

ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH YEAR



LOMA LINDA UNIVERSITY

two thousand and twenty-one



CONFERRING OF DEGREES

School of Behavioral Health and School of Religion | 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)

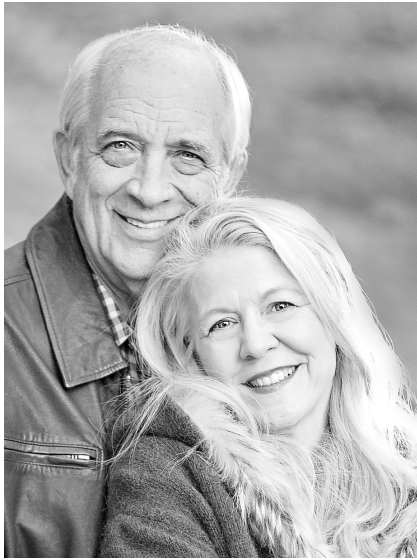
Dr. James Gulley is an internationally recognized expert in immunotherapy for cancer. He graduated from Loma Linda University with a PhD in microbiology and an MD in 1995. As part of this eight-year MD/PhD Medical Scientist Training Program, he completed a dissertation on tumor immunology. He completed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

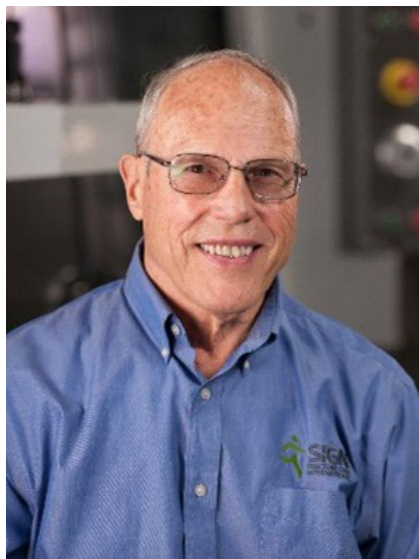
"They are dream-makers and advocates for our mission"

"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*

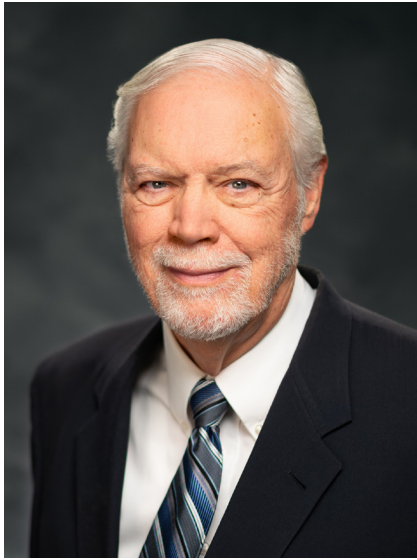
Dr. Lewis G. Zirkle has revolutionized the care of long bone fractures worldwide. The SIGN nail system he developed is not only an innovative top-quality implant, but includes a system for accountability, quality control and replenishing of supplies. This has changed the lives of thousands of people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

June thirteen, three thirty o'clock

Ronald L. Carter, University Grand Marshal, leading
Christian Johnston, Arthur Marshak, Calvin Thomsen, Associate Marshals, assisting

WELCOME
(live)

Richard H. Hart
President of the University

INVOCATION
(live)

Leo S. Ranzolin, Jr
Dean of the School of Religion

INTRODUCTION OF
CLASS OF 2021
(live)

The Dean of the School of Religion
Beverly J. Buckles, Dean of the School of Behavioral Health

INTRODUCTION OF
THE SPEAKER
(pre-recorded)

The Dean of the School of Behavioral Health

ADDRESS
(pre-recorded)

Randy Roberts
Senior Pastor, Loma Linda University Church
Vice President for Spiritual Life and Mission,
Loma Linda University Health

IN OTHER WORDS...

CONFERRING OF DEGREES
(pre-recorded)

The President

AWARDING OF DIPLOMAS
(live)

Drive-Thru Ceremonies

DEAN'S REMARKS
(pre-recorded)

The Dean of the School of Behavioral Health

BENEDICTION
(live)

Zane Yi
Associate Dean of the School of Religion

Candidates for Degrees

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

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

School of Religion

MASTER OF ARTS

Bioethics



Edwina Min Choung
BS University of Washington, Seattle 2016



Nathaniel Hoyoon Jung
BS Andrews University 2016



Hazel Otuosorochi Ezeribe
BS Andrews University 2016
Dean's Award



Nina Khanna
BA Pepperdine University 2017



Daniel Iancu
BS University of California, Riverside 2015



Chanel Hana Lee
BA Pacific Union College 2018



Amanda Jacovani
BS La Sierra University 2016



Suzie Lee
Southern Adventist University

MASTER OF SCIENCE

Chaplaincy



Cecilia Rebecca Saucedo
BS La Sierra University 2018

DOCTOR OF SCIENCE

Religion and Health



Vicki Denise Nelson

BA Atlantic Union College 2007

MA Loma Linda University SR 2012

Dissertation: Using Nominal Group Technique among Resident Physicians to Identify Key Attributes of a Burnout Prevention Program

President's Award

School of Behavioral Health

MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK

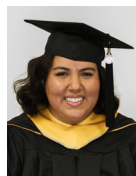
Social Work



Aaron Anthony Alonso

BSW La Sierra University 2020

Academic and Professional Excellence Award



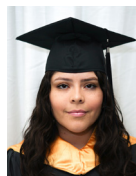
Amy Lianna Alonso

BSW La Sierra University 2020



Alexander Edgar Archer

BS Oakwood University 2017



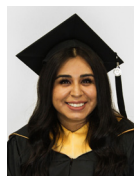
Jeanette Arvizu

BA California State University, San Marcos
2014



Elizabeth Barraza

BS La Sierra University 2019



Kimberly Beltran

BSW Pacific Union College 2018



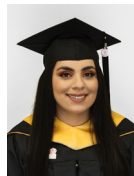
Angela Bennett

BA California Baptist University 2011



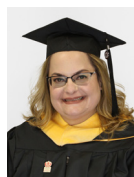
William Castillo

BSW Pacific Union College 2018



Danna Michel Cebreros

BA California State University, San Bernardino
2016



Christine Marie Diaz

BA Vanguard University of Southern
California 2004



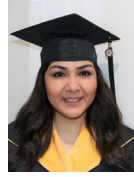
Lianna E. Escobar
BA California State University, San Bernardino
2015



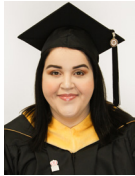
Karla Inzunza
BA California State University, Fullerton 2014



Jose Felix Esparza
BA California State University, San Bernardino
2015
Emerging Leader Award
Leadership Service Award



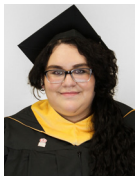
Marilyn A. Jimenez
BA California State University, San Bernardino
2013



Ruby Felix
BS California Baptist University 2017



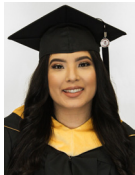
Byron Caleb Lee
BS Pacific Union College 2016
Academic and Professional Achievement Award
Leadership Service Award



Sierra Andrellita Flores
BSW Pacific Union College 2019



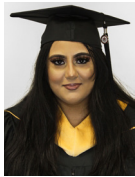
Marissa Isabelle Lian
BS Southern Adventist University 2018



Erika Franco
BA California State University, San Bernardino
2020



Eddie Lopez, Jr.
BA California State University, San Bernardino
2012
Wil Alexander Whole Person Care Award



Mary Haroun
BA California State University, San Bernardino
2018
Academic and Professional Achievement Award



Luis Enrique Macias
BS University of Providence 2018



Jessica Marie Henderson
BSW Pacific Union College 2019
Leadership Service Award



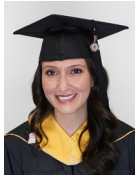
Brithany Marbun
BA University of California, Los Angeles 2017
Leadership Service Award



Nakila Shalon Hill
BA California State University, San Bernardino
2000



Jose L. Martinez
BA California Baptist University 2017
Leadership Service Award



Susan S. Menocal-Davis
BS Northern Arizona University 2013



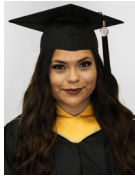
Tajhicia Kevinique Howell Rolle
BSW Pacific Union College 2020



Adriana Nunez
BA California State University, Fullerton 2010
Academic and Professional Achievement Award



Crystal Marie Ruedas
BA California State University, San Bernardino
2018
Leadership Service Award



Amy Rebecca Perez
BSW La Sierra University 2020
Academic and Professional Achievement Award



Taren Dimitty Salazar
BA University of California, Irvine 2017
Academic and Professional Achievement Award



Ana Rosa Ramos
BS University of Phoenix, Online Campus 2006



Lorena Rodriguez Salcedo
BA University of California, Irvine 2000
Academic and Professional Achievement Award



Nataly Raymundo
BS University of California, Davis 2012
Academic and Professional Achievement Award



Jenny Jazmin Sanchez-Garcia
BA California State University, Dominguez
Hills 2003



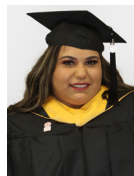
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BS University of La Verne 2018



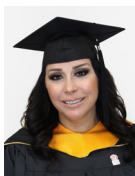
Erica E. Sierra
BS National University 2017



Sara Robbin
BA University of California, Riverside 2015
Academic and Professional Excellence Award



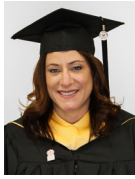
Yasmine Vargas
BS La Sierra University 2018



Diana M. Rodriguez
BS Grand Canyon University 2019



Ana B. Veliz
BA California State University, San Bernardino
2012



Jennifer Vidal
BA Brandman University 2019



Rebecca Yanez
BA University of California, Riverside 2019



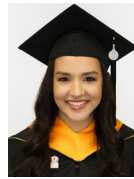
Erica Villalpando
BS University of Phoenix, Online Campus 2017

MASTER OF SCIENCE

Child Life Specialist



Susanna M. Bun
BA California State University, Long Beach
2014
Dean's Award for Master's Programs



Sade Korina Gonzales
BA California State University, Long Beach
2018



Ariel Karlyn Craig
BS University of Nevada, Reno 2014
MS Nova Southeastern University 2017



Victoria Heredia
BA California State University, San Bernardino
2018



Meghan Alexandra Cunningham
BS Texas Christian University 2017



Christian James Hetzler, DEC
BA University of California, Santa Cruz 2018
BS University of California, Santa Cruz 2018



Nancy Elizabeth Ebanks
BA California State University, Long Beach
2019



Phoebe Kao
BA University of California, Irvine 2018



Maritsa Hilda Garcia-Rios, DEC
BA San Jose State University 2015



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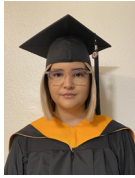


Bianca Samson
BS San Diego State University 2018



Justine Elaine Olivares, SEP
BA California State University, Sacramento
2017

Counseling



Karen Y. Acosta
BS Southwestern Adventist University 2019



Diane T. Lee
BA California State University, Fullerton 2016



Allison Rose Becerra
BA Arizona State University, Main Campus 2019
BS Arizona State University, Main Campus 2019
Outstanding Master's Student



Sara Nelson
BS Pacific Union College 2014



Priscilla Buenrostro
BA California State University, San Bernardino
2016



Kelsey Olivia Paxton, SEP
BA University of California, Los Angeles 2014



Vanessa Garcia
BA California State University, San Bernardino
2018



Brittany Kiara Stewart
BA Ohio State University, Main Campus 2019

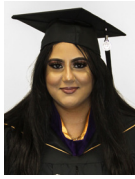
Criminal Justice



Elizabeth Barraza
BS La Sierra University 2019



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BA California Baptist University 2011



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BA California State University, San Bernardino
2018
Academic and Professional Achievement Award



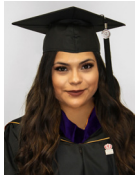
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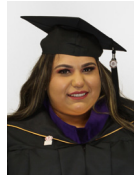
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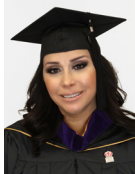
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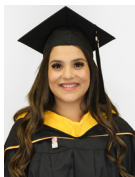
Gerontology



Amy Lianna Alonso
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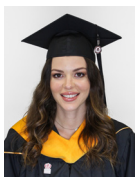


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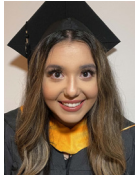
Marital and Family Therapy



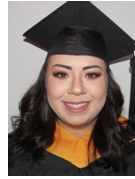
Tassia Angerbauer
BBA Florida International University 2013



Alice S. Bucur
BA California State University, San Bernardino
2019



Danielle Alexis Enriquez
 BA Loyola Marymount University 2015
 MA Gonzaga University 2018



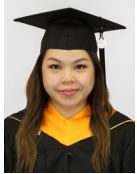
Cassandra L. Munoz, DEC
 BA California State University, San Marcos
 2018



John Keith Jacob
 BA Loma Linda University AS 1986
 MA Loma Linda University SE 1987
 EDS Loma Linda University SE 1990
 PHD Capella University 2010



Grecia Carolina Partida
 BA California State University, San Bernardino
 2017
Outstanding Master's Student



Bao Tran Minh Le
 BA University of California, Riverside 2014



Yesenia Teran
 BA California State University, San Bernardino
 2018



Jeffery Meador
 BSW Union College 2015



Nandi S. Weser, MAR
 BA San Jose State University 2017



Shannay Moctezuma Ochoa
 BS University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire 2013

DOCTOR OF MARITAL AND FAMILY THERAPY

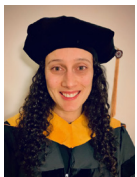
Marital and Family Therapy



Yency E. Garcia
 BA California State University, Dominguez
 Hills 2011
 MS California Baptist University 2013

DOCTOR OF PSYCHOLOGY

Psychology



Nicole Bennett
 BA The University of Alabama 2010
 MAT National Louis University 2012
 MA Loma Linda University SBH 2018



Dylan Tyler Faire
 BA California Polytechnic State University, San
 Luis Obispo 2014
 MA Loma Linda University SBH 2017



Christopher Law
 BA University of California, Merced 2015
 MA Loma Linda University SBH 2018



David Michael Ross
 BA University of California, San Diego 2011
 MA Loma Linda University SBH 2017



Kaylin F. Miller
 BA George Washington University 2012
 MA George Washington University 2014
 MA Loma Linda University SBH 2018



Michelle Adrienne Simpson
 BA San Jose State University 2012
 MA Loma Linda University SBH 2018

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

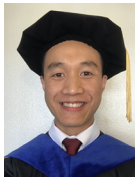
Psychology



Grant Griffin Boostrom
 BA University of California, San Diego 2005
 MA Loma Linda University SBH 2017
Dissertation: Therapeutic Processes in an Abbreviated MBSR Intervention for Parents of Children with DD



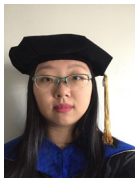
Andrea Maria Briseno
 BA California State University, San Marcos 2014
 MA Loma Linda University SBH 2016
Dissertation: Exploring the Effects of Age in a Drosophila Melanogaster Model of Traumatic Brain Injury



Neilson Chan
 BS University of California, San Diego 2013
 MA Loma Linda University SBH 2017
Dissertation: Anxiety in Three to Five Year Old Children with and without Autism Spectrum Disorder
Dean's Award for Doctoral Programs



Yasmine Kolahi
 BA University of California, Berkeley 2009
 MA Loma Linda University SBH 2017
Dissertation: Symptoms, Executive Function, Mentalization, and Functional Capacity in Schizophrenia



Hyo Jin Lee
 BS Pacific Union College 2014
 MA Loma Linda University SBH 2016
Dissertation: Correlates of Problematic Gambling as Correlates of Problematic Video Game Use



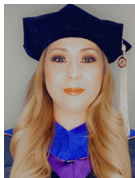
Ann Tram Nguyen
 BA University of California, Riverside 2011
 MA Loma Linda University SBH 2016
Dissertation: Factors Related to Cognitive Reserve in Healthy Older Adults



Shaina Roxanne Ponce, DEC
 BA Pacific Union College 2011
 MA Loma Linda University SBH 2016
Dissertation: Subjective Emotional Experience and Social Cognition in Schizophrenia and Healthy Controls



Darrell Gene Rice
 BA University of Redlands 2015
 MA Loma Linda University SBH 2017
Dissertation: Effectiveness of the WISDOM Program in Improving Geriatric Depression, Anxiety, and Cognitive Function



Lelah Sharra Villalpando
 BA Nazarene Bible College 2011
 MA Argosy University, Phoenix 2015
 MA Loma Linda University SBH 2017
Dissertation: Comparison of Neurofeedback Treatment on PTSD Symptoms within Military and Non-Military Populations



Katherine Shu-Han Wu
 BA Amherst College 2010
 MA Loma Linda University SBH 2018
Dissertation: Nonsexual Boundary Crossing in Psychotherapy: Factors in Ethical Decision-Making

Social Policy and Social Research

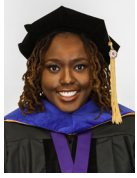


Nenette Arely Caceres
 BA Mount Saint Mary's College 2009
 MS California State University, Long Beach 2015
Dissertation: Exploring the Social and Cultural Determinants of Elderly Latinos' Quality of Life



Nipher Mercy Malika, MAR
 BS Northwest Nazarene University 2011
 MPH Loma Linda University PH 2015
Dissertation: Understanding the Psychosocial Factors Affecting Prostate Cancer Screening in African Immigrant Men
President's Award

Systems, Families & Couples



Sandra Abidemi Banjoko

BS Johnson & Wales University 2012

MPH Loma Linda University PH 2015

MS Loma Linda University SBH 2018

Dissertation: What's Faith Got To Do With It? Christian Sexual Script and the Transition Into Marriage



Natalie Wei-Mun Hsieh

BA Stanford University 2003 MA Stanford University 2004

MA Bethel Seminary San Diego 2013

MS Loma Linda University SBH 2017

Dissertation: Constructing Bicultural Shame Resilience in Chinese Americans: A Grounded Theory Study

Nipher Malika—*President's Award (SBH)*



B.S. Northwest Nazarene University 2011

M.P.H. Loma Linda University PH 2015

President's Award 2021

Nipher Malika is receiving her doctoral degree in Social Policy and Social Research from the Loma Linda School of Behavioral Health. In conjunction with her public health training, she identifies as a social epidemiologist with research interests in health disparities. She seeks to explore how immigrants, minorities, and low-income families and communities with chronic diseases navigate social systems and access support.

Her doctoral dissertation research challenged the monolithic views about the Black diaspora in the U.S. by assessing differences in health profiles and psychosocial factors in prostate cancer screening between African immigrants, Caribbean immigrants and African Americans. Nipher is trained in qualitative and quantitative research methodologies and the synergistic utilization of both, for a more comprehensive assessment. Her past work has focused on health challenges among low-income and minority population in the U.S. but also in Peru, Argentina, India and Kenya. Her recent collaborations include research on the barriers of COVID-19 vaccinations in local low-income minority populations, how varying environmental conditions in slum populations affect hygiene adoption, and the impact of sleep disparities on mental health among low-income students.

In addition to her academic and professional pursuits, Nipher has been active in local and global service. As a student, she served as the student Vice President of International Missions, and in this role, she sought to further expand the culture of service and international missions on our LLU campus. Locally, she volunteers by running a weekly educational program helping homeless, runaway, and at-risk youth attain their GED and pursue higher education. She has also worked with Community Academic Partners in Service (CAPS) to provide services to San Bernardino County residents. Globally, she enjoys travelling with Students for International Mission Service (SIMS) to many countries, providing medical care, public health education and community-based service.

In recognition of her academic excellence, her unwavering commitment to service, and human qualities that promote the goals of her chosen profession, and support the mission of this institution, the School of Behavioral Health is pleased to present Dr. Nipher Malika with the 2021 *PRESIDENT'S AWARD*.

Vicki D. Nelson—*President's Award (SR)*



B.A. Atlantic Union College 2007
M.A. Loma Linda University SR 2012

President's Award 2021

Having begun her career as a nurse in both adult and pediatric critical care settings, Vicki's professional experience brings a unique perspective to the relationship between religion and health. Her interest in teaching was awakened as she raised her children, and this led her to pursue a bachelor's degree in the liberal arts, with an emphasis in science and religion. She developed a deep interest in wholeness teaching religion at the secondary level, while also serving as a school counselor and this led her to pursue graduate studies in clinical ministry and chaplaincy, ultimately matriculating into a doctoral program in Religion and Health with a certification in Lifestyle Intervention, which she is graduating from this year.

Vicki's passion for wholeness is evident in the course she teaches at the graduate level for the School of Religion at Loma Linda University, classes such as Whole Person Care, and Wholeness and Health, and, at Andrews University, where she also teaches as an adjunct professor, Fundamentals of Spirituality and Ethics in Healthcare. The importance of wholeness has been magnified by the current state of our COVID-19-world, and post-pandemic unrest, uncertainty, and fear, causing her to develop a strong focus on self-care, with a desire to incorporate a holistic, Christ-centered approach. Her goal is to promote a wholeness-centered self-care plan that touches every aspect of peoples' lives with God at the center. This kind of approach to spiritual health and well-being, Vicki believes, can be offered to those holding diverse worldviews from the "ardently religious to the atheistic rationalist."

In recognition of her academic performance, her commitment to wholeness, and her passion for promoting this institution's motto – "To Make Man Whole," the School of Religion is pleased to present Vicki D. Nelson with the 2021 *PRESIDENT'S AWARD*.

Bertrand Moses—*Alumnus of the Year (SBH)*



National Coordinator of Child Affairs,
Office of the Prime Minister in Trinidad
and Tobago
Founder, Balance 365

B. S. Andrews University 2006
M.S. Loma Linda University SBH 2013
*UN Post-Graduate Study Program in Social
Policy and Program Development*

Atlantic Fellow for Health Equity 2020
*Trinidad and Tobago's National Youth
Leadership*
*Innovation Excellence Award, Andrews
University*
*Most Outstanding Alumni Award, Andrews
University*
Most Outstanding Masters Student
*Contribution to the Field Award, Loma Linda
University SBH*
*Wil Alexander Whole Person Care Award,
Loma Linda University SBH*

In his role as the Coordinator of Child Affairs in the Office of the Prime Minister of Trinidad and Tobago (T & T), Bertrand Moses has spearheaded a series of “firsts” that have catalyzed efforts to protect children and encourage respect for their rights. Under his leadership, the Caribbean region’s first National Child Policy was developed; the first-ever T&T Child Rights Ambassadors program was created, which resulted in educating more than 343,500 individuals on children’s rights; and to date, he has trained over 3,000 key stakeholders in areas such as children’s rights and legislation, child protection, and mental health.

Bertrand has a passion for social and human development, which has resulted in him serving in several capacities. In 2019, he served as a consultant and presenter for the Caribbean’s first Wellness Innovation Technology Sustainability (WITS) Summit featuring speakers such as Dr. Tom Price, former United States Secretary of Health and Human Services. In 2020, he was recognized by Trinidad & Tobago’s Ministry of Sport & Youth Affairs as a positive national male figure, and was selected to serve as a Master Mentor in the MPowerTT initiative that focuses on young male mentorship, training & empowerment. He also serves as a board member on the Caribbean Child Rights and Restorative Justice Organization (CRARJO)—an NGO which is also the organizing body of the International Society of Family Law’s 17th World Conference. Finally, he serves on the Steering Committee of the Volunteer Association of Trinidad & Tobago’s Mentorship program for at-risk youth, executed in collaboration with Prince’s Trust International established by His Royal Highness, The Prince of Wales.

He is also the founder of Balance 365, an organization through which he delivers corporate and community mental health and mental fitness workshops, psychotherapy, as well as career and wellness coaching.

For his passionate commitment servant leadership, mental health, and the protection of those most vulnerable; and his valuable contributions to the field of mental health, the School of Behavioral Health names Bertrand Moses *SCHOOL ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR*.

Randall (Randy) L. Roberts—*LLUSBH Distinguished Service Award and Speaker*



Senior Pastor, Loma Linda University Church
Vice President for Spiritual Life and Mission, Loma Linda University Health

B.A. Southwestern Adventist University 1981
M.Div. Andrews University 1985
M.A. Alliant International University 1991
D.Min. Fuller Theological Seminary 1996

Charles E. Weniger Award for Excellence 2005
The Thomas and Violet Zapara Excellence in Teaching Award 1998
Outstanding Faculty Award, Loma Linda University School of Medicine, Class of 1994

Randy Roberts was born in South America to missionary parents Bob and Bettye Roberts, and until he reached college age lived in Latin America.

In 1987, he began work as a chaplain at Loma Linda University (LLU) Medical Center, and for seven years provided patient and staff support, spiritual care and counseling; during that time, he was instrumental in establishing and leading the Medical Center's grief recovery program. Randy began teaching full-time in the School of Religion in early 1994, holding the rank of Associate Professor and serving as Associate Dean. While teaching in the School of Religion, he also served on the pastoral staff of the Corona Seventh-day Adventist Church from 1996 to 2000, the latter part of that time serving as the senior pastor.

In September of 2000, Pastor Roberts began his duties as the senior pastor of the Loma Linda University Church of Seventh-day Adventists, and under his leadership, the collaborative partnerships between the Church and the University have strengthened and united in an unprecedented way. In 2016, he was invited to serve as Vice President for Spiritual Life and Mission for Loma Linda University Health, further integrating spiritual efforts and focus between the two.

Randy has spoken to many and varied audiences both nationally and internationally; written articles for various publications; and authored one book for Pacific Press, entitled, *Waiting and Longing* (formerly published as, *The End is Near [Again]*).

Randy is married to Anita (Justiniano) Roberts, who works for the Southeastern California Conference of SDA in the areas of Prayer Ministries and Pastoral Spouse Support Ministries. Randy and Anita have two adult children, Austin and Miranda.

For his commitment to this institution in the many areas and academic environments where he has served, his leadership and contributions to promoting the mission of this institution – "To continue to teaching and healing ministry of Jesus Christ," the School of Behavioral Health is honored to recognize Pastor Randy Roberts with the 2020-2021 *DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD*. Pastor Roberts will also be delivering the commencement address for the School of Behavioral Health and the School of Religion 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.