agent tamoxifen, while ER negative (ER-) breast cancer patients are intrinsically resistant to tamoxifen. Resistance often promotes metastasis, recurrence and death. Tumor-initiating cells (TICs) represent key contributors to resistance and adhesion protein α6-integrin is a putative TIC biomarker. Investigational agent Aminoflavone (AF) demonstrates efficacy against breast cancer cells irrespective of ER status. Interestingly, this study found that tamoxifen
resistant (TamR) cells and tumors exhibited elevated α6-integrin expression in comparison to their tamoxifen sensitive counterparts. Aminoflavone effectively disrupted mammospheres enriched for TICs and reduced α6-integrin levels in tamoxifen sensitive and TamR cells. Further, AF inhibited α6-integrin’s pro-cancer signaling in TamR cells. Additionally, AF altered the miRNA expression profile of tamoxifen sensitive and TamR mammosphere-derived cells. Data from this research suggest that AF inhibits α6-integrin signaling and alters the expression of specific miRNAs to reduce TIC capacity and counteract tamoxifen resistance.

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*Dissertation: The Role of the Valosin-Containing Protein in Cardiac Mitochondrial Function*

Acute myocardial infraction (AMI) continues to be one of the leading causes of morbidity, disability and mortality world-wide. The researcher’s previous studies found that the valosin-containing protein (VCP), an ATPase-associated protein, is a key mediator of cardioprotection against stress-induced cardiomyocytes death both *in vitro*, in isolated cardiomyocytes, and *in vivo*, in animal models. Results also showed that VCP expression in isolated cardiomyocytes leads to a dose-dependent increase of the inducible nitric oxide synthase (iNOS) in the mitochondria where VCP promotes the efficiency of cardiac mitochondrial oxidative phosphorylation (OXPHOS) and reduces mitochondrial permeability transition pore (mPTP) opening when compared to β-Gal control, in an iNOS-dependent manner. Based on these previous studies, the research formulated the central hypothesis that VCP protects the heart against ischemic injury through preserving mitochondrial OXPHOS and abrogating the opening of mPTP in cardiomyocytes via iNOS, *in vivo*. This hypothesis was tested using a series of genetically-modified mouse models through two specific aims. **Aim 1** determined VCP’s role in mediating mitochondrial function in mouse hearts. We found that VCP increased mitochondrial complex I enzymatic activity, mitochondrial respiration, and ATP production in an iNOS-dependent manner. **Aim 2** elucidated molecular mechanisms through which VCP regulates mitochondrial function in the heart. The study found that VCP induced the degradation of MICU1, leading to decreased Ca^{2+} uptake and pathological mPTP opening. Since mitochondrial dysfunction is directly linked to cell death during IR injury, defining cardioprotective mechanisms such as those employed by VCP will bolster myocardial resistance to IR injury and have important clinical ramifications.
Intrauterine hypoxia resulting from decreased maternal oxygen uptake, insufficient oxygen carrying capacity, or compromised oxygen delivery to the fetus jeopardizes fetal oxygen delivery, detrimentally affecting growth and development of the immature vasculature. Hypoxia transiently increases Hypoxia Inducible Factor-1α (HIF-1α), which complexes with HIF-1β to form the active HIF-1 dimer that can affect transcription. This temporary rise in HIF-1 can promote gene transcription of ligands such as Vascular Endothelial Growth Factor (VEGF) and Endothelin-1 (ET-1), which rises and falls with HIF levels. The absence of chronic elevation of these ligands prompted the question of how long-term effects of hypoxia is sustained. Results suggest that in addition to stimulating transient rises in ligand levels, hypoxia alters receptor expression and coupling of these ligands to the intracellular kinases. Endothelin-1 (ET-1) is an established vasoconstrictor that can activate ETA or ETB receptors, respectively stimulating vasoconstriction and vasodilation. ET-1 activates pathways such as Protein Kinase C (PKC), Ca2+/Calmodulin-Dependent Protein Kinase (CaMK), p38, and MEK/ERK, which are involved in cellular growth, proliferation, and differentiation. Results of this study demonstrate that chronic hypoxia altered ovine fetal cerebrovascular reactivity to ET-1 but not plasma ET-1 levels or ETA receptor cerebrovascular expression. However, chronic hypoxia enhances ET-1-induced contractility in an ETA-dependent manner in Middle Cerebral Arteries (MCAs). ET-1 also exerts trophic effects on ovine fetal cerebrovasculature in organ culture in a PKC-dependent manner by inducing hypertrophy and increasing medial thicknesses, more in normoxic than hypoxic MCAs. ET-1-induced increase in arterial wall thickness is mediated by CaMKII and p38 dependent pathways in normoxic but not hypoxic arteries. Additionally, Myosin Light Chain Kinase (MLCK) and Smooth Muscle Alpha Actin (SMαA) colocalization data shows that ET-1 promotes contractile dedifferentiation in normoxic but not hypoxic MCAs in a PKC, CaMKII, and p38 dependent manner. These results support the notion that chronic hypoxia has long-term effects mediated by altered receptor expression levels and intracellular coupling. A better understanding of how chronic hypoxia affects ET-1-induced intracellular coupling will help identify potential targets for future therapies to prevent and potentially treat remodeling of cerebral arteries in infants exposed to intrauterine hypoxia.
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Awards

President’s Award: David E. Ruckle.

Wil Alexander Whole Person Care Award: Bobae Lee.


Alumni Association of Loma Linda University Herber Award: Daniel K. Amponsah, James “Keith” Parker, Jonathan Evans, Ikenna Nwachuku, Vanessa J. Gow-Lee, Lydia G. Kore, Jay S. Saggu, Tshea Dowers, Alanna E. James, Katherine “Olga” Lane.


Class of 1990 Heart for Service Award: Eunice M. Marpaung.

Residents of the Year Award: Dr. Cassra Arbabi, Dr. Christina Panton, Dr. Michael Diatte.

DEPARTMENT AWARDS

Anesthesiology (Bernard Briggs): Jaron Z. Yang.

Emergency Medicine
   3 am Award: Philip E. Giddings.


Medicine
   Daniel D. Comstock: Christine J. Licata.
   Donald E. Griggs: Tracey B. Huey.
   Harold J. Hoxie: Bobae Lee, Justin T. Dunn.
Neurology (Guy Hunt): Trevor R. Rafferty.
    AAN Medical Student Prize for Excellence in Neurology:
    Jeffrey R. Meyers.


Pediatrics (Robert Chinnock): Francesca Paterno.

Preventive Medicine
    Distinguished Student in Preventive Medicine:
    Dana M. Hoxie.

Psychiatry (Benjamin Kovitz): Adam D. Borecky.

Surgery (David B. Hinshaw, Sr.): Jane W. Xu.

Urology (Roger Barnes): Alexander B. Thomas.
Physician’s Oath

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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.
David Edward Ruckle—President’s Award

Dr. David Edward Ruckle has achieved an outstanding academic record—receiving honors in every course and clerkship while at Loma Linda University. He was one of six students inducted into the Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Society in his junior year, an honor that is typically reserved for senior medical students. Besides his excellent academic performance, he demonstrated exemplary leadership as president of the Loma Linda Chapter of the Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Society from 2018-2019. His scores on both the USMLE Step 1 and Step 2 examinations placed him at the top of his class and at the national 99th percentile.

During his medical school years at Loma Linda University, Dr. Ruckle has been actively engaged in research—co-authoring eight manuscripts—four of which have been published in peer-reviewed publications. In addition, he has participated in multiple abstract and poster presentations. He also served as a voting member on the School of Medicine Curriculum Committee for two years.

Dr. Ruckle has demonstrated a commitment to community work, serving as co-director of the Loma Linda University Special Ops Program from 2016 to 2017, designing a year-long curriculum. The Special Ops Program uses sports, crafts, and other activities as a way to reach and mentor at-risk youth from San Bernardino Schools.

Following graduation, Dr. Ruckle will continue his medical training in the Orthopaedic Surgery Residency Program at Loma Linda University.

In recognition of his excellent academic performance, exemplary leadership and dedicated community service, the School of Medicine honors Dr. David Edward Ruckle with the 2019 PRESIDENT’S AWARD. This award was presented to him at the Senior banquet for the School of Medicine on May 21, 2019.
William C. Patton—School Distinguished Service Award

Dr. William Carleton Patton grew up in a small, rural town in central Nebraska. Displaying an early aptitude and interest in science, his parents encouraged him to pursue a career in medicine. After earning the Bachelor of Arts degree in chemistry at Union College, he made the long trip to Loma Linda to enroll in the School of Medicine, graduating in 1969 at the top of his class.

Dr. Patton joined the Loma Linda University School of Medicine faculty following completion of an internal medicine internship in 1970, and a residency in obstetrics and gynecology in 1973. He completed a fellowship in reproductive endocrinology and infertility at Peter Bent Brigham Hospital, Harvard Medical School, in 1975 before returning to Loma Linda University.

During his tenure at Loma Linda, he was appointed assistant professor in 1973, associate professor in 1979, and professor in 2005. He was chief of the Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility section from 1979 to 1982, and again, from 1994 to 2008; he also, served as chair of the Department of Gynecology and Obstetrics from 2004 to 2010.

Dr. Patton is Board Certified in obstetrics and gynecology, and reproductive endocrinology. He has been recognized with many prestigious awards by professional societies, has published more than 50 scientific papers in peer-reviewed journals, and delivered numerous scientific presentations. A dynamic leader, he has been actively involved in the Riverside-San Bernardino Obstetrics and Gynecology Society, serving as president from 1979 to 1981; and served as president of the medical staff at Loma Linda Community Hospital (now LLUH East Campus Hospital).

Dr. Patton has been blessed with the support of his family—his wife, Julia Sanderson Patton, and children, Eric and Alan. He considers Loma Linda University School of Medicine his "home," a place that has encouraged and supported his first love—teaching medical students and residents to be life-long learners.

For his dynamic leadership and commitment to excellence and scholarship, that promote the mission of this institution— "To continue the teaching and healing ministry of Jesus Christ," the School of Medicine honors Dr. William C. Patton with the SCHOOL DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD. This award will be presented to him at the Conferring of Degrees for the school.
Dr. David Turay’s desire to serve humanity through the practice of medicine was born on the dusty streets of rural Africa in his native country of Sierra Leone. After completing his Advanced Level (post-secondary) education, he spent two years working as an elementary school teacher and then as a physical therapy assistant at the Seventh-day Adventist Hospital in Masanga, Sierra Leone. He enrolled as a medical student at the University of Montemorelos in Northern Mexico and fulfilled his desire to incorporate tropical medicine into his practice by completing a year of internship in general medicine at the Silvestre Adventist Hospital in Brazil.

Seventeen years ago, his pursuit for higher studies led him to Loma Linda University, where he began as a graduate student in anatomy and completed a residency in general surgery. While pursuing the Ph.D. degree, he met his wife of twelve years, June; they have been blessed with three children, Mary, David, and Sarah.

After completing his fellowship at the Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston, Dr. Turay returned to Loma Linda University where he currently leads the trauma program and serves as medical director of the Surgical Intensive Care Unit. Under his leadership, the trauma program has increased in size, without compromising the timeliness and quality of care provided. The program has also recently regained its recognition and status as a Level 1 Trauma Center by the American College of Surgeons Committee on Trauma.

Dr. Turay is a sincere believer in the impact of spirituality on health and recovery from disease; he is passionate about encouraging colleagues and medical students to always remember the treatment of the whole person, especially in an increasingly busy and impersonal world.

Dr. Turay will deliver his address at the Conferring of Degrees for the School of Medicine.
School of Pharmacy

May twenty-six, one-thirty o’clock, University Mall

PRELUDE
Loma Linda Academy Wind Symphony
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ACADEMIC PROCESSION
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The Thunderer . . . John Philip Sousa

Candidates for Degrees
Pomp and Circumstance . . . Sir Edward Elgar (arr. James D. Ployhar)

INVOCATION
Nancy Kawahara
Associate Dean for Professional Affairs and Community Engagement

WELCOME
Richard H. Hart
President of the University

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS
Michael D. Hogue, 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

ADDRESS

CONFERRING OF DEGREES

AWARDING OF DIPLOMAS

OATH OF A PHARMACIST

BENEDICTION

ACADEMIC RECEPTION

The Dean

Bradley P. Tice
Founder and CEO, RxGenomix
Senior Vice President, Aspen RxHealth

IT’S TIME TO WRITE YOUR STORY

The President

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Assistant Professor, Department of Pharmacy Practice

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Associate Professor, Department of Pharmacy Practice

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Awards

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Mission Excellence Award: Nithya Abraham.

Dean’s Award: Stefanie LeGrand.


Pharmacy Fellow Acknowledgments: Emily Limberg, Susie Park.
Today, May 26, 2019, 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.
Lap-Woon Keung—President’s Award

A diligent scholar and inspiring leader, Dr. Lap-Woon Keung has consistently demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to academics, his peers, and God. Throughout his time in the School of Pharmacy, he has maintained an exceptional grade point average and ranked among the top in his classes. A member of Rho Chi, the international honor society for pharmaceutical sciences, he was elected president during the 2017-2018 academic year. As president, he spearheaded a new tutoring system allowing students to select both the subject matter and tutor for one-on-one sessions, and to schedule their meetings. He was also instrumental in creating two seminars for pharmacy students: “Academi-WHAAT?” and “Interviewing 101: Investigating the Intricacies of Interviews.”

Because of his innate leadership abilities, Dr. Keung was also elected to hold positions in various state and national chapters for pharmacy organizations, including serving as project manager for Phi Lambda Sigma—an American college honor society for pharmacy students. Additionally, he was director of membership for the School of Pharmacy’s chapter of the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists and a representative/liaison for the school chapter of the California Pharmacists Association.

Dr. Keung serves with passion and with a heart for God. He has regularly assisted in School of Pharmacy outreach booths during Redlands Market Night, and volunteered with TELACU events at nursing homes, educating underserved elderly patients about various Medicare prescription drug plans. In all his endeavors, his goal is to live a life with integrity and communicate God’s love in all his interactions. He has earned a reputation for being very amiable, thoughtful, and professional; and for his focus and diligent work combined with an enthusiasm for helping patients and advancing the profession of pharmacy.

In recognition of his outstanding scholastic achievement, dynamic Christian leadership, and his commitment to the mission of this University “To continue the teaching and healing ministry of Jesus Christ”—Dr. Lap-Woon Keung is named recipient of the 2019 PRESIDENT’S AWARD. This award will be presented to him at the Conferring of Degrees for the School of Pharmacy.
Mr. Noël R. Micha Rivet was born in Quatre-Bornes, Mauritius. He grew up in Beau-Bassin in a Christian family where his father was a school administrator and conference treasurer. As a result of his upbringing, he is fluent in French, English, and Mauritian Creole (a mix of French and the local Mauritian languages).

Mr. Rivet joined the Loma Linda University School of Pharmacy in 2015 as a computer support specialist, attending to the school’s daily and varied technology needs. His colleagues soon noticed that his diligence, helpfulness, and pleasant demeanor, even during challenging times, contributed to the smooth running and success of their academic and administrative pursuits.

In his home country, Mr. Rivet served as a volunteer in many non-profit organizations including his local church and the Adventist Development and Relief Agency. Besides providing computer and technology support for the School of Pharmacy, he operates the cameras as part of the media crew at the Loma Linda Campus Hill Church. He has also volunteered as a cameraman at the Loma Linda Broadcasting Network.

Mr. Rivet is married to Magalie Valere-Rivet, a Ph.D. biology student in the Earth and Biological Sciences Department in the School of Medicine. Together, they enjoy hiking, tennis and cycling.

In recognition of his exemplary and devoted service, the School of Pharmacy honors Noël R. Micha Rivet with the SCHOOL STAFF OF THE YEAR AWARD. This award will be presented to him at the Conferring of Degrees for the school.
Daniel Brown—Faculty of the Year Award

Dr. Daniel Brown joined the Loma Linda University School of Pharmacy in March 2018 as Professor and Chair of the Department of Pharmacy Practice. Dr. Brown also coordinates the Pharmacy Residency Teaching Certificate program.

He previously served as director of Faculty Development for Palm Beach Atlantic University from 2011 to 2017 and dean of the Gregory School of Pharmacy from 2005 to 2010. Dr. Brown served as a pharmacy faculty member at the University of Toledo and in various administrative/faculty positions at the University of Illinois, Wingate University, and California Health Sciences University. From 1982 to 2001, Dr. Brown held practice positions including clinical coordinator, assistant director, and director of pharmacy at four hospitals. He founded and directed the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists-accredited pharmacy residency programs at the Medical College of Ohio Hospital in Toledo, and San Joaquin General Hospital in Stockton. In 2013, he became certified as a Team-based Learning trainer/consultant. He has served as a visiting professor at Taipei Medical University since 2015, having conducted several development workshops for pharmacy faculty members and preceptors in Taiwan. His primary areas of scholarly interest include the dynamics of teaching and learning, the impact of academic expansion on pharmacy, and clinical pharmacokinetics.

Dr. Brown has diligently committed himself to the growth and success of his department’s faculty. As a mentor, he provides multiple faculty development workshops to enhance the knowledge and experience of junior and seasoned faculty members. His progressive ideas have helped the school move forward and shape the future of his faculty.

He has been married to Mary Ferrill, Pharm.D., for 27 years. They reside in Redlands, California, with four cats and one exceptionally-behaved, highly-trained dog.

In recognition of his significant impact on faculty development, and his outstanding contribution to the academic pursuits of Loma Linda University, the School of Pharmacy is honored to name Dr. Daniel Brown recipient of the FACULTY OF THE YEAR AWARD. This award will be presented to him at the Conferring of Degrees for the school.
Richard D. Maskiewicz—*School Distinguished Service Award*

Dr. Richard D. Maskiewicz joined the faculty of Loma Linda University School of Pharmacy (LLUSP) in 2006 as an assistant professor. Dr. Maskiewicz received a Ph.D. in bioorganic chemistry in 1980, followed with a Postdoctoral Fellowship at Brookhaven National Laboratory, in Upton, New York. In 2013, he was promoted to associate professor in the Department of Pharmaceutical and Administrative Sciences.

Dr. Maskiewicz spent over two decades in the pharmaceutical industry in positions of increasing responsibility, reaching the rank of vice president of research and development prior to coming to Loma Linda University. A scholar and researcher, Dr. Maskiewicz has published over 18 scientific papers and abstracts in peer-reviewed journals. In addition, he has presented more than seven posters and is co-inventor of six United States patents. In 2010, he received the NIH grant “Universal Sustained Release Delivery System for HIV Microbicides” which included funding of $2.4 million for 2011–2014.

Dr. Maskiewicz’s contributions extend beyond his teaching and research responsibilities; he serves as a member on various committees across campus.

Sharing Dr. Richard Maskiewicz’s passion and commitment to the field of pharmaceutical sciences is his wife, Dr. Victoria Maskiewicz, chair of the Department of Pharmaceutical and Administrative Sciences. They are the proud parents of two children.

For relaxation, Dr. Richard Maskiewicz enjoys hauling his unruly 150-pound dog, Walter, around the neighborhood, hanging out with his pet pigeon, Edgar, grossing out his family by cooking weird food, driving in the rain with all of the windows down and the sunroof open, and searching out landslide zones in defiance of National Weather Service warnings.

In recognition of his many years of successful and productive service; and his dedication to his profession, academics, and research, the School of Pharmacy honors Dr. Richard D. Maskiewicz with the *SCHOOL DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD*. This award will be presented to him at the Conferring of Degrees for the school.
Jua Choi—*School Alumna of the Year*

After graduating from Loma Linda University School of Pharmacy Dr. Jua Choi completed her first year of pharmacy residency at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center followed by a second year at the Cedars-Sinai Comprehensive Transplant Center, focusing primarily on kidney and pancreas transplants. Upon completing her residency, she remained at Cedars-Sinai as part of the kidney transplant team as a kidney transplant pharmacist. While there, she conducted investigator and sponsor-initiated clinical trials, precepted pharmacy/medicine residents and medical fellows; additionally with the support of administrative staff, Dr. Choi spearheaded the implementation of the Cedars-Sinai Comprehensive Transplant Center ambulatory infusion center. Dr. Choi worked closely with Dr. Rafael Villicana, now the director of the Kidney Transplant Program at Loma Linda University, to help take care of complex kidney transplant patients. During her seven-year career at Cedars-Sinai, she was heavily involved in finding innovative immunotherapy to help preserve and extend kidney allograft function.

In August 2017, Dr. Choi was second author of a *New England Journal of Medicine* paper on using a novel IgG endopeptidase to help transplant highly sensitized patients, and she was first author of a paper reporting the use of tocilizumab (anti-IL6 antibody) to treat chronic rejection in kidney transplantation, which was published in the *American Journal of Transplantation* in September 2017.

Dr. Choi moved to Northern California in 2017 and worked for Stanford University as a Clinical Coordinating Center Project director for the nation’s first randomized pediatric heart transplant multicenter clinical trial (TEAMMATE, NCT03386539), for which Dr. Mathew Bock, pediatric heart transplant cardiologist at Loma Linda University, is an executive committee member.

More recently, Dr. Choi began working at the Oakland Campus of Sutter Health as an outpatient clinical coordinator. She was hired to build its ambulatory clinical care program and pharmacy education programs for both IPPE and APPE rotations and the PGY1 and PGY2 residency programs. Dr. Choi continues to provide support at Cedars-Sinai as a Transplant Research pharmacist.

Dr. Choi enjoys spending time with her three children, extended family, and friends.

For her outstanding contributions to her profession that reflect the values of Loma Linda University and the School of Pharmacy, Dr. Jua Choi is named *SCHOOL ALUMNA OF THE YEAR*. This title will be conferred on her at the Conferring of Degrees for the school.
Dr. Brad Tice is a dynamic executive business leader and entrepreneur with a career demonstrating outstanding performance in product and organizational growth, developing operations, executing programs, building professional relations, and generating sales that deliver revenue and market share growth. As a successful product leader within a Fortune 25 company, he developed new products resulting in growth in revenue from zero to over $50 million in three years. While a member of an executive team, he contributed to the doubling of revenues on a yearly basis. His career has spanned pharmacy wholesale, entrepreneurial start-up, chain pharmacy, academia, and managed care. Dr. Tice has focused his entire career on developing, implementing, and advocating for pharmacists’ services in order to enhance their ability to improve patient care, and for them to be recognized for that value.

Earlier in his career, Dr. Tice identified opportunities to improve health care for health plan members through improving medication use and reducing the prevalence of related adverse events. Following the identification of areas in need of improvement, he was subsequently responsible for determining and implementing strategies to resolve and avoid adverse drug events and reduce the total cost of care.

Dr. Tice has served the profession in numerous capacities including as a consultant with the Pharmacy Quality Alliance, during the initial development of quality measurement in pharmacy. He has also served on technical expert panels on quality measure development with the National Committee for Quality Assurance and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to improve medication therapy management within Medicare Part D. In addition, he served the American Pharmacists Association as speaker of the American Pharmacists Association’s House of Delegates and is currently on the board of trustees as a member-at-large. He was elected to numerous positions within the Academy of Pharmacy Practice and Management.

Dr. Brad Tice will deliver his address at the Conferring of Degrees for the School of Pharmacy.
# School of Dentistry

May twenty-six, five o’clock, University Mall

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## Candidates for Degrees


## INVOCATION

Shelly Withers  
Associate Professor, Dental Hygiene

## WELCOME

Richard H. Hart  
President of the University

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President of the Class of Graduating Dental Hygienists  
Justin McAuliffe  
President of the Class of Graduating Dentists |
| **CONFERRING OF DEGREES**     | The President                                                                                                                               |
| **AWARDING OF DIPLOMAS**      | The Dean  
Assistant Dean for Academic Affairs  
Kristi Marshall, Chair, Department of Dental Hygiene  
Esther Forde, Assistant Dean, Student Affairs and Admissions  
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Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery

Anh N. Nguyen
M.P.H. A.T. Still University of Health Sciences 2012
D.M.D. A.T. Still University of Health Sciences 2013
M.D. Loma Linda University SM 2016

Katina Nguyen
B.S. University of California, Riverside 2010
D.D.S. Loma Linda University SD 2014

Jeffrey Scott Paxman
B.S. Brigham Young University 2011
D.D.S. Loma Linda University SD 2015

Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics

Evan James Agnetta
B.A. Ashford University 2012
D.D.S. Loma Linda University SD 2017
M.A. Loma Linda University SR 2017

Joseph Hourany
B.S. University of California, Los Angeles 2013
D.D.S. University of the Pacific School of Dentistry 2017

Victoria Geren
BACH.EQUIV. Universitatea de Stat de Medicina si Farmacie "Nicolae Testemitanu" 2002
D.D.S. Loma Linda University SD 2015

Jessica Liu
B.S. University of Toronto 2010
D.M.D. University of Louisville 2017

Cara Zhou Hodgson
B.A. University of California, Berkeley 2012
D.D.S. University of California, Los Angeles 2017

Melissa A. Seidel
B.S. Southern Adventist University 2013
D.D.S. Loma Linda University SD 2017

Pediatric Dentistry

Jee Hye Huh
B.S. University of California, Los Angeles 2012
D.M.D. Western University of Health Sciences 2017

Ke-Chung Wu
D.D.S. Taipei Medical University 2012

Janine Hoang-Thuc Tran
B.S. University of California, Los Angeles 2013
D.D.S. University of California, Los Angeles 2017

Logan Mariano
B.S. Lycoming College 2013
D.M.D. Temple University 2017

Periodontics

Ali Fahed A. Alqahtani
B.D.S. King Khalid University 2011
M.P.H. Loma Linda University PH 2015

Brittany Marie Pang
B.S. La Sierra University 2011
D.D.S. Loma Linda University SD 2015

Joseph Jinsuk Kim
B.S. Pacific Union College 2012
D.D.S. Loma Linda University SD 2016
Awards

DENTISTRY

Academy of Dentistry International Student Servant Leadership Award: Michael Chan.

Academy of General Dentistry: Robert Frey, Danna Tamayo.

Academy of Operative Dentistry: Kelly Torres.


ADAF Colgate Student Research Recognition (D3): Claudie Pascal.

Alpha Omega Certificate of Academic Achievement: Michael Chan.

Alumni Association Award: Claudie Pascal.

American Academy of Esthetic Dentistry: Chad McLennan.


American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry: Jenifer Jesson.

American Academy of Periodontology: Michael Chan.

American Association of Endodontists: Jason Bendas.

American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons: Matthew Doan.


American College of Dentists, Southern California Section: Chanica Veranunt.

American College of Prosthodontists: Alexander Zaykov.
American Dental Society of Anesthesiology: Sarah Lee.

American Student Dental Association: Danna Tamayo.

Boyko Award for Christ-like Service: Michael Chan.

Brian D. Stone Memorial Award: Chanica Veranunt.

California Dental Association Senior Award: Matthew Mecheal, Nanditha Rao.

CDA Foundation Research Table Clinic Scholarships (D3): Alexander Zaykov, Trent Gillard, Christina Chi, Rachel Andra, Mohammed Shaikh, Tery Lopez, Brett McKea.


Delta Dental Student Leadership Award: Chanica Veranunt.

Fixed Prosthodontics Award: Jacob Kent.

ICOI/Dentsply Pre-doctoral Student Achievement Award: Chad McLennan.

International College of Dentists Student Leadership: Nadia Barakat.

International College of Dentists Student Humanitarian: Claudie Pascal.

LLU Center for Dental Research Basic Science Award (D2): Jason Bajwa.

LLU International Dentist Program Fixed Prosthodontics Award: Mohan Raj Jaganathan.

LLU International Dentist Program Professionalism Award: Kirill Trofimov.

LLU International Dentist Program Removable Prosthodontics Award: Kirill Trofimov.

National Association of Seventh-day Adventist Dentists: Claudie Pascal, Yoshae San-Jean Fletcher.
Oesterling-Wical Removable Prosthodontics Award: David Dewberry.


Oral and Facial Surgeons of California Award: Kristina Fernandez.


President’s Award: Michael Chan.

Prince Award: Justin McAuliffe.

SCADA Dentsply Student Clinician (D3): Krystal Park.

Service Learning Award: Heather Houston, Kristen Schwieterman, Anna Lee, Luz Jaramillo-Lyoubi.

Southern California Academy of Oral Pathology: Nadia Barakat.

Southern California Society of Dentistry for Children: Elias Gutierrez.

Tri County Dental Society: Matthew Mechal.

Western Society of Periodontology: Helen Jia.

Wil Alexander Award: Michael Chan.

Wilfred A. Nation Award: Claudie Pascal.
DENTAL HYGIENE

American Association of Public Health Dentistry: Christopher Martija.

Bates Award: Cynthia Gonzales.

CDHA California Dental Hygienists’ Association: Isabella Idea.

Clinician’s Award: Joscelyn Rivas.

Colgate STAR Award: Melina Lopez.

Dean’s Award: Emily Brown.

Joni Stephens’ Preventive Dentistry Award for Research: Ethan Cook, Andrew Galang, Sean Halbo, Tom Nguyen, Youngchul Seo.

Klooster Humanitarian Award: Katelyn Black.

Middleton Award: Youngchul Seo.

Mitchell Award: Hsiang Hsu.

NASDAD: Marianne Balt, Kevyn Salazar.

Service Learning Award: Kevyn Salazar.

Sigma Phi Alpha Award: Marianne Balt, Emily Brown, Tanya Viner.

Tri-County Dental Hygienist’s Society Award: Isabella Idea.

Western Society of Periodontology Award: Kayla Niere.
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.
Michael Steven Chan—President’s Award

Michael Chan grew up in a loving, supportive, Christian family in Fallbrook, California. He has three siblings—one older brother and two younger sisters. From a very early age, Michael's parents taught him how to be a true Christian, and by example inspired him to pursue his own personal experience with God.

Michael was homeschooled during his formative years and enjoyed playing hockey and fencing. After graduating from high school, he attended Palomar College and then California State University, Long Beach (CSULB), earning a bachelor of science degree in biological sciences, summa cum laude. While at CSULB, Michael made the President’s List every semester. He worked as a College Reading and Learning, Certified Level 2 tutor; tutoring students in general chemistry, organic chemistry, and biology. Michael worked as a dental assistant during summer breaks observing and assisting during consultations, surgeries and post-ops. He also volunteered in the emergency department at the Veterans’ Administration hospital in Long Beach.

His Loma Linda University lineage includes his father, Dr. Clifford Chan, periodontics 1988, and his brother Dr. Christopher Chan, School of Dentistry 2017. Following his inclination toward dentistry, he attended “Loma Linda Careers in Dentistry” where he had the opportunity to get hands-on experience and see the positive impact he could have helping people, with a career in dentistry.

Michael was impressed with the opportunities available for local and international service, and has participated in over 200 hours of service while attending school. He will graduate first in his class having demonstrated the highest academic excellence. He was also the recipient of the Wil Alexander Award for outstanding commitment and involvement in whole person care. Michael has been on the Dean’s list every quarter and has earned the highest respect from the faculty, both in the classroom and in the clinic.

In recognition of his academic excellence, his ability to lead, and his compassion for all, the School of Dentistry honors Dr. Michael Chan with the 2019 PRESIDENT’S AWARD. This award was presented to him at the School of Dentistry’s hooding and awards ceremony on May 24, 2019.

B.S. California State University, Long Beach 2015
D.D.S. Loma Linda University SD 2019

Wil Alexander Award, Loma Linda University 2019
Academy of Dentistry International Student Servant Leadership Award 2019
Academic Academy of Periodontology 2019
Boyko Award for Christ-like Service 2019
Omicron Kappa Upsilon 2019
Deborah R. Catino—*School Distinguished Service Award*

A California native, Ms. Deborah R. Catino’s exemplary and successful service as clinic manager for the School of Dentistry’s Department of Endodontics, spans over four decades. She has played a vital role in the achievement of the mission, and the efficient and effective operation of the department through her positive influence, dynamic leadership, and problem-solving skills. Feeling a strong connection with the dedicated people with whom she has partnered—faculty members, dental professionals, and students who are passionate about excellence—she has a strong commitment to this department.

Early on, Ms. Catino worked in the business office of an aerospace company that manufactured interior aircraft components; to this day, she can identify and name most parts inside an aircraft cabin. Prior to coming to Loma Linda University, she also worked as an assistant to a very strict “balance to the penny” hospital controller. Her experiences enabled her to enhance and improve patient financial management in the department.

Family and close friends are foremost in Ms. Catino’s life and keep her interests here in Loma Linda and the surrounding areas. When she is not busy working, she keeps herself involved with event planning and other activities that require detailed thinking. She has planned and coordinated many events, such as the Department of Endodontics’ 50th Anniversary Celebration.

Her mission has been to help and support busy students in their quest for higher education and development of highest patient-care ethics. Knowing that even small gestures on her part are appreciated is a source of great fulfillment for Ms. Catino. She shares, “My morning prayer is to ask God to show me the resources it will take today to bring happiness to just one person.”

Her contagious enthusiasm for service at Loma Linda University has inspired her sisters, Cindy Edwards and Cheryl Hoover, and her son, Michael, to also serve in this University.

For her exemplary, unselfish service that goes beyond expectations, and for her positive, Christian influence, the School of Dentistry honors Deborah R. Catino with the *SCHOOL DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD*. This award will be presented to her at the Conferring of Degrees for the school.

Clinical Manager, Department of Endodontics, School of Dentistry, Loma Linda University

*Associate Degree, Mt. San Antonio College, Walnut, California 1971*
Dr. John W. Leyman joined the faculty of Loma Linda University School of Dentistry in 1980, following his residency in anesthesiology at the Loma Linda University Medical Center where he managed his time between administering operating room anesthesia and treating chronic pain conditions at the Pain Control Center. For more than three decades, Dr. Leyman has served the School of Dentistry with distinction as a faculty member and specialty trainer in the Advanced Education Program in Dental Anesthesiology. As of this graduation, over 120 graduates will have benefited from his focused guidance.

Dr. Leyman directed the Department of Dental Anesthesia Residency Program from 1992 to 2005, at which time he assumed the role of director of the Loma Linda Surgery Center for Dentistry, now the Koppel Special Care Dentistry Center. The Koppel Center has provided care to well over 100,000 patients needing anesthesia for routine dental care.

Recognized for his strong leadership and expertise, Dr. Leyman has served as treasurer, vice president, and president of the American Society of Dentist Anesthesiologists. He has served as a consultant to the American Dental Board of Anesthesiology, the American Dental Society of Anesthesiology, the California Dental Association, and the State of California. In 1996, he was a faculty inductee to Omicron Kappa Upsilon (OKU), Chi Chi Chapter. He has received fellowships in the American College of Dentists (1999) and the International College of Dentists (2006). In addition to professional recognitions, Dr. Leyman has been a speaker, program director, co-moderator, and consultant in numerous specialized education forums and symposia.

Throughout his personal, professional, and spiritual journey, Dr. Leyman has been blessed by the love and support of his wife, Dr. Paula M. Leyman, also a dentist, and their children, John Jr. and Alissa.

In recognition of his significant contributions to his field; and for promoting the values of excellence, diligence, and collaborative service, the School of Dentistry names Dr. John W. Leyman recipient of the SCHOOL DISTINGUISHED FACULTY SERVICE AWARD, to be presented to him at the Conferring of Degrees for the school.
Jaime L. Lozada—School Distinguished Research Award

An outstanding researcher and educator, Dr. Jaime L. Lozada has served the Loma Linda University School of Dentistry for more than three decades. Throughout his career, he has conducted rigorous and meaningful research, resulting in significant innovations in the field of implant dentistry. Dr. Lozada generously shares his knowledge and expertise as an investigator by mentoring graduate students and fellows in their laboratory and clinical research projects, and by publishing his findings. He has published over 100 articles in peer-reviewed journals and authored or co-authored many textbooks and chapters. His publications have introduced new clinical methods and advanced implant dentistry.

Recognized for his exceptional, significant, and exemplary contributions to the advancement of implant dentistry, Dr. Lozada received awards from the American Academy of Implant Dentistry Research Foundation, the Academy of Fixed Prosthodontics, and the Journal of Prosthetic Dentistry.

A local, national, and international lecturer, Dr. Lozada has also established valuable linkages and benefitted his colleagues in dentistry through his leadership in prestigious professional bodies—serving as past-president of the American Academy of Implant Dentistry of the American Board of Dental Specialties, a member of the Editorial Board of the Journal of Oral Implantology, a Fellow of the American College of Dentists, and currently as president of the American Board of Oral Implantology/Implant Dentistry.

Dr. Lozada has been blessed with a wonderful family—his wife, Alicia F. Lozada, and daughter, Daniella.

The School of Dentistry recognizes Dr. Jaime L. Lozada's unwavering dedication to dental education and his invaluable contributions to research in implant dentistry that have significantly impacted not only the local but also the global dental community—and honors him with the SCHOOL DISTINGUISHED RESEARCH AWARD. This award will be presented to him at the Conferring of Degrees for the school.

Program Director, Advanced Education Program in Implant Dentistry,
Department of Restorative Dentistry, and Professor, Department of Restorative Dentistry, School of Dentistry
Loma Linda University

President, American Board of Oral Implantology/Implant Dentistry

B.S. Instituto Oriente, Puebla, Mexico 1979
Cirujano Dentista (D.D.S.) Universidad Autonoma de Puebla Escuela de Odontologia, Mexico 1983

Board Certified Diplomate, American Board of Oral Implantology/Implant Dentistry
Fellow, American College of Dentists
Fellow, Academy of Implant Dentistry

Gershkoff-Goldberg Memorial Award, 2013
Isaiah Lew Memorial Research Award,
American Academy of Implant Dentistry Research Foundation 2010
Pastor Sam Leonor was raised in Central America where his parents developed church and health care missions. His service as chaplain to students, faculty, and staff at La Sierra University is characterized by love. Pastor Leonor’s ministry is marked by a call to radical faith in Jesus. As associate pastor and teacher, he enjoys finding ways to engage deeply with a spectrum of cultures for the sake of the gospel. He has devoted his ministry to helping young adults blossom into a growing, loving, and mission-oriented faith.

In his current roles, Pastor Leonor leads a team of four full-time employees and 25 student leaders—developing, producing, and maintaining on-campus ministries and off-campus outreach activities. He serves as chair of the Religious Life Committee, leading in the development, implementation and assessment of the University’s spiritual master plan.

Besides his active role in campus spiritual life, Pastor Leonor generously ministers off-campus through presentations and speaking engagements in churches, camp meetings, commencement events, weeks of spiritual emphasis, evangelism, mission trips, summer camps, Bible conferences, and retreats.

Pastor Leonor loves not only his ministry but also enjoys spending time making music, eating good food, and engaging in meaningful conversations with family and friends. He is married to Shelley Campbell Leonor. The couple is blessed with two children—Alexandra and Micah.

Pastor Sam Leonor 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 sixteen, eight o’clock, Drayson Center

PRELUDE
University Church Brass Ensemble
Virgil Nielsen, Director

Selected Compositions

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

Ronald L. Carter, University Grand Marshal, leading
Heather Appling, Larry Beeson, Chuck Dart, Jeffrey Gang,
Associate Marshals, assisting

The President’s Party, Members of the University Board of Trustees, LLUH Administration

Faculty
Triumphal March from “Aida” . . . Giuseppe Verdi (arr. Bill Holcombe)

Candidates for Degrees
Pomp and Circumstance . . . Sir Edward Elgar (arr. Jack Gale)

INVOCATION
Laura L. Alipoon
Chair and Professor, Department of Radiation Technology

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
Miguel Mendez
Associate Pastor for Spiritual Development
Loma Linda University Church

I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE

CONFERRING OF DEGREES
The President

AWARDING OF DIPLOMAS
The Dean

Helen Martinez-Wendtland, Assistant Dean of Admissions
and Records

Health Care Administration, B.S.: Laura E. Evans

Health Professions Education, M.S.: Arthur B. Marshak

Cardiac Electrophysiology Technology, A.S., Certificate:
Timothy L. Seavey

Polysomnography, Certificate: Abdullah Alismail

Emergency Medical Care, B.S.: David Lopez, Chair

Respiratory Care, B.S.: Richard Nelson

Advanced Practitioner Respiratory Care, B.S.: Alan Alipoon

Respiratory Care, M.S.: Abdullah Alismail

Communication Sciences and Disorders, B.S.: Terry
Douglas, Chair

Communication Sciences and Disorders, M.S.: Karen
Mainness

Speech Language Pathology Doctorate: Keith Wolgemuth

Clinical Laboratory Science, B.S.: Alicia Triplett

Cytotechnology, B.S.: James M. Riding

Health Information Administration, B.S.: Braden Tabisula

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.: Gerald Glavaz, Chair
Medical Radiography, A.S.: William Edmunds
Radiation Sciences, B.S.: Timothy L. Seavey
Cardiac and Diagnostic Medical Sonography, Certificate: Marie De Lange
Cardiac and Vascular Imaging, Certificate: Timothy L. Seavey
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

BENEDICTION
Communication Sciences and Disorders students, signing
The Lord’s Prayer . . . Malotte
Christina Liem, graduating student, vocals

ACADEMIC RECESSION
Alla Hornpipe from “Water Music” . . . George Frederick Handel (arr. Charles Evans)
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.

CERTIFICATE

Department of Cardiopulmonary Sciences

Polysomnography

Department of Health Informatics and Information Management

Coding Specialist

Health Information Administration

Department of Radiation Technology

Computed Tomography

Rafaela Arteaga, DEC
Omar Cervantez, DEC
Shameka Harris, DEC
Sylvia Stephanie Hernandez
Kristana Jones Hubbell
Vicki Marie Key, DEC
Vicmore Cacho
Daniel Mundy, MAR
Amber Molina Nguyen, MAR
Liza Mae Magas Larkin, DEC
Melissa D. Martinez, DEC
Joanne Nguyen, DEC
Trista Dee Parker
Ellise Nicole Stroud
Selina Elise Wagner, DEC

Rogel Osiang Pepa, MAR
Computed Tomography and Magnetic Resonance Imaging

Magnetic Resonance Imaging

Medical Dosimetry

Diagnostic Cardiac Sonography

Diagnostic Medical Sonography

Magnetic Resonance Imaging

Medical Dosimetry
POSTBACCALAUREATE CERTIFICATE

Department of Allied Health Studies

Health Professions Education

Terese Rene Pfeiffer

ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE

Department of Radiation Technology

Cardiac Electrophysiology Technology

James Robert Cruise II         Vivian T. Ngo

Medical Radiography

Ashley Amber Ali               Omed Haris Nazir
Joshua Brandon Ayhuan          Andrew Boyd Penington
Marcus James Ballew            Rinda Porter
Gabriela Bogde                 Tamara Marie Rael
Joseph Visitacion Bolosan     Tiffani Lenor Rael
Keith James Busic              Ricardo Rangel, Jr.
David Benjamin Carelock       Sharin Leslie Ritchie
Rodrick Antonio Crawford      Taylor Zane Scharffenberg
Gabriel Ernesto Cruz          Brittney Victoria Shepherd
Russell J. Erbe               Kerry Eugene Stovall
Diana E. Gorgees              Alejandra Tamayo
Linda N. Gorgees              Nataly Cinda Thayer
Nguyen Hoang                  Skylar Lee Thompson
Marissa Christina Hubbs       Ariel Suzanne Williams
Connie Jiao                   Lauren Kirsten Wolfe
Brandi Marie King             Camden Dylan Worstell
Raymundo Maldonado
## BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

**Department of Allied Health Studies**

### Health-Care Administration

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### Department of Cardiopulmonary Sciences

#### Advanced Practitioner Respiratory Care

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#### Emergency Medical Care

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#### Respiratory Care—Entry Level

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**Cytotechnology**

**Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders**

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**Department of Health Informatics and Information Management**

**Health Information Administration**

| Renata Daniela Villalobos-Salinas          |                 |
### Department of Nutrition and Dietetics

**Nutrition and Dietetics**
- Cassandra Christine Mason, summa cum laude
- Arlene Rebeca Moreno
- William Albert Ramirez II, cum laude

### Department of Radiation Technology

**Nuclear Medicine Technology**
- Alexandra Chrysanthemum Baroya, cum laude
- Trey Michael Brooks
- Jennifer Irene-Kay Buckner, cum laude

**Radiation Sciences**
- Nina Kay Beier
- Julie Ann Bey
- Christina Marie Casillas, cum laude
- Lauren Kourtney Manzano Doctolero
- Catherine Gragasin
- Deborah Suzanne Khademi
- Linda Le, MAR
- Buffi Jean Lloyd, cum laude, MAR

**Radiation Therapy Technology**
- Jorryan Carl Ritua Cruz, cum laude
- Rebecca Marie Curtis

### Department of Radiation Technology

- Megan Kristine Rasmussen, summa cum laude
- Amber James Wagstaff
- Megan Angela Marie Williams

- Jeanny Lam
- James Paul Marshall, cum laude
- Oscar Savala

- Andrea Carolina Luconi
- Anna McKinney, cum laude, MAR

- Gaylord Francis Guerrero Sápigao, cum laude
- Patricia Nichole Scira

- Tresa Menora St. Hill, cum laude
- Elizabeth Louise Wasylyshen, magna cum laude, MAR

- Eric Scott Machado
- Jose Miguel Olvera
- Kezia Veraldi Villa, cum laude
**MASTER OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT**

**Department of Physician Assistant Sciences**

**Physician Assistant**

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**MASTER OF SCIENCE IN RADIATION SCIENCES**

**Department of Radiation Technology**

*Radiation Sciences*

**MASTER OF SCIENCE IN RESPIRATORY CARE**

**Department of Cardiopulmonary Sciences**

*Respiratory Care*
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Awards

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ROBERT AND RUTH HERVIG SCHOOL OF ALLIED HEALTH S.D.A. SCHOLARSHIP
Alexander Radjagukguk, Ariel Tomlinson.

DEPARTMENT OF CARDIOPULMONARY SCIENCES
Distinguished Alumnus: James Hulse.

Advanced Practitioner Respiratory Care, B.S.
Rising Star: Mario Rodriguez.

DEPARTMENT OF CLINICAL LABORATORY SCIENCE
Chair’s Award: Karen Bathan.

Clinical Laboratory Science, B.S.
Faculty Award: Ryan Gillen.

Distinguished Alumnus: Terence Tay.
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: Xyryl Malit.
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH INFORMATICS AND INFORMATION MANAGEMENT

Rising Star: Vicmore Cacho.

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Student Award: Renata Villalobos-Salinas.

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Sally Jo Davidian Scholarship: Nicole Velasquez.

Margaret Jackson Alumni Scholarship Endowment: Renata Villalobos-Salinas.

Health Information Administration Scholarship: Kaudaulage Jayatilake.

Distinguished Alumnus Award: Raymond Mikaelian.

Smart Corporation Medical Records Scholarship: Abby Suangkomol.

DEPARTMENT OF NUTRITION AND DIETETICS

Rising Star: Ledy Ann Cordero.

Kathleen Zolber Scholarship: Evelyn Gonzalez.

Nutrition and Dietetics Scholarship: Souad Aboufadel.

Martha Miller Scholarship: Anique Cornejo, Michael Moh.

Distinguished Alumna Award: Michaela Ballmann.

DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT SCIENCES

Physician Assistant Faculty Award: Sydnnii Ray.

Department Chair’s Award: Brooke Cossaboom.

The Spirit of LLU Physician Assistant Award: Albert Chang.

Physician Assistant Alumnus Award: Michael Charvis.

DEPARTMENT OF RADIATION TECHNOLOGY


Distinguished Alumnus Award: William Edmunds.
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<td>Trailblazer Award: Elizabeth Rogers.</td>
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In 1967, when Dr. Rodney Roath was about to enter the 5th grade, his family moved to Loma Linda where his parents joined the staff of the newly-opened hospital. His father, Richard, became a faculty member in the Clinical Laboratory Science program, and his mother Donna, served as office manager. Dr. Roath initially vowed he would never follow his father's footsteps. Since his academy days, however, he had excelled in math and science, and he surprised his parents when he informed them that he would be applying to the Clinical Laboratory Science program at Loma Linda University.

He worked as a file clerk in the Medical Center Laboratory while in school. Following graduation, he was a generalist and then transferred to the day shift in chemistry where he assumed bench instruction of students. Dr. Roath became the clinical training coordinator for chemistry in 1990 and made his debut as a classroom instructor for Applications Programming for Computers where, for the first time, students were taught word processing and spreadsheets.

In 1991, Dr. Roath became a supervisor and systems manager of the Medical Center Laboratory; in 1998, he added the responsibilities of program director for the University’s Clinical Laboratory Science program. Since 2005, he has taught management, chemistry, and instrumentation courses. He was appointed department chair in 2006. Dr. Roath organized the First Annual Board Review Series for the Loma Linda University Medical Technology Alumni Association, and also served as the association’s president.

Dr. Roath has led out in the following professional organizations: president of the American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science-California; president of the California Society for Medical Technology and president of its Inland Empire Chapter; and president-elect of the California Society for Clinical Laboratory Science.

Dr. Roath considers Donna, his wife of over 35 years, and their children—Brian and Christian, a real blessing in his life.

In recognition of his outstanding leadership and scholarship, and for his committed service and significant contributions to his profession, the School of Allied Health Professions names Dr. Rodney Roath SCHOOL FACULTY OF THE YEAR. This award will be presented to him at the Conferring of Degrees for the school at 8:00 a.m.
Miguel Angel Mendez—*Speaker*

Born in Van Nuys, California, Pastor Miguel Angel Mendez exemplifies the invaluable impact of Christian education on an individual’s life. With an insatiable passion for faith and justice, Pastor Mendez considers it a blessing to serve as associate pastor for Spiritual Development at the Loma Linda University Church.

His mother, a Cuban-American, and his father, from Mexico, ensured that he was educated in Seventh-day Adventist schools in Southern California and the Inland Empire where he was raised. Pastor Mendez completed high school in Montemorelos, Mexico to enrich his cultural and linguistic experiences and worldview. There he gained a new appreciation for the global village that is his church, and the value of education as the bridge between socio-economic chasms that afflict the world.

While studying at La Sierra University, he was president of Organizacion Latina Estudiantil, and served as a volunteer tutor for disadvantaged children.

Pastor Mendez brought a decade of pastoral experience to his current position by serving the Seventh-day Adventist Church in the Southern California and Southeastern California Conferences in various capacities: youth pastor for the Ontario Spanish Church, research assistant at the La Sierra University Stahl Center, associate pastor for the Long Beach Seventh-day Adventist Church and Spanish-American Seventh-day Adventist Church, district pastor for the El Centro Spanish, Brawley and Brawley Spanish District, and senior pastor for the Calexico Seventh-day Adventist Church.

He also served in the nongovernment sector as site coordinator and teacher at the ABC Phonetic Reading School—developing and implementing learning plans to equip students with limited access to resources, with tools necessary for success.

Currently pursuing post-graduate studies, Pastor Mendez celebrates 12 years of marriage to his lovely wife and partner in ministry, Linda—an alumna of La Sierra University. The couple have been blessed with an audacious seven-year-old son, Micah, and Malachi, a handsome and rambunctious 21-month-old boy.

Pastor Mendez will deliver his address at the Conferring of Degrees for the School of Allied Health Professions at 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
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                           Virgil Nielsen, Director  
                           Selected Compositions |
| ACADEMIC PROCESSION       | The audience is requested to clear the aisles and remain seated.  
                           Ronald L. Carter, University Grand Marshal, leading  
                           Lamitra Baez, Larry Beeson, Chuck Dart, William Edmunds, Associate Marshals, assisting  
                           The President’s Party, Members of the University Board of Trustees, LLUH Administrators |
| Faculty                   | Triumphal March from “Aida” . . . Giuseppe Verdi (arr. Bill Holcombe)  
                           Candidates for Degrees  
                           Pomp and Circumstance. . . Sir Edward Elgar (arr. Jack Gale) |
| 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 |

June sixteen, ten-thirty o'clock, Drayson Center
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.: Everett B. Lohman
Physical Therapy, postprofessional D.P.T.: Todd Nelson
Physical Therapy, Ph.D.: Everett Lohman
Rehabilitation Sciences, Ph.D.: Grenith Zimmerman

BENEDICTION
Communication Sciences and Disorders students, signing
The Lord’s Prayer . . . Malotte
Jeje Noval, Assistant Professor, vocals

ACADEMIC RECESSION
Alla Hornpipe from “Water Music” . . . George Frederick Handel (arr. Charles Evans)
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.

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DOCTOR OF SCIENCE

Department of Physical Therapy

Physical Therapy

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B.S. National Yang-Ming University 2015

Raul Borlagdan Ugalde, MAR  
B.S. Southwestern University 2001

Shreyaben Prakashchandra Soni  
B.P.T. Charotar University of Science and Technology 2014  
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B.S.P.T. University of Puerto Rico, Medical Sciences Campus 1996

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B.S. University of Puerto Rico, Medical Sciences Campus 2002

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B.S.P.T. University of Puerto Rico, Medical Sciences Campus 1998

Ivette Soto Toledo  
B.S. University of Puerto Rico, Medical Sciences Campus 1994

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B.S. Sahmyook University 2015

Shalmali S. Thosar, MAR  
B.P.T. Maharashtra University of Health Sciences 2016

Muhsen Basos Alsufiany  
B.S. King Saud University 2005  
M.S. University of Pittsburgh, Main Campus 2011

Ammar Essam Hafiz  
B.P.T. Batterjee College for Medical Sciences and Technology 2011  
M.P.T. Loma Linda University AH 2014
DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Department of Allied Health Studies

Rehabilitation Science

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Donnamarie Carter Krause
B.S. University of Minnesota, Twin Cities 1993
M.S. A. T. Still University of Health Sciences 2015

Dissertation: The Non-Surgical Interventions for Carpal Tunnel Syndrome
### Awards

#### SCHOOL OF ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONS SCHOLARSHIP

Tiffany Alhandy, Karely Baeza, Pia Baltazar Maquilon, Jessica Barnes, Karah Shouse.

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

Alexander Radjagukguk, Ariel Tomlinson.

#### OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

SAHP Dean's Award: Samantha Parrnelli.

M.O.T. Alumni Award: Katherine Dailey, Fabiola Prasetio.

O.T.D. Alumna Award: Joyce Khowdee.

Faculty Award: Katherine Fischer.

Edwinna Marshall Leadership Award: Mariel Calinoga.

Lynn Arrateig Clinical Practice Award: Lizbeth Delgado.

Community Outreach Award: Jessica Lin.

Rising Star Award: Jessica Nunes.

Distinguished Alumna of the Year: Sherry Hite.

Hamid Javaherian Scholarship Award: Porsche Fowlkes-Arthurs.

Occupational Therapy Endowment Scholarship: Pia Bitong, Samuel Islas, Hazel Lopez.

#### ORTHOTICS AND PROSTHETICS

Distinguished Alumna Award: Madonna Ibrahim.

Rising Star Award: Tuan Duong.
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Hoa Nguyen—President’s Award

Dr. Hoa Nguyen exemplifies diligence, determination, and fortitude for facing challenges that might have prevented him from reaching his goals. Early on, he worked as an automotive technician for many years; and although he enjoyed his job, there was always something inside him that prodded him to further his education and pursue a career in the healing arts. Thus, Dr. Nguyen developed an interest in physical therapy and committed himself to taking night classes while working during the day. Later, he was accepted into the Doctor of Physical Therapy program applying with a prerequisite science G.P.A. of 4.0.

At Loma Linda University, Dr. Nguyen demonstrated a commitment to service and consistently participated in Horses and Lambs, a program working with children with disabilities; Street Medicine, a program working with under-insured individuals; and helped organize a student fundraiser for a mission trip to Haiti, to build a kitchen at an orphanage. During that trip, Dr. Nguyen conducted continuing education workshops for Haiti’s rehabilitation technicians on evaluation and treatment of low back pain, and provided physical therapy for patients at the Adventist hospital in Port-au-Prince.

Dr. Nguyen’s service activities have also included working with Global Mobility, a program that fits and distributes donated wheelchairs to those in need in Tijuana, Mexico; and participating in health screenings for children in an orphanage in Mexicali, Mexico.

Dr. Nguyen is recognized for his service to his classmates who admire him as one who works hard, not just for a grade, but because he genuinely cares. His teachers consider him a dedicated student who studies relentlessly and is always willing to provide assistance to anyone who needs help. A role model to his peers and mentors, he consistently displays ambition, an enviable work ethic, and passion for the field of physical therapy. He is someone who will greatly contribute to the profession in years to come.

He has the ability to connect with those around him easily, and has a very calm demeanor that reflects thoughtfulness, confidence, and, above all, his humility.

For his exemplary leadership and community service, academic excellence, and for promoting the field of physical therapy, the School of Allied Health Professions names Dr. Hoa Nguyen recipient of the 2019 PRESIDENT’S AWARD. This award will be presented to him at the Conferring of Degrees for the school at 10:30 a.m.
Eric G. Johnson—School Distinguished Service Award

Dr. Eric Johnson was first in his family to earn a college degree. Consequently, he has a deep appreciation for the value of education and considers himself an “eternal work in progress.” He joined the Loma Linda University Department of Physical Therapy faculty in 1998. Building a research agenda was Dr. Johnson’s priority. As director of the Neuroscience Research Laboratory, he has produced more than 40 peer-reviewed journal publications, and, in 2008, became the youngest faculty member to be promoted to the rank of Professor in the School of Allied Health Professions.

A strong interest in academic pedagogy motivated him to study in a collaborative program between Harvard University and the Massachusetts General Hospital Institute of Health Sciences. As the Neurology Track coordinator for the department, he has implemented innovative teaching strategies including flipped classrooms, weighted buzz groups, and selective microteaching. Dr. Johnson has taught graduate and post-graduate courses in Japan, Argentina, Brazil, and Puerto Rico, and teaches several doctoral courses in the Physical Therapy program.

As associate program director of the Department of Physical Therapy, he leads the program's accreditation process and promotes faculty development. A successful mentor and trainer, most of his former research students hold university faculty appointments.

Dr. Johnson's service at LLU can be characterized as exemplary and diverse. He has served the University with distinction as chair of the University Faculty Council; as well as the school, as a member of both the Graduate Council, and Rank and Promotion Committee.

Dr. Johnson routinely recites poetry and quotes during his lectures to highlight the bigger picture of service learning. One of his favorite quotes is from Helen Keller. “While they were saying among themselves it cannot be done, it was done.” This quote encompasses his belief that anything is possible with the right mindset.

For his significant, indelible contributions to the academic and research programs; for modeling scholarship, and exemplary leadership, the School of Allied Health Professions honors Dr. Eric Johnson with the SCHOOL DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD. This award will be presented to him at the Conferring of Degrees for the school at 10:30 a.m.
Dr. Elizabeth Rogers has been a lifelong innovator. Since joining Loma Linda University in 1969, she has been a trailblazer in physical therapy. She was instrumental in elevating the University’s physical therapy program from the bachelor’s to the master’s degree, and developed the Physical Therapist Assistant Program. She was the co-editor of *AIDS and the Allied Health Professions*, the first textbook to address AIDS for health care professionals. She founded the Physical Therapy Mission Project providing new graduates with opportunities to volunteer globally, and accompanied the first two missionaries to Yuka Hospital in Zambia, Africa, to establish a leprosy rehabilitation program. The project grew to include Mexico, Thailand, Japan, Taiwan, and Vietnam.

In 1990, Dr. Rogers became the founding chair of the physical therapy program at the College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific in Pomona, California. The program received the highest level of accreditation during its first review. In 1996, Dr. Rogers became the founding chair of the physical therapy program at Elon College in North Carolina. Through her leadership, their program had no deficiencies in their inaugural accreditation cycle. This was a first in the nation, a feat for which Dr. Rogers earned commendations from the accreditation commission. Dr. Rogers transitioned the physical therapy program from the master’s to the doctoral degree level. She initiated the first anatomical gift program in a non-medical school in North Carolina and developed the HOPE clinic – the first pro bono clinic in North Carolina.

Dr. Rogers has generously shared her expertise throughout her career, and has been actively involved in significant local, national, and global community programs. Her leadership philosophy is, “Success occurs when you build a team of the most talented individuals you can find. Leaders should surround themselves with individuals who have the credentials or expertise they lack – don’t be afraid of outstanding talent.”

For her visionary leadership, scholarship, and significant, innovative contributions in her field that have promoted LLU’s mission “To continue the teaching and healing ministry of Jesus Christ,” the School of Allied Health Professions names Dr. Elizabeth A. Rogers recipient of the 2019 TRAILBLAZER AWARD. This award will be presented to her at the Conferring of Degrees for the school at 10:30 a.m.
Mr. Eric Désarmé was born to loving parents and raised in a Seventh-day Adventist environment. He was exposed early to Christian values, including sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ through love and service to others. In adulthood, his faith transitioned from the “faith his parents taught him” to his own personal belief and faith in Jesus. Inspired by his parents’ example, Mr. Désarmé pursued a career in prosthetics.

While at Walter Reed Army Medical Center he cared for wounded warriors and assisted one veteran to qualify for the United States Paralympic team. Mr. Désarmé became involved in the homeless ministry (“residentially challenged,” as he prefers) while in residency and attending church in Corrales, New Mexico.

In 2011 and 2013, he went to Haiti to provide prosthetic services for those injured during the 2010 earthquake. During his second visit, he met a family whose small child needed a custom orthopedic device. As a result, he decided to become educated in orthotics. This allowed him to address a broader scope of needs. In 2016, Mr. Désarmé joined a Loma Linda University service outreach team traveling to Ethiopia to teach occupational therapy and prosthetics professionals, and provide orthotic and prosthetic care.

During his time at Loma Linda University, he co-founded the University’s United Feet program—a thriving ministry that provides foot washing and clean socks for disadvantaged individuals in San Bernardino. Recognizing his outstanding leadership and commitment to service, his classmates elected him cohort president for this ministry. Recognizing his skills, abilities, and work ethic, his current employer supported him in furthering his education in pediatric orthotic care and encouraged him in a leadership role. Eric’s plans for the future include continuing to lead and serve his family while supporting others by “making man whole” through his personal and professional endeavors.

For his exemplary, committed service, and for promoting the motto of this health-sciences institution, “To make man whole,” the School of Allied Health Professions names Mr. Eric Désarmé SCHOOL ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR. This title will be conferred on him at the Conferring of Degrees for the school at 10:30 a.m.
Miguel Angel Mendez—Speaker

Born in Van Nuys California, Pastor Miguel Angel Mendez exemplifies the invaluable impact of Christian education on an individual’s life. With an insatiable passion for faith and justice, Pastor Mendez considers it a blessing to serve as associate pastor for Spiritual Development at the Loma Linda University Church.

His mother, a Cuban-American, and his father, from Mexico, ensured that he was educated in Seventh-day Adventist schools in Southern California and the Inland Empire where he was raised. Pastor Mendez completed high school in Montemorelos, Mexico to enrich his cultural and linguistic experiences and worldview. There he gained a new appreciation for the global village that is his church, and the value of education as the bridge between socio-economic chasms that afflict the world.

While studying at La Sierra University, he was president of Organizacion Latina Estudiantil, and served as a volunteer tutor for disadvantaged children.

Pastor Mendez brought a decade of pastoral experience to his current position by serving the Seventh-day Adventist Church in the Southern California and Southeastern California Conferences in various capacities: youth pastor for the Ontario Spanish Church, research assistant at the La Sierra University Stahl Center, associate pastor for the Long Beach Seventh-day Adventist Church and Spanish-American Seventh-day Adventist Church, district pastor for the El Centro Spanish, Brawley and Brawley Spanish District, and senior pastor for the Calexico Seventh-day Adventist Church.

He also served in the nongovernment sector as site coordinator and teacher at the ABC Phonetic Reading School—developing and implementing learning plans to equip students with limited access to resources, with tools necessary for success.

Currently pursuing post-graduate studies, Pastor Mendez celebrates 12 years of marriage to his lovely wife and partner in ministry, Linda—an alumna of La Sierra University. The couple have been blessed with an audacious seven-year-old son, Micah, and Malachi, a handsome and rambunctious 21-month-old boy.

Pastor Mendez will deliver his address at the Conferring of Degrees for the School of Allied Health Professions at 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
School of Public Health

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

Prelude

University Church Brass Ensemble
Virgil Nielsen, Director

Selected Compositions

Academic Procession

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

Ronald L. Carter, University Grand Marshal, leading
Marilyn Eggers, Arthur Marshak, Jackie Williams-Reade,
Zane Yi, Associate Marshals, assisting

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

Faculty

Triumphal March from “Aida”... Giuseppe Verdi (arr. Bill Holcombe)

Candidates for Degrees

Pomp and Circumstance . . . Sir Edward Elgar (arr. Jack Gale)

Invocation

Monita Baba Djara
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

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**MASTERING QUESTIONS**

**CONFERRING OF DEGREES**

The President

**AWARDING OF DIPLOMAS**

The Dean

Donna Gurule, Associate Dean for Academic Administration

Wendy Saravia-Genovez, Assistant Dean for Academic and Student Support

**GRADUATION PLEDGE**

Huma Shah

Assistant Professor

O’Neal T. Malcolm

Class of 2019

**BENEDICTION**

Karl J. McCleary

Associate Dean for Strategy

**ACADEMIC RECESSION**

Alla Hornpipe from “Water Music” . . . George Frederick Handel (arr. Charles Evans)

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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 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.
Valery Lynn Eberhardt
nutrition
B.S. Colorado State University 1982

Fiyinfoluwa Olayinka Fawibe
population medicine
B.S. University of Georgia 2010
M.D. Augusta University 2014

Johanna Fiallos
nutrition
B.S. Florida International University 2012

Ilona Gelyana
health education
B.A. University of California, Santa Barbara 2016

Anthony Cornelius Gittens
health education
B.S. La Sierra University 2012

Natalie Marisol Gonzalez
nutrition
B.S. California State Polytechnic University, Pomona 2017

Grant Hayes
population medicine
B.A. Rice University 2009
M.D. Texas A&M University 2016

Hannah Marie Hughes
nutrition
B.S. California Baptist University 2016

Leah Marie Humann
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B.S. University of Central Oklahoma 2011
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Master of Science

In conjunction with the Faculty of Graduate Studies

Alice Young Kim
nutrition
B.S. Andrews University 2016

Doctor of Public Health

Harit Agroia, DEC
health education
B.S. California State University, Sacramento 2012
M.S. Touro University California 2015

Dissertation: Using the Theory of Planned Behavior to Understand Student Compliance to Tobacco-Free Policies in California Universities

Noara Khaled Alhusseini
health policy and leadership
B.A.M.S. King Saud University 2009
M.M. University of California, San Diego 2011

Dissertation: The Use of Electronics to Seek Health Information on the Internet and Social Media among Adults in the U.S.

Susan Lynn Armstrong, AUG
health education
B.S. Loma Linda University SN 1970
M.P.H. Loma Linda University PH 2002

Dissertation: The Association of Religious Coping and Perceived Stress with Tobacco Cessation

Priya Bhat-Patel, DEC
health education
B.S. University of California, San Diego 2010
M.P.H. University of Southern California 2012


Kirk Campbell
health policy and leadership
B.E. Union College 1997
M.A.E. University of Phoenix, Phoenix Campus 2005

Dissertation: Factors Influencing Instructor E-Learning Readiness
Ihuoma Okezie Chukwueke
preventive care
M.B.CH.B. University of Jos 2001
M.P.H. Loma Linda University PH 2009

Dissertation: Religious, Non-Religious Social Support and Inflammatory Biomarkers: Impact on Perceived Stress

Devi Rachel Davis-Strong, AUG
health education
B.A. Arizona State University, Main Campus 1991
M.S. Arizona State University, Main Campus 2008

Dissertation: Determinants of Exercise Adherence among African-American Women

Rachael Nicole Farris Reed
preventive care
B.S. Xavier University of Louisiana 2010
M.P.H. Armstrong Atlantic State University 2012

Dissertation: Discrimination, Glucose Control, and Religion in American and Caribbean Blacks

Reham Abdulkarim Halawani
nutrition
BACH.EQUIV. King Abdulaziz University 2004
M.S. California State University, Northridge 2013

Dissertation: Association between the Change in Eating Habits and BMI among Saudi Students in the U.S.A.

Lynnley Huey, MAR
nutrition
B.A. New York University 2009
M.P.H. Loma Linda University PH 2012

Dissertation: Assessment of Inflammatory Score in a Dietary Intervention Study in an Elderly Population
Liang Ji, MAR  
*epidemiology*  
B.S. Fudan University 2008  
M.B.A. La Sierra University PH 2011  
M.P.H. Loma Linda University PH 2014  

Dissertation: Use of Population-Based Cancer Registry Date to Assess Roles of Elderly Diagnosis and Treatment as Predictors of Cancer Mortality

O’Neal Troy Malcolm  
*health education*  
PHARM.B. University of Technology 2002  
PHARM.D. University of Florida 2010  

Dissertation: Factors Influencing Implementation of a Personalized Prevention Plan among Medicare Patients

Sen Luu Padilla, MAR  
*preventive care*  
B.S. University of California, San Diego 2007  
M.P.H. Loma Linda University PH 2011  

Dissertation: The Health Profile of the Oldest Adventists and the Association Between Dietary Intake Patterns and Mortality

Rawiwan Sirirat, AUG  
*nutrition*  
B.S. Loma Linda University AH 2007  
M.P.H. Loma Linda University PH 2010  

Dissertation: The Association between Phytosterol Intake and Breast Cancer Incidence in the Adventist Health Study 2

Doctor of Philosophy

In conjunction with the Faculty of Graduate Studies

Saeed Mastour Alshahrani  
B.A.M.S. King Saud University 2006  
M.P.H. Florida International University 2011  

Dissertation: Red and Processed Meat Intake in Relation to Mortality and to Incident Prostate and Breast Cancers in AHS-2
Alsanussi Tahir A. Elsherif, DEC
M.B.B.S. University of Benghazi 2005
M.P.H. Loma Linda University PH 2012

Dissertation: The Association between Consumption of Added Sugar Intake and the Risk of Cardiovascular Diseases in Mortality in the Adventist Health Study 2
Awards

President’s Award: Jennifer Martinez.

Dean’s Award: Anthony Gittens (M.P.H.), Priya Bhat-Patel (Dr.P.H.), Lynnley Huey (Dr.P.H.).

School Alumnus of the Year: Celeste M. Philip.

School Distinguished Service Award (Faculty): Seth Wiafe.

School Distinguished Service Award (Staff): Stephen Sledge.

Bob and Ruth Hervig Scholarship: Brigette Hinds.

Callicot Student Support Scholarship: Tiffany Vo, Janeska Wood.

Community Outreach Project Scholarship: Hannah Hughes.


Hulda Crooks Scholarship Award: Kushinga Bvute, Jennifer Chervinsky, Nancy Collado, Johanna Fiallos, Jennifer Paul.

Hulda Crooks research Grant: Brenda Koranda.

International Student Assistance Scholarship: Alaa Alabadi.

Merrit C. Horning Award for Outstanding Research: Noara Alhusseini, Kushinga Bvute, Tony Jehi, Tyler Sura.

President’s Circle Scholarship for Hispanic Students: Douglas Mejia.

Randall Lewis Fellowship Award: Charles Saseun.
Scholarship Endowment for Black Students: Brigette Hinds.

Selma Andrews Scholarship: Johanna Fiallos, Reham Halawani.

Wiesseman Doctoral Award: Brenda Koranda, Chanell Grismore, Katie Viehmann-Wical.

William G. and Margaret S. Hafner Scholarship: Cesar Barrera, Justin Swanson.

**SPH Student Association Awards**


Charlie Liu Award: Thien-An Nguyen.

Ruth White Outstanding Student Award: Anthony Gittens.

Wil Alexander Whole Person Care Award: Holly Kendahl Craig-Buckholtz.

Willard and Irene Humpal Award: Jonquile Williams.

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Graduation Pledge

Students' response italicized

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._
Ms. Jennifer Martinez worked as an environmental scientist in Dallas before enrolling in the Epidemiology Master of Public Health program in the School of Public Health. Her role included evaluating potential ecological and human health risks resulting from the operation of historical oil refineries. She was also a standby emergency responder for train derailments and the accidental release of chemicals.

As a reservist in the United States Air Force since 1999, her duties as a squad leader have included training subordinates, and providing security and resources to military installations and personnel around the world. She has been deployed to Saudi Arabia, Iraq, and Kuwait, and has continued to maintain her part-time military service.

Ms. Martinez has consistently demonstrated outstanding academic performance and exceptional service globally and locally while at Loma Linda University. Her passion for public health and commitment to support the School of Public Health is likewise exemplary. Ms. Martinez served as financial vice-president for the School of Public Health Student Association. She volunteered with Careers in Public Health, a three-day hands-on public health experience for prospective students, and supported a half-day program educating high school students about career opportunities in public health. Ms. Martinez unselfishly shared her public health knowledge and experience on a mission trip to Cuba, assisting in community health fairs. Her dedication to academics led her to serve as a teaching assistant for two epidemiology courses while a student in the program.

As part of her practicum, Ms. Martinez traveled to Chad to implement a grant-funded potable water project. After graduation, she will travel to the Central African Republic in sub-Saharan Africa, sponsored through a consortium involving Pacific Union College, Water for Good, and Loma Linda University’s School of Public Health. While there, she will support Water for Good in their efforts to end water poverty by maintaining wells and providing clean water to communities in need.

In recognition of her strong academic performance and outstanding leadership, exemplary service, and active community engagement, the School of Public Health honors Jennifer Martinez with the 2019 PRESIDENT’S AWARD. This award will be presented to her at the Conferring of Degrees for the school.
Dr. Seth Wiafe exemplifies the essence and spirit of this award in several ways. He is deeply committed to the mission and values of Loma Linda University (LLU). After completing the B.S. Public Health and the M.P.H. in Environmental and Occupational Health degrees, he served in various capacities in the School of Public Health as instructor and later, assistant professor.

Dr. Wiafe has consistently promoted the institution’s mission and scholarship by demonstrating the value of Geographic Information Systems (GIS). Working with the late Dr. Samuel Soret, he helped grow the area of health geoinformatics at LLU at a time when few public health programs recognized the value of GIS. Besides applying health geographic solutions internally, Dr. Wiafe also forged external relationships with state and local entities to foster ongoing partnerships and learning opportunities at the Environmental Systems Research Institute (ESRI)—the leader in geospatial software and information systems.

Currently, Dr. Wiafe uses his expertise as an investigator for research projects like the Ghana Breast Health Study, mapping cancer screening adherence for the Pettis Veterans Affairs Healthcare System; and an oral health education project for elderly populations in San Bernardino County. He is also the director of the LLU geoinformatics lab.

Dr. Wiafe lives the values of this institution in his interactions with students, faculty, and the community. His passion to serve others is empowering. He models humility, dedication, selflessness, and willingness to work with anyone, regardless of power or position, to accomplish the larger goals affecting the whole system.

Grateful to God for a wonderful family, Dr. Wiafe has been married to his wife of 27 years, Beatrice—an LVN. The couple has three children—two daughters, Adwoa and Amma; and a son, Michael.

In recognition of his invaluable contributions to his field and for selfless dedication to the school’s educational mission and that of the community at-large, the School of Public Health names Dr. Seth Wiafe recipient of the SCHOOL DISTINGUISHED FACULTY SERVICE AWARD. This award will be presented to him at the Conferring of Degrees for the school.
Dr. Celeste M. Philip is a born leader who demonstrates interdisciplinary collaboration to achieve broad public health objectives and is an example of academic and professional excellence. Dr. Philip is a physician executive with two decades of public health and medical experience in local, state and international settings. She completed over 10 years of service with the Florida Department of Health, most recently serving as Florida’s Surgeon General and Secretary of Health, directing a staff of over 13,000 with a $3 million budget. Dr. Philip led Florida’s Zika virus response to successfully limit mosquito-borne transmission in south Florida and oversaw the state’s public health and medical activities during five hurricanes. She chaired the state health improvement planning process with over 30 partner organizations and coordinated multi-agency efforts to address challenging issues such as opioid overdose, prevention, and treatment.

In 2017, under Dr. Philip’s leadership, the department was awarded a grant from the John A. Hartford Foundation to collaborate with Trust for America’s Health and other partners to create a novel public health framework to support healthy aging in communities, one of the first in the nation.

Dr. Philip is highly recognized for her medical and public health contributions. She serves on the board of directors for the Public Health Accreditation Board and the National Forum for Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention. The American Cancer Society awarded Dr. Philip an impact award; Nova Southeastern University awarded her an honorary doctorate; and she was named the 2016 Outstanding Woman in Public Health by the University of South Florida’s College of Public Health. She served at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as an Epidemic Intelligence Service Officer and preventive medicine resident while also a commissioned officer of the United States Public Health Service. She is double-board certified in family medicine, as well as public health and preventive medicine.

Dr. Philip feels blessed to return to California to practice local public health and be closer to her family.

For her outstanding contributions to Public Health, her invaluable leadership in times of emergencies, and her active involvement in bringing about change for the community, the School of Public Health is honored to name Dr. Celeste M. Philip SCHOOL ALUMNA OF THE YEAR. This title will be conferred on her at the Conferring of Degrees for the school.
Pastor Damian Chandler was born in Toronto, Ontario, Canada and raised in Barbados. His ministry journey began in a small church housed in the basement of his home. With only nine members, the burden of ministry fell equally on everyone, including this 16-year-old teen. At night he could hear the prayers of those humble people rising through the vents into his room. That small church developed a spiritual hunger in Pastor Chandler, and stands as a turning point and foundation for his call to ministry.

His ministry journey has taken him across the length and breadth of America, from Seattle, Washington to Huntsville, Alabama. In 2014 Pastor Chandler accepted a call to serve the Capitol City Seventh-day Adventist Church in Sacramento, California as senior pastor.

Gifted in music, media, and missions, Pastor Chandler greatly loves leading people in worship. He has shared his talent as a composer by writing numerous songs used in praise and worship settings across the country.

This exceptional storyteller has published an inspirational book, *The Crooked Christmas Tree*, a contemporary parable that speaks to the human need for grace and God’s unique ability to make crooked things beautiful.

The motivation and power behind his ministry lie in his passion for Jesus and his passion for people. He has found an unbelievable gift in God’s grace, and is his desire to share that gift with every person he is privileged to meet.

Pastor Chandler is not only passionate about his ministry but even more so about his family. After years of dedicated pursuit, God granted his heart’s desire and blessed him with a partner in life—his wife, Dr. Tanzy Chandler. Together they count it a privilege to be involved so intimately in the lives of so many. They cherish each meeting and every encounter because they believe that they are all a part of their Heavenly Father’s desire to make us more like Jesus.

The couple has been blessed with three wonderful children—a daughter Zoe, and two sons, Salem and Levi.

Pastor Damian Chandler will deliver his address at the Conferring of Degrees for the School of Public Health.
School of Behavioral Health and School of Religion

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                              | Virgil Nielsen, Director  
                              | Selected Compositions |
| ACADEMIC PROCESSION          | The audience is requested to clear the aisles and remain seated.  
                              | Ronald L. Carter, University Grand Marshal, leading  
                              | Juan Carlos Belliard, Ellen D'Errico, Ron Mataya, Jan Nick,  
                              | Associate Marshals, assisting  
                              | The President's Party, Members of the University Board of Trustees, LLUH Administrators |
| Faculty                      | Triumphal March from “Aida” . . . Giuseppe Verdi (arr. Bill Holcombe) |
| Candidates for Degrees       | Pomp and Circumstance. . . Sir Edward Elgar (arr. Jack Gale) |
| 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

Ted Baehr
Chairman, Christian Film and Television Commission

MORE THAN CONQUERORS

CONFERRING OF DEGREES

The President

AWARDING OF DIPLOMAS

Dean of the School of Religion
Dean of the School of Behavioral Health

BENEDICTION

Miriam A. Domingo
Associate Dean for Finance for the School of Behavioral Health

ACADEMIC RECEPTION

Alla Hornpipe from “Water Music” . . . George Frederick Handel (arr. Charles Evans)

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.

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*Dissertation:* Exploring Family Engagement in Orthotics and Prosthetic Care: A Modified Delphi Study

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Meredith Leigh Dennis  
B.A. California State University, Long Beach 2009  
M.A. Loma Linda University SBH 2015  

*Dissertation:* Examining Changes in and Trajectories of Parenting among Parents of Children with Developmental Delay: The Role of Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction

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Natalie Do  
B.A. University of California, Irvine 2013  
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*Dissertation:* Social Support and Cognitive Function in Aging Adults

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K’dee Elsen  
B.A. La Sierra University 2012  
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*Dissertation:* The Complexity of the Bilingual Experience: Linguistic Variables Predict Cognition in Healthy Older Adults

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Joshua Seth Goldberg  
B.A. The University of Texas at Austin 2013  
M.A. Loma Linda University SBH 2015  

*Dissertation:* The Formulation of a RBANS Effort Supplement

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Spring Flores Johnson  
B.A. Texas A & M University, Corpus Christi 2003  
M.A. Loma Linda University SBH 2015  

*Dissertation:* Education and Social Support as a Mediator of the Relationship between Functional Capacity and Cognitive Ability among Patients with Schizophrenia
Pamela Veronica Lorenzo
B.S. Western Michigan University 2010
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Dissertation: The Relationship between Cognitive Function and Activities of Daily Living

Maleia Mathis
B.A. Georgetown University 2011
M.A. Loyola Marymount University 2013
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Dissertation: From Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) to Childhood Psychosocial Symptoms: Cognitive Ability as a Mediating Mechanism

Esmeralda Ibette Nunez
B.A. Harvard University 2010
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Dissertation: An Examination of Fatalistic Pain Beliefs and Pain Experience in Hispanic and Non-Hispanic White Patients with Chronic Pain

Keshia Maranda Sanders
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Dissertation: An Examination of the Mediating Factors Between High Schizotypy and Distress

Catherine Michelle Sanner
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Dissertation: Enhanced Operation Fit: The Feasibility and Efficacy of an Adjunct Parent Health Education Group

Kelly Eunjung Baek, AUG
B.A. University of Michigan, Ann Arbor 2005
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Dissertation: A Cross Sectional Study on Korean American Mental Challenges and Help-Seeking Behavior
Stacey Brooke Cunningham, DEC  
B.S. Southern Adventist University 2004  
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*Dissertation:* Exploring the Wholeness and Learning Climates of Graduate Students at a Religious University

Semran K. Mann  
B.A. University of California, Los Angeles 2007  
M.P.H. Loma Linda University PH 2010  

*Dissertation:* Intersectionality and California Punjabis: Exploring Gender Dynamics and Mental Health

Laurelle C. Warner  
B.S. Atlantic Union College 1983  
M.S.W. University of Connecticut, Tri-Campus 1989  

*Dissertation:* Examining Resilience in the Lives of Black Women

### Systems, Families, and Couples

Gregory Benjamin Donihoo  
B.A. Lee University 2011  
M.S. Lee University 2013  

*Dissertation:* Connecting SERT Competencies with Mutual Support: A Task Analysis Exploring Feminist Therapy

Gabriela Gutierrez, MAR  
B.A. University of California, Irvine 2008  
M.S. San Diego State University 2014  

*Dissertation:* Cancer, Sexual Quality of Life, and the Dyad: A Qualitative Study

Ginger G. Simonton  
B.S. University of Redlands 2006  
M.S. Loma Linda University SBH 2016  

*Dissertation:* MEND: A Systemic Intervention for Women with Childhood Sexual Abuse
Awards

**School of Religion**

President’s Award: Kenneth Wright.

Dean’s Award: Femke Horn.

Center for Christian Bioethics Excellence Award: Landon Sayler, Femke Horn.

David and Maxine Taylor Scholarship: Ruby Moore, Akivah Dixon Northern.

Graham Maxwell Scholarship: Jonathan Goorhuis.

New Horizon Scholarship: Hung Nguyen.

Saxby Scholarship: Cecilia Saucedo.

Wil Alexander Whole Person Care Award: Carissa McSherry.

**School of Behavioral Health**

President’s Award: Kelly Baek.

Dean’s Award for Master’s Degree Programs: Tori Dinkfeld.

Dean’s Award for Doctoral Degree Programs: Catherine Sanner.

Distinguished Service Award: Janet Sonne.

Alumnus of the Year: Carlos Escoto.
Kelly Baek—President’s Award (SBH)

Assistant Professor, Department of Social Work and Social Ecology
School of Behavioral Health
Loma Linda University

B.A. University of Michigan 2005
M.S.W. Wayne State University 2009
Ph.D. Loma Linda University 2018

As a believer in the connection among body, mind, and spirit, and the vital role these relationships play in human interactions, Dr. Kelly Baek has successfully used a multi-factor blend of trans-disciplinary and translational methods in practice and research.

Her projects employ quantitative and qualitative approaches which address significant mental health and quality of life issues. Her culturally appropriate and sensitive interventions have produced relevant research projects. Dr. Baek has studied the risk of heart disease for individuals living near major rail yards in Southern California—where respiratory distress is a major health concern among residents. Her dissertation focused on Korean-American mental health perceptions, their scope of mental distress, and formal and informal help-seeking. She has also published her findings on the effect of perceived discrimination on depression in Afghan-Americans.

Recently appointed as assistant professor in the Department of Social Work and Social Ecology, Dr. Baek specializes in mental health, culturally-sensitive interventions, program development, community outreach, and curriculum development. She is currently involved in a grant-funded project focusing on promoting careers in behavioral health. Dr. Baek is guiding students through presentations at community colleges and universities; and addressing the need for more qualified clinicians in order to mitigate the impact of depression and suicide, particularly among college students.

Dr. Baek’s energy and deep commitment to excellence continues to be evident in her new role as a faculty member in the School of Behavioral Health. She employs a very engaging teaching style and appreciates the diversity of students who attend the University. An essential member of the school’s integrated behavioral health research team, she has completed certifications and specialized training in Mental Health First Aid and the Community Resiliency Model.

As a behavioral health specialist, she envisions sharing behavioral health resources with communities with low rates of professional mental health service utilization.

For her commitment to and promotion of the goals of the School of Behavioral Health through outstanding academic performance and community service, Dr. Kelly Baek is named recipient of the 2019 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.
Kenneth Ray Wright—President’s Award (SR)

Dr. Kenneth Wright was born in the Washington Sanitarium and Hospital in Takoma Park, Maryland—the fourth of six children.

Following graduation from college, his first employment was teaching elementary school, all grades, in the basement of the Lowell Seventh-day Adventist Church in Massachusetts. Four years later, Dr. Wright accepted a call to teach biology, in French, at Gitwe College in Nyabisindu, Rwanda. Within three years, he was appointed registrar.

In August 1987, Dr. Wright came to Loma Linda University to pursue a master’s degree in anatomy; upon completion, he proceeded to complete a doctorate. Following completion of his Ph.D. in 1992, he accepted a position as a post-doctoral staff member at the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio, working on osteoclast apoptosis with Dr. Brenden Boyce. Since January 1995 Dr. Wright has served as a faculty member in Loma Linda University’s School of Medicine. He is a well-respected Professor of Pathology and Human Anatomy. In 2009 he received the Teacher of the Year award from the School of Dentistry, where he also teaches.

This year, Dr. Wright broadens his academic credentials by earning a Master of Arts degree from the School of Religion.

Dr. Wright not only promotes academic excellence but, above all, a deep commitment to God’s service. He has been actively involved in music, drama, Sabbath School teaching, worship, and potluck teams at the Calimesa Seventh-day Adventist Church. He has also represented the University in Afghanistan and Liberia during one-month service trips.

The School of Religion recognizes the outstanding academic performance and strong commitment to community service of Dr. Kenneth Ray Wright, and honors him with the 2019 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.
Janet L. Sonne—School Distinguished Service Award (SBH)

Dr. Janet Lynn Sonne is recognized for her publications addressing sequelae of childhood sexual abuse, and ethical, legal, and clinical issues in psychotherapist-patient relationships.

During her master’s degree program, Dr. Sonne discovered her passion for clinical service and research. Then, along with other studies, she completed an APA-accredited predoctoral internship at the UCLA Neuropsychiatric Institute and her postdoctoral study as a staff psychologist at Patton State Hospital, assessing and treating mentally disordered sex offenders.

Dr. Sonne began her affiliation with the Department of Psychiatry at Loma Linda University (LLU) teaching psychiatry residents, medical students, and graduate students in the School of Nursing, and in the departments of social work, and marriage and family therapy. She founded the graduate clinical psychology programs at LLU and, as a full professor, served as the Director of Clinical Training for the Ph.D. program. She “retired” in 2005, but continued to teach graduate courses.

Dr. Sonne returned to Loma Linda in 2010 to develop and coordinate the doctoral clinical psychology training program at the Loma Linda University Behavioral Medicine Center (BMC). There she directed the training of clinical psychology practicum students from four universities, predoctoral interns, and postdoctoral fellows, and maintained an active research program. Dr. Sonne retired from the BMC in December 2018, although she continues to teach, supervise, research, and maintain a private clinical and forensic practice. She was the former chair and member of the California Psychological Association Ethics Committee and she served twice as a member of the American Psychological Association Ethics Committee.

Dr. Sonne has served as a clinical evaluator for the LLU School of Dentistry and the Center for Fertility. She has also served as an expert consultant to the California Board of Psychology, attorneys, religious organizations, and practitioners. She developed the UCLA Post-Therapy Support Group, one of the first intervention programs for psychotherapy patients who had been involved in sexual relationships with their previous therapists.

For her commitment to academic excellence, scholarship, and her significant contributions to the field of psychology; and for promoting the mission of this University “To continue the teaching and healing ministry of Jesus Christ,” the School of Behavioral Health honors Dr. Janet Lynn Sonne 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.
Carlos A. Escoto—School Alumnus of the Year (SBH)

Dr. Carlos A. Escoto was born and raised in Orange County, California. He is the first member of his family to earn a doctoral degree. It was following an opportunity to teach a learning course that led Dr. Escoto to a love of academia and resulted in his study of experimental psychology.

He taught courses at Riverside Community College and Chapman University during his time as a graduate student at Loma Linda University. In 2002 Dr. Escoto began his career as an assistant professor at Eastern Connecticut State University, was subsequently promoted to the rank of associate professor, and later on granted tenure.

He has mentored students through independent research projects, initiated a major curriculum change for the department, developed a course for student success, and created their first global field course to Nepal.

As Department Chair, Dr. Escoto served on searches for the Provost and Dean of Students, chaired the University Curriculum and Faculty Development Committees, and co-chaired the Strategic Plan Implementation Committee with the university president.

His primary emphasis has been on student success. As such, he has addressed pedagogy in his publications. He has also served on the Eastern Steering Committee for Psi Chi and was Associate Editor for the Psi Chi Journal of Psychological Research. His efforts, focused on his role as coordinator for Undergraduate Research and Creative Activity, have increased the number of student presentations at national conferences from three to forty-eight. He was councilor and executive board member in the Psychology Division of the Council on Undergraduate Research; and chair of the Internationalization Task Force to increase cooperation between the Council and similar organizations in Australia, the UK, Qatar, and Germany. He is currently on the planning committee for the 2nd World Congress on Undergraduate Research.

The School of Behavioral Health recognizes Dr. Carlos Escoto’s outstanding contributions to the field of psychology, his dynamic leadership, and commitment to scholarship; and names him SCHOOL 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.
Dr. Robert E. Theodore Baehr was born in 1946 to parents who were successful stage, screen, and television actors. Robert E. Baehr is founder and chair of the Christian Film and Television Commission (CFTC), a division of Good News Communications. He is also publisher and editor-in-chief of Movieguide, a website and biweekly journal that evaluates, from a Christian perspective, the suitability of films and other media for family consumption. The CFTC and Movieguide’s mission is to redeem the values of mass media entertainment by influencing industry executives and artists according to biblical principles. They inform families about the influence of entertainment media and how to train their families to choose the good and reject the bad. According to Dr. Baehr, “He who controls the media controls the culture.”

Dr. Baehr was president of the organization that produced The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, Witch and the Wardrobe for CBS-TV in 1980. It boasted 37 million viewers and was awarded an Emmy. Dr. Baehr has also produced hundreds of programs for PBS television.

Over 40 years of research on media and culture have provided opportunities for Dr. Baehr to lecture at parliaments in Europe, the United Kingdom, and Norway; in major Asian countries; and a number of educational institutions. In 2005, Dr. Baehr was chair of the Institute for the Study of Media at the Center for the Arts, Religion and Education at the Graduate Theological Union at the University of California, Berkeley. He also taught at the Bombay Communication Institute and has preached throughout the world as an ordained bishop in the Independent Christian Churches International and the International Ministerial Fellowship.

Dr. Baehr has shared his expertise through publications such as How to Succeed In Hollywood (Without Losing Your Soul), The Culture-Wise Family, and The Christian Family Guide to Movies and Video. He has written for major national newspapers—the Wall Street Journal, New York Times, Los Angeles Times, Washington Post, and U.S. News and World Report. In addition, he has been a featured guest on Oprah, Hannity and Colmes, and Entertainment Tonight, and has appeared on CNN, ABC, Fox News, and MSNBC.

Blessed with a wonderful family, Dr. Baehr and his wife of 30 years, Lili, have four children. They live in Southern California.

Dr. Robert E. Theodore Baehr will deliver his address at the joint Conferring of Degrees for the School of Behavioral Health and School of Religion.
School of Nursing

June sixteen, six o’clock, Drayson Center

-PRELUDE-

University Church Brass Ensemble
Virgil Nielsen, Director

Selected Compositions

-ACADEMIC PROCESSION-

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

Ronald L. Carter, University Grand Marshal, leading
Winetta Baker-Oloo, Stephen Dunbar, Christian Johnston,
Kevin Nick, Associate Marshals, assisting

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

-Faculty-

Triumphal March from “Aida” . . . Giuseppe Verdi (arr. Bill Holcombe)

Candidates for Degrees

Pomp and Circumstance March. . . Sir Edward Elgar
(arr. Jack Gale)

-INVOCATION-

Vanessa Jones-Oyefeso
Assistant Professor

-WELCOME-

Richard H. Hart
President of the University

-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
Keri K. Medina
Assistant Professor, School of Nursing
Loma Linda University

PART OF THE FAMILY

CONFERRING OF DEGREES
The President

AWARDING OF DIPLOMAS
The Dean
Shawn Collins, Associate Dean, 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, Undergraduate Nursing

Undergraduate Programs—Sylvia Stewart, Assistant Professor

Susan Lloyd, Associate Dean, Quality Improvement

NURSES’ PLEDGE
Joel Larsen and Louiedette Maling
Undergraduate Senior Class Co-Presidents

BENEDICTION
Erin Heim
Assistant Professor

ACADEMIC RECESSION
Alla Hornpipe from “Water Music” . . . George Frederick Handel (arr. Charles Evans)

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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.

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In conjunction with the Faculty of Graduate Studies

Hazel Masangcay Ada
B.S.N. Central Philippine Adventist College 1993
M.S.N. Adventist University of the Philippines 1997

Dissertation: Impact of Nurses' Sanctification of Work on Work-Related Outcomes and Patient Satisfaction

Kathleen June Fulmer
B.S.N. University of Maryland, Baltimore 1983
M.S. Rivier College 1996

Dissertation: Inflammation, Depression, and Non-Adherence Correlates in Persons on Hemodialysis

Gudrun Klim
B.S. Union College 1989
M.N. Washington State University 1997
M.A. Loma Linda University SR 2017

Dissertation: Social Empathy and Associated Factors among Registered Nurses: A Mixed Method Study

Cherie Lou Jerota Pefanco
B.S.N. Adventist University of the Philippines 1987
M.S.N. Adventist University of the Philippines 1991

Dissertation: The Development and Validation of a 30-day All-Cause Readmission Risk Model after Coronary Artery Bypass Grafting: A Model to Guide and Direct Plan of Care
### Undergraduate Class Officers

Co-Presidents: Joel Larsen, Louidette Maling.

Spiritual Vice President: Andre Yanez.

Co-Social Vice Presidents: Deaj Quimen, Shyana Masih.


Co-Secretaries: Stephanie Arango, Amy Chavez.

Co-Treasurers: Nathan Estipona, Marisol Zarate.

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Sara Allen Larsen, Assistant Professor of Nursing

Donna Becker, Assistant Professor of Nursing

Lisa Highton, Assistant Professor of Nursing

### Staff Sponsor

Jackson Boren, Director, Alumni Relations
Awards

President’s Award: Cherie Pefanco

Dean’s Award, Undergraduate Program: Joel Larsen.

Dean’s Award, Graduate, D.N.P.: Ye Ji Shin.

*The following awards were presented prior to commencement:*

Agatha Hodgins CRNA Memorial Award: Michael Navales.

Class of 1966 Mentor Scholarship Award: Zachary Drouault, Amy Schaffner.

CN5 Student of the Year Award: Patricia Tamayo.

DNP Project Award: Cecilia Ultjaern.

NP Student of the Year Award: Jessica Ardon.

Joe Wilkinson Leadership Award: Ashley Biegler.

Nurse Anesthesia Wellness Award: Lorene Williams.

Wil Alexander Whole Person Care Award: Marisol Zarate.
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*
Ms. Cherie Lou Pefanco was born in Cebu City, Central Philippines to Seventh-day Adventist parents who served in academic and healthcare institutions. As a child, Ms. Pefanco was positively influenced by health care leaders who exemplified that duty and service to God and mankind were priorities.

After earning the bachelor’s degree, she worked as one of the pioneering clinical instructors in the School of Nursing, Central Philippine Adventist College. It was through this school’s sponsorship that she earned a master’s degree. With her graduate degree in hand, she chaired the B.S.N. level III program at Central Philippine Adventist College.

In 1996, after her acceptance to work at the Philippine Heart Center, Ms. Pefanco joined the Kanye Seventh-day Adventist College of Nursing in Botswana, Africa. She served as a clinical instructor, chairperson, and resource lecturer for the Ministry of Health’s National Nurses’ Examination.

Ms. Pefanco came to the United States in 2004 to study cardiovascular nursing. She worked as a resource nurse, then, joined the Community Regional Medical Center in Fresno, known for its investment in excellent care and training, and for its high volume of cardiovascular surgical cases.

A trailblazer in risk prediction modeling in cardiovascular nursing, Ms. Pefanco worked with state, national, and international experts in cardiac surgery risk prediction.

For her dissertation, she designed a study using California statewide data to examine 30-day readmissions following isolated coronary artery bypass grafting (CABG). Her study came in response to national concerns when the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services announced their penalty for hospitals that exceed expected readmission rates. Through the mentorship of her colleagues, Ms. Pefanco used the Society of Thoracic Surgeons’ 30-day all-cause readmission measure after CABG as the baseline risk model for her study. This index, which may be useful at the bedside, is the first risk prediction and scoring tool developed in nursing for the CABG patient population.

For her excellent academic performance, passion for innovation and genuine interest for growth in her field, the School of Nursing honors Dr. Cherie Lou Pefanco with the 2019 PRESIDENT’S AWARD. This award will be presented to her at the Conferring of Degrees for the school.
Keri K. Medina—Speaker

Dr. Keri Medina is an Assistant Professor at Loma Linda University School of Nursing, where she has enjoyed connecting with students and promoting their critical thinking for more than 25 years. Her continued efforts to develop strategies to assist all students to learn and be successful in their academic lives earned her the Excellence in Teaching Award from the Gamma Alpha Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International, the Honor Society of Nursing.

In addition to teaching, Dr. Medina has worked for Loma Linda University Medical Center as a medical-surgical nurse, and as a nurse educator in its Nursing Staff Development office.

Dr. Medina’s research efforts during her doctoral program focused primarily on health promotion. Her current interests include exploring individualized approaches to fostering student success and achievement, and creating an optimal environment for student learning.

Dr. Medina is married to Ernie Medina, Jr., Dr.P.H., who is an assistant professor at Loma Linda University School of Public Health, as well as the school’s director for alumni engagement. They have one daughter, Summer, who is graduating this weekend from La Sierra University with a bachelor’s degree in Fine Arts degree in film and television production.

When not teaching, Dr. Medina enjoys engaging in health-promoting activities, such as running, learning to cook healthfully, and spending time with her family and two dogs.

Dr. Keri Medina will deliver her address at the Conferring of Degrees for the School of Nursing.