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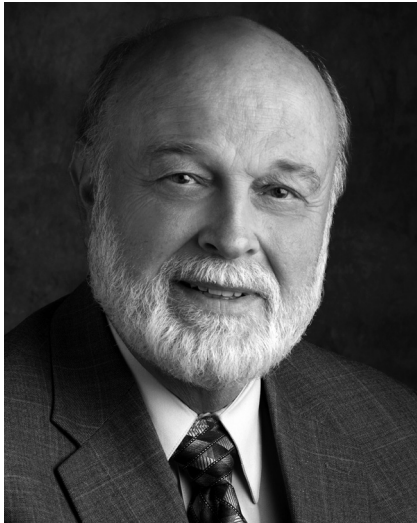
# LOMA LINDA UNIVERSITY

Conferring of Degrees

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## Message from the President



Congratulations to the Class of 2017.

One of the greatest joys experienced by our campus community is the opportunity to celebrate your academic excellence and personal achievements. This 111th commencement season marks the culmination of your study and professional preparation, which have equipped you to meet the next great adventures of your lives. You and those who have supported you are to be commended.

Now and for all time, you occupy a place among the alumni of this historic institution. I urge you always to 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 our 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.”

Now 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, M.D., Dr.P.H.

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## 2017 Events of Commencement

### DEDICATION CEREMONIES

*School of Medicine, Basic Sciences Consecration and Hooding*  
May 26, 3:00 P.M., Centennial Complex, Damazo  
Amphitheater

*School of Dentistry, Dental Hygiene Pinning*  
May 26, 6:00 P.M., Campus Hill Church

*School of Medicine Consecration and Hooding—M.D.*  
May 26, 7:00 P.M., University Church

*School of Pharmacy Hooding*  
May 26, 7:00 P.M., Wong Kerlee International Conference  
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*School of Behavioral Health, Department of Social Work and  
Social Ecology Hooding—M.S.W.*  
June 9, 10:30 A.M., University Church

*School of Public Health Doctoral Hooding*  
June 9, 11:00 A.M., Campus Hill Church

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June 9, 11:00 A.M., Campus Hill Church,  
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*School of Behavioral Health Town and Gown—Doctoral  
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June 9, 1:30 P.M., University Church

*School of Allied Health Professions Nutrition and Dietetics  
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June 9, 4:00 P.M., Centennial Complex,  
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June 9, 4:00 P.M., Wong Kerlee International Conference  
Center

### FOCUS ON GRADUATES VESPERS PROGRAM

June 9, 7:00 P.M., University Church

BACCALAUREATE  
SERVICES

*Schools of Medicine and Pharmacy*  
May 27, 9:00 A.M., University Church

*School of Dentistry*  
May 27, 11:45 A.M., University Church

*Schools of Allied Health Professions and Public Health*  
June 10, 9:00 A.M., University Church

*Schools of Behavioral Health, Nursing, and Religion*  
June 10, 11:45 A.M., University Church

CONFERRING OF DEGREES

*School of Medicine*  
May 28, 8:30 A.M., University Mall

*School of Pharmacy*  
May 28, 1:30 P.M., University Mall

*School of Dentistry*  
May 28, 5:00 P.M., University Mall

*School of Allied Health Professions*—Allied Health Studies,  
Cardiopulmonary Sciences, Clinical Laboratory Science,  
Communication Sciences and Disorders, Health Informatics  
and Information Management, Nutrition and Dietetics,  
Physician Assistant Sciences, Radiation Technology  
June 11, 8:00 A.M., Drayson Center

*School of Allied Health Professions*—Occupational Therapy,  
Orthotics and Prosthetics, Physical Therapy  
June 11, 10:30 A.M., Drayson Center

*School of Public Health*  
June 11, 1:00 P.M., Drayson Center

*School of Behavioral Health and School of Religion*  
June 11, 3:30 P.M., Drayson Center

*School of Nursing*  
June 11, 6:00 P.M., Drayson Center

# The Academic Procession

## THE PROCESSION ORDER

The Commencement Marshals with the University Mace and Batons  
The President's Party  
Members of the University Board of Trustees  
Loma Linda University Health (LLUH) Administrators  
The Faculty of the School  
The Candidates for Degrees

## THE MACE

Traditionally, the ceremonial mace represents the authority vested in the highest officer of a governing body. In an educational institution, the authority symbolized by the mace derives from respect for the authority of knowledge and for the rights and value of the individual. Thus, the leader of an academic community assumes the obligation and challenge to ensure for its members a climate conducive to growth in knowledge and grace.

The construction of the ceremonial mace of Loma Linda University evokes further ideas. Its two metals, bronze and aluminum, suggest the value of lessons both ancient and contemporary. Rather than lying prone, an instrument to be wielded, this mace stands upright in celebration of the free human spirit. Its open construction implies free exposure to questions, ideas, and conflict. The eight vertical supporting elements (at three points bound together as for strength and stability in unity) uphold a graceful oval that points outward to the universe, the province of inquiry.

Within the oval, the University seal appears to float unfettered. The staff of Aesculapius on the left represents all fields of the healing arts and sciences. The Christian cross acknowledges the role of Jesus Christ as Savior and Redeemer. The open book symbolizes God the Word as the basis for all truth. The lighted torch suggests the illuminating power of knowledge and the University's central purpose of forwarding and perpetuating good through the enlightened, searching, caring mind and conscience of the individual.

Carrying the University mace and batons, the University head marshal and associate marshals precede the president's party, members of the board, LLUH corporate officers, faculty of the school, and candidates for degrees. Loma Linda University's colors—gold and purple—are represented in the marshals' gold-colored gowns trimmed with purple velvet.

## THE PRESIDENT'S PARTY

The president's party includes participants identified in the program, as well as University administrators, school deans, and LLUH administrators.

### University Administrators

Richard H. Hart, president; Rachelle B. Bussell, senior vice president for advancement; Ronald L. Carter, provost; David P. Harris, vice president for information systems; Rodney D. Neal, senior vice president for financial affairs; Rick E. Williams, vice president for enrollment management and student services.

### Deans of the Schools

Craig R. Jackson, School of Allied Health Professions; Beverly J. Buckles, School of Behavioral Health; Ronald J. Dailey, School of Dentistry; H. Roger Hadley, School of Medicine; Elizabeth A. Bossert, School of Nursing; Noreen Chan Tompkins, School of Pharmacy; Helen Hopp Marshak, School of Public Health; Jon K. Paulien, School of Religion; Anthony J. Zuccarelli, Faculty of Graduate Studies.

### Other LLU Health Administrators

J. Peter Baker, vice president for LLUMC-Murrieta; Lyndon C. Edwards, senior vice president for adult hospital services; Melvin A. Eisele, vice president for revenue cycle; Edward L. Field, vice president for Behavioral Medicine Center; Daniel W. Giang, vice president for graduate medical education; Myrna L. Hanna, corporate secretary; Kerry L. Heinrich, executive vice president for hospital affairs; Mark L. Hubbard, senior vice president for risk management and human resource management/assistant secretary; L. Orlando Huggins, assistant secretary; Jonathan Jean-Marie, vice president for East Campus and Surgical Hospital; Angela M. Lalas, senior vice president for finance; Kevin J. Lang, executive vice president for finance and administration/chief financial officer; Sondra Leno, vice president for finance; Lizette Norton, vice president for human resource management; M. Scott Perryman, senior vice president for Children's Hospital; Ricardo L. Peverini, senior vice president for clinical faculty; Mark E. Reeves, vice president for institutes; Rhodes "Dusty" Rigsby, vice president for transitional care; Randy Roberts, vice president for spiritual life and mission; Whitney P. Smith, assistant secretary; Alan Soderblom, vice president for finance and IS, LLUMC-Murrieta; David G. Wren, vice president for ambulatory services; Trevor G. Wright, senior vice president for health facilities operations.

# 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, Licentiatees, 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:

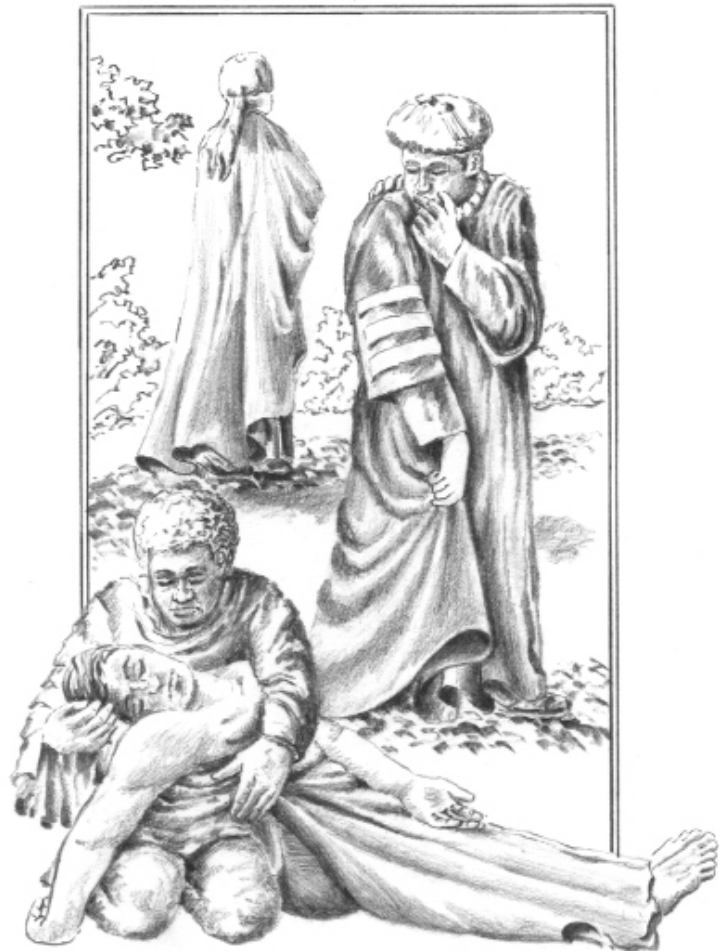
Arts, Letters, Humanities	White
Business	Brown
Dentistry	Lilac
Education	Light Blue
Law	Purple
Library Science, Information Management	Lemon
Medicine	Green
Nursing	Apricot
Pharmacy	Olive Green
Philosophy	Dark Blue
Physical Therapy	Teal
Public Health	Salmon Pink
Science	Golden Yellow
Social Work	Citron
Theology	Scarlet

Excerpted from E. Sullivan (© 1997), *An Academic Costume Code and an Academic Ceremony Guide*.

## 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. Sculpted by Alan Collins, and dedicated and unveiled at Loma Linda University May 31, 1981, it 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.



# 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
- 1941 School of Physical Therapy
- 1948 School of Tropical and Preventive Medicine (reorganized as School of Public Health in 1967)
- 1953 School of Dentistry
- 1954 Graduate School (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
- 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
- 2003 School of Science and Technology (restructured as School of Behavioral Health in 2012)
- 2005 LLU centennial celebration
- 2007 School of Religion
- 2015 Corporation name changed from Loma Linda University Adventist Health Sciences Center (LLUAHSC) to Loma Linda University Health (LLUH)



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.

# Loma Linda University Song

## **Healing Love**

*By Wintley Phipps and John Stoddart*

We live each day to reach a world that's hurting,  
To help some wandering soul to find their way.  
We bring them peace with words of blessed assurance.  
And with God's love we wipe the tears away.

*We are His hands to touch a world that's broken.  
We are His voice to cheer the wounded soul.  
Shining the light of love that lives in Jesus,  
We are His comfort—His healing love.*

We're going to a place where pain and sadness  
Will never plunge a soul into despair.  
We give our service knowing Christ has promised  
We live forever always in His care.

*We are His hands to touch a world that's broken.  
We are His voice to cheer the wounded soul.  
Shining the light of love that lives in Jesus,  
We are His comfort—His healing love.*

*Shining the light that lives in Jesus,  
We are His comfort—His healing love.  
We are His comfort—To make man whole.*

*University Honorees*

## James Appel—Global Service Award



Director, Moundou Adventist Surgery Center  
and Baraka Adventist Hospital,  
Abougoudam, Republic of Tchad  
Physician, Republic of Tchad

*B.A. Southern Adventist University 1996*  
*M.D. Loma Linda University 2000*  
*Family practice residency, Ventura County*  
*Medical Center 2003*

A powerful testimony to Loma Linda University's unflinching commitment to and sustained engagement in global service, Dr. James Appel has been in mission service since 2004. He commenced medical work at the Béré Adventist Hospital, helping to revive a struggling district hospital and convert it into a reference with patients from all over the country fondly calling him "A Friend of the Place." He and his wife, Sarah, are spearheading a new Adventist Health International (AHI) project, the Eco-Dome Hospital, built from Cal-Earth super adobe technology in Eastern Tchad near the Sudanese border.

In 2009, Dr. Appel helped organize and establish the Moundou Adventist Surgery Center, one of only two hospitals in Tchad's second largest city serving a region with a population of 500,000. In 2009, he was appointed director of the Baraka Adventist Hospital project in Abougoudam in Eastern Tchad near the Sudanese border. Moving there in 2011, Dr. Appel was the facility's sole doctor for two years and served as a consultant and liaison for the founding of the Adventist Dental Clinic in N'Djamena, Tchad's capital.

At the height of the Ebola epidemic in 2014, Dr. Appel spent six weeks volunteering at the Cooper Adventist Hospital in Monrovia, Liberia—one of only two hospitals providing medical care for the entire city.

Possessing a deep passion for sharing his knowledge and expertise, Dr. Appel has authored four books: *Nasara: Dispatches from a District Hospital in Tchad*; *Ebola-iculous: a Physician Encounters the Ebola Capital of the World*; *Children of the East: the Spiritual Heritage of Islam in the Bible*; and *Messiah: the Jesus of the Qur'an and the Gospels*.

Facing mission service challenges, Dr. Appel has been blessed with family support—his wife, Sarah Andersen, a Danish nurse he met at the Béré Adventist Hospital; and their children—Miriam, Noah, and Isak. Currently, Dr. Appel and his family are self-supporting volunteers for AHI's Tchad and Guinebor II Hospital, located near his farm on the outskirts of N'Djamena. He directs the Moundou Adventist Surgery Center and Baraka Adventist Hospital, Abougoudam, and serves on the board of AHI in Tchad.

For his exemplary, unselfish service and leadership and significant contributions to the international community enhancing our mission, "to continue the teaching and healing ministry of Jesus Christ," Loma Linda University Health honors Dr. James Appel with the *GLOBAL SERVICE AWARD*. This award will be presented to him at the Conferring of Degrees for the School of Medicine.



## David B. Cotton—University Alumnus of the Year



President and Chief Executive Officer,  
Meridian Health Plan

*B.S. Loma Linda University SM 1974*  
*M.D. Loma Linda University SM 1974*

*Board certified by the American Board of  
Obstetrics and Gynecology*  
*Fellow in Maternal-Fetal Medicine, LAC/  
USC Medical Center Women's Hospital, Los  
Angeles, California 1978-80*  
*National Research Service Award 1980*  
*The Purdue Frederick Award for Excellence in  
Medical Research, The American College of  
Obstetricians and Gynecologists 1980*  
*Award for Best Research Papers by Fellows,  
First Gertie F. Marx Annual International  
Symposium on Obstetric Anesthesia 1984*  
*First Place Award for Outstanding Research,  
Society of Perinatal Obstetricians 1987 and 1989*  
*Listed in The Best Doctors in America,  
1991,1992,1993,1994, 1996 editions*  
*Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year,  
Michigan and Northwest Ohio Region 2013*  
*Crain's Newsmaker of the Year 2013*  
*Crain's Detroit Business Philanthropic  
Services Award, The Guild of St. John  
Hospital 2014*  
*Pinnacle Award for Best Practices  
2009-2012, 2014, 2015*

Dr. David Beach Cotton is the founder, president, and chief executive officer of Meridian, a family-owned, family-operated group of health plans—the largest Medicaid managed-care organization in Michigan and Illinois. Meridian was created through a merger of two plans—Central Michigan Health Plan (CMHP) and American Preferred Provider Plan of Michigan (APPPM), which ultimately became operational as Health Plan of Michigan in May 1999.

Dr. Cotton's vision of providing high quality health care prompted the expansion of the Meridian health-care entities from 1,400 members in 1997 to more than 900,000 today; and his extensive health-care experience and knowledge help Meridian maintain its rating as an excellent, nationally-recognized health plan.

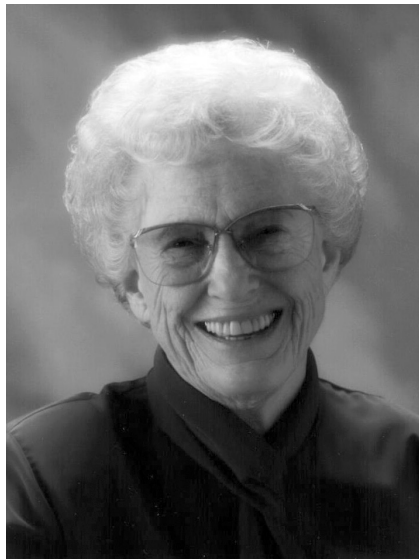
Professionally, Dr. Cotton is one of the nation's leading specialists in maternal fetal medicine. A diligent scholar, he has generously shared his knowledge and expertise through research funded by major companies, including Pfizer, Glaxo, Healthdyne, Inc., the American Heart Association, the American Edwards Laboratories, and the University of Texas Biomedical Grant. To date, he has published 176 peer-reviewed papers, 38 book chapters, 6 books or symposia, and 226 abstracts. His thirty years of experience as a high-risk obstetrician/gynecologist and his dedication to excellence and innovation propelled Dr. Cotton into numerous leadership positions at prestigious hospitals and teaching institutions. Most recently, preceding Meridian, he served as the obstetrician-gynecologist-in-chief of the Detroit Medical Center and as professor of obstetrics and gynecology at Wayne State University.

Through his challenging yet rewarding journey as administrator, researcher, professor, and physician, Dr. Cotton's wife, Sheryl, and three children have provided unwavering inspiration and support. Besides his passion for all things Meridian, Dr. Cotton is a dedicated wolf conservationist who has sponsored the Cotton Family Wolf Wilderness exhibit at the Detroit Zoo.

For his exemplary leadership, scholarship, and significant contributions in the field of obstetrics and gynecology that promote this health sciences institution's mission, "to continue the teaching and healing ministry of Jesus Christ," Loma Linda University names Dr. David Beach Cotton *UNIVERSITY ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR*. This title will be conferred on him at the Conferring of Degrees for the School of Medicine.



## Maxine Darling—Lifetime Service Award



Retired Supervisor, Loma Linda  
University Medical Center Operating  
Room

*B.S. University of Redlands 1958*  
*M.S. Loma Linda University 1960*

Born and raised on her parents' farm in Salem, Oregon, Maxine Darling's "on-the-farm" training proved to be invaluable, as later in her professional work she could determine the use of new gadgets and repair instruments in the operating room. After enrolling in the nursing course at Walla Walla College, now Walla Walla University, she completed the diploma program at Portland Sanitarium and Hospital. Upon graduating, Ms. Darling worked for five years in the Portland operating room before becoming Operating Room (OR) staff nurse at Loma Linda Sanitarium and Hospital, now Loma Linda University Medical Center (LLUMC).

Upon earning the master's degree in 1960, Ms. Darling was appointed supervisor of the LLUMC operating room, where she performed her responsibilities faithfully, and was active in the local chapter of the Association of Operating Room Nurses, serving as its president for three consecutive years.

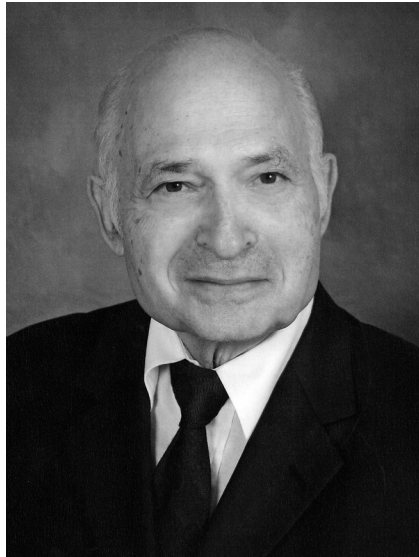
As OR nurse and administrator, Ms. Darling was privileged to witness significant milestones in the early years of LLUMC's operation. In 1967, she presided over a move of the operating rooms from the hospital on the hill to the current facility. Under her watch, many first-time surgical procedures were performed at LLUMC, including open-heart surgery, transplants, separation of conjoined twins, and the Baby Fae baboon heart transplant.

A strict but loving supervisor who set and modeled high standards of performance, Ms. Darling combined a firm "old school" style with a sweet, positive, and inspiring influence on those she led. Her sense of humor and special care for everyone she worked with endeared her to the OR staff from the senior surgeons and anesthesiologists to the housekeepers.

Not ready for a rocking chair retirement, Ms. Darling continues to work three days a week in the operating room, exuding her usual air of excellence, diligence, and kindness.

For modeling excellence, unwavering commitment, and unselfish service; and for promoting our motto, "to make man whole," Loma Linda University Health honors Maxine Darling with the *LIFETIME SERVICE AWARD*. This award will be presented to her at the Conferring of Degrees for the School of Nursing.

## Wolff M. Kirsch—Distinguished Investigator Award



Professor of Neurosurgery and Basic Sciences

Director, Neurosurgery Center for Research, Training, and Education  
Loma Linda University

*B.A. Washington University 1951*

*M.D. Washington University 1955*

*Laureate, Dr. Sun Lee Award, International Society of Experimental Microsurgery 2011*

*Gold Medal and Honorary Fellowship,*

*International College of Surgeons 2000*

*Certified by the American Board of*

*Neurological Surgery 1967*

Dr. Wolff M. Kirsch—scholar, neurosurgeon, and mentor—was born and educated in St. Louis, Missouri. He currently serves as director of the Neurosurgery Center for Research, Training, and Education that was established at Loma Linda University in 1998 after the United States Surgical Tyco Healthcare Group selected the University as a center for surgical excellence site, supported by a \$2.1 million grant.

During his distinguished career, Dr. Kirsch has been instrumental in obtaining \$10 million in research grants. He has also secured more than forty United States and international patents based on discoveries resulting from his research efforts, including a microfibrillar, high molecular weight chitosan-based textile that can be used as a hemostat; and the iron-regulating protein-2 (irp-2) as a diagnostic for neurodegenerative diseases including, but not limited to, Alzheimer's disease. He has investigated wide applications of the nonpenetrating, arcuate-legged clip for both open and laparoscopic wound closure and, in collaboration with the University of Colorado Boulder Chemistry Department, has identified two new amino acids in nature ( $\beta$ -carboxyglycine and  $\alpha$ -carboxyaspartate). In addition, he has published nearly 200 papers in refereed journals.

Prior to his current position—in his capacities as professor of neurosurgery since 1989, and as chief and program director of the University's neurosurgery division in the School of Medicine (1995-1998); Dr. Kirsch mentored a host of graduate and medical students, finding particular satisfaction in their pursuit of noteworthy scholarship, publications, and ongoing careers in biomedical research.

For his invaluable contributions to academic and research excellence and the development of experimental and clinical microsurgery, which have promoted this institution's mission, "to continue the teaching and healing ministry of Jesus Christ," Loma Linda University Health recognizes and honors Dr. Wolff M. Kirsch with the *DISTINGUISHED INVESTIGATOR AWARD*. This award will be presented to him at the Conferring of Degrees for the School of Medicine.

## Jerry W. Lee—Distinguished Investigator Award



Professor, Center for Nutrition, Healthy Lifestyle, and Disease Prevention, School of Public Health, Loma Linda University

*B.S. University of California, Riverside 1968*  
*M. A., Ph.D. University of North Carolina 1976*

*Best Paper of 2010 Journal of Human Lactation Faculty Research Award and Teaching Award, School of Public Health, Loma Linda University 1999, 2005*

*U.S. Army Commendation Medal, Fitzsimmons Army Hospital, Denver, Colorado 1971*

In 1946, Dr. Jerry Winfield Lee was born in the former Loma Linda University (LLU) Hospital, now Nichol Hall, where he currently works. Dr. Lee first served as assistant professor, associate professor, then later as chair of the LLU Psychology Department on the La Sierra campus (1976-1983). He has served LLU School of Public Health in leadership, research, classroom instruction, and community outreach for the past two decades. He has also been the primary methodologist and data analyst in studies on a variety of health-related research conducted in Peru, Saudi Arabia, Nigeria, China, and the Philippines. His research on the effects of early skin-to-skin contact on breast feeding was chosen as the best paper of 2010 by the *Journal of Human Lactation*.

Dr. Lee also served as the primary methodologist employing structural equation modeling in several recently published studies on religion and health. He also participated in research funded by the National Institute of Health (NIH), and is currently principal investigator for a research study on the biological and health effects of religious belief and practice originally financed through a grant from the NIH National Institute of Aging. Author of more than 100 studies published in peer-reviewed journals, he has also served as chair and member of over 100 Doctor of Public Health dissertation committees and has participated in collaborative research with faculty from other LLU schools and departments.

As military combat medic and clinical specialist, Dr. Lee received commendation from the US Army for his work with lower extremity amputees—mostly Vietnamese. He had become an agnostic in college, but a fellow soldier and his readings from C. S. Lewis convinced him that one could be intellectually honest and still be a Christian. A turning point in his life came later when he joined the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

After passing the California Registered Nursing board examinations, he served as a nurse at LLU Medical Center (LLUMC) where he met Verna Lynn Walker, his wife. In 1981 his daughter Valinda Mae was born at LLUMC. Dr. Lee believes that since it was at LLU where he was born, where he met his wife, and held his first major job; he would like to live out his days at LLU.

For his significant contributions in the field of research and for exemplary service and leadership that promote our motto, “to make man whole,” Loma Linda University Health honors Dr. Jerry Winfield Lee with the *DISTINGUISHED INVESTIGATOR AWARD*. This award will be presented to him at the Conferring of Degrees for the School of Public Health.

## Robert Ernest Lemon—Doctor of Humanitarian Service



Chair, Loma Linda University Health  
Board of Trustees Finance Committee  
and LLUH Board of Trustees Investment  
Committee  
Former treasurer, General Conference of  
Seventh-day Adventists

*B.S. Business Administration, Columbia  
Union College 1972  
M.B.A. Andrews University 1988*

Elder Robert Ernest Lemon serves as chair of the Loma Linda University Health (LLUH) Board of Trustees Finance Committee and the LLUH Board of Trustees Investment Committee. Throughout his career, Elder Lemon has modeled faithful stewardship and effective financial leadership in various positions—as union auditor, conference and division treasurer, under-treasurer, and treasurer of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists for fifteen years (from 2000 to his retirement in 2015). He shares his expertise and guidance with more than a dozen boards, including those of Loma Linda University (LLU) and the LLU Medical Center; and currently serves as finance committee chair for both LLUH entities.

Born in Bigobo Mission, Shaba, Democratic Republic of Congo, he spent his first fourteen years primarily in Africa with his missionary parents.

After completing undergraduate studies and serving two years in the US Army, Elder Lemon accepted an accounting position with Hackettstown Community Hospital in New Jersey, where he experienced the financial challenges of a fledgling hospital. Leaving New Jersey, he became a missionary in the country of his birth and served there for the next eight years as auditor and then treasurer at the country's SDA Church headquarters during a period of hyperinflation. Despite economic challenges, the church in that region grew and prospered.

When the church's division structure reorganized, Elder Lemon joined the Trans-Africa Division as assistant treasurer, responsible for the finances of the missionaries in that territory. In 1985, he returned to North America to serve as director of financial records at Andrews University. After earning the master's degree in business administration, he was elected treasurer of the Alberta Conference and the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada.

Grateful for forty-six wonderful years of shared life with his wife, Sherry, Elder Lemon acknowledges God's leading in their lives and ministry.

For his exemplary financial leadership and outstanding service that have benefited the Seventh-day Adventist Church, and for his significant support of our mission, "to continue the teaching and healing ministry of Jesus Christ," Loma Linda University awards Elder Robert Ernest Lemon the honorary *DOCTOR OF HUMANITARIAN SERVICE* degree. This degree will be conferred on him at the Conferring of Degrees for the School of Dentistry.



## Dorothy N. Nelson—University Alumna of the Year



B.A. La Sierra College (now La Sierra University) 1951

M.A. Claremont University 1962

M.P.H. Loma Linda University 1970

*Special Commendation from the Commanding General of the Philippine Air Force  
Presidential Commendation, United States Surgeon General*

Dorothy N. Nelson, “flying nurse of the Philippines,” has dedicated herself to humanitarian service. Seeking to reach people in need, the then 45-year-old secured a pilot’s license and flew countless missions to remote areas in the Philippines. Her transpacific flight in a twin-engine Piper Aztec (Oakland to Manila) earned her a special commendation by the Commanding General of the Philippine Air Force, who subsequently provided free fuel for her mission flights. Her book, *Mayday Over the Arctic*, relates the story of a shy little girl who dreamed of becoming a flying missionary and experienced a miraculous rescue after a crash on an ice floe in the Arctic.

After twenty years of mission service in the Far East, Mrs. Nelson completed the Master of Public Health degree at Loma Linda University and then served as clinical health educator and nurse for the Department of Preventive Medicine. She was also a professor and director of nursing at South China Union College, and director of Weimar Institute’s NEWSTART Outpatient Program. Her work as a health educator for programs on smoking and health in California earned her a Presidential Commendation through the United States Surgeon General.

In the Philippines, Mrs. Nelson created *Health Expo*, a versatile and integrated health program for the Seventh-day Adventist Church. She shared *Health Expo’s* message of total health and wholeness in North and South America, India, Nepal, Africa, Papua New Guinea, the Solomon Islands, the Caribbean, Micronesia, Indonesia, the Philippines, Europe, Central Asia, China, and the former Soviet Union.

After her husband, Wilbur Nelson, died in China in 1996, Mrs. Nelson continued his work with *It Is Written* as the China project coordinator. Collaborating with the Chinese government, she coordinated health presentations for television programs featuring Mark Finley that aired throughout China. In 2010, she joined the Loma Linda/Griggs University satellite programs for five years in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, teaching respiratory therapy to a selected group of young women. Mrs. Nelson recently completed the *Little Ellen Library*, a book series for children.

For her exemplary service and commitment to this health sciences institution’s mission, “to continue the teaching and healing ministry of Jesus Christ,” Loma Linda University recognizes Dorothy N. Nelson as a distinguished graduate and names her *UNIVERSITY ALUMNA OF THE YEAR*. This award will be presented to her at the Conferring of Degrees for the School of Public Health.

# Department of Occupational Therapy—Community Engagement Award

## School of Allied Health Professions



The Department of Occupational Therapy (DOT) of the School of Allied Health Professions (SAHP) has embraced the community as an essential classroom for student learning. The DOT began interweaving community engagement as an integral component of its curricula in 2002. Originally built into its professional portfolio, community engagement has progressed as an intentional component of the curricula at all levels. The program provides opportunity for collaborative work between faculty and students, and a partnership with twenty-five local community organizations.

Major DOT program initiatives that positively impact the community include (1) Gentle Care Guest Home, Loma Linda, a weekly program designed to increase quality of life for patients with dementia and chronic conditions; (2) Westside Kinship Support Services, San Bernardino, which aims to increase attention, improve self-esteem, regulate emotion and self-expression of children ages 1-11; and (3) Inland Caregiver Resource Center, Colton/San Bernardino/High Desert, for both care recipients and caregivers.

The SAHP DOT's passion for community service continues through additional partnership programs: the Legacy Building Project in collaboration with the LLUMC Palliative Care Center, the Interdisciplinary Community Outreach Clinic (ICOC), San Bernardino County Preschool Services (Family Literacy Program), and collaborative activities with Altus Academy, the Option House, Yvonne Harmon Elementary School, Blue Mountain Senior Villas, Poplar Street Apartments, and Inland Regional Center. In addition to instilling Christian values, these community initiatives have resulted in the establishment of clinical sites, as well as presentations at the regional and national levels.

In recognition of the DOT's significant contributions to the community and the promotion of this institution's mission, "to continue the teaching and healing ministry of Jesus Christ," Loma Linda University Health names the Department of Occupational Therapy recipient of the *COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AWARD*. This award will be presented at the Conferring of Degrees for the School of Allied Health Professions at 10:30 a.m.

# San Manuel Band of Mission Indians—Distinguished Humanitarian Award



The San Manuel Band of Mission Indians has established a standard of philanthropy through relationships in greater Loma Linda that has paved the way for research discoveries, advancements in health care, and innovations in education at Loma Linda University Health (LLUH).

The relationship between the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians and LLUH stretches over a century and is one of inspired service and mutual care for each other and the regional community. When the tribe had little means in the early 1900s, Loma Linda University (LLU) physicians and nurses cared for members when few others would help. As this relationship has developed, so have the opportunities to learn from each other and to work side by side, extending a helping hand to those in need.

The generosity of the tribe has been expressed in many ways, including funding for innovative programs at the Behavioral Medicine Center; being the founding sponsor of PossAbilities; enabling world-class care through the Children's Hospital, and establishing the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians Oncology Center and a Biospecimen Laboratory, so pivotal to the LLU Cancer Center's fight against cancer.

The San Manuel Band of Mission Indians recently worked with LLUH to create the San Manuel Gateway College through a \$10 million gift to Vision 2020—The Campaign for a Whole Tomorrow. Learning alongside medical residents and other LLU students, this innovative program helps inner city youth begin careers in health care, opening their eyes to previously unattainable possibilities.

"*Yawa'* is a word in our native Serrano language, which means "to act on one's beliefs," explains San Manuel Chairwoman Lynn Valbuena. "Giving is one means we use to express our belief that it is important to work with and help others."

In recognition of exemplary service and philanthropy, and for inspiring and challenging others to model our mission, "to continue the teaching and healing ministry of Jesus Christ," Loma Linda University Health honors the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians with the *DISTINGUISHED HUMANITARIAN AWARD*. This award will be presented at the Conferring of Degrees for the School of Medicine.

## Ruben Tejada—Distinguished University Service Award



Senior Systems Analyst, Loma Linda  
University

*B.S. Loma Linda University La Sierra Campus,  
Riverside, California 1986*

Ruben Tejada was born in Santa Ana, California, and grew up in Riverside. His parents, originally from Cuba, worked on the then La Sierra campus of Loma Linda University (LLU) where he earned the Bachelor of Science degree in computing/administration. He then accepted an offer to serve LLU Computing Department as a computer operator. In a short time, he was entrusted with weightier responsibilities as a programmer analyst, area project leader, senior programmer analyst, and senior systems analyst—a position he has held since 2015.

When LLU implemented the Banner Student Information System in the mid 1990s, Mr. Tejada was the lead analyst in the conversion of the student and financial aid modules. His experience and knowledge of the existing systems was critical for the transition to the new software. For more than twenty subsequent years, he has supported University Records, Financial Aid, Student Finance, and other departments.

Since joining the LLU Computing Department, Mr. Tejada has effected significant developments and enhancements of records procedures to meet the University's unique needs. His services have facilitated efficient and effective records preparation, utilization, and dissemination through (1) integration of Banner with other systems; (2) customization of the online admission application; (3) enhancement of registration, financial clearance, student account withdrawals, and other academic and financial records procedures; and (4) integration of online payment gateway, Degree Works (degree audit), and Parchment transcript ordering.

Mr. Tejada was married to Lissette Rodriguez, a graduate of the LLU Occupational Therapy Assistant program who passed away in 2016. Two children, Austin and Adam, blessed their union.

In acknowledgement of his exemplary and unselfish service, and for his creative skills that have translated into efficient and effective records procedures, Loma Linda University honors Mr. Ruben Tejada with the *DISTINGUISHED UNIVERSITY SERVICE AWARD*. This award will be presented to him at the Conferring of Degrees for the School of Pharmacy.



## Gerald R. Winslow—Lifetime Service Award



Director, Center for Christian Bioethics and  
Professor of Religion, School of Religion  
Loma Linda University

*B.A. Walla Walla College (now Walla Walla  
University) 1967*

*M.A. Andrews University 1968*

*Ph.D. Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley,  
California 1979*

*Honorary Fellow, American College of Dentists  
2009-present*

*Walla Walla College Alumnus of the Year 2007  
Zapara National Award for Teaching Excellence  
1992*

*Burlington-Northern Foundation Faculty  
Achievement Award 1985*

*National Endowment for the Humanities Summer  
Fellowship 1983*

*Danforth Foundation Associate 1980-1986*

*Health Policy Program Fellowship, University of  
California, San Francisco 1975*

*Walla Walla College Distinguished Teacher Award  
1974*

Outstanding leader, professor, ethics specialist and scholar, Dr. Gerald R. Winslow's service engagement as an educator spans almost five decades. He is the director of Loma Linda University's (LLU) Center for Christian Bioethics, and is a faculty of the School of Religion. Prior to his present administrative role, Dr. Winslow was the founding director of the LLU Institute for Health and Policy Leadership. He also served as vice president for mission and culture, and as vice president for spiritual life for Loma Linda University Medical Center; and chair and dean of the LLU Faculty of Religion.

Recognized for his excellent scholarship in ethics and religion, Dr. Winslow has served as a visiting scholar at Cambridge University, the University of Virginia, and the University of Tübingen (Germany). He has also presented papers at university seminars and professional assemblies throughout North America as well as in Australia, Europe, Russia, Africa, and Asia. For more than forty years, he has specialized in teaching and writing about ethics, especially in the biomedical area. His published books include *Triage and Justice* (University of California Press) and *Facing Limits* (edited with James Walters) from Westview Press. He has also published in academic journals, such as the *Western Journal of Medicine*, the *Journal of Pediatrics*, the *Hastings Center Report*, the *Journal of Medicine and Philosophy*, and *General Dentistry*. At present, he is studying the intersection of social ethics and health policy.

In addition to his published works, Dr. Winslow has shared his expertise as a member of several prestigious professional associations, including the American Society for Dental Ethics, the American Society for Bioethics and the Humanities, the Society of Christian Ethics, and the California Technology Assessment Forum, a public venue for the evaluation of new health-care technologies. He has served as a consultant in biomedical ethics for major health-care systems and for research conducted by pharmaceutical companies.

Professor Winslow is married to Dr. Betty Wehtje Winslow, a research methods and community health nursing professor at LLU School of Nursing. The couple has two daughters—Lisa, a computer software engineer and Angela, an occupational therapist.

For his outstanding scholarship, exemplary spiritual leadership, and significant contributions to ethics, religion, and spiritual wholeness, Loma Linda University Health honors Dr. Gerald R. Winslow with the *LIFETIME SERVICE AWARD*. This award will be presented at the Conferring of Degrees for the School of Behavioral Health and the School of Religion.

# Anthony J. Zuccarelli—Distinguished University Service Award



Associate Vice President for Research  
Affairs and Dean, Faculty of Graduate  
Studies, Loma Linda University

*B.S. Cornell University New York 1966*  
*M.A. Loma Linda University 1968*  
*Ph.D. California Institute of Technology*  
*Pasadena, California 1974*

*Fellow of the American Cancer Society*  
*Fellow of the National Institute of Health*

*Richard A. Winn Assessment and Accreditation*  
*Award 2016*

*LLU School of Medicine, Basic Science Lecturer*  
*Award 2005*

*Outstanding Scholars of the 21st Century 2001*

*Outstanding People of the 20th Century 2000*

*Outstanding Professor Award for Lectures in*  
*Microbiology 1992*

*National Medical School Review*

*"Wild Tie" Award for Excellent Teaching 1992*

*Macpherson Society Outstanding Faculty*  
*Researcher Award 1996*

*Who's Who in California 1987, 1990*

*American Men and Women in Science, 1981,*  
*1994, 1997*

*Who's Who in Frontier Science and Technology*  
*1983, 1989*

*President's Award, Loma Linda University 1968*

Dr. Anthony (Tony) Joseph Zuccarelli spent his early years in New York City. The oldest son of a working class Adventist family, Dr. Zuccarelli attended a high school in Yonkers that excelled in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) education. His pursuit of biology was nurtured by a teacher who assigned reading in scientific journals, exposing her students to recent discoveries: the generation of ATP in the Krebs cycle, the horizontal transfer of genetic material between bacteria, and the structure of DNA.

Arriving at Loma Linda University (LLU) was a life changer for Dr. Zuccarelli as he grappled with questions about God and science. He spent almost as much time in religion courses, especially classes taught by Dr. Graham Maxwell, as he did in the microbiology academic program. With five School of Medicine faculty members, he helped develop the Medical Scientist Program—serving as director from 1991 to 2006—that integrated a Ph.D. program with the Doctor of Medicine degree. In 2006, he was appointed dean of the Faculty of Graduate Studies and associate vice president for Research Affairs.

During his almost forty years at LLU, Dr. Zuccarelli has contributed to the University's graduate education and the development of a vigorous research culture. An indefatigable researcher, he has been a resource person for significant professional symposia and seminars worldwide while guiding many graduate students. In 1986 his focus moved from DNA replication to tracking the spread of methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA) strains in the LLU Medical Center by analyzing the plasmids (accessory DNA molecules) they contained. This study opened a rich field of investigation, because the rapid increase of antibiotic resistance represented a significant clinical threat. A significant finding of this study is that most antibiotic traits imposed a burden on the cells they inhabited, causing them to grow more slowly than did the same bacteria without resistant genes.

Dr. Zuccarelli anticipates an active retirement in Southern California and greater opportunities to enjoy his family—especially the five grandchildren he plans to pamper.

In recognition of his exemplary leadership and invaluable contributions to the University's academic program, and for encouraging a strong, productive research environment, Loma Linda University names Dr. Anthony Joseph Zuccarelli recipient of the *DISTINGUISHED UNIVERSITY SERVICE AWARD*. This award will be presented to him at the Conferring of Degrees for the School of Medicine.

*The Programs,  
The School Honorees,  
and The Speakers*

# School of Medicine

May twenty-eight, eight-thirty o'clock, University Mall



PRELUDE

Loma Linda Academy Wind Symphony  
Dr. John Carter, conductor

ACADEMIC PROCESSION

The audience is requested to clear the aisles and remain seated.

Ronald L. Carter, University Commencement Marshal,  
leading  
Francis Chan, Adrian N. Cotton, Lynda Daniel-Underwood,  
Paul C. Herrmann, Associate Marshals, assisting

The President's Party, Members of the University Board of  
Trustees, LLUH Administrators

Faculty

Triumphal March (*from Aida*) . . . *Giuseppe Verdi* (arr. Jack  
Bullock)

Candidates for Degrees

Pomp and Circumstance, Op. 39, No. 1 . . . *Sir Edward Elgar*  
(arr. Clare Grundman)

INVOCATION

Zachary R. Hill  
Class of 2017

WELCOME

Richard H. Hart  
President of the University

PRESENTATION  
OF AWARDS

H. Roger Hadley, Dean of the School  
The President  
Ronald L. Carter, Provost of the University

A GRADUATE'S  
REFLECTIONS

Katherine A. Phelps  
President of the Class

INTRODUCTION  
OF SPEAKER

ADDRESS

Amy C. Hayton  
Clerkship Director, Internal Medicine  
Loma Linda University School of Medicine

YOU WERE DESIGNED FOR THIS!

CONFERRING OF DEGREES

The President

AWARDING OF DIPLOMAS

The Dean  
Penelope Duerksen-Hughes, Associate Dean for Basic  
Science and Translational Research  
Anthony J. Zuccarelli, Dean, Faculty of Graduate Studies  
Hansel Fletcher, Assistant Dean for Graduate Student  
Affairs  
Cheryl Germain, Director, Pathologists' Assistant Program  
Paul C. Herrmann, Chair, Department of Pathology and  
Human Anatomy  
Leonard S. Werner, Senior Associate Dean for Medical  
Student Education  
Henry H. Lamberton, Associate Dean for Student Affairs  
Tamara M. Shankel, Associate Dean for Clinical Education

THE PHYSICIAN'S OATH

Anton N. Hasso  
President, Alumni Association

CHARGE TO THE CLASS

The Dean

BENEDICTION

Sharmila P. Price  
Class of 2017

ACADEMIC RECESSON

*Semper Fidelis...John Philip Sousa*

The audience is requested to clear the aisles and remain seated during the recesson.

Commencement ceremonies will be available for viewing and downloading from the Commencement website: [llu.edu/commencement](http://llu.edu/commencement)

To minimize distracting others during the ceremony, guests are requested to observe the following picture-taking courtesies: *Please do not—*

- use a flash or additional lighting;
- walk in the main aisles or in front of the platform;
- stand except very briefly in the audience line of vision.

COMMISSIONING OF  
MILITARY OFFICERS

This ceremony will take place in the Randall Amphitheater at 11:00 A.M.

# Candidates for Degrees

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

## DOCTOR OF MEDICINE

### *Medicine*

Kathleen Mae Aguilar B.A. New York University 2012	Stephen Alexander Bravo B.S. Point Loma Nazarene University 2011
Kwame Boateng Agyeman M.B.A. La Sierra University 2005	Constanza Burciaga Calderoni B.S. The University of Texas at Brownsville 2013
Michael Andrew Andaya B.S. York University 2012	Jonathan Everett Burden B.S. Montana State University, Bozeman 2013
William Angkadjaja B.S. Loma Linda University AH 2013	Carlos Miguel Casiano B.S. La Sierra University 2012 M.A. Loma Linda University SR 2016
Michael Adrian Avila B.A. Southern Adventist University 2012 B.S. Southern Adventist University 2012	Lisette Cervantes B.S. University of California, San Diego 2011
Kimberly Rose Azelton Andrews University	Esther Cha B.S. Andrews University 2012
Nichole Brianne Loree Baruth B.A. Concordia University, Irvine 2010	Christian Nicholas JL Chan B.S. Pacific Union College 2013
Jessica Noelle Beatty B.S. George Fox University 2012	Julia Yutin Chen B.S. University of the Pacific 2013
Daniel Joseph Bergman B.S. Whitworth University 2010	Filipp V. Chesnokov B.S. Washington State University 2010
Daniel David Betat B.S. Pacific Union College 2013	Robert Michael Chi B.S. Pacific Union College 2013
Kristine Tricia Bonnick B.S. Dominican University 2011	James Chiang B.A. University of Washington, Seattle 2013 B.S. University of Washington, Seattle 2013
Kristie En-hui Bovee B.S. Andrews University 2013	

Eric Dae Soon Choi  
B.S. University of California, Los Angeles 2012

Yeon Hwa Chung  
B.S. Andrews University 2009

Jeremy Lee Clay  
B.S. Walla Walla University 2012

Bethany Johanna Collins  
B.S. Oregon State University 2012

Carol Alexandra Conceicao  
B.S. Burman University 2013

Tucker Wade Coston  
B.A. Southern Adventist University 2013

Erica Chia-Chi Couzens  
B.S. University of California, San Diego 2013

Ryan Coy  
B.S. Andrews University 2013

Jennifer Cruz Bracero  
B.S. University of Puerto Rico, Mayaguez 2012

Benjamin Joseph Damazo  
B.A. University of the Pacific 2009

Ioana Christiana Danci  
B.S. Andrews University 2013

Jhanelle Kristen Dawes  
B.S. Nova Southeastern University 2012

Edwin Andre De Kock  
B.A. Walla Walla University 2012

Michael John Diatte  
B.S. Oral Roberts University 2013

Alexander Cameron Eller  
B.A. Point Loma Nazarene University 2013

Amanda Noelle Erskine  
B.A. Southern Adventist University 2012

Erica Jinhee Evans  
B.S. Andrews University 2013

Whitney Shardé Evans  
B.S. Oakwood University 2008  
PH.D. Loma Linda University SM 2016

Jo Pretorius Everett  
B.S. University of Redlands 2012

Calvin Reed Fesler  
B.S. Pacific Union College 2013

Kristian Elijah Flores  
B.S. Walla Walla University 2005  
N.D. National College of Naturopathic Medicine 2010

Jonathan Dennis Gaskill  
B.A. Walla Walla University 2012

Jared Michael Getzlaff  
B.S. Walla Walla University 2012

Caleb Paul Gillham  
B.A. Southern Adventist University 2007

Ethan Matthew Glazener  
B.S. University of Southern California 2002

M.A. Fuller Theological Seminary in California 2008

Phoebe Cannon Glazer  
B.S. Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University 2012

Zachary David Gray  
B.S. Lee University 2012

Karolina Grekov  
B.A. Southern Adventist University 2011

M.A. Loma Linda University SR 2016



Phillip Michael Grigsby  
B.A. Westmont College 2010

Christopher Mathias Gunawan  
B.S. University of California, Irvine  
2012

Peter Josef Gust  
B.S. Southwestern Adventist  
University 2012

Jonathan William Harper  
B.S. Southern Adventist University  
2013

Monique Dore Harrison  
B.S. Oakwood University 2011

Tina Hui Ting He  
B.A. University of California, Berkeley  
2011

Tiffany Annalise Squier  
Heckendorn  
B.S. University of California, Davis  
2011

Joshua Bo Heczko  
B.S. University of California, Berkeley  
2013

Robert Stuart Hill  
B.S. Walla Walla University 2012

Zachary Ryan Hill  
B.S. California State University, Fresno  
2011

Caleb Raymond Ga Jun  
Ho-A-Shoo  
B.S. Southern Adventist University  
2013

Christopher Keith Holloway  
B.S. Oakwood University 2013

Daniel Bryan Hoover  
B.S. California Polytechnic State  
University, San Luis Obispo 2013

Bohye Shelly Hwang  
B.S. Southern Adventist University  
2013

Talisa Jaalina Jackson  
Southern Adventist University

Suzanne Jacob  
B.S. Baylor University 2013

Daniel Kenneth Joe  
B.S. University of California, San  
Diego 2011

Kelli Michele Kam  
B.A. La Sierra University 2012

Gina Kang  
B.S. Andrews University 2012

Talar Kavafyan  
B.S. University of California, Los  
Angeles 2013

Alvin Kennedy  
B.A. University of Maryland,  
Baltimore County 2012  
B.S. University of Maryland, Baltimore  
County 2012

Andrew Edward Keyes  
B.A. Southern Adventist University  
2013

Elizabeth Victoria Kim  
B.S. Walla Walla University 2012

Emily Jin-Kyung Kim  
B.S. University of California, Los  
Angeles 2013

Yohanan Kim  
B.S. Wheaton College 2012

Isaac Joseph Koh  
B.S. Southwestern Adventist  
University 2008  
M.P.H. Loma Linda University PH  
2013



Damian Matias Korsich B.S. La Sierra University 2008	Ian Marise Lizardo B.A. New York University 2013
Aleksandra Alekseyevna Kozlova B.S. Andrews University 2012	Michelle Ester Marinone B.A. Westmont College 2013
Cassandra Christine Krause B.S. Southern Adventist University 2012 M.A. Loma Linda University SR 2016	Jerome Jameel Martin B.S. Andrews University 2013
Reed Fredrick Krause B.S. Southern Adventist University 2010	Christena Jean McBride B.A. University of Washington, Seattle 2012
Emily Autumn Kutzner B.S. Andrews University 2013	Derek Jamal McCalla B.S. Oakwood University 2013
Jeremy Derrick Lam B.A. Pacific Union College 2013	Samantha Alexine McIntosh B.S. University of Minnesota, Twin Cities 2010
Jessica Lam B.S. University of California, Berkeley 2005	Stephen Michael Miller B.S. Southwestern Adventist University 2009
Carissa Anne Lau B.S. Walla Walla University 2013	Gavin L. Mills B.S. United States Air Force Academy 2013
Courtney Joel Laubach B.S. Union College 2013	Elena Milosavljevic B.S. Andrews University 2012 M.A. Loma Linda University SR 2016
Beverly Angeline Lauw B.S. Pacific Union College 2013	Jonathan Kyung Suk Min B.S. Pacific Union College 2013
Patrick David Leaf B.S. La Sierra University 2013	Mark Anthony Monterroso B.A. Pacific Union College 2012
Bronson Matthias LeClair B.S. Burman University 2013	Hannah Keolalani Morgan B.S. Southern Adventist University 2013
Esther Jieun Lee B.S. Southern Adventist University 2011	John Stefan Neumann B.A. Andrews University 2011 B.S. Andrews University 2012
Steven Lee B.S. Andrews University 2013	Kelly Ann Nishikawa B.S. University of California, Los Angeles 2012
Amanda Lim B.S. University of California, Irvine 2011	

Nicholas Rand Norton  
B.S. La Sierra University 2013

Michael Chinedu Nwosu  
B.S. Oakwood University 2011

Eddie Xavier Ortiz Galloza  
B.A. Southwestern Adventist  
University 2012

Michael Robert Pace, FEB  
B.S. Brigham Young University 2010  
D.D.S. University of California, Los  
Angeles 2014

Laura Elena Paul  
B.A. Covenant College 2013

Nicholas Alexander Paul  
B.S. University of California, Davis  
2011

Melissa Anne Pender  
B.S. Andrews University 2012

Tyler Paul Pender  
B.S. Andrews University 2013

Jacob Tapanes Perrin  
B.A. La Sierra University 2006

Katherine Anne Phelps  
B.S. University of Idaho 2012

Matthew Duke Phelps  
B.S. Pacific Union College 2013

Aaron Anthony Phillips  
B.S. Wheaton College 2013

William Anthony Pinette  
B.S. University of California, Irvine  
2011

Sharmila Pearl Price  
B.S. Andrews University 2013

Omar Ramos Williams  
B.S. Universidad Adventista de las  
Antillas 2012

Bianca Rebolledo  
B.S. University of Central Florida 2013

Heidi Nicole Reich  
B.A. Walla Walla University 2012

Daniel Joseph Repsold  
B.S. Whitworth University 2010

David Micheal Richter  
B.S. Burman University 2010

Ryan Keith Rigsby  
B.S. Southern Adventist University  
2013

Gentry Kemp Ward Russell  
B.H.S. University of Missouri,  
Columbia 2010

Jennifer Blanca Salame  
B.S. George Fox University 2011

Clarisse Melinda San Juan  
B.S. California State University, Los  
Angeles 2009

Brett Zachary Schaeffer  
B.A. Southern Adventist University  
2013

April Lynne Schindler  
B.A. University of Nevada, Las Vegas  
2003

Christine Shen  
B.A. University of Pennsylvania 2013

Edna Miao Shia  
B.A. University of California, Berkeley  
2011

Parker Douglas Shiffler, FEB  
B.S. Brigham Young University 2009  
D.D.S. University of California, Los  
Angeles 2013

Brian Chulmin Shin  
B.M.S. University of Western Ontario  
2013

Lauren Marie Sigsworth  
B.A. Southern Adventist University  
2013

Conor Dean Spady  
B.S. Southern Adventist University  
2013

Casey James Stevick  
B.S. Azusa Pacific University 2011

Lily Lai-ling Sung  
B.S. University of California, Los  
Angeles 2013

Ying Ming Benjamin Tan  
B.S. Pacific Union College 2012

Shelby Tanguay  
B.S. Southern Adventist University  
2013

Fawaz Philip Tarzi  
B.S. La Sierra University 2013

Steven Carl Tomlinson  
B.S. University of California, Davis  
2013

Alexander Raleigh Trecartin  
B.S. Andrews University 2010  
M.S. Andrews University 2012

David Nathaniel Tryon  
B.S. Southern Adventist University  
2013

Kevin Marshall Van Smaalen  
B.S. University of California, San  
Diego 2012

Andrew Benjamin Vizcarra  
B.A. Southern Adventist University  
2012

Tara Leigh Weeks Vizcarra  
B.S. Southern Adventist University  
2012  
M.P.H. Loma Linda University PH  
2016

Joshua Nathaniel Wathen  
B.A. Point Loma Nazarene University  
2013

Michelle Wheeler  
B.S. Westmont College 2013

Jessica Marie White  
B.S. Southern Adventist University  
2007  
M.S.N. Southern Adventist University  
2010

Jessica Wire  
B.S. Southern Adventist University  
2013

Jared Andrew Wong  
B.S. University of California, Irvine  
2011

Leanna Kimberly Wonoprabowo  
B.A. Andrews University 2011

Sara Yang  
B.S. University of Washington, Seattle  
2012

Timothy Seokyoung Yoo  
B.S. University of California, Los  
Angeles 2012

Jiseung Yoon  
B.S. Andrews University 2011  
M.A. Loma Linda University SR 2015

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

*Environmental Sciences*

MASTER OF SCIENCE

*Pathologists' Assistant*

Rohit Devaraj

Ryan Ray Casao  
B.S. The University of Texas at El Paso  
2010

Cindy B. Romero-Gonzalez  
B.S. University of North Carolina-  
Wilmington 2010

Arturo Christopher Garcia  
B.S. Fresno Pacific University 2014

Shelly-Anne Stewart  
B.S. Oakwood University 2002

Alejandra Delia Guizar  
B.S. University of Wisconsin,  
Milwaukee 2012

Kehn Tai  
B.S. California State University, East  
Bay 2006

Elden Bradley Johnson  
B.S. Utah Valley University 2013

Rita Tam  
B.S. University of California, Irvine  
2012

Toni Johnson  
B.S. SUNY College at Oneonta 2006  
M.A. Midwestern University 2011

Charmian Lok Heng Wong  
B.S. University of California, Los  
Angeles 2013

Christopher Anthony Riccardi  
B.S. University of Connecticut 2011

MASTER OF SCIENCE

*Biochemistry*

In conjunction with the Faculty of Graduate Studies

Julia Kim  
B.S. Pacific Union College 2014

Kenneth Laboy, DEC  
B.S. La Sierra University 2013

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

*Anatomy*

In conjunction with the Faculty of Graduate Studies

Amber Gonda  
B.A. Brigham Young University 2004  
M.S. Loma Linda University SM 2013

*Dissertation: Surviving in the Tumor Microenvironment*

Metabolic disturbances in Schwann cells (SC) have recently emerged as the primary cause of demyelination and peripheral neuropathy, a painful disease afflicting approximately 20 million people in the US. Lipotoxicity, or lipid overload, is the most injurious metabolic disturbance—leading to SC dysfunction and, consequently, to demyelination and neuropathy. However, while fatty acids like palmitic acid (PA) lead to disease, other fatty acids such as docosahexaenoic acid (DHA) confer protection. An important aspect of Schwann cell health is myelin formation and maintenance, made possible by Schwann cell-produced myelin proteins. Peripheral myelin

protein 22 (PMP22) is significant due to its putative contribution to SC proliferation and death. This study shows the differential effects of fatty acids on Schwann cells: PA induces cell death and decreases proliferation, whereas DHA promotes survival and normalizes proliferation. Moreover the research shows that PA and DHA regulation of PMP22 indeed correlates with SC viability and proliferation.

Grace Edosewe Esebanmen  
B.S. Babcock University 2007

*Dissertation:* The Role of TGF-beta in CTB-INS-mediated Induction of Tolerance in Human Dendritic Cells

A vaccine composed of the cholera toxin B subunit fused to proinsulin (CTB-INS) was recently shown to stimulate human dendritic cell (DC) tolerance. Proteomic analysis of CTB-INS-treated human DCs revealed that the tryptophan catabolic enzyme indoleamine 2, 3-dioxygenase (IDO1) was upregulated and potentially responsible for stimulating immunological tolerance. While transforming growth factor beta (TGF- $\beta$ ) appeared to be involved in signaling upregulation of IDO1 in mouse DCs, its function in human DCs with respect to IDO1 induction is unknown. These present experiments showed that integrin  $\alpha\text{v}\beta\text{8}$ , TGF- $\beta\text{1}$  and activin-A, mRNA biosynthesis, and Smad2/3 phosphorylation were upregulated in vaccine-treated, monocyte-derived DCs (moDC). However, additional experiments suggested TGF- $\beta$  synthesis was unrelated to IDO1 upregulation in human moDCs. While vaccine activation of TGF- $\beta$ -stimulated DC tolerance may differ between mice and men, novel CTB-INS-induced functions in human DCs were identified that may participate in vaccine induction of human dendritic cell-mediated tolerance.

Oliver Eshun  
B.S. University of Cape Coast 2007

*Dissertation:* Behavioral Ecology and Associated Virology of Mosquito-Host Interactions in Southern California

Characteristics of mosquito-host interactions are critical for understanding the ecology and epidemiology of mosquito-borne diseases. This research explored potential interactions in three studies. First, mosquito captures at CO<sub>2</sub>-baited traps decreased with height above ground at both riparian and nonvegetated wetlands, but decreased with distance from water only at the former. Birds might, therefore, prefer elevated nests or roosts to avoid mosquitoes. Second, mosquitoes tested in a laboratory showed no preference for freshly exposed compared to previously exposed parakeets (*Melopsittacus undulatus*). Anti-mosquito behaviors of the birds remained consistent over a two-hour period of exposure, but the combined number of mosquito landings on the birds' head, trunk, and feet correlated with anti-mosquito behavior. Finally, primary serum antigen-antibody tests for

viruses were negative in rattlesnakes (genus *Crotalus*) for West Nile virus and Western Equine encephalitis but positive for St. Louis encephalitis in 10% of sampled snakes. Therefore, rattlesnakes may be reservoirs of flaviviruses in Southern California.

Ijeoma Esiaba

B.S. University of Ilorin 1997

M.S. University of Ibadan 2000

*Dissertation:* Platelet Activation and Oxidative Stress Markers in the Preterm Newborn: Implications for Intraventricular Hemorrhage

Improved survival of preterm newborns comes with increased morbidity and mortality risks. Intraventricular hemorrhage (IVH) is the most frequent bleeding disorder in newborns, occurring within the first 10 to 20 days of life. Because the etiology of IVH is not well understood, possible links with inflammatory and hemostatic responses were investigated. Urinary allantoin, an inflammation marker, was elevated 36 to 72 hours after birth in preterm newborns who were subsequently diagnosed with IVH at 11th day of life. This suggests a strong association of IVH with inflammatory processes. Additionally, platelet-neutrophil interactions were found to be reduced in premature newborns, who are at increased risk for IVH. Such interactions are components of effective immune and hemostatic responses. Together, these findings suggest that IVH is likely the result of a confluence of increased physiological stressors, such as inflammation, and a reduced capacity for effective hemostatic response.

Darysbel Garcia-Perez

B.S. Universidad Adventista de las Antillas 2009

*Dissertation:* Two PAS-HAMP Signaling Mechanisms Identified in the Aer and Aer2

Bacterial chemoreceptors orchestrate bacterial responses to environmental changes. These receptors sense environmental changes and then signal via coordinated movements between domains within each receptor. Two domain superfamilies, PAS and HAMP, can form a signal input-output module for signal transduction. I studied the PAS-HAMP linkage in the Aer aerotaxis receptor of *Escherichia coli*, as well as in the Aer2 receptor of *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*. These receptors have different structural architectures. Biochemical and genetic studies were conducted to evaluate critical residues for Aer and Aer2 PAS signaling. Results showed that the Aer PAS domain is in close proximity and interacts laterally with its HAMP domain, suggesting a "side-on" PAS-HAMP signaling mechanism. In contrast, Aer2 studies revealed conserved PAS domain residues that support a unique oxygen-binding mechanism and a linear PAS-HAMP signaling mechanism. These data provide two distinct models for PAS-HAMP signaling that will be relevant to other pathogens.

## Pharmacology

Whitney Shardé Evans, DEC  
B.S. Oakwood University 2008

*Dissertation:* Anti-Tumor Mechanisms of HPV16 E6\*

High-risk types of the human papillomavirus cause nearly all cases of cervical cancer mainly through the actions of viral oncoproteins. Yet, the role of the splice isoform of E6 oncoprotein, E6\*, in HPV carcinogenesis was unestablished. This study proposed that E6\* had the potential to reduce tumor formation *in vivo* was tested by overexpressing E6\* in HPV+ and HPV- cervical cancer cells and grown in nude mice. E6\* reduced growth in both cervical cancer tumor types *in vivo* compared to control tumors. Proteomic analysis further revealed the cellular pathways influenced by E6\* in attenuating cervical cancer tumor growth. Ultimately, the  $\beta$ -Integrin and the mitochondrial dysfunction/oxidative phosphorylation pathways in the HPV+ and HPV- cells were most altered, which was confirmed by *in vitro* techniques. These findings will assist in the quest for understanding the fundamental driving forces behind HPV-mediated and non-HPV-mediated cervical cancers and introduce novel ideas for small molecule inhibitors.

Leslimar Rios-Colon  
B.S. University of Puerto Rico, Rio Piedras Campus 2010

*Dissertation:* Targeting the Stress Oncoprotein LEDGF/p75 to Sensitize Chemoresistant Prostate Cancer Cells to Taxanes

Prostate cancer (PCa) is associated with chronic inflammation resulting in activation of stress and pro-survival pathways contributing to disease progression and chemoresistance. The lens epithelium-derived growth factor p75 (LEDGF/p75) promotes cellular survival against environmental stressors and its overexpression has been associated with features of tumor aggressiveness. The study showed that LEDGF/p75 is upregulated in PCa cells selected for their resistance to docetaxel (DTX). These cells also showed resistance to cabazitaxel (CBZ) and paclitaxel, but not to the inducer of apoptosis TRAIL. Silencing LEDGF/p75 sensitized these resistant cells to DTX and CBZ. While TRAIL induced apoptotic blebbing, caspase-3 processing, and apoptotic LEDGF/p75 cleavage, in both taxane-resistant and -sensitive PCa cells, treatment with DTX and CBZ failed to robustly induce these signature apoptotic events. These observations suggested that taxanes induce both caspase-dependent and -independent cell death, and that maintaining the structural integrity of LEDGF/p75 is critical for its role in promoting taxane-resistance.

## Physiology

Sherrefa Raceen Burchell  
B.S. Northern Caribbean University 2011

*Dissertation:* The Role of Slit2/Robo Signaling in Inflammation and Blood-Brain Barrier Preservation after Intracerebral Hemorrhage

Intracerebral hemorrhages (ICH)—the most fatal stroke subtype, with mortality rates greater than 40% at one month—occur when weakened blood vessels rupture and bleed into the brain, leading to significant vascular disruption, edema, and inflammation. Despite this outcome, no effective therapy has been approved to date. Slit2, a potent chemorepellant that binds and activates the roundabout (Robo) receptors, has been found to preserve vascular integrity and have anti-inflammatory effects in several injury models. To identify the mechanisms of Slit2 in ICH, this research evaluated outcomes after administering recombinant (r)Slit2 and inhibitors of its downstream GTPase signaling. This study found that treatment with rSlit2 resulted in significantly reduced edema and behavioral deficits after ICH, concomitant with preservation of the vasculature (blood-brain barrier) and reductions in inflammatory markers. Inhibition of GTPase signaling reversed these effects. Based on our findings, Slit2 could be an effective therapy for ICH, targeting several pathways involved in its pathophysiology.

Brandon Joseph Dixon  
B.S. Oakwood University 2012

*Dissertation:* Neuroprotective Molecules and Strategies in a Rat Model of Neonatal Hypoxic Ischemic Encephalopathy

Neonatal hypoxic ischemic encephalopathy (HIE) is a devastating disease that primarily causes neuronal and white matter injury and is among the leading causes of death among infants. Currently, there are no well-established treatments that provide protection after HIE; therefore, it is important to understand the pathophysiology of the disease and to elucidate complications that are creating a gap between basic science and clinical translation. Numerous limitations and challenges remain to be mastered in the development of neuroprotective strategies and translation of experimental results in HIE—based on an appropriate study design, drug delivery properties, dosage, and use in neonates. In three separate studies, we evaluated the efficacy of interferon beta (IFN $\beta$ ), granulocyte-colony stimulating factor (G-CSF), and osteopontin (OPN) in reducing apoptosis and inflammation following neonatal hypoxic ischemic encephalopathy; and we have outlined the cellular pathways involved in their abilities to provide neuroprotection. This study showed that intranasal administration of IFN $\beta$  could be detected in the central nervous system, reduce brain infarction volumes, and improve neurological behavior tests 24 hours after HIE. Administration of G-CSF played a pivotal role in attenuating neuroinflammation and BBB disruption 48 hours following.

Lara Michaele Durrant  
B.A. University of Southern California 2009

*Dissertation:* Maternal Food Restriction and Offspring Vulnerability to Ischemic Stroke



Independent of other lifestyle factors such as poor diet and exercise habits, individuals who have been exposed to stressful conditions in utero show an increased risk of health problems, including hypertension, stroke, type II diabetes, and cardiovascular disease. This research hypothesized that fetal overexposure to stress hormones may play a role in the permanent anatomical changes seen in adulthood, and that these changes would be apparent in the developing cerebrovasculature. The researcher designed a series of experiments to test the effects of altered nutrition and glucocorticoid status during gestation. Altogether, we found that food restriction as well as perturbations in early glucocorticoid exposure are critical to development of the cerebrovasculature, and that pharmacological glucocorticoid inhibition via Metyrapone during gestation can alter the vulnerability to mild hypoxic ischemic injury. Future work is in progress to determine the ultimate effects of food restriction on the cerebrovasculature, especially during the neonatal period.

Manuel Luis Montero

B.S. Universidad Adventista de las Antillas 2000

*Dissertation:* DHA Attenuates Neuronal Cell Injury from Hypoxia and Palmitic Acid Injury

Lipotoxicity is triggered by lipid overload that leads to oxidative stress, cellular dysfunction, and cell death. This cellular phenomenon is part of a metabolic syndrome, obesity, and type II diabetes. Nerve growth factor-differentiated pheochromocytoma 12 (NGFDPC12) cells served as a neuronal model to study this process. When cells are subjected to a concentration of 300uM of palmitic acid or a low concentration of oxygen, the cell increases reactive oxygen species, stress-response genes like HIF-1 $\alpha$  and BNIP3, as well as apoptosis. Caspases inhibition only diverts the dying cell from apoptosis to necroptosis. The inhibition of necroptosis and the induction of autophagy rescues the cell from both mechanisms. DHA protects the cells from saturated fatty acids and from hypoxia and reverts the expression of those stress genes and apoptosis. Moreover, DHA induces autophagy as a way to protect the cells against reactive oxygen species and damaged organelles, giving the cell a survival advantage.

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Miguel Angel Serrano Illan

B.A. Southwestern Adventist University 2008

*Dissertation:* Pathways to Schwann Cell Survival: Potential Role of Docosahexaenoic Acid Regulation of PMP22

Metabolic disturbances in Schwann cells (SC) have recently emerged as the primary cause of demyelination and peripheral neuropathy, a painful disease afflicting approximately 20 million people in the US. Lipotoxicity, or lipid overload, is the most injurious metabolic disturbance—leading to SC dysfunction and, consequently, to demyelination and neuropathy. However, while fatty acids like palmitic acid (PA) lead to disease, other fatty acids such as docosahexaenoic acid (DHA) confer protection. An important aspect of Schwann cell health is myelin formation and maintenance, made possible by Schwann cell-produced myelin proteins. Peripheral myelin protein 22 (PMP22) is significant due to its putative contribution to SC proliferation and death. This study shows the differential effects of fatty acids on Schwann cells: PA induces cell death and decreases proliferation, whereas DHA promotes survival and normalizes proliferation. Moreover, we show that PA and DHA regulation of PMP22 indeed correlates with SC viability and proliferation.

# Physician's Oath

LOMA LINDA UNIVERSITY  
SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

Before God, these things I do promise:

In the acceptance of my sacred calling—

I will dedicate myself to the furtherance of Jesus Christ's healing and teaching ministry.

I will give to my teachers the respect and gratitude which is their due. I will impart to those who follow me the knowledge and experience that I have gained.

The wholeness of my patient will be my first consideration.

Acting as a good steward of the resources of society and of the talents granted me, I will endeavor to reflect God's mercy and compassion by caring for the lonely, the poor, the suffering, and those who are dying.

I will maintain the utmost respect for human life. I will not use my medical knowledge contrary to the laws of humanity. I will respect the rights and decisions of my patients.

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

I will lead my life and practice my art with purity and honor; abstaining from immorality myself, I will not lead others into moral wrongdoing.

May God's kingdom, His healing power, and His glory be experienced by those whom I serve; and may they be made known in my life, in proportion as I am faithful to this truth.

# The Scientist's Oath

Before God these things I do promise:

In the acceptance of my sacred calling—

I will dedicate my life to the furtherance of Jesus Christ's healing and teaching ministry.

As a member of the community of scholars, I promise to uphold the values of this body and all that it stands for.

I will give to my teachers the respect and gratitude which is their due.

I will impart to those who follow me, the knowledge and experience that I have gained.

I will extend the boundaries of scientific knowledge with my scholarship, teaching, research and publications.

I will deal fairly and justly with my fellow scientists, and will practice scientific integrity in the handling, acquisition, and interpretation of all data.

I will never misuse my research for personal or financial gain, or for the intentional harm of my fellow human beings.

I will respect the confidences entrusted to me by my research subjects, fellow scientists, and the general public.

May I always strive so as to preserve the finest traditions of this community.

May God's kingdom, His healing power and glory be experienced by me, as I am faithful to this Oath.

# Awards

## FACULTY OF GRADUATE STUDIES

President's Award: Brandon Joseph Dixon

Dean's Award: Leslimar Rios-Colon

## SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

President's Award: Emily A. Kutzner

Wil Alexander Whole Person Care Award: Daniel J. Repsold.

Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Society: Nichole B. Baruth, Jessica N. Beatty, Daniel J. Bergman, Stephen A. Bravo, Julia Y. Chen, Bethany J. Collins, Tucker W. Coston, Erica C. Couzens, Erica J. Evans, Phillip M. Grigsby, Peter J. Gust, Zachary R. Hill, Daniel B. Hoover, Yohanan Kim, Emily A. Kutzner, Christena J. McBride, Gavin L. Mills, Tyler P. Pender, Aaron A. Phillips, Ryan K. Rigsby, Casey J. Stevick, David N. Tryon, Joshua N. Wathen.

Alumni Association of Loma Linda University Herber Award: Jo P. Everett, Phoebe C. Glazer, Jonathan W. Harper, Robert S. Hill, Zachary R. Hill, Sharmila P. Price, April L. Schindler.

Class of 1990 Heart for Service Award: Tyler P. Pender.

## DEPARTMENT AWARDS

Anesthesiology (Bernard Briggs): Erica J. Evans.

### Emergency Medicine

Society for Academic Emergency Medicine:

Filipp V. Chesnokov.

Brent Bills "Pat on the Back" Award: Patrick D. Leaf.

Family Medicine (Walter Ordelheide): Leanna K. Wonoprabowo, Alexander R. Trecartin.

Gynecology/Obstetrics (Harold Ziprick): Michelle Wheeler.

### Medicine

Daniel D. Comstock: Bethany J. Collins.

Donald E. Griggs: Daniel B. Hoover.

Harold J. Hoxie: Tucker W. Coston and Ian M. Lizardo.

Varner J. Johns, Jr.: Reed F. Krause and Melissa A. Pender.

Neurology (Guy Hunt): Laura E. Paul.  
AAN Medical Student Prize for Excellence in Neurology:  
Sara Yang.

Orthopaedic Surgery (Philip H. Reiswig): Omar Ramos  
Williams.

Pediatrics (Robert Chinnock): Stephen A. Bravo.

Preventive Medicine  
Distinguished Student in Preventive Medicine:  
Leanna K. Wonoprabowo.

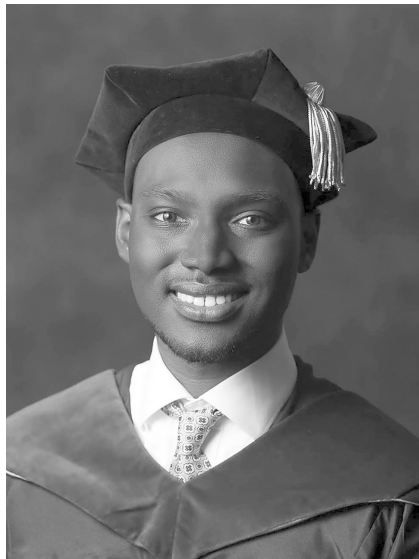
Psychiatry (Benjamin Kovitz): April L. Schindler.

Distinguished Student in Radiology: Ryan K. Rigsby.

Surgery (David B. Hinshaw, Sr.): Cassandra C. Krause.

Urology (Roger Barnes): Suzanne S. Jacob.

## Brandon Joseph Dixon—President's Award (FGS)



Faculty of Graduate Studies recipient

*B.S. Oakwood University 2012*

*Ph.D. Loma Linda University 2017*

*Outstanding Student Researcher Award, Loma  
Linda University 2013*

*Neuroscience Scholar Associate Fellowship  
Award, Society for Neuroscience 2014*

Brandon Joseph Dixon earned the Bachelor of Science degree in biomedical sciences at Oakwood University. He subsequently was accepted into the Basic Sciences Ph.D. program and the Initiative for Maximizing Student Development (IMSD) program at Loma Linda University School of Medicine.

Brandon joined the laboratories of Dr. Jiping Tang and Dr. John H. Zhang, where he received training in the neurosciences and focused on characterizing various therapeutic strategies after stroke, specifically after neonatal hypoxic ischemic encephalopathy. He also contributed to the publication of eighteen peer-reviewed articles consisting of original experimental studies, review articles, and editorials. For his academic and research achievements he received the “Outstanding Student Researcher” award, a Neuroscience Scholar Associate fellowship award from the Society for Neuroscience, and multiple travel awards to support research presentations at conferences.

Endowed with positive and strong leadership skills, Brandon has frequently been chosen by his peers to lead in campus activities. He has performed various roles on the local, regional, and national levels of the Student National Medical Association and served as the treasurer and community service vice president of the Basic Science Student Council. Brandon has been actively involved in community service as a volunteer—tutoring and teaching inner-city youth at a local church. He has also organized and led out in several volunteer opportunities for other students on campus, such as the St. Baldrick’s Head-Shaving event, the Inland Empire Science and Engineering Fair, and weekend student retreats.

Currently, Brandon continues to pursue his medical education and research career as a physician-scientist at the Medical University of South Carolina. He is extremely grateful to his parents, Roy and Ada Dixon, and his wife, Nichelle Warren Dixon, who have provided love, encouragement, and support throughout his personal and academic journey.

The Faculty of Graduate Studies recognizes Dr. Brandon Joseph Dixon for his outstanding academic achievement, scholarship, and exemplary leadership, and names him recipient of the 2017 *PRESIDENT’S AWARD*. This award was presented at the Basic Sciences Consecration and Hooding Ceremony on May 26, 2017.



## Emily Autumn Kutzner—President's Award (SM)



School of Medicine recipient

*B.S. Andrews University 2013*

*M.D. Loma Linda University 2017*

*Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Society*

*Consistent Honor Student, School of Medicine*

*Loma Linda University*

Throughout her four years of study at Loma Linda University School of Medicine (LLUSM), Emily Autumn Kutzner achieved an outstanding academic record, receiving honors in fifteen of the sixteen basic science courses during her first two years of medical school and in all seven third-year clerkships. She holds the honor of being one of three students inducted into the *Alpha Omega Alpha* Honor Society in the junior year, a privilege typically reserved for senior medical students. For her scores in both the USMLE Step 1 and Step 2 exams and her 99th national percentile ranking, she achieved top ranking in the LLUSM class of 2017.

A scholar and avid searcher for knowledge and truth, Emily has been actively involved in research, producing several publications and oral and poster presentations. In addition to achieving academic excellence, she has devoted considerable time to the community, tutoring disadvantaged elementary school students in the city of San Bernardino. She also keeps herself physically and mentally fit through a positive blend of hobbies: sports (volleyball) and music (violin).

Emily has earned the respect and appreciation of her School of Medicine faculty and peers not only for her academic achievements, her unselfish service, and her scholarship; but also for her personal warmth and integrity, and for the respect she consistently shows to others.

Following her LLUSM graduation, Emily will enter an orthopedic surgery residency program at Grand Rapids Medical Education Partners in Michigan.

For her outstanding academic achievement, her committed service, and her contributions to the school and the community; and for promoting the University's mission, "to continue the teaching and healing ministry of Jesus Christ," the School of Medicine recognizes Dr. Emily Autumn Kutzner with the 2017 *PRESIDENT'S AWARD*. This award was presented to her at the School of Medicine senior banquet on May 24, 2017.

## Daila S. Gridley—School Distinguished Service Award



Professor, Department of Basic Sciences,  
Division of Radiation Research, and  
of the Division of Microbiology and  
Microbiology and Molecular Genetics,  
School of Medicine, Loma Linda University

*B.S. University of Oregon 1966*

*M.S. University of Oregon Health Sciences  
Center 1971*

*Ph.D. Loma Linda University 1978*

*Recipient of the Del E. Webb Endowed Chair  
in Proton Radiation Research, Loma Linda  
University 2006-2012*

*Outstanding Contribution Award—Harold  
W. Siebens Conference, Mayo Foundation,  
Rochester, Minnesota 2001*

*Basic Science Student/Faculty Research Award,  
Loma Linda University School of Medicine  
1989, 2001, and 2003*

*Outstanding Professor Award, National Medical  
School Review 1992*

*Basic Science Fellow Award, Loma Linda  
University 1991*

*Who's Who of Emerging Leaders in America 1987*

*Who's Who of American Women 1983*

*Outstanding Young Women of America, Board of  
Advisors For OYWA 1978*

*President's Award and Clinton Reed Brower*

*Scholarship Award, Loma Linda University 1978*

Born in Riga, Latvia, Daila S. Gridley came to the United States as a World War II refugee. After attending the University of Oregon, she worked as a medical technologist at the Oregon Health Services Center. After her husband, Larry received his medical degree, the couple moved to southern California, where she began her doctoral program while serving as a senior medical technologist at the Loma Linda University Medical Center. During this time, she welcomed the birth of three daughters—Laila and Laura (twins) and later, Lisa.

After completing a doctorate degree at Loma Linda University, Dr. Gridley was appointed research associate in the Department of Microbiology. Subsequently, she has held academic and research appointments in the Schools of Medicine, Dentistry, Allied Health Professions, and at the Medical Center; as well as at the National Space Biomedical Research Institute. She served as associate director of Radiation Research Laboratories within the Department of Radiation Medicine; and was recipient of the Del E. Webb Endowed Chair in Proton Radiation Research.

Now a distinguished international scholar and outstanding mentor, Dr. Gridley's prolific research has been funded by grants from, among others, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), the Department of Defense, and the National Institutes of Health. She has authored or co-authored hundreds of articles, manuscripts, and book chapters, and has been invited to present lectures at national and international meetings, conferences, and media events.

Dr. Gridley's research topics have included cancer therapy, radioprotectants of normal tissues, and immunological studies on mice submitted to the International Space Station.

For her professional expertise, Dr. Gridley has received numerous honors and awards, including Outstanding Professor for lectures in microbiology and immunology by the National Medical School Review, and citations in *Who's Who of Emerging Leaders in America* and *Who's Who of American Women*.

In recognition of her commitment to research and quality medical education, the School of Medicine names Dr. Daila S. Gridley recipient of the *SCHOOL DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD*. This award will be presented to her at the Conferring of Degrees for the school.

## Melissa Y. Kidder—School Distinguished Service Award



Chair and Assistant Professor, Department  
of Gynecology and Obstetrics, School of  
Medicine, Loma Linda University

*B.S. Atlantic Union College 1986*  
*M.D. Loma Linda University 1994*

*Certified by the American Board of Obstetrics  
and Gynecology*

*Excellence in Teaching, Association of Professors  
of Gynecology and Obstetrics*  
*Outstanding Resident Teacher of the Year*  
*Department of Gynecology and Obstetrics*  
*Loma Linda University Medical Center*

Melissa Yvonne Kidder was born in Niles, Michigan. Dr. Kidder obtained her undergraduate education (1982-86) and earned the B.S. in medical technology degree from Atlantic Union College (AUC) in South Lancaster, Massachusetts. Following completion of her pre-medical course requirements at the University of Central Florida, Orlando, from 1988 to 1990; she pursued the medical course at Loma Linda University School of Medicine (LLUSM) and earned the M.D. degree in 1994. She served her residency in obstetrics and gynecology at Loma Linda University Medical Center (LLUMC) from 1994 to 1998. Since completion of the residency program, she has been a full-time faculty member of LLUSM Department of Gynecology and Obstetrics.

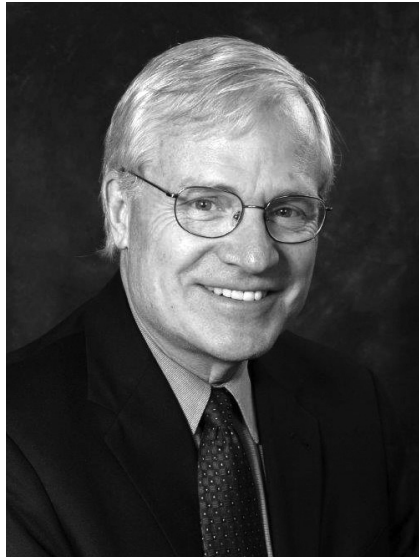
Dr. Kidder began her professional career as attending staff physician—first at LLUMC starting in 1998; she continued in the same capacity at the LLU Children's Hospital beginning in 2011. She likewise shared her expertise in gynecology and obstetrics in the classroom as instructor starting in 1998 and assistant professor in 2001. In October 2013, Dr. Kidder was asked to serve as interim chair of the Department of Gynecology and Obstetrics; and subsequently, in 2014 was appointed chair of the department—a position she currently holds.

A physician-mentor with a keen interest in postgraduate education, Dr. Kidder was named assistant program director of the Obstetrics and Gynecology Residency Program in 2005; and was designated director of the Obstetrics and Gynecology Residency Program in December 2007. She is an active member of several prestigious medical professional organizations, including: the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, American Medical Association, San Bernardino County Medical Society, Council on Resident Education in Obstetrics and Gynecology, Association of Professors of Gynecology and Obstetrics, and the Council of University Chairs of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

In addition to her professional engagement as a physician, Dr. Kidder enjoys playing the piano and viola. She and her husband, Lawrence, enjoy playing music together along with their two children—Scott and Kaitlyn.

In recognition of her commitment to quality medical education and excellent patient care, the School of Medicine names Dr. Melissa Yvonne Kidder recipient of the *SCHOOL DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD*. This award will be presented to her at the Conferring of Degrees for the school.

## Henry H. Lamberton—School Distinguished Service Award



Associate Dean for Student Affairs  
Associate Professor, Department of  
Psychiatry, School of Medicine; and  
of the School of Religion, Loma Linda  
University

*B.A. Walla Walla College, (now Walla Walla  
University) 1971*

*M.Div. Andrews University 1974*

*Psy.D. Fuller Theological Seminary Graduate  
School of Psychology 1992*

*San Bernardino County Medical Society  
Outstanding Citizen Award 2011*

Born at Fort Richardson, Alaska, where his father, Harold Lamberton, CME class of 1946, was stationed in the U.S. Army after World War II, Dr. Henry Lamberton grew up on a ranch in the wheat and apple country of north-central Washington. He attended Upper Columbia Academy, where he met his wife to be, Elaine Spechko. Following his graduation from Walla Walla College (WVC), now Walla Walla University, he served as an academy dean of boys and Bible teacher before earning the Master of Divinity degree at Andrews University. After pastoring in Washington and Idaho, he returned to WVC and joined the School of Theology faculty.

In 1987, Dr. Wilbur Alexander, recruited Dr. Lamberton to work with Loma Linda University medical students—an assignment that provided him the opportunity to pursue graduate education in psychology and religion. In 1994, he was appointed associate dean for Student Affairs in the School of Medicine, where he continues to teach medical students through the School of Religion and serves as coordinator for Orientation to Religion and Medicine—a class co-taught by physicians and School of Religion faculty.

Dr. Lamberton has held leadership positions in the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) Group on Student Affairs as chair for the AAMC Western Region's Group for two terms, and as the Western Region's representative to the AAMC's National Committee on Student Affairs for three years.

Dr. Lamberton co-authored with Dr. Siroj Sorajjakool, the textbook, *"Spirituality, Health and Wholeness: An Introductory Guide for Healthcare Professionals."* In addition to book chapters and research articles on the role of spirituality in medicine, he has given numerous presentations at regional and national meetings of the AAMC on student life and well-being, and many presentations at national and international conferences for the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

In 2011, Dr. Lamberton received the San Bernardino County Medical Society *Outstanding Citizen Award* in recognition of his contribution to the development and well-being of medical students and his facilitation of their participation in community service and medical society activities.

For his distinguished service and untiring support of student well-being, and for a lifetime commitment to this institution's values and its motto, "to make man whole," the School of Medicine names Dr. Henry H. Lamberton recipient of the *SCHOOL DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD*. This award will be presented to him at the Conferring of Degrees for the school.



## Amy C. Hayton—Commencement Speaker



Assistant Professor and Clerkship Director,  
Department of Medicine, School of  
Medicine, Loma Linda University

*B.S. Azusa Pacific University 1998*  
*M.D., M.P.H. Loma Linda University 2004*

*Certified by the American Board of Internal  
Medicine 2007 and by the National Board of  
Medical Examiners (Parts I, II, III) 2005*  
*Chief Medical Resident, Loma Linda University  
SM 2007-2008*  
*Internal Medicine Intern of the Year, LLU SM  
2004-2005*  
*LLU Merit/Leadership Scholarship 2002*

Born in San Jose, California, Dr. Amy C. Hayton grew up in a family committed to service. As early as high school, Dr. Hayton was responding to a need to nurture the young and tenderhearted, and other often overlooked members of the church.

After completing her undergraduate studies, Dr. Hayton accepted a position in Owerri, Nigeria, where she spent a year teaching and demonstrating for rural area pastors how to integrate children's ministry into church programs. In 2004, Dr. Hayton founded and served as president of the International Medicine Interest Group—which organized monthly meetings for medical students anticipating overseas service, planned annual conferences for campus-wide students to discuss the various facets of international service, and met quarterly with the university chancellor to evaluate goals and plan partnerships with the institution on student missions. Also, she actively participated as volunteer and resource person at various locations: Zhongshan, Guangdong Province, China (2002); Sir Run Run Shaw Hospital in Hangzhou, China (2004); Nigeria (1998-99, 2000, 2007); Hangzhou, China (2006); and Malamulo Adventist Hospital, Malawi (2014).

Upon receipt of her medical degree and public health master's degree (2004), Dr. Hayton became internal medicine chief resident at the Loma Linda Veterans Administration Medical Center (VAMC). Since 2008, she has practiced internal medicine at the Loma Linda VAMC, where she models whole-person care to medical students. In 2015 she became the internal medicine clerkship director and met with the class of 2017 as her first group of students.

Recognizing the learners' need for emotional and spiritual care, Dr. Hayton has led in the development and implementation of critical reflection within the medical students' training. Giving attention to individual learners under her care, she has supported and guided future physicians to become the individuals they are uniquely called to be. She has shared her knowledge and expertise not only in internal medicine but also in critical reflection and whole-person care through published peer-reviewed journal articles, textbook chapters, and numerous intramural presentations.

Dr. Amy Hayton is married to Andrew Hayton, M.D., a psychiatrist at the Loma Linda VAMC who shares her passion for medical ministry. The couple resides in Redlands, California, with their three children: twin daughters—Grace and Faith, and son, Will. Dr. Amy C. Hayton will deliver her address at the Conferring of Degrees for the School of Medicine.

# School of Pharmacy

May twenty-eight, one-thirty o'clock, University Mall



## PRELUDE

Loma Linda Academy Wind Symphony  
Dr. John Carter, conductor

## ACADEMIC PROCESSION

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Ronald L. Carter, University Commencement Marshal,  
leading  
Carlene M. Drake, Marilyn Eggers, Jeffrey Gang, Zane Yi,  
Associate Marshals, assisting

The President's Party, Members of the University Board of  
Trustees, LLUH Administrators

## Faculty

Triumphal March (*from Aida*) . . . *Giuseppe Verdi* (arr. Jack  
Bullock)

## Candidates for Degrees

Pomp and Circumstance, Op. 39, No. 1 . . . *Sir Edward Elgar*  
(arr. Clare Grundman)

## INVOCATION

Lisa Hong  
Assistant Professor, Department of Pharmacy Practice

## WELCOME

Richard H. Hart  
President of the University

## PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

Noreen Chan Tompkins, Dean of the School  
The President  
Ronald L. Carter, Provost of the University

## RECOGNITION OF RESIDENTS AND FELLOWS

Norm Hamada  
Director of Clinical Pharmacy Services, Loma Linda  
University Medical Center

INTRODUCTION  
OF SPEAKER

The Dean

ADDRESS

Mary Ann B. Kliethermes  
Vice Chair of Ambulatory Care and Professor  
Chicago College of Pharmacy  
Midwestern University

BITS OF WISDOM FOR THE ROAD

CONFERRING OF DEGREES

The President

AWARDING OF DIPLOMAS

The Dean

OATH OF A PHARMACIST

Farnoosh Zough  
Assistant Professor, Department of Pharmacy Practice

BENEDICTION

Justin Kinney  
Assistant Professor, Department of Pharmacy Practice

ACADEMIC RECESSION

Semper Fidelis . . . *John Philip Sousa*

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## SCHOOL OF PHARMACY

### *Doctor of Pharmacy*

Alast Ameri B.S. University of California, Davis 2010	Stephen Daemang Choi B.S. Arizona State University, Main Campus 2013
Amanda Lynn Avey B.S. Westmont College 2013	Robi Angela Cocjin B.S. University of California, Santa Barbara 2012
Monica Maher Fahim Awad B.S. University of California, Davis 2013	Michelle Tram Do B.S. University of California, Irvine 2012
Sesil Bozukian B.S. University of California, Irvine 2013	Sushil Dutta B.S. University of California, Riverside 2012
Alan Vien Bui B.S. University of California, Los Angeles 2013	Angela Joan Flores B.S. University of California, Riverside 2013
Noel Chan B.S. University of California, Berkeley 2013	Melissa April Gage B.S. Pacific Union College 2013
Hang Benjamin Cheung B.S. University of California, Los Angeles 2011	Tory Eric Todd Gorton B.A. California State University, San Bernardino 2003
Susan Yoonji Cho B.S. University of California, Irvine 2010	Rena Thair Hiedo B.S. San Diego State University 2013
David Young Hoon Choi B.S. La Sierra University 2011	Liem Ngoc Huy Hoang B.S. University of California, Los Angeles 2013 M.S. Loma Linda University AH 2016
Mia Choi B.A. University of Southern California 2013	Sara Abigail Inderias B.S. University of California, Riverside 2011

Katherine Dayanna Jaramillo-Cilio B.S. John Brown University 2013	Crystal Lestari B.S. California State University, Fullerton 2013
Sandra Amin Kaddis B.S. University of California, Irvine 2013	Kelsey L. Lewis B.S. Southern Adventist University 2013
Dalea Kandela B.S. La Sierra University 2013	Ying Li B.S. University of California, Los Angeles 2011
Da Woon Kang B.S. Pacific Union College 2010	Seongmo Lim B.S. La Sierra University 2010 M.B.A. La Sierra University 2013
Jennifer Donghwi Kang B.S. University of California, San Diego 2012	Rebecca Ellen Lozingot B.S. University of California, Los Angeles 2012
Ko Woon Kang B.S. Pacific Union College 2009	Eric Alan Meidinger B.S. Walla Walla University 2012
Rana Naimeh Khoury B.S. University of California, Irvine 2013	Michelle Nicole Montelongo B.A. California State University, Fresno 2012
Bo Mi Kim B.S. Kettering College of Medical Arts 2012	Kristina Michele Moore B.S. Pacific Union College 2013
Taejune Kim B.S. La Sierra University 2013	Adorina Moshava B.A. California State University, Northridge 2007 T.H.M. Vanguard University of Southern California 2013 M.S. California State University, Northridge 2013
Daniel Donghyok Ko B.S. University of California, Los Angeles 2011	Arbella Moshava B.A. California State University, Northridge 2007 T.H.M. Vanguard University of Southern California 2012 M.S. California State University, Northridge 2013
Alison Huynh Le B.S. University of California, Los Angeles 2011	Bich Ngoc Thi Nguyen B.S. University of California, Riverside 2011
Grace Eunhye Lee B.S. La Sierra University 2013	
Kristen Seungyun Lee B.S. University of California, San Diego 2011	
Susan Bohye Lee B.S. University of California, Irvine 2012	

Helena Thuong Nguyen B.S. California State University, Long Beach 2012	Mariam Wael Shafik B.S. University of California, Riverside 2013
Michelle Dung Nguyen B.S. University of California, Irvine 2011	Ingi N. Shenouda B.S. University of California, Los Angeles 2013
My Ai Nguyen B.S. The Master's College and Seminary 2013	Grace Eunhae Shinn B.A. Washington Adventist University 2011
Nha Ai Nguyen B.S. The Master's College and Seminary 2013	Sukhchain Singh B.S. University of California, Riverside 2012
Brian Mogaka Nyamwange B.S. Southern Adventist University 2011 M.A. Loma Linda University SR 2014	Arvin Pangihutan Sitanggang B.S. University of California, San Diego 2011
Elena Ion Opris B.S. University of California, Davis 2013	Emmanuelle Sivilay B.B.A. Georgia State University 1994
Raisa Mia Untalan Pangilinan B.S. Santa Clara University 2012	Shawn Robert Smith B.S. Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania 2013
Ji won Park B.S. La Sierra University 2012	Natalie Hsin Chuan Tan B.S. University of California, Irvine 2010
Woori Park B.S. Andrews University 2013	Paul Afraiem Tawadrous B.A. University of California, Santa Barbara 2012
Lilit Poghosyan B.A. California State University, Northridge 2013	Alexandria Carol Taylor B.S. California Baptist University 2013
Emily Anne Reyes B.S. Southern Adventist University 2013	Ae Teurn B.S. University of California, Davis 2008
Kyle David Schnetzler B.S. University of Redlands 2013	Ariel Thai B.S. University of California, San Diego 2011
Justin Allen Seifert B.S. University of California, Los Angeles 2013	Uyen Do Tran B.S. University of California, Irvine 2013

Christine Thanh Tran Nguyen  
B.A. University of California, Berkeley  
2011

Jason Hyung Keun Yang  
B.S. University of California, San  
Diego 2012

Diana Meline Tumberian  
B.A. California State University,  
Northridge 2011

Melissa Alice Yong  
B.S. Pacific Union College 2013

Madeleine Emem Udonta  
B.S. Southern Adventist University  
2013

Tammy Choi Young  
B.S. University of California, Riverside  
2013  
M.S. Loma Linda University AH 2016

Allison Suthinee Tulyathan  
Uniat  
B.A. Pacific Union College 2013

Allison Zakaroff  
B.S. Point Loma Nazarene University  
2013

Toan Thang Doan Vo  
B.S. University of Minnesota, Twin  
Cities 2006

Marian Zhou  
B.S. University of California, Los  
Angeles 2011

Andrew Anuluck Warounthorn  
B.S. University of California, Riverside  
2012

# The Pharmacist's Oath

Today, May 28, 2017, I stand on the campus of Loma Linda University before you and in the presence of God. I promise to devote myself to a lifetime of service to others through the profession of pharmacy.

In fulfilling this vow:

I will consider the welfare of humanity and relief of suffering my primary concern.

I will apply my knowledge, experience, and skills to the best of my ability to assure optimal drug outcomes for my patients.

I will respect and protect all personal and health information entrusted to me.

I will accept the lifelong obligation to improve my professional knowledge and competence.

I will hold myself and my colleagues to the highest principles of our profession's moral, ethical, and legal conduct.

I will embrace and advocate changes that improve patient care.

I will utilize my knowledge, skills, experiences, and values to prepare the next generation of pharmacists.

I take these vows voluntarily with the full realization of the responsibility with which I am entrusted by the public and by God.

# Awards

Distinguished Service Award: Rashid Mosavin.

School Alumnus of the Year: Dekabo Saba.

Wil Alexander Whole Person Care Award: TBA.

Mission Excellence Award: TBA.

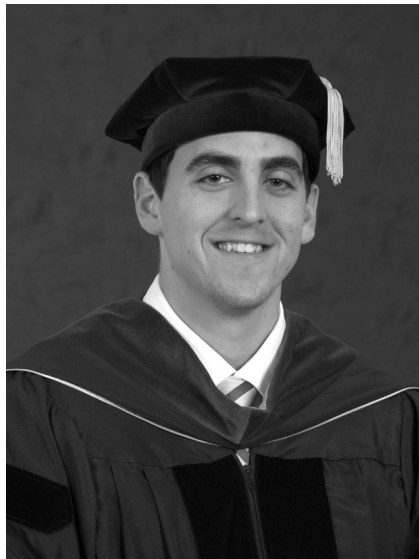
Dean's Award: TBA.

President's Award: TBA.

Pharmacy Resident Acknowledgments: Suluck Chaturabul, Dimpa Choksi, Scott Fitter, Amanda Golay, Leilani Isozaki, Anthony Lee, Jade Lee, Jane Lim, Ying Long, Tamara Ly, Bert Matsuo, Deepika Mohan, Maryam Molki, Genevieve Noronha, Kiwon Park, Ariani Waworuntu, Jennifer Wu.

Pharmacy Fellow Acknowledgments: Christopher Jacobson, Howard Siu, James Truong.

## Shawn Robert Smith—President's Award



School of Pharmacy recipient

*B.S. Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania  
2013*

*Pharm.D. Loma Linda University 2017*

*Ralph's Scholarship Award, 2014  
Consistent Honor Student, School of Pharmacy*

Shawn Robert Smith decided to change course and pursue a career in health care while attending Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania as a biochemistry major. Pharmacy appealed to him because of its importance to society, the high level of responsibility required, and the opportunities it affords to interact with individuals and communities.

Since his acceptance to the Loma Linda University School of Pharmacy (LLUSP), Shawn has demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to academics, his classmates, and to God. Throughout his program of study, he has maintained an exceptional G.P.A., consistently ranked high in his class, and was in the Dean's List or Honor Roll every quarter. In 2014, he received the Ralph's Scholarship, a recognition that is reserved for first- and second-year students having a minimum G.P.A. of 3.0 and an expressed preference for working in a retail pharmacy setting.

A member of The *Rho Chi Society*, *Gamma Rho* Chapter, the academic honor society in pharmacy, Shawn served as the chapter's treasurer during his third year. To help support incoming PY1 students, he facilitated a mentoring program within the Pharmacy Student Network, connecting them with PY2 students who could guide them through their first year in the School of Pharmacy. In addition, he has served as class president during his four years of pharmacy school and was invited in 2016 to represent student interests on the LLUSP dean's search committee.

Shawn's commitment to working with people and serving God has been demonstrated through service as a medical missionary to Romania, Belize, and Brazil; and through active involvement in the University's Student Association as a spiritual-care team leader, organizing and leading out in Friday evening vespers and Sabbath afternoon activities.

In recognition of his outstanding academic achievement, his active involvement in community service, and his commitment to the mission of this University, "to continue the teaching and healing ministry of Jesus Christ," Dr. Shawn Robert Smith is named recipient of the 2017 *PRESIDENT'S AWARD* for the School of Pharmacy. This award will be presented at the Conferring of Degrees for the school.



## Rashid Mosavin—School Distinguished Service Award



Executive Associate Dean and Professor,  
Pharmaceutical and Administrative  
Sciences, School of Pharmacy  
Loma Linda University

*R.Ph. University of Kansas 1986*

*M.B.A. University of Chicago 2003*

*Ph.D. University of Wisconsin 1996*

*Licensed Pharmacist 1997, State of Illinois*

Dr. Rashid Mosavin has diligently and indefatigably dedicated himself to the growth and success of the Loma Linda University School of Pharmacy (LLUSP). He joined LLUSP in 2004—four years after the School opened—and taught in the Department of Pharmacotherapy and Outcomes Sciences. Known for his hard work and a keen sense of humor, Dr. Mosavin has been a prime mover and an active participant in efforts that have resulted in significant developments in the school.

As LLUSP faculty, Dr. Mosavin became the first to go on an international mission trip—to Afghanistan in 2005. Upon his return, he was inspired to create the International Pharmacy Outreach Program (IPOC) to assist with the pharmaceutical needs of other Loma Linda University international missions. In 2007, he became the chair of the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences and sought to create a culture of scholarship among its faculty.

Dr. Mosavin was appointed associate dean for Academic Affairs in 2012 and chaired the accreditation self-study committee. As a result of the committee's excellent performance, the Accreditation Council of Pharmacy Education granted full accreditation to LLUSP and recognized the School for best practice model of student involvement in the self-study process.

Most recently, as executive associate dean, Dr. Mosavin initiated LLUSP's second dual-degree program, an M.S. degree in health informatics that provides pharmacy students another opportunity for growth and a competitive edge. This year, he became a member of the Assessment Leadership Academy of the WASC Senior College and University Commission, which affords him the opportunity to assist in the school's efforts to prepare for and maintain accreditation. To fulfill his commitment to the education and development of future pharmacists, he teaches a pharmacy management course and serves as the advisor for the LLUSP chapter of the National Community Pharmacists Association.

In recognition of his dedicated service, providing opportunities for optimum learning and student growth, and for his contributions to maintaining quality education; the School of Pharmacy honors Dr. Rashid Mosavin with the *SCHOOL DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD*. This award will be presented to him at the Conferring of Degrees for the school.

## Dekabo Saba—Alumnus of the Year



Pharmacist and Respiratory Therapist,  
Beaverton, Oregon

*B.S. Respiratory Therapy 1999*  
*Pharm.D. Loma Linda University 2007*

*Licensed Pharmacist 2008*

*Worldwide Leader in Health Care and Top  
Pharmacist and Respiratory Therapist  
International Association of Respiratory  
Therapists*

Born and raised in Ethiopia, Dr. Dekabo Saba observed a great discrepancy between the practice of medicine and pharmacy in his homeland and in the United States. Determined to fulfill his mission to effect change in the lives of his countrymen, Dr. Saba returned to Ethiopia after graduating in 2007 from Loma Linda University School of Pharmacy.

While living with his family in Ethiopia for several years, Dr. Saba focused on health education—providing guidelines to pharmacists and other health-care professionals in Africa, while advising them how to prevent, manage, and treat diseases. He also collaborated with African pharmacy boards to develop laws governing pharmacies, pharmacists, and the administration and use of drugs. With assistance from many Seventh-day Adventist donors in the United States, Dr. Saba developed a new, one-off, state-of-the-art pharmacy in Ethiopia.

Dr. Saba currently resides with his wife and their five children in Beaverton, Oregon, where he works as a part-time pharmacist for Rite Aid; and owns and runs two medical care homes—one of which is equipped for mechanical ventilation. He is also involved with the US-based ReachAnother Foundation that provides the poorest citizens of Ethiopia with increased access to health care and education.

For the past four years, Rite Aid customers have voted Dr. Saba “Favorite Pharmacy Team Member.” In addition, he was named a “Worldwide Leader in Health Care” as well as “Top Pharmacist and Respiratory Therapist” by The International Association of Respiratory Therapists.

In recognition of his exemplary service and his unwavering commitment to and promotion of this institution's motto, “to make man whole,” the School of Pharmacy names Dr. Dekabo Saba *ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR*. This title will be conferred on him at the Conferring of Degrees for the school.

## Mary Ann B. Kliethermes—Commencement Speaker



Vice Chair and Professor, Department of  
Pharmacy Practice  
Chicago College of Pharmacy  
Midwestern University, Illinois

*B.S. University of Michigan 1977*  
*Pharm.D. University of the Sciences in  
Philadelphia 1981*

*Licensed Pharmacist, State of Michigan and State  
of Illinois 1977, 1983-present*  
*Certified for Pharmacy-Based Immunization  
Delivery 1995 and Pharmaceutical Care for  
Patients with Diabetes 1997*

*American Society of Health-System  
Pharmacists Award for Distinguished  
Leadership in Health-System Pharmacy  
Practice 2016*

*Shining Star Award, Illinois Council of Health-  
System Pharmacists 2015*

*Outstanding Faculty of the Year, Chicago College  
of Pharmacy 2014*

*Fellow of the Chicago Institute of Medicine 2009*  
*Illinois Pharmacist of the Year 2003*

For almost four decades, Dr. Mary Ann Bukovinsky Kliethermes has played an important role in the field of pharmacy instruction and practice as administrator, researcher, consultant, and mentor. In her current capacity as vice chair and professor in the Department of Pharmacy Practice at Chicago College of Pharmacy, she develops and oversees ambulatory care faculty, provides health services to patients in ambulatory clinic practice sites, and leads faculty clinicians in the areas of teaching, site development, research, and professional growth.

As pharmacy educator and clinician, Dr. Kliethermes has initiated programs and strategies for improving patient care; continuing staff training; and upgrading, developing and marketing patient care software.

In addition to her numerous posters, seminar presentations, and published articles, Dr. Kliethermes (as former co-director of the Illinois Center of the Illinois Pharmacy Foundation) initiated the Pharmacist Immunization Training Program, developed a pharmaceutical care demonstration project, and submitted two ambulatory-based research projects. She has received grants from the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP) and the National Institute of Health for important studies on pharmacy and health-related research. She has also served either as chair or member of significant pharmacy committees, including: the Illinois Council of Health System Pharmacist and the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists. Her expertise has been enlisted as reviewer, writer, and consultant for major pharmacy organizations; and she has served as ASHP representative to and member of prestigious pharmacy bodies such as the American College of Clinical Pharmacists, the American Pharmacists Association, the Midwestern University Pharmacy Quality Alliance, and the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy.

A strong advocate of positive parent-teacher relations, Dr. Kliethermes has extended her services to the community as chair of the New York High School Parent-Teacher Association parent-teacher breakfast, captain of the Neighborhood Christmas tree block, and parent representative to the Luther College Parents Council. With her throughout her academic and professional journey has been her family: Mark, her husband, and their four children—Christopher, Stephanie, Mark Jr., and Cody.

Dr. Mary Ann Bukovinsky Kliethermes will deliver her address at the Conferring of Degrees for the School of Pharmacy.

# School of Dentistry

May twenty-eight, five o'clock, University Mall



## PRELUDE

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B. Won, Associate Marshals, assisting

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Pomp and Circumstance, Op. 30, No. 1 . . . *Sir Edward Elgar*  
(arr. Clare Grundman)

## INVOCATION

Michael Fitzpatrick  
Professor, Division of General Dentistry

## WELCOME

Richard H. Hart  
President of the University

## PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

Robert A. Handysides, Associate Dean for Academic  
Affairs  
Yiming Li, Associate Dean for Research  
Ronald J. Dailey, Dean of the School  
Ronald L. Carter, Provost of the University

## INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER

The Dean

ADDRESS

Jim Wood  
Assemblyman, State of California District 2

LIVING A FULFILLING LIFE: A COMMITMENT TO  
COMMUNITY

RESPONSE FOR  
GRADUATES

Victoria Kha  
President of the Class of Graduating Dental Hygienists

Evan Agnetta  
President of the Class of Graduating Dentists

CONFERRING OF DEGREES

The President

AWARDING OF DIPLOMAS

The Dean  
Associate Dean for Academic Affairs  
Kristi J. Wilkins, Chair, Department of Dental Hygiene  
D. Graham Stacey, Associate Dean for Admissions and  
Student Affairs  
Steven G. Morrow, Assistant Dean for Advanced Education

CHARGE TO THE CLASSES

The Dean

PLEDGE TO DENTISTRY

L. Todd Cochran  
Assistant Professor, Division of General Dentistry

BENEDICTION

Marilynn Heyde  
Associate Professor, Department of Dental Hygiene

ACADEMIC RECESSION

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## SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY

### ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE

#### *Dental Hygiene*

Jessica Leigh Daniel	Gabriela Cruz Hernandez
Tiffany Ann Francis	Amanda Elaine Lopez
Joufika V. Gestoso	Simone Genaye McClelland
Amanda Danielle Gray	Karina Itzel Mondragon
Tiffany Erin Gurrola	Endy Stephanie Torres

## BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

#### *Dental Hygiene*

Signe G. Anderson	Norma Edith Juarez
Cammie Rose Antell, magna cum laude	Victoria Truong Kha
Jessica D. Bayer, cum laude	Alycia Nicole Lopez
Melissa Gabriela Cardenas	Alyssa E. Marcus
Anne-Laure Charles	Rachel Marie Norman
Andi Chau, cum laude	Tricia Renee Rodriguez
Lemuel Ruben Fecue, cum laude	Victoria Belle Santiago, magna cum laude
Mackinsie Day Flores, cum laude	Bethany Rose Shears, summa cum laude
Kiarra Nalyce Gist, magna cum laude	Uyen Thuy Nha To
Estefany Hernandez	



DOCTOR OF  
DENTAL SURGERY

*Dentistry*

Evan James Agnetta B.A. Ashford University 2012	Kenton Dalen-Gryckiewicz B.S. The University of British Columbia 2011
Jason Hyun Ahn B.S. Pacific Union College 2013	M.M. The University of British Columbia 2012
Ashley Nicole Akins B.S. Oakwood University 2011	Mathew A. Delgadillo B.S. Point Loma Nazarene University 2013
Stephan S. Barrington B.A. Concordia University, Irvine 2012	Brooke Lauren Densmore B.A. Southern Adventist University 2012
Mel-Anizi Abante Bersaba B.S. University of Nevada, Reno 2012	Nathan Densmore B.S. Burman University 2013
Chamandeep Brar B.S. Concordia University College 2013	DeAnna Nicole Drake B.A. Union College 2013
Alyssa Christine Meister Burns B.S. San Diego State University 2012	Matthew R. Ellis B.S. California State University, Long Beach 2010
Dennis Care B.B.A. The University of Texas at Austin 2008	Jim A. Ervil B.S. Florida State University 2010
Christopher A. Chan California State University, Long Beach	Bianca M. Esparza B.S. Point Loma Nazarene University 2012
Demian W. Choi B.A. University of California, Berkeley 2008	Bashar Wisam Fargo B.S. La Sierra University 2010
Susan Choi B.S. La Sierra University 2010	Bassam Wisam Fargo B.S. La Sierra University 2010
Isaac JoonSoo Chong B.S. Southern Adventist University 2013	Jesse S. Felema Henderson State University
Alice Hyunjin Chun B.S. Pacific Union College 2013	Macy E. Fuhs B.S. University of California, Irvine 2013
Osman Jossuel Cruz B.S. University of California, Irvine 2012	Fabiola Giron B.S. University of South Florida 2011

Eric M. Gutierrez The University of Texas at El Paso	Miranda Hannah Kore B.S. Pacific Union College 2013
Jordan Higa B.S. Pacific Union College 2012	Johan J. Kritzing III B.S. The University of Calgary 2013
Seong Guy Hyung B.S. Andrews University 2013	Jessica Kwon B.S. La Sierra University 2011
Christina Dahee Jeong B.S. Pacific Union College 2012	Darren Kurt La Madrid B.S. Southwestern Adventist University 2012
Emily Michal Johnson B.A. La Sierra University 2013	Richard Hong Le B.S. La Sierra University 2011
Eric C. Johnston Southern Adventist University	Eun Soo Lee B.S. Andrews University 2013
Cara Raeann Jones B.S. Union College 2013	Hyung Jin Lee B.A. Southern Adventist University 2013
Bansuk Ju B.A. Southern Adventist University 2009	Joshua Lee B.S. Emory University 2012
Kelly Nicole Kaban B.S. University of California, Berkeley 2010	Valecia Liew
Allen T. Kim La Sierra University	Meryl F. Lua Liu B.S. University of California, Los Angeles 2010
Charlie JoonHan Kim B.S. Pacific Union College 2013	Denise Lopez B.S. University of California, Davis 2011
Han You Kim B.S. Pacific Union College 2012	Isaac Emerson Lowe B.S. Pacific Union College 2009 M.P.H. Loma Linda University PH 2012
Joshua Ki Woong Kim B.S. Andrews University 2012	Priya Malik B.A. University of California, Irvine 2011 M.P.H. A. T. Still University of Health Sciences 2013
June H. Kim B.S. University of California, San Diego 2010	Amanda Manzano B.A. University of California, Riverside 2013
Rosy Minhye Kim B.S. Burman University 2013	
Spencer L. Kim B.A. University of Hawaii, Manoa 2011	

Bincy K. Mathai  
B.S. Washington Adventist University  
2013

Claudia Lorena Moncada  
B.S. Florida International University  
2010

Susan Ye-Jin Moon  
La Sierra University

Kyim Enlamh Mung  
B.S. Loma Linda University SD 2013

Aaron Angeles Ochoco  
B.A. La Sierra University 2009  
B.S. La Sierra University 2012

Young Ohsie  
B.A. Southern Adventist University  
2013

Bryan J. Otis  
B.A. Southern Adventist University  
2013

Cheiryl Millon Pactanac  
B.A. La Sierra University 2011

Myung Kee Park  
B.S. Pacific Union College 2013

Soon Ho Park  
B.S. Andrews University 2013

Sung Wook Park  
B.S. La Sierra University 2010

Timothy E. Prewitt  
B.A. Southern Adventist University  
2013

Roxanne Ramirez  
B.S. University of California, Irvine  
2010

Samuel Sauza  
B.A. La Sierra University 2013

Michael Christopher Schwer  
B.S. Andrews University 2012

Mason L. Segura  
B.S. Brigham Young University 2013

Melissa A. Seidel  
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2013

Ereni Ariel Sellas  
B.S. La Sierra University 2012

Michael Anthony Cheng Siy  
B.S. University of California, San  
Diego 2010

Tanner R. Song  
B.S. Pacific Union College 2013

Jonathan Allan Stuart  
B.S. Walla Walla University 2011

Elliott Shinil Suh  
B.S. East Carolina University 2007

Jungsuk Suh  
B.S. Southern Adventist University  
2009

Eric Alan Williamson  
B.S. University of Phoenix, Phoenix  
Campus 2006

Ryan Wisdom  
B.S. Oakwood University 2013

Dana B. Yoon  
B.S. Pacific Union College 2013

David SungHoon You  
B.S. Burman University 2011

The following degrees were awarded March 17, 2017

Reza Abaei Tafreshi D.D. Islamic Azad University 1996	Laila Hadid B.D.S. University of Damascus 2010
Inas Talib Kshash Abu-tabra B.D.S. Modern Science and Arts University 2009	Dipalee D. Kabade B.D.S. Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences 2011
Anahita Akbari Farahani D.D. Tehran University of Medical Sciences 2001	Rami S. Koro D.D.S. EQUIV. University of Jordan 2012
Nora Al-Faysale B.D.S. University of Baghdad 2008	Lev Korovin DIPLOM. Russian State Medical University 2011
Omar E. Alhmoud B.D.S. Jordan University of Science and Technology 2006	Lokesh D. Kumar B.D.S. SRM University 2010
Hussam Aloka D.D. University of Damascus 2007	Olga Leizerovitz DIPLOM. People's Friendship University Moscow 2004
Haider Anwar B.D.S. Modern Science and Arts University 2010	Marija Mitic D.D.S. EQUIV. Univerzitet u Nišu 2008
Artur Arkelakyan BACH. EQUIV. Yerevan State Medical University 2008	Afrooz Moghadam B.D.S. Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences 2010
Meghraj Virendrasinh Atodaria B.D.S. Bhavnagar University 2009	Martha V. Senar D.D.S. EQUIV. Universidad Autonoma de Baja California 2008
Sam Baradaran DIPLOM. Tajikskii Gosudarstvenyi Meditinskii Universitet im Abuali Ibni Sina 1999	Priscilla Costa Taylor D.D.S. EQUIV. Universidade do Grande Rio Professor José de Souza Herdy 2002
Yulia Chigir DIPLOM. Belorusskij Gosudarstvennyj Meditinskij Universitet 2008	Meerna Hanna Zaghoul D.D.S. EQUIV. University of Jordan 2012
Hassan Farooq B.D.S. University of Health Sciences, Lahore 2011	Jane Kenneth E. Zarate D.M.D. University of the Philippines, Manila 2002

MASTER OF SCIENCE

*Orthodontics and  
Dentofacial Orthopedics*

*Periodontics*

*Prosthodontics*

MASTER OF SCIENCE  
IN DENTISTRY

*Endodontics*

In conjunction with the Faculty of Graduate Studies

Matthew Evan Durschlag  
B.S. University of the Pacific 2008  
D.D.S. University of the Pacific School  
of Dentistry 2011

Skyler Jeffrey Liatti  
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Bernardino 2009  
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B.S. Brigham Young University 2010  
D.D.S. University of California, San  
Francisco 2014

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D.M.D. A.T. Still University of Health  
Sciences 2014

Omar Mazen Maktabi, SEP  
B.S. University of Michigan, Ann  
Arbor 2008  
D.D.S. University of Iowa 2012

Danielle Piano  
B.S. Loyola University Chicago 2011  
D.M.D. Midwestern University 2015

Grace Hong Woo  
B.A. Harvard University 2011  
D.D.S. University of California, Los  
Angeles 2015

Fallon Drew Livingston  
B.S. University of Nevada, Las Vegas  
2005  
D.D.S. Loma Linda University SD 2014

Abdulkareem Mohammad  
Alshehri  
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Gregory Howard Sprague  
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Kiarash Yeganegi  
B.S. York University 2011  
D.D.S. The University of Tennessee  
Health Science Center 2015

*Implant Dentistry*

Bader Al-Bader  
B.D.S. University of Dammam 2008

*Pediatric Dentistry*

Hanieh Hassani  
D.D. Qazvin University of Medical  
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D.D.S. Loma Linda University SD 2015

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D.M.D. Western University of Health  
Sciences 2015

Christine Jihae Kim  
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Linda Ly Ngo  
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# The Dental Pledge

**Before God and all present,  
these things I do declare:**

I will live my life in the service of humanity.

I will promote and practice the charity I owe humankind and endeavor to reflect God's mercy and compassion in the practice of dentistry.

I will uphold and promote the honor and dignity of my profession. I will strive to conduct myself so that I may merit the respect and confidence of my colleagues.

I will accept my civic responsibilities.

I will hold in gratitude the teachings of my school and the inspiration of my teachers and classmates.

I will impart to those who follow me the knowledge, skills, and experience I have gained.

I will live my life in a way that brings honor to my family, my profession, my community, my school, and my God.

# Awards

## DENTISTRY

Academy of Dentistry International Student Servant Leadership Award: Christopher Chan.

Academy of General Dentistry: Kelly Kaban, Mason Segura.

Academy of Operative Dentistry: Cara Jones.

Academy of Osseointegration: June Kim.

Alpha Omega Certificate of Academic Achievement: Meryl F. Liu.

Alumni Association Award: Timothy Prewitt.

American Academy of Gold Foil Operators: David You.

American Academy of Implant Dentistry: Kelly Kaban.

American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology: Meryl F. Liu.

American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology: Bryan Otis.

American Academy of Oral Medicine: Meryl F. Liu.

American Academy of Orofacial Pain: Christopher Chan.

American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry: Mason Segura.

American Academy of Periodontology: Macy Fuhs.

American Association of Endodontists: Hussam Aloka.

American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons: Christopher Chan.

American Association of Oral Biologists: Charlie Kim.

American Association of Orthodontists: Melissa Seidel.

American College of Dentists, Southern California Section: Kenton Dalen-Gryckiewicz.

American College of Prosthodontists: Kenton Dalen-Gryckiewicz.

American Dental Association Foundation Scholarship (D2):  
Bianca Esparza, Kelly Kaban, Amanda Manzano, Melissa Seidel.

American Dental Society of Anesthesiology: Dana Yoon.

American Student Dental Association: Evan Agnetta.

Annual Colgate Student Research Recognition: Stephan Barrington

Boyko Award for Christ-like Service: Michael Siy.

Brian D. Stone Memorial Award: Eric Gutierrez.

California Dental Association Senior Award: Chamandeep Brar.

CDA Foundation Research Table Clinic Scholarship (D3):  
Second Place—Stephan Barrington, Third Place—Charlie Kim, Honorary Mention—Mason Segura.

Clinic Awards: DDS—Christopher Chan, Macy Fuhs, Eric Gutierrez, Kelly Kaban, Meryl F. Liu, Mason Segura, Michael Siy, Jonathan Stuart. IDP—Haider Anwar, Martha Senar.

Delta Dental Student Leadership Award: Christopher Chan.

Fixed Prosthodontics Award: Melissa Seidel

ICOI/Dentsply Pre-doctoral Student Achievement Award:  
Meryl F. Liu.

International College of Dentists Student Leadership:  
Kyim Mung.

International College of Dentists Student Humanitarian:  
Michael Siy.

LLU Center for Dental Research Basic Science Award (D2):  
Meryl F. Liu.

LLU International Dentist Program Fixed Prosthodontics  
Award: Omar Alhmoud.

LLU International Dentist Program Removable  
Prosthodontics Award: Meerna Zaghloul.

LLU International Dentist Program Professionalism Award: Hussam Aloka.

National Association of Seventh-day Adventist Dentists: Kyim Mung.

Oesterling-Wical Removable Prosthodontics Award: Eric Williamson.

Omicron Kappa Upsilon (OKU): Evan J. Agnetta, Christopher A. Chan, Macy E. Fuhs, Laila Hadid (IDP), Kelly N. Kaban, June H Kim, Joshua K.W. Kim, Meryl F. Liu, Kyim E. Mung, Bryan J. Otis, Melissa A. Seidel, Meerna Hanna Zaghloul (IDP).

Omicron Kappa Upsilon, William S. Kramer Award for Excellence (D3): Meryl F. Liu.

Oral and Facial Surgeons of California Award: Isaac Lowe.

Pierre Fauchard Academy: Mason Segura.

Pierre Fauchard Academy Foundation Scholarship (D3) Timothy Prewitt.

President's Award: Michael Siy.

Prince Award: Evan Agnetta.

Service Learning Award: Osman Cruz, Bianca Esparza, Macy Fuhs, Amanda Manzano, Melissa Seidel.

Southern California Academy of Oral Pathology: June Kim.

Southern California Society of Dentistry for Children: Macy Fuhs.

Terry Tanaka Student Humanitarian Award (D3): Michael Siy.

Western Society of Periodontology: Bryan Otis.

Wil Alexander Award: Michael Siy.

Wilfred Nation Award: Eric Gutierrez.

## DENTAL HYGIENE

American Association of Public Health Dentistry: Lemuel Feceu.

Bates Award: Uyen To.

CDHA California Dental Hygienist's Association: Cammie Antell, Simone McClelland.

Clinician's Award: Jessica Daniel.

Colgate STAR Award: Andi Chau.

Dean's Award: Bethany Shears.

Joni Stephens' Preventive Dentistry Award for Research: Cammie Antell, Kiarra Gist, Bethany Shears, Uyen To.

Klooster Humanitarian Award: Rachel Norman, Amanda Lopez.

Middleton Award: Bethany Shears, Joufika Gestoso.

Mitchell Award: Norma Juarez, Tiffany Gurrola.

Service Learning Award: Lemuel Feceu, Bethany Shears.

Sigma Phi Alpha Award: Cammie Antell, Victoria Kha, Kiarra Gist.

Tri-County Dental Hygienist's Society Award: Cammie Antell.

Western Society of Periodontology Award: Melissa Cardenas.

## Michael Anthony C. Siy—President's Award



School of Dentistry recipient

*B.S. University of San Diego 2010*

*D.D.S. Loma Linda University 2017*

*Terry Tanaka Award, Academy of Dentistry  
International 2016*

*St. Agnes Service Guild Scholarship*

*Provost Honors, Alumni Leadership  
Scholarship*

*Sixth College Senior Award Finalist,  
University of California San Diego 2006,  
2007, 2008, 2010*

*Consistent Honor Student, School of Dentistry*

Michael Anthony C. Siy first encountered dentistry when as a young boy he was captivated by the repair of his tooth that had been chipped in a fall. That incident triggered a strong urge to learn more. The middle child in a family of five boys, Michael grew up in Fresno, California. When he was ten, his parents temporarily relocated the family to the Philippines; while attending a private Christian school there, he was introduced to Jesus Christ. Returning to the United States, he attended a weekly Bible study that led him to commit his life to serve Jesus. Concerned about being fit for dentistry, he determined to develop and grow his confidence by working as a resident advisor and teacher's assistant while attending the University of California San Diego (UCSD). He also served on the Academic Integrity Review Board, joined the Pre-Dental Society, tutored K-12 students, and performed research in Beijing, China. For his accomplishments at UCSD, he was awarded the Alumni Leadership Scholarship, the Saint Agnes Service Guild Scholarship, the Provost Honors, and became the Sixth College Senior Award finalist.

Following graduation from UCSD, Michael taught migrant and Title VII (Indian, native Hawaiian, and Alaskan) elementary school students. He served as a dental volunteer and Tagalog/English translator aboard the Navy's USNS Mercy in the Philippines and Indonesia, which qualified him for a four-year dental school scholarship. True to his commitment to service, Michael joined the Tzu Chi Medical Team as a dental volunteer throughout his dental studies.

Michael chose Loma Linda University (LLU) for his dental education because of the University's Christian environment and commitment to service. At LLU, he served at the Compassion Clinic and joined several mission trips, including one to Nicaragua for which he raised funds. He was also actively involved in service programs such as Clinic with a Heart, AMEN, Calvary Presbyterian, Flying Doctors, Mary's Mercy Clinic, and the NASDAD Convention. A member of the school's student government Executive Council, Michael is the former editor of the *Explorer*, the student newsletter; and has served as a teaching assistant.

For his excellent academic performance, outstanding leadership, and commitment to serving others, Dr. Michael Anthony Cheng Siy is named recipient of the 2017 *PRESIDENT'S AWARD*. This award was presented during the school's senior banquet on May 16, 2017.



## Edwin L. Christiansen—School Distinguished Research Award



Professor, Department of Radiology and  
Imaging Sciences, School of Dentistry  
Adjunct Professor, Department of  
Radiology,  
Loma Linda University Medical Center

*B.A. Walla Walla College (now Walla Walla  
University) 1959*

*M.A. Loma Linda University 1975*

*D.D.S. Loma Linda University 1975*

*Doctorate in Odontology, Karolinska Institute,  
Stockholm, Sweden 1988*

*Charter Member, Society of Scholars, LLU  
School of Dentistry*

*Member of Omicron Kappa Upsilon Honor  
Society, Dentistry*

After completing the dentistry degree at Loma Linda University (LLU) in 1975, Dr. Edwin Christiansen joined a dental practice in South Lancaster, Massachusetts. The following year, he returned to the West Coast and joined a group practice until 1977, when he began private practice in San Bernardino, California. In 1979, he joined Loma Linda University's School of Dentistry faculty and subsequently became coordinator of its temporomandibular joint (TMJ) Clinic.

His interest in research began early in his career while he was studying the use of advanced imaging modalities to identify temporomandibular disorders. In the early 1980s, Dr. Christiansen completed an externship at the Loma Linda University Medical Center's Radiology Department, exploring magnetic resonance imaging and computed tomography related to TMJ imaging and interpretation. It is of note that LLU was identified as a leader in the field of TMJ imaging during the 1970s and 1980s.

Dr. Christiansen has continued his research and has published over 60 scientific papers and abstracts in peer-reviewed journals. In addition, he has presented more than 40 papers and posters at scientific sessions of national, state, and local professional organizations. His publication record has helped form the basis for co-authoring two textbooks on TMJ imaging; furthermore, he has co-authored six textbook chapters – all relating to advanced imaging of head and neck anatomy.

In recognition of his outstanding scholarship and for his invaluable contributions to the dental profession in the field of head and neck research and treatment, the School of Dentistry names Dr. Edwin Christiansen recipient of the *SCHOOL DISTINGUISHED RESEARCH AWARD*. This award will be presented at the Conferring of Degrees for the school.

## Yiming Li—School Distinguished Service Award



Associate Dean for Research; Director, Center for Dental Research, School of Dentistry; Professor, School of Dentistry and of the Department of Basic Sciences, School of Medicine; Member, Faculty of Graduate Studies, Loma Linda University

*D.D.S. College of Stomatology, Shanghai Second Medical University (China) 1977*  
*M.S.D., Ph.D. Indiana University 1984, 1987*  
*Postdoctoral Fellow, Indiana University School of Dentistry 1989*

### *Special Appointments*

*Consultant, Dental Products Panel, U.S., Federal Drug Administration*  
*Consultant, American Dental Association*  
*Consultant, California Dental Association*

*Outstanding Contribution Award, Wenzhou Medical College, School of Stomatology*  
*Distinguished Faculty Award for Research, Indiana University School of Dentistry*  
*Distinguished Research Award, Loma Linda University School of Dentistry*  
*Zhendao Award, Shanghai Jian Tong University College of Stomatology*  
*Distinguished Investigator Award, Loma Linda University*

Dr. Yiming Li spent five years at a Chinese government-mandated farm, operating farm machinery, navigating boats, and filling in as electrician and plumber before aptitude testing enabled him to take dentistry at Shanghai's College of Stomatology. He subsequently joined its faculty. Further assessment earned Dr. Li an overseas student grant to Indiana University.

When recruited in 1997 by Loma Linda University (LLU), Dr. Li was serving as director of: Indiana University's Cell Culture Research Laboratory, the Biocompatibility Core Facility of its Biomechanics and Biomaterials Research Center; and the Electron Microscopy/Confocal Microscope Facility.

At LLU School of Dentistry (LLUSD), Dr. Li joined the Biocompatibility and Toxicology Research Laboratory at the Center for Dental Research, becoming its director in 2004. He has worked tirelessly to update and upgrade the Center, ultimately designing and overseeing installation of its new facility in the Chan Shun Pavilion, which opened in February 2015—a year after he was appointed LLUSD associate dean for research.

A prolific researcher, Dr. Li has generated 305 publications (including 127 articles/book chapters and 178 abstracts) during his professional career. In addition, he has given more than 139 presentations worldwide.

Dr. Li has served his profession in many capacities—including teaching in predoctoral and postdoctoral classes. He has also been a member of the Graduate Student Advisory and Research committees for twenty-five students, is a member of the editorial board of four dental journals, reviews manuscripts for sixteen journals; and is a special reviewer for NIH/NIDR grant applications.

Highly esteemed for his professional expertise, achievements, and contributions to his profession, Dr. Li has received numerous invitations for international professorships.

In recognition of his outstanding scholarship and invaluable contribution to the field of dentistry, the School of Dentistry names Dr. Yiming Li recipient of the *SCHOOL DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD*. This award will be presented at the Conferring of Degrees for the school.

## Jim Wood—Commencement Speaker



Assemblyman, State of California, 2nd District (2014 – present)

*B.S. University of California, Riverside 1982*

*D.D.S. Loma Linda University 1986*

*Armed Forces Institute of Pathology 1994*

*Academy of Forensic Sciences*

*Disaster Mortuary Operational Response Team, Region 9*

*Dental Coordinator, Chief Dental Officer  
Deployed to World Trade Center, October 2001*

*Deployed to Louisiana, Hurricane Katrina  
September 2005*

*Public Service in Forensic Dentistry to:*

*Mendocino County Sheriff's Department  
Sonoma County Sheriff's Department  
California Department of Justice, Sacramento  
California Superior Court, Northern  
California counties*

When Assemblyman Jim Wood completed his dental degree at Loma Linda University School of Dentistry (Class of 1986), he was awarded membership in Omicron Kappa Upsilon, dentistry's honor society. During the next twenty-seven years, Dr. Wood owned and successfully operated a private practice in Cloverdale, California.

A nationally recognized expert in forensic dentistry, Dr. Wood is the designated forensic dentist representing the North Coast counties in Northern California. As a member of a national emergency response team, he was called to the World Trade Center after 9/11 and to New Orleans following Hurricane Katrina.

Dr. Wood's career began in 2006 when he served on the Healdsburg Planning Commission. Within four years, he won a seat on the Healdsburg City Council, serving two terms, including the office of mayor, from 2010 to 2014. In 2014, he was elected Assemblyman to the 2nd Assembly District, serving the North Coast counties in Northern California.

A native Californian, Dr. Wood has been actively involved in his community and profession throughout his adult life—following his passion for health care, environmental conservation, technological innovation, and public service. During his first year in the Assembly, he authored nine bills to improve efficiency, safety, and the availability of California's health-care system.

Dr. Wood's work in health care stretches beyond his role as a legislator. He has also served on the Board of Advisors for the Pediatric Dental Initiative, a dental surgery center for children with severe dental problems.

Assemblyman Jim Wood will deliver his address at the Conferring of Degrees for the School of Dentistry.

# School of Allied Health Professions

Allied Health Studies, Cardiopulmonary Sciences, Clinical Laboratory Science, Communication Sciences and Disorders, Health Informatics and Information Management, Nutrition and Dietetics, Physician Assistant Sciences, Radiation Technology

June eleven, eight o'clock, Drayson Center



## PRELUDE

Alva Waworoendeng, keyboard

Selected Compositions

## ACADEMIC PROCESSION

The audience is requested to clear the aisles and remain seated.

Ronald L. Carter, University Commencement Marshal, leading

W. Lawrence Beeson, G. Charles Dart, Paul C. Herrman, Arthur B. Marshak, Associate Marshals, assisting

The President's Party, Members of the University Board of Trustees, LLUH Administration

## Faculty

Marche Pontificale . . . *Charles Gounod*

## Candidates for Degrees

Pomp and Circumstance Military March, Op. 39, No. 1 . . .  
*Sir Edward Elgar*

## INVOCATION

Gerald Glavaz  
Chair and Assistant Professor, Department of Physician Assistant Sciences

## WELCOME

Richard H. Hart  
President of the University

## MUSICAL SELECTION

Kabbyodev Chawdhury and Lance Hundley  
Class of 2017

Thank You . . . *The Katinas*

## PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

Craig R. Jackson, Dean of the School  
The President  
Ronald L. Carter, Provost of the University

INTRODUCTION  
OF SPEAKER

The Dean

ADDRESS

Michael B. Kelly II  
Senior Pastor, Mt. Rubidoux Seventh-day Adventist Church  
Riverside, California  
Southeastern California Conference of Seventh-day  
Adventists

TURNING THE WORLD UPSIDE DOWN

CONFERRING OF DEGREES

The President

AWARDING OF DIPLOMAS  
AND  
CHARGE TO THE CLASSES

The Dean

Helen Martinez, Assistant Dean of Admissions and  
Records

Health Care Administration, B.S.: Karla G. Lavin Williams

Health Professions Education, M.S.: Arthur B. Marshak

Cardiopulmonary Sciences: David Lopez, Chair

Cardiac Electrophysiology Technology, A.S., Certificate:  
James R. Cruise II

Emergency Medical Care, B.S.: Brendan Gongol

Respiratory Care, B.S.: Richard Nelson

Advanced Practitioner Respiratory Care, B.S.: Alan Alipoon

Respiratory Care, M.S.: David Lopez

Communication Sciences and Disorders, B.S.: Terry  
Douglas, Chair

Communication Sciences and Disorders, M.S.: Karen  
Mainess

Clinical Laboratory Science, B.S.: Alicia Triplett

Cytotechnology, B.S.: Meg Tavares

Health Information Management: Debra L. Hamada, Chair

Health Information Administration, B.S.: Pauline J. A. Calla

Coding Specialist, Certificate: Ryan Stephan

Health Informatics, M.S.H.I.: Debra L. Hamada

Nutrition and Dietetics, B.S., M.S.: Cindy Kosch, Chair

Physician Assistant Sciences: Gerald Glavaz, Chair

Radiation Technology: Laura L. Alipoon, Chair

Medical Radiography, A.S.: Will Edmunds

Radiation Sciences, B.S.: Timothy L. Seavey

Radiologist Assistant, M.S.: Brigit C. Mendoza

Cardiac and Diagnostic Medical Sonography, Certificate:  
Marie De Lange

Cardiac and Vascular Imaging, Certificate: James R. Cruise II

Computed Tomography and Magnetic Resonance Imaging,  
Certificate: Kate Cockrill

Medical Dosimetry, Certificate: Carol A. Davis

Nuclear Medicine Technology, B.S.: Raynold Ho

Radiation Sciences, M.S.: Michael F. Iorio

Radiation Therapy, Certificate: Carol A. Davis

Rehabilitatoin Sciences, Ph.D.: Grenith Zimmerman

## BENEDICTION

Communication Sciences and Disorders students, signing

The Lord's Prayer . . . *Malotte*

## ACADEMIC RECESSON

Rigaudon...*André Campra*

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# Candidates for Degrees

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## CERTIFICATE

Department of  
Cardiopulmonary Sciences

*Polysomnography*

Marquis Deshawn Bailey

Indah Permata Sari

Department of Health  
Informatics and Information  
Management

*Coding Specialist*

Katina Marie Castaneda, DEC

Christy Sue Hollis, DEC

Brittney Danielle Epstein, DEC

Heidy Martinez, MAR

Candace Jean Hamann, DEC

Patricia Ann Watson, DEC

*Health Information  
Administration*

Jeehyun Esther Choi

GeunTaek Park

Sophie Evelyn Matthews

Henry Pha

Department of  
Radiation Technology

*Computed Tomography*

Adriana Gabriela Orrego, MAR

*Computed Tomography and  
Magnetic Resonance Imaging*

Nicholas Merlin Broman

*Diagnostic Cardiac  
Sonography*

Linda Ann Bundura

Rachel Victoria Larkin

Tom Yul Cheong

Heather Leanne Sanders

Danielle Suzette Corbisier

Clarissa Torres

*Diagnostic Medical Sonography*

Mischel Nicole Bartie	Sarah Lee
Ashley Bennett	Emily Paige Lehrman
Melissa Campbell	Andrea Carolina Luconi
Emily Dang	Petra Marie Nastoupil
Hannah Suzanne Garcia Githens	Jennifer Pham
Marissa M. Killeen	Natalie A. Rowland
Sierra Moon La Belle	Sarah Colleen Snedaker

*Magnetic Resonance Imaging*

Arnel Abo Abrenica, SEP	Ildegardo Meraz, MAR
Manuel Johnnie Garcia, SEP	Jose Ramon Mora, Jr., MAR
Pablo Alfredo Gutierrez Marquez, SEP	Cesar Romero, Jr., MAR
Mark Alan Hays, SEP	Jessica Romo, MAR
Alfred Richard Jauwena, MAR	Stephen Roy Sorensen, MAR
Brandon Steven Johnson, MAR	Robert Steven Szymanek, SEP
Charles Kang, MAR	

*Medical Dosimetry*

Michael James Gibson, DEC	Christopher Morgan Wohlers, DEC
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*Radiation Therapy Technology*

Paula L. Dominguez, DEC	Kevin Anderson Jobe, DEC
Yenziwe Dube, DEC	Carina Perez, DEC
Genessa Kristine Gesler, DEC	Catrina E. Wheeler, DEC

*Special Imaging: Cardiac and  
Vascular Imaging*

Nathan Daniel Rodriguez	Furtis Marcel Stevens, Jr.
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ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE

Department of  
Radiation Technology

*Medical Radiography*

Dominique Apolonio	Steven Daniel Lira
Travis Basabas	Stephanie Anne Luke
Angelica Maria Bermudez-Nunez	Roberto Rincon Madrid
Crystal Dawn Bothwell	Iveth Araceli Mendoza
Rebecca Cabrera	Brittany Nicole Miller
Bobbi C. Collins	Jose Miguel Olvera
Emily Ngoc Mi Doan	Benjamin Aslan Sanchez
Marynel Mariano Domingo	Katalena Anastasia Saracino
Andreea Maura Eggan	Amber Lynn Seeley
Sergio Felipe Escude	Sierra Chanel Sicairos
Mark Paul Eugene	Lindsay Marie Sleigh
Davoud Fotouhi, Jr.	Chad Ryan Smith
Manal Ibrahim Ibrahim	Parker David Smith
Dale Jabonillo	Pauline Destiny Stowers
Melissa Marie Kohut	Jeffrey Stewart Wisener

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Department of  
Allied Health Studies

*Health Care Administration*

Timothy Buell, cum laude	Easter Grace Vencer Gallimba
Charles Henry Burse, Jr.	Kelly Corinne Jones II, magna cum laude
Maria Elizabeth Castillo	Dominic E. Lesiasel
Pamela Soledad Diaz	

Department of  
Cardiopulmonary Sciences

*Advanced Practitioner  
Respiratory Care*

*Emergency Medical Care*

*Respiratory Care—Entry Level*

Department of Clinical  
Laboratory Science

*Clinical Laboratory Science*

Dennis Otto Noreik

Lisa Jean Roan

Sandra Isabel Magana

Waleed Awadh AL-Mutairi, SEP,  
cum laude

Joel Michael Armbruster,  
summa cum laude

Chloe Danielle Coto, magna  
cum laude

Leonard Anthony Garcia

Jacob Tyler Good-Fernandez,  
cum laude

Yi Ju Chiang

Cristher Marc Gamayo

Daniel Gonzalez

Jose Lorenzo Castaneda Alonzo,  
cum laude

Jessica Rae Bradburn

Madison Ashley Costin, summa  
cum laude

Christina Frank, magna cum  
laude

Candace Mary Garlow, cum  
laude

Kaitlyn Sue Rodriguez

Stephanie Socorro Ward

Christopher Sterling Shannon

Matthew David Hatch, summa  
cum laude

Angel Adam Iqueda

Benjamin Juarez, cum laude

Skyler Ryan King, cum laude

Peter Paul Peng, cum laude

Jon Jaye Jeff Rosete Mallari

Heather Nicole Maltby, cum  
laude

Vincent Hong, cum laude

Patrick Edward Imperio, cum  
laude

Andrew L. Jones

Zzyzx Ponce Pasco Malit, cum  
laude

Alyssa Marie Mikita

Alexander Sarkar

*Cytotechnology*

Department of  
Communication Sciences  
and Disorders

*Communication Sciences  
and Disorders*

Stephanie Ann Shain, magna cum laude	Danielle Susan Summers
Sarence Enoch Simatupang, summa cum laude	Christian Alexander Tagle, magna cum laude
Katherine Marie Stile	Tjitske Stacey Lee Veldstra, cum laude
Matthew Joseph Schuessler	Melissa Ann Sylvester
Alyssa Marie Angueira, cum laude	Kevin Y. Kim
Chelsea Anne Bajet, magna cum laude	Aanchal Malhotra, cum laude
Fatima Mariam Bakar, magna cum laude	Alejandra Marquez, magna cum laude
Nastasia Nicole Belko, magna cum laude	Arielle Joclyn Medina, cum laude
Janel Wing Yin Chang, cum laude	Phillip David-Albert Nichols, cum laude
Amber Delene Ficklin	Brianna Genevieve Rodriguez, summa cum laude
Kaylee Ann Gregory, magna cum laude	Jeewon Son, magna cum laude
Kayla Nicole Henning, summa cum laude	Kennedy Kaela Spence, cum laude
Samantha Shelby Paduga Hernando, cum laude	Grace Stracuzzi, magna cum laude
Amanda Nicole Hughes, summa cum laude	Sharlyn Gallego Sumbillo, cum laude
Caitlyn Nicole Ingham, summa cum laude	Sarah Taylor Vaca, magna cum laude
Ashley Nicole Keaton, summa cum laude	Lily Ana Vargas, cum laude
	Emil Dave E. Villarosa, cum laude

Department of Health  
Informatics and Information  
Management

*Health Information  
Administration*

Daniel Quillopa Avellano, cum laude	Gilbert Hernandez Rodriguez, Jr.
Eleanor L. Boutte, magna cum laude	Jessica Stewart Ivania Watanasutisas
Gina Nicole Martinez	

Department of Nutrition  
and Dietetics

*Nutrition and Dietetics*

Katrina Marie Grant, magna cum laude	Jessica Patricia Martinez Michelle Laura Sondakh, cum laude
Claudinne Iliana Herrera	Kristy Valencia, summa cum laude
Sherllie Kartika, magna cum laude	Clarissa Marleen Yonarto, summa cum laude
Tatiana Mercedes Keay, cum laude	Marysol Zaragoza, summa cum laude
Tonya Jorgensen Larson, cum laude	Deborah Erefit Zemedede
Jaime Saguan Martin	

Department of  
Radiation Technology

*Nuclear Medicine Technology*

Yen Maxwell, magna cum laude	Josef Ryan Pan, cum laude
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*Radiation Sciences*

Derek Joseph Breault, cum laude	Kenton Wolfgang Fritz
Janae Ann Chandrasena, cum laude	Catherine Gragasin D. Mercedes Hylton
Pengsean Chea, DEC	Lawrence Jiang, MAR
Randy Do, DEC	

MASTER OF  
PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT

Department of Physician  
Assistant Sciences

*Physician Assistant*

Angela Jean Jones

Roman Khais

Jason Michael Menzies, SEP

Matthew Alonzo Miclat

Jamie Ellen Raney

Alexis Rose Tagorda Ritumban,  
MAR, cum laude

Liliana Rodriguez, cum laude

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Brooke Lorraine Blomberg  
B.S. California Baptist University 2014

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Nicholas Ryan Campbell  
B.A. Life Pacific College 2005

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B.S.N. West Texas A & M University 2007

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B.S. California State University,  
Fullerton 2014

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B.S. University of Utah 2014

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B.S. California State University, Chico  
2014

Kish Lizbeth Hill  
B.S. San Diego State University 2010

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B.S. Brigham Young University,  
Idaho 2013

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B.S. Loma Linda University AH 2014

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B.S. University of Wisconsin,  
Whitewater 2012

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2013

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B.A. University of Nevada, Reno 2006

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B.S. University of Hawaii, Manoa 2012

Jason Myers  
B.S. University of Nevada, Las Vegas 2014

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B.S. University of California, Davis 2010

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B.S. Utah Valley University 2012



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B.S. California State University,  
Channel Islands 2012

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B.S. University of California, Irvine 2010

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B.S. Southern Utah University 2007

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B.S.N. Our Lady of the Lake College 2013

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B.A. University of New Hampshire,  
Main Campus 2008

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B.S. Adventist University of Health  
Sciences 2014

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Channel Islands 2014

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B.A. Arizona State University, Main  
Campus 2010

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B.S. California State University,  
Fullerton 2013

Krystian Krzysztof Szczesik  
B.A. California State University,  
Dominguez Hills 2012

Craig Muwaika Tambatamba  
B.S. Grand Canyon University 2015

Stephanie Tran  
B.A. Concordia University, Irvine 2013

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B.S. California State University,  
Northridge 2013

## MASTER OF SCIENCE

Department of  
Allied Health Studies

*Health Professions Education*

Hamoud Alfarsi  
B.D.S. University of Dundee 2011

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B.S. California State University, San  
Bernardino 2000

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Alsubiheen, DEC  
B.A.M.S. King Saud University 2004  
M.S. University of Pittsburgh, Main  
Campus 2008  
D.SC. Loma Linda University AH 2015  
D.P.T. Loma Linda University AH 2015

Michael Moor  
B.S. University of Washington, Seattle  
1984

Wilbur Kenneth Nelson, SEP  
B.S. University of Maryland, College  
Park 1981  
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Department of  
Communication Sciences  
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*Communication Sciences  
and Disorders*

Kimberly Anasco

B.A. University of California, Irvine  
2007

Aurianna Danielle Anobile

B.S. Andrews University 2015

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B.S. Biola University 2015

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B.A. California State University, Chico  
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Hannah Jane Clements

B.S. University of Utah 2013  
B.S. Utah State University 2015

Dawn Nicole Forbes

B.A. Oakwood University 2011

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B.S. Texas Christian University 2015

Deborah Renee Gillentine

B.S. Hope International University  
2005  
B.S. Utah State University 2014

Kimberly Goudy

B.S. Biola University 2013

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Haddad

B.S. University of North Carolina at  
Greensboro 2015

Devon Nicole Heinrich

B.S. Loma Linda University AH 2015

Yelena Ivakhov

B.S. California State University,  
Sacramento 2015

Katarina Janice Lau

B.A. University of California, Irvine  
2014

Michelle Lynn Loftus

B.S. San Diego State University 2013

Kayla Rachel Morrison

B.A. University of Redlands 2015

Adriana Parisi

B.A. California Baptist University 2013

Michelle Denae Pfirrmann

B.S. Loma Linda University AH 2015

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B.S. California Baptist University 2011

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B.S. Vanderbilt University 2005

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B.A. University of California, Santa  
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M.S. Fuller Theological Seminary in  
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Department of Health  
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Management

*Health Informatics*

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B.S. Adventist University of the  
Philippines 2011

Abraham Antonio Baskin  
B.A. California State University,  
Dominguez Hills 2014

Anni Anait Eloyan  
B.S. University of La Verne 2015

Sungryong Hong  
B.S. University of California, Los  
Angeles 2002

Alexis Lei Agacer Jaravata  
B.S. University of California, San  
Diego 2013

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B.A. The University of Danang 2005  
B.S.N. Azusa Pacific University 2016

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B.S. Adventist University of the  
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B.S. Andrews University 2015

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B.S. Loma Linda University AH 2016

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B.S. Biola University 2015

Raymound Mikaelian  
B.S. Loma Linda University AH 2012

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B.S. La Sierra University 2014

GeunTaek Park  
B.S. La Sierra University 2009

Krista LeAnn Reid  
B.S. La Sierra University 2011

Chloe Isabel Robles-Evano  
B.S. Pacific Union College 2013

Vanessa Ellen Tran  
B.S. University of California, Irvine  
2012

Alison Webster  
B.S. University of California, Los  
Angeles 2013

Elizabeth Camille Cazares  
B.S. Loma Linda University AH 2016

Amanda Noel Curti  
B.S. Loma Linda University AH 2016

Department of Nutrition  
and Dietetics

*Nutrition and Dietetics*

Jasmine Kardjian El Nabli  
B.A. Syracuse University 2013

Lauryn Nicole Mundt  
B.S. Loma Linda University AH 2016

Bailey Louise Franzen  
B.S. Bellevue University 2011

Stephanie Ann Risaliti  
B.S. Loma Linda University AH 2016

SinMan Fu  
B.S. University of California, Davis  
2015

Eunice Tay Hui Yu  
B.S. Loma Linda University AH 2016

Khadeja Ghaniezadeh  
B.S. Loma Linda University AH 2016

Tiffany Rosalind  
Teerawatananont  
B.A. University of California, Los  
Angeles 2012

Cassandra Marie Greenawalt  
B.A. University of California,  
Riverside 2008

B.S. Loma Linda University AH 2016

Ernie Lin  
B.A. University of California,  
Riverside 2011

Sharon Tung  
B.S. University of California, Berkeley  
2014

Krysten Ann McCaughey, MAR  
B.B.A. Loyola Marymount University  
2012

Sloan Alexei Vlahos  
B.S. California Baptist University 2013

Da Eun Yang  
B.S. Andrews University 2015

## MASTER OF SCIENCE IN RADIATION SCIENCES

Department of Radiation  
Technology

*Radiation Sciences*

*Radiologist Assistant*

Eun Hye Kim  
B.S. Loma Linda University AH 2015

Courtne Anne Ferreira  
B.S. University of Phoenix, Southern  
Colorado Campus 2013  
M.S. University of Phoenix, Online  
Campus 2015

Daniel Shlomo Harpaz  
B.S. California State University,  
Northridge 2012

## MASTER OF RESPIRATORY CARE

Department of  
Cardiopulmonary Sciences

*Respiratory Care*

Bashayer Alyami  
B.S. University of Dammam 2011

Yazan Safi  
B.S. Walden University 2014

# Awards

## DEPARTMENT OF CARDIOPULMONARY SCIENCES

*Emergency Medical Care, B.S.*

Faculty Award: Benjamin Juarez.

AMR Scholarship Award: Jacob Good Fernandez.

*Respiratory Care, B.S.*

Faculty Award: Heather Nicole Maltby.

## DEPARTMENT OF CLINICAL LABORATORY SCIENCE

Chair's Award: Madison Costin.

Faculty Award: Stephanie Shain.

Rising Star Award: Stephen Bishop.

## DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATION SCIENCES AND DISORDERS

Rising Star Award: Karina Vega.

Outstanding Senior Award: Ashley Keaton.

E. Evelyn Britt Promising Student Award: Caitlyn Ingham.

## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH INFORMATICS AND INFORMATION MANAGEMENT

Faculty Award: Raymound Mikaelin, Sophie Matthews.

Shaffer Award: Gina Martinez, Gilbert Rodriguez.

Rising Star Award: Gina Martinez.

Health Information Administration Scholarship: Anni Eloyan, Gina Martinez, Raymound Mikaelian, Vanessa Tran.

Sally Jo Davidian Scholarship: Kwasi Agyeman, Togar Mamora, Jessica Stewart.

Margaret Jackson Scholarship Fund: Daniel Avellano, Eleanor Boutte, Jeehyun Choi, Jessica Stewart, Heny Pha.

Elizabeth Guerra Scholarship: Gina Martinez, Sophie Matthews.

Smart Corporation Scholarship: Brianna Mejia, Trustin Irby.

DEPARTMENT OF  
NUTRITION AND  
DIETETICS

Nutrition and Dietetics Scholarship: Amanda Curti,  
Claudinne Herrera, Tatiana Keay, Tonya Larson,  
Stephanie Risaliti, Sharon Tung, Sloan Vlahos, Eunice Yu.

Kathleen Keen Zolber Scholarship: Tonya Larson, Kristy  
Valencia.

Winifred Van Pelt Schmitt Scholarship: Marysol Zaragoza.

DEPARTMENT OF  
PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT  
SCIENCES

*Physician Assistant, M.P.A.*

Rising Star: Megan Carter.

PA Faculty Award: Sergio Zambrano.

Department Chair's Award: Kristin Szczesik.

The Spirit of LLU Physician Assistant Award: Maggie  
Legan.

Distinguished Alumna Award: Courtney Maciel.

Alumna Award: Brook Blomberg.

Wil Alexander Whole Person Care Award: Jessica Sarder.

DEPARTMENT OF  
RADIATION TECHNOLOGY

Clinical Stilson Award: Marynel Domingo, Sierra Sicairos.

Rising Star Award: Genessa Gesler.

Faculty Award: Parker Smith.

Student of the Year Award: Andrea Eggan.

Distinguished Alumna Award: Aimee Gallegos.

SCHOOL AWARDS

President's Award: Aurianna Anobile.

Dean's Award: Lakshmi Vijanden.

Community Service: Jonie Galvin.

HONORED FACULTY  
AND ALUMNI

Distinguished Service Award: Carol Appleton.

Alumna of the Year: Marilyn Davidian.

Alumnus of the Year: Steven Newton.

Faculty of the Year Award: Ernie Schwab.

Trailblazer Award: Donna Galluzzo.



## Aurianna Danielle Anobile—President's Award



School of Allied Health Professions  
recipient

*B.S. Andrews University 2015*

*M.S. Loma Linda University 2017*

Spiritual leadership, academic excellence, and outstanding community service characterize Aurianna Danielle Anobile's journey as a student at Loma Linda University's School of Allied Health Professions. Prior to entering LLU in 2015, she studied at Southern Adventist University, transferring later to Andrews University, where she graduated *summa cum laude* with a bachelor's degree in speech-language pathology and audiology. It was also during her undergraduate years that she became conversationally competent in American Sign Language, Italian, and Spanish.

Committed to the value of community engagement, Aurianna has been involved with Community Academic Partners in Service (CAPS), mentoring and inspiring local high school students to attend college. She also credits significant benefits arising from involvement in the Thankful for You Ministry—an outreach program at Campus Hill Seventh-day Adventist Church ministering to low-income Hispanic families with special needs children. These children, generally requiring more accommodations for their disabilities than a typical Vacation Bible School (VBS) program provides, attend a monthly VBS-like program designed to meet their needs. Aurianna found that moderate program modifications can positively impact the community.

Caring deeply for the spiritual health of students and faculty at LLU, Aurianna joined the Campus Ministries prayer team. She is also part of a faculty-led research project focusing on the effects of spirituality on the brain—a study exploring the possible impact of mindfulness and spiritual activities on student stress and, eventually, student learning. Through her achievements and challenges, Aurianna ascribes the honor to God, who, she believes, has orchestrated the events in her life. In a particularly intense program at LLU, she has maintained an overall G.P.A. of 3.97.

In recognition of her outstanding academic achievement, her exemplary leadership, and her significant contributions to community service, the School of Allied Health Professions honors Ms. Aurianna Danielle Anobile with the 2017 *PRESIDENT'S AWARD* to be presented at the Conferring of Degrees for the school at 8:00 a.m.

## Marilyn R. Davidian—Alumna of the Year



Former Chair, Department of Health Informatics and Information Management, School of Allied Health Professions, Loma Linda University

*B.S. Pacific Union College 1966*

*B.S. Loma Linda University 1984*

*M.A. Claremont Graduate University 1997*

*Ph.D. Claremont Graduate University 2010*

*Certified by the American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA)*

*Woman of Distinction, Assembly, California Legislature, 63rd District 2011*

*Management Association Educator Award, American Health Information 2010*

*Educator Award, California Health Information Association 2010*

*Faculty Recognition Award, School of Allied Health Professions, Loma Linda University 2010*

For more than thirty years, Dr. Marilyn Davidian has dedicated her service to educating and equipping health information management professionals, and has cultivated the gifts of countless successful students while advancing the health information profession. As chair of the Department of Health Informatics and Information Management, Dr. Davidian worked diligently to enhance the educational offerings at Loma Linda University. She served as program director for the B.S. degree program; developed the Master of Health Information Systems (M.H.I.S.) program in 1993, and the distance education program for RHIT (Registered Health Information Technology) progression students. Further, she initiated curricular programs and projects that include the executive certificate program in health information management; an articulation agreement with Oman Institute of Medical Record Technology; and international practicum and affiliations with institutions in Mexico, Guyana, China, and Argentina. She also established the *Sally Jo Davidian Scholarship*.

Recognized for dynamic leadership, creativity, and outstanding performance, Dr. Davidian was awarded the 2010 *Educator Award* by the California Health Information Association (CHIA). An active member of a dozen national and international organizations, she has also served on certification and health information committees of the Inland Area Health Information Association; the Association of University Professors; the Assembly on Education, a subsection of the American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA); as well as the RHIA Exam Construction Committee and the Commission on Certification. She was also the founding chair of the Audio and Webinar Committee of CHIA; and has served as chair of AHIMA's International Certification Committee.

Throughout her challenging professional engagements, Dr. Davidian has maintained a strong commitment to mentoring and preparing students and colleagues for their careers and for success in their professions.

For her exemplary leadership, unselfish service, and invaluable contributions, the School of Allied Health Professions names Dr. Marilyn R. Davidian *ALUMNA OF THE YEAR*. This title will be conferred on her at the Conferring of Degrees for the school at 8:00 a.m.

## Donna Galluzzo—Trailblazer Award



President, Corridor Group

*B.S. Loma Linda University 1982*  
*M.S. Loma Linda University 1984*  
*Ph.D. University of Connecticut 1989*

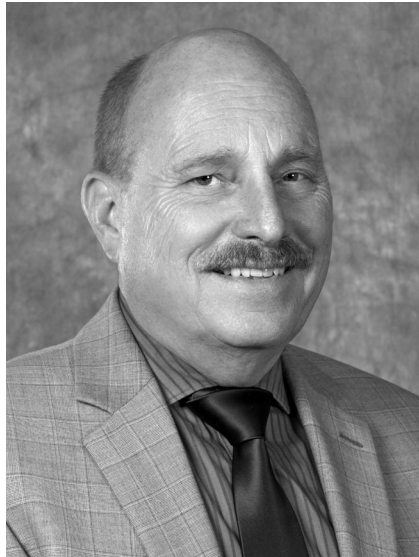
*Women in Health Care Honoree, Connecticut's  
Women's Hall of Fame 2009*  
*State of Connecticut General Assembly Official  
Citation 2007*  
*Certificate of Special United States  
Congressional Recognition 2007*  
*Woman of the Year for Professional Lives  
National Association of Women Business  
Owners—Connecticut Leadership Awards  
2005, 2002, and 2001*  
*Distinguished Alumna of the Year, Loma Linda  
University 1998*

A visionary and enterprising health professions leader, Dr. Donna Galluzzo is the president of the Corridor Group—a business partner to non-acute health-care providers, specializing in revenue cycle, coding, regulatory compliance, and operational excellence. Dr. Galluzzo has spent her career operating and growing health-care provider entities that include Connecticut Visiting Nurses Association, Inc., which owned and operated the largest network of home health agencies in Connecticut; AccessOne Health Systems, LLC, a utilization and case-management organization; Professional Home Care Services, Inc., a home infusion service; Durable Medical Equipment, an oxygen/respiratory provider; and OMNI Home Health Services, Inc., a medicare-certified, state-licensed, accredited home healthcare company. In 2015, she was president and CEO of Healthcare Management Solutions when it was acquired by the Corridor Group, which promptly named her president of the newly merged company.

Dr. Galluzzo has been involved with service health-care providers, such as an outsourced billing company that processes millions of claims annually and a case management/health-care transition company that managed more than two million lives throughout the continental United States, Alaska, and Hawaii—helping to create new legislation that keeps pace with new technologies and advances, engaging in merger and acquisition activities, and launching innovative educational programs to fulfill a non-profit market need. She has served on multiple non-profit and for-profit boards, and has organized numerous humanitarian projects. Traveling extensively, she interacts with presidents, queens, princes, the famous, and the influential. “But,” she says, “more importantly, this unlikely career path has given me the chance to be touched and, I believe, to touch the lives of those around me who may be sick, poor, or in need.”

For her dynamic, creative, and visionary leadership, and for her significant contributions to the health-care industry, the School of Allied Health Professions honors Dr. Donna Galluzzo with the *TRAILBLAZER AWARD* to be presented at the Conferring of Degrees for the school at 8:00 a.m.

## Ernie Schwab—Faculty of the Year Award



Associate Dean for Academic Affairs  
School of Allied Health Professions

*B.A. Union College, Lincoln, Nebraska 1976*

*M.S. Andrews University, Berrien Springs,  
Michigan 1982*

*Ph.D. Loma Linda University 1989*

*Wholeness Service Award, Loma Linda  
University 2007*

*Distinguished Service Award, School of Allied  
Health Professions, Loma Linda University  
2004*

*National Academic Advising Association,  
Certificate of Merit 1994*

*Academic Advisor and Biology Teacher of the  
Year, La Sierra University 1993*

*Godfrey T. Anderson Award for Excellence in  
Teaching, Loma Linda University 1990*

*Who's Who in American Education, 7th edition  
Who's Who Among America's Teachers, 8th  
and 9th editions*

*Who's Who in Medicine and Healthcare, 8th  
edition*

*Who's Who of Emerging Leaders in America,  
2nd edition*

Dr. Ernie Schwab's great passion for academics dates back to his early days as a teacher in middle school and high school. His engagement with higher education began as instructor in the biology department of what was then Loma Linda University's La Sierra campus. In 1993, he helped develop the first anatomy and physiology course on the primary Loma Linda University (LLU) campus for the Physical Therapy Department. Three years later, he joined LLU's basic sciences department to help expand the department and further develop its anatomy and physiology course.

An international scholar with a compelling drive to delve into the well of learning and share his expertise, Dr. Schwab has served as research advisor, consultant, and co-investigator; he has been involved in academic affiliation ventures in India, Saudi Arabia, and Japan; and has presented numerous papers at local and international conferences. He has also kept abreast of trends in his field through active membership in major professional organizations, including the American Institute of Biological Sciences, the International Society for Neuroethology, the New York Academy of Sciences, *Sigma Xi*, the Society for Neuroscience; as well as attendance at local and international conferences on biological sciences and education, and continually engaging new technology to enhance his teaching.

In addition to his administrative role as associate dean—serving as chief academic administrator for nine academic departments, 52 academic programs, 97 full-time faculty and 1,200-1,400 students—Dr. Schwab has continued to pursue his passion for interacting with students in the classroom by teaching anatomy and physiology at LLU for the past twenty years.

Dr. Schwab has recognized over the years that visual learning, note taking, and the use of analogies to help teach difficult concepts are keys to student success. Further, taking a Jet Ski ride through the chambers of the heart helps students visualize and learn concepts in a very creative way. He credits his students for his success, saying that the "optimistic lens" through which they view the world is the sustaining force that keeps him in the classroom. Hearing a different viewpoint or question for the first time brings him great joy, confirming that he is making an impact and challenging students' critical thinking skills.

For his significant contributions as administrator and mentor—inspiring his colleagues and encouraging his students' active engagement, the School of Allied Health Professions honors Dr. Ernie Schwab with the *FACULTY OF THE YEAR AWARD* to be presented during the Conferring of Degrees for the school at 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.



## Michael B. Kelly II—Commencement Speaker



Senior Pastor, Mt. Rubidoux Seventh-day  
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*B.Th. Columbia Union College 2001*  
*M.Div. Andrews University 2003*

*Martin Luther King Jr. Trail Blazer Award for  
Spiritual Leadership and Community Service*

*Award for Effective Evangelism, Central States  
Seventh-day Adventist Conference and  
Southeastern California Conference of Seventh-  
day Adventists*

Raised by Christian parents—Michael and Sharon Kelly—Pastor Michael B. Kelly II has enjoyed an intimate relationship with God since childhood. At Murrieta Valley High School, he excelled in football and track. He later transferred to La Sierra Academy for his junior and senior years; and upon graduation received a track scholarship to attend Columbia Union College (CUC, now Washington Adventist University) in Takoma Park, Maryland. While at CUC, he was the student association religious vice president for two years and served in the same capacity for the Adventist Inter-collegiate Association. While furthering his education at Andrews University Theological Seminary, he was chaplain for the Black Student Association of the seminary.

As a minister, Pastor Kelly has served the Seventh-day Adventist Church in various capacities: assistant pastor for the Fairfax and Arlington churches in Virginia; youth pastor for the Community Praise Center Church in Alexandria, Virginia, the Mt. Rubidoux Seventh-day Adventist Church in Riverside, California, and the Highland SDA Church in Benton Harbor, Michigan; senior pastor for the Palace of Peace Church in Colorado Springs and the Claremont SDA Church in Pueblo, Colorado; adjunct professor of Christian Ethics at Union College and senior pastor of the Allon Chapel Seventh-day Adventist Church in Lincoln, Nebraska. He has also shared the gospel internationally—speaking at spiritual emphasis meetings in England and Kenya, and conducting revelation seminars in the Philippines.

An advocate of focused, multidimensional ministry, Pastor Kelly strongly believes in building and maintaining a cohesive leadership team and doing whatever it takes to accomplish the church's vision. A certified trainer for the company Vital Smarts featured in the bestseller *Crucial Conversations: Tools for Talking When the Stakes are High*, he has introduced these tools to local churches, local conferences, the North American Division, and various business enterprises throughout the United States.

Pastor Kelly and his wife, the former Tia Patrice Green, have two daughters—Gihanna, 13, and Genesis, 11.

Pastor Michael B. Kelly II will deliver his address at the Conferring of Degrees for the School of Allied Health Professions at 8:00 a.m and 10:30 a.m.

# School of Allied Health Professions

Occupational Therapy, Orthotics and Prosthetics, Physical Therapy

June eleven, ten-thirty o'clock, Drayson Center



## PRELUDE

Alva Waworoendeng, keyboard

Selected Compositions

## ACADEMIC PROCESSION

The audience is requested to clear the aisles and remain seated.

Ronald L. Carter, University Commencement Marshal,  
leading

W. Lawrence Beeson, G. Charles Dart, Marilyn Eggers,  
Ronald Mataya, Associate Marshals, assisting

The President's Party, Members of the University Board of  
Trustees, LLUH Administrators

## Faculty

Marche Pontificale . . . *Charles Gounod*

## Candidates for Degrees

Pomp and Circumstance Military March, Op. 39, No. 1 . . .  
*Sir Edward Elgar*

## INVOCATION

Johannes Schaepper  
Chair and Assistant Professor, Department of Orthotics  
and Prosthetics

## WELCOME

Richard H. Hart  
President of the University

## MUSICAL SELECTION

Kabbyodev Chawdhury and Lance Hundley  
Class of 2017

Thank You . . . *The Katinas*

## PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

Craig R. Jackson, Dean of the School  
The President  
Ronald L. Carter, Provost of the University

INTRODUCTION  
OF SPEAKER

The Dean

ADDRESS

Michael B. Kelly II  
Senior Pastor, Mt. Rubidoux Seventh-day Adventist Church  
Riverside, California  
Southeastern California Conference of Seventh-day  
Adventists

TURNING THE WORLD UPSIDE DOWN

CONFERRING OF DEGREES

The President

AWARDING OF DIPLOMAS  
AND  
CHARGE TO THE CLASSES

The Dean  
Anthony Zuccarelli, Dean of the Faculty of Graduate  
Studies  
Helen Martinez, Assistant Dean of Admissions and  
Records

Occupational Therapy: Liane Hewitt, Chair

Occupational Therapy, entry-level M.O.T.: Heather  
Javaherian-Dysinger

Occupational Therapy, O.T.D: Julie Kugel

Orthotics and Prosthetics: Johannes Schaepper, Chair

Orthotics and Prosthetics, M.S.: Heather Appling

Physical Therapist Assistant, A.S.: Jeannine Stuart Mendes

Physical Therapy, D.P.T.: Lawrence E. Chinnock, Chair

Physical Therapy, M.S.R.: Todd Nelson

Physical Therapy, postprofessional D.P.T.: Gurinder S. Bains

Physical Therapy, D.Sc.: Everett B. Lohman

Rehabilitation Sciences, Ph.D.: Grenith Zimmerman

BENEDICTION

Communication Sciences and Disorders students, signing

The Lord's Prayer . . . *Malotte*

## ACADEMIC RECESSION

Rigaudon . . . *André Campra*

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Commencement ceremonies will be available for viewing and downloading from the Commencement website: [llu.edu/commencement](http://llu.edu/commencement)

To minimize distracting others during the ceremony, guests are requested to observe the following picture-taking courtesies: *Please do not*—

- use a flash or additional lighting;
- walk in the main aisles or in front of the platform;
- stand except very briefly in the audience line of vision.



# 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.

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Hoa Tina Danh	Christian Raimet Pinango
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MASTER OF  
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Department of  
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*Orthotics and Prosthetics*

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2012

Asma Ali Alonazi  
B.A.M.S. King Saud University 2005  
M.P.T. Loma Linda University AH 2013

Samiah Fahad Alqabbani  
B.A.M.S. King Saud University 2003  
M.P.T. Loma Linda University AH 2013

Hatem M. Jaber  
B.P.T. Seventh of April University 2007  
M.P.T. Loma Linda University AH 2013

Gabriel Rodolfo Pacheco  
BACH. EQUIV. Universidad Nacional  
de Cordoba 1997

# Awards

## OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

Alumni Award: Heather Christensen, Monica Gonzales, Almace Ignacio.

Faculty Award: Anna Boehning, Jacqueline Lim.

Edwinna Marshall Leadership Award: Eleanormae Johnson, Rocky Pang.

Lynn Arrateig Clinical Practice Award: Ashley Couto, Anay Salgado.

Community Outreach Award: Cathryn Beach, Norma Eng, Aishani Patel.

Rising Star Award: Alexandria Robinson.

Distinguished Alumna of the Year: Penny Stack.

Hamid Jahaverian Scholarship Award: Alexander Nguyen, Penny Stack.

## PHYSICAL THERAPY

### *Physical Therapist Assistant*

Scholarship Excellence Award: Clinton Harwick, Evan Hsaio, Matt Mielak, Krystal Royster, Yesenia Sedano.

Exceptional Service Award: Lindsey Leblanc, Chelsey Lusco, Matt Mielak, Andreyana Perez, Krystal Royster.

PTA Program Faculty Award: Jarrod Cannon, John Crandall, Erik Mountain, Carly Pon, Cassandra Rosebeary.

Randall C. Isley Memorial Award: Erik Mountain.

### *Doctor of Physical Therapy*

PT Faculty Award: Kip Atterbury, Brittany Beckwith, Tarah Gonzales, Daniel Taylor, Hilarie Roark.

Scholarship Excellence Award: Libbie Chen, Shawna Engert, Ghassan Karim, Jason Kugel, Elizabeth Oliver, Danae Pfeifer, Stacy Yoon.

Thomas G. Burke Scholarship Award: Melissa Etherton, Daniel Hester, Megan Lapicto, Eric Recanna.

Jonna Hughes Memorial Scholarship Award: Taylor Edwards, Antonio Fields.

Distinguished Alumnus Award: Steven Newton.

Rising Star Award: Dustin Willis.

Exceptional Service Award: Edna Barrett, Alison McClintock, Perise Sio-Hiles.

## SCHOOL AWARDS

President's Award: Aurianna Anobile.

Dean's Award: Lakshmi Vijanderan, Stacy Yoon.

Community Service Award: Jonie Galvin.

## HONORED FACULTY AND ALUMNI

Distinguished Service Award: Carol Appleton.

Alumna of the Year: Marilyn Davidian.

Alumnus of the Year: Steven Newton.

Faculty of the Year Award: Ernie Schwab.

Trailblazer Award: Donna Galluzzo.

## Carol J. Appleton—School Distinguished Service Award



Assistant Program Director, Physical  
Therapist Assistant Program, School of  
Allied Health Professions, Loma Linda  
University

B.S. P.T., Loma Linda University 1969  
M.P.H. Loma Linda University 1974

Serving others is a major passion for Carol Appleton, assistant professor in the School of Allied Health Professions. She was employed as a physical therapist at Riverside County Regional Medical Center before she enjoyed several years as a homeschooling mom. Resuming her physical therapy career this time at Loma Linda University Medical Center, she joined the faculty of the Department of Physical Therapy at Loma Linda University (LLU) in 1997, where she now serves as the assistant program director for the Physical Therapist Assistant program and the director of clinical education for the Department of Physical Therapy.

Mrs. Appleton's enthusiasm, insight, and experience make her an often-sought team member for planning, public relations, clinical education, and grievance committees. She and her husband, Stan Appleton, D.D.S.'72, have represented the University on domestic and international goodwill trips to China, Japan, Kenya, Mexico, Great Britain, and Europe. Their dedicated efforts have resulted in important global mission projects, which they have nurtured—a church, school desks, a water well, the Appleton Bakery in India, a peanut butter machine in Kenya, paved roads, and a water buffalo named "Carol" for a school in Sri Lanka. She and her husband are active LLU Councilors and recently completed a two-year term as co-presidents. They also serve as Councilors for Newbold College in Binfield, England.

Mrs. Appleton currently serves as an elder and a deacon at the Loma Linda University Church. In 1997, she helped organize *The Gathering Place Sabbath School*. Continued teamwork leadership with her husband helped to start the *Gathering Place Strummers and Singers*, a group that focuses on beloved hymns of faith with brief homilies for church and vespers venues that regularly air on the Internet and worldwide TV networks.

Her greatest joys spring from the lives of her three children, who are all graduates of Loma Linda University—Cherie Appleton Eickmann, D.D.S., Sharla Appleton Teodor, D.P.T., and Carl Appleton, D.D.S.; her seven grandchildren, and the 1,000+ students she has mentored over the years.

For her exemplary service and dedication to her profession and the community, the School of Allied Health Professions is pleased to present the *SCHOOL DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD* to Carol Appleton. This award will be presented to her at the Conferring of Degrees for the School of Allied Health Professions at 10:30 a.m.

## Steven D. Newton—Alumnus of the Year



Assistant Professor, Department of  
Physical Therapy, School of Allied Health  
Professions, Loma Linda University

*A.S. Union College, Lincoln, Nebraska 1985*  
*B.S.P.T. Loma Linda University 1988*  
*M.B.A. University of Redlands 1992*  
*D.P.T. Loma Linda University 2015*

*Specialty certified, Titleist Performance Institute  
2010*

*Certified by the Institute of Clinical  
Electrophysiology 1996*

*First Recipient, Minority Academic Excellence  
Scholarship, American Physical Therapy  
Association 1988*

*National Academic Excellence Scholarship Award  
American Physical Therapy Association 1988*

*Outstanding College Student of America 1986-88*  
*National Honor Roll and Dean's List 1987-88,  
2015*

*Loma Linda Physical Therapy Alumni Association  
Achievement Award 1988*

*Governor's Community Award, Denver, Colorado  
1982*

Dr. Steven Douglas Newton's career spans the realms of academia, consulting, professional practice, and entrepreneurship. Growing up with a single mom and six siblings, Dr. Newton was the first in his family to attend college. In addition to working in and directing a number of physical practices over the years, Dr. Newton is the founder and owner of the PerformaX Physical Therapy and Wellness Center in Burbank, California. He also serves as senior consultant for the Fox Group Health Consulting Services.

A consultant and speaker for the National Association for Search and Rescue, Dr. Newton was field support staff and advisor for ESPN-Baltimore, and was interim chief finance officer for Call Denver, a telemarketing firm for which he devised a business plan and procured grants and financial assistance to expand the operation from seven to 75 employees in less than nine months. He created the Honor Your Earth Tour—the largest two-person grass-and-sand volleyball tour in California, and serves on the boards of Extreme Mobility's Blind Camp, Strength Rx CrossFit, and The Gravity Ball, Inc.


Twice nominated *Entrepreneur of the Year* by Merrill Lynch and the Inland Empire Chamber of Commerce, Dr. Newton has developed safety and wellness programs for the Federal Bureau of Investigation and has shared his expertise at national physical therapy conferences on topics that include electrophysiology, marketing, and private practice. Also, he was part of the medical crew for the first adventure race, The Eco Challenge; and is a singer for Harvest Celebration, which co-produced his Christmas CD.

A dedicated mentor who has taught in all the physical therapy department's degree programs since 1989, Dr. Newton has inspired several co-workers to pursue either a physical therapy or physical therapist assistant degree. He is an advisor for the Pathways Program for minority students at the University of North Texas, and supports African American and Hispanic males who are pursuing higher education. He also continues to support the work of the Cedars Home for Children Foundation and has maintained a fourteen-year relationship with the "Big Brother" organization in his local community.

In recognition of his significant, innovative contributions to his field and for his exemplary leadership, the School of Allied Health Professions names Dr. Steven Douglas Newton *ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR*. This title will be conferred on him during the Conferring of Degrees for the school at 10:30 a.m.



# School of Public Health

	June eleven, one o'clock, Drayson Center
	
PRELUDE	Alva Waworoendeng, keyboard
	Selected Compositions
ACADEMIC PROCESSION	The audience is requested to clear the aisles and remain seated.
	Ronald L. Carter, University Commencement Marshal, leading Carlene M. Drake, Marilyn Eggers, Arthur B. Marshak, Calvin J. Thomsen, Associate Marshals, assisting
	The President's Party, Members of the University Board of Trustees, LLUH Administrators
Faculty	Marche Pontificale ... <i>Charles Gounod</i>
Candidates for Degrees	Pomp and Circumstance Military March, Op. 39, No. 1 . . . <i>Sir Edward Elgar</i>
INVOCATION	W. Lawrence Beeson Professor, School of Public Health
WELCOME	Richard H. Hart President of the University
PRESENTATION OF AWARDS	Helen Hopp Marshak, Dean of the School The President Ronald L. Carter, Provost of the University
INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER	The Dean



ADDRESS

Fred Hardinge  
Associate Health Ministries Director  
General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists

THREE HALLMARKS OF SUCCESS

CONFERRING OF DEGREES

The President

AWARDING OF DIPLOMAS

The Dean  
Elisa Blethen, Director for M.B.A. Program  
Donna Gurule, Assistant Dean for Academic  
Administration  
Sujatha Rajaram, Director for Doctoral Programs  
Wendy Genovez, Assistant Dean for Academic Records

GRADUATION PLEDGE

Rhonda Spencer-Hwang  
Associate Professor

Gagandeep Gill  
Dr.P.H. Degree Candidate in Preventive Care

BENEDICTION

Jayakaran Job  
Professor

ACADEMIC RECESSION

Rigaudon . . . *André Campra*

The audience is requested to clear the aisles and remain seated during the recession.

Commencement ceremonies will be available for viewing and downloading from the Commencement website: [llu.edu/commencement](http://llu.edu/commencement)

To minimize distracting others during the ceremony, guests are requested to observe the following picture-taking courtesies: *Please do not—*

- use a flash or additional lighting;
- walk in the main aisles or in front of the platform;
- stand except very briefly in the audience line of vision.

# 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.

## Master of Business Administration

Mary M. Aivazian B.S. California State University, Northridge 2014	Karan Pratap Singh B.S. University of California, Riverside 2009 M.D. University of California, Los Angeles 2014
Michael Andrew Bennett B.S. Northern Caribbean University 2012	Sabrina Ariel Sutterfield B.S. California State University, Dominguez Hills 2015
Jean G. Charles B.A. Andrews University 2014	Nimrat Tung B.D.S. Baba Farid University of Health Sciences 2013
Judy Delva B.S. Oakwood University 2008 B.S. Oakwood University 2012	Jacklyn Yi B.S. University of California, Los Angeles 2013
Jonathan Fouad Mina B.S. La Sierra University 2015	Cynthia Li-yan Huang Zhuang B.A. University of Redlands 2014
Elisa Rivas Sarabosing B.S.N. Dr. Carlos S. Lanting College 2003	

## Master of Public Health

Rochelle LaRae Addison <i>environmental and occupational health</i> B.S. California Baptist University 2011	Dora Myriam Avila <i>health education</i> B.S. California State University, Long Beach 2012
Hazel Elizabeth Alvarenga <i>global health</i> <i>epidemiology</i> B.S. University of California, Irvine 2011	Sasha Tamika Bernard <i>global health</i> B.S. Andrews University 2015
Maria G. Anaya <i>global health</i> B.A. University of Redlands 2015	Reshmi Bhaduri <i>health policy and leadership</i> B.D.S. Maharishi Markandeshwar University 2012
Redieat Assefa, MAR <i>health education</i> B.S. California State University, Fullerton 2009	Amber Booth <i>health policy and leadership</i> B.A. University of California, Berkeley 2012

<p>Caroline Antonia Bush <i>health education</i> B.A. Malone College 2002</p>	<p>Christopher Hyun-Bae Choi, MAR <i>health policy and leadership</i> B.S. University of California, Berkeley 2015</p>
<p>Kristine Mae Mercado Caagbay, MAR <i>epidemiology</i> B.S.N. Manuel S. Enverga University Foundation 2012</p>	<p>Rebecca Sueyoung Chung <i>population medicine</i> B.A. Southwestern Adventist University 2007 M.D. Loma Linda University SM 2012</p>
<p>Magali Cardenas <i>health education</i> B.S. University of California, Riverside 2015</p>	<p>Eden Al-ghizawi Compau <i>epidemiology</i> B.S. Northern Arizona University 2012</p>
<p>Jessica J. Chairez <i>health policy and leadership</i> B.A. Pitzer College 2013</p>	<p>Kimberly Elyse Conley <i>epidemiology</i> B.A. California State University, Fresno 2004 M.D. Loma Linda University SM 2009</p>
<p>Yu-Ping Chang <i>nutrition</i> B.S. Chung Shan Medical University 2013</p>	<p>Stephanie Nicole Curnow <i>nutrition</i> B.S. California Baptist University 2015</p>
<p>Bethsaida Sylvania Charlot <i>global health</i> B.S. State University of New York Health Science Center at Stony Brook 2013</p>	<p>Jennifer Lynn Davenport <i>nutrition</i> B.S. California State Polytechnic University, Pomona 2014</p>
<p>Carolina Chavez <i>nutrition</i> B.S. California State Polytechnic University, Pomona 2014</p>	<p>Chaunacy Dent <i>nutrition</i> B.S. Howard University 2011</p>
<p>Ju-Hsin Cheng <i>nutrition</i> B.S. Taipei Medical University 2015</p>	<p>Jillian Gail De Vela <i>global health</i> B.S. California State University, Los Angeles 2012</p>
<p>Kristi Cheng <i>nutrition</i> B.S. University of California, San Diego 2014</p>	<p>Alexandra Noel Dunbar <i>health education</i> B.S. Pacific Union College 2014</p>
<p>Corey Shaina Chimes <i>nutrition</i> B.A. Loyola University New Orleans 2008</p>	<p>Exodus Johnne Edmerson <i>epidemiology</i> B.A. Thomas More College 2014</p>

Ivie Cleopatra Egiebor <i>health policy and leadership</i> B.S. University of California, Riverside 2014	Caitlin Marie Hutchinson, MAR <i>health education</i> B.S. La Sierra University 2014
Silvera Marolita Erari <i>epidemiology</i> B.S.P.H. Universitas Cenderawasih 2011	Sangeet Johal <i>health policy and leadership</i> B.D.S. Baba Farid University of Health Sciences 2009
Lauren Ashley Foster, MAR <i>health education</i> B.A. Oakwood University 2013	Kayla Keel <i>nutrition</i> B.A. San Francisco State University 2009
Josileide Gaio <i>epidemiology</i> B.S. Universidade Regional de Blumenau 2003	Anwar Khattab <i>biostatistics</i> B.S. State University of New York, Albany 2011
Terisha Mariano Gamboa <i>health education</i> B.A. University of California, Irvine 2013	Ahra Kim, MAR <i>biostatistics</i> B.A. University of California, Los Angeles 2012
Hameed Muhammad Hama Law <i>health policy and leadership</i>	Yoo Kyung Kim, MAR <i>biostatistics</i> B.S. California State University, East Bay 2014
Pareesa Haririan <i>biostatistics</i> B.S. University of California, Davis 2015	Soying Kwan <i>nutrition</i> B.S. California State Polytechnic University, Pomona 2014
Suhail Iqbal Hashim <i>global health</i> B.S.N. Manipal University 2011	Sabrina Maria La Bianca, MAR <i>global health</i> B.A. Drew University 2015
Ashley Heinzl <i>nutrition</i> B.S. San Diego State University 2015	Marisol Teresa Lara <i>global health</i> B.S. University of California, Riverside 2014
Givan Allison Hinds <i>global health</i> B.A. Andrews University 2015 B.S. Andrews University 2015	Rosa Socorro Larios, MAR <i>health education</i> B.A. University of California, Los Angeles 2013
Keity Neeraya Hodgson Ayerdis <i>nutrition</i> B.A. Walla Walla University 2012	

<p>Brandy Liu <i>population medicine</i> B.A. Scripps College 2005 D.O. Western University of Health Sciences 2011</p>	<p>Anjanpreet Kaur Pandher <i>nutrition</i> B.S. California State University, Sacramento 2015</p>
<p>Cindy Marisol Lopez <i>health education</i> B.A. University of La Verne 2014</p>	<p>Shruti Sharad Parekh <i>health policy and leadership</i> B.P.T. Maharashtra University of Health Sciences 2014</p>
<p>Ping Chun Lu <i>environmental and occupational health</i> B.S. La Sierra University 2015</p>	<p>Marco Pasco-Rubio <i>epidemiology</i> B.S. San Diego State University 2013</p>
<p>Reggie Jayson Lubrica, MAR <i>epidemiology</i> B.S. University of California, Riverside 2014</p>	<p>Erica Ashley Perry <i>nutrition</i> B.S. California State University, San Bernardino 2012</p>
<p>Stacey Phuong Mai <i>nutrition</i> B.S. University of California, Riverside 2014</p>	<p>Erin Teresa Pettengill <i>population medicine</i> B.S. California State University, Sacramento 1996</p>
<p>Angelina Collin Manuel, DEC <i>global health</i> B.A. Cornell University 2008</p>	<p>Devin Phaguda <i>health policy and leadership</i> B.S. St. Bonaventure University 2014</p>
<p>Dima Masoud <i>global health</i> B.A. University of California, Irvine 2014 B.S. University of California, Irvine 2014</p>	<p>Jonathan C. Portney, MAR <i>global health</i> B.S. Cazenovia College 2015</p>
<p>Lanetta S. Mathis <i>health education</i> B.S. Valdosta State University 2005</p>	<p>Stephanie Romero <i>nutrition</i> B.S. California State Polytechnic University, Pomona 2015</p>
<p>Ruth Medina Martinez <i>health education</i> B.S. California State University, Fullerton 2005</p>	<p>Anup Janak Shah <i>population medicine</i> B.S. College of New Jersey 2006 M.D. University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey 2010</p>
<p>Natasha Narayan <i>population medicine</i> B.S. University of California, Irvine 2007 M.D. University of Utah 2013</p>	<p>Dean Sherzai <i>epidemiology</i> B.S. George Mason University 1990 M.D. Eastern Virginia Medical School 1995 M.A. University of California, San Diego 2008</p>

Krystal Liz Silguero <i>epidemiology</i> B.S. California State Polytechnic University, Pomona 2014	Crystal Dichelle Valentine, DEC <i>epidemiology</i> B.S. University of California, Los Angeles 2014
Eric Suh, MAR <i>biostatistics</i> B.S. Pacific Union College 2012	Felipe De Jesus Villaseñor <i>biostatistics</i> B.S. University of California, Los Angeles 2011
Michelle Swierkos, DEC <i>public health nutrition</i> B.S. Loma Linda University SD 1993	Bianca Estrella Villegas, MAR <i>biostatistics</i> B.S. La Sierra University 2007
Brianna LaShon Taylor, MAR <i>epidemiology</i> B.A. Southern Adventist University 2014	Kimberly Louise Walters <i>nutrition</i> B.S. California Baptist University 2015
Avanelle Candace Thomas <i>nutrition</i> B.S. Oakwood University 2015	Ashley Robin Wang, DEC <i>health education</i> B.S. University of California, Berkeley 2014
Christine Elaine Thomas <i>global health</i> B.A. Oakwood University 2015	Cheri Nicole Watkins, MAR <i>lifestyle management</i> B.S. Oakwood University 2006 M.S. Loma Linda University SM 2010
Erica Danielle Thomas <i>health education</i> B.S. Southern Adventist University 2013	Sean William Welsh <i>population medicine</i> B.A. Johns Hopkins University 2006 M.D. Albany Medical College 2010
Tashara Debra Tracey, DEC <i>health policy and leadership</i> B.S. Kaplan University 2014	Macy Marie Westbrook <i>health policy and leadership</i> B.S. Southern Adventist University 2014
Lucinda Trang <i>nutrition</i> B.S. California State Polytechnic University, Pomona 2015	Krystle Aisha L. Wiley <i>epidemiology</i> B.A. University of North Carolina- Wilmington 2007 B.S. University of the District of Columbia 2009
Erica Ueno <i>nutrition</i> B.S. University of California, Riverside 2012	Stewart Fife Wilkey <i>population medicine</i> B.A. Southern Utah University 2009 D.O. A. T. Still University of Health Sciences 2013

*Doctor of Public Health*

Yun Wu

*health education*

B.H.S. Andrews University 2013

Shabnam Zahid

*epidemiology*

B.A.M.S. King Saud University 2010

Fayomi A. Agboola, DEC

*health education*

B.S. University of Abuja 2000

M.P.H. Loma Linda University PH 2008

B.S.N. Azusa Pacific University 2010

*Dissertation:* Implications of Community-Supported Agriculture As  
Alternative Food Networks

Nasim Bahadorani, MAR

*health education*

B.A. California State University, Northridge 2004

M.B.S. Midwestern University 2006

*Dissertation:* Implications of Tamarkoz on Increasing Spirituality, Positive  
Emotions, and Reducing Stress for University Students

Edward Kiprotich Bitok, DEC

*nutrition*

B.S. University of Eastern Africa Baraton 2004

M.S. Loma Linda University AH 2010

*Dissertation:* Effects of Daily Walnut Consumption on Body Weight,  
Adiposity, and Diet Quality of Older Adults

Jenny Carson Butterfield

*health education*

B.H.S. University of Missouri, Columbia 2010

M.P.H. University of Missouri, Columbia 2012

*Dissertation:* Obesity Risk Factors and Eating Behaviors of Youth in Carroll  
County, Missouri

Natalie Kazzi Buxton, MAR

*nutrition*

B.S. University of Balamand 2006

M.S. American University of Beirut 2010

*Dissertation:* Vitamin B-12 Biomarkers as Indicators of Cognitive Function in  
an Elderly Population

Maud Joachim Celestin

*preventive care*

M.D. University of Montemorelos 1985

M.P.H. Loma Linda University PH 2011

*Dissertation:* Investigating the Stages of Readiness of Adults Enrolled in a Promotor-Led Diabetes Prevention Program

Lindsay Ann Fahnestock

*nutrition*

B.S. California Baptist University 2009

M.P.H. Loma Linda University PH 2012

*Dissertation:* Rice, Arsenic, and Public Health: Consumption of Rice Products Containing Low Levels of Arsenic and Its Relationship to Health Outcomes

Danaka Lynn France, MAR

*health education*

B.S. California State University, Fullerton 2004

M.S. California State University, Fullerton 2006

*Dissertation:* Motor Proficiency, Physical Activity Self-Efficacy, and Physical Activity in Children with Obesity

Gagandeep Singh Gill, DEC

*preventive care*

B.S. University of California, Los Angeles 2009

M.P.H. Loma Linda University PH 2012

*Dissertation:* Linkage between Neighborhood Perception, Traditional Beliefs, and BMI of South Asians in the Masala Study

Silvie Grote, DEC

*health education*

B.S. Chapman University 1999

M.S. California State University, Fullerton 2002

M.A. California State University, Long Beach 2008

*Dissertation:* Posttreatment Comorbidity and Health Beliefs among Cancer Survivors



Emmanuel Sagoe Jeffrey, Jr.

*preventive care*

B.S. Morgan State University 2006

M.P.H. Drexel University 2010

*Dissertation:* Association of Childhood Obesity with Household Structure among Latinos in the U.S.

John Nyabera Kebaso, SEP

*health education*

B.S. Kenyatta University 1999

*Dissertation:* Levels of HIV/AIDS-Related Stigma and Its Association with Individual HIV Status in Nairobi City Slums

Heather Lyn Knutson

*health policy and leadership*

B.S. Andrews University 1997

M.A. Western Michigan University 2000

M.S. Loma Linda University AH 2006

*Dissertation:* Perceptions on Women in Leadership and Women's Ordination within a Seventh-day Adventist Community

Merilee M. Larsen

*health education*

B.S. Utah Valley University 2006

M.P.H. Loma Linda University PH 2012

*Dissertation:* The Teacher-Identified Barriers and Enabling Factors to Teaching Health in Elementary Schools

Yoshimitsu Mineyama

*preventive care*

B.P.E. Chukyo University 1985

M.P.H. Loma Linda University PH 1989

*Dissertation:* The Effect of Tobacco-Dependence Treatment Program with Stress Management through Mindfulness Technique Training in U.S. Veterans

Jemima Jeanne Naté

*health education*

B.A. La Sierra University 2004

M.P.H. Loma Linda University PH 2007

*Dissertation: Parental Perceptions of Their Child's Weight Status and Pediatric Obesity*

Dede Teteh

*health education*

B.S. St. John's University New York 2009

M.P.H. Morehouse School of Medicine 2011

*Dissertation: Exploring the Relationship between Perceived Discrimination, Hypertension and Religious Coping in a Population of Black and White Seventh-Day Adventists*

Najah M. Zaaed

*health education*

B.S. Chancellor University 1996

M.S.W. Syracuse University 2009

M.P.A. Syracuse University 2010

*Dissertation: Developmental Disability Awareness for All: Assessing Knowledge, Perceptions, and Attitudes of Jordanians*

Marcia Monica Zorrilla

*health education*

B.S. Cornell University 1987

M.P.H. New York University 1992

*Dissertation: Mental Health Literacy: Depression and Help-Seeking Intention among Young Adults*

*Doctor of Philosophy*

In conjunction with the Faculty of Graduate Studies

Mary Michelle Shodja

B.S. California State University, Dominguez Hills 1992

M.S. California State University, Dominguez Hills 1995

*Dissertation: Sugar Consumption and the Risk of Respiratory Infections Using AHS-2*

Carmen Nicole West

B.A. University of California, Riverside 1996

M.S. University of La Verne 1999

M.H.A. University of La Verne 1999

M.S. University of Southern California 2008

*Dissertation:* The Impact of Glycemic Index and Glycemic Load on Breast and Prostate Cancer Risk in the Adventist Health Student-2 Cohort

## Graduation Pledge

We believe that wholeness of human beings encompasses and integrates the physical, spiritual, social, and mental dimensions.

*We pledge to seek this wholeness in ourselves and those we serve.*

We believe in the worth and potential of all individuals.

*We pledge ourselves to respect the beliefs, ideas, opinions, and cultures of others.*

We value our earth and all the resources it provides to us.

*We pledge ourselves to care wisely for those resources and to work toward their fair and equitable distribution.*

We acknowledge the responsibility of providing education in public health, continuing the legacy of Loma Linda University.

*We pledge ourselves to use with integrity and compassion the knowledge and skills we have gained.*

We understand that learning is a lifelong process.

*We pledge to continue our quest for knowledge and understanding of our world and of ourselves*

We acknowledge that true wisdom comes not from people or books alone but from a relationship with the Maker of us all.

*We pledge ourselves to seek this wisdom and accept God's strength in doing so.*

*Students' response italicized*

# Awards

President's Award: Kristi Cheng.

Dean's Award: *M.B.A.*—Michael Bennett; *Master's*—Hazel Alvarenga; *Doctoral*—Edward Bitok.

School Alumna of the Year: Gayle Hoxter.

School Distinguished Service Award—Faculty: Sam Soret.

School Distinguished Service Award—Staff: Nona Grove.

Hulda Crooks Scholarship Award: *Master's*—Stephanie Curnow, Kimberly Walters.

Hulda Crooks Research Grant: Kristen Arthur, Danjuma Daniel.

Community Outreach Project Scholarship: Lily Lee, Crystal Valentine, Jacklyn Yi.

Glen Blix Award for Excellence in Preventive Care: Maud Celestin.

Merrit C. Horning Award for Outstanding Research: Natalie Kazzi Buxton, Mericarmen Peralta, Katie Viehmann-Wical.

## SPH Student Association Awards

William Dysinger Excellence in Teaching Award: Keiji Oda.

Charlie Liu Award: Hazel Alvarenga, Ivie Cleopatra Egiebor, Jisoo Oh, David Shavlik.

Ruth White Outstanding Student Award: Hazel Alvarenga.

SPH Graduating Class Legacy Award: Kathy Rovito.

Wil Alexander Whole Person Care Award: Suhail Hashim.

Willard and Irene Humpal Award: Sasha Bernard.

The Gerkin-Neish Scholarship: Pamela Fernandez, Ijeoma Mordi.

ENVIRONMENTAL AND  
OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH  
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BIostatISTICS, AND  
POPULATION MEDICINE  
PROGRAM

GLOBAL HEALTH  
PROGRAM

HEALTH POLICY AND  
MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Randall Lewis Fellowship Award: Reshmi Bhaduri, Bethsaida Charlot, Christopher Choi, Suhail Hashim, Givan Hinds, Sabrina La Bianca, Jacklyn Yi.

Selma Andrews Scholarship: Kristi Cheng, Chaunacy Dent, Andishe Farahmand, Kayla Keel, Soying (Iris) Kwan, Hemangi Mavdiya, Anjanpreet Pandher, Erica Perry, Neha Sahai, Avanelle Thomas, Erica Ueno, Ahmed Al Abdrabalnabi.

Delta Omega Honor Society: Rochelle Addison, Hazel Alvarenga, Sasha Bernard, Kristi Cheng, Kimberly Conley, Stephanie Curnow, Ivie Cleopatra Egiebor, Terisha Gamboa, Silvie Grote, Marisol Lara, Rosa Larios, Reggie Lubrica, Crystal Valentine, Kimberly Walters, Ashley Wang, Macy Westbrook.

Environmental and Occupational Health Scholarship: Stephanie Dennis.

Epidemiology and Biostatistics Department Scholarship: Reggie Lubrica, Eric Suh.

Excellence in Global Health Scholarship: Jonathan Portney.

Financial Assistance for Students in International Health Fund: Sasha Bernard, Jillian De Vela, Suhail Hashim.

Penner Scholarship Fund: Jamilla Galvez, Danielle Kilchenstein, Heather Knutson.

C. Torbin Thomsen Scholarship: Macy Westbrook.

Teri S. Tamayose Health Administration Scholarship Fund: Michael Bennett.

S. Eric Andersen Scholarship: Nichole Patel, Jacklyn Yi.

Sylvia Ram Memorial Scholarship Fund: Perry Ashilevi, Elisa Sarabosing.

HEALTH PROMOTION AND  
EDUCATION PROGRAM

Naomi Modeste Award: Terisha Gamboa, Luz Razo.

Ruth White Scholarship (Dr.P.H.): Nasim Bahadorani,  
Adrienne Moore.

Joyce W. Hopp Scholar's Fund: Rosa Larios, Charlotte  
Lewis.

NUTRITION PROGRAM

McClellan Endowment for Vegetarian Nutrition: Edward  
Bitok.

Alejo Pizarro Award: Keity Hodgson Ayerdis.

Patricia K. Johnston Nutrition Scholarship: Mikaela Curtis.

## Kristi Cheng—President's Award



School of Public Health recipient

*B.S. University of California, San Diego 2015*

*M.P.H. Loma Linda University 2017*

Kristi Cheng is an outstanding student, scholar, and inspiring leader. She enrolled in the Loma Linda University School of Public Health Nutrition (LLUSPH) and Dietetics program in September 2015, after earning her undergraduate degree in biochemistry and cell biology—graduating *magna cum laude* at the University of California, San Diego.

An inquisitive and actively engaged learner with exceptional oral and written communication skills, Kristi has performed beyond standard academic requirements. She worked as a research assistant for the Soy Study and the Adventist Health Study-2 Microbiome pilot study. Both projects involved technical skills and the collection of accurate, research-level data. She particularly demonstrated an aptitude for scholarship through her excellent literature review synthesized for an ongoing study, “Effect of Egg Consumption on the Risk of Type 2 Diabetes.”

Kristi has not only excelled in academics, but she also has been involved in leadership and community activities. She led a team for a community project that assessed local farmers’ markets for managers, vendors, and the public, and submitted a comprehensive report that received a commendation from Robin Nishiwaki, Ph.D., San Bernardino County’s nutrition program director. Ms. Cheng also participated in planning and teaching cooking and nutrition classes for the summer camp Operation Fit, conducted by the Loma Linda University School of Medicine at the Drayson Center. Additionally, she has volunteered at the Fontana Unified School District Food Service, the LLUMC gift shop, the Healthy People Conference, and the Drayson Center Employee Benefits Fair. She is also treasurer of the campus *Phi Upsilon Omicron* honor society for nutrition and dietetics students.

In recognition of her outstanding academic performance, leadership, scholarship, and active community engagement, the School of Public Health honors Ms. Kristi Cheng with the 2017 *PRESIDENT’S AWARD* to be presented at the Conferring of Degrees for the school.



## Nona M. Grove—School Distinguished Staff Service Award



Business Manager and Practicum  
Placement Coordinator for Practicum and  
Internship, School of Public Health, Loma  
Linda University

*B.S. University of Phoenix 2002*

Goal-driven, highly organized and focused, Mrs. Nona M. Grove has played a significant role in the day-to-day services and operations at the School of Public Health (SPH). As the school's Practicum Office's Manager and Placement Coordinator, she has played a major role in the redesign process of the practicum course and in implementing related procedures. She has demonstrated her passion for student success through participation in practicum strategic planning, promoting professionalism to students, working with external partners to improve student experience; and actively connecting students with job opportunities through the school's community connections. Through her positive relations with students, her colleagues, and SPH clients, she has solicited valuable feedback essential to improving the school's services.

Before joining Loma Linda University SPH, Mrs. Grove lived and worked at Worthington Elementary School and Kettering Medical Center—both located in Ohio. From 1992 to the present, she has served LLUSPH as secretary, research technician, research assistant, and business manager. In these roles at the SPH, her responsibilities include: processing client research projects, organizing office systems to ensure smooth work flow and timelines, contributing towards a positive team environment by building a cohesive and productive work place. In addition, she coordinates grant writing and has facilitated successful grants, including those from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the National Institute of Health (NIH), and Health Effects Institute (HEI). In these capacities and in her current position, she has inspired, encouraged, and demonstrated diligence and performance beyond standard requirements to continually improve services to the school and its community.

In appreciation of Nona Grove's dedication to community service, the city of Loma Linda, California proclaimed Nona Grove Day on June 26, 2002.

Besides fulfilling her challenging role in the academe, Nona enjoys traveling, cooking and remodeling; and spends quality time with her husband, Roger, their children, and adorable granddaughters—Julia and Adelyn.

Recognizing Mrs. Nona M. Grove's exemplary service and her contributions towards enhancing the school's positive image, teamwork, and productivity, the School of Public Health names her recipient of the *SCHOOL DISTINGUISHED STAFF SERVICE AWARD*. This award will be presented to her at the Conferring of Degrees for the school.

## Gayle Hoxter—Alumna of the Year



Program Chief, Riverside County  
Department of Public Health, Nutrition  
and Health Promotion Branch

*B.S. California Polytechnic University, Pomona  
1979*

*M.S. Loma Linda University 1981*

*Registered Dietician*

*National WIC Association (NWA) Leadership  
Award 2015*

As program chief for the County of Riverside Department of Public Health, Nutrition, and Health Promotion Branch—a \$20-million agency serving over 100,000 residents each month in the fourth largest geographic county in the United States—Gayle Hoxter oversees Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Network for Healthy California, Child Care Nutrition, Loving Support, Tobacco Control, and Asthma Education.

A registered dietitian, Mrs. Hoxter has championed solutions for the childhood obesity epidemic by spearheading the first countywide Healthy Eating Active Living (HEAL) campaign for children and their parents. Recognizing the food insecurity needs of low-income families, she created the first Riverside County Food Security Advisory Board that in 2007 became the County Nutrition Action Plan (CNAP). CNAP was created as a pilot program in California to reflect the State Nutrition Action Plan (SNAP) at the local level. For the past six years, CNAP has focused on increasing fruit and vegetable intake among Riverside County residents by improving food systems through increased utilization and development of countywide farmers' markets, community gardens, and healthy retail markets.

For her exemplary leadership, creativity, vision, and commitment to promoting public health and encouraging others to be actively involved in community health programs, Mrs. Hoxter received the prestigious National Women, Infants, and Children Association Leadership Award. She currently sits on the National WIC Association Board, and is member of the Network for Healthy California state committee.

Proud to be a fourth-generation Southern California rancher, she enjoys spending her leisure hours on the family ranch, gardening and showing horses with her husband Jon, and her daughter Kallie Lynn.

The School of Public Health recognizes and appreciates Mrs. Gayle Hoxter's dynamic leadership and outstanding contributions to her field and is honored to name her the *ALUMNA OF THE YEAR*. This title will be conferred on her at the Conferring of Degrees for the school.

## Samuel Soret—School Distinguished Faculty Service Award



Former Associate Dean for Research  
Former Executive Director of the Center for  
Community Resilience  
Founder and Former Professor, Health  
Geoinformatics Program, School of  
Public Health, Loma Linda University

*M.P.H. University of California, Berkeley 2008*  
*Ph.D. Loma Linda University 1993*

*Environmental Systems Research Institute  
(ESRI) Geographic Information Systems  
Excellence Award 2006*

*Inducted into the Inland Valley Hall of  
Fame Center for Community Action and  
Environmental Justice 2013*

Dr. Samuel Soret—professor, researcher, and friend to colleagues, students, and others who interacted with him—served Loma Linda University faithfully for twenty-one years. Among his many accomplishments, Dr. Soret will be remembered for spearheading the establishment of the Health Geoinformatics program at the University in 1996. Through the development and growth of Loma Linda University’s Geographic Information Systems (GIS) program, he incorporated GIS technology in academics, workforce development, research, and health-care practices.

Exploring the use of GIS to improve community health, Dr. Soret designed and taught the first health geoinformatics course offered at an accredited public health school in the United States. The curriculum became a case study included in the Smithsonian National Museum of American History’s permanent collection.

Dr. Soret was involved in the Environmental Railyard Research Impacting Community Health study which focused on health effects associated with people living near the San Bernardino Railyard. Prior to the Railyard Study, rail lines’ impact on community health had never been directly studied. In recognition of this study’s significant improvement of nearby residents’ lives, Dr. Soret was inducted into the Inland Valley Hall of Fame Center for Community Action and Environmental Justice in 2013.

An academician with a wide range of interests, Dr. Soret spoke eloquently on a broad spectrum of topics, consistently sharing his philosophical views.

Dr. Soret died on August 23, 2016. His colleagues, students, and friends considered him a valued member of the school and the University. He left an amazing legacy of hard work, unselfish service, compassion, eternal optimism; and the SPH will remember him for his positive influence in the lives of those he touched.

Through his professional and personal successes, Dr. Soret considered his greatest treasure his role as a loving and supportive father to his two children—Carmen and Adam.

For his unselfish service and generously sharing his knowledge and expertise; and for his dedication to the promotion of Loma Linda University’s motto, “to make man whole,” the School of Public Health posthumously honors Dr. Sam Soret with the *SCHOOL DISTINGUISHED FACULTY SERVICE AWARD*. This award will be presented to his daughter, Carmen, at the Conferring of Degrees for the school.

## Fred Hardinge—Commencement Speaker



Associate Director, Health Ministries  
Department, General Conference of  
Seventh-day Adventists  
President, Total Life Creations, Spokane,  
Washington  
Director, Positive Choices.com  
Upper Columbia Conference of SDA

*M.A. Andrews University 1974*  
*M.P.H. Loma Linda University 1977*  
*Dr.P.H. Loma Linda University 1977*

*Fellow of the Academy of Nutrition and  
Dietetics*  
*Member, Delta Omega Society, Kappa Chapter*  
*Licensed by the American Board of Preventive  
Care*  
*Registered Dietitian (RD)*  
*Certified Health Education Specialist (CHES)*

Administrator, creative health educator, motivational speaker, and healthy lifestyle advocate, Dr. Fred Hardinge has modeled and promoted the Seventh-day Adventist (SDA) health message. He has organized and implemented activities that enhance the health and longevity of individuals within the context of the gospel of Jesus Christ, and the three angels' message—essential to restoring God's image in man.

For more than three decades, Dr. Hardinge has been communicating the message to local and international audiences—"Your choices can lead you to be more healthy and productive!" His background includes pastoring, academic teaching, community health education, corporate training and consultation, administration, and private health counseling. He has served in various leadership capacities that include president, Total Life Creations in Spokane, Washington, which produced the Hardinge Lifestyle Advantage video series on health; and consultant to the Federal Aviation Administration Human Factors Division for lifestyle and its impact on human performance (1995-1998). A director of almost a dozen health institutions, he has also served as associate director of the SDA worldwide health department.

From 2005 to 2008, Dr. Hardinge directed the Internet ministries of *It is Written*, called Bibleinfo.com; and he currently directs PositiveChoices.com, a new health evangelism web initiative.

In addition to maintaining regular exercise, Dr. Hardinge enjoys hiking, climbing, and cross-country skiing with his wife April, a nurse; his two children, and four awesome grandchildren; and he finds carpentry and writing very relaxing.

Dr. Fred Hardinge will deliver his address at the Conferring of Degrees for the School of Public Health.

# School of Behavioral Health *and* School of Religion

June eleven, three-thirty o'clock, Drayson Center



PRELUDE

Alva Waworoendeng, keyboard

Selected Compositions

ACADEMIC PROCESSION

The audience is requested to clear the aisles and remain seated.

Ronald L. Carter, University Commencement Marshal,  
leading

Qais Alemi, J. C. Belliard, Carlene M. Drake, Jackie  
Williams-Reade, Associate Marshals, assisting

The President's Party, Members of the University Board of  
Trustees, LLUH Administrators

Faculty

Marche Pontificale . . . *Charles Gounod*

Candidates for Degrees

Pomp and Circumstance, Op. 39, No. 1 . . . *Sir Edward Elgar*

INVOCATION

Jon Paulien  
Dean of the School of Religion

WELCOME

Richard H. Hart  
President of the University

PRESENTATION  
OF AWARDS

Beverly J. Buckles, Dean of the School of Behavioral Health  
Dean of the School of Religion  
Anthony Zuccarelli, Dean of the Faculty of Graduate  
Studies  
The President  
Ronald L. Carter, Provost of the University



INTRODUCTION  
OF SPEAKER

Dean of the School of Behavioral Health

ADDRESS

Daniel S. Sandy  
President, Sierra Leone Conference of Seventh-day  
Adventists

FIND YOUR VOICE

CONFERRING OF DEGREES

The President

AWARDING OF DIPLOMAS

Dean of the School of Religion  
Dean of the School of Behavioral Health  
Dean of the Faculty of Graduate Studies

BENEDICTION

Dean of the Faculty of Graduate Studies

ACADEMIC RECESSION

Rigaudon . . . *André Campra*

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To minimize distracting others during the ceremony, guests are requested to observe the following picture-taking courtesies: *Please do not*—

- use a flash or additional lighting;
- walk in the main aisles or in front of the platform;
- stand except very briefly in the audience line of vision.

# 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.

## SCHOOL OF RELIGION

### Master of Science in Chaplaincy

#### *Chaplaincy*

Kevin Mark Ferguson, DEC  
B.A. Southern Adventist University  
2013

Manuel Gabriel Gonzales  
B.A. Pacific Union College 2014  
B.S. Pacific Union College 2014

Caroline Ann Flanders, MAR  
B.S. University of Phoenix, Online  
Campus 2014

Dick Anthony Montanez, Jr.  
B.A. Pacific Union College 2013

### Master of Arts

#### *Bioethics*

#### In conjunction with the Faculty of Graduate Studies

Evan James Agnetta  
B.A. Ashford University 2011

Ryan Alistair John Marais  
B.A. Walla Walla University 2015  
B.S. Walla Walla University 2015

Carlos Miguel Casiano, DEC  
B.S. La Sierra University 2012

Elena Milosavljevic, SEP  
B.S. Andrews University 2012

Alix Yang Chen  
B.A. Baylor University 2013

Kyim Enlamh Mung  
B.S. Loma Linda University SD 2013

Gudrun Klim, MAR  
B.S. Union College 1989  
M.S. Washington State University 1997

Timothy E. Prewitt  
B.A. Southern Adventist University  
2013

Sydney Rielle Pasco Malit  
B.S. California State University, San  
Bernardino 2014

Joseph Angelo Lim Tiongson  
B.S. Biola University 2008

Paul Salib Mansour  
B.S. University of California, Irvine  
2014

#### *Clinical Ministry*

Jonathan Nino, SEP  
B.A. Atlantic Union College 2003

SCHOOL OF  
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Master of Social Work

*Social Work*

Amy Michelle Anderson B.S. Southern Adventist University 2006	Lisa Marie Harper B.S.W. La Sierra University 2012
Rachel Maria Bell B.A. Pacific Union College 2016 B.S.W. Pacific Union College 2016	Denata Lashawna Harris B.S. University of Phoenix, Phoenix Campus 2012
Judy Lorena Canales B.S. California State University, Los Angeles 2006	Marquita Monique Lagarde B.A. California State Polytechnic University, Pomona 2011
Emmanuel David Landa Chue B.S.W. Pacific Union College 2013	Gabriella Madril B.A. California Baptist University 2014
Beau Michael Compau B.S. Northern Arizona University 2012	Samuel Nectali Martinez B.S.W. Pacific Union College 2016
Amber Nicole Corcuera B.A. Brandman University 2016	Diana Aurelia Mata-Barragan B.A. California State University, San Bernardino 2015
Christina Joanna Covarrubias B.A. California State University, San Bernardino 2014	Jessica Ann Millanponce B.A. Brandman University 2011
Dioselina Enciso B.A. Brandman University 2015	Crystal Morgan B.A. University of California, Riverside 2014
Aimee Marie Enriquez B.A. California State Polytechnic University, Pomona 2010	Gabriela Navarro B.A. California State University, San Bernardino 2003
Grace Flores B.S. University of Phoenix, Phoenix Campus 2014	Chikyra Anne Percy B.S. Park University 2011 B.S. Park University 2013
Lydia Marie Galvan B.A. California State University, San Bernardino 2004	Colbi Rae Pickl B.S.W. La Sierra University 2016
Uniesia Kendra Gay B.A. Brandman University 2015	Maxine Virginia Recinos B.A. Chapman University 2011
Sharon Yanina Gonzalez B.A. California State University, Los Angeles 2016	Cassandra Leoni Reneaux B.A. University of Pune 2012 M.A. University of Pune 2014



## MASTER OF SCIENCE

### *Child Life Specialist*

Yalittza Reyna  
B.A. Biola University 2011

Noemi Robles  
B.A. California State University, San Bernardino 2013

Amanda Soto  
B.A. University of California, San Diego 2008

Dylan Scott Tayag  
B.S.W. La Sierra University 2016

Melesilika Vunileva  
B.S.W. Pacific Union College 2016

Amanda Charlotte Weinland  
B.A. University of Redlands 2015

Esmeralda Alva  
B.A. California State University, San Marcos 2012

Christine Wong Be  
B.A. University of California, Irvine 2014

Alyssa Garcia, SEP  
B.A. California State University, San Bernardino 2010

Stephanie Antonia Hernandez  
B.S. Biola University 2011

Jamie Nicole Jones  
B.A. California Baptist University 2013

Stefany Andy Cahyadi  
B.A. Adventist University of the Philippines 2014

Kendall Laurice Connor  
B.S.W. Oakwood University 2015

Amada Sukumu Whitson  
B.A. California State University, San Bernardino 1998

Tania Yopez-Stiger  
B.S.W. Pacific Union College 2016

Jessica Yuen-Ting Yim  
B.A. University of California, San Diego 2008

Natalie Simone Young  
B.S. Tuskegee University 2015

Leah Rose Zipperstein  
B.A. California State University, San Bernardino 2015

Lauren Briana Katz  
B.A. University of Arizona 2013

Ashley Michelle Nelson, SEP  
B.A. California State University, Fullerton 2014

Evelyn Ramirez  
B.A. California State University, Northridge 2014

Madeline Zinngrabe  
B.A. Point Loma Nazarene University 2015

Denisse Ariana Felix  
B.A. California Baptist University 2015

Claudia P. Johnson, DEC  
B.A. California State University, San Bernardino 2012

### *Counseling*

*Criminal Justice*

Jordan Zy Leddy  
B.S. Union College 2015

Saul Osvaldo Ramos  
B.A. California State University,  
Northridge 1992

Jacquelyn Joelle Love  
B.S. California State University,  
Fullerton 2015

Maya Angel Raphael  
B.S. Oakwood University 2015

Esther Margarita Martinez, DEC  
B.A. California Baptist University 2014

Silvia Salcido  
B.A. California State University, San  
Bernardino 1994

Lisa Nadalet  
B.A. California Baptist University 2007

*Gerontology*

Grace Flores  
B.S. University of Phoenix, Phoenix  
Campus 2014

Christina Joanna Covarrubias  
B.A. California State University, San  
Bernardino 2014

*Marital and Family Therapy*

Karla Graciela Beltran  
B.A. California Baptist University 2015

Catherine Cailing Kelly  
B.A. La Sierra University 2015

Amy Catherine Cohen  
B.A. Chapman University 2015

Lana Karina Kerr, MAR  
B.S. Andrews University 2010

Denise Cuellar  
B.A. California State University, San  
Bernardino 2015

Krystin Ruth Macias  
B.S. Southern Adventist University  
2012

Kaila Renee Duke  
B.S. Brigham Young University, Idaho  
2014

Laura Stella Parra, MAR  
BACH. EQUIV. Pontificia University  
Javeriana 2014

Melissa Marcelle Harris, DEC  
B.S. University of Phoenix, Online  
Campus 2013

Emelly B. Rosspencer, DEC  
B.A. La Sierra University 1999  
M.A. Middlebury College 2002  
M.P.H. Loma Linda University PH  
2005

Kelsey Kathleen Harrold  
B.A. Azusa Pacific University 2015

Smita Kapoor, DEC  
B.S. Union Institute and University  
2012

Johannes Schaepper, DEC  
M.DIV. Andrews University 1983

DOCTOR OF MARITAL  
AND FAMILY THERAPY

*Marital and Family Therapy*

Jenae Patrice Torres  
B.S. University of California, Los  
Angeles 2015

Lexe Andrea Valdivia  
B.A. California State University,  
Sacramento 2013

David D. Allred  
B.S. Utah State University 2004  
M.S. Seattle Pacific University 2006

Danielle La'Tonya Clair  
B.S. Florida Gulf Coast University 2012  
M.S. Nova Southeastern University  
2014

Bobbi-Ann Gordon, DEC  
B.S. Ferris State University 2004  
M.S. Loma Linda University ST 2011

Amber Nichole Hearn, SEP  
B.S. University of Arkansas, Pine Bluff  
2009  
M.F.T. Drexel University 2011

Carissa Paul Wood  
B.A. University of California,  
Riverside 2013

Natalie N. Zaragoza  
B.A. California State University,  
Fullerton 2013

Antoinette Ruth Montgomery  
B.S. University of Maryland, College  
Park 2004  
M.S. Nova Southeastern University  
2006

Diana Rose Munoz  
B.A. California State University, San  
Bernardino 2002  
M.A. Argosy University, Inland  
Empire 2012

Vanessa Vidales Quintana  
BACH. EQUIV. University of  
Montemorelos 2011  
M.S. Loma Linda University BH 2015

DOCTOR OF  
PSYCHOLOGY

*Psychology*

Edmon G. Artinyan  
B.A. University of California, San  
Diego 2011  
M.A. Loma Linda University BH 2014

Desiree Rachel Azizoddin  
B.A. University of California, Irvine  
2010  
M.A. Loma Linda University BH 2014

Jared Abraham Doegey  
B.A. California State University,  
Sacramento 2006  
M.A. Loma Linda University BH 2015

Sheena Gill  
B.A. University of California, Irvine  
2010  
M.A. Loma. Linda University BH 2013

Blake T. Hilton  
B.A. University of Central Oklahoma  
2012  
M.A. Loma Linda University BH 2014

Kiera Marie Himsl  
B.A. California Lutheran University  
2009  
M.A. Pepperdine University 2012

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

*Family Studies*

Amandeep S. Jhavar  
B.A. La Sierra University 2008  
M.A. Loma Linda University BH 2014

Christine Lynn Mathews  
B.A. University of California,  
Riverside 2008  
M.A. Loma Linda University BH 2013

Fabienne Olivia Leaf  
B.S. Pacific Union College 2011  
M.A. Loma Linda University BH 2013

Carlos Tony Reza  
BA California State University, San  
Bernardino 2006  
MA Loma Linda University SST 2010

In conjunction with the Faculty of Graduate Studies

Alicia Marie Nicoleau  
B.S. Atlantic Union College 2004  
M.S. Loma Linda University ST 2007

*Dissertation:* Bonding and Psychosocial Adjustment of Youth in Foster Care

Solomon S. Wang  
B.A. George Fox University 2007  
M.A. Pepperdine University 2010

*Dissertation:* Relationships, Health and Spirituality among College Students

*Marital and Family Therapy*

Lauren Danielle Foster  
B.A. Spelman College 2010  
M.F.T. Drexel University 2012

*Dissertation:* Living on Borrowed Time: A Longitudinal Examination of a Time-Limited Housing Program

Bryson Taylor Greaves  
B.A. California State University, San Marcos 2010  
M.A. University of San Diego 2013

*Dissertation:* Dyadic Research in Couple Therapy Examining the Link between Attachment Security and Relationship Satisfaction

Griselda Maria Lloyd  
B.A. San Diego State University 2002  
M.S. Cameron University 2013

*Dissertation:* Testing the Effectiveness of the Irelate Program on Marines: An Enhanced Program Evaluation

*Psychology*

Jason C. Richards, MAR  
B.S. Pacific Union College 2006  
M.S. Loma Linda University ST 2010  
J.D. University of the Pacific-McGeorge School of Law 2013

*Dissertation:* Marriage and Family Therapy and the Law: Discovering Systemic Common Ground

Wendella Violet Wray, SEP  
B.S. Norfolk State University 1996  
M.ED. National Louis University 2000  
M.S. Loma Linda University ST 2011

*Dissertation:* A Wellness Tele-Coaching Intervention to Support Families in the Nurturing Parenting Plus Program: An Experimental Mixed-Method Design

Ma Guadalupe Corona  
B.A. California State University, Los Angeles 2005  
M.A. California State University, Northridge 2007

*Dissertation:* Effects of Emotional Content on Working Memory Updating: Proactive Interference and Resolution

Allyson Louise Davis  
B.A. University of Dallas 2008  
M.A. Loma Linda University BH 2013

*Dissertation:* Camp-Based Intervention for Overweight Children with Developmental Disabilities: Feasibility and Psychosocial Predictors

Adrianna Elyse Holness  
B.A. Pomona College 2011  
M.A. Loma Linda University BH 2013

*Dissertation:* Relational Savoring among Intimate Partners of Cancer Patients

Susanna Luu  
B.A. University of California, Riverside 2009  
M.A. Loma Linda University BH 2013

*Dissertation:* Mindfulness Meditation Effects on Working Memory among Adolescents with Depression

Clint Henry Norseth  
B.S. Weber State University 2010  
M.A. Loma Linda University BH 2013

*Dissertation:* Stress, Depression, Social Support, and Attitudes toward Help-Seeking in College Student-Athletes

Serena Danielle Stevens  
B.S. Union College 2011  
M.A. Loma Linda University BH 2013

*Dissertation:* The Effects of Health Framing on Weight Stigma and Health Knowledge

Sonika Kravann Ung  
B.A. Chapman University 2011  
M.A. Loma Linda University BH 2013

*Dissertation:* Role of Cultural and Psychological Factors Influencing Diabetes Treatment Adherence

Macey Mendez-Vigo Wolfe  
B.A. Northwest Nazarene University 2011  
M.A. Loma Linda University BH 2013

*Dissertation:* Veterans, PTSD Severity, and Health Conditions Over Time

Yangmu Xu  
B.A. San Francisco State University 2009  
M.A. Loma Linda University BH 2013

*Dissertation:* Parental Stress and Child Emotion Regulation, and Associated Changes Following an M.B.S.R Intervention: The Role of Meta-Emotion

Semran K. Mann  
B.A. University of California, Los Angeles 2007  
M.P.H. Loma Linda University PH 2010

*Dissertation:* Intersectionality and California Punjabis: Exploring Gender Dynamics and Mental Health

*Social Policy and  
Social Research*

Rhoda Lee Smith

B.A. California State University, Fullerton 1987

M.S.W. University of Southern California 1992

*Dissertation:* An Examination of Foster Youth Socialization to Dating and Sexual Behaviors

Jacquelyn Monique Stephenson

B.A. University of California, Los Angeles 2008

M.S.W. Loma Linda University ST 2010

*Dissertation:* Insights in Depression Screening at a Latino-Serving, Integrated FQHC Clinic

Laura Stiel

B.A. University of California, Santa Cruz 2003

M.A. California State University, Los Angeles 2008

*Dissertation:* Geospatial Determinants of Increased Screening Mammography in U.S. Black Women

# Awards

## SCHOOL OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

President's Award: Serena Stevens.

Dean's Award for Master's Degree Programs: Gabriela Navarro.

Dean's Award for Doctoral Degree Programs: Laura Stiel.

Distinguished Service Award: Terrence J. Forrester.

Alumnus of the Year: Daniel S. Sandy.

## SCHOOL OF RELIGION

President's Award: Ryan Marais

Dean's Award: Caroline Ann Flanders



## Serena Danielle Stevens—President's Award (SBH)



School of Behavioral Health recipient

*B.S. Union College, Nebraska 2011*

*M.A. Loma Linda University 2013*

*Ph.D. Loma Linda University 2017*

*William James Clinical Research Award, Loma  
Linda University, School of Behavioral Health  
2013-2014*

With a degree in psychology from Union College, Lincoln, Nebraska, Serena Danielle Stevens began work on a doctorate in clinical psychology in 2011. Concurrently, she earned a master's degree with a thesis on the effects of current weight—and childhood overweight—on depression and body image dissatisfaction that explored lifetime weight stigma as a mediator of these relationships in college women. For this work, she received the Psychology Department's *William James Clinical Research Award*. A manuscript based on her thesis was published in the *Journal of Health Psychology*. Her article on negative weight-based attitudes, negative appearance commentary, and depression has been accepted for publication in *Stigma and Health*. Recognizing the need to identify different ways of framing public health information that addresses obesity and poor health without increasing weight stigma, her doctoral research expanded her previous study.

As first author and co-author of poster presentations, Serena focused on weight stigma, binge eating, and body image. She also co-authored a manuscript examining dietary adherence, glycemic control, and psychological factors associated with binge eating in native and non-native Chileans who suffer with type 2 diabetes (published in the *International Journal of Behavioral Medicine*). As co-author of another manuscript recently accepted by *Body Image*, she investigated ethnic differences in appearance-related commentary. She is also an ad hoc reviewer for the *Journal of Health Psychology*, *Eating Behaviors*, and *Body Image*.

Serena used extensive eating disorder assessment training for a study that examined a cognitive behavioral treatment approach for binge eating disorder in Hispanics with overweight/obesity. As an assessor for Operation Fit, a four-day obesity camp for special needs children, she administered assessments focused on eating and exercise behaviors. Most recently, Serena conducted in-person screenings with individuals interested in nutrition-based weight loss programs at the Center for Health Promotion, as well as with bariatric surgery candidates at the Loma Linda University Surgical Hospital.

In recognition of her dedication to excellence in research, her remarkable work ethic, her demonstrated compassion, and her commitment to promote this institution's motto, "to make man whole," the School of Behavioral Health names Dr. Serena Danielle Stevens recipient of the 2017 *PRESIDENT'S AWARD* to be presented to her at the Conferring of Degrees for the school.

## Ryan Alistair John Marais—President's Award (SR)



School of Religion recipient

*B.A. Walla Walla University 2015*

*B.S. Walla Walla University 2015*

*M.A. Loma Linda University 2017*

An alumnus of Mesa Grande Academy, Ryan Alistair John Marais first experienced collegiate life through a summer school program at Harvard University in 2010, before his senior year of high school. The academic experience left him highly fulfilled and prodded him a year later to pursue a similar, public academic environment at the University of Washington (UW) in Seattle. After a year at UW, he registered for Adventist Colleges Abroad to study in Spain for three months. Seeking a more religious atmosphere, he transferred to Walla Walla University (WWU) for the remainder of his undergraduate studies.

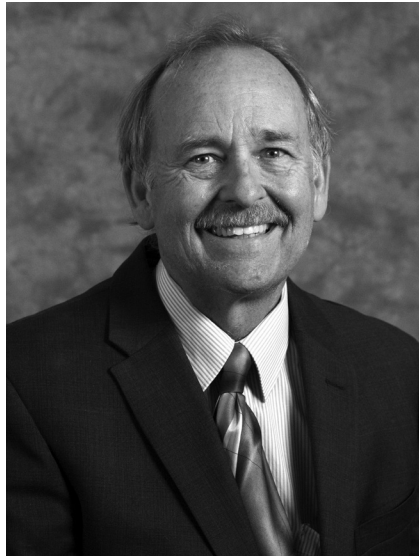
At WWU, Ryan pursued a double degree and graduated *magna cum laude* in 2015 with the B.A. in Spanish and the B.S. in biology degrees. Hoping to further integrate his newfound humanitarian concerns in the rapidly advancing discipline of medical science, he sought entry into the Loma Linda University School of Religion master's degree in bioethics program for the 2016-2017 academic year. As part of his scholastic endeavors, he had the privilege of interacting with a number of School of Religion (SR) faculty and became involved in their research protocols relating to cardiac rehabilitation, transgender health, health-care delivery in the US prison system, and the ethics of expressing uncertainty in clinical settings. In addition to his studies in bioethics, Ryan was also employed at the Center for Christian Bioethics, where he helped with research regarding trisomy 13, trisomy 18, Seventh-day Adventist perspectives on health care; and the biological basis for freedom and determinism.

Ryan will join members of the SR faculty to present papers later this month on the ethics of American prison health care and on the expression of medical uncertainty at both the International Bioethics Retreat and the Cambridge Consortium for Bioethics Education in Paris, France.

In August of this year, Ryan will join the Loma Linda University School of Medicine's class of 2021.

For his outstanding academic performance and unwavering commitment to spiritual growth and scholarship, the School of Religion names Mr. Ryan Alistair John Marais recipient of the 2017 *PRESIDENT'S AWARD*, which will be presented to him at the Conferring of Degrees for the school.

## Terrence J. Forrester—Distinguished Service Award (SBH)



Interim Coordinator, Master of Health Services Administration, Director of Marketing, and Professor Emeritus, School of Behavioral Health, Loma Linda University

*B.A. University of Cincinnati 1972*

*M.S. University of Louisville, Kentucky 1979*

*Service Recognition Award, California Social Work Education Center (CalSWEC) 2013*

*Service Award for contributions to Phi Alpha Honor Society 2007*

*Service Award for contributions to California Social Work Education Center (CalSWEC) Training Planning Committee 2006*

*Certificate of Appreciation and Award for contributions to Child Welfare Training Academy 2000*

*Appreciation Award from student interns, Social Action Community Health System (SACHS) Loma Linda University 1997-1998*

*Licensed Clinical Social Worker Certification of Appreciation for contributions to the Department of Social Work, California State University, San Bernardino 1991*

For more than four decades, Mr. Terrence J. Forrester has contributed significantly to the behavioral health arena—sharing his expertise in the academic and practical areas of child welfare, juvenile justice, and residential and in-patient psychiatric care; while supervising and mentoring marriage and family therapy and social work interns. Mr. Forrester likewise contributed to the development of the Behavioral Health Institute as member of its original planning committee. He served on the educational planning committees training programs for both the Child Welfare and Mental Health Service Act; and co-authored the original statewide competencies for public mental health practice.

Mr. Forrester graduated from the University of Cincinnati and University of Louisville with degrees in psychology and social work, specializing in psychodynamic theory and family systems. His contribution to the academic program of Loma Linda University began in 1996 where he started as faculty in the Department of Social Work, teaching courses on human behavior and supervision and serving subsequently in various capacities: assistant and associate professor, associate chair of the Department of Social Work and Social Ecology, and director of field education for the Master of Social Work program.

A strong advocate of community service, Mr. Forrester has been an active member of various boards, including the Inland Temporary Homes and the Redlands Family Service Association. He also strongly supports the Family Life Saving Foundation that has assisted more than 47,000 families in the Los Angeles area.

Passionate about physical exercise for healthy living, Mr. Forrester volunteers as a state-certified tennis coach at Redlands East Valley High School, for which he has received awards from the California Social Work Education Center, the Child Welfare Training Academy, and the *Phi Alpha* Honor Society.

Mr. Forrester also served as marketing consultant which transitioned to director of marketing and recruitment for the School of Behavioral Health.

In recognition of his significant contributions to the social work profession, behavioral health education and practice, and for his unselfish community service; the School of Behavioral Health is pleased to honor Mr. Terrence J. Forrester with the *DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD* to be presented to him at the Conferring of Degrees for the school.

## Daniel S. Sandy—Commencement Speaker and Alumnus of the Year (SBH)



President, Sierra Leone Conference of Seventh-day Adventists  
Program Manager, Adventist Development Relief Agency (ADRA) Sierra Leone-USAID Project

*B.S. Andrews University 1983*  
*M.P.H. Loma Linda University 1999*  
*Ph.D. Loma Linda University 2015*

Born and raised in Sierra Leone, West Africa, Dr. Daniel S. Sandy completed his early education in the capital city of Freetown (one of Britain's first African colonies). While pursuing post-secondary education, Dr. Sandy joined the Seventh-day Adventist (SDA) Church and trained for the ministry at the Adventist Seminary of West Africa (now Babcock University). For almost two decades, in both Sierra Leone and Ghana, he has served as evangelist, district pastor, union departmental director, and mission president.

During the Sierra Leone civil war in 1966, Dr. Sandy and his family sought refuge in the United States and through his friends' support, he earned the Master of Public Health degree at Loma Linda University (LLU) and worked as a researcher and program evaluator at LLU and at the University of Colorado in Denver. He began his doctoral studies at LLU School of Behavioral Health, while completing an internship at California State University of San Bernardino (CSUSB)—an opportunity that paved the way for his employment as a parent educator—teaching parenting classes in San Bernardino for individuals from diverse backgrounds.

Believing that charity begins at home, Dr. Sandy accepted an offer—after completing a doctorate in family studies at LLU, to serve as program director of the “*Mamie en pekin well bodi*” with ADRA in Sierra Leone, a project funded by USAID—part of the post-Ebola intervention to improve primary health care in underserved areas, which allowed Dr. Sandy to apply his education and background. For significant contribution during the post-Ebola recovery effort, he was appointed president of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Sierra Leone, a position he continues to occupy.

As chief executive officer of the Sierra Leone Conference, Dr. Sandy is responsible for the general functions and activities of the church in that region. Also, as program manager of the Adventist Development Relief Agency (ADRA) Sierra Leone-USAID Project, he ensures that projects comply with standard regulations and ensures collaboration among staff, stakeholders, and donors.

In recognition of his exemplary service and promotion of behavioral health that reflects this institution's motto, “to make man whole,” the School of Behavioral Health names Dr. Daniel S. Sandy *ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR*. This title will be conferred on him at the Conferring of Degrees for the School of Behavioral Health and the School of Religion, where he will deliver the commencement address.

# School of Nursing

June eleven, six o'clock, Drayson Center



PRELUDE

Alva Waworoendeng, keyboard

Selected Compositions

ACADEMIC PROCESSION

The audience is requested to clear the aisles and remain seated.

Ronald L. Carter, University Commencement Marshal,  
leading  
Stephen G. Dunbar, Kevin E. Nick, Kathi Wild, Zane Yi,  
Associate Marshals, assisting

The President's Party, Members of the University Board of  
Trustees, LLUH Administrators

Faculty

Marche Pontificale . . . *Charles Gounod*

Candidates for Degrees

Pomp and Circumstance, Op. 39, No. 1 . . . *Sir Edward Elgar*

INVOCATION

Ellen D'Errico  
Associate Professor, School of Nursing

WELCOME

Richard H. Hart  
President of the University

PRESENTATION  
OF AWARDS

Elizabeth A. Bossert, Dean of the School  
The President  
Ronald L. Carter, Provost of the University

INTRODUCTION  
OF SPEAKER

Shirley Bristol  
Associate Professor, School of Nursing



ADDRESS

Patricia Benner  
Professor Emerita, University of California, San Francisco

THE NURSE AS A COMPASSIONATE STRANGER

CONFERRING OF DEGREES

The President

AWARDING OF DIPLOMAS

The Dean  
Susan Lloyd, Associate Dean for Graduate Nursing  
Barbara Ninan, Associate Dean for Undergraduate  
Nursing  
JoAnn Shaul, Assistant Dean for Finance and  
Administration

NURSES' PLEDGE

Hilary Escamilla and Rachel Tohm  
Undergraduate Co-Presidents

BENEDICTION

Nancie Parmenter  
Assistant Professor, School of Nursing

ACADEMIC RECESSION

Rigaudon . . . *André Campra*

The audience is requested to clear the aisles and remain seated during the recession.

Commencement ceremonies will be available for viewing and downloading from the Commencement website: [llu.edu/commencement](http://llu.edu/commencement)

To minimize distracting others during the ceremony, guests are requested to observe the following picture-taking courtesies: *Please do not*—

- use a flash or additional lighting;
- walk in the main aisles or in front of the platform;
- stand except very briefly in the audience line of vision.

# 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.

## SCHOOL OF NURSING

### *Bachelor of Science*

Chanel America Abraham	Mary Beth Brady, MAR, cum laude
Victorea C. Aguila, MAR, cum laude	Lathessia Canice Brown
Crystal Sherre Akers	Azalea Ann D. Caliyó, DEC, cum laude
Sheuree Alexander, MAR, cum laude	Christian Paolo Carias, MAR
Austin Nicole Alicastro, cum laude	Monique Clarissa Castillo, MAR, cum laude
Valarie Crystal Alvarez	Sean Patrick Cavenee, DEC
Matthew Brandon Angkadjaja, magna cum laude	Chelsea Tanwangco Chavez, MAR, cum laude
Arlene Janet Antram, MAR	Melissa Carolina Chavez, DEC, cum laude
Elizabeth J. Atencio, magna cum laude	Charles Jesse Cochran, MAR, cum laude
Sevanna Baghramyan	Sarah Marie Cook, cum laude
Matthew Cody Baiz	Tammy Thorn Cook
Melissa Susana Beltran, DEC, cum laude	Danielle Nicole Copen, MAR
Sasha Legacy Birt-Moody	David James Corydon, DEC, cum laude
Lara Blankenburg, DEC	Marjorie Anne Alipio Cruz, DEC
Jessica Monique Bosman	Breanna Larie Nicole Davis, MAR, summa cum laude
Brisa Ashleen Boydsanmiguel	

Stacey Sarai Diaz, MAR, cum laude	Emmeline Gonzalez, MAR, cum laude
Julie Corrin Dieppa, DEC	Nicole Gonzalez-Bishop, magna cum laude
Michelle Renee Dix	Charity Danyel Griffin, cum laude
Tatum Alison Dobalian, cum laude	Gabriela Guerrero, DEC
Frederick Hayward Dortch IV, summa cum laude	Jason Haglund
Cristina Vazquez Duarte, cum laude	Christine Marie Hazard, cum laude
Shashini Aparna Edward, cum laude	Rachel Lena Heaney, MAR, cum laude
Kristal Elaine Ellingwood, MAR	Leroy George Henry, Jr.
Aleah Dawn Ellis, MAR, cum laude	Melinda Esther Henry
Hilary Escamilla	Gahazielli Hermosillo, DEC
Candice Loreen Espinoza, MAR	Samantha Jeanine Hernandez
Joshua Evalle, MAR	Viviana Hernandez, DEC
Andrew Felix, DEC	Chelsea Lynn Herrmann, MAR, cum laude
Richard Lee Fenn III, cum laude	Meghan Michelle Hill
Jennifer Lynn Fike, DEC, cum laude	Felicia Himawan, MAR
Anna Rachel Fugett, MAR, cum laude	Maureen Rae Hokama
Orlando Garcia, MAR	Heather Eleanor Hooper, DEC, cum laude
Emily Evette Garcia de la Vega, MAR	Tiffany Dan-Lin Hsu
Heather Renee Gish, DEC	Porsche Denise Hudson
Cindy Victoria Gondosaputro, DEC	Alma Karina Huerta, DEC
	Amber Lynn Hunsicker, cum laude



Whitney Elizabeth James, DEC	Melanie Ashley Martinez, cum laude
Kacey Stevon Johnson, DEC	Michael M. Martinez
Evelyn Giannina Kelley, cum laude	Maureen Matta, DEC
Joanna Sunhye Kim, cum laude	Daisy Nataly Medina, DEC
Kaitlyn Elizabeth Kimble, MAR, cum laude	Ian Jacob Merkel, DEC, cum laude
Mao Michael Kimura, DEC	Jessica Rae Miles, MAR, cum laude
Mattison Emily Lake, MAR, cum laude	Suzanne Charlotte Moore
Sarah Edy Lascano	Chris Morales
Brooke Herrick Lawson, MAR	Isabel Moreno, DEC
Nguyen Thi Nhu Le	Carly China Morgan
Esther Kyongeun Lee, MAR, cum laude	Melisa Marie Morse
Deanna Michelle Leslie, cum laude	Ciara Mae Ventura Najera, summa cum laude
Erikka Marie Lima	Paulina Navarro
Nancy Lima Marquez, cum laude	Yi Wei Ng, MAR, cum laude
Jia Lin, DEC	Mary Truong Nguyen
Gabriela Lopez, cum laude	Elizabeth Makkara Nork, DEC
Daniel John Lucero, cum laude	Delaney Schae O'Brien, cum laude
Andrew Anthony Magallanes, cum laude	Casey Shannon O'Connor
Naomi M. Magaoay, MAR, cum laude	Mandy Bassam Osman, DEC, cum laude
Amanda Brooke Mahaffy, SEP	Karla Ivonne Parada
Mona Marie Malingkas, cum laude	Goeun Park, SEP
	Jessica Jisun Park, MAR

Kimberly Martha Pedregon, cum laude	Nicole Kathleen Scovel, MAR, cum laude
Cheyenne Sai Peevy	Chandra Jean Shipp, MAR, cum laude
David Perez, Jr., summa cum laude	Jan Cedrick Gamboa Siahon, MAR
Jaime Perez	Sherry Lynn Sisson
Brent Gregory Peterson	Jennifer Jacqueline Soyoy
Bryce William Peterson, cum laude	Deanne Michele Sparrow, MAR, cum laude
Kasey Pham	Kristin Melissa Stagg, MAR, cum laude
O'Neil Presuel	Samantha Ashley Strade
Camilo G. Primero, Jr.	Jude Marie Sy
Kevin D. Real	Janine Bianca Chong Tan, cum laude
Erik William Remai, MAR	Diana Tapia
BreAnna Chanel-Henry Robinson, MAR	Rachel Elizabeth Tohm, MAR, summa cum laude
Jamie Lynn Robinson	Melissa Michelle Totton, MAR, cum laude
Brock Reginald Rodgers, MAR, cum laude	Le Chi Tran, MAR, magna cum laude
Karina Rodriguez, DEC, cum laude	Eunice Nichole Valdivia
Melissa Maria Romo, DEC	Ashley Taylor Valko
Maria Del Carmen Sanchez, DEC	Jacquelyn Victoria Vasquez, DEC
Alejandra Santos	Nolan David Renee Wangsnes
Jennifer Ann Santos, DEC, summa cum laude	Ebone Desiree Welton
Keeyana Leigh Scott, MAR, cum laude	Kaitlyn Rebecca Wolfe, MAR, summa cum laude

## Master of Science

Kaitlin Marie Woods, DEC	William Zamores II
Karen Yap, cum laude	Daisy Aileen Zavaleta
Kaitlin Elise Yingling, DEC	Perla Jazmin Zuniga-Terrazas, DEC, magna cum laude
Timothy Michael Youmans	
Angela Ashton B.S.N. Union College 2012	Sandra Wittenberg Edpao B.S. University of California, Los Angeles 2011
Mitchell Brand B.S. Arizona State University, Main Campus 2007 B.S.N. Grand Canyon University 2009	M.S.N. University of San Francisco 2013 Olivia Ann Garcia B.S. Loma Linda University SN 2008
Richard Christensen B.S. Brigham Young University 2011 B.S.N. University of Utah 2013	Thao Thi Phuong Giang B.S.N. Mount Mary College 2010
Elizabeth Stafford Coleman B.A. Pepperdine University 2007 B.S. Loma Linda University SN 2012	Kristina Marie Hill, DEC B.S. California State University, Fullerton 2013
Rosabelle Contreras B.S. Pacific Union College 2004 B.S. Loma Linda University SN 2007	Courtney Alexandra Holzhauser B.S. Loma Linda University SN 2012
Adriana Lucia Cornejo B.S. Southern Adventist University 2011	Marissa Brianne Jensen, MAR B.S. Loma Linda University SN 2012
Jonathan Michael Cotteen, MAR B.S.N. South College 2014	Kara Martha Kiesz B.S. Loma Linda University SN 2007
Sheila Lalas Cruz B.S. Adventist University of the Philippines 1993	Karen D. Lawson B.S. Loma Linda University SN 1983
Justin Michael Daw, MAR B.S. University of Nevada, Las Vegas 2010	Darcy Kay Lee, MAR B.A. Concordia College at Moorhead 2008
Andrea Lynn Dunkel B.S. Southern Adventist University 2013	Tritia N. McPhoy, MAR B.A. University of California, Santa Barbara 2004 B.S. Loma Linda University SN 2009
	Renee M. Ovando B.S. Pacific Union College 2014

Hayley Suzanne Pekarcik B.S. University of California, Irvine 2007	Brianna Nicole Stewart B.S. Walla Walla University 2010
B.S. University of California, Irvine 2010	Renee Marie Thatcher, MAR B.S. Loma Linda University SN 2006
Manja L. Perilla B.A. Southern Adventist University 2011	Louise Thompson B.S. Chamberlain College of Nursing 2012
B.S. Western Governors University 2014	Zahra Tiwana, MAR B.S. San Jose State University 2008
Rebecca J. Prange, MAR B.S. University of Massachusetts, Boston 2008	Gina Anne Uguccioni, MAR B.S. University of Connecticut 2010
Elizabeth Ann Rankin B.S.N. University of Phoenix, Online Campus 2010	Nathalie Marie Ung, MAR B.S. Samuel Merritt University 2011
Jay Francis Reyes, MAR B.S. University of Illinois at Urbana- Champaign 2003	Shou Jay Wang B.S. California State University, Fullerton 2011
B.S. California State University, Long Beach 2006	Brittany Waring, DEC B.S. Walla Walla University 2009
Natalie Alexandrovna Richmeier, MAR B.S. California State University, San Bernardino 2010	Allana Westermeyer B.S. Southern Adventist University 2011
M.S. California State University, San Bernardino 2012	Baro Whang, MAR B.S. California State University, Los Angeles 2011
Cornelio Emmanuel Bengzon Rustia B.S. Saint Louis University 1985	Kristian Wuysang B.S. Loma Linda University SN 2011
B.S.N. The University of Texas Health Science Center 2002	Holly Camille Yelorda B.S. Pacific Union College 2004
Amber Rose Senator B.A. University of California, San Diego 2006	B.S.N. Georgetown University 2010
B.S.N. Northern Arizona University 2011	Christine Jee-sun Yoo B.S. Loma Linda University SN 2014
Ja-Yee Ann Chu B.A. University of California, Los Angeles 2008	Karen A. Eke B.S. University of Phoenix, Phoenix Campus 2006
B.S. Loma Linda University SN 2011	M.S. University of Phoenix, Phoenix Campus 2008
M.S. Loma Linda University SN 2016	

## Doctor of Nursing Practice

## Doctor of Philosophy

Kimberly Leon Hillyer  
B.S. Loma Linda University SN 2001  
M.S. Loma Linda University SN 2006

Kristen Ryan Larrea  
B.S.N. National University 2010  
M.S. Loma Linda University SN 2015

Kimberly Nicole Johns  
B.S. Loma Linda University SN 2003  
M.S. Loma Linda University SN 2011

Frances Rowena McCann  
B.S. Loma Linda University SN 2003  
M.S. University of California, Los Angeles 2006

Stephanie Paige Keeth  
B.S. Loma Linda University SN 2004  
M.S.N. University of California, Los Angeles 2007

Janelle Marie Warren  
B.S. Loma Linda University SN 1984  
M.S. Loma Linda University GS 1997

## In conjunction with the Faculty of Graduate Studies

Vimla Noreen Gill  
B.S. Aga Khan University 2005  
M.S. Loma Linda University SN 2008

*Dissertation:* Social Support and Cultural Specific Stressors that Predict Postpartum Depression in Karachi Pakistan

Susy Agustino Jael, SEP  
B.S.N. Adventist University of the Philippines 1990  
M.S.N. Adventist University of the Philippines 2006

*Dissertation:* Use of Outcome-Present State Test (OPT) Model of Clinical Reasoning with Filipino Nursing Students

India Mylon Medley  
B.S. Loma Linda University SN 1983  
M.S.N. Vanderbilt University 2000

*Dissertation:* The Lived Experience of Retention and Progression of Black/African American Nursing Students

Shaunna Siler  
M.S.N. George Mason University 2011

*Dissertation:* Clinicians' Perspectives on Adopting a Lung Cancer Palliative Care Intervention

# 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*

## Undergraduate Class Officers

Co-Presidents: Hilary Escamilla, Rachel Tohm.

Co-Spiritual Vice Presidents: Gabriela Lopez,  
Jennifer Soyoy.

Co-Social Vice Presidents: Melinda Henry, Nolan  
Wangsnes.

Co-Historians: Alejandra Santos, Diana Tapia.

Co-Secretaries: Sasha Birt-Moody, Mona Malingkas.

Co-Treasurers: Barnabas Ng, Naomi Magaoay.

Faculty Sponsors:

Lisa Highton, Assistant Professor of Nursing  
Sylvia Stewart, Assistant Professor of Nursing

## Awards

President's Award: Janelle Warren.

Dean's Award, Undergraduate: Rachel Tohm.

Dean's Award, Graduate, Master's: Sandra Edpao.

Dean's Award, Graduate, D.N.P.: Stephanie Keeth.

Dean's Award, Graduate, Ph.D.: Shaunna Siler.

Dean's Award, Faculty of Graduate Studies: India Medley.

*The following awards were presented prior to commencement:*

Agatha Hodgins CRNA Memorial Award: Marissa Jensen.

Bonnie Fang Award, Undergraduate Program: Garrett Speyer.

Bonnie Fang Award, Graduate Program: Marissa Jensen.

Class of 1966 Mentor Scholarship Award: Cole Hayton, Samantha Jaroszewski.

CNS Student of the Year Award: Kara Kiesz.

DNP Leadership Award: Kimberly Johns.

DNP Project Award: Kristen Larrea.

Helen Emori King Professional Leadership Award: Brittany Waring.

Joe Wilkinson Leadership Award: Darcy Lee.

NP Student of the Year: Elizabeth Coleman.

Ph.D. Dissertation Impact Award: Vimla Gill.

Ph.D. Leadership Award: Susy Jael.

Wil Alexander Whole Person Care Award: Hilary Escamilla.



## Janelle Marie Warren—President's Award



School of Nursing recipient

*B.S. Loma Linda University 1984*

*M.S. Loma Linda University 1997*

*D.N.P. Loma Linda University 2017*

Janelle Marie Warren believes God has called her to the nursing profession. For three decades of nursing service, she has cared for varied types of patients, experiencing God's guidance when seeking to alleviate pain and provide care, especially to those with terminal illnesses. She co-developed the palliative care consultation service at Loma Linda University Medical Center (LLUMC).

As part of Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) Cohort 5, she has been a leader and an exceptional student throughout her doctoral work—performing well beyond minimum requirements. In 2010, Janelle embarked on a D.N.P. project, which significantly and positively impacted the LLUMC Urology Department. The project resulted in standardized care through the development of an algorithm for difficult male Foley catheterization and provided training—including simulation on use of the Coude catheter—for 200 nurses on four internal medicine units. She continues to track the incidence of injuries and difficult catheterization calls on the units through the electronic medical record for data trending and follow-up.

Janelle Warren's interest in medicine and nursing began through her father, a physician, who exposed her to medical work during her formative years. Believing that Loma Linda University could provide the best doctoral education, and determined to identify with her Seventh-day Adventist heritage, she returned to this university for the Doctor of Nursing Practice program. For her diligence, attention to details, clinical interventions, and problem solving skills, she has earned commendations from her supervisors, colleagues, patients and their families. She continues in a leadership role as an advanced practice nurse in the LLUMC Urology Department.

For academic and clinical excellence, outstanding leadership; and for modeling the core values of Loma Linda University, the School of Nursing is pleased to name Dr. Janelle Marie Warren recipient of the 2017 *PRESIDENT'S AWARD*. This award will be presented to her at the Conferring of Degrees for the school.

## Patricia E. Benner—Commencement Speaker



Professor Emerita, School of Nursing,  
University of California, San Francisco  
Chief Faculty Development Officer for  
EducatingNurses.com

A.A., B.A. Pasadena City College, Pasadena,  
California 1964  
M.S. University of California, San Francisco 1970  
Ph.D. University of California, Berkeley 1982  
Fellow, American Academy of Nursing

American Journal of Nursing Book of the Year  
Award as co-author of "Advanced Nursing  
Practice" 1996

Library Choice Award as co-editor of "The Crisis  
of Care: Affirming and Restoring Caring  
Practices in the Helping Professions" 1995-96

Honorary Fellow (F.R.C.N.), Royal College of  
Nursing, United Kingdom 1994

Excellence in Nursing Research/ Education  
Award, Organization of Nursing Executives,  
California 1990

The Linda Richards Award for Leadership in  
Education, National League for Nursing 1989

Book of the Year Award, American Journal of  
Nursing 1984

Author of the Year Award, The Nursing Journal  
of the 80's 1982

Dr. Patricia E. Benner, professor emerita at the University of California San Francisco School of Nursing, is an internationally noted educator, researcher, and health lecturer whose nearly four decades of outstanding service have greatly influenced nursing education and practice both in the United States and abroad. Her initiatives have provided the basis for new legislation and design for nursing practice and education for three states in Australia.

An honorary fellow of the Royal College of Nursing and fellow of the American Academy of Nursing, Dr. Benner has made significant contributions to the nursing profession, particularly in the areas of clinical practice and clinical ethics. She also served as director of the Carnegie Foundation's Advancement of Teaching National Nursing Education Study—the first of its kind in forty years. Further, she collaborated with the Carnegie Preparation for studies on the clergy, engineering, law, and medicine.

A multi-awarded scholar whose books have been translated into twelve languages, Dr. Benner has published many peer-reviewed journal articles and nine books, including, *From Novice to Expert*, named American Journal of Nursing Book of the Year (1984) for nursing education and nursing research; and *The Primacy of Caring*, co-authored with Judith Wrubel, named Book of the Year in 1990. She also co-authored and co-edited other books, namely: *Interpretive Phenomenology: Embodiment, Caring and Ethics in Health and Illness*, and *The Crisis of Care* with Susan Phillips, both published in 1994; *Expertise in Nursing Practice: Caring, Clinical Judgment, and Ethics* with Christine Tanner and Catherine Chesla, also named Book of the Year in 1996; *Caregiving*, with Suzanne Gordon and Nel Noddings (1996); and *Clinical Wisdom and Interventions in Critical Care: A Thinking-In-Action Approach* (1998) with Pat Hooper-Kyriakidis and Daphne Stannard.

Dr. Benner has directed more than fifty doctoral dissertations and pioneered the use of interpretive phenomenology in nursing.

For her significant contributions to the nursing profession, Dr. Benner has been designated a "Living Legend of the American Academy of Nursing."

Dr. Patricia E. Benner will deliver her commencement address at the Conferring of Degrees for the School of Nursing.