

ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH YEAR



LOMA LINDA UNIVERSITY

two thousand and twenty-one



CONFERRING OF DEGREES

School of Allied Health Professions | 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 Allied Health Professions

June fourteen, seven o'clock

Ronald L. Carter, University Grand Marshal, leading  
Lamitra Baez, Chuck Dart, Marilyn Eggers, Associate Marshals, assisting  
Paul Herrmann, Courtney McConnell, Jefe Noval, Associate Marshals, assisting  
William Edmunds, Chris Johnston, Arthur Marshak, Associate Marshals, assisting

WELCOME

*(live)*

Richard H. Hart

President of the University

INVOCATION

*(live)*

Craig Jackson

Dean of the School

INTRODUCTION OF  
CLASS OF 2021

*(live)*

The Dean

INTRODUCTION OF  
THE SPEAKER

*(pre-recorded)*

The Dean

ADDRESS

*(pre-recorded)*

Dilys A. Brooks

Campus Chaplain, Loma Linda University

STORY MATTERS

CONFERRING OF DEGREES

*(pre-recorded)*

The President

AWARDING OF DIPLOMAS

*(live)*

Drive-Thru Ceremonies

DEAN'S REMARKS

*(pre-recorded)*

The Dean

BENEDICTION

*(live)*

Dilys A. Brooks

# Candidates for Degrees

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

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

## ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE Department of Physical Therapy *Physical Therapist Assistant*



Javier Licea Avalos



Gabriell Kathleen Darter



Alain Giovan Banzon, Jr.



Stacie Ann Arcena De Leon  
*Service and Scholarship Achievement Award*



Alexis Gabrielle Batiste  
*Service and Scholarship Achievement Award*



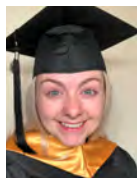
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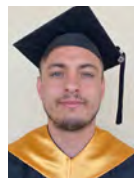
Shawn Bui



Maria G. Duque



Madison Elizabeth Cascarina



Dylan Michael Garcia



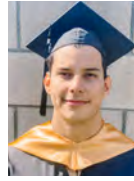
Stephanie Cruz



Kira Renee Garland  
*Service and Scholarship Achievement Award*  
*Scholarship Excellence Award*



Christine C. Go  
*Service and Scholarship Achievement Award*



Jose De Jesus Naranjo



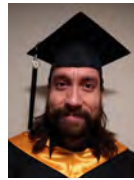
Claribel Hernandez



Samuel Park  
*PTA Program Faculty Award*



Jose Alejandro Lopez-Zavala  
*Randall C. Isley Award*



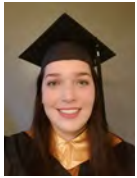
Daniel Eber Pereyra  
*PTA Program Faculty Award*  
*Scholarship Excellence Award*



Melodie Angelica Marin  
*Service and Scholarship Achievement Award*  
*Scholarship Excellence Award*



Matthew Tyler Rakow



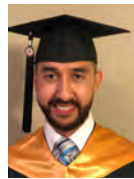
Katherine Erin Martinez  
*PTA Program Faculty Award*



Amy Rebekah Richardson



Christopher Komaki Masigla  
*Service and Scholarship Achievement Award*



Jason Abe Romo



Dominique Christine Morales



Heather Andrea Rundengan



Corie Akane Nakazawa  
*PTA Program Faculty Award*



David Francisco Salinas



Jennifer Nicole Smith



Steven V. Yang  
*PTA Program Faculty Award*  
*Scholarship Excellence Award*



Dakota Wayne Snow



Kelsey Yzaguirre  
*PTA Program Faculty Award*



Andres O. Tinajero



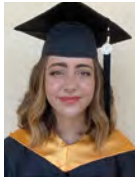
Andrea Zaragoza



Stephen Robert Villanueva



Zachary Zebedeus



Kelsey M. Von Helf

Department of Radiation Technology  
*Cardiac Electrophysiology Technology*



Joshua Radford Bamert



Laurel Jacinta Keiffer



Jaime Lyn Flynn



Dora Maddas



Alicia Uyen Ky Nguyen

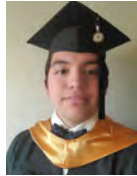
*Medical Radiography*



Giovanni Arauz



Krystal Diann Ereth



Jose L. Barreto



Margarita Gaitan



Mairam Buchanan



Dillon Alexander Gamache



Carley A. Burns



Emily L. Gonzalez



Destany Byrd



Lizette Z. Gonzalez



Brianna N. Donley



Dimitri V. Gospodchikov



Juled Basabas Ico



Teresa M. Mejia



Jeremy Fred Kho-Torres



Alondra D. Meza



Kayla Marie Kime



Tess Morales



Kylie Anne Laframboise



Kenneth Kristopher Nelson



Jennifer L. Lambert



Jaci Andrea Norman



Oanh Thi Hoang Le



Mig Jordan L. Payawal  
*Rising Star Award*



Lindsay N. Lopez



Natalie Joyce Santana



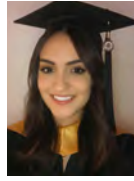
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Marisa Rose Smith



Eleanor Rose Chon Thompson



Amory S. Wilson



Blake Valenta



Kayla Adele Wilson

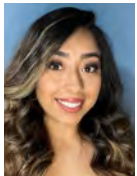


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Andrew Zayas

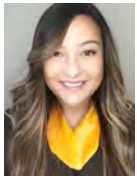
**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE**  
Department of Cardiopulmonary Sciences  
*Respiratory Care—Entry Level*



Jocelyn L. Artiaga, cum laude



Alex M. Ramirez



Serena Kuuipo Beagle



Sara Elizabeth Sanchez



Anna Hernandez, cum laude



Taylor A. Williams



Jovan Eugene Manurung



Renasita Rambaud Yabut

Department of Clinical Laboratory Science  
*Clinical Laboratory Science*



Ryan James Abellar, cum laude



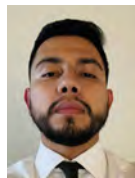
Alexa Casandra Licup Jacinto, summa cum laude



Melissa A. Belcher, cum laude



Leah E. Kim, cum laude



Carlos Emmanuel Fausto, Jr.



Vivian Li, cum laude



Joan H. Halim, summa cum laude



Natassia Clare Muffley, cum laude



Ian Albert Hamer, cum laude



Tiffany Megan Mulyanto, cum laude



Elmira Varona Hernandez, magna cum laude



Thi Dieu Hien Nguyen, summa cum laude



Aaron Manabu Imano, cum laude



Eriza Luzette Ogena





Hazel Venice U. Reyes



Hyun Jin Um



Dara Alyssa Mora Salamante, cum laude



Megan Justina Wheeler



Henry L. Sand



Lydia Zebedeus, cum laude



Audrey Julienne Serrano, magna cum laude

*Cytotechnology*



Erallu-Grace S. Pugrad, cum laude

Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders  
*Communication Sciences And Disorders*



Keana Mei M. Arevalo, cum laude



Sonny Kyu Choi, cum laude



Samantha I. Bentley, magna cum laude



Abigail V. Davis



Gabrielle Dooks



Carmela Lafarga



Diana Cristina Frayde, cum laude



Reiley A. McClellan, summa cum laude



Madison R. Gang, summa cum laude



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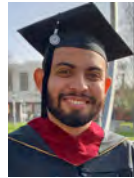
Giselle J. Gonzalez, cum laude



Kameron E. Plata



Noelle Ann Hamblin, magna cum laude



Daniel Osvaldo Ramos, magna cum laude



Yostina Soliman Hanna, cum laude



Georgina Rodriguez, cum laude



Elyssa Vida Henriquez, cum laude

Department of Health Informatics, Information Management, and Administration



Jamie Lynn Beckett, cum laude  
*Dean's Award*



Shannon Rae Restifo



Jacqueline Franco, cum laude  
*Faculty Award*



Dolores Rubio



Nalin Jayatilake, cum laude

*Health-Care Administration*



Michael R. Baltzelle



Ivana Hernandez



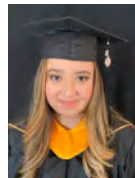
Ashley Nichole Campos, cum laude



Lindsay Kerichenko



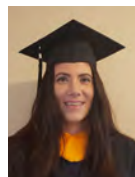
Kasie L. Cuik, cum laude



Ciara Ann Mejia



Elda Janett Garcia Olivas, DEC



Diana N. Murphy



Ravinda Rao



Cassandra L. Weir



Austin Toole  
*Rising Star Award*  
*Faculty Award*

Department of Nutrition and Dietetics  
*Nutrition and Dietetics*



Olivia Laine Biles, cum laude



Adrianna Delauder



Meghan F. Bray, cum laude



Regina Crystal Fong



Shyenne Taylor Butler, cum laude



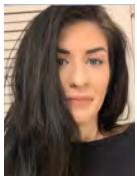
Lynzi Brooke Hopkins, cum laude



Jason Chung



Melissa Erin Kalman, cum laude



Rita Michel Daou, cum laude



Eliza Lee Min Xian, cum laude



Andreena Beatriz Lopez



Briana E. Tran, summa cum laude



Colin Nye, cum laude



Janelle E. Tse, cum laude



Kirsten Nicole Soderblom, summa cum laude

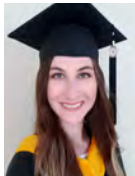


Julia Heejeong Um, cum laude



Diana Toumah

Department of Radiation Technology  
*Diagnostic Medical Sonography*



Julia Ann Brophy, cum laude



Shylee Fletcher



Holly Elyse Delawder, cum laude



Nancy A. Garcia



Nicole Ann Duke, summa cum laude



Morgan Marie Molinaro, cum laude



Julia Villarreal Moreno



JoAnna Renee Rahill



Jasmine Y. Parekh, cum laude



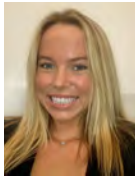
Rachel Jean Ramirez, magna cum laude



Ashley Renee Pierson



Lisette Briana Uribe



Sierra Shea Premo-Wetzel, cum laude



Manika Vann, cum laude

*Nuclear Medicine Technology*



Abel Urmanita Casasola



Sharlene R. Mateo



Milton Joyner, Jr.



Chandni Patel, magna cum laude



Vadim Kotyash



Sean Michael Roberts



Rudolph Prasetyo Tamba, cum laude

*Radiation Sciences*



Rosa Adriana Guerrero



Ashley Denise Peter, cum laude

*Radiation Therapy Technology*



Fabiola Corona, cum laude



Juan Carlos Luna



Chris Kuhlman



Minh Tri Vu Nguyen, cum laude



Eloysa Joanna Lara, cum laude



Jose L. Olmos, cum laude



Grace L. Lee



Kalani Park



Diane C. Lennon



Jonathan Perez



Alina Ybarra

## CERTIFICATE

Department of Health Informatics, Information Management, and Administration  
*Health Information Administration*



Sarah H. Chan

Department of Radiation Technology  
*Computed Tomography (CT)*



Raquel R. Botello



Sidney Vera Taylor Moore, MAR

Department of Radiation Technology  
*Computed Tomography (CT) & Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI)*



Justin Chen

*Diagnostic Cardiac Sonography*



Dominique Brown



Elaine Michelle Fontaine





Connie Lim



Esther Oh



Jonathan Mendez



Kurt Scheeler



Heather Moy

Department Of Radiation Technology  
*Magnetic Resonance Imaging/MRI*



Rohala Achakzad, DEC



Michael J. Lombardo, MAR



Lindsey Marie Davenport, DEC



Elizabeth Santos Palacios, DEC



Robertson Facundo



Jael Eloda Reynolds, DEC



Sean Evan Harrison



Socrates Gilberto Ruiz, DEC



Timur Sharafutdinov



Cody Charles Wright



Kristopher Adam Sisk, DEC



Kyle Jeffrey Yarbrough, DEC



Steffen Caleb Stewart, MAR



Jonathan Michael Yoro, DEC

Department of Radiation Technology  
*Medical Dosimetry*  
*Med Dosimetry/BS Physics Track*



Meghan N. King

*Med Dosimetry/Rad Therapy Track*



Maria Alicia Rascon, MAR

**MASTER OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY**  
Department of Occupational Therapy  
*Occupational Therapy—Entry-Level MOT*



Devin Alexander, MAR  
BS Union College 2017  
*Community Outreach Award*



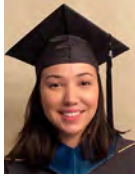
Misty Michelle Arne  
BA California State University, San Bernardino  
2012



Katelynne Eileen Boadway, MAR  
BS California State University, San Bernardino  
2018



Erika Natalia Dalida  
BS Pacific Union College 2018



Ashley Chloe Bodrov  
BA University of California, Irvine 2016



Jellica Anne Ramos Dela Cruz, MAR  
BS California State University, Fullerton 2015



Edward Xavier Bonilla  
BS California State University, San Bernardino  
2016



Samantha Alyssa Fusi, MAR  
BA University of Oregon 2015



Desiree N. Brazeau, APR  
BS California State Polytechnic University,  
Pomona 2016



Hailey Michelle Goforth  
BA California State University, Long Beach  
2017



Ami Chen  
BS California State Polytechnic University,  
Pomona 2016



Alyssa Michelle Griffin, MAR  
BS Washington State University 2018



Candice Olivia Cheung  
BA California State University, Long Beach  
2018



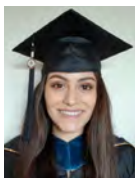
Yamile Rosina Henriquez, MAR  
BS University of Utah 2017



Eunice Choi  
BS Southern Adventist University 2017



Javier Iribe, MAR  
BA University of California, Riverside 2017



Suleica Del Rio Cortez, APR  
BA California State University, San Bernardino  
2015  
*Alumni Award*



Samuel Alexander Islas  
BS California State Polytechnic University,  
Pomona 2014



Norma Islas-Guadarrama  
BS California State University, Fullerton 2016



Caitlin De Las Alas Maclang  
BS University of Southern California 2017



Amanda Morgan Jackson, APR  
BS California State University, San Bernardino  
2017



Joseph Martinez, MAR  
BS California State University, Northridge 2017



Bethany Hope Lai, MAR  
BS California State University, Fullerton 2018



Sierra Dawn Maxwell, APR  
BS Walla Walla University 2018



Sydney Lao, APR  
BS University of California, Riverside 2016



Samantha Annette Mull, APR  
BA California Baptist University 2014



Deborah Lee, APR  
BA University of California, Los Angeles 2016



Leslie Nguyen  
BA University of California, Irvine 2015



Kristy H. Leung  
BS California State University, Fullerton 2017



Adrian Nowland, MAR  
BFA David Wolcott Kendall Memorial School  
2017



Jonathan Siu-Jun Lui, MAR  
BS University of California, Riverside 2007



Susie Park, MAR  
BA University of California, Irvine 2012  
*Edwinna Marshall Leadership Award*



Melissa Luong, MAR  
BA University of California, Irvine 2016  
*Edwinna Marshall Leadership Award*  
*Community Outreach Award*



Ashley Nichole Paynter  
BA Pepperdine University 2018



Salma Peeran  
BA University of California, Los Angeles 2017



Patricia Marie Estallo Santos, MAR  
BS California State Polytechnic University,  
Pomona 2017  
*Lynn Arrateig Practice Award*



Victor M. Pelayo, Jr., MAR  
BA California Baptist University 2016



Jasmine Paula Sarapuddin  
BS University of California, Irvine 2012



Angelica Kristi Pillai, MAR  
BS Azusa Pacific University 2017



Sandra Joseph Schweitzer, MAR  
BA University of California, Riverside 2018



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 BS California State University, Los Angeles  
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**MASTER OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT**  
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Jean Cassandra Blas Aguilar  
 BS California State University, San Marcos 2016



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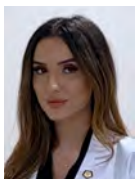
Elizabeth Cruz  
 BA Saint Martin's University 2016



Victoria Marie Baran  
 BSW Arizona State University West 2017



Christopher V. Dalaten  
 BS California State University, Los Angeles  
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 BS California State University, Northridge 2017



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 BS California State University, Fullerton 2017



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Scott Phat Letu  
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BS Oakwood University 2018



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Yoana Silva Jimenez  
BS California Baptist University 2015



Kevin Lyman Peterson  
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BS University of California, Santa Barbara 2016



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**MASTER OF SCIENCE**  
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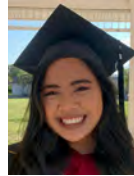
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BA California State University, Northridge  
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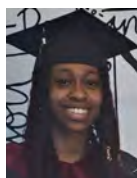
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BA California State University, Northridge  
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BA University of California, Riverside 2016



Adriana Jones  
BS Biola University 2019  
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Molly Blair McCary  
BA La Sierra University 2013



Deborah S. Kim  
BS Andrews University 2019



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BA California State University, Fullerton 2018



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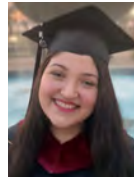
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BS California State University, San Bernardino  
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Department of Nutrition and Dietetics  
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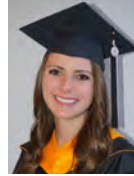
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BS Loma Linda University AH 2020



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BS Andrews University 1997  
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**MASTER OF SCIENCE RESPIRATORY CARE**  
Department of Cardiopulmonary Sciences  
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BS Prince Sultan Military College of Health  
Sciences 2008  
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**MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ORTHOTICS AND PROSTHETICS**  
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BS DeVry Institute of Technology, Pomona 2015



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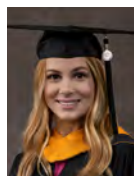
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BS University of Toronto 2012  
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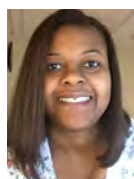


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BS California State University, Northridge 2005



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**DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY**  
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**DOCTOR OF PHYSICAL THERAPY**  
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Geena Rae Lopez  
BS Oregon State University 2017



Vahik Keshishian  
BS California State University, Northridge 2016



Tyler Judson Martin  
BS Southern Adventist University 2017



John Kim  
BS University of California, Merced 2013



Jesse Samy Messiah  
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Paul Young Kim  
BS California State Polytechnic University,  
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*Thomas Burke Memorial Award*



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BACH/EQV Shahid Chamram University of  
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*Physical Therapy Leadership Award*



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Christina Alexis Navarro  
BS California State University, Long Beach  
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MA Argosy University, Orange County 2015  
*Jonna Hughes Memorial Award*



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BS University of California, Irvine 2011



Connie Ng  
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*Thomas Burke Memorial Award*



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BS University of California, Davis 2012



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BS California State University, San Bernardino  
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Ellis Mutsumi Oda  
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Lynda Rattanacommon  
BS Rutgers University-New Brunswick 2011  
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Meng Hsuan Ho, MAR  
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Haripriya Chirala Naga, MAR  
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Tzu-Yin Hsia, MAR  
BS National Yang-Ming University 2017



Deevshri Nilan Chogle, MAR  
BPT Maharashtra University of Health  
Sciences 2017



Meng-Han Huang, MAR  
BS National Cheng Kung University 2013



Szu-Yu Huang, MAR  
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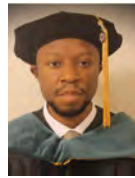
Joseph George Kalathil, MAR  
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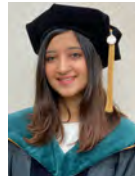
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Aneri Kamlesh Patel, MAR  
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Sciences 2018



Aishani Sudesh Kini, MAR  
BPT Rajiv Gandhi University of Health  
Sciences 2017



Purna Rajendra Salunkhe, MAR  
BPT Maharashtra University of Health  
Sciences 2018



Cheng-Han Lee, MAR  
BS China Medical University 2014



Zita Zsofia Sas, MAR  
BACH/EQV Semmelweis University of  
Medicine 2015



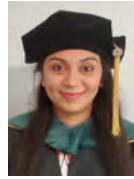
Chia Yu Li, MAR  
BS National Yang-Ming University 2015



Krishika Kamal Shah, MAR  
BPT Maharashtra University of Health  
Sciences 2018



Rushabh Sanjeev Shah, MAR  
BPT Maharashtra University of Health  
Sciences 2018



Ripal Vasoya  
BPT Rajiv Gandhi University of Health  
Sciences 2014  
MS California Baptist University 2019



Sonali Vithaldas Shenoy, MAR  
BPT Maharashtra University of Health  
Sciences 2017



Hsiao-Chen Wei  
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MS National Taiwan University 2020



Tejal Arun Tomke  
BPT Maharashtra University of Health  
Sciences 2016  
MPT Maharashtra University of Health  
Sciences 2019

## Jasmine L. Westerdahl—*President's Award*



*B.S. Loma Linda University SAHP 2020  
M.S. Loma Linda University SAHP 2021*

*President's Award 2021  
Member, Phi Upsilon Omicron (Gamma Nu  
chapter) National Honor Society 2019*

Jasmine Westerdal has achieved an outstanding academic record while consistently demonstrating a commitment to service, and a strong desire to teach others how to achieve healthier lives. Her professors note her diligent, goal-driven approach to her academic program. She has excelled in each of her classes, earning the respect of her peers and her professors. Jasmine's research grows from her inquisitive mind, and she consistently challenges herself, and strives to achieve quality work in each project.

Jasmine's service activities have contributed to advancing the mission of the department of nutrition and dietetics. She has been involved with the establishment of the Adventist Nutrition & Dietetics International Association (ANDIA), alongside a group of approximately 20 Seventh-day Adventist nutrition and dietetic students and professionals. ANDIA was launched with a mission to serve the Seventh-day Adventist Church's evangelism programs through living and teaching its unique health message, emphasizing nutrition and promoting healthy eating behaviors. Jasmine served in the organization's Nutrition Education Subcommittee, planning nutrition education material and determining distribution methods. She also assisted the Constitution and Bylaws Subcommittee, contributing to the strategic planning of this new international organization. She currently serves as the organization's Communications Director.

Jasmine has been a member of the Phi Upsilon Omicron (Gamma Nu chapter) National Honor Society since 2019. In 2019-20, she was the lead organizer of the chapter's project examining "Food and Nutrition Education to Address Health Status and Food Insecurity in San Bernardino County." During the 2020-21 academic year, she assisted with planning and overseeing the chapter's Professional Project, an eCookbook containing recipes and nutrition education materials.

As she completes her academic program at the School of Allied Health Professions, Jasmine's goal is to become a Registered Dietitian Nutritionist in a clinic setting. She has a strong background as a nutrition educator, having served at the Drayson Center, rotated in food systems management at the Riverside Unified School District and a clinical rotation at Loma Linda University Medical Center. Faculty members in the Department of Nutrition and Dietetics say Jasmine practices and exemplifies Loma Linda University Health's philosophy of wholeness in her life.

For her academic excellence, exemplary leadership, and community service; and in recognition of her commitment to improving the lives of others through nutrition education, the School of Allied Health Professions names Jasmine L. Westerdal, recipient of the 2021 *PRESIDENT'S AWARD*.

## Johannes Schaepper—*LLUSAHP Distinguished Service Award*



Chair and Program Director, Department of Orthotics & Prosthetics, School of Allied Health Professions, Loma Linda University

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*M.S. Loma Linda University SBH 2016*

*Cert. in Prosthetics, Feinberg School of Medicine 1992*

*Cert. in Orthotics, Feinberg School of Medicine 1989*

*M.Div. Andrews University 1983*

Dr. Schaepper was instrumental in collaborating with a team to establish the Master of Science in Orthotics and Prosthetics (MSOP) in 2011, taking it from its incubation as a part of the Physical Therapy Department, to the Orthotics and Prosthetics Department in 2015, which he currently chairs. Dr. Schaepper is a true visionary; he took a department with no faculty offices and a widespread presence across campus from Nichol Hall to East Campus, and established a dedicated 36,000 square foot building in Mentone with adequate space to grow and expand. Under his leadership, the department was successfully accredited to the maximum of seven years, and working closely with Aileen Kingsley, they have taken the entry-level MSOP and developed the two-track BS/MSOP and MSOP-hybrid programs.

Service and outreach are a big part of Dr. Schaepper's life. He motivated faculty in his department to create the Outreach and Service Learning program, setting up an OP clinic in Haiti that is currently being managed by an alumnus of this program. His vision is for this clinic to become nationally and internationally accredited to train our LLU students and others from around the world, and grow it into a MSOP program for French/English speakers. The outreach and service learning program has also sent orthotic prosthetic (OP), occupational therapy, and physical therapy students to Ethiopia and Mexico, and orthotic prosthetic students to Guatemala where they have assisted and trained local practitioners in patient care. Locally, he was key in establishing an OP presence at Crosswalk and Cornerstone, setting up interdisciplinary clinics dedicated to care of the underserved populations, and spearheaded collaborations with Norco Community College pre-engineering students and Indian Spring High School students to create real world experiences with patient device invention and design.

He is given credit for creating the Capstone celebration of OP student accomplishments in research, and to dedicate each of them to service in the profession. He always advocates for the wellbeing of the students using alternative methods to emphasize their strengths and to create solutions to their challenges, in order for them to accomplish their goals. He is a huge advocate for our patient models always showing appreciation and keeping them safe.

In recognition of his valuable contributions in establishing and growing the Department of Orthotics and Prosthetics, creating opportunities and motivating students to serve, and his ability to inspire his students to achieve their goals and pursue their profession; it is a special honor to present Dr. Hans Schaepper with the *2021 LLU SCHOOL OF ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONS DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD*.



## Cory Gheen—*LLUSAHP Faculty of the Year*



Assistant Professor, School of Allied  
Health Professions, Loma Linda  
University

Executive Chef, Loma Linda University  
Dining Services

*M.S. Loma Linda University SAHP 2013*  
*B.P.S. The Culinary Institute of America, New*  
*York 1999*

Cory is a Chef and foodservice expert with over 25 years of experience and a lifelong curiosity about the culinary arts. A professionally trained culinarian, he has worked in a broad range of food facilities including some of the finest kitchens in the Napa Valley. He now brings that passion into the classroom, teaching future dietitians and inspiring their curiosity about food. Chef Cory is a Registered Dietitian Nutritionist with the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics. He is a Certified ServSafe Instructor and Examination Proctor through the National Restaurant Association. Graduating with Honors from the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, New York, Cory holds a professional degree in Culinary Arts Management.

Chef Cory began teaching in the Department of Nutrition & Dietetics in September of 2008 as an Instructor in Culinary and Food Systems Management courses, and was promoted to Assistant Professor in 2019. He is an excellent teacher as demonstrated through his course organization, innovative modules, use of technology to create varied learning experiences for his students, and interactive and engaging teaching methodology.

His service to the school has been abundant and varied through the support of such events as Chat n' Chew, Faculty Forum meals, LLUSA University Christmas Parties and others. He has served as Executive Chef for the University since 2011, modifying menus, designing facilities such as Pharmacy Fresh Café, organizing training sessions for LLU Dining Services employees, and consulting on a variety of other projects. He is the voice and talent of the LiveIt in The Kitchen cooking show, first produced by the school and now a part of University Advancement Films. He has presented papers at international conferences, cooking demonstrations at our ICVN and Homecoming events, represented LLU on the KTLA5 Morning Show, as well as a number of community organizations and events. Campus collaborations through culinary and nutrition education have included the Schools of Nursing, Pharmacy, Medicine, Public Health, and Behavioral Health. Chef Cory has served, or is currently serving, on multiple committees including the Whole Foods Initiative and as Chair of FCEC in 2017-2018. Often called upon to assist in campus club events, he serves as the Faculty Advisor for the Garden Club and Culinary Club.

In recognition of his valuable contributions to nutrition and dietetics teaching environments, his passionate creativity in the classroom, and his ability to inspire his students to achieve their goals and pursue their profession; it is a special honor to present Mr. Cory Gheen with the *2021 LLU SCHOOL OF ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONS FACULTY OF THE YEAR AWARD*.

## Dilys A. Brooks—*Speaker*



Campus Chaplain, Loma Linda University

*B.S. College of Staten Island 1991*

*M.S. Adelphi University 1995*

*M.A. Bank Street College 2000*

*M.Div. Andrews University 2005*

Dilys Brooks is a vibrant speaker and a passionate follower of Christ who seeks to inspire others to do the same. She has traveled across the United States, Canada, Africa, and Australia, speaking on the good news of a life hidden in Christ. She is happiest when she is preaching, teaching, or singing about Jesus.

She was an educator in both Christian and public schools in New York City while actively participating in many of the ministries of her church in Queens, New York. She couldn't, however, shake the growing restlessness in her soul to serve in full-time ministry. In 2002, Dilys and her husband decided to live a life that was centered around Matthew 6:33, "Seek first the kingdom of God," which led them both to attend seminary at Andrews University. After graduation in 2005, she answered a call to serve as the Associate Campus Chaplain at Loma Linda University.

Chaplain Brooks is a commissioned minister of the Seventh-day Adventist church. Her ministry focus at the university is to provide spiritual care for the students, faculty, and staff within the university community.

As a person who is committed to being a life-long learner, in April of 2017, she became a Certified Wellness & Health Coach. Chaplain Brooks is currently enrolled in the Ph.D. in Practical Theology program at Claremont School of Theology with an emphasis on Spiritual Care and Counseling.

Dilys is a partner in life and ministry with Dr. Delroy Brooks, the Pastor of the Juniper Avenue Seventh-day Adventist Church in Fontana, California. They are raising their children Micah and Matea along with their dog Snow in Colton.

The School of Allied Health Professions is honored to have Chaplain Dilys A. Brooks deliver her address to the graduates of the 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.