

ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH YEAR



LOMA LINDA UNIVERSITY

two thousand and twenty-one



CONFERRING OF DEGREES  
School of Nursing | 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.

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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)*

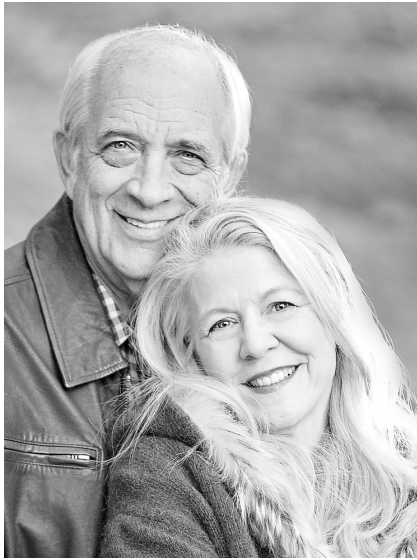
Dr. James Gulley is an internationally recognized expert in immunotherapy for cancer. He graduated from Loma Linda University with a PhD in microbiology and an MD in 1995. As part of this eight-year MD/PhD Medical Scientist Training Program, he completed a dissertation on tumor immunology. He completed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

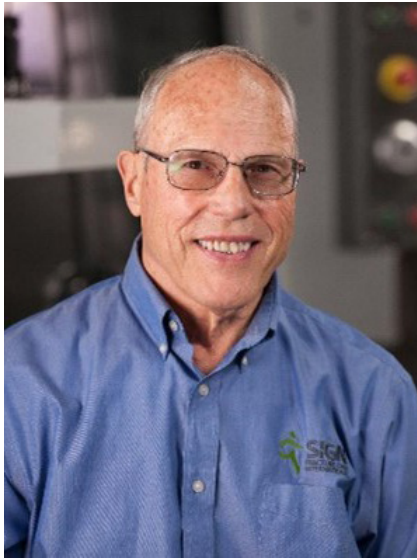
"They are dream-makers and advocates for our mission"

"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*

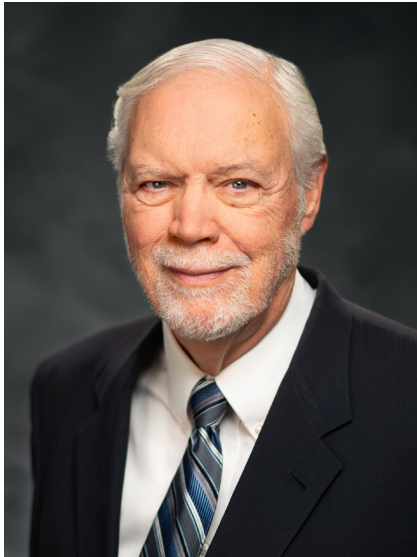
Dr. Lewis G. Zirkle has revolutionized the care of long bone fractures worldwide. The SIGN nail system he developed is not only an innovative top-quality implant, but includes a system for accountability, quality control and replenishing of supplies. This has changed the lives of thousands of people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

June thirteen, eight o'clock

Ronald L. Carter, University Grand Marshal, leading  
Ellen D'Errico, Sabine Dunbar, Kathi Wild, Associate Marshals, assisting

WELCOME  
*(live)*

Richard H. Hart  
President of the University

INVOCATION  
*(live)*

Brandie Richards  
Associate Dean for Undergraduate Programs and Student Affairs

INTRODUCTION OF  
CLASS OF 2021  
*(live)*

Elizabeth A. Bossert  
Dean of the School

INTRODUCTION OF  
THE SPEAKER  
*(pre-recorded)*

The Dean

ADDRESS  
*(pre-recorded)*

Marilyn Herrmann  
Emerita Dean, Loma Linda University School of Nursing

YOU ARE LEAVING LOMA LINDA UNIVERSITY,  
BUT LOMA LINDA UNIVERSITY WILL NEVER LEAVE YOU

CONFERRING OF DEGREES  
*(pre-recorded)*

The President

AWARDING OF DIPLOMAS  
*(live)*

Drive-Thru Ceremonies

DEAN'S REMARKS  
*(pre-recorded)*

The Dean

BENEDICTION  
*(live)*

Shawn B. Collins  
Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Graduate Programs

# 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.

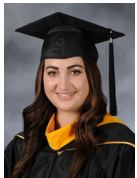
## BACHELOR OF SCIENCE



Amyela J. Adarlo, MAR, cum laude



Hosanna Jace E. Anunciacion, magna cum laude



Roz Arianna Agheli, DEC, cum laude  
*Class of 1966 Mentor Scholarship Award*



Stephanie Marie Arellano, DEC, cum laude



Miguel Aguayo, MAR, cum laude



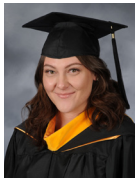
Syria A. Armenta, MAR, summa cum laude



Kiana Akaveka



Alexis Kaili Arnott, DEC



Summer Lindsey Alejo, MAR, cum laude



Menzer Stephen Averbeck



Nicole Anne De Leon Alvarez, MAR



Adriana Marlene Balboa, cum laude



Michelle V. Barrera, cum laude



Sarah Michelle Bunke, MAR, summa cum laude



Monica B. Bautista, DEC, summa cum laude



Samuel Alan Cabrera



Kevin Becerra, DEC, cum laude



Danilo Salvador Cabuhat, Jr., MAR, cum laude



Winta Berhe Hailemariam, MAR, cum laude



Jennifer Camarillo, DEC



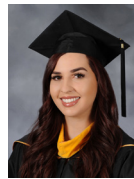
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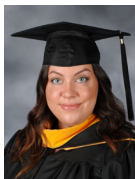
Kelle Breann Casas, DEC, cum laude



Belle Irish Lagonera Bito-Onon, cum laude



Evangeline Consuelo Castellon, summa cum laude



Juliet Bredfeldt, DEC, magna cum laude



Honoria Onyinyechi Caulker, DEC



Michael Bueti, MAR



Trisha Alexis Cease, DEC, summa cum laude



Jordan Cervantes, MAR, cum laude



Derrick James Cook, cum laude



Isabel Chavez, DEC



Alyssa Varona Cosejo, DEC, cum laude



Selina Monique Chavez, DEC, cum laude



Kaylee Rose Cuevas, MAR, cum laude



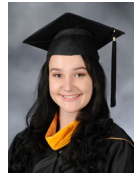
Jimena Chin, cum laude



Matthew S. Dalija, MAR



Hannah Hae-Mi Cho, MAR



Ashley Marie Danville, DEC



Elizabeth Zelin Chong, DEC



Rachel Rose Davison, DEC, cum laude



Ying Yan Chu, magna cum laude



Melody R. Decker, magna cum laude



Gina Chung, DEC



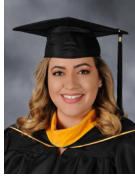
Peter Huubach Dinh I, MAR



Wendy Shirly Dio, DEC, cum laude



Consuelo Garcia I, cum laude



Jessica Cassandra Dorame-Botts, MAR,  
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Maria Alejandra Garcia, MAR



Khayla Doxey, DEC



Jessica Vanessa Garrett, MAR, cum  
laude



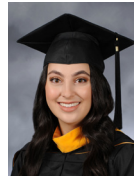
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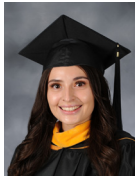
Lorry Ann Glass, MAR



Willow Janae Ellis, DEC, cum laude



Zoe Alondra Gonsier, cum laude



Ana Janette Fiallos



Mirna Gonzalez, cum laude



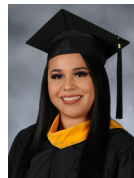
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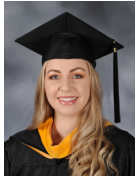
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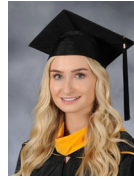
Samantha Victoria Franco, DEC



Clarissa Grajeda, DEC, cum laude



Alyssa C. Grisham, MAR, cum laude



Stephanie Dianna Jacob, DEC, magna cum laude



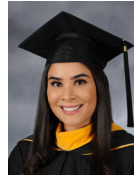
Arna Alyssa Gonzales Gumangan



Jessica Ashley James, MAR, cum laude



Kevin Scott Gunn-Nastruzzi, summa cum laude



Letisia Jaquez Corral



Sarah Harry, cum laude



Jane Hufana Javierto, cum laude



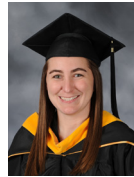
Jacquelyn A. Hawkins, cum laude



Miriam Graciela Jimenez Acosta, cum laude



Bailey M. Hernandez, DEC



Staci Linn Johnson, DEC



Brice Anthony Hill, DEC



Devon Rene Kelly, MAR, summa cum laude



Vannessa Louise Huff, MAR  
*Dean's Award*



London Sinclair Keys, MAR



Peter Hang Lien Khai, cum laude



Lan Hoang Le, DEC, magna cum laude



Ashley Jiyun Kim, MAR, cum laude



Fabiana Lezama, MAR, cum laude  
*Class of 1966 Mentor Scholarship Award*



Ha Neul Kim, DEC



Wenxin Li, MAR, cum laude



Kevin Kim, MAR



Johanna Camille Muñoz Licup, cum laude



Alexis Michele Lanssens, MAR



Jasper Jye-Peir Lin, MAR, cum laude



Eddie Lara



Thien So Liu, MAR



Fernanda Kathy Lara, MAR



Jacqueline Alisi Lolie



Ryan Quan Lau



Abel Arnoldo Lopez



Frank Westley Lopez, cum laude



Ashleyann Maramba Marshall, DEC



Alyssa Michelle Loriezo, cum laude



Sarah M. Martin, magna cum laude



Dona Louis



Ruben Rabino Maruquin, Jr.



Sejal Kishor Madhani, MAR, summa cum laude



Arianna Mason



Erika Joyce Lumanglas Magsino, MAR, cum laude



Melissa Mabel Matul, DEC



Sofia Rowan Maranto, DEC, cum laude



Anne D. Molina, DEC



Madison Alexandra Markey, MAR



Rodrigo Moralez, DEC



Jessica Elizabeth Marruffo, DEC



Jessica Morelia, MAR





Johnathan Nguyen, DEC, magna cum laude



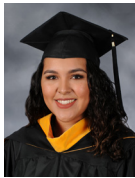
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Kathy Thi Nguyen, DEC



Mayte Perez, cum laude



Karina Nolasco, DEC



Gibson E. Prihandayadi, MAR



Gil A. Ocdamia, MAR, cum laude



Leslie Jeanette Reveles, MAR, magna cum laude



Ruth Olivas, cum laude



Rebecca Jay Erika Acoba Reyes, cum laude



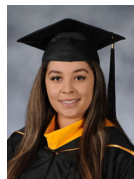
Griselda Ortiz, summa cum laude



Gabriella Maureen Robles, MAR



Kana W. Ozeki, MAR



Jocelyn Robles, DEC, cum laude



Michael Edward Paden



Jonathan David Rojas, MAR, cum laude



Princess Villamero Rom, DEC



Shannon Brook Seheult, MAR, cum laude



Josiah Nathaniel Salazar, DEC



Hieronimus Solo, DEC, cum laude  
*Wil Alexander Whole Person Care Award*



Nidia Salcido



Annie Soren, cum laude



Marisa Janelle Salkey, DEC



Rohit K. Sougu, MAR, cum laude



Etone Vonshay Sams, MAR, cum laude



Steven Stenner, DEC



Brenda E. Sandoval Baca



Natalya Stewart, DEC, magna cum laude



Timothy Adam Michael Robles Santos, MAR, cum laude



Christine Neri Oliverio Tantay, DEC, cum laude



Clay Joseph Schlund, DEC



William Robert Taylor, DEC, cum laude



Christopher P. Thompson



Noelle E. Vigil, DEC



Marcy Thong, MAR



Jena M. Willis



Aileen I. Torres, MAR



Alan Wong



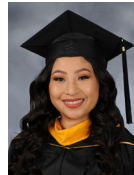
Xochitl Alicia Torres, MAR, cum laude



Ethan Michael Wuysang, MAR, cum laude



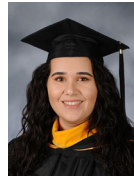
ARionn Dominic Townsend, MAR, cum laude



Amy L. Xaysanapannha, DEC



Kevin Tran, MAR



Marjorie Lynmar Yanez, DEC, cum laude



Sophia Sophearinny Ung



Brianna L. Young, DEC



Francisco Valdivia, MAR



Sara Yu, MAR



Dulce Karina Zaragoza Mendoza



Melissa Renel Zezima, cum laude

**RN TO BS**



Rosaisela Bermudez Alvear, MAR, cum laude



Stephanie Nicole Gomez



Rosalie V. Aragon



Amanda Marie Joy, cum laude



Jamie Lynn Avalos



Nancy Farmer Linsmeier



Marie Kris Azcuna Boco, magna cum laude



Erika R. Olguin, MAR, summa cum laude



Haili Lynn Fry



Jennifer Orosco, DEC



Krystal Victoria Garcia



Bernadette Marie Recasner



Kelly Lynn Rybarczyk



Abigail Jenae Smith, SEP



Vicki Lynn Sepulveda



Megan N. Stephey, MAR, cum laude



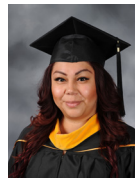
Barrett Richard Sheehan, MAR



Anita Joyce Wynne-Ferreira, cum laude



Shaunda Lea Slaght, cum laude



Blanca Elizabeth Xivir Gonzalez

## MASTER OF SCIENCE



Tamara Jean Hitchcock  
BS University of California, Riverside 2005  
BS Loma Linda University SN 2009



Sherry Lynn Sisson  
BS University of Redlands 1995  
BS Loma Linda University SN 2017



Sherry Lynn Lee  
BS University of Phoenix, San Diego Campus  
2005

## DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE



Austin Nicole Alicastro  
BA University of California, Irvine 2013  
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Angelika Praise Ashburn  
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Raina Groover, DEC  
BA Hampton University 1994  
BS Washington Adventist University 2005  
MS Washington Adventist University 2015



Arian Andrea Behziz  
BSN University of San Francisco 2013



Tori Masako Ikehara  
BS University of Hawaii, Manoa 2013



Frida Bundi  
BSN Grand Canyon University 2017



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BSN Wright State University, Main Campus  
1991  
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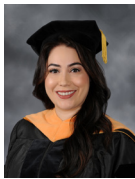
Nguyen Thi Nhu Le  
BA University of California, Santa Barbara  
2007  
BS Loma Linda University SN 2017



Faye Angelique Antonio Celestino  
BS Walla Walla University 2015



Claire Michelle Loden  
BS Loma Linda University SN 2015



Alexandria Pricilla Corral  
BS California State University, Fullerton 2016



Kirsten Manalo Ebuenga  
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Bryant Gamboa  
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*DNP Project Award*



Rose Lily Marendes  
BSN Azusa Pacific University 2017



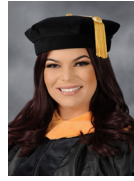
Lorraine Nicole Canada Gonzales  
BS Southwestern Adventist University 2016



Kaishawn Denise McDuffie  
BA St. Catherine University 1996



Miriam Elizabeth Mirmotahari  
BS Walla Walla University 2015



Raquel Batrice Ruggiero  
BSN Azusa Pacific University 2018



Nesi Villaraza Napod  
BSN Kaplan University 2011  
MS Loma Linda University SN 2017



Marissa M Sarabia  
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Sherry Lynn Nolfe  
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MS Loma Linda University SN 2018



Heather Marie Schlund  
BS Southern Adventist University 2014



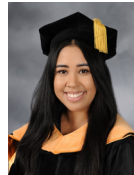
Alyssa Marie Norman  
BS La Sierra University 2011  
BS Loma Linda University SN 2016



Erica My Tran  
BS Pacific Union College 2014



Clarissa Bussell Purkeypile  
BS Loma Linda University SN 2015  
*President's Award*



Athena Dari Tuot  
BS Loma Linda University SN 2016



Enid Swail Ramos  
BS Southern Adventist University 2013  
MS Loma Linda University SN 2019



Claudia Vazquez  
BSN Pacific Union College 2000



Sepi Dawn Reissmueller  
BS California State University, Fullerton 2016



Ella S. Wagner  
BS Walla Walla University 2016  
*Dean's Award*



Jamie Lynn Robinson  
BS Loma Linda University SN 2017



Nolan David Renee Wangsnes  
BS Loma Linda University SN 2017



Rakhila Williams  
BS Oakwood University 2017

## DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY



Marie Therese Georges  
BS Andrews University 1997  
MS University of Maryland, Baltimore 2005  
*Dissertation: Burnout in Haitian Nurses: A Correlational Study Using Watson's Theory of Caring as a Lens*



# Nurse's Pledge

I solemnly pledge myself, before God  
and in the presence of this assembly  
to practice faithfully my profession  
of nursing.

I will do all in my power to make and maintain the highest  
standards and practices of my profession.

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

I will serve as a loyal member of the health care team and will  
devote myself to the welfare of my patients, my families,  
and my community.

I will endeavor to fulfill my rights and privileges as a good  
citizen, and to take my share of responsibility in promoting  
the health and welfare of my community.

I will constantly endeavor to increase my knowledge and skills in  
nursing and to use them wisely.

I will zealously seek to nurse those who are ill, wherever they may  
be and whenever they are in need.

I will be active in assisting others in safeguarding and promoting  
the health and happiness of humanity.

*Adapted from the International Pledge of Nursing*

## Clarissa Bussell Purkeypile—*President's Award*



*B.S. Loma Linda University SN 2015*

*Member, Sigma Theta Tau International  
President's Award 2021*

Clarissa Bussell Purkeypile, completed her undergraduate education at La Sierra University and Loma Linda University School of Nursing (LLUSN), where she was awarded the Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing in 2015.

During her time in the School of Nursing, Clarissa has developed excellent advanced clinical caregiving and leadership skills, as cultivated through her RN experiences in the Emergency Department and Cardiac Intensive Care Units, and as a student in the Doctor of Nursing Practice–Family Nurse Practitioner (DNP-FNP) Program. Clarissa is a team player, and a proactive professional, committed to excellence in her work.

Clarissa has been involved in leadership activities within in the hospital and in the School of Nursing. She has been a leader in quality improvement projects and in the mentoring of new unit nurses. She also serves as a member on the LLUSN alumni board. Her volunteer activities have included hospital unit philanthropic opportunities such as donation drives for those impacted by fires and for underserved population needs, particularly during the holidays. Clarissa works with unit programs to support staff emotionally and has participated in University mission trips and the Helping Hands Pantry on weekends.

Clarissa has been an excellent student throughout her time here at Loma Linda University, and exhibits a passion for nursing staff and the patients she cares for. Her DNP Project entitled, *The Impact of Burnout Education and Resources on Nursing Call off's and Emotional Exhaustion* further evidences her passion for excellence in staff performance in the clinical arena. Clarissa has recently completed a clinical rotation in the international heart institute outpatient cardiology center at the Medical Center and is looking forward to shifting her career into the outpatient care realm. She also holds membership in Sigma Theta Tau, International.

In recognition of her academic excellence, exemplary leadership skills, and her commitment to serve those in her profession and in her community, the School of Nursing is pleased to present Dr. Clarissa Bussell Purkeypile with the 2021 *PRESIDENT'S AWARD*.

## Marilyn Herrmann—*Speaker*



Emerita Dean, School of Nursing, Loma  
Linda University

*B.S. Columbia Union College 1965*

*M.S. Loma Linda University 1980*

*Ph.D. Claremont Graduate University 1992*

*Loma Linda University Distinguished Service  
Award 2015*

*General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists  
Medal of Distinction from the Health  
Ministry 2014*

*American Men and Women of Science 1997*

*Who's Who Among American Teachers 1996,  
1988*

Most of Dr. Marilyn Herrmann's career has been spent at Loma Linda University School of Nursing (LLUSN). She graduated from Columbia Union College (now Washington Adventist University) in 1965 and then worked for a very short time in the acute care setting. Shortly after marrying Cliff Herrmann, they moved to Virginia, where Cliff attended graduate school, and Marilyn worked as the only public health nurse in Floyd County.

The family moved to Houston, Texas, for Cliff to complete post-doctoral education, before accepting a faculty appointment at Loma Linda University, where he was a faculty member in the Biochemistry Department from 1971-2005.

In 1980, with both of her children in elementary school, Marilyn completed a master's degree in Public Health Nursing and began her teaching career at LLUSN. In 1989, she was asked to lead the Undergraduate Nursing Program, and following completion of her Ph.D., became Associate Dean of the Undergraduate Program. She continued in this position until 2006, when she was asked to be Dean; a position she held until her retirement in 2015.

Since retiring from the School of Nursing, she has helped the University by being Interim Dean for the School of Pharmacy and working on updating university policies for the latest accreditation visit. Dr. Herrmann says the greatest satisfaction in her academic career has been watching students develop nursing skills and then seeing them continue to live out the University's mission, "To make man whole," in their professional lives.

The Herrmann's children have followed their parents into educational careers, Paul as a faculty member at Loma Linda University in the School of Medicine, and Ruth as an elementary school teacher.

Dr. Herrmann will deliver her address to the 2021 graduates of the School of Nursing



## 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.