

ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH YEAR



LOMA LINDA UNIVERSITY

two thousand and twenty-one



CONFERRING OF DEGREES
School of Public Health | 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)

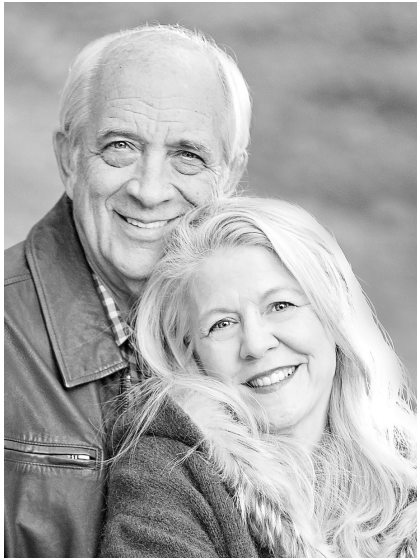
Dr. James Gulley is an internationally recognized expert in immunotherapy for cancer. He graduated from Loma Linda University with a PhD in microbiology and an MD in 1995. As part of this eight-year MD/PhD Medical Scientist Training Program, he completed a dissertation on tumor immunology. He completed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

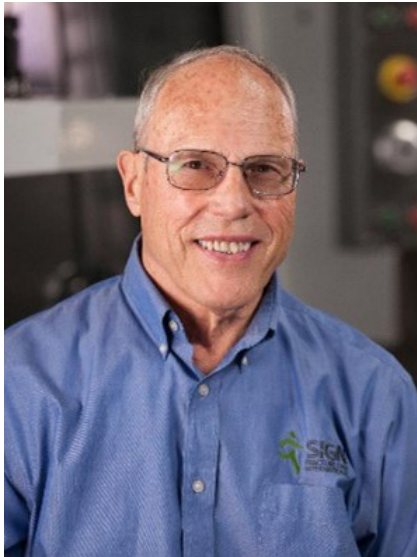
"They are dream-makers and advocates for our mission"

"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*

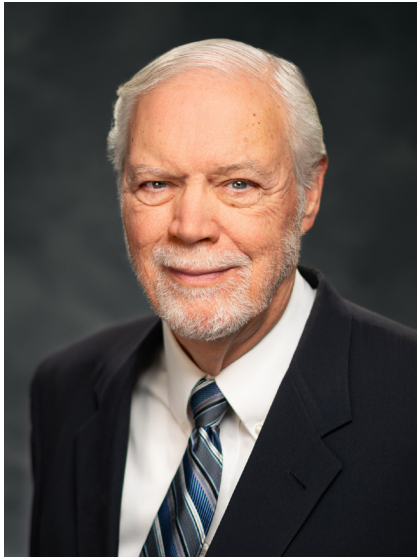
Dr. Lewis G. Zirkle has revolutionized the care of long bone fractures worldwide. The SIGN nail system he developed is not only an innovative top-quality implant, but includes a system for accountability, quality control and replenishing of supplies. This has changed the lives of thousands of people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

June thirteen, twelve o'clock

Ronald L. Carter, University Grand Marshal, leading
Larry Beeson, Ron Mataya, Anna Nelson, Associate Marshals, assisting

WELCOME
(live)

Richard H. Hart
President of the University

INVOCATION
(live)

Helen Hopp Marshak
Dean of the School

INTRODUCTION OF
CLASS OF 2021
(live)

The Dean

INTRODUCTION OF
THE SPEAKER
(pre-recorded)

The Dean

ADDRESS
(pre-recorded)

The President

THE TROUBLE WITH PUBLIC HEALTH

CONFERRING OF DEGREES
(pre-recorded)

The President

AWARDING OF DIPLOMAS
(live)

Drive-Thru Ceremony

DEAN'S REMARKS
(pre-recorded)

The Dean

BENEDICTION
(live)

Dwight Barrett
Executive Associate Dean for Student Services and Administration

Candidates for Degrees

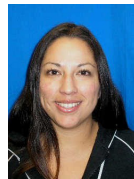
The listing of a candidate's name in the commencement program is presumptive evidence of graduation but is not to be regarded as conclusive.

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

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION



Shameema Adibzadeh
BA Temple University 2009 MA Temple
University 2013



Nancy Rackovan
BS California State University, Fullerton 2013

MASTER OF HEALTH-CARE ADMINISTRATION



Zainub Ali
BS University of California, Los Angeles 2018
Delta Omega Honor Society
Sylvia Ram Memorial Scholarship Fund



Brandon Anthony Lee
BS San Diego State University 2019



Ashiman Gill
BDS Pandit Bhagwat Dayal Sharma University
of Health Sciences, Rohtak 2017



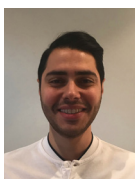
Hector McClain
BBA Columbus State University 2003



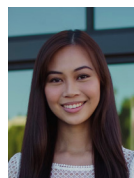
Nathaniel Chi-Wai Kan
BS Pacific Union College 2017



Thomas R. Melton II
BS Southern Adventist University 2018
President's Award
*Merrit C. Horning Award for Outstanding
Research*
Delta Omega Honor Society
*Bob & Ruth Heroig School of Public Health
Scholarship Endowment Fund*
Lynna S. Belin Health Administration Scholarship
SPH Student Association Charlie Liu Award



Haigaz G. Kazazian
BS University of Southern California 2015



Sigrid Emmanuelle A. Panugao
BS Pacific Union College 2018
S. Eric Anderson Scholarship
Community Outreach Project Scholarship
Callicott Student Support Fund



Brandon J. Korompis
BS University of California, Riverside 2018
Dean's Award



Daniel D. Rangel, Jr.
BA Azusa Pacific University 2016
Hammond - Hardinge Student Assistance Fund



Randall John Tolosa
BS Arizona State University West 2018



Kiahna Nicole Silva
BS Caldwell College 2018

MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH



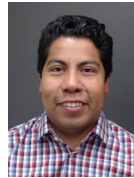
Zaira Andrea Acevedo Becerril
nutrition
BS Johnson & Wales University, Denver 2016
International Student Assistance



Michele Denise Anderson
health education
BA California State University, Chico 1984



Ugochi S. Ajuonu
global health
BA Saint Marys College of California 2019
Hammond - Hardinge Student Assistance Fund



Cesar T. Barrera
health education
BA University of Redlands 2015
Naomi Modeste MPH in Health Promotion and Education Scholarship



Karen A. Alfaro, MAR
global health
BS San Jose State University 2019



Jessica Brownlow
health education and wellness coaching
BS Southern Adventist University 2018
Delta Omega Honor Society



Amjad Mohammed Alsaeed, MAR
health education and wellness coaching
BACH/EQV Qassim University 2014



Oscar Siquem Bustillos
health education
BA La Sierra University 2012



Jenae Anderson
nutrition
BS University of California, Los Angeles 2014



Susy Fea Hen Chang
nutrition
BS University of California, Los Angeles 2008



Melina Chanthanouvong, DEC
health education and wellness coaching
 BS Minnesota State University, Mankato 2018



Rose-Ann Odetha Francis
nutrition
 BS Andrews University 2010
 BS University of the Southern Caribbean 2018
International Student Assistance



Chassitie Tina Marie Anela Char
nutrition
 BS University of La Verne 2019
Hulda Crooks Scholarship Award



Sarai Garnica
health education and wellness coaching
 BS Azusa Pacific University 2018



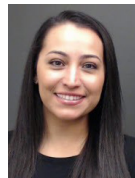
Jeremy Lee Clay
population medicine
 BS Walla Walla University 2012
 MD Loma Linda University SM 2017



Lauren Gold
nutrition
 BA American University 2013



Christina R. Cracchiolo
nutrition
 BS Winthrop University 2017
The SPH Stout Family Scholarship Fund



Raquel Ariana Gonzales
nutrition
 BS California State Polytechnic University,
 Pomona 2013



Edwin Andre De Kock
population medicine
 BA Walla Walla University 2012
 MD Loma Linda University SM 2017



Melissa Grafals
health education
 MD Centro de Estudios Universitarios de
 Xochicalco 2006



Simone Danielle Nicole DeShields
population medicine
 BS University of California, Los Angeles 2015
 MMS Loma Linda University SM 2017
Delta Omega Honor Society



Diane Han
nutrition
 BS University of California, Davis 2019
Community Outreach Project Scholarship



Brianna J. Egan
nutrition
 BS University of California, San Diego 2016
Hulda Crooks Research Grant
Community Outreach Project Scholarship
Delta Omega Honor Society



Ronald A. Harmon
population medicine
 BS Andrews University 2014



Gladys N. Ekwurube
population medicine
 BSN University of Phoenix, Online Campus
 2015



Kasey Harry, DEC
health education and wellness coaching
 BS Oakwood University 2019



Gia Michelle Hernandez, MAR
global health
 BS Biola University 2015
Delta Omega Honor Society



Aiyinde Nefwa Lawrence, MAR
health education and wellness coaching
 BS Oakwood University 2019



Ryan Herring
population medicine
 BS University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
 2013
 MD University of Illinois at Chicago 2018



Justin Ray Leal
health education
 BS California State University, Bakersfield 2016



Christian Eunsik Jeon
global health
 BA Andrews University 2016
 BBA Andrews University 2016



Linelle-Anne E. Libang, MAR
health education and wellness coaching
 BS California State University, Northridge 2018



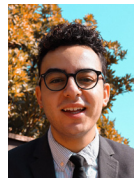
Summer Nicole Johnson
nutrition
 BS La Sierra University 2016



Margarita B. Martinez
epidemiology
 BS California State University, Northridge 2015
Hulda Crooks Scholarship Award
Delta Omega Honor Society
SPH - Dr. James L. Welch Scholarship Fund



Keisha Jordan
epidemiology
 BS Washington Adventist University 2015
 MS Touro College 2017
Callicott Student Support Fund



David Mina, MAR
health education and wellness coaching
 BFA La Sierra University 2019



Carine D. Kadeba
global health
 BSN Azusa Pacific University 2017



Madeline N. Miranda Navarro
global health
 BS Southern Adventist University 2019
Callicott Student Support Fund



Joanna G. Karam
nutrition
 BS California State Polytechnic University,
 Pomona 2018



Sanjay S. Moses, DEC
epidemiology
 BS Pacific Union College 2017



Emily Margaret Khatchaturian
population medicine
 BS University of California, Los Angeles 2011
 DO Western University of Health Sciences 2017



Sreejitha Munda Kundil
epidemiology
 BDS Yenepoya University 2015



Priscilla Naseery-Gonzales
global health
 BA University of California, San Diego 2016
Drs. William G. and Margaret S. Hafner
Endowment



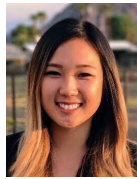
Jennifer Lee Remmers
health education and wellness coaching
 BS Loma Linda University AH 2010
Delta Omega Honor Society
Joyce W. Hopp Scholar's Fund



John Stefan Neumann
population medicine
 BA Andrews University 2011
 BS Andrews University 2012
 MBA Western Governors University 2017
 MD Loma Linda University SM 2017
Delta Omega Honor Society



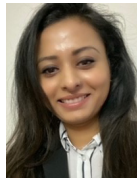
Yarmilla E. Reyes, MAR
global health
 BS University of Houston, Downtown 2018



Sarah Pak, MAR
epidemiology
 BS California State Polytechnic University,
 Pomona 2018



Sweta B. Sakore
epidemiology
 MBBS Padmashree Dr. D. Y. Patil Vidyapeeth
 2018
International Student Assistance



Komal Patel
population medicine
 BDS Dr. D.Y. Patil Vidyapeeth (deemed
 university) 2012



Rafik Saleh
population medicine
 MBCHB Cairo University 2005



Tejul Rajni Patel
nutrition
 BS University of New Mexico, Main Campus
 2002



Anna Grace Salisbury
nutrition
 BA Pacific Lutheran University 2019
Dean's Award
Hulda Crooks Scholarship Award
Merrit C. Horning Award for Outstanding
Research
Delta Omega Honor Society



Jagruti Sanjay Patil, MAR
epidemiology
 BDS Maharashtra University of Health
 Sciences 2016



Aaron Liem Rodney Schultz
epidemiology
 BS University of California, Riverside 2017



Amber J. Perez, DEC
health education and wellness coaching
 BS La Sierra University 2019



Brandon Kay Shumway
population medicine
 BA Utah State University 2012
 MD Uniformed Services University of the
 Health Sci 2017
Merrit C. Horning Award for Outstanding
Research



Blanca Laura Ponce de Villalvazo, MAR
lifestyle management
 MD University of Montemorelos 1993
Delta Omega Honor Society



Baljinder Singh, DEC
health education and wellness coaching
 BDS Baba Farid University of Health Sciences
 2014



Kimberly N. Vavrek
nutrition
 BS California State Polytechnic University,
 Pomona 2019



Carmen Alexandria Soret
global health
 BA University of Southern California 2017



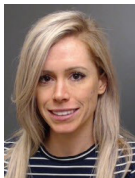
Melissa Elaine Vazquez
nutrition
 BS California State Polytechnic University,
 Pomona 2018



Xuezhu Sun
nutrition
 BS Case Western Reserve University 2015
 MS Case Western Reserve University 2016



Chandler K. Vogt
nutrition
 BA University of California, Los Angeles 2017



Renae Melissa Thomas
population medicine
 BACH/EQV University of Melbourne 2012
 MBBS Monash University 2016



Elisha Elyse Webster
population medicine
 BA Dakota Wesleyan University 2006
 MD University of North Dakota-Main Campus
 2016
Delta Omega Honor Society



Cheyenne V. Thornton
nutrition
 BA Seattle Pacific University 2019
*Kathleen Zolber Academic Endowment for
 Nutrition*



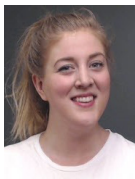
Kelsie Anne White
nutrition
 BS Walla Walla University 2016
Callicott Student Support Fund



Jennifer Grace Torres
population medicine
 BA California State Polytechnic University,
 Pomona 2009
 MS University of Massachusetts, Boston 2015



Leanna Kimberly Wonoprabowo
population medicine
 BA Andrews University 2011
 MD Loma Linda University SM 2017



Rebecca LaRene Tripp
epidemiology
 BS Brigham Young University, Idaho 2016



Anne Ying
nutrition
 BS California State Polytechnic University,
 Pomona 2017



Ahmad Mohamed Ussman, DEC
health education and wellness coaching
 BDS Pharos University in Alexandria 2017



Steven Jacob Davids Zbarsky
population medicine
 DMD The University of British Columbia 2017

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY



Michelle Danika Adams
BS Cornell University 2013
MHS University of Puerto Rico, Medical Sciences Campus 2016
Dissertation: The Acute and Long-Term Effects of Avocado Consumption on Cognition
Dean's Award
Delta Omega Honor Society



Chizobam Ani
MBBS University of Ibadan 1999
MPH Wichita State University 2003
Dissertation: Glycemic Status and Risk of Cardiomyopathy in a Cohort of African Americans from the Jackson Heart Study (JHS)



Julie Lisa Jones
BS University of California, Berkeley 1990
MD New York Medical College 1997
Dissertation: Effects of Daily Macadamia Nut Consumption on Adiposity and Cardiometabolic Risk Factors
Merrit C. Horning Award for Outstanding Research
Delta Omega Honor Society

DOCTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH



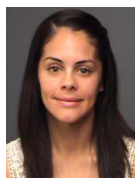
Robert M. Avina, MAR
health policy and leadership
BS California State University, San Bernardino 2016
MPH California State University, San Bernardino 2018
Delta Omega Honor Society



Danica Margaret Borja
health education
BS Truman State University 2013
MPH California Baptist University 2017



Christine Elizabeth Crocker
health policy and leadership
BS California State Polytechnic University, Pomona 2009
MPH Loma Linda University PH 2011
Dissertation: Southern California School Nutrition Response to COVID-19 Pandemic



Frecia Marie Gonzalez
health education
BA Stockton University 2008
MPH Loma Linda University PH 2011
Dissertation: The Implication of ESports on Lifestyle Behaviors and Academic Achievement: A Mix- Method Cross-Sectional Study of College Students in the United States



Rachel Cayman Griffiths, MAR

health education

BA University of Maryland, College Park 2007

MA San Diego State University 2010

Dissertation: Health Belief Model and Parent Perceptions Influencing Life Jacket Usage for Children

Delta Omega Honor Society



Shalarey Latricia Marie Jones, DEC

health policy and leadership

BS University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign 2007

MS University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign 2011

Dissertation: Black Student-Centered, Comprehensive, Culturally Appropriate, Sexuality Education



Sarah Miyoung Jung, MAR

nutrition

BA University of California, Santa Barbara 2003

MA New York University 2007

MS California State University, Los Angeles 2013

Dissertation: The Effect of a Fermented Soy-Based Dietary Food Product on Cardiometabolic Risk Factors in

Individuals at High Risk for Cardiovascular Disease



Danielle Beth Kilchenstein

health policy and leadership

BA Edinboro University of Pennsylvania 2003

MA Duquesne University 2008

Dissertation: Health Coverage Gaps and Cost Barriers to Care Before and After ACA

The C. Torben Thomsen Health Policy & Leadership Creativity Fund

Community Outreach Project Scholarship

Hammond - Hardinge Student Assistance Fund



Brenda Lee Koranda, DEC

preventive care

BS La Sierra University 1995

BS Azusa Pacific University 2003

MS Azusa Pacific University 2003

MS California State University, Fullerton 2010

Dissertation: Effects of Electronic Activity Intervention for Sedentary Office Workers: A Randomized

Clinical Trial



Connie Marmolejo

health policy and leadership

BS California State University, San Bernardino 2014

MPH California State University, San Bernardino 2017

Merrit C. Horning Award for Outstanding Research

Delta Omega Honor Society



Katie Rae Viehmann-Wical, MAR

health education

BA California State University, San Bernardino 1990

MPH Loma Linda University PH 1998

Dissertation: Effect of Low-Quality Sleep on Predicting Increased Metabolic Syndrome and Inflammation

Thomas Melton II—*President's Award*



B.S. Southern Adventist University 2018

President's Award 2021

Thomas Melton emerged as a true leader within his class from early on in his program, proving to be a promising student with a sense of maturity, discipline, and leadership qualities. Now in his second year in the Master in Healthcare Administration program, he is in strong academic standing with a 3.96 GPA, while continuing to serve his cohort and colleagues uplifting them and being conduit of information, especially during the pandemic. Those around him and his teachers have seen him grow as a confident leader, an active participant, and one who serves in many roles and consistently interacts in a respectful, professional and gracious demeanor.

He is inquisitive and always puts forth his best effort in the classroom and does not miss an opportunity to learn whether through networking, attending seminars, competing in case competitions or participating in service events. As an example of his zeal for learning, last year, upon announcing the need for participants to compete in a UCLA global business case competition that had a three-day turn around, Mr. Melton eagerly came forth to be a participant, even though he was only in the first quarter of his program. This year, he organized a case study preparation session for the MHA Program, which had the largest number of student participants competing.

Mr. Melton is the President of the school's Student Management Association and was recently selected as the Student Association President for the School of Public Health. He also serves as a student council member for the Healthcare Executives of Southern California. He has received many accolades from his practicum preceptor at Adventist Health and was recently the recipient of the Bugbee-Falk Book Award from the Association of University Programs in Health Administration (AUPHA), given to students that demonstrate a life-learning approach.

Mr. Melton, an accomplished musician, having earned an undergraduate degree in music with a concentration in Organ, is actively involved with multiple churches in the Inland Empire and Los Angeles area, working as an organist or an associate organist. He also plays and regularly performs on the harpsichord, piano, violin, as well as signing.

In recognition of his strong academic and outstanding leadership performance, service, and community engagement, the School of Public Health honors Thomas Melton with the *2021 PRESIDENT'S AWARD*.

Joan Sabate—*School Distinguished Faculty Service Award*



Professor of Nutrition and Nutritional
Epidemiology, School of Public Health,
Loma Linda University

Executive Director of the Center for
Nutrition, Healthy Lifestyle and Disease,
School of Public Health, Loma Linda
University

*M.D. Autonomous University of Barcelona
Faculty of Medicine, Spain 1977*

M.P.H. Loma Linda University SPH 1987

Dr.P.H. Loma Linda University, SPH 1989

*Golden Nut Award for Excellence in Research
2012*

*Centennial Vanguard Award for Health
Research, LLU Board of Trustees 2006*

*Outstanding Researcher Award, Loma Linda
University Faculty 2001*

*Overseas Training Grant, National Institute of
Health of Spain 1988*

*Delta Omega Honor Public Health Society
1988*

Dean's Award, School of Public Health, 1988

Fullbright Scholar 1984-1986

Dr. Joan Sabaté is originally from Spain and is a board-certified physician in Internal Medicine who moved to the United States to further train in Public Health Nutrition.

Dr. Sabaté was the principal investigator of a nutrition intervention trial that directly linked the consumption of walnuts to significant reductions in serum cholesterol, published in the *New England Journal of Medicine* in 1993. The *Archives of Internal Medicine* later published his findings of a pooled analysis of 25 intervention trials establishing the benefits of nut consumption on blood lipid levels and lowering the risk of heart disease. He has been the principal investigator of many clinical trials investigating the health effects of nuts and other plant foods.

Dr. Sabaté enjoys conducting research and disseminating the findings. He has authored more than 200 research articles in the scientific literature, many of them in high-impact journals. He is co-investigator of the Adventist Health Studies - prospective epidemiological studies relating dietary intake with health outcomes that have the largest cohort of vegetarians. He is editor of the reference book *Vegetarian Nutrition* published by CRC Press, and was the principal architect of the Vegetarian Food Guide Pyramid released in 1987, at the 3rd International Congress on Vegetarian Nutrition and redesigned in 2008. He has chaired the 4th, 5th, 6th & 7th International Congress on Vegetarian Nutrition, and edited the congress proceedings published in the *American Journal of Clinical Nutrition*.

For the past 10 years, Dr. Sabaté has directed the Environmental Nutrition research program at the Loma Linda University School of Public Health, a program that focuses on sustainable diets and explores the interrelationships between the environmental and health impacts of food choices, and ultimately seeks to improve the sustainability, health and equity of food systems. He is editor of the recent book *Environmental Nutrition: Connecting health and nutrition with environmentally sustainable diets*, published by Elsevier.

For his leadership in research and service to the scientific community, as well as public health and nutrition professions, the School of Public Health is pleased to name Dr. Joan Sabaté recipient of the *SCHOOL DISTINGUISHED FACULTY SERVICE AWARD*.

Richard H. Hart—*Speaker*



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Dr. Richard Hart currently serves as President of Loma Linda University Health – the umbrella corporation that includes the enterprise’s academic, healthcare, and research organizations.

Dr. Hart has served Loma Linda University since 1972 in a variety of ways that include Chair of the School of Public Health’s Department of Health Sciences, Director of the Center for Health Promotion, Chair of the School of Medicine’s Department of Preventive Medicine, Dean of the School of Public Health, and President (previously Chancellor) and CEO of the University.

Dr. Hart’s vision extends beyond the walls of Loma Linda University not only to the local communities, but also to the villages and towns, the hospitals and mission clinics, in the farthest reaches of our globe. He has served as Chief of Party for a USAID project in Tanzania where he developed a national maternal and child health program that is still a model for Africa today. His passion for humanitarian service has led to the development of a variety of programs at Loma Linda University including, Students for International Mission Service (SIMS) and Social Action Community Health System (SACHS)—a local low-cost clinic for the medically underserved; and more recently, to the establishment of the San Manuel Gateway College, part of LLU’s San Bernardino Campus.

Dr. Hart also serves as president of Adventist Health International (AHI), a management corporation established to restore Adventist mission hospitals worldwide.

In his spare time, Dr. Hart is an avid farmer and outdoorsman.

Dr. Hart will deliver his address to the 2021 graduates of the School of Public Health.



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.