

ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH YEAR



LOMA LINDA UNIVERSITY

two thousand and twenty-one



CONFERRING OF DEGREES
School of Pharmacy | 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)

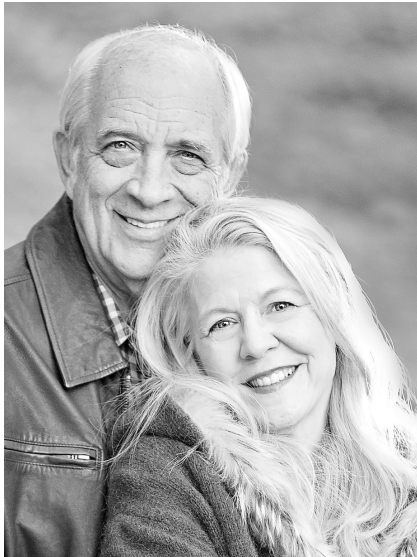
Dr. James Gulley is an internationally recognized expert in immunotherapy for cancer. He graduated from Loma Linda University with a PhD in microbiology and an MD in 1995. As part of this eight-year MD/PhD Medical Scientist Training Program, he completed a dissertation on tumor immunology. He completed 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...

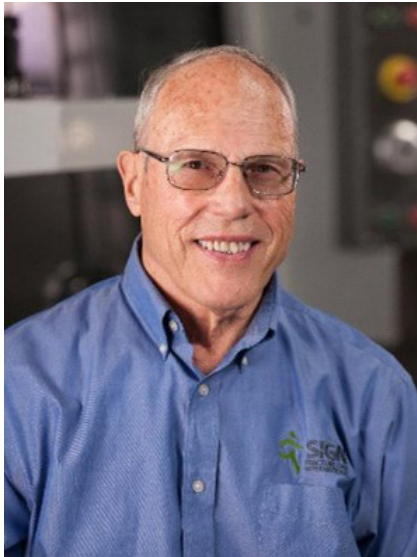
"They are dream-makers and advocates for our mission"

"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*

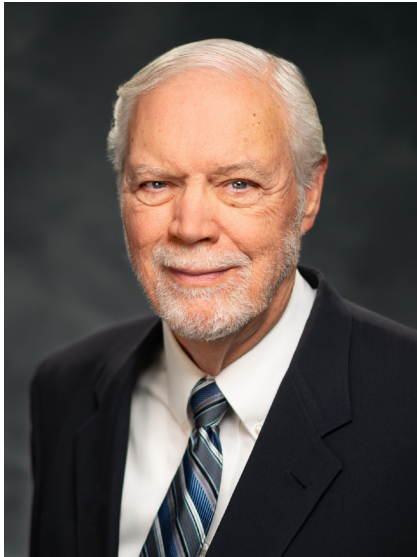
Dr. Lewis G. Zirkle has revolutionized the care of long bone fractures worldwide. The SIGN nail system he developed is not only an innovative top-quality implant, but includes a system for accountability, quality control and replenishing of supplies. This has changed the lives of thousands of people 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 Program,
The School Honorees,
and The Speaker*

School of Pharmacy

May thirty, one-thirty o'clock

Ronald L. Carter, University Grand Marshal, leading
Kristopher Boyle, Paul Gavaza, Chris Johnston, Associate Marshals, assisting

WELCOME
(live)

Richard H. Hart, President of the University

INVOCATION
(live)

Ike de la Pena
Assistant Professor, Department of Pharmaceutical and
Administrative Sciences

INTRODUCTION OF
CLASS OF 2021
(live)

Michael D. Hogue, Dean of the School

INTRODUCTION OF
THE SPEAKER
(pre-recorded)

The Dean

ADDRESS
(pre-recorded)

Michael S. Maddux
Executive Director, American College of Clinical Pharmacy

THERE ARE NO SHORTCUTS...

CONFERRING OF DEGREES
(pre-recorded)

The President

AWARDING OF DIPLOMAS
(live)

Drive-Thru Ceremony

DEAN'S REMARKS
(pre-recorded)

The Dean

BENEDICTION
(live)

Kristopher Boyle
Associate Professor, Department of Pharmaceutical and
Administrative Sciences

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.

DOCTOR OF PHARMACY



Tina Tiruhi Abramian
BS University of California, Los Angeles 2015



Donna Marie Chong
BS University of California, Los Angeles 2016



Tamara Shaker Al isso
BS University of California, San Diego 2017



Kevin Li-Shun Chow
BS University of California, San Diego 2017



Naomi Gyamfuah Appiah-Danquah
BS Burman University 2016



Boaz Minkyu Chung
BS Pacific Union College 2016



Ashley Bautista
BS La Sierra University 2016



Shanique Clarke
BS Washington Adventist University 2015



Anashe Boghozian
BS University of California, Los Angeles 2013



Duy The Doan
BS University of California, Davis 2016



Brianna Ashley Calderon
BS La Sierra University 2017



Amber Dawn Beltran Flores
BS California State University, Long Beach
2016



Catherine Alexandra Cannon
BS Northern Arizona University 2015



Ashley Rollin Frais
BS Oakwood University 2016



Giselle Nadine Garcia
BA Scripps College 2017



Monica Van Hong
BS Loyola Marymount University 2017



Pavneet Kaur Gill
BS California State University, Bakersfield 2016



Mario Raouf Iskander
BS California State University, Long Beach
2018



Josephine Habib
BA California State University, San Bernardino
2017



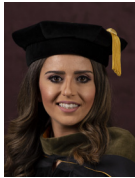
Nikolas Joseph Jackson
BS University of California, San Diego 2016



Zachary Charles Hackworth
BA California State University, San Bernardino
2017



Nabhan Faraj Jankeel
BS University of California, San Diego 2016



Mariam Hanoudi
BS University of California, San Diego 2016



David Jong
BA University of California, Riverside 2016



Jennifer Renee Hernandez
BS California State University, San Bernardino
2014



Haneul Kim
BS Burman University 2016
Wil Alexander Whole Person Care Award



Trina Camtu Ho
BS University of California, Riverside 2017



Anh Ngoc Le
BS Arizona State University, Main Campus
2013



Sophia Thuy-Khanh Hoang
BS University of California, Irvine 2017



Joanna Yeryung Lee
BS Andrews University 2017



Joseph Hyunwoong Lee
BS University of California, San Diego 2014



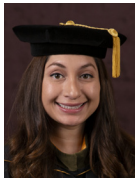
Megan Meharry
BS Walla Walla University 2017



Melissa Lee
BS University of Toronto, Scarborough 2012
BS Andrews University 2017



Sonia Damaris Moral
BS Southern Adventist University 2016



Mireya Angelica Lopez
BS California State Polytechnic University,
Pomona 2017



Michael Haik Mushegian
BS University of California, Riverside 2017



Zuleyka Angelica Lopez
BS California State Polytechnic University,
Pomona 2017



Joanne Salam Nadhem
BS University of California, San Diego 2017



Jonathan Mamahit
BS Andrews University 2017
MS Loma Linda University AH 2020



Yasmeeen Salam Nadhem
BS University of California, San Diego 2016



Nona Manoukian
BS University of California, Los Angeles 2011
MS Drexel University 2015



Duy Nam Anh Nguyen
BS San Jose State University 2017



Sabrina Krystal Maqueda
BS California Baptist University 2017



Polly Nguyen
BS California State University, Long Beach
2016



Matthew Thomas McDonald
BS California State University, Chico 2017



Justin Takaki Nishino
BA Southern Adventist University 2015



Lacey Rose Oana
BS University of La Verne 2016



Alexander Mosheh Soleimani
BA University of California, Santa Barbara
2015



Jung A. Pak
BS Andrews University 2014



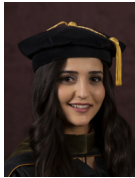
Ha Yeon Sung
BS University of California, Los Angeles 2014



Heidi Minji Park
BS Pacific Union College 2016



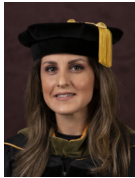
Jae Hwon Tak
BS University of California, San Diego 2016



Roula Qays
BA San Diego State University 2017



Rachel Chau Thai
BS San Francisco State University 2017



Sarah A. Saeed
BS University of California, San Diego 2015



Nam Thi
BS University of California, Irvine 2016



Kimberly J. Seegopaul
BS St. John's University 2010
BA SUNY College at Purchase 2017



Arielle Ai Li Thio
BS La Sierra University 2017
Mission Excellence Award



Dean Silva
BS California State University, Dominguez
Hills 2017



Nhung T. Tran
BS California State University, San Marcos 2016



Robinetta Lauren Smith-Barrett
BS Syracuse University 2012



Regina Myra Tran
BS California State University, Fullerton 2016



Yen Hoa Tran
BS University of California, Los Angeles 2015



Marq Steven Walton
BS Oakwood University 2015



Miriam Yesenia Vasquez Garcia
BS University of California, Irvine 2017



Jaeyoung Yoo
BS Pacific Union College 2016



Jenee Vo
BS University of California, Riverside 2004
SP Dean's Award



Angela Yoon
BA Southern Adventist University 2017



Kirsten Alexandra Vyhmeister
BA Willamette University 2016
MA Loma Linda University SR 2020
President's Award



Marian Youssef
BS California State University, Los Angeles
2017



Austin James Wagner
BA Southern Adventist University 2016



Brian Yun
BS Pacific Union College 2017



Rhett Jay Wallace
BS Pacific Union College 2017

The Pharmacist's Oath

Today, 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.

Kirsten Vyhmeister—*President's Award*



*B.A. Willamette University 2016
Pharm.D. Loma Linda University SP 2021*

*Member, Rho Chi (International Honor Society
for Pharmaceutical Sciences) 2021
PY4 Professionalism Award 2021
LLUMC Hospital Practice Scholarship 2021*

Although an astounding number of Kirsten Vyhmeister's family members have graduated as physicians from Loma Linda University (LLU) School of Medicine, Kirsten found herself far more interested in pharmaceutical intervention and public health. After discussing career options with several doctors and professors, Kirsten ultimately chose to pursue a degree in pharmacy. During her time in pharmacy school, Kirsten has demonstrated superior scholastic performance and commitment to serving her fellow students and her community; she has maintained an exceptional GPA and has earned multiple scholarships, including the Dean's Merit Scholarship and the Stephen Chan Memorial Scholarship in 2019, as well as the LLUMC Hospital Practice Scholarship this year.

While in school, Kirsten has engaged in a number of extra-curricular activities. She was accepted into Rho Chi, the international honor society for pharmaceutical sciences, and through this organization, served as a tutor to other students; she also served president of the LLUSP chapter during the 2019-2020 academic year. In addition, she worked as CV Coordinator for two years in LLUSP's Phil Lambda Sigma chapter and Director of Membership for the local California Society of Health-System Pharmacists (CSHP) / American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (AHSP) organization for one year.

Kirsten is known for being exceptionally kind-hearted, helpful, and supportive of her classmates, community, and the pharmacy program. She is very musically gifted, and has selflessly shared her talents by volunteering with Community Kids Connection (CKC) Music during all four years at LLUSP. She served as a representative to the University's CAPS (Community-Academic Partners in Service) and soon was referred to as "that rock star volunteer in pharmacy." Kirsten also became one of LLUSP's first Student Ambassadors, a group dedicated to representing and supporting the School. To her classmates, Kirsten is a team-player, an encourager, and the "Self-Care Fairy."

Loma Linda University and the Medical Center are pleased that Kirsten will remain with the institution for another year to complete a PGY1 pharmacy residency. In recognition of her academic accomplishments and faithful commitment to her community, fellow students, and school, the School of Pharmacy is honored to present Kirsten Vyhmeister with the *2021 PRESIDENT'S AWARD*.

Milly Brieno—*School Distinguished Service Award (2020)*



Director of Student Affairs
School of Pharmacy, Loma Linda
University

B. A. Azusa Pacific University 2016
M. A. Azusa Pacific University 2018

Born and raised in Northern California, Milly Brieno joined Loma Linda University School of Pharmacy in 2008, after having served the Seventh-day Adventist Church since 1986 in various roles, at the Central California Conference in Clovis, California.

Mrs. Brieno was selected for this award because of her tireless dedication to the success of the school of pharmacy. She often rises above the call of duty to do whatever is necessary to ensure the success of our students, faculty and fellow staff members. Her love for students is evident in that she rarely forgets a student's name, even long after graduation, remembering them when she sees them in the community or when they are back on campus for a visit. She greets every person with a smile, seeks to serve others to meet the mission and vision of the school, and demonstrates compassion whenever her colleagues are experience life difficulties. Mrs. Brieno has been exceptional in helping the school navigate transitions in leadership, assist the University with graduation and other events, and continues to serve diligently to further the teaching and healing ministry of Jesus Christ.

Grateful to God for a wonderful family, Mrs. Brieno has been married for 35 years to Jesse Brieno. They have two daughters and one grandson.

In recognition of her outstanding contribution and unselfish service that goes beyond expectations, and for her positive, Christian influence, the School of Pharmacy honors Milly Brieno with the *2020 SCHOOL DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD*.

Jefmar Dickey—*School Alumnus of the Year (2020)*



Associate Director of Pharmacy, Pacific
Pharmacy Group, Newport Beach,
California

*Pharm.D. Loma Linda University School of
Pharmacy 2011*

*Board Certified Ambulatory Care Pharmacist
(BCACP) 2014*

Certified Diabetes Educator (CDE) 2015

After graduating from the Loma Linda University School of Pharmacy in 2011, and earning the President's Award, Jefmar Dickey completed a PGY-1 pharmacy residency at the University of Southern California (USC) Norris Cancer Hospital/Keck Hospital of USC in Los Angeles, California. Following residency, Dr. Dickey practiced clinical pharmacy at the Loma Linda Cancer Center as well as the USC Norris Cancer Center. In 2013, he transitioned into community pharmacy practice, where he saw tremendous growth potential, as well as opportunities to work with like-minded colleagues who inspired him. Dr. Dickey practiced as a staff pharmacist, clinical pharmacist supervisor and business manager of various pharmacies around Southern California before entering his current role as Associate Director of Pharmacy at Pacific Pharmacy Group (PPG) located in Newport Beach.

Dr. Dickey became a Board-Certified Ambulatory Care Pharmacist (BCACP) in 2014, and then earned his certification as a diabetes educator (CDE) the following year. Additionally, he was project lead in starting a new specialty pharmacy which led to a payer preferred contract for various specialty disease states and help lead the accreditation with URAC and ACHC accrediting bodies. Since 2012, Dr. Dickey has faithfully served as a preceptor for the School of Pharmacy at his various practice sites, and consistently receives very positive evaluations from students.

Dr. Dickey is married to Dr. Kelly Huynh Dickey, also an alumnus of the School of Pharmacy, and they are the parents of a two-year-old boy. In his spare time, Dr. Dickey takes his son to the park and the local MyGym, and enjoys trying new vegetarian and vegan restaurants.

For his outstanding contributions to his alma mater and his profession that reflect the values of Loma Linda University and the School of Pharmacy, Dr. Jefmar Dickey is named *2020 SCHOOL ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR*.

Khaled Bahjri—*Faculty of the Year Award (2020)*



Associate Professor, Department of
Pharmaceutical & Administrative
Sciences
School of Pharmacy, Loma Linda
University

*M.D. Fatima College of Medicine, Manila
Philippines 1999*

M.P.H. Loma Linda University 2001

Dr.P.H. Loma Linda University 2014

Dr. Khaled Bahjri joined Loma Linda University School of Pharmacy in March 2018, as Associate Professor in the Department of Pharmaceutical & Administrative Sciences. After completing his medical degree, he first came to Loma Linda University to pursue studies in public health.

Dr. Bahjri teaches Pharmaceutical Calculations, Public Health and Lifestyle, Epidemiology and Biostatistics, and provides statistical assistance for students, residents and faculty in their research projects. He has actively employed his knowledge, skills, and expertise in diverse venues, always modeling a mature understanding of the principles and practice of public health and medicine. He has a strong commitment to service, research, and learning in the health sciences; and he is an effective, caring, and dedicated health professional and professor. His passion for service and learning grows out of his deep-root faith foundation. His motto in life is “Until #1 is done, #2 is a distraction.”

Originally from Yemen, Dr. Bahjri was born in Ethiopia. He is married to Suad Bahajre, and they recently celebrated their 21 years of marriage. They are the proud parents of three sons and one daughter. He loves being active playing soccer, ping pong, volleyball, and is part of the School’s pickleball team.

In recognition of his significant impact on his outstanding contribution to the academic pursuits of Loma Linda University, and for modeling servant-leadership, the School of Pharmacy is honored to name Dr. Khaled Bahjri recipient of the 2020 *FACULTY OF THE YEAR AWARD*.

Robert D. Chiles—*School Alumnus of the Year (2021)*



Diabetes Care Manager Clinical
Pharmacist, County of Santa Clara
Health System

B.S. Oakwood University 2014
Pharm.D. Loma Linda University School of
Pharmacy 2018

After earning his Doctor of Pharmacy degree from Loma Linda University School of Pharmacy (LLUSP), Dr. Robert D. Chiles completed two years of pharmacy residency—the first year at Kern Medical in Bakersfield and the second, an Ambulatory Care program, at the Santa Clara County Health System in San Jose. Currently, Dr. Chiles practices as a Diabetes Care Manager Clinical Pharmacist for the County of Santa Clara Health System.

Dr. Chiles believes that his calling in this world is serving those in marginalized communities. As a student, he was passionately involved in community service, earning him the LLUSP Mission Excellence Award in 2018. He also had the distinct honor of serving as the Phi Lambda Sigma Clinic Coordinator at the Riverside Free Clinic. Dr. Chiles' passion for social justice led him to become the President of the Black Health Professional Student Association (BHPSA) at Loma Linda University.

Carrying on the vital lessons he learned at LLUSP about serving others and 'making man whole,' Dr. Chiles is now an Ambassador with the Pharmacy Initiative Leaders (PILs) non-profit organization. Through PILs, he empowers underrepresented pharmacy students across the country to succeed at every stage of their professional journey through authentic support and camaraderie. Most recently, Dr. Chiles has been serving as an alumni representative on the LLUSP Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee, providing actionable suggestions that will help remove barriers to learning and improve the climate and learning environment at LLUSP.

For his outstanding contributions to his alma mater, the profession of pharmacy, and communities in need, the Loma Linda University School of Pharmacy is pleased to name Dr. Robert Chiles the 2021 *SCHOOL ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR*.

Jody Gonzalez—*School Distinguished Service Award (2021) and Faculty of the Year Award (2021)*



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

*Pharm.D. University of Southern California
School of Pharmacy and Davis School of
Gerontology 2013*

*M.S.G. University of Southern California
School of Pharmacy and Davis School of
Gerontology 2013*

*Pharmacy Practice Residency, Kaiser
Permanente, Woodland Hills Medical Center
PGY1 2014*

*Ambulatory Care Video Telehealth Residency,
University of Southern California PGY2
2015*

*Board Certified Geriatric Pharmacy (BCGP
2015*

*Board certified Ambulatory Care Pharmacy
(BCACP) 2017*

Advanced Practice Pharmacist (APh) 2018

Dr. Jody Gonzalez joined Loma Linda School of Pharmacy in July 2015 as an Assistant Professor. Currently, she teaches and coordinates the endocrine and introduction to therapeutics course. She also teaches a portion of geriatrics in special populations. She practices in the ambulatory care setting providing chronic disease state management in geriatric patients and travel health services.

Her gentle smile and loving kindness exuberate as she serves the community. During this pandemic, she has played a major role in assisting with the COVID-19 vaccination efforts for the health-system and the community.

Dr. Gonzalez is married to Edgar, and they are blessed with a son, Nathanael. Together, they enjoy attending USC football games and visiting Disneyland. Jody's hobbies are cooking and baking the top-9 allergy foods.

In recognition of her dynamic leadership and commitment to excellence and service that promote the mission of this institution—*"To continue the teaching and healing ministry of Jesus Christ,"* the School of Pharmacy honors Dr. Jody Gonzalez with the *2021 SCHOOL DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD*.

In recognition of her significant impact and her outstanding contribution to the academic pursuits of Loma Linda University, and for modeling servant-leadership, the School of Pharmacy is honored to name Dr. Jody Gonzalez recipient of the *2021 FACULTY OF THE YEAR AWARD*.

Michael S. Maddux—*Speaker*



Executive Director
American College of Clinical Pharmacy

*Pre-pharmacy curriculum, University of
California, Irvine 1975*

*Pharm.D. University of California, San
Francisco 1979*

*Hartman Lecturer, University of Mississippi
2019*

*Leonard Lecture Award, TSHP Research and
Education Foundation, University of Texas
2016*

*Distinguished Alumnus Award, UC San
Francisco School of Pharmacy 2014*

*Doctor of Humane Letters honorary degree,
Western University of Health Sciences, 2012*

*Anniversary Alumnus Recognition, UC San
Francisco 2009*

Michael S. Maddux is Executive Director of the American College of Clinical Pharmacy (ACCP). He also serves as Secretary–Treasurer of the Pharmacotherapy Publications Board of Directors, member of the Board of Trustees of the ACCP Foundation, and Secretary of the ACCP-PAC Governing Council.

He received the Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of California, San Francisco, and completed residency training at the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) Medical Center. Dr. Maddux served on the UIC clinical pharmacy faculty from 1980 – 1991, where he practiced and conducted research in solid organ transplantation. In 1991, he moved to the St. Louis College of Pharmacy as Professor and Director of the Division of Pharmacy Practice, a post he held until joining ACCP as Executive Director in 2004. He has received awards for practice, teaching, and leadership, including the ACCP Clinical Practice Award, the UCSF Distinguished Alumnus Award, the Leonard Lecture Award, and the Hartman Lecture Award. His publications have focused on clinical problems and pharmacotherapy in the organ transplant recipient, ability-based education, curriculum assessment, and professional development.

Dr. Maddux lives in St. Louis, Missouri, with his wife Susan, who is also a clinical pharmacist.



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.