

ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH YEAR



LOMA LINDA UNIVERSITY

two thousand and twenty-one



CONFERRING OF DEGREES
School of Medicine | Loma Linda, California

Message from the President



Congratulations to the Class of 2021. One of the greatest joys experienced by our campus community is the opportunity to celebrate your academic excellence and personal achievements. This 115th commencement season, though different due to the pandemic, marks the culmination of your study and professional preparation and has equipped you to meet the great challenges of life. You and those who have supported you are to be commended.

Now you are an alumnus of this historic institution. I urge you to always 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 Loma Linda's 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."

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.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Richard H. Hart". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Richard H. Hart, MD, DrPH

2021 Events of Commencement

May 28-30, 2021

BACCALAUREATE – School of Medicine

Speaker: Randy Roberts, DMin

Saturday, May 29, 9:00 AM, University Church

Covid-19 modifications will be followed: limited guests, social distancing, face masks, and pre-registration required.

BACCALAUREATE – Schools of Dentistry and Pharmacy

Speaker: Randy Roberts, DMin

Saturday, May 29, 11:45 AM, University Church

Covid-19 modifications will be followed: limited guests, social distancing, face masks, and pre-registration required.

School of Medicine, Conferring of Degrees

Speaker: Bradley Cole, MD

Sunday, May 30, 8:30 AM

Drive-thru (1 car per graduate)

Stagelcheck-in @ Centennial Complex / drive-thru @ Woods Walkway.

School of Pharmacy, Conferring of Degrees

Speaker: Michael S. Maddux, PharmD, FCCP

Sunday, May 30, 1:30 PM

Drive-thru (1 car per graduate)

Stagelcheck-in @ Centennial Complex / drive-thru @ Woods Walkway.

School of Dentistry, Conferring of Degrees

Speaker: Karl Haffner, PhD

Sunday, May 30, 5:00 PM

Drive-thru (1 car per graduate)

Stagelcheck-in @ Centennial Complex / drive-thru @ Woods Walkway.

Events will be streamed live at the Loma Linda University Commencement Website

2021 Events of Commencement

June 11-14, 2021

BACCALAUREATE – Schools of Allied Health Professions and Public Health

Speaker: Karl Haffner, PhD

Saturday, June 12, 9:00 AM, University Church

Covid-19 modifications will be followed: limited guests, social distancing, face masks, and pre-registration required.

BACCALAUREATE – Schools of Behavioral Health, Nursing, Religion & San Manuel Gateway College

Speaker: Karl Haffner, PhD

Saturday, June 12, 11:45 AM, University Church

Covid-19 modifications will be followed: limited guests, social distancing, face masks, and pre-registration required.

School of Nursing, Conferring of Degrees

Speaker: Marilyn Herrmann, PhD

Sunday, June 13, 8:00 AM

Drive-thru (1 car per graduate)

Stagelcheck-in @ Centennial Complex / drive-thru @ Woods Walkway.

School of Public Health, Conferring of Degrees

Speaker: Richard H. Hart, MD, DrPH

Sunday, June 13, 12:00 PM

Drive-thru (1 car per graduate)

Stagelcheck-in @ Centennial Complex / drive-thru @ Woods Walkway.

School of Behavioral Health & School of Religion, Conferring of Degrees

Speaker: Randy Roberts, DMin

Sunday, June 13, 3:30 PM

Drive-thru (1 car per graduate)

Stagelcheck-in @ Centennial Complex / drive-thru @ Woods Walkway.

San Manuel Gateway College, Graduation

Speaker: Zane Yi, PhD

Sunday, June 13, 6:00 PM

Drive-thru (1 car per graduate)

Stagelcheck-in @ Centennial Complex / drive-thru @ Woods Walkway.

School of Allied Health Professions, Conferring of Degrees

Speaker: Dilys Brooks, MDiv

Monday, June 14, 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM (throughout the day by department)

Drive-thru (1 car per graduate)

Stagelcheck-in @ Centennial Complex / drive-thru @ Woods Walkway.

Events will be streamed live at the Loma Linda University Commencement Website

University Administration

President

Richard H. Hart

University Officers

Rachelle B. Bussell, senior vice president for advancement; Ronald L. Carter, provost; Karl Haffner, vice president for student experience; David P. Harris, vice president for information systems; Rodney D. Neal, senior vice president for financial affairs; 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; Tamara L. Thomas, School of Medicine; Elizabeth A. Bossert, School of Nursing; Michael D. Hogue, School of Pharmacy; Helen Hopp Marshak, School of Public Health; Leo S. Ranzolin, Jr., School of Religion

Significance of Academic Regalia

ORIGINS

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

COLORS

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

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

The colors associated with the different disciplines are as follows:

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

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

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 established
- 1941 School of Physical Therapy established
- 1948 School of Tropical and Preventive Medicine (reorganized as School of Public Health in 1967)
- 1953 School of Dentistry established
- 1954 Graduate School established (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
- 1964 School of Public Health established
- 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 established
- 2003 School of Science and Technology (restructured as School of Behavioral Health in 2012)
- 2005 Faculty of Graduate Studies restructured (reorganized in 2018)
- 2005 LLU centennial celebration
- 2007 School of Religion reorganized
- 2012 School of Behavioral Health established
- 2015 Corporation name changed from Loma Linda University Adventist Health Sciences Center (LLUAHSC) to Loma Linda University Health (LLUH)
- 2018 Faculty of Graduates Studies reorganized



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.



Criteria for Institutional Awards

Loma Linda University Health (LLUH)

Loma Linda University (LLU)

Lifetime Service Award (LLUH)

Awarded in recognition of an individual or organization that uniquely advances and/or transforms the strategic direction of LLUH or its entities in education, research, services, and/or philanthropy—locally and/or globally. The recipient should have noteworthy institutional service of ten or more years and be recognized both within and external to the organization.

Honorary Doctorate (LLU)

Presented in recognition of extraordinary achievement in such fields as science and technology, the arts and humanities, business and public service; or in recognition of outstanding contributions to the welfare and/or enrichment of the University, the state, the nation, or the world. Further, this honorary degree is awarded to bring recognition to the individual(s), to expose students and faculty to distinguished citizens and leaders, and to make an institutional statement as to Loma Linda University's values. Two honorary doctorate degrees may be awarded—a Doctor of Humane Letters (L.H.D.) for excellence in scholarship and creative arts and a Doctor of Humanitarian Service (D.H.S.) for distinguished contribution to society.

University Alumnus (na) of the Year (LLU)

Presented to an alumnus/na whose accomplishments exemplify the aims and aspirations of Loma Linda University. The honoree must have been distinguished in humanitarian service or in academic pursuits, including peer-reviewed research and/or education; and must have maintained spiritual commitment.

Meritorious Service Award (LLUH)

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.

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*

Charles F. McMillan—*Doctor of Humanitarian Service (2020-2021)*



Director, Los Alamos National Laboratory
and President of Los Alamos National
Security, LLC (2011-2017)

B.A. Columbia Union College 1977
Ph.D. Massachusetts Institute of Technology 1983

DOE Secretary's Exceptional Service Award 2017
NNSA Administrators Distinguished Service
Gold Award 2017
Senate Tribute to Dr. Charles McMillan,
Congressional Record Vol. 163 No. 199 2017
DOE Award of Excellence for Holographic
Imaging Diagnostics 1994

Dr. Charles McMillan grew up in an environment of inquiry. The dinner table was often the site of animated discussion where his dad, also a physicist, would pose questions that Charles and his three sisters would discuss and seek to answer. His dad rarely, if ever, answered his own questions. Charles' mother, a school teacher, likewise stimulated a keen interest in reading and learning.

Charles demonstrated his keen scientific aptitude in his undergraduate studies at Columbia Union College, where he studied physics and math and pursued music as well. Following his graduation from MIT, he pursued a distinguished career in experimental physics in two of the top National Laboratories in the United States, finally achieving one of the highest positions in the field, the director of the Los Alamos National Laboratory. Under his leadership, the Laboratory continued to innovate new techniques and tools to ensure that this nation's deterrent remained safe, reliable, and effective. In retirement, Dr. McMillan continues to serve the national security enterprise on various boards and review committees.

He is passionate about promoting interest and excellence in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education in cultivating the talent necessary to sustaining that role in the future. This has led him to be a valued instructor in Loma Linda's EXSEED program to enhance STEM education by primary and secondary school teachers.

An accomplished musician, he plays piano, organ, and recorder. He finds joy in playing great organs in Europe and studying their history. He has a wide range of interests and a deep curiosity that make him a fascinating conversationalist. He resides in Los Alamos, with his wife Janet, with whom he reared three children.

Because of his outstanding achievements, his service to this country and contributions at the highest levels, and his passion in promoting excellence in science, technology, engineering and mathematics education, envisioning a greater future, Loma Linda University is pleased to confer on Dr. Charles F. McMillan the 2020-2021 DOCTOR OF HUMANITARIAN SERVICE.

James L. Gulley—*University Alumnus of the Year (2020-2021)*



Attending Physician, Center for Cancer Research, National Cancer Institute, National Institutes of Health
Director, Clinical Trials Group and Senior Investigator (Tenured), Laboratory of Tumor Immunology and Biology
Director, Medical Oncology Service / Chief, Genitourinary Malignancies Branch, Center for Cancer Research, National Cancer Institute, National Institutes of Health

B.A. Southern Adventist University 1987
Ph.D. Loma Linda University 1994
M.D. Loma Linda University 1995
Fellowship, Medical Oncology, National Cancer Institute 1998-2000
Senior Clinical Fellow, Laboratory of Tumor Immunology and Biology, Center for Cancer Research, National Cancer Institute, National Institutes of Health 2000-2001

Hubert H. Humphrey Award for Service to America 2018
Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers 2010
Diplomat, American Board of Internal Medicine (1999) and Medical Oncology (2000)

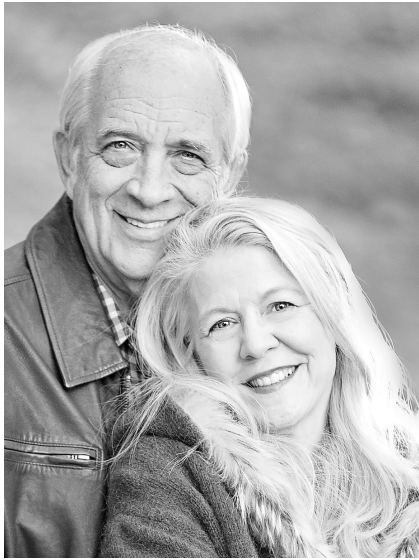
Dr. James Gulley is an internationally recognized expert in immunotherapy for cancer. He graduated from Loma Linda University with a PhD in microbiology and an MD in 1995. As part of this eight-year MD/PhD Medical Scientist Training Program, he completed a dissertation on tumor immunology. He completed his residency in Internal Medicine at Emory University in 1998, followed by a Medical Oncology fellowship at the National Cancer Institute (NCI).

Dr. Gulley serves within the Center for Cancer Research (CCR) of the National Cancer Institute as Chief of the Genitourinary Malignancies Branch (GMB), the Director of the Medical Oncology Service (CCR), and also Head of the Immunotherapy Section within the GMB. He has been instrumental in the clinical development of multiple immunotherapeutic agents and has led multiple first-in-human immunotherapy studies through phase 3 clinical trials. He was the coordinating Principle Investigator of an international trial of avelumab that led to regulatory approval. He also leads a number of rationally designed, cutting edge combination immunotherapy studies.

Dr. Gulley serves on many national and NIH boards and committees as well as an advisor to the board of LLUH. He has been an investigator on more than 170 clinical trials and authored 325 scientific papers or chapters which have been cited over 7,500 times. He serves on a number of editorial boards and has made hundreds of scientific presentations at universities or national / international meetings. He was instrumental in helping to get FDA approval for avelumab for Merkel cell carcinoma and urothelial carcinoma and has received 8 NCI or NIH Director's Awards.

For his contributions to the health, safety and well-being of the nation through his professional endeavors and exemplary pursuits, Loma Linda University names Dr. James L. Gulley 2020-2021 *UNIVERSITY ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR*.

Bill and Crystal Wyatt—*Meritorious Service Award (2020-2021)*



Owners, The Wyatt Group

The Wyatt Group, owned by Bill and Crystal Wyatt, have been serving their clients for over 50 years. They are a technical production company focused on delivering exceptional event experiences. In the early years, Bill designed and manufactured custom audio consoles and speaker systems. In addition to permanent theatre installations, he took these systems on the road for several years with such known performers as Sammy Davis Jr., Frank Sinatra, Andy Williams, Bobby Vinton, Henry Mancini, Sergio Mendez, Shirley MacLaine, Ann Margret, Glen Campbell, Kenny Rogers, Vicki Carr, Johnny Mathis, Ike and Tina Turner, The Jackson 5, among others. Crystal joined the company when their children were grown in 1996, and the two have been working as a team ever since with a focus on serving local businesses, 35% of which are philanthropic organizations.

The Wyatts have served Loma Linda University Health for over 30 years in a multitude of ways, including providing services for the following milestone and annual events -- Loma Linda University Centennial celebration, School of Medicine Centennial celebration, School of Dentistry 50 Year anniversary, Vision 2020 Reveal and Groundbreaking events, Children's Hospital Foundation Galas, Homecoming events, Employee Recognition Banquets, Commencements, as well as many conferences and other events. Through their dedication, excellence, service and generosity, Bill and Crystal have become part of LLUH in an integral and personal way.

Of them it has been said...

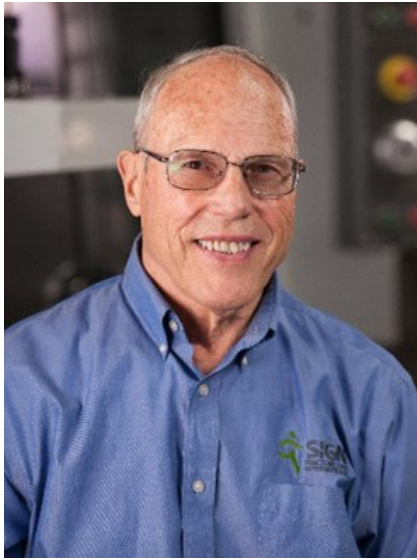
"They are dream-makers and advocates for our mission"

"No request is too small or large for Bill and Crystal; they give 200 % on everything and ensure that their work reflects the excellence that LLUH is known for"

Their actions and professionalism in everything they do to support our institution's many endeavors, reflects what they often say, "just remember, we are here to help with anything you need."

For their professional excellence, long-time service to this institution, and constant dedication that aligns with the mission of this institution, Loma Linda University Health is honored to present to Bill and Crystal Wyatt the *2020-2021 MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD*.

Lewis G. Zirkle, MD—*Meritorious Service Award (2020-2021)*



*M.D. Duke University School of Medicine
1966*

Dr. Lewis G. Zirkle has revolutionized the care of long bone fractures worldwide. The SIGN nail system he developed is not only an innovative top-quality implant, but includes a system for accountability, quality control and replenishing of supplies. This has changed the lives of thousands of people around the world, especially in locations where access to care is extremely limited.

The intramedullary rod and screw system developed by Dr. Zirkle for resource depleted countries is Food and Drug Administration approved, affordable, and most importantly, easy to use and highly effective. The results are almost immediate when compared to recovery with conventional orthopedic repairs done with plates and screws. It often allows patients to walk out of the hospital the day after surgery rather than waiting for weeks for the bones to heal.

Loma Linda University and Adventist Health International have now implemented the SIGN system for long bone fractures at multiple hospitals throughout developing countries, including in war-torn Afghanistan and Haiti after the 2010 earthquake. Dr. Zirkle's tireless efforts to assist patients without means to regain their health and productivity has blessed thousands. Using the SIGN System, 7,000 local orthopedic surgeons have treated more than 350,000 patients in low- and middle-income countries.

For his revolutionary and innovative contributions in service to humankind, and practice of medicine that aligns with this institution's motto – "To Make Man Whole," Loma Linda University Health is pleased to recognize Dr. Lewis G. Zirkle with the *2020-2021 MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD*.

Jeffrey D. Cao—*Distinguished Academic Award (2020-2021)*



Professor of Pathology and Human
Anatomy, School of Medicine, Loma
Linda University
Director, Sophomore Pathology Course,
School of Medicine, Loma Linda University
Laboratory Medical Director, East Campus
Hospital / Highland Springs Clinic / LLU
Surgical Hospital / Caroline Street Clinic
Medical Director, Microbiology, Loma
Linda University Hospital
Surgical Pathologist and
Hematopathologist, Loma Linda
University Medical Center

B.A. Loma Linda University 1967

M.D. Loma Linda University SM 1971

*Iner Sheld-Ritchie Presidential Award, Loma
Linda University School of Medicine Alumni
Association 2014*

*Distinguished Service Award, Loma Linda
University School of Medicine 2011*

*Outstanding Faculty Award, Loma Linda
University SM Classes of 2009, 2008, 2007,
2005, 2002, 2001, 2000, 1999*

*Teacher of the Year Award, Walter E.
Mcpherson Society & Loma Linda University
SM Dean's Office 2007, 1999*

Dr. Cao was born in San Francisco, California, in 1944 and lived most of his childhood in the San Fernando Valley, California, until 1960 when his family moved to La Sierra, California. Upon graduation from medical school, he went on to complete a one-year Internal Medicine residency and three years of Pathology residency at Kettering Medical Center in Dayton, Ohio. In 1975, he returned to Loma Linda University Medical Center for his final year of Pathology as the Chief Resident, and the following year he completed a Hematopathology fellowship. By 1980, he was certified in Anatomic and Clinical Pathology and in the subspecialty of Hematopathology.

While serving as Director of the Hematopathology Service at the Jerry L. Pettis Memorial Veterans Hospital in Loma Linda, California, he was instrumental in preparing the Clinical Laboratory for the opening of the hospital. In 1987, he transferred to the Department of Pathology at Loma Linda University Medical Center and became responsible for the Hematopathology service and the teaching program for Pathology in the School of Medicine.

Throughout his academic career, Dr. Cao has received numerous awards for teaching, both from students and other entities that have consistently recognized him as an outstanding mentor and educator. On the national scene, he has also been heavily involved in educational associations for the teaching of Pathology, including serving as the Chair for the Medical School Course Directors Section of the Association of Pathology Chairs and as the President of the Group for Research in Pathology Education. For his work in education, he was inducted into the Medical Honor Society of Alpha Omega Alpha in 1998. Between 1997 to 2000, he was also an Item Writer and Editor for the Pathology section of the National Board of Medical Examiners. He has served on the continuing medical education committees for the American Society of Clinical Pathologists and the American Association of Medical Colleges.

A former student, now a colleague of Dr. Cao, has said, "I can only aspire to a fraction of his impact, and I am deeply indebted to him as both my former professor and now mentor and colleague."

For his long standing and valuable contributions to medical education, his steadfast mentoring of students and peers, and his unwavering commitment to promoting this institution's mission, Loma Linda University Health is honored to present Dr. Jeffrey Cao with the 2020-2021 *DISTINGUISHED ACADEMIC AWARD*.

Ella Hasso Haddad—*Distinguished Academic Award (2020-2021)*



Emerita Professor, School of Public Health,
Loma Linda University

*B.S. La Sierra College (now La Sierra
University) 1957*

M.S. Loma Linda University 1978

Dr.PH. Loma Linda University 1979

*P. William Dysinger Excellence in Teaching
Award, Loma Linda University School of
Public Health 2014*

*Alumni of the Year, Loma Linda University
School of Public Health 2005*

Dean's Award, Loma Linda University 1979

*Member, Delta Omega National Public Health
Honor Society, Kappa Chapter 1979*

Ella Hasso Haddad was born in Baghdad, Iraq to a Seventh-day Adventist family whose roots were from the plains of Mosul, or biblical Ninevah - an ethnically and religiously diverse ancient land with a rich history and culture. With her husband Edmond, she returned to Beirut, Lebanon where they taught at Middle East College (now University) from 1966 to 1975. Ella and her family returned to the United States in 1975, giving her the opportunity to pursue a doctoral degree. After returning to Lebanon for a few years, the family came to Loma Linda in 1989, where Dr. Haddad joined the faculty of the Department of Nutrition in the School of Public Health—a position she has held since then.

Dr. Haddad has taught many academic courses in the School's nutrition program, as well as providing lectures for the Schools of Medicine and Dentistry. Her contributions have gone well beyond the classroom, with involvement in surrounding communities supporting multiple projects as practicum sites for nutrition students. She was instrumental in preparing the self-study documents for accreditation of the SPH nutrition programs in dietetic education in 1997 and 2002, and partnered with the School of Allied Health Professions (SAHP) in preparing the self-study documents for the joint nutrition accreditation in 2007.

In addition to her many teaching and administrative responsibilities, Dr Haddad has been active in the research of vegetarian nutrition and clinical feeding trials. She also supervised the laboratory work for sub-studies of the Adventist Health Study-2, a cohort study of 96,000 Seventh-day Adventists.

Ella strongly believes that nutrition education is the best way to help people live healthier lives and hopes she has contributed towards that goal, both in the Middle East and in the US. As a colleague remarked: "Dr. Haddad presents a striking contrast of being a well-rounded person as well as a 'renaissance' professional. She embodies the virtues of Christian professionalism, while being an unpretentious, but effective, faculty member."

For her significant contributions to the field of nutrition education and research, and her exemplary servant-leader commitment to academic excellence and the achievement of the mission of this institution, Loma Linda University Health honors Dr. Ella Hasso Haddad with the 2020-2021 *DISTINGUISHED ACADEMIC AWARD*.

Jerome (Jerry) A. James—*Distinguished Service Award (2020-2021)*



Director, Student Finance, Loma Linda
University

*B.S. Loma Linda University, La Sierra Campus
1981*

Jerry James was born and raised in Loma Linda. Starting in 1972, he worked at Loma Linda University in a variety of areas, including the Real Estate Department, Medical Center, Loma Linda Market (Hardware), and University Accounting.

In 1986, Mr. James was hired as the Director of Student Finance, a position that he still holds. In this position, he has been involved in the continuing expansion of student financial services, including acceptance of bankcards for payment, student account withdrawals, direct bank deposits, online payments and services, and improvements in the registration process.

Mr. James is the son of Richard A. James, former Legal Counsel for the University, and Lorna M. James, RN, both LLUH employees and community members for many years. Mr. James is married to Lorene James, RN, an NICU Charge Nurse in the LLU Children's Hospital. They have one daughter, Ashley, and 1 grandson, Liam.

In recognition of his invaluable and exemplary service, his commitment to improving student processes, and his many years of service to this institution, Loma Linda University Health is pleased to present to Mr. Jerry James the *2020-2021 DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD*.

Verdell A. Schaefer—*Distinguished Service Award (2020-2021)*



Director, Student Financial Aid, Loma
Linda University

*B.B.A. Loma Linda University, La Sierra
Campus 1987*

M.B.A. La Sierra University 2004

Verdell Schaefer joined the Loma Linda University Financial Aid Department in 1995, and became its Director in 2000, already knowing the challenges and opportunities for improvement. She transitioned the LLU financial aid process from being paper-based to an electronic, web-based application process. Verdell has managed and increased many of the resources available to assist students in their educational goals - from increased Federal Work-Study funding to increased funding for our health professional programs. She has worked hard to identify resources that students can utilize to reduce the overall cost of their education.

Since 2000, the financial aid industry has undergone significant transitions and legislative overhauls. Verdell has led the University in navigating the rapidly changing landscape of federal aid eligibility, ensuring that LLU remains in compliance with federal and state rules and regulations. She has successfully implemented procedural improvements that result in clean external audits each year. Verdell has represented LLU on several national financial aid industry committees and advisory boards.

Verdell Schaefer is a highly detailed person and yet has a surprisingly adventuresome spirit. She is an avid traveler and has been known to catch an inexpensive red-eye flight on a Thursday evening, fly to the east coast, Hawaii, or even Europe, and be back at work on Monday afternoon. Verdell is married to Robert (Bob) Schaefer, and they have two adult children.

In recognition of her many years of valuable service to this institution, significant contributions to improving student services, and commitment to our mission, Loma Linda University Health is honored to present Mrs. Verdell Schaefer with the *2020-2021 DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD*.

Donald (Don) Sease—*Distinguished Service Award (2020-2021)*



Director, Drayson Center, Loma Linda University

B.A. Loma Linda University, La Sierra Campus 1969

M.B.A. La Sierra University 2004

Donald (Don) W. Sease, joined the staff of Loma Linda University Drayson Center in 1996, less than two years after the center opened. His task was to develop and grow the 100,000-sf facility and maximize its use throughout the entire day. He saw an opportunity to invite the senior community to share in the benefits of recreation and wellness, as well as help support programs and operations. In 2000, following the untimely passing of the Center's director, Richard Hamilton, Mr. Sease was chosen to lead the Drayson Center. He has brought his passion for integration of community members without major impact on student, faculty, and employee members together with his vision for innovative programs, activities, and services.

Mr. Sease began his career working with inner-city delinquent youth, co-sponsored by the state and YMCA, giving them experiences outside their neighborhoods to open their eyes to the world. He later joined Glendale Adventist Medical Center as a social worker on the rehabilitation unit.

Concurrently, from 1972 to 1981, Mr. Sease co-owned and managed Sease Employment Agency, a family-run business. In 1981 he joined the White Memorial Medical Center as a recruiter. During his years at WMMC, he became marketing representative for their 22-bed Rehabilitation Center and established their Student Health Services, an innovative program providing health care to four community colleges in greater Los Angeles.

The one constant in life, he believes, is change. In light of that, Mr. Sease expects his administrative team and staff to be innovative, flexible, and adaptable to all campus needs—from major events such as graduations and homecomings, to everyday operations of a full-service recreational and wellness facility. Mr. Sease has built a strong team at Drayson Center, emphasizing customer service, excellence, and innovation, as well as keeping a well-maintained facility. He embodies servant leadership and encourages a servant's heart among his staff.

In recognition of nearly a quarter century of outstanding leadership and service and his commitment to health and wellness that aligns with this institution's mission, Loma Linda University Health is pleased to present Mr. Donald Sease with the 2020-2021 *DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD*.

Jere and Marian Chrispens—*Distinguished Humanitarian Award (2020-2021)*



Jere Chrispens

B.A. University of California, Los Angeles 1964

M.A. University of California, Los Angeles

1966

Marian Chrispens

B.S. La Sierra University 1967

A.S. San Bernardino Valley College 1978

Jere and Marian Chrispens have dedicated their lives to service – to family, church and community. Their connection with Loma Linda University Health goes back more than 100 years, when Mrs. Chrispens’ grandparents attended the Medical Missionary Course here from 1918-1921. During that time, Marian’s mother was born at the Loma Linda Sanitarium.

After graduating from UCLA in 1966 with a master’s in mathematics and a secondary teaching credential, Mr. Chrispens began a lifelong affiliation with Loma Linda University Health when he became manager of the biomedical computing research facility. While he has held a faculty position at Loma Linda University for the past 40 years, Mr. Chrispens helped start a healthcare software business in 1978, and the remainder of his professional career was involved in private business until his retirement in 2003. He has extended his service to Loma Linda University Health as a member of its Board of Trustees since 2006.

Mrs. Chrispens earned her bachelor’s degree in home economics from La Sierra University in 1967, and an associate’s in nursing from San Bernardino Valley College in 1978. Between raising five children, all of whom were born at Loma Linda University Medical Center, she taught adult education clothing construction classes in the Colton Unified School District and worked as a nurse at Redlands Community Hospital. Her life has also been filled with volunteer roles at Mesa Grande Academy and caring for nine grandchildren in their preschool years while their parents worked. Since 2000, she has been engaged with Loma Linda University Children’s Hospital Foundation as a member of its Big Hearts for Little Hearts Loma Linda Guild.

In addition to serving locally, the Chrispens have volunteered their time and expertise to help disadvantaged hospitals in South America, the Caribbean, Afghanistan, and Malawi to improve their level of patient care. Since 2017, Mr. Chrispens has been CEO of Haiti Adventist Hospital, and Mrs. Chrispens has shared her talents in renovating the hospital’s kitchen and coordinating uniforms for non-medical staff.

When Loma Linda University Health was planning for Vision 2020 – The Campaign for a Whole Tomorrow - Jere and Marian Chrispens accepted the invitation to serve as co-chairs of the \$366 million philanthropic effort. During the campaign’s eight years, which ended in 2020, more than \$476 million was raised, including over \$220 million toward construction of the new hospital towers on the Dennis and Carol Troesh Medical Campus.

In recognition of exemplary service and philanthropy, and for inspiring and challenging others to model our mission, Loma Linda University Health honors Jere and Marian Chrispens with the *2020-2021 DISTINGUISHED HUMANITARIAN AWARD*.

Susanne B. Montgomery—*Distinguished Investigator Award (2020-2021)*



Associate Dean for Research, and Head of Interdisciplinary Studies, School of Behavioral Health, Loma Linda University

Professor, Social Work & Social Ecology, School of Behavioral Health; Preventive Medicine, School of Medicine; and Public Health, School of Public Health, Loma Linda University

M.S. Justus Liebig-Unoiv Gliessen 1982

M.P.H. University of Michigan 1984

Ph.D. University of Michigan 1987

Dr. Susanne Montgomery joined Loma Linda University (LLU) in 1995 and is currently the Associate Dean for Research in the School of Behavioral Health (SBH). She is a Professor of Social Work and Social Ecology, Public Health, and Preventive Medicine and the Division Head of the SBH Interdisciplinary Studies Program.

Under her leadership the SBH has become one of the leaders in LLUH research and extramural funding. She leads the behavioral health research engagement efforts for the University, and enjoys working with faculty on their efforts to seek extramural funding and mentoring students in research.

Trained as a social/behavioral epidemiologist her research focus is on hard-to-access, underserved populations and health disparities from a translational behavioral health and prevention perspective. Her partnership efforts and mentorship involve a commitment to collaborations with our local community using mixed methods approaches to conduct participatory research, as well as international capacity building and collaborations in India, and multiple LLU African partner institutions. She has been a Principal and Co-Investigator on several National Institutes of Health (NIH), Centers for Disease Control (CDC) Foundation, and State funded projects, has published over 140 peer-reviewed articles and serves as a peer reviewer for NIH, CDC and several professional journals.

For her invaluable contributions to research in the fields of public health and mental health, her outstanding efforts for impacting underserved populations from a research-based perspective, and her extensive and active research pursuits, Loma Linda University Health honors Dr. Susanne Montgomery with the 2020-2021 *DISTINGUISHED INVESTIGATOR AWARD*.

William J. Pearce—*Distinguished Investigator Award (2020-2021)*



Professor, Basic Sciences, School of
Medicine, Loma Linda University
Associate Director, Center for Perinatal
Biology, School of Medicine, Loma Linda
University

B.S. University of Michigan 1974
Ph.D. University of Michigan 1979

*Section Head, Faculty of 1000: Pharmacology
& Drug Discovery*

*Member, Board of Directors, International
Society for Cerebral Blood Flow and
Metabolism*

*Member, Board of Editors, American Journal of
Physiology: Cell Physiology*

*Member, Board of Editors, American Journal
of Physiology: Heart and Circulatory
Physiology*

*Member, Board of Editors, Journal of Cerebral
Blood Flow and Metabolism*

William Pearce began at Loma Linda University in 1983, when he first joined the faculty in the School of Medicine as an assistant research professor in physiology. His research interests and contributions ultimately brought him to the School's Center for Perinatal Biology, where Dr. Pearce currently serves as associate director.

His interest in the direct and acute effects of hypoxia began as an extension of his post-doctoral study, when he "made the fortuitous discovery that the extra-cranial margin of the veins draining cerebral venous effluent in the dog were highly muscularized and heavily innervated by adrenergic nerves." His findings helped explain and solve a major controversy at the time, and were first published in 1981. This recognition led to a number of young scientist awards as well as opportunities to speak internationally.

Dr. Pearce has presented his research at scientific conferences around the world, and has been a lecturer or visiting professor at international universities, as well as in the United States. Published numerous times in a variety of peer-reviewed scientific journals over the past 33 years, he continues to serve in advisory and editorial roles for some of these same journals. Recent articles submitted include several relating to hypoxia and plasticity regarding the circulatory system of both infants and adults.

Dr. Pearce's research has contributed significantly to the internationally known and respected LLU Center for Perinatal Biology. Some of the techniques and findings developed in his laboratory have never been duplicated anywhere in the world.

Because of his contributions as a leading researcher in his field, his role in education and a mentor in the basic sciences, and his commitment to the mission, "Continuing the Teaching and Healing Ministry of Jesus Christ," Loma Linda University recognizes Dr. William J. Pearce with the 2020-2021 *DISTINGUISHED INVESTIGATOR AWARD*.

*The Programs,
The School Honorees,
and The Speakers*

School of Medicine

May thirty, eight-thirty o'clock

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

WELCOME
(live)

Richard H. Hart
President of the University

INVOCATION
(live)

Tamara L. Thomas
Dean of the School

A GRADUATE'S REFLECTIONS
(pre-recorded)

Joyce McRae
President of the Class

INTRODUCTION OF
THE SPEAKER
(pre-recorded)

The Dean

ADDRESS
(pre-recorded)

Bradley Cole
Assistant Professor, Department of Neurology
Loma Linda University School of Medicine

THE END IS THE MEANS

CONFERRING OF DEGREES
(pre-recorded)

The President

AWARDING OF DIPLOMAS
(live)

Drive-Thru Ceremony

THE PHYSICIAN'S OATH
(pre-recorded)

The Dean

DEAN'S REMARKS
(pre-recorded)

The Dean

BENEDICTION
(live)

Bradley Cole

School of Medicine Candidates for Degrees

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

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

MASTER OF SCIENCE

Cancer, Developmental and Regenerative Biology

In conjunction with the Faculty of Graduate Studies



Hannah Choi
BA Andrews University 2012

Microbiology and Molecular Genetics



Hiel Rutanhira
BS Southern Adventist University 2012

MASTER OF HEALTH SCIENCE

Pathologists' Assistant



Eleni D. Agelopoulos
BS Trine University 2015



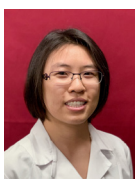
Jasmine Rose Curry
BS Grand Canyon University 2016



Madeline Lisa Cagle
BS University of Alabama at Birmingham 2017



Jessika Leigh Dagostino
BS Boise State University 2018



Crystal Chau
BS University of Utah 2017



Richelle Day
BS Evangel University 2018



Zoe Murphy Dion
BS San Francisco State University 2013



Rosine Dang Ly
BS University of California, San Diego 2012



Ellie Yusra Freebern
BS Morningside College 2017



Natalie Celeste Martinez
BA University of California, Riverside 2010



Jacquelyn Hale
BS California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo 2014



Ashley Dawn Mason
BS Arizona State University, Main Campus 2007



Megan Hedinger
BA Earlham College 2019



Nghia Thai
BS Tarleton State University 2019



Jessica Ellen Hicks
BA University of Colorado, Boulder 2014



Michaela Lorene Frances Walker-Nixon
BS Friends University 2017



Nicholas Zachariah Jammal
BS University of Florida 2017



Demi Lynn Zamzow
BS Nova Southeastern University 2013

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

In conjunction with the Faculty of Graduate Studies anatomy



Karina Mayagoitia, MAR
BS Pacific Union College 2014
Dissertation: Mechanisms of Cognitive Loss Associated with Hypercholesterolemia

Biochemistry



William Andrew Chen

BS University of California, Irvine 2009

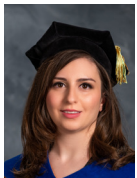
Dissertation: Periodontal Keystone Perturbations to Human Whole Blood



Janviere Kabagwira

BS California Baptist University 2014

Dissertation: The Role of Surviving Variants in Pancreatic Cancer Chemoresistance



Meghri Katerji

BS Haigazian College 2013

MS American University of Beirut 2015

Dissertation: Oxidative Stress in Host Cells Promotes DNA Damage and HPV Integration

Physiology



Victor Camberos

BS University of California, Riverside 2016

Dissertation: The Hippo/Yap Signaling Pathway in Cardiovascular Repair



Katherine Rose Knox-Concepcion

BA University of California, Berkeley 2013

Dissertation: The Effect of the Glucocorticoid Receptor on Hypoxic-Ischemic Encephalopathy in the Neonatal Rat



Jeong Bin Lee, SEP

BS Andrews University 2015

Dissertation: Development and Maturation of the Brain following Pediatric mTBI



Lorraine Cheree Siebold, SEP

BS Andrews University 2008

MA University of Michigan, Ann Arbor 2010

Dissertation: Cosyntropin as Therapeutic Intervention Following Traumatic Brain Injury



Dane William Sorensen, DEC
 BS Andrews University 2005
 BS Andrews University 2006
Dissertation: Functional Compartmentalization of MLCK in Fetal Arties



Hanmin Wang
 BACH/EQV Beijing University of Chinese Medicine 2013
Dissertation: The Role of the Snail/Let-7 Axis in Stemness Induction in Distinct Subtypes of Ovarian Cancer: The Search for Cancer Stem Cell Targeting Strategies

DOCTOR OF MEDICINE
Medicine



Adriana Marisol Alvarez
 BS Southwestern Adventist University 2017



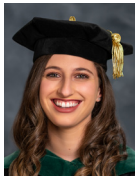
Caroline Ashraf Aziz
 BS Chapman University 2017



Baylee Arnold
 BA Pacific Lutheran University 2015



Stephanie Paola Baker
 BA University of Maryland, Baltimore County
 2012
 MS University of Maryland, Baltimore County
 2015



Mina Naiel Askar
 BS University of California, San Diego 2016



Zachary Scott Barlow I
 BS Pacific Union College 2014
 MMS Loma Linda University SM 2015



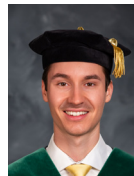
Kettlen Cristh Ataidés Borda
 BS Andrews University 2015
*Distinguished Student in Preventive Medicine
 Award*



Melody Rose Bellora
 BS Point Loma Nazarene University 2016



Chase Roland Atiga
 BA University of California, Berkeley 2017



Jeremy Ryan Brown
 BS Pacific Union College 2017
Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Society



Jill Marie Buller
BA Andrews University 2016
BS Andrews University 2016



Crystal H. Chang
BS University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
2016
Gold Humanism Honor Society
Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Society



Armando Camacho-Santos
BS Pacific Union College 2017



Matthew Yujin Chang
BS Southern Adventist University 2017



Damien Peter Cannon
BS Linfield College 2017
Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Society



Stephanie Sohyoon Chang
BS La Sierra University 2017



Victor Cao
BS California State University, San Bernardino
2015



Zubin Chang
BS Southern Adventist University 2017



Ben Christopher Caputo
BS Baylor University 2017



Kristofer Thomas Cherepuschak
BS Burman University 2015



Bradley Allen Carlson
BS Union College 2016
Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Society
Department of Orthopedic Surgery - Philip H. Reiswig Award



Breana Sarah Chin
BS La Sierra University 2015
MA Loma Linda University SR 2020



Alexis Lissette Carnduff
BS Union College 2017
Department of Psychiatry - Benjamin Kovitz Award
Gold Humanism Honor Society



Esther Ye-Eun Choi
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Gold Humanism Honor Society



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BS Southern Adventist University 2017
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Hannah Choi
BS Pacific Union College 2016
AA Herber Award
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Gold Humanism Honor Society



Esther May-Ann Chu
BS University of California, Irvine 2015



Kimberly De Leon
BS Univ of West Florida 2015



Ricardo Andre Chujutalli
BS Kettering College of Medical Arts 2016



Martha Maria Delgado
BA Southern Adventist University 2014
MMS Loma Linda University SM 2017



Sunghyun Chung
BS Sahmyook University 2010



Corbin Dean Donham
BS Point Loma Nazarene University 2017
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Andrea Marie Cragoe
BA Bethel University 2015
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Martha Mena Okaibea Duah
BS Andrews University 2015
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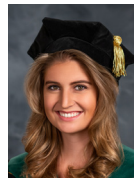
Charles Brenden Croughan
BS Andrews University 2017



Joshua Edward Edmondson
BS Westmont College 2017
Department of Neurology - Guy M. Hunt Award
Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Society



Leah Monica Daniel
BS University of Maryland, College Park 2015
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Alexis Rose Elssmann
BA Pepperdine University 2016



Jessica Romina Davis
BS Southern Adventist University 2016
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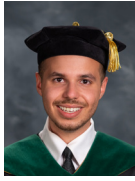
Kristoff Vaughn Rhoden Foster
BS Oakwood University 2016
Gold Humanism Honor Society
Class of 1990 Heart for Service Award
Department of Medicine - Harold J. Hoxie Award



David Alexander Deemer
BS Union College 2016
MA Loma Linda University SR 2020
Department of Medicine - Harold J. Hoxie Award



Christopher John Galley
BS University of California, Riverside 2014
MS University of Southern California 2016



Christopher Antoine Garabet
BS University of Southern California 2016



Tyler Christian Chee Haase I
BS La Sierra University 2017



Lauren Ann Geoffrion
BS Biola University 2016



Matthew Lawrence Hagele
BS Walla Walla University 2016
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Dragos Ghinea
BACH/EQV Universitatea Tehnică de
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Jason Alexander Hager
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Paul Alexander Gilbert
BS University of Massachusetts, Amherst 2016



Samantha Allana Asantewa Harris
BS Oakwood University 2016



Darnell Donald Gordon
BS Oakwood University 2017



Benjamin John Herzel
BS Union College 2014
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MS University of California, San Francisco
2015



Benjamin Joshua Gow-Lee
BS Walla Walla University 2016
Gold Humanism Honor Society
President's Award
Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Society



Nathan Philip Hinrichs
BA Bethel University 2016
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Ryan Holas
BS Burman University 2015



Daniel Joseph Gross
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Peter Houmann
BA Southern Adventist University 2017



Trace Huang
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AA Herber Award



Jason Jia
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Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Society
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Austin Huh
 BA Andrews University 2017
Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Society



Eva Patrice Johnson
 BA University of Pittsburgh, Main Campus
 2013



Daniel Iancu
 BS University of California, Riverside 2015



Whitney Nice Kagabo
 Johns Hopkins University
AA Herber Award



Matthew Hyun Im
 BS Southern Adventist University 2017



Luke Chang-Dae Kang I
 BS Andrews University 2014
 MMS Loma Linda University SM 2016
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Kristelle Joie Imperio-Lagabon
 BS Walla Walla University 2017



Nicolas Alexander Kang
 BS Pacific Union College 2017



IL Seok Daniel Jeong
 BS University of California, Los Angeles 2015



Yoona Kang
 BS Andrews University 2015



Chunghun Ji
 BS La Sierra University 2017



Donovan Gabriel Kearns
 BS Wheaton College 2016
Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Society



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 BS La Sierra University 2015
 MA Loma Linda University SR 2020



Julia Elizabeth Kerbs
 BS Andrews University 2014



Blair Yejin Kim
BS University of Southern California 2016



Williamson Jay Le
BS University of California, Los Angeles 2016



Ivan Sangjin Kim
BS Andrews University 2016
MA Loma Linda University SR 2020



Joanne Jee Yeon Lee
BS Andrews University 2016
MA Loma Linda University SR 2020



Sohyun Kim
BA Occidental College 2014
BS Columbia University in the City of New York 2014



Sarah Lee
BS University of California, Los Angeles 2014



Brandon Stephen King
BS Walla Walla University 2017
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DDS University of California, San Francisco 2017



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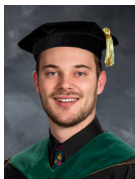
Ashley Li
BS University of California, Davis 2015
Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Society
Gold Humanism Honor Society



Courtney Celeste Kohne
BS East Tennessee State University 2016



Lauren Tiana Lightbourne Campbell
BS Oakwood University 2013
MMS Loma Linda University SM 2015



Johann Koppers
BS Simon Fraser University 2017
Department of Neurology - AAN Medical Student Prize for Excellence



Richard Charles Lindsey
BS Biola University 2012
PHD Loma Linda University SM 2019
Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Society



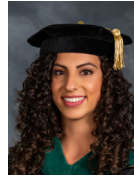
Anna Young Kwon
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Hana Katherine Litvin
BA Scripps College 2017



Kara Ashley Lodenkamp
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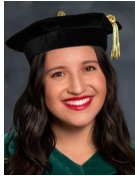
Christina Marie Mansour
BS University of California, San Diego 2015
AA Herber Award



Kyle Anthony Matthew Logan
BS La Sierra University 2017



Ryan Alistair John Marais
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MA Loma Linda University SR 2017
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Yamile Daney Lozano
BS Yale University 2017



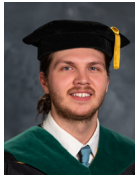
Gabrielle Erin Avera Marcellino
BS Andrews University 2017
Department of GYN/OB - Harold F. Ziprick Award



Cesar Junior Luceno
BS Burman University 2016



Kory Markel
BS Colorado State University 2016
Department of Emergency Medicine - Society for
Academic EM Award
Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Society
Gold Humanism Honor Society



Zachary Cade Luke
BS Union College 2017



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BS Walla Walla University 2011
MS Walla Walla University 2014



Matthew Alexander Lund
BA La Sierra University 2011
MBA Loma Linda University PH 2014
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Joyce Jubilee Lillian Helena McRae
BS Baylor University 2016
Department of Surgery - David B. Hinshaw Sr. Award
Department of Urology - Roger W. Barnes Award
Gold Humanism Honor Society



Adrienne Rae Magsipoc
BS Andrews University 2016



Sheridan Lindsay Messinger
BS The University of Tennessee, Chattanooga
2016



Emelyn Nicolas Magtanong
BS Southern Adventist University 2015



Lauren Elizabeth Miller
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Michael Scott Moores
BS Walla Walla University 2017



Nathan Jinhyuk Oh
BS Carnegie Mellon University 2016
MS Boston University 2017



Michelle Paige Narita
BS Southern Adventist University 2015
Department of Family Medicine - Walter P. Ordelheide Award



Luis Miguel Olmedo Temich
BS Union College 2016



Nathan Jack Nellesen
BA University of California, Irvine 2017



Nilmini Yao Hoong Pang
BS La Sierra University 2013



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MA Loma Linda University SR 2020
Class of 1990 Heart for Service Award
Department of Medicine - Varner J. Johns Jr. Award
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Nathaniel David Ng
BS Seattle Pacific University 2015
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Jaimie Park
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Jonathan Tien Pham
BS University of California, Los Angeles 2016
Department of Medicine - Donald E. Griggs Award
Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Society



Haley Norris
BS Union College 2017



Julie Khanh Pham
BA University of Portland 2016
BS University of Portland 2016



Connie Jee Eun Oh
BS University of California, San Diego 2016



Andrew Pop
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Distinguished Student in Radiology - Interventional Radiology



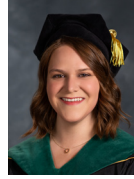
Mitchell Douglas Prins
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Jonathan Daniel Sawada
BS Point Loma Nazarene University 2017



Sany Rajagukguk
BS Harding University 1998
PHD University of Arkansas, Main Campus
2006



Heather Melody Schlaman
BS Walla Walla University 2017



Esther Ramley
BS Southern Adventist University 2017



Nicholas Ari Schmidt
BA Johns Hopkins University 2013
MHS Johns Hopkins University 2014
MMS Loma Linda University SM 2017



Ruth Alejandra Ramos
BA La Sierra University 2015
MMS Loma Linda University SM 2017



Devon Michael Scott
BS Oakwood University 2016



Edwina Helene Rao
BS Andrews University 2008
MPH Loma Linda University PH 2015



Leah Jillian Scott
BS Westminster College 2016
AA Herber Award
Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Society



Benjamin Robinson
BS Seattle Pacific University 2014
MA Loma Linda University SR 2020



Neera Manoj Shah
BS California Institute of Technology 2016
Gold Humanism Honor Society



Melanie Roman
BS Southern Adventist University 2017



Nehaly Manoj Shah
BS California Institute of Technology 2016
MA University of Southern California 2017
Department of Pediatrics - Robert F. Chimnock Award
Gold Humanism Honor Society



Je Dong Ryu, DEC
BS University of California, San Diego 2013
DMD University of Pennsylvania 2017



Garrett Wyler Shanks
BA Taylor University Upland 2016
Gold Humanism Honor Society



Stephen Wesley Shannon
 BA Wheaton College 2016
Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Society



Alexander Nicolas Sumarli
 BS La Sierra University 2017
Department of Anesthesiology - Bernard D. Briggs Award



Brenden Patrick Sheridan
 BS Pacific Union College 2016



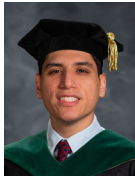
Brian Jonathan Sutjiadi
 BS University of California, San Diego 2017



Andrea Danielle Shields
 BS University of California, Irvine 2016



Nicholas John Synsteliem
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 Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Society
 Gold Humanism Honor Society*



Carlos Jesus Silva Lynch
 BS University of California, Los Angeles 2017



Javier Daniel Torres
 BS Walla Walla University 2017



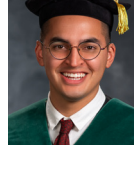
Austin James Smith
 BS University of California, Los Angeles 2015
 MA Loma Linda University SR 2020
*AA Herber Award
 Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Society
 Gold Humanism Honor Society*



Hsin Hsiang Clarence Tsai
 BS California State University, Long Beach
 2015
*Gold Humanism Honor Society
 Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Society*



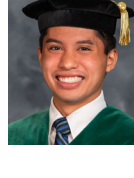
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 MS Arizona State University, Main Campus 2015
Distinguished Student in Radiology - Diagnostic Radiology



Louis Andres Ugalde
 BS La Sierra University 2017
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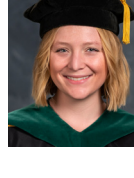
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 BS Walla Walla University 2016
Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Society



Richard Ulangca
 BS Andrews University 2017



Matthew Keefer Sturm
 BS Letourneau University 2016
Department of Family Medicine - Walter P. Ordelheide Award



Maddison Pearl Ulrich
 BS Point Loma Nazarene University 2016



Jennifer Elizabeth van Dyk
BA Walla Walla University 2016
MPH Loma Linda University PH 2020



Erin Wesner
BS University of California, Santa Barbara 2012



Cristian Villegas
BA Pacific Union College 2017
Gold Humanism Honor Society



Peter Whang
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Taylor Michael Virtue
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Seth White
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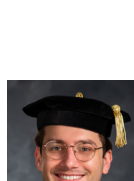
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BA Southern Adventist University 2017



Adwoa Oforiwaa Fibe Wiafe
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MMS Loma Linda University SM 2017
Wil Alexander Whole-Person Care Award
Distinguished Student in Preventive Medicine Award
Gold Humanism Honor Society



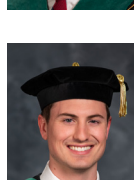
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Joel Augustus Willard
BA Walla Walla University 2016



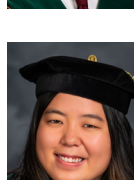
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MA Loma Linda University SR 2020



Matthew Neil Cahill Wilson
BS University of California, Los Angeles 2015
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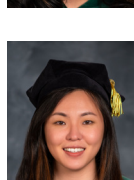
Charlene Wang
BS Pacific Union College 2017
Department of Medicine - Daniel D. Comstock Award



Jean Young Yang
BS Pacific Union College 2016



Yun Wang
BS University of California, Los Angeles 2016
Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Society
AA Herber Award



Erin Yim
BS Drexel University 2014



Hyelin You
BA Andrews University 2017
BS Andrews University 2017
Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Society
Gold Humanism Honor Society
AA Herber Award



Steven Alec Zane
BA La Sierra University 2017



Daphnee Anne Young
BS University of California, Irvine 2015

Physician's Oath

LOMA LINDA UNIVERSITY
SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

Before God, these things I do promise:

In the acceptance of my sacred calling—

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

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

The wholeness of my patient will be my first consideration.

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

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

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

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

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

The Scientist's Oath

Before God these things I do promise:

In the acceptance of my sacred calling—

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Benjamin Joshua Gow-Lee—*President's Award*



B.S. Walla Walla University 2016
M.D. Loma Linda University SM 2021

Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Society 2021
Gold Humanism Honor Society 2021

Dr. Gow-Lee has worked hard to achieve an outstanding academic record during his time in medical school. He received the distinction of Honors in all but two of his freshman pre-clinical courses, and was awarded Honors in all five of the core clinical clerkships offering it during his junior year. He was elected into the Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Society in his junior year, an honor that is typically reserved for senior medical students. Because of his positive influence on patients, families and his fellow students, along with a dedicated whole person approach to patient care, Dr. Gow-Lee was recognized by his peers through nomination for induction into the Gold Humanism Honor Society.

Dr. Gow-Lee has demonstrated a distinguished aptitude for teaching and mentorship as evidenced by his work as a group and individual tutor to students in the pre-clinical years, as well as being selected as a mentor in the Strive program – which partners strong student leaders as mentors with pre-clinical medical students who are struggling or at high risk of failing their courses. His active participation in the student community also included working as the co-student director for the Ultrafest event during his junior year, helping teach the Sophomore ultrasound curriculum, teaching multiple review sessions for underclassman, and teaching his colleagues ultrasound skills.

Dr. Gow-Lee has been actively involved in research during his time in medical school, working with faculty in the Department of Anesthesiology on a project to improve ultrasound education for residents and medical students, as well as a project studying the use of ultrasound in hemodynamic monitoring.

Dr. Gow-Lee has also demonstrated a commitment to service. He has volunteered in local initiatives, Project Hope – which provides support and mentorship to pregnant teens and teen parents – the Cornerstone Community Health Free Clinic in San Bernardino, and the LLU Aid service group – a student led initiative serving their local healthcare community during the COVID pandemic.

Dr. Gow-Lee will continue his medical training in the Internal Medicine Residency Program at the University of Utah.

For his outstanding academic achievements, as well as his contributions and service, through teaching, mentoring, and research, the School of Medicine honors Dr. Benjamin Joshua Gow-Lee with the *2021 PRESIDENT'S AWARD*.

Pedro B. (Ben) Nava—*Distinguished Service Award (2020)*



Professor, Department of Pathology and Human Anatomy, School of Medicine, Loma Linda University

B.S. San Diego State University 1965
M.S. San Diego State University 1967
Ph.D. Loma Linda University School of Medicine 1973

School of Medicine Teacher of the Year, 1993
and 2013 Richard Asher Prize 2006
R.R. Hawkins Award 2005
Loma Linda University Alumnus of the Year, 2003
Thomas and Violet Zapara Excellence in Teaching Award, 1997

Dr. Pedro B. (Ben) Nava was the first in his family to obtain a college education, followed by graduate education that led to him completing a PhD in 1973. After graduating from Loma Linda University, he continued his training at Pennsylvania State University with a postdoctoral fellowship in the Milton S. Hershey Medical Center Department of Anatomy. He returned to Loma Linda University School of Medicine as an assistant professor of anatomy, and in 1993 he was appointed Vice Chair of the newly formed Department of Pathology and Human Anatomy where he served in that position for the next 25 years.

Dr. Nava has been a contributor to the research efforts of the anatomy program, not only pursuing his own research interests but also mentoring master's and doctoral degree students. His research has been presented extensively at professional meetings, and his findings have been published in numerous peer-reviewed scientific journals. Additionally, he co-authored an *Atlas of Clinical Gross Anatomy* which has been published in four languages (English, French, Russian and Spanish) and has received both national and international publishing awards.

Dr. Nava has taught continuously at Loma Linda University for over 45 years and continues to maintain a full teaching load while coordinating Medical Gross Anatomy courses for medical students. He has been recognized for his teaching excellence and devotion to the objectives of education in the Christian context.

For his commitment and dedicated service to education and to our students, the School of Medicine honors Dr. Pedro B. (Ben) Nava with the *2020 DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD*.

Leroy A. Reese—*Distinguished Service Award (2021)*



Assistant Clinical Professor in Obstetrics
and Gynecology
Associate Dean of Loma Linda University
School of Medicine, Los Angeles Campus

B.A. Atlanta Union College – Biology 1967
M.D. Loma Linda University SM 1972

*Diplomat, American Board of Obstetrics and
Gynecology*
*CREOG National Faculty Award for Excellence
in Resident Education, 2000 and 2012*
*Loma Linda University Distinguished Service
Award 1999*
*Alumnus of the Year, Black Alumni of Loma
Linda University 1987*

Leroy A. Reese, MD was born and raised in New York City (Harlem), and graduated from Manhattan Elementary School, Northeastern Academy and Atlantic Union College.

After completing a residency in Obstetrics and Gynecology at the White Memorial Medical Center, he joined the White Memorial Gynecological and Obstetrical Medical Group in 1976, and functions as Co-Managing Partner and Director of the clinic. His area of special interest is urogynecology.

He serves as Designated Institutional Official for both the White Memorial Medical Center and Glendale Adventist Medical Center. He is the Chairman of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at White Memorial having been President of the Medical Staff in 1989 and 1990.

Dr. Reese has been instrumental in attracting the next generation of skilled healthcare professionals to Loma Linda University. In 1999, Dr. Reese established the Minority Introduction to the Health Sciences (MITHS) program to introduce black Seventh-day Adventist high school students to careers in the health sciences. The summer academic program has attracted over 350 students and many are now alumni of Loma Linda University.

Dr. Reese is married to the former Ruth Anderson, and they have two grown daughters, Lejoi and Jeralyn.

For his leadership and commitment to the education of minority students and service to underserved communities, the School of Medicine honors Dr. Leroy A. Reese with the *2021 DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD*.

Dr. Bradley Cole—*Speaker*



Chief of Neurology, VA Loma Linda
Healthcare System
Assistant Professor, Neurology, School of
Medicine
Assistant Professor, Basic Sciences, School
of Medicine
Assistant Professor, Medical Education,
School of Medicine

B.S. Walla Walla University 1988
*M.D. Loma Linda University School of
Medicine 1992*

*VA Loma Linda Healthcare System "Teacher of
the Year" award, 2020*

*VA Loma Linda Healthcare System "Certificate
of Commitment" 2019*

*Loma Linda University Macpherson Society
"Teacher of the Year" award, 2005 and 2019*

*Loma Linda University School of Medicine
"Master Teacher Award" 2007-2018*

*Member, Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical
Society since 1996*

Dr. Bradley Cole has been recognized multiple times for his dedication and passion for teaching, exemplary care and concern for patients and clinical excellence.

After completing his fellowship at the Cleveland Clinic Foundation, Dr. Cole returned to Loma Linda in 1997 as assistant professor of neurology for the School of Medicine. He serves as clinical clerkship director for medical students, as well as the course director for the medical neuroscience and diseases of neurosciences course for first- and second-year medical students. In addition to classroom instruction, Dr. Cole serves as the Chief of Neurology at the VA Loma Linda Healthcare System.

Dr. Cole is an active member of American Academy of Neurology including presenting numerous lectures on subjects of clinical neurology, neuroanatomy and neurology education. He also hosts weekly book-by-book Bible study for Loma Linda University medical students.

The School of Medicine is honored to have Dr. Cole deliver his address to the School of Medicine Class of 2021.



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. It was sculpted by Alan Collins and dedicated and unveiled at Loma Linda University on May 31, 1981.

The sculpture 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.