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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTEENTH YEAR



LOMA LINDA UNIVERSITY

two thousand and twenty-three



CONFERRING OF DEGREES  
*May 26-28 and June 9-11, Loma Linda, California*

## Message from the President



Congratulations to the Class of 2023. One of the greatest joys experienced by our campus community is the opportunity to celebrate your academic excellence and personal achievements. This 117th commencement season marks the culmination of your study and professional preparation and has equipped you to meet the great challenges of life. You and those who have supported you are to be commended.

Now you are an alumnus of this historic institution. I urge you to always model in your personal and professional life the excellence and vision, the courage and resilience, the passion and compassion that continue to shape and enhance Loma Linda's global reputation and legacy. As you move beyond this weekend to the world of work or the pursuit of advanced degrees, I know that your commitment to our mission and values will be evident as your knowledge and skills are used "To continue the teaching and healing ministry of Jesus Christ—To Make Man Whole."

Go with confidence wherever your dreams may lead you—questioning, learning, and challenging as you change our world for the better. I wish for you a satisfying and successful journey as you serve in the name and spirit of our gracious God.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Richard H. Hart". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Richard H. Hart, MD, DrPH

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# 2023 Events of Commencement

May 26-28, 2023

June 9-11, 2023

## DEDICATION CEREMONIES

*School of Dentistry, DDS and IDP Hooding Ceremony*

Friday, May 26, 11:00 AM, University Church

*School of Medicine, Basic Sciences Consecration and Hooding Ceremony*

Friday, May 26, 3:00 PM, Randall Amphitheater

*School of Dentistry, Dental Hygiene Pinning*

Friday, May 26, 3:00 PM, Campus Hill Church

*School of Medicine Consecration and Hooding Ceremony – MD*

Friday, May 26, 7:00 PM, University Church

*School of Pharmacy Consecration and Hooding Ceremony*

Friday, May 26, 7:00 PM, Wong Kerlee International Conference Center

*School of Nursing Graduate Recognition Ceremony – MS, DNP, and PhD*

Thursday, June 8, 10:00 AM, Riverside Convention Center

*School of Nursing Pinning Ceremony – undergraduate nursing program*

Thursday, June 8, 6:00 PM, Riverside Convention Center

*School of Behavioral Health, Department of Social Work and Social Ecology Hooding Ceremony – MSW*

Friday, June 9, 9:00 AM, University Church

*School of Behavioral Health, Department of Counseling and Family Sciences Hooding Ceremony – MS*

Friday, June 9, 11:00 AM, University Church

*School of Allied Health Professions Doctoral Hooding*

Friday, June 9, 11:00 AM, Upper Linda Hall, Campus Hill Church

*School of Behavioral Health Town and Gown – Doctoral Candidates*

Friday, June 9, 1:00 PM, University Church

*School of Allied Health Professions and School of Public Health Nutrition and Dietetics Pinning*

Friday, June 9, 4:00 PM, Damazo Amphitheater, Centennial Complex

## CELEBRATION OF GRADUATES VESPERS SERVICE

Friday, June 9, 7:00 PM, University Church

## 2023 Events of Commencement (Cont.)

May 26-28, 2023

June 9-11, 2023

### **BACCALAUREATE SERVICES**

*School of Medicine*

Saturday, May 27, 9:00 AM, University Church

*Schools of Dentistry and Pharmacy*

Saturday, May 27, 11:45 AM, University Church

*Schools Allied Health Professions, Behavioral Health, Nursing, Public Health, Religion, and San Manuel Gateway College*

Saturday, June 10, 11:45 AM, University Church

### **CONFERRING OF DEGREES**

*School of Medicine*

Sunday, May 28, 8:30 AM, Campus Mall

*School of Pharmacy*

Sunday, May 28, 1:30 PM, Campus Mall

*School of Dentistry*

Sunday, May 28, 5:00 PM, Campus Mall

*School of Public Health*

Friday, June 9, 1:00 PM, Drayson Center

*San Manuel Gateway College Graduation*

Friday, June 9, 4:00 PM, Drayson Center

*School of Allied Health Professions – Allied Health Studies, Cardiopulmonary Sciences, Clinical Laboratory Science, Communication Sciences and Disorders, Health Informatics, Information Management, and Administration, Nutrition and Dietetics, Physician Assistant, Radiation Technology*

Sunday, June 11, 8:00 AM, Drayson Center

*School of Allied Health Professions – Orthotics & Prosthetics, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy*

Sunday, June 11, 10:30 AM, Drayson Center

*School of Behavioral Health & School of Religion*

Sunday, June 11, 1:30 PM, Drayson Center

*School of Nursing – SN Graduates having finished the following quarters: Summer 2022, Autumn 2022, and Winter 2023*

Sunday, June 11, 3:30 PM, Drayson Center

*School of Nursing – SN Graduates finishing Spring Quarter 2023*

Sunday, June 11, 6:00 PM, Drayson Center

*Events will be streamed live at the Loma Linda University Commencement Website*

# 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.

# Institutional Administration

*University Administrators, Deans of Schools, LLUH Administrators*

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# Significance of Academic Regalia

## ORIGINS

The origins of academic dress date back to the twelfth and thirteenth centuries. The ordinary dress of the scholar, whether student or teacher, was the dress of a cleric. Long gowns were worn and may have been necessary for warmth in unheated buildings. A statute of the University of Coimbra in 1321 required that all “Doctors, Licentiates, and Bachelors” wear gowns. In England, in the second half of the fourteenth century, the statutes of certain colleges forbade “excess in apparel” and prescribed the wearing of a long gown. In the days of Henry VIII of England, Oxford and Cambridge first began prescribing a definite academic dress. The assignment of colors to signify certain faculties was to be a much later development—in the late nineteenth century—and one that was to be standardized only in the United States. European institutions have always had great diversity in their specifications of academic dress. In contrast, American colleges and universities opted for a definite system that all might follow. The American Council on Education periodically reviews and updates the code for academic costumes for American universities.

## COLORS

Gowns for the bachelor’s or master’s degree are untrimmed. For the doctor’s degree, the gown is faced down the front with black velvet; three bars of velvet are used across the sleeves. These facings or crossbars may be of velvet of the color distinctive of the discipline to which the degree pertains. Red, one of the traditional colors of the church, went to theology. Green, the color of medieval herbs, was adopted for medicine; and olive, because it was so close to green, was given to pharmacy. Golden yellow, standing for the wealth that scientific research has produced, was assigned to the sciences.

The hoods are lined with the official color or colors of the college or university conferring the degree; more than one color is shown by division of the field color in a variety of ways. The color of the binding or edging of the hood indicates the subject to which the degree pertains.

# University History Highlights

Loma Linda University is part of the Seventh-day Adventist system of higher education that adheres to and promotes its vision—“Transforming lives through education, health care, and research”—and its motto—“To Make Man Whole.”

Loma Linda University traces its beginnings back to 1905, when—through a series of divine providences—the University, starting as a nurses’ training school, was founded at Loma Linda, California, by the Seventh-day Adventist Church. The School of Nursing began in 1905. In 1909, the College of Medical Evangelists received its charter as a medical school with the express purpose of preparing physicians who could meet the needs of the whole person. Both schools emphasized the need for healthful living as a part of medical care—a revolutionary concept in 1905.

The University has steadily expanded its programs to meet the demands of a global environment. The original schools—Nursing and Medicine—have been joined by the Schools of Allied Health Professions, Behavioral Health, Dentistry, Pharmacy, Public Health, and Religion; and the Faculty of Graduate Studies. All the school programs are accredited by their respective accrediting bodies.

- 1905 Loma Linda Sanitarium and Nurses’ Training School (renamed School of Nursing in 1924)
- 1909 Institution named College of Medical Evangelists (CME), which included School of Medicine
- 1937 School of Medical Technology established
- 1941 School of Physical Therapy established
- 1948 School of Tropical and Preventive Medicine (reorganized as School of Public Health in 1967)
- 1953 School of Dentistry established
- 1954 Graduate School established (restructured as Faculty of Graduate Studies in 2005)
- 1961 College of Medical Evangelists renamed Loma Linda University
- 1962 Voted to consolidate the Schools of Medicine and Nursing on the Loma Linda campus
- 1964 School of Public Health established
- 1966 Schools/Programs consolidated as the School of Health Related Professions, now known as School of Allied Health Professions
- 1967 Loma Linda University campus merged with La Sierra College
- 1968 Loma Linda University Hospital dedicated; renamed Loma Linda University Medical Center in 1970
- 1990 Loma Linda and La Sierra campuses became two separate universities
- 1997 Loma Linda University and Medical Center corporately linked together through Loma Linda University Adventist Health Sciences Center—LLUAHSC
- 2002 School of Pharmacy established
- 2003 School of Science and Technology (restructured as School of Behavioral Health in 2012)
- 2005 Faculty of Graduate Studies restructured (reorganized in 2018)
- 2005 LLU centennial celebration
- 2007 School of Religion reorganized
- 2012 School of Behavioral Health established
- 2015 Corporation name changed from Loma Linda University Adventist Health Sciences Center (LLUAHSC) to Loma Linda University Health (LLUH)
- 2018 Faculty of Graduates Studies reorganized
- 2021 Dennis and Carol Troesh Medical Campus opened



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 medical facilities: Medical Center, Children’s Hospital, Medical Center East Campus, Surgical Hospital, Behavioral Medicine Center, and Medical Center – Murrieta; ten institutes; three research centers; and various other centers.

After more than a century of service, the University remains committed to the vision of its founders and is sustained by its close association with the Seventh-day Adventist Church. The University is recognized as a leader in the field of health sciences education, research, and service—locally and internationally.

Through divine providence and guidance, Loma Linda University continues to fulfill its mission: To prepare health professionals to continue the teaching and healing ministry of the Master Teacher and Great Physician, Jesus Christ.



# Criteria for Institutional Awards

Loma Linda University Health (LLUH)

Loma Linda University (LLU)

## **Lifetime Service Award (LLUH)**

Awarded in recognition of an individual or organization that uniquely advances and/or transforms the strategic direction of LLUH or its entities in education, research, services, and/or philanthropy—locally and/or globally. The recipient has noteworthy institutional service of twenty or more years and be recognized both within and external to the organization.

## **Honorary Doctorate (LLU)**

Presented in recognition of extraordinary achievement in such fields as science and technology, the arts and humanities, business and public service; or in recognition of outstanding contributions to the welfare and/or enrichment of the University, the state, the nation, or the world. Further, this honorary degree is awarded to bring recognition to the individual(s), to expose students and faculty to distinguished citizens and leaders, and to make an institutional statement as to Loma Linda University's values. Two honorary doctorate degrees may be awarded—a Doctor of Humane Letters (LHD) for excellence in scholarship and creative arts and a Doctor of Humanitarian Service (DHS) for distinguished contribution to society.

## **University Alumnus(na) of the Year (LLU)**

Presented to an alumnus/na whose accomplishments exemplify the aims and aspirations of Loma Linda University. The honoree has been distinguished in humanitarian service or in academic pursuits, including peer-reviewed research and/or education; and must have maintained spiritual commitment.

## **Meritorious Service Award (LLUH)**

Presented to one who has had no official connection with the LLUH entities. Awarded to someone whose public attainments and commitment to excellence have contributed to the endeavors of the Church and/or have contributed to mankind in a manner which is congruent with the mission of Loma Linda University Health.

## **Distinguished Academic Award (LLUH)**

Presented to a faculty member, administrator, clinician or staff member selected for having made outstanding contributions to Loma Linda University Health's academic mission. A person so honored, is generally well known and recognized on campus and has served with distinction for a minimum of ten years.

## **Distinguished Service Award (LLUH)**

Presented to a faculty member, administrator, staff member or member of the Board of Trustees, selected for having made outstanding contributions to LLUH in service areas. A person so honored is generally well known and recognized on campus and has served the institution with distinction for a minimum of ten years.

## **Distinguished Humanitarian Award (LLUH)**

Presented to individuals or groups who have made outstanding financial contributions to LLUH and its various institutions and programs specifically relating to the academic, research and service pursuits of LLUH.

**Distinguished Investigator Award (LLUH)**

Recognizes an individual whose commitment to research exemplifies LLUH's mission; and whose work has had significant impact not only on the program at Loma Linda University, but also in the larger national/international community. The recipient should have a minimum of ten years of service as a researcher at Loma Linda University. He or she has been awarded significant external research funding, has extensive scientific publications, has been cited in other publications, and has conducted research consistent with the mission of Loma Linda University Health.

**Global Service Award (LLUH)**

Presented to an individual whose commitment to global service exemplifies LLUH's worldwide mission through health care, education, and/or research. The recipient has a minimum of ten years of service internationally within the Seventh-day Adventist system and/or through other nonprofit organizations; or a minimum of ten years of service at Loma Linda, with significant impact on behalf of the institution's global outreach and service.

**Community Engagement Award (LLUH)**

Presented to an individual or organization whose commitment to local community through respectful and reciprocal engagement exemplifies LLUH's mission through practice, education, and/or research. The recipient has a minimum of five years of service within LLUH, with significant impact on the local community through meaningful community partnerships; or a minimum of five years of community engagement work within the Adventist system and/or through other nonprofit organizations.

*Loma Linda University Health  
and  
Loma Linda University  
Honorees*

## Angelia Clinic — *Global Service Award*



*Member, Adventist Health International*

United by a common desire to provide quality Christian care to the people of Ukraine, a small group of Adventist professionals came together to establish the Angelia Clinic in Kyiv, Ukraine. Led by Dr. Yury Bondarenko, a psychiatrist with a Master's degree in Public Health from Loma Linda University, and a special interest in the field of addictions, the clinic started with counseling services then gradually expanded to include a small inpatient unit with both primary medical and dental care. In 2014, the clinic became the first European partner institution of Adventist Health International. That same year, the clinic began its mobile clinic outreach.

When Russia invaded Ukraine in February 2022, the clinic was faced with some difficult choices - to protect their staff and families while continuing to serve the war-battered country. They quickly expanded their mobile clinic initiative in order to travel to refugee camps and recently-liberated cities across the country, providing services that included family medicine, cardiology, otolaryngology, and physical rehabilitation. In the past year alone, the Angelia Clinic has had over 13,000 patient visits and distributed over 50,000 medications in 56 different cities.

In recognition of their extraordinary commitment to the people of Ukraine, their unselfish and exemplary service to disadvantaged populations, and their courage and resiliency in the face of untold dangers, Loma Linda University Health recognizes Angelia Clinic with the *GLOBAL SERVICE AWARD*. This award was presented to the Angelia Clinic earlier this year during Homecoming.



## Ronald L. Carter — *Alumnus of the Year*



Executive VP for University Affairs,  
Loma Linda University Health  
Provost, Loma Linda University  
Professor, Department of Earth and  
Biological Sciences, School of Medicine,  
Loma Linda University  
Professor, School of Religion,  
Loma Linda University

*B.A. Columbia Union College 1969*  
*Ph.D. Loma Linda University 1977*

*Member, Executive Committee, WASC Senior  
College and University Commission*  
*Executive Director, EXSEED, 2011–Present*  
*Chair, Health Care Council, Inland Empire  
Economic Partnership*  
*Member, CAO Pipelines to Pathways project,  
Alliance of Academic Health Centers 2020*

*Richard A. Winn Accreditation and Assessment  
Award, Loma Linda University 2019*  
*School Alumnus of the Year, School of Science  
and Technology, Loma Linda University 2008*  
*Alumnus of the Year, Columbia Union College 2002*

Few individuals have as broad a background as Dr. Ronald L. Carter in preparing for his current position as Executive Vice President of Academic Affairs and Provost of Loma Linda University. With degrees and experience in theology as a pastor and campus chaplain, to a doctoral degree in populations and conservation genetics with a long career in researching animal behavior, he has effectively straddled those two disparate areas his entire life.

As Provost of Loma Linda University, Dr. Carter is responsible for a wide variety of academic programs and their multiple accreditation cycles, including two maximum regional accreditations for Loma Linda University, and the many issues involved with faculty at an academic health science center. A particular emphasis has been his development of EXSEED, a program that he founded in 2012 as an on-campus platform for K–12 teachers in Seventh-day Adventist schools, and today includes educators in our surrounding public school systems as well as Adventist teachers from around the world. The focus of EXSEED is to enhance the science and teaching skills of primary and secondary teachers around the world.

Dr. Carter has been a part of Loma Linda for over forty years; he first came to Loma Linda University as a graduate student in biology, returning some years later to teach in the Department of Earth and Biological Sciences. He has served this institution with distinction in many roles that have included as faculty, department chair, program director, and founding dean of the School of Science and Technology (now the School of Behavioral Health). His nurturing approach to management is strengthened by his creativity, problem solving skills, passion for education, and commitment to this institution.

In recognition of his extraordinary service to academic endeavors, his leadership in promoting innovative platforms to enhance learning and academic growth, his outstanding contributions to Loma Linda University, and for modeling in his various roles, excellence and commitment to priorities that promote this institution's mission, "To continue the teaching and healing ministry of Jesus Christ – To Make Man Whole," Loma Linda University names Dr. Ronald L. Carter *ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR*. This award will be presented to him at the joint Conferring of Degrees for the School of Behavioral Health and the School of Religion.

## Marino A. De León — *Distinguished Investigator Award*



Founding Director, Center for Health Disparities and Molecular Medicine, School of Medicine, Loma Linda University  
Director, Office of Student Development in the Biomedical Professions, School of Medicine, Loma Linda University  
Director, Center for Molecular Biology and Gene Therapy DNA Core Facility, School of Medicine, Loma Linda University  
Professor, Basic Sciences, Physiology Division, School of Medicine, Loma Linda University

*B.S. University of Puerto Rico, San Juan 1978*  
*M.S. University of Puerto Rico, San Juan 1980*  
*Ph.D. University of California, Davis 1987*  
*Postdoctoral Fellowship, Stanford University 1990*

*Chair, American Society for Neurochemistry, Diversity and Inclusion committee 2023–2027*  
*Distinguished Service Award, School of Medicine, Loma Linda University 2018*  
*Outstanding Faculty Researcher of the Year, Walter E. Macpherson Society 2001*

Dr. Marino De León is professor of physiology and founding director of the Center for Health Disparities and Molecular Medicine (CHDMM) at Loma Linda University School of Medicine. He was born in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, and raised in the suburbs of San Juan, Puerto Rico. He was first in his family to attend college and credits his love of science and education to his high school teachers and college professors.

Dr. De León's scholarly and professional endeavors have left an indelible mark on Loma Linda University. His leadership in health disparities research and student training diversity initiatives led to the establishment of the CHDMM in 2005 with significant funding from the NIH/National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities. As principal investigator and director of the LLU-NIH Initiative for Maximizing Student Development (IMSD) Program, Dr. De León has overseen the training of 43 graduate students completing Loma Linda's Ph.D. and M.D./Ph.D. programs. Under his leadership, the Loma Linda University Health Disparities Research Pipeline (HDRP) and IMSD Programs have made it possible for more than 200 hundred alumni to enroll in biomedical programs and move on to serve in their communities.

Dr. De León's professional efforts have extended beyond this institution. His research has been published in the *Journal of Neuroscience Research*, the *Journal of Neurochemistry*, and the *International Journal of Molecular Sciences*, to name a few. He has been invited to present at numerous colleges and university, including the University of Puerto Rico Medical Science Campus, University of North Dakota School of Medicine, and University of New York at Buffalo. His contributions to his professional field have led him to serve on various national scientific review panels and external boards.

For his scholarly pursuits and research endeavors in the context of health disparities, his prolific body of work as demonstrated by his numerous publications, and his invaluable contributions to this institution, Loma Linda University Health honors Dr. Marino A. De León with the *DISTINGUISHED INVESTIGATOR AWARD*. This award will be presented to him at the Conferring of Degrees for the School of Medicine.

## Robert (Bob) A. Frost — *Global Service Award*



CFO, Adventist Health International

*B.S. Pacific Union College 1965*

*M.B.A. University of California, Riverside 1972*

*Distinguished Service Award, Loma Linda  
University 2013*

Mr. Robert "Bob" A. Frost truly exemplifies the Blue Zone® reputation of Loma Linda. It was declared one by Dan Buettner in his November 2005 cover story for National Geographic. The term refers to areas of the world with the longest life expectancy. His long and productive career spanned over four decades, taking him to Yokohama, Japan and Hawaii, during which time he served in various church roles as auditor, financial manager, and finally as Director of the Loma Linda University Foundation. Throughout these years, Mr. Frost maintained a strong ethical commitment to accuracy and protocols in his various responsibilities. Shortly after retiring some 15 years ago, he volunteered to serve as the Chief Financial Officer for Adventist Health International (AHI), an organization based at Loma Linda University that assists with governance and management at Adventist hospitals and clinics in developing countries.

Over the past decade, Mr. Frost has developed a financial management system for AHI that keeps donations focused on donor requests, quickly makes funds available to institutions and needs when requested, guides the finance and audit consultations at over 50 mission hospitals, and lends his oversight and credibility to AHI.

In recognition of his continued service in strengthening mission hospitals around the world, and for modeling in word and action this institution's values and mission, Loma Linda University Health honors Mr. Robert A. Frost with the *GLOBAL SERVICE AWARD*. This award was presented to him earlier this year during Homecoming.

## Albin H. Grohar — *Distinguished Humanitarian Award*



Executive Director of Philanthropy, Loma Linda University  
Associate Professor, School of Public Health, Loma Linda University  
Special Assistant to the Dean, School of Public Health, Loma Linda University  
Director of Philanthropy, Adventist Health International

*B.A. Andrews University 1967*  
*M.A.T. Andrews University 1969*  
*Ph.D. Educational Administration, Andrews University 1989*

*Member, Council for Advancement and Support of Education*  
*Member, Association of Fundraising Professionals*

*Trailblazer in Philanthropy Award 1999,*  
*Eighth Triennial Conference on Philanthropy,*  
*Seventh-day Adventist Church*

Dr. Albin H. Grohar has served as Executive Director of Philanthropy at Loma Linda University since 1989. During his time here, he has written and submitted 1,000 funding requests, bringing in over \$120 million for the university and its programs. In his role as Special Assistant to the Dean at the School of Public Health (SPH) at LLU, he conceptualizes and leads the school's philanthropy program. Dr. Grohar is also Associate Professor at the SPH, where he teaches leadership, policy, grant writing and fundraising.

Dr. Grohar's foray into grant writing began in 1972 when he started working at the Michigan Economics for Human Development, a private, statewide human services agency located in Michigan, where he eventually became director. In 1978, he became Director of Foundation Research at Andrews University and, in 1985, he was appointed Director of Development. During his time at Andrews, the university received close to \$9.2 million in voluntary support.

The results of Dr. Grohar's ongoing efforts in development and grant writing in human services and private higher education have made a lasting, tangible impact on this university.

For his long-standing service to this institution in the field of fundraising and philanthropy, his commitment to grant-writing efforts and initiatives, and his invaluable service, Loma Linda University Health honors Dr. Albin H. Grohar with the *DISTINGUISHED HUMANITARIAN AWARD*. This award will be presented to him at the Conferring of Degrees for the School of Public Health.

## Jarrold B. McNaughton — *Meritorious Service Award*



CEO, Inland Empire Health Plan  
Assistant Clinical Professor, School of  
Public Health, Loma Linda University

*B.A. Pacific Union College 1998*  
*M.B.A. University of LaVerne 2002*

*Ann and Steve Morgan Leopard of the Year*  
*Award, University of LaVerne 2022*  
*Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters,*  
*University of LaVerne 2021*

*Fellow, American College of Healthcare Executives*

As Chief Executive Officer of Inland Empire Health Plan, Mr. Jarrold B. McNaughton's influence covers both Riverside and San Bernardino counties. As one of the largest Medicaid managed care plans in the country, serving 1.6 million members, IEHP maintains a strong commitment to providing quality and compassionate whole-person care for its members. Mr. McNaughton's personal influence is felt throughout the organization with its innovative plans to reach the most marginalized communities in the Inland Empire.

His background as a hospital administrator, pilot, and noted vocalist reflect his broad interests. Most notable are his understanding of the complex issues of healthcare today and ability to maneuver through those for the best outcomes for individuals needing care.

In recognition of his commitment to providing quality healthcare to underserved communities, his innovative approaches to establishing networks to enhance health services, congruent with this institution's mission, Loma Linda University Health honors Mr. Jarrold B. McNaughton with the *MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD*. This award will be presented to him at the Conferring of Degrees for the School of Public Health.

## Greg N. Nelson — *Distinguished Service Award*



Assistant Vice President, Investments,  
Loma Linda University Foundation

*B.A. La Sierra University 1983*

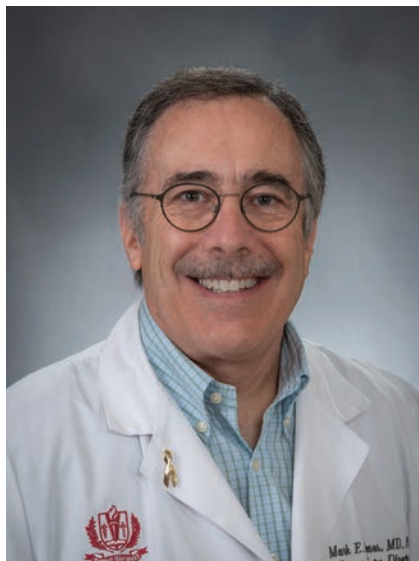
*Member, Investment Committee,  
Loma Linda University*

*Member, Investment Committee,  
La Sierra University*

For over two decades, Mr. Greg N. Nelson has demonstrated exemplary leadership and initiative as Assistant VP (formerly Director) of Investments at Loma Linda University Foundation which has grown exponentially under his stewardship. Mr. Nelson spent thirty-two years in the investment management industry. As principal with Nelson and McGilchrist Capital Management in La Jolla, he focused on consulting and asset management. His role as Vice President with Dean Witter and Paine Webber saw him specializing in portfolio management for institutional accounts. This broad knowledge, along with his excellent relationship-building skills, has enabled him to grow the Loma Linda University Health foundation to where it is today.

For his long-standing commitment to this institution, his dynamic leadership in the field of investments, and his invaluable knowledge in service of this institution, Loma Linda University Health honors Mr. Greg Nelson with the *DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD*. This award will be presented to him during the Employee Recognition Event.

## Mark E. Reeves — *Alumnus of the Year*



Director, Cancer Center,  
Loma Linda University  
VP for Institutes,  
Loma Linda University Health  
Professor, Department of Surgery,  
Medicine, and Basic Sciences, School of  
Medicine, Loma Linda University  
Chief, Surgical Oncology, Surgical Service,  
VA Loma Linda Healthcare System

*B.S. La Sierra University 1982*  
*Ph.D. University of California, Los Angeles 1990*  
*M.D. Loma Linda University School of  
Medicine 1992*

*Fellowship in Surgical Oncology, National  
Cancer Institute, National Institutes of  
Health 1996*

*Residency in General Surgery, Loma Linda  
University Medical Center 1998*

*Fellowship in Surgical Oncology, Memorial  
Sloan Kettering Cancer Center 2000*

*Certified by the American Board of Surgery*  
*Fellow, American College of Surgeons*  
*Member, American Society of Clinical Oncology*  
*Member, Alpha Omega Alpha Honor  
Medical Society*

*Honored Alumnus, Loma Linda University  
School of Medicine 2014*

*The Physician Recognition Award for  
Leadership, Loma Linda University 2008*

*Alumnus of the Year, La Sierra University 2008*

Dr. Mark E. Reeves has been focused on beating cancer his entire professional life. Interrupting his medical school days at Loma Linda to complete a Ph.D. at UCLA in molecular oncology, he continued this interest throughout his surgical training at Loma Linda with fellowships at the National Cancer Institute and Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center.

Over the past decade, as Director of Loma Linda University Cancer Center, he has steadily laid the foundation for Loma Linda University to be the nation's first faith-based, NCI-designated Comprehensive Cancer Center. This will require a significant expansion of our cancer research enterprise, accomplished through the recruitment of skilled researchers in a variety of innovative treatment areas like CAR T-cell therapy and Theranostics. Dr. Reeves serves as the Vice President for all our institutes while maintaining an active practice as a surgical oncologist. He is also involved in surgical education as an examiner for the American Board of Surgery and sits on the board of the Pan-African Academy of Christian Surgeons.

For his extraordinary dedication to his pursuit of discoveries and therapies to eradicate cancer, his commitment to leading this institution to be at the forefront of treatment and care of cancer patients, and for living the values that promote this institution's mission – "To continue the teaching and healing ministry of Jesus Christ – To Make Man Whole," Loma Linda University names Dr. Mark E. Reeves *ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR*. This award will be presented to him at the Conferring of Degrees for the School of Medicine.

## Ernest (Ernie) R. Schwab — *Distinguished Academic Award*



Associate Dean for Academic Affairs,  
School of Allied Health Profession, Loma  
Linda University

Associate Professor, Allied Health Studies,  
School of Allied Health Professions,  
Loma Linda University

Associate Professor, Earth and Biological  
Sciences, School of Medicine, Loma  
Linda University

*B.A. Union College 1976*

*M.S. Andrews University 1982*

*Ph.D. Loma Linda University 1989*

*Faculty Recognition Award, School of Allied  
Health Professions, Loma Linda University 2017*

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

*National Academic Advising Association,  
Certificate of Merit 1994*

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

Dr. Ernest “Ernie” R. Schwab discovered his passion for teaching and mentoring in 1983 when he joined Loma Linda University at its then-La Sierra campus as an instructor in the biology department. He carried this passion to the School of Allied Health Professions (SAHP) when he joined in 1996 as an associate professor. Over the years, Dr. Schwab has been recognized for his ability to present complex concepts with clarity, both from the lectern and in tutoring sessions in his office. He has received a variety of honors for teaching and advisement, including Academic Advisor of the Year, ASLLU Teacher of the Year, and a Certificate of Merit from the National Academic Advising Association.

As Associate Dean for Academic Affairs at the SAHP, he assists the school with responsibilities related to regional institutional accreditation and has been instrumental in helping establish and maintain several SAHP programs at international locations including Saudi Arabia, Japan, and Haiti.

For his servant-leader demeanor in all he does, his exemplary dedication to students and their academic pursuits, and his long-standing and invaluable contributions to further this institution’s mission, Loma Linda University Health honors Dr. Ernest R. Schwab with the *DISTINGUISHED ACADEMIC AWARD*. This award will be presented to him at the Conferring of Degrees for the School of Allied Health Professions at the 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM ceremonies.



## Deanna Walters — *Distinguished Service Award*



Executive Director, Liability Claims,  
Department of Risk Management, Loma  
Linda University Health (retired 2023)  
Founding Clinical Risk Manager,  
Department of Risk Management, Loma  
Linda University Health

*B.S. Loma Linda University 1978*

For more than four decades, Mrs. Deanna Walters has demonstrated exemplary and committed service to this institution and its healing ministry. Mrs. Walters began her career in 1980 at the Medical Center and later moved to the Quality Assurance Department where she eventually was promoted to Director. There, she worked closely with clinical leaders and led efforts to improve quality and patient safety. Later, she was promoted into a newly created role of Clinical Risk Manager in the Department of Risk Management. She remained at Risk Management for the next 33 years, assuming the role of Executive Director of Liability Claims.

She was known for the support she provided to others, serving as an advisor and consultant to administration, department leaders, physicians and other clinical professionals. Numerous physicians and nurses have stated that Mrs. Walters's support during these personal crises was critically important to their emotional well-being and their professional self-esteem. She was often in her office late into the evening to accommodate the busy schedules of physicians and was always willing to help others.

Throughout her 42 years of service, Deanna was passionate in her support for the Loma Linda University Health mission. She often expressed that it is people who deliver our mission and make a difference in the lives of others. It is evident to all that through her passionate support of others, Deanna helped to fulfill our teaching and healing ministry.

In recognition for her invaluable service to this institution, her exemplary commitment to helping others and making a difference in their lives, and for modeling servant-leadership, Loma Linda University Health honors Mrs. Deanna Walters with the *DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD*. This award will be presented to her during the Employee Recognition Event.

## Sharmel and Jeevaka Weerasinghe — *Community Engagement Award*



Sharmel and Jeevaka Weerasinghe,  
Co-founders, Precious Heart Academy

Sharmel Weerasinghe  
Administrator, Precious Hearts Academy

*A.S. Columbia Union College 1996*  
*A.S. Loma Linda University School of Nursing 2000*  
*B.S. Loma Linda University School of Nursing 2001*

*Member, California Association for*  
*Behavioral Analysis*

Jeevaka Weerasinghe  
Executive Director, Patient Care Services,  
Loma Linda University Behavioral  
Medicine Center

*A.S. San Bernardino Valley College 2005*  
*B.S. Capella University 2018*  
*M.S. Capella University 2020*

With common roots in the country of Sri Lanka, Sharmel and Jeevaka Weerasinghe came to Loma Linda through much different routes. Sharmel graduated from our School of Nursing and moved to the Medical Center where she started her career as an Intensive Care nurse. Jeevaka was a professional cricket player prior to moving to the United States, but once here, he pursued studies that have led him to his current position as Executive Director of Patient Care Services at the Loma Linda University Behavioral Medicine Center. He continues to play cricket, and earlier this traveled to South Africa as a member of the USA 2023 Over-50 World Cup squad; this being the first time that the USA has participated in this tournament.

When their son was diagnosed with a rare form of autism, the Weerasinghes dedicated their lives to him and the others he represented. In 2015, they founded Precious Hearts Academy for autistic children and those with other developmental challenges. In this academy, they created a learning environment tailored to the individual needs of their students, using an enriched, trans-disciplinary, and integrated education program, where small classrooms are led by certified education specialists. The school has grown to 24 students, with some already transitioning to general education and lives of fulfillment.

For their personal commitment and investment in our community, especially to these special needs children and their families, for their exemplary dedication to providing a quality learning environment that maximizes each child's success and celebrates their achievements, Loma Linda University Health honors Sharmel and Jeevaka Weerasinghe with the *COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AWARD*. This award was presented to them earlier this year during Homecoming.

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

# School of Medicine

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

PRELUDE	Loma Linda Academy Wind Symphony Craig Mohr, Conductor
	Musical Selections
ACADEMIC PROCESSION	The audience is requested to clear the aisles and remain seated. Ronald L. Carter, University Grand Marshal, leading Francis D. Chan, Adrian N. Cotton, Lynda R. Daniel-Underwood, Mary K. Kearns-Jonker, Associate Marshals, assisting
	The President's Party, Members of the University Board of Trustees, LLUH Administration
Faculty	Washington Post March ... <i>John Philip Sousa</i>
Candidates for Degrees	Pomp and Circumstance ... <i>Sir Edward Elgar (arr. James D. Ployhar)</i>
INVOCATION	Serena L. Heung Class Pastor
WELCOME	Richard H. Hart President of the University
PRESENTATION OF AWARDS	Tamara L. Thomas, Dean of the School The President Ronald L. Carter, Provost of the University
A GRADUATE'S REFLECTIONS	John Q. Jung President of the Class
INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER	The Dean
ADDRESS	E. Albert Reece Dean Emeritus and Former University Executive Vice President University of Maryland School of Medicine Professor, Departments of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Medicine, and Biochemistry & Molecular Biology, University of Maryland School of Medicine Endowed Professor and Director, Center for Advanced Research Training and Innovation (CARTI) Senior Scientist, Center for Birth Defects Research
	MAINTAINING RELENTLESS FOCUS AMIDST CHANGES AND CHALLENGES

CONFERRING OF DEGREES

The President

AWARDING OF DIPLOMAS

The Dean

Meghan L. Dorrell, Program Director, Pathologists' Assistant Program  
Jeremy K. Deisch, Associate Professor, Pathology and Human Anatomy  
Penelope J. Duerksen-Hughes, Associate Dean for Basic Sciences  
and Translational Research  
Hansel M. Fletcher, Assistant Dean for Graduate Student Affairs  
Tamara M. Shankel, Senior Associate Dean for Medical Student Education  
Yamileth Bazan, Associate Dean for Student Affairs

THE PHYSICIAN'S OATH

Steven C. Herber, Class of 1986

President, Loma Linda University School of Medicine Alumni Association

CHARGE TO THE CLASS

The Dean

BENEDICTION

Natalie A. Chen

Co-Vice President of the Class

ACADEMIC RECESSION

*Conquest ... Alfred Newman (arr. Frank Erickson)*

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/academics/commencement](http://llu.edu/academics/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

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MILITARY OFFICERS

This ceremony will be held at the Loma Linda University Church Roof Terrace. It will take place at 11:00 AM.

# School of Medicine Candidates for Degrees

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

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

## MASTER OF HEALTH SCIENCE

### *Pathologists' Assistant*



Asa Christian Arhelger  
BS Whitworth University 2017



Odeni Haratonian  
BS University of California, Santa Barbara 2020



Raina Chuntanee Brown  
BS California State University, Sacramento 2019



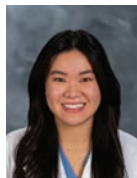
Emma Charlotte Keenan  
BS University of Nevada, Las Vegas 2019



Leslie Nicole Calvo  
BS Southern Adventist University 2018



Roula Mahmoud  
BS California State University, Los Angeles 2016  
MS California State University, Los Angeles 2020



Danica Chong  
BS University of California, Davis 2019



Dayna Marie Ornellas  
BS California State Polytechnic University,  
Pomona 2015



Isabel Dullack  
BS Christopher Newport University 2013  
BS Old Dominion University 2020



Josephine Pham  
BS University of California, San Diego 2019



Karin Yaneth Gonzalez  
BS Mount Saint Mary's College 2017



Beija Alexia Piedra  
BS California State University, Northridge 2016



Maribel Quinde  
BA Kean University 2017



Delaney Marie Trotter  
BS California State University, Long Beach 2020



Annie B. Ruck  
BFA Ohio State University, Main Campus 2017



Savannah Mechelle Vaz  
BS Georgia College and State University 2020



Dominique Tan Sy  
BS University of California, San Diego 2019

## **MASTER OF SCIENCE**

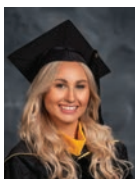
In conjunction with the Faculty of Graduate Studies

### *Geology*



Raquel Sabina Bendita Larico  
BS Universidad Nacional del Callao 2013

### *Natural Sciences*



Brittney N. Springer  
BS Loma Linda University SM 2018

## DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

In conjunction with the Faculty of Graduate Studies

### *Anatomy*



Evgeny Aleksandrovich Chirshev, DEC

BS Southern Adventist University 2013

*Dissertation:* *Let-7* Expression and Function in Ovarian Cancer and Early Embryonic Development

### *Biochemistry*



James Raymon Wesley McMullen, SEP

BS Southwestern Adventist University 2012

*Dissertation:* Breast Normal and Cancerous Stem Cells: Overlap and Potential Origin of Tumors



Sonia Whang

BA La Sierra University 2009

MBA La Sierra University 2010

*Dissertation:* Combinatorial Therapy for HPV<sup>+</sup> HNSCC through E6 Inhibition in an In Vivo Xenograft Model

### *Biology*



Selina Anaya, SEP

BS La Sierra University 2016

*Dissertation:* Investigating the Role of the Three N-Terminal HAMP Domains of the Aer2 Chemoreceptor from *Pseudomonas Aeruginosa*



Thomas Dama Hile

MS University of Agriculture, Makurdi 2008

*Dissertation:* Microbial Contamination of Drinking Water in the Eastern Coachella Valley, California



Emily C. Hyatt

BS University of California, Riverside 2014

*Dissertation:* Gross and Quantitative Comparative Analyses of *Chelonibia Spp.* Barnacles for Separation of *C. Testudinaria*, *C. Manati*, and *C. Patula* Independent of Host Species





Zachary David Travis, MAR

BS La Sierra University 2016

*Dissertation:* Papuan Black Snake (*Pseudechis papuanus*) Venom Preconditioning to Attenuate Surgical Brain Injury

### *Cancer, Developmental and Regenerative Biology*



Lennox Chitsike

BA Hamilton College 2013

MS Loyola University Chicago 2016

*Dissertation:* The Potential of E6 Inhibitors for Targeted De-escalation Therapy in HNSCC



Evelyn Stefany Sanchez Hernandez

BS California State University, Northridge 2017

*Dissertation:* Contribution of the Glucocorticoid Receptor-LEDGF/p75 to Prostate Cancer Chemoresistance



Paul A. Vallejos

BS Arizona State University, Main Campus 2017

*Dissertation:* The Role of Exosomal Cargo in Colorectal Cancer and Colorectal Cancer-Derived Peritoneal Carcinomatosis

### *Earth Science*



Haputhanthrige Sydney Ranjan Fernando

MS Adventist University of the Philippines 1995

*Dissertation:* Paleohydrology, Sedimentology and Ichnology of a Navajo Sandstone Dune



Lance Ralph Pompe

BS University of the Witwatersrand 1996

MS University of the Witwatersrand 1999

MS Loma Linda University SM 2016

*Dissertation:* Episodic Continental Arc Magmatism in Peru: An Analysis of Flare-ups

### *Infection, Immunity and Inflammation*



Erwin Colwyn Dane Stuffle, MAR

BS Oakwood University 2018

*Dissertation:* Comparing Sensing and Signaling Mechanisms Across Aer2 Receptors with Different N-Terminal Domain Arrangements

### *Microbiology and Molecular Genetics*



Malissa Makaylia Mangar, DEC  
BS University of the Southern Caribbean 2016  
*Dissertation: The Role of the Filifactor Alocis Protein FA1654 in Oxidative Stress Resistance*



Alexia Danielle Ximinies, MAR  
BS The University of the West Indies, Mona 2007  
MS Northern Caribbean University 2011  
*Dissertation: The Role of the Novel Diguanilate Cyclase PG\_0686 in Oxidative Stress Resistance in Porphyromonas Gingivalis W83*

### *Neuroscience, Systems Biology and Bioengineering*



Perla Ontiveros Angel  
BACH/EQUIV Instituto Tecnológica de Tijuana 2018  
*Dissertation: Neuropathological Signatures Connecting Early-Life Trauma to Compulsive Eating Behavior and Obesity*



Foluwasomi A. Oyefeso  
BS Walla Walla University 2017  
*Dissertation: Brain Organoids: A Novel Tool to Study Oxidative Stress-Induced Central Nervous System Damage Using Ionizing Radiation*

### *Physiology*



Hossam Rashad AlKashgari, MAR  
MBBS King Abdulaziz University 2009  
MS Loma Linda University AH 2015  
*Dissertation: TSLP as a Potential Therapy for CRLF2 B-Cell Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia*



Cole Jacob Knox  
BS Cedarville University 2015  
*Dissertation: A Biomimetics Approach to Engineering Arterial Conduits for Congenital Heart Surgery*

## DOCTOR OF MEDICINE

### *Medicine*



Jessica Hyun Hee Ahn  
BS Southern Adventist University 2018  
*Gold Humanism Honor Society*



Skyelor Dakota Black  
BA Southern Adventist University 2019



Alanna Asgeirsson  
BS Andrews University 2018



Lisa Suzanne Blackley  
BS Walla Walla University 2016  
MMS Loma Linda University SM 2018



Vicenda Augustin  
BSN McGill University 2013  
BS Burman University 2016



Drew Augusta Blake  
BS Southern Adventist University 2017



Adam Christopher Basical  
BS La Sierra University 2019



Carla Melinda Blum-Johnston  
BA Walla Walla University 2019  
*Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Society*  
*Gold Humanism Honor Society*



Karen Faye Bathan  
BS Loma Linda University AH 2019



Dayton Dale Brown  
BS Pacific Union College 2019



Lauren Anne Bathan  
BS Loma Linda University AH 2019



Nikoli D. Brown  
BBA Southern Adventist University 2018



Jadelyn Moya Bautista  
BS La Sierra University 2018  
*Distinguished Student in Interventional*  
*Radiology Award*



Genise Ursie Jade Browne  
BS Oakwood University 2016  
*Gold Humanism Honor Society*  
*Wil Alexander Whole Person Care Award*



Haley Ann Butler  
BS Andrews University 2019  
*Gold Humanism Honor Society*



Micah Hirata Chaiprakorb  
BS Southern Adventist University 2018



Ryan Michael Carey  
BS Walla Walla University 2018  
MA Loma Linda University SR 2022



Alexander Caleb Chang  
BS Pacific Union College 2019  
*Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Society*



Jacob Lane Carlson  
BS Walla Walla University 2019



Adrien Lancelot Charles-Marcel, DEC  
DDS Loma Linda University SD 2018



Makayla Renee Carlson  
BS Union College 2019



Natalie Annie Chen  
BS University of California, San Diego 2014  
MS Western University of Health Sciences 2017  
*Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Society*



Jesse Jamar Castang  
BS Andrews University 2019



Hannah Ju-En Chi  
BS Andrews University 2016  
*Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Society*  
*Gold Humanism Honor Society*  
*Alumni Association Herber Award*  
*Harold J. Hoxie Award*



Madeline Minou Castella-Chin  
BS Burman University 2019



Evgeny Aleksandrovich Chirshev  
BS Southern Adventist University 2013  
PhD Loma Linda University SM 2022  
*Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Society*  
*David B. Hinshaw Sr. Award*



Michael Andrew Wat Caster  
BS Pacific Union College 2019



Jeannie Choi  
BS La Sierra University 2019



Christopher De Gracia Celis  
BS Southern Adventist University 2018



Edwina Min Choung  
BS University of Washington, Seattle 2016  
MA Loma Linda University SR 2022



Nicholas Hyunsuk Chun  
 BS Andrews University 2017  
*Gold Humanism Honor Society*



Jade Ariane Deschamps  
 BA Southern Adventist University 2019  
*Dysinger Family Preventive Medicine Award*



Noah Yoosuk Chun  
 BS Andrews University 2017



Alexandria Rose Dietrich  
 BS Walla Walla University 2018



Katherine Pey-Shan Chung  
 BS University of California, Irvine 2015



Cassandra Sunshine Drew  
 BS Andrews University 2018  
 MA Loma Linda University SR 2022



Narudee Carissa Churdsuwanrak  
 BS Loma Linda University AH 2019



Daniel Alexander Elkins  
 BS Corban College 2017  
 MA Loma Linda University SR 2022



Tatiana Jeane Davidson  
 BS Oakwood University 2017



Cheyenne Lane Feig  
 BS La Sierra University 2018  
*Alumni Association Herber Award*



John Baptiste Davilmar  
 BS Southern Adventist University 2018  
 MA Loma Linda University SR 2022



Brian Robert Ferguson  
 BS Burman University 2019



Micheala Desere Davis  
 BS Georgia State University 2019



Neria Gavrielov  
 BS Loma Linda University AH 2011  
 MSRC Loma Linda University AH 2016



Isaac Joseph Delote  
 BS Southern Adventist University 2018



Satchel Christian Genobaga  
 BS La Sierra University 2018  
*Distinguished Student in Diagnostic Radiology Award*



Jordan Elizabeth Gildehaus  
 BA Boise State University 2018  
*Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Society*  
*Academic Achievement Award*



Spencer Alexander Hart  
 BS Walla Walla University 2019  
*Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Society*



Esther Corina Yang May Gow-Lee  
 BA Southern Adventist University 2018  
*Gold Humanism Honor Society*  
*Wholeness and Engagement Mission Award*



Joshua Derek Heldzinger  
 BA Southern Adventist University 2019



Briana Taylor Mae Greene  
 BA University of Miami 2016  
*Class of 1990 Heart for Service Award*  
*Roger W. Barnes Award*



Amara Alaana-Marie Hendricks  
 BS Oakwood University 2017



Silas Allen Griffin  
 BS Azusa Pacific University 2018



Ashlea Andrea Hendrickson  
 BS Oakwood University 2015  
 MS Drexel University 2017



Rachel Guest  
 BS Central State University 2019  
*Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Society*



Sean Elliott Hendrix  
 BS Union College 2017  
 MA Loma Linda University SR 2023



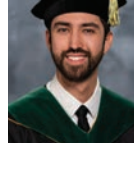
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Helena Katherine Herber  
 BS Union College 2017



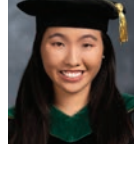
Loren D'Ann Hall  
 BS Southern Adventist University 2016  
 MMS Loma Linda University SM 2017  
*Gold Humanism Honor Society*



Raul Antonio Hernandez  
 BS Pacific Union College 2014



Gideon Galatoba Harianja  
 BA University of California, Berkeley 2019  
*Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Society*



Serena Lin Heung  
 BA Stanford University 2019  
*Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Society*  
*Gold Humanism Honor Society*  
*Benjamin Kovitz Award*  
*Service to our School Award*



Ashley Megan Howard  
BS Southern Adventist University 2018



Stephanie Danelle James  
BS Walla Walla University 2019  
*Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Society*



Pablo Elieser Huerfano  
BS Southern Adventist University 2018



Hayley Jordan Joel-Mortensen  
BS Biola University 2017  
*Gold Humanism Honor Society*  
*Walter P. Ordeltjeide Award*



Lindsay Grace Hunt  
BA Colorado State University 2018  
BS Colorado State University 2018  
*Gold Humanism Honor Society*  
*Alumni Association Herber Award*



Katelyn McKenna Juneau  
BS Southern Adventist University 2019



Nicole Mina Hwang  
BS Andrews University 2018



John Quhyun Jung  
BS Pacific Union College 2018  
MMS Loma Linda University SM 2019  
*Gold Humanism Honor Society*  
*Alumni Association Herber Award*



Temitope Abiodun Idowu  
BS Andrews University 2017



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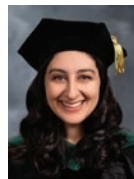
Jonathan Hyun-Suk Im  
BS Southern Adventist University 2019



Andre-David Michel Kahwach, FEB  
BS California State Polytechnic University,  
Pomona 2004  
DDS University of California, San Francisco 2017



William Chul Kyu Im  
BS University of California, Los Angeles 2019



Amanda Marie Khalil  
BS University of California, Los Angeles 2018  
*Alumni Association Herber Award*



Christina Alexandra Istrate  
BA Pacific Union College 2019  
*AAN Medical Student Prize for Excellence*  
*in Neurology*



Chan Hee Kim  
BS Andrews University 2018



David D. Kim  
BS La Sierra University 2018



Grace Gaehyun Kwon  
BA Occidental College 2016



Do Hyun Kim  
BA Harvard University 2019  
*Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Society*



Annalise Lang  
BA Southern Adventist University 2019  
*Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Society*  
*Gold Humanism Honor Society*



Young Ji Kim  
BS La Sierra University 2017



Donn Matthew LaTour  
BS Andrews University 2019  
*Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Society*  
*Gold Humanism Honor Society*  
*Alumni Association Herber Award*



Cole Jacob Knox  
BS Cedarville University 2015  
*Physician Scientist Award*



Abraham Yongsoo Lee  
BS Andrews University 2017



Andrew Krause  
BS Andrews University 2017  
MA Loma Linda University SR 2020



Alice Jaeyoon Lee  
BA Wesleyan University 2017  
*Harold F. Ziprick Award*



Janene Min-Mei Kuan  
BA University of California, Berkeley 2017  
*Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Society*  
*Gold Humanism Honor Society*  
*Robert F. Chinnock Award*  
*President's Award*



Chanel Hana Lee  
BA Pacific Union College 2018



Christoph Kuppers  
BS Simon Fraser University 2019



Iris Eun-Ji Lee  
BS Pacific Union College 2017



Christina Soonji Kwon  
BA Southern Methodist University 2015  
MMS Loma Linda University SM 2018



Jenna Elizabeth Lee  
BS Southern Adventist University 2019  
*Gold Humanism Honor Society*  
*Society for Academic Emergency Medicine Award*





Jin Soo Lee  
BS Southern Adventist University 2018



Beatrice Mbaluka  
BS Oakwood University 2015



Victor Lee  
BS Southern Adventist University 2017  
*Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Society*



Kaitlin I. McArthur  
BS Union College 2019



Van-Dai Ngoc Ly  
BS Southwestern Adventist University 2017



Caleb Jordan Chase McKinney  
BBA Southern Adventist University 2018  
*Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Society*  
*Donald E. Griggs Award*



Margarita Maksimova  
BS University of California, San Diego 2016



Joseph Kyungwon Min  
BS Southern Adventist University 2018



Dave Jazon Rom Rosete Mallari  
BS Southern Adventist University 2017



Mackenzie Rae Minehan  
BA University of San Diego 2019  
*Gold Humanism Honor Society*  
*Robert F. Chinnock Award*



Jonathan Caleb Mancao  
BS Southern Adventist University 2018



Matthew Apolonio Moran  
BA Walla Walla University 2018  
BS Walla Walla University 2018  
MA Loma Linda University SR 2022



Kathleen Sarah Martin  
BS La Sierra University 2018  
*Walter P. Ordelheide Award*



Alexandra Jean Moseanko  
BS Walla Walla University 2019



Michael Edward Mathis  
BS Walla Walla University 2018



Hector Fernando Moz  
BS University of California, Riverside 2014  
MMS Loma Linda University SM 2019



Kevin Josue Munoz Aizaga  
BS La Sierra University 2019



Hyeon Park  
BS Union College 2016



Robert Jungsup Kiyoshi Niihara  
BS Pacific Union College 2019



Ju An Park  
BS Southern Adventist University 2017  
MA Loma Linda University SR 2022



Meng-Khiang Gabriel Ong  
BS Loma Linda University AH 2018



Jeffery H. Pascal, JAN  
BS Oakwood University 2012  
DDS Loma Linda University SD 2016



Richard Ethan Ong  
BA Southern Adventist University 2019  
*Gold Humanism Honor Society*



Gregory Van Perrier II  
BS Manhattan College 2015  
ME Cornell University 2016



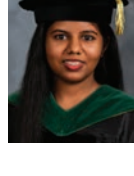
Evelyn Ann Ouro-Rodrigues  
BA Walla Walla University 2016  
BS Walla Walla University 2019  
*Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Society*  
*Alumni Association Herber Award*  
*Philip H. Reiswig Award*



Elizabeth Lee Peterson  
BS Calvin College 2019  
*Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Society*  
*Academic Achievement Award*



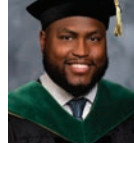
Soyoun Joo Pak  
BA University of Hawaii, Manoa 2016  
BS University of Hawaii, Manoa 2016  
MMS Loma Linda University SM 2019  
*Varner J. Johns Jr. Award*



Karen Divya Prakash  
BS La Sierra University 2019  
*Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Society*



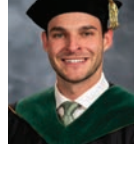
Philip Nicholas Papayanis  
BS University of California, San Diego 2017  
*Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Society*



Mykal James Quinlan  
BS Southwestern Adventist University 2013  
MS Mississippi College 2016



Ariel Hayoung Park  
BS Pacific Union College 2019  
*Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Society*



Michael Paul Reimer  
BA Northwest Nazarene University 2017  
*Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Society*



Jefferson Branch Richards  
 BS Pacific Union College 2019  
*Alumni Association Herber Award*  
*Varner J. Johns Jr. Award*



Kyle George Shaw  
 BS Southern Adventist University 2019  
*Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Society*



Thomas Paul Riggs  
 BS Bethel University 2017  
*Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Society*  
*Academic Achievement Award*



Mathew Panayotaki Shedd  
 BA Walla Walla University 2019  
*Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Society*  
*Gold Humanism Honor Society*  
*Daniel D. Comstock Award*



Hunter Alan Roberts  
 BS Azusa Pacific University 2019  
*3 A.M. Award*



Leah Shin  
 BA Dartmouth College 2017  
*Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Society*



Mary Safaeipour  
 BS Mount Saint Mary's College 2017  
 MS University of Southern California 2019  
*Guy M. Hunt Award*



Gavin Wright Skeoch  
 BS Pacific Union College 2018  
 MMS Loma Linda University SM 2019



Randy Sanchez Sanchez  
 BS Andrews University 2017  
 MA Loma Linda University SR 2022



Bradley Henderson Snow  
 BS Walla Walla University 2019



Nicole Alexandra Sandoval  
 BS University of Arizona 2019



Daniel Jungmin Song  
 BS York University 2016



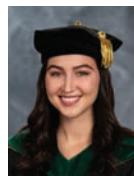
Ashley Lynn Saunders  
 BS Oakwood University 2018



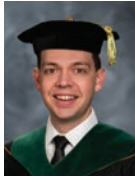
Jonathan Andrew Specht  
 BS La Sierra University 2019  
*Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Society*  
*Gold Humanism Honor Society*



Rachel Andrea Pangan Scales  
 BS La Sierra University 2019



Olivia Emmanuelle Stanier  
 BS Andrews University 2018  
 MMS Loma Linda University SM 2019



Braden Andrew Stanyer  
 BS Walla Walla University 2018  
*Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Society*



Cheng-Hsiao Tsui  
 BS La Sierra University 2013  
 MPH Loma Linda University PH 2016  
 MMS Loma Linda University SM 2019



Shaunrick Anthony Stoll  
 BS Andrews University 2012  
 PhD Loma Linda University SM 2019  
*Gold Humanism Honor Society*  
*Impact on the World Leadership Award*



Bryan Enrique Urbina  
 BS Worcester State University 2018



Reece Alan Stutzman  
 BS Missouri State University 2019  
*Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Society*  
*Bernard D. Briggs Award*



Owen Matheus Van der Werf  
 BS Grand Canyon University 2019



Gustavo Ismael Suarez IV  
 BS Southern Adventist University 2017  
 MA Loma Linda University SR 2022



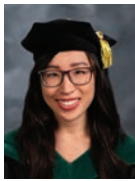
Dianne Michelle Wagner  
 BS Southern Adventist University 2015



Hyukje Sung  
 BS Andrews University 2018  
 MA Loma Linda University SR 2022



Sebo Michelle Wang  
 BS University of California, Riverside 2016



Grace Tan  
 BA Vanderbilt University 2019  
*Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Society*



Kaitlyn Amalia Wasli  
 BS Andrews University 2019



Jonathan Borg Thomas  
 BS La Sierra University 2018  
*Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Society*  
*Zane Ophthalmology Award*  
*Dean's Award*



Ansel Christian Weber  
 BS Walla Walla University 2019



Laura Kristine Tobing  
 BSN Southern Adventist University 2017



Gabriela Satriani Wicaksono  
 BS Andrews University 2019



Timothy Won  
BS Southwestern Adventist University 2017



Monica Mitsuyo Fukuda Yamagata  
BS Liberty University 2019  
*Dysinger Family Preventive Medicine Award*



Kenrick Edwin Wysong  
BS La Sierra University 2018  
MA Loma Linda University SR 2022



Stacy Jisoo Youn  
BS Pacific Union College 2019

# 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.

## Janene M. Kuan — *President's Award*



*B.A. University of California Berkeley 2017*

*M.D. Loma Linda University SM 2023*

*President's Award SM 2023*

*Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Society 2023*

*Gold Humanism Honor Society 2023*

The President's Award is presented in recognition of superior academic achievement and active participation in the student community within the context of Christian commitment.

The 2023 recipient, Janene Min-Kei Kuan, has distinguished herself from her peers by her outstanding academic achievements and her contributions to multiple service initiatives as well as involvement in numerous service groups. She has been a true example of the mission of Loma Linda University, demonstrating advocacy, compassion and caring for patients and peers throughout her medical school career. Excellence in these areas has earned her the merit of Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Society membership and induction into the Gold Humanism Honor Society.

Ms. Kuan received honors in all of her clinical clerkship rotations, a truly remarkable feat that only a few students each year are able to accomplish. She has also contributed to research projects, culminating in several presentations at regional meetings, and has also had a direct effect on the curriculum within the School of Medicine, helping to shape curricular enhancement on LGBTQIA2S+ issues. Ms. Kuan has displayed a clear desire to share her academic aptitude with other students in numerous ways including as a STRIVE mentor and tutor, and as a LIFE community student mentor.

Ms. Kuan has shown a clear passion for community outreach, service and engagement. She has participated in the University's Institute for Community Partnerships' Healthy Neighborhoods Program that addresses the health, educational, physical, emotional and spiritual needs of the San Bernardino community. She has shown herself to be a true leader in advancing service to multiple groups of individuals, serving as Vice President of Community Service for the LLU Student Association; a student representative for the School of Medicine Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee; President for the Sexual and Gender Alliance group; and member of the Social Determinants of Health Curriculum Subcommittee and the LGBTQ+ Curriculum Committee.

For her outstanding academic achievements, her commitment to service and community outreach and her contributions to the mission of the School of Medicine, the 2023 *PRESIDENT'S AWARD* is presented to Dr. Janene Min-Kei Kuan. This award was presented to her at the senior banquet on May 24, 2023.



## Richard D. Catalano — *School Distinguished Service Award*



Professor, Department of Surgery, School of Medicine, Loma Linda University

*B.A. Pacific Union College 1973*

*M.D. Loma Linda University SM 1976*

*Internship and Residency, Loma Linda University Health 1977-1981*

*Teaching Excellence Award, Emergency Department Residents 2004*

*Golden Scalpel Award, LLU Surgery Residents 2003*

*Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Society of Medicine 1996*

Loma Linda University Health is one of only two Level I Trauma Centers in the region, and Dr. Richard D. Catalano has been there every critical step of the way. He joined the School of Medicine in 1981 and currently serves as professor of surgery.

Dr. Catalano retired from his full-time role with the School of Medicine in December 2022, which ends a family legacy spanning 101 years in service to the School of Medicine. He has served multiple administrative leadership and committee roles including as administrative vice-chairman for the Department of Surgery and Level 1 Trauma medical director for more than 30 years. He has published multiple studies and presentations on trauma surgery and has been instrumental in teaching medical students and residents about trauma surgery at the bedside and through a variety of lectures and courses.

For his unwavering commitment to medical education and priority to patients, Loma Linda University School of Medicine honors Dr. Richard Catalano with the *SCHOOL DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD*. This award will be presented to him at the Conferring of Degrees for the school.

## Kenneth R. Jutzy — *School Distinguished Service Award*



Associate Professor. Medicine, School of  
Medicine, Loma Linda University

*B.S. Loma Linda University 1977*

*M.D. Loma Linda University SM 1977*

*Internship and Residency, Loma Linda  
University Health 1977-1980*

*Fellowship, Stanford University 1980-1982*

Dr. Kenneth R. Jutzy is an associate professor of medicine and served as the Head of the Division of Cardiology from 1991 to 2019. He originally wanted to be a race car driver but ultimately decided to stay on the same pathway as his late father Dr. Roy Jutzy, who served as chief of cardiology and chair of medicine at Loma Linda University Medical Center.

Dr. Jutzy received his medical degree from Loma Linda University where he later completed his internship and residency in the Department of Medicine. He completed a postdoctoral fellowship in cardiology at Stanford University.

Dr. Jutzy is an interventional cardiologist as well as a structural heart interventional specialist. He is board certified in cardiovascular disease and interventional cardiology. During his tenure as Division Chief of Cardiology, Dr. Jutzy was instrumental in starting the Structural Heart Program at Loma Linda University Health. He is also the associate director of our Cardiology Fellowship Program and has helped develop the program where there are fifteen fellows training in all aspects of advanced cardiology specialties.

As a valuable member of the International Heart Team throughout the 1990s and early 2000s, Dr. Jutzy traveled to Burma, North Korea, Saudi Arabia and many other countries providing cardiology care and training.

For his humility, kindness, compassion and excellent patient care, Loma Linda University School of Medicine honors Dr. Kenneth Jutzy with the *SCHOOL DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD*. This award will be presented to him at the Conferring of Degrees for the school.

## H. Roger Hadley — *School Distinguished Academic Award*



Emeritus Dean, School of Medicine, Loma  
Linda University  
Professor of Urology, School of Medicine,  
Loma Linda University

*B.S. Loma Linda University 1974*

*M.D. Loma Linda University School of  
Medicine 1975*

*Fellowship, University of California Los  
Angeles 1983-1984*

*Lifetime Service Award, Associate of American  
Medical Colleges 2019*

*Lifetime Service Award, Loma Linda  
University Health 2019*

*Honored Alumnus of the Year, Loma Linda  
School of Medicine Alumni Association 2010*

*Centennial Leadership Challenge Award and  
Centennial Global Service Award 2006*

Coming from a long line of physicians on both sides of his family, Dr. H. Roger Hadley has centered his career on academic medicine and passionate care for patients while nurturing an effective practice environment. He is an advocate for both the institution and the individuals within.

Dr. Hadley ended his tenure as the longest-serving dean in School of Medicine history on July 1, 2019, and continues to work as a urologist at Loma Linda University Health. During his time as dean, Dr. Hadley concurrently served as Executive Vice president for Medical Affairs at LLUH, Chief of Staff of Loma Linda University Medical Center and Children's Hospital, Chief Medical Officer of LLUH, and chair of Loma Linda University Health Care.

He has been active in leadership in the educational programs for the Western Section of the American Urological Association, the Association of American Medical Colleges and the Liaison Committee on Medical Education, the accrediting body for all medical schools. He currently serves on the Board of Directors for the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education, the oversight body for all residency programs. To say that Dr. Hadley has significantly contributed to medical education nationwide would be an understatement, not to mention the thousands of medical students and hundreds of faculty members who have witnessed his leadership and commitment to our mission.

For his outstanding commitment to medical education, and his long-standing service to the school, Loma Linda University School of Medicine honors Dr. H. Roger Hadley with the *SCHOOL DISTINGUISHED ACADEMIC AWARD*. This award will be presented to him during the Conferring of Degrees for the school.

## Leonard S. Werner — *School Distinguished Academic Award*



*B.A. University of California, Los Angeles 1972*  
*M.A. University of California, Los Angeles 1974*  
*M.D. University of Oklahoma 1978*

*Fellow, American College of Physicians*  
*Walter E. Macpherson Society Teacher of the*  
*Year Award, School of Medicine, Loma Linda*  
*University, multiple*  
*Outstanding Teacher Award, School of*  
*Medicine, Loma Linda University, multiple*

For more than forty years, Dr. Leonard S. Werner has taught generations of medical students with the desire to create knowledgeable, skilled physicians that are life-long learners. In 1982, the School of Medicine first appointed Dr. Werner as course director for freshman Physical Diagnosis and Interviewing then, in 1983, asked him to develop a new sophomore course called Pathophysiology and Applied Physical Diagnosis, which earned him a reputation as the most challenging teacher, though graduating seniors consistently gave the course their highest ratings.

As the former senior associate dean of Medical Student Education, he put together a team to develop the clinical skills department and was instrumental in creating the simulation center. Since his retirement from the Senior Associate Dean role, Dr. Werner has tutored and mentored numerous medical students and continues to contribute to the overall educational program.

In the 2021 academic year, Dr. Werner taught his last pathophysiology course. To celebrate his legacy, the School of Medicine created the SM Leonard Werner Education fund which provides students with educational resources for clinic skills, basic science, clinical science and innovations in education.

In recognition of his invaluable contributions to academics, his commitment to clinical education of the highest standard, and his long-standing service, Loma Linda University School of Medicine honors Dr. Leonard S. Werner with the *SCHOOL DISTINGUISHED ACADEMIC AWARD*. This award will be presented to him during the Conferring of Degrees for the school.

## E. Albert Reece — *Speaker*



Dean Emeritus and Former Executive Vice  
President, University of Maryland School  
of Medicine

Professor, Obstetrics & Gynecology,  
Biochemistry and Molecular Biology,  
University of Maryland

Endowed Professor and Director, Center  
for Advanced Research Training and  
Innovation (CARTI)

Senior Scientist, Center for Birth  
Defects Research

*M.D. New York University, School of Medicine 1978*  
*Ph.D. University of the West Indies, Kingston,*  
*Jamaica 2000*

*M.B.A. Fox School of Business & Management,*  
*Temple University 2001*

*Member and Visiting Scholar-in-Residence,*  
*National Academic of Medicine*

*D.S.D (Honoris Causa) University of South*  
*Florida Morsani College of Medicine 2018*

*D.S.D. (Honoris Causa) Northern Caribbean*  
*University 2016*

*American Diabetes Association's Norbert*  
*Freinkel Research Award 2012*

*Berson Medical Alumni Achievement Award in*  
*Health Sciences, New York University School*  
*of Medicine 2010*

*Distinguished Leadership Award, New York*  
*University 2009*

Dr. E. Albert Reece is an internationally recognized physician-scientist, scholar and a sought-after visiting professor and lecturer. He is currently the Endowed Professor and Director of the Center for Advanced Research Training and Innovation (CARTI), and Senior Scientist in the Center for Birth Defects Research. He is also a professor in the departments of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Medicine, and Biochemistry & Molecular Biology. He is a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine (NAM), where he now serves as a Visiting Scholar-in-Residence and leads the NAM committee on the State of US Biomedical Research Enterprise.

In addition to his administrative responsibilities, Dr. Reece directs an NIH multimillion-dollar research laboratory group studying the bio-molecular mechanisms of diabetes-induced birth defects. He has published extensively in the scientific literature: more than 500 articles, chapters, and abstracts; 12 books including revisions and 5 monographs.

Dr. Reece will deliver his address at the Conferring of Degrees for the School of Medicine.

# School of Pharmacy

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

PRELUDE	Loma Linda Academy Wind Symphony Craig Mohr, Conductor  Musical Selections
ACADEMIC PROCESSION	The audience is requested to clear the aisles and remain seated Ronald L. Carter, University Grand Marshal, leading Khaled A. Bahjri, Lisa T. Hong, Christian W. Johnston, Terry R. Swenson, Associate Marshals, assisting  The President's Party, Members of the University of Trustees, LLUH Administration
Faculty	Washington Post March ... <i>John Philip Sousa</i>
Candidates for Degrees	Pomp and Circumstance ... <i>Sir Edward Elgar (arr. James D. Ployhar)</i>
INVOCATION	Alireza Hayatshahi Chair and Associate Professor, Department of Pharmacy Practice
WELCOME	Richard H. Hart President of the University
PRESENTATION OF AWARDS	Michael D. Hogue, Dean of the School The President Ronald L. Carter, Provost of the University
RECOGNITION OF RESIDENTS AND FELLOWS	Norm M. Hamada Director, Clinical Pharmacy Services Loma Linda University Medical Center
INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER	The Dean
ADDRESS	Paul C. Walker President, American Society of Health-System Pharmacists Assistant Dean for Experiential Education and Community Engagement, and Clinical Professor of Pharmacy

THE WORLD IS WAITING FOR YOU!

CONFERRING OF DEGREES

The President

AWARDING OF DIPLOMAS

The Dean  
Kyle M. Sousa, Associate Dean, Academic Affairs  
Willie L. Davis, Associate Dean, Student Services

OATH OF A PHARMACIST

Tomona Iso  
Assistant Professor, Department of Pharmacy Practice

BENEDICTION

Jody M. Gonzalez  
Assistant Professor, Department of Pharmacy Practice

ACADEMIC RECESSION

Conquest ... *Alfred Newman (arr. Frank Erickson)*

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/academics/commencement](http://llu.edu/academics/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.

## DOCTOR OF PHARMACY



Marina Allahwerdy  
BS San Diego State University 2019



Christopher Wing-Fu Chan  
BS University of California, Riverside 2018



Jared Jacob Arabit  
BS California State University, Fullerton 2019



Luis Wing-Cheong Chan  
BS University of California, Riverside 2018



Chaewon Bae  
BA Sahmyook University 2011  
BLA National Institute for Lifelong Education 2013  
MA Sahmyook University 2015



Nicole Hee Jung Chang  
BS Pacific Union College 2018



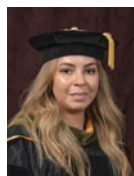
Elizabeth Oluwatoyin Bankole  
BS California State University, Long Beach 2017



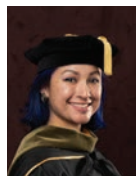
Imagine I. Davis-Ward  
BS California Baptist University 2018



Mariana Boica  
Pacific Union College



Alina Davtian  
BA California State University, Northridge 2016



Jaimee Stephanie Carrillo  
BS University of California, San Diego 2014  
*Hispanic Center of Excellence in Pharmacy*



Tra Huong Do  
University of California, San Diego





Grant Garrison Drew  
Andrews University



Brittany Anthonique Hanna  
BS Oakwood University 2015  
*Wil Alexander Whole Person Care Award*



Natalie Christine Drew  
BS Southern Adventist University 2015



Collin Jordan Hoffman  
BS Union College 2017



Lorena Yvette Duenas  
BS California State University, Dominguez  
Hills 2016



John Andrew Hopkins  
Utah State University  
*Viatrix Excellence in Pharmacy Award*



Shasta Karina Erickson  
BS Pacific Union College 2019  
*Weniger Fellow Student Scholarship*



Devyn Howard  
BS California State University, Channel  
Islands 2017



Maurine Fadlalla  
BS University of California, San Diego 2018



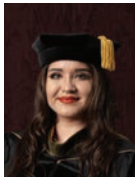
Mirna Milad Ibrahim  
BS University of California, Davis 2018



Trevor Douglas Glaser  
BS University of Redlands 2016



Mirna Iskander  
BS California State Polytechnic University,  
Pomona 2018



Sarah Eliza Graham  
BA California State University, Fresno 2018



Michelle Kaplansky  
BS University of California, Santa Barbara 2019



Harrison Hamada  
BS University of California, Los Angeles 2018  
*Dean's Award*



Raman Kumar Kaushal  
BS University of California, Riverside 2016  
*President's Award*



Yvette Madrid  
BS California State University, Stanislaus 2018



Beth Bwari Nyakundi  
BS Texas Womans University 2011



Natasha Alexandra Martinez Sepulveda  
BS Universidad Adventista de las Antillas 2019  
*Hispanic Center of Excellence in Pharmacy*



Ifedayo Adunni Olanrewaju  
BSE Ekiti State University, Ado-Ekiti 2008



Crystal Heewon Min  
BS Southern Adventist University 2019



Natalie Michelle Ortiz-Gratacos  
BS Oakwood University 2019



Afzal Nadvi  
BA California State University, San Bernardino 2019



Thanh Tam Phan  
BS University of California, Irvine 2018



George Samuel Nassif  
BS University of California, Merced 2018



Angelica Maria Tamse Quinones  
BS University of California, Riverside 2018



Kenneth Van Nguyen  
BS Biola University 2016



Nathan Ha Rin Ro  
BS La Sierra University 2019



Yennhi Nguyen  
BS University of California, Irvine 2019  
*Mission Excellence Award*



Kristin Rochford  
BS Loyola Marymount University 2013  
MA University of Redlands 2017



Udochi Joycelia Nwosu  
BS Pacific Union College 2019



Mahdieh Salehi  
BACH/EQV Alborz Institute of Higher Education 2009



Maria Del Mar Sanchez Gonzalez  
BA Southern Adventist University 2019



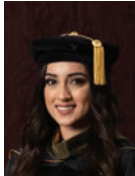
Khue Nhat Lan Tran  
BS University of California, Riverside 2019



Marwa Sara  
BA California State University, San Bernardino 2017



Rosa Hong Trieu  
BS University of California, Santa Barbara 2019  
*Stephen Chan Memorial Award*



Noor Ayad Shaba  
BS University of California, San Diego 2019



Angela Huigyong Um  
BA Southern Adventist University 2019



Narmeen Shorees  
BS University of California, San Diego 2018



Jaeseok Yoon  
BS University of Arizona 2019



Amber Marie Stroffolino  
BA California State University, San Bernardino 2017  
*Hispanic Center of Excellence in Pharmacy*



Nancy Michelle Zelaya  
BA University of California, Riverside 2019  
MS Loma Linda University AH 2022  
*Hispanic Center of Excellence in Pharmacy*



Courtney Sullivan  
California Health Sciences University



Taleen R. Zeytounian  
BS University of California, Irvine 2018



Harrison Tran  
BS University of California, Irvine 2018

# Oath of a Pharmacist

Today, 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 promote inclusion, embrace diversity, and advocate for justice to advance health equity.

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

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

I will accept the responsibility to improve my professional knowledge, expertise, and self-awareness.

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.

## Raman K. Kaushal — *President's Award*



*B.S. University of California, Riverside 2016  
Pharm.D. Loma Linda University 2023*

*President's Award SP 2023  
Indian Pharmacist Association Award 2022, 2021  
Rho Chi (International Honor Society for  
Pharmaceutical Sciences)*

The President's Award, the highest award given to a graduating senior, is presented in recognition of academic excellence, and active participation in the student community within the context of Christian commitment.

Raman K. Kaushal has distinguished himself by his academic achievements, excellent leadership skills, and positive contributions to the field of pharmacy. Throughout his time in pharmacy school, Raman has maintained an exceptional GPA and consistently ranked near the top of his class. He is a highly motivated, hardworking and compassionate individual serving the underserved community.

After immigrating from the small village of Rurka Kalan, India and relocating to East Los Angeles, he quickly realized the social, economic, and cultural difficulties his family faced upon their arrival. His father scrambled to pick up labor-intensive work to support his family where he faced exploitation and discrimination. Raman is the first generation in his family to attend higher education. With the support from his teachers, Raman excelled in his courses. Raman has stated, "Regardless of the difficulties that I was challenged with, I persevered, knowing one day I would provide for my family that sacrificed everything for me." He wishes to be part of the change he so believes the healthcare system needs. Raman has relied heavily on faith and a strong belief in God. His life goal is to help those in need, provide knowledge and preach the Word of God.

In recognition of his scholastic achievement and his commitment to the mission of this University, "To continue the teaching and healing ministry of Jesus Christ," the School of Pharmacy is honored to name Dr. Raman K. Kaushal recipient of the 2023 *PRESIDENT'S AWARD*. This award will be presented to him at the Hooding Ceremony for the School of Pharmacy on May 26, 2023.

## Kyle M. Sousa — *School Distinguished Service Award*



Associate Dean, Academic Affairs, School of Pharmacy, Loma Linda University  
Associate Professor, Department of Pharmaceutical & Administrative Sciences, School of Pharmacy, Loma Linda University

*B.S. Pennsylvania State University, 2000*  
*Ph.D. Karolinska Institute, Stockholm, Sweden 2007*

Dr. Kyle M. Sousa joined the Loma Linda University, School of Pharmacy (LLUSP) in 2019 and serves as Associate Dean of Academic Affairs for the School. In the years since Dr. Sousa joined the faculty, he has led a number of high-impact projects within the school beyond his regular responsibilities. This includes assisting in the development of the school's first Comprehensive Assessment Plan (CAP), and overseeing the school's most recent successful 8-year accreditation from the Accreditation Council on Pharmacy Education. Dr. Sousa served as a part of the core leadership team for an initiative to revamp the student experience and admissions workflow in the school. Dr. Sousa maintains a full course load in teaching in addition to his administrative duties. Dr. Sousa also fully supports LLUSP students and professional organizations in their community-engaged service activities, being present whenever students are gathered to encourage them in their efforts.

He has a wide range of interests and in his spare time, Dr. Sousa likes to cook, eat pizza, go to the gym, travel, read historical non-fiction, and spends a lot of time playing Nintendo Switch.

In recognition of his leadership, contributions to academics and his profession, the Loma Linda University School of Pharmacy honors Dr. Kyle M. Sousa with the *SCHOOL DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD*. This award will be presented to him at the Conferring of Degrees for the school.

## Olivia L. Francis-Boyle — *School Faculty of the Year Award*



Assistant Professor, Department of  
Pharmaceutical and Administrative  
Sciences, School of Pharmacy, Loma  
Linda University

Assistant Professor, Pathology and Human  
Anatomy, Anatomy Division, School of  
Medicine, Loma Linda University

*B.S. Andrews University 2005*

*M.S. Walden University 2011*

*Ph.D. Loma Linda University 2015*

*Junior Faculty of the Year, Loma Linda  
University SP 2022*

Dr. Olivia L. Francis-Boyle was the recipient of the 2022 Junior Faculty Award in honor of the tremendous energy she put into her work on the faculty. In 2023, she was nominated and selected as Faculty Member of the Year due to her outstanding teaching, service and scholarship. Dr. Francis-Boyle works tirelessly to ensure students receive the very best education possible. Her teaching evaluations are among the best in both the School of Pharmacy and the School of Medicine. She carries a heavy academic load while maintaining an active research laboratory. She mentors graduate students in both pharmacy and medicine, and collaborates with a post-doctoral student to evaluate promising therapies for the treatment of cancer. She has published several manuscripts and is diligently working towards extramural grant funding. Notwithstanding her tireless efforts in teaching and research, Dr. Francis-Boyle also finds time to serve the school and the University on a number of committees and workgroups. She has also served as the President of the Black Alumni of Loma Linda University for the past two years.

Dr. Olivia Francis-Boyle and her husband, Dr. Kristopher Boyle, are proud parents and enjoy spending time as a family together with their daughters Kiana and Sophia.

In recognition of her outstanding contributions to the academic pursuits of this institution, Loma Linda University School of Pharmacy is honored to name Dr. Olivia L. Francis-Boyle recipient of the *SCHOOL FACULTY OF THE YEAR* award. This award will be presented to her at the Conferring of Degrees for the school.

## Tomona Iso — *School Junior Faculty of the Year Award*



Assistant Professor, Department of  
Pharmacy Practice, School of Pharmacy,  
Loma Linda University

*B.Pharm. Tohoku Pharmaceutical University,  
College of Pharmacy 2006*  
*Pharm.D. Nova Southeastern University,  
College of Pharmacy 2018*

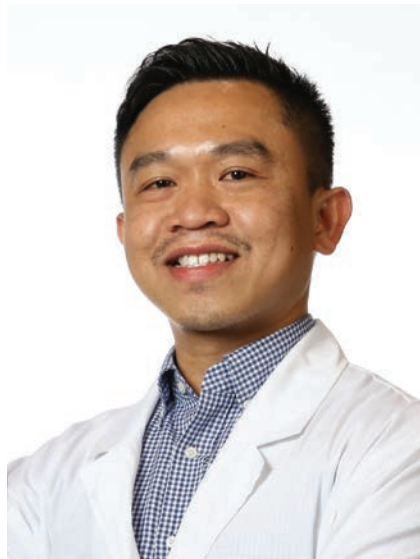
Dr. Tomona Iso joined the Loma Linda University School of Pharmacy (LLUSP) faculty in 2021 following a post-doctoral fellowship in critical care at the Houston Methodist Medical Center. She previously worked as a clinical pharmacist in Tokyo, Japan. Dr. Iso is committed to the mission of Loma Linda University and has quickly become one of LLUSP students' favorite APPE (Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experiences) preceptors. Dr. Iso is very intentional about her classroom teaching and her resident mentorship, putting significant time and attention into preparing meaningful case discussions and learning opportunities for students. Her colleagues in pharmacy practice note that Dr. Iso is a wonderful team player, always offering to help others in any way that she can. Dr. Iso is highly interested in practice-based research, having already produced data resulting in publication and poster submission. Dr. Iso volunteers frequently for school and pharmacy organizational events and has rapidly become a valuable part of the Loma Linda family.

In her spare time, Dr. Iso enjoys rock climbing, snowboarding and loves to play with her dog, Kastella.

In recognition of her outstanding contribution to the academic pursuits of this institution, Loma Linda University School of Pharmacy is honored to name Dr. Tomona Iso recipient of the *SCHOOL JUNIOR FACULTY OF THE YEAR*. This award will be presented to her at the Conferring of Degrees for the school.



## Ike C. de la Peña — *School Global Service Award*



Associate Professor, Department of  
Pharmaceutical & Administrative  
Sciences, School of Pharmacy, Loma  
Linda University

*B.S. Biology, Mountain View College, Valencia,  
Philippines 2004*

*Ph.D. Pharmacology, Sahmyook University  
School of Pharmacy, Seoul, Korea 2012*

Dr. Ike C. de la Peña joined the Loma Linda University School of Pharmacy in 2017 and currently serves as an Associate Professor in the Department of Pharmaceutical & Administrative Sciences. Dr. de la Peña is being recognized with the School of Pharmacy Global Service Award for his consistent engagement with Seventh-day Adventist affiliated universities in the Philippines. Dr. de la Peña has led two mission trips to the Philippines, most recently in March 2023, providing several student pharmacists and faculty members the opportunity to serve cross culturally. In 2022, Dr. de la Peña was appointed as an adjunct faculty member at Manila Adventist College, where he is assisting their school of pharmacy in establishing its first research laboratory in neuroscience. In recognition of his leadership during the 8th Annual Conference of Returning Scientists, he was presented with a special award by the President of the Republic of the Philippines for his work in furthering science. In addition to his work abroad, Dr. de la Peña is also serving in 2022–2023 as host to a visiting scholar on sabbatical from Sahmyook University, Seoul, Korea.

Dr. de la Peña is grateful that he is able to work at an institution that supports service learning through global mission trips. Aside from his passion for mission service, Dr. de la Peña enjoys numerous activities like singing, working out after a long day, swimming, reading news articles and self-help books, traveling and photography.

In recognition of his commitment to global mission service to further the teaching and healing mission of Jesus Christ, Loma Linda University School of Pharmacy honors Dr. Ike C. de la Peña with the School of Pharmacy *SCHOOL GLOBAL SERVICE AWARD*. This award will be presented to him at the Conferring of Degrees for the school.

## Huyentran (Winnie) N. Tran — *School Community Service Award*



Associate Professor, Department of  
Pharmacy Practice, School of Pharmacy,  
Loma Linda University

*B.S. University of California, Irvine 2000*  
*Pharm.D. Loma Linda University, SP 2010*

Dr. Huyentran “Winnie” N. Tran joined the Loma Linda University (LLU) School of Pharmacy faculty as a cardiovascular specialist after completing her residency training. Dr. Tran is a valued clinician fully integrated into the interventional cardiology team at Loma Linda University Medical Center (LLUMC). She works tirelessly to provide excellent training for the LLUMC residency program and students.

Winnie exudes a kind demeanor and gracious character in all that she does. As an Associate Professor, she exemplifies dedication to providing high quality training for her students. Furthermore, Dr. Tran has numerous research projects which have culminated to national poster presentations or publishing.

Dr. Tran is receiving the community service award in recognition of her longstanding and tireless efforts in San Bernardino County. From the LLU School of Pharmacy’s decade-long collaboration with TELACU (which is a pioneering institution committed to service, empowerment, advancement, and the creation of self-sufficiency), to its outreach through student organizations, Dr. Tran is often among the first to volunteer to supervise students in their health fairs and service projects. She assists frequently with student-led vaccination clinics, and gives freely of her time to help with new student interviews, open houses, and other school service events.

In recognition of her significant impact on community service, along with her outstanding contributions to the academic pursuits of this institution, Loma Linda University School of Pharmacy is honored to name Dr. Huyentran N. Tran recipient of the *SCHOOL COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD*. This award will be presented to her at the Conferring of Degrees for the school.

## Cherrie Martin — *School Staff of the Year Award*



Coordinator, Department of Experiential  
Education, School of Pharmacy, Loma  
Linda University

*B.S. Loma Linda University SAHP 2014*

Ms. Cherrie Martin is being recognized for her exceptional teamwork and positive attitude in all things. She worked in University Admissions for twelve years before joining Loma Linda University School of Pharmacy (LLUSP) staff in 2019. During a time of transition within the school, Cherrie happily took on more responsibilities to ensure that the department and school ran smoothly. She supports faculty in the department of pharmacy practice with whatever needs may arise, even if those needs are beyond the daily work of the experiential program. She is usually one of the first to volunteer for open house events and provides perhaps one of the best tours of the campus. Cherrie is always smiling, always encouraging others, and consistently willing to help. Her positivity is contagious and contributes to a great work environment for students and staff alike.

For over 30 years, she has shared her talents in volunteering at her church teaching small children. In her spare time, she enjoys reading and doing color-by-number. Ms. Martin is the proud parent of three children: Camille, CB and Charles.

In recognition of her invaluable service, and her contributions and dedication to this institution, Loma Linda University School of Pharmacy honors Ms. Cherrie Martin with the *SCHOOL STAFF OF THE YEAR AWARD*. This award will be presented to her at the Conferring of Degrees for the school.

## Pisey Long — *Alumna of the Year*



Director of Pharmacy Services, Desert  
Regional Medical Center

*B.S. University of Southern California 2004*  
*Pharm.D. Loma Linda University, SP 2008*

For fifteen years, Dr. Pisey Long has served as a pharmacist at Desert Regional Medical Center. She began as a pharmacy resident, then clinical pharmacist, and later moved into a clinical coordinator and operations manager position. In 2021, she was asked to lead as the medical center's Director of Pharmacy Services.

Dr. Long earned her bachelor of science degree in biological sciences from the University of Southern California in 2004. In 2008, she graduated from the Loma Linda University School of Pharmacy (LLUSP) with her doctorate of pharmacy degree. She is a board-certified pharmacotherapy specialist and holds certificates in Basic Life Support and Advanced Cardiovascular Life Support. Dr. Long also serves as a preceptor for both Introductory Pharmacy Practice Experience (IPPE) and Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experience (APPE) rotations at LLUSP. Her students regularly praise her rotations, noting that they are enjoyable and worthwhile.

Outside of work, Dr. Long enjoys gardening and taking road trips and vacations with her husband and three children.

For her exemplary role and her valuable contributions to the practice of pharmacy and future generations of pharmacists, Loma Linda University School of Pharmacy is honored to name Dr. Pisey Long *ALUMNA OF THE YEAR*. This award was presented to her during the School's Homecoming Dinner earlier this year.

## Jenee Vo — *Rising Star Alumna of the Year*



Pharmacy Manager, Costco,  
Lakewood, California

*B.S. University of California, Riverside 2004*  
*Pharm.D. Loma Linda University SP 2021*

After obtaining her doctorate in pharmacy from the Loma Linda University School of Pharmacy (LLUSP) and passing board examinations in 2021, Dr. Jenee Vo became a registered pharmacist for Costco pharmacy. It did not take long for managers to take note of her leadership skills and the quality patient care and customer service she provides. Within months, she was asked to serve as an interim manager and, based on her remarkable success in that position, was promoted to pharmacy manager and pharmacist in charge at the Lakewood Costco pharmacy shortly thereafter.

In addition to her impressive rise to leadership for Costco pharmacies, Dr. Vo was also elected President of the California Society of Health-System Pharmacists (CSHP)-Orange County Chapter within 20 months of graduating from pharmacy school.

None of this is surprising to faculty and administrators at LLUSP. As a student, Dr. Vo served in different leadership positions in various organizations and as a class officer. She was the first LLUSP student to be elected to a national student-leadership position for the American Pharmacists Association. She also received several awards, including the Dean's Award in 2021. Currently, Dr. Vo is a member of LLUSP's Alumni Advisory Committee.

In recognition of her exceptional achievements in practice and the potential to make significant contributions to the profession of pharmacy, Loma Linda University School of Pharmacy names Dr. Jenee Vo *RISING STAR ALUMNA OF THE YEAR*. Dr. Vo received her award during the School's Homecoming Dinner earlier this year.

## Paul C. Walker — *Speaker*



Assistant Dean, Experiential Training and  
Community Engagement, College of  
Pharmacy, University of Michigan  
Adjunct Clinical Professor, Division of  
Health Promotion and Risk Reduction  
Program, School of Nursing, University  
of Michigan  
Clinical Professor, College of Pharmacy,  
University of Michigan  
Manager, Pharmacy Patient Outcomes,  
Department of Pharmacy, University of  
Michigan Health System  
Instructor, Pharmacology and Pharmacy  
Technology, Department of Allied Health,  
Wayne County Community College

*B.S. Wayne State University 1980*  
*Pharm.D. Wayne State University 1982*

*Fellow, American Society of Health-System  
Pharmacists and Michigan  
Pharmacists Association*  
*President, American Society of  
Health-System Pharmacists*  
*Inductee, Michigan Pharmacists Association*

*Pharmacist of the Year 2022, Michigan  
Pharmacy Association*

Dr. Paul C. Walker is Clinical Professor and Assistant Dean of Experiential Education and Community Engagement, College of Pharmacy, and Manager, Department of Pharmacy, Michigan Medicine, at the University of Michigan. Dr. Walker's contributions to the pharmacy profession are far reaching—from academia, clinical practice to professional organizations. Prior to joining the University of Michigan faculty and administration, he served in clinical practice and pharmacy leadership roles at the Detroit Medical Center, the Lafayette Clinic, and Henry Ford Health System, and held faculty appointments at Wayne State University.

Dr. Walker has served in various leadership roles in the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists, the Michigan Pharmacists Association, and the Michigan Society of Health-System Pharmacists. A passionate advocate for the advancement of pharmacy practice model development, and experiential education and interprofessional education, Dr. Walker has authored numerous peer-reviewed articles and book chapters, with publications appearing in *American Journal of Health System Pharmacy*, *American Journal of Pharmaceutical Education*, and *Archives of Internal Medicine*, *Currents in Pharmacy Teaching and Learning* and other journals.

Dr. Walker will deliver his address at the Conferring of Degrees for the School of Pharmacy.

# School of Dentistry

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

## PRELUDE

Loma Linda Academy Wind Symphony  
Craig Mohr, Conductor

Musical Selections

## ACADEMIC PROCESSION

The audience is requested to clear the aisles and remain seated  
Ronald L. Carter, University Grand Marshal, leading  
Ronald E. Forde, Rami R. Jekki, Robert D. Walter, John B. Won,  
Associate Marshals, assisting

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

## Faculty

Washington March ... *John Philip Sousa*

## Candidates for Degrees

Pomp and Circumstance ... *Sir Edward Elgar (arr. James D. Ployhar)*

## INVOCATION

Shelly A. Withers  
Associate Professor, Department of Dental Hygiene

## WELCOME

Richard H. Hart  
President of the University

## PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

Robert A. Handysides, Dean of the School  
The President  
Montry S. Suprono, Director, Center for Dental Research  
Mark E. Estey, Associate Dean, Academic Affairs  
Ronald L. Carter, Provost of the University

## INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER

The Dean

## ADDRESS

Danny Kim  
Chief Executive Officer, Quest Institute  
Vice President, Valley Christian Schools, Applied Math, Science and  
Engineering Program

## EXCELLENCE BRINGS INFLUENCE

## RESPONSE FOR GRADUATES

Shamil S. O. Hasanov  
President of the Class of Graduating Dental Hygienists

Brian G. Chan  
President of the Class of Graduating Dentists

CONFERRING OF DEGREES

The President

AWARDING OF DIPLOMAS

The Dean  
Associate Dean for Academic Affairs  
Shelley L. Hayton, Chair, Department of Dental Hygiene  
P. Esther Forde, Assistant Dean, Admissions and Student Affairs

PLEDGE TO DENTISTRY

Robert D. Walter  
Professor, Division of General Dentistry

BENEDICTION

Soh Yeun Eileen Kim  
Assistant Professor, Division of General Dentistry

ACADEMIC RECESSION

Conquest ... *Alfred Newman (arr. Frank Erickson)*

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/academics/commencement](http://llu.edu/academics/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 be held at the Loma Linda University Church Roof Terrace. It will take place at 11:00 AM.



## Candidates for Degrees

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

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

### BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

#### *Dental Hygiene*



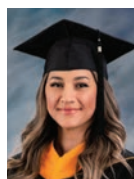
Shauna Elizabeth Ashlock, cum laude



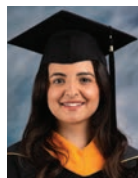
Sophia E. Dent Krick, magna cum laude



Emili Bezman, summa cum laude



Vanessa Renee Fox



Desiree Elizabeth Caceres



Brenda Garcia Marquez



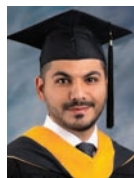
Quincey Lyn Carter, cum laude



Matthew Douglas Gearing



Rebecca Chang



Maziar Hafezi Bakhtiari, cum laude



Dominic Deanda, Jr.



Mercedes Denise Harrison



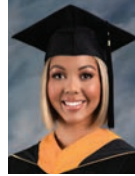
Shamil Samir Oglu Hasanov,  
cum laude



Paige Nordland, cum laude



Jamiee Hernandez



Kristen Holly Perry



Jaclyn Yejin Im, summa cum laude



Brittany Danielle Pinedo



Esther Yeseul Lee, cum laude



Rachel Eunbi Ree



Kristy Lauren Loza, cum laude



Christina Elise Samaniego



Amber Nicole Martinez



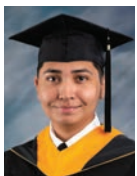
Venessa Simamora



Blanca Daisy Martinez



Lauren Nicole Ziegele, cum laude



Steve Martinez

**DOCTOR OF DENTAL SURGERY**  
*Dentistry*



Omar Alfaro  
BS Walla Walla University 2019



Hannah Nicole Benoit Bucher  
BS Point Loma Nazarene University 2019  
*American Academy of Esthetic Dentistry*  
*Omicron Kappa Upsilon*



Yekta Jasmine Asadi  
BS University of Oregon 2017  
*American Student Dental Association: Award of Excellence*  
*Dr. Jeanne Craig Sinkford Student Leadership Award*  
*Western Society of Periodontology*



Chandler Alexander Bozarth  
BA Southern Adventist University 2019



Corinne Roslynd Atiga  
Southern Adventist University  
*American Academy of Oral Medicine*  
*Omicron Kappa Upsilon*  
*President's Award*



Antonio Bshara  
BA California State University, Northridge 2019



Samuel Babikian  
BS University of California, Irvine 2018  
*American Academy of Periodontology*  
*Omicron Kappa Upsilon*



Brittany Ann Calderon  
BS La Sierra University 2019  
*American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology*  
*Omicron Kappa Upsilon*



Dean John Baranski  
BS University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign 2019



Brian Gregory Chan  
BS California Baptist University 2018



Lauren Jessica Barlow  
BS Walla Walla University 2019  
*American Association of Orthodontists*



Adlene Hennym Chang  
BA Southern Adventist University 2019



Codrina Alexandra Baston  
BS Burman University 2017



Jongyeob Choi  
BS Sahmyook University 2007  
BN Kyungbok College 2015



Angela Soyounng Chun  
BA University of North Carolina at Chapel  
Hill 2018



Angie Denise Elloway  
BS Burman University 2018  
*Omicron Kappa Upsilon*



Soohan Chung  
BS Georgia Institute of Technology-Main  
Campus 2017  
*Academy of General Dentistry*



Micah Elloway  
Burman University



Ethan Michael Cook  
BS Loma Linda University SD 2019



Victoria Azure Evans  
BS La Sierra University 2018



Spencer Cooper  
BA Southern Adventist University 2019



Lemuel Ruben Feceu  
BS Loma Linda University SD 2017  
*Boyko Award for Christ-Like Service*



Chelsea Elizabeth Dancek  
BS Southern Adventist University 2018



Miriam Mikhael Fidal  
BA University of California, Los Angeles 2018



Marie Isabelle Del Aguila  
BS Pacific Union College 2017



Lydia Mae Fleming  
BS Union College 2019  
*Oesterling-Wical Removable Prosthodontics Award*



Hyunseon Do  
La Sierra University



Joshua Dudley Frazer  
BS California Baptist University 2018



Brandon Gregory Dudar  
BS Walla Walla University 2019



Nicolette Roseli Gervasi  
BS Western Washington University 2018



Jonathan Baekgil Gim  
BS University of California, Los Angeles 2011



Philip Dimitri Horning  
BS Walla Walla University 2018  
*Omicron Kappa Upsilon*



Adrian Swan Ti Goei  
BS La Sierra University 2018



Hsiang Hsu  
BS Andrews University 2012  
BA Andrews University 2015  
MS Johns Hopkins University 2017  
BS Loma Linda University SD 2019



Ashley Marie Gonzalez  
BS Southern Adventist University 2019  
*American Academy of Oral and  
Maxillofacial Radiology  
Omicron Kappa Upsilon*



Madison Anne Huffman  
BS Union College 2019



Justin Graves I  
BS James Madison University 2017



Andrew Jaraha  
BA Rutgers University-New Brunswick 2019



Sean Howard Halabo  
BS San Diego State University 2016  
BS Loma Linda University SD 2019



Alex Woomin Jeon  
BA Gustavus Adolphus College 2019



Tyler Hamilton  
Southern Adventist University



Wongyun Jeung  
BARC Dankook University 2014



Sung Phill Han  
BS La Sierra University 2019



David Joe  
La Sierra University



John Winfield Hannah  
BA Southern Adventist University 2015



Nishan John Kazazian  
BS University of Southern California 2019



David Vassilevich Khrapov  
BS Walla Walla University 2017



Crystal Marie Leon Guerrero Larrew  
BA Southern Adventist University 2016  
BS Andrews University 2017



Barnabas Kim  
BS Western Kentucky University 2018



Peter Lazari  
BS San Jose State University 2019



Brandon Young Joon Kim  
BA Pacific Union College 2018  
*Academy of Osseointegration*



Amy Lee  
BS University of California, Irvine 2015  
MPH University of Southern California 2018



Chanmee Esther Kim  
BS La Sierra University 2018  
*Omicron Kappa Upsilon*  
*Southern California Academy of Oral*  
*Pathology Award*



David Lee  
BS Andrews University 2018



Hyun Il Kim  
BS La Sierra University 2019



Han Som Lee  
BS La Sierra University 2017



Jae Kyong Kim  
BS The University of Texas at Arlington 2019



Sidney Jun Lee  
BS Andrews University 2018  
*International College of Dentists Student Leadership*



Natalia Belen Kim  
BA Southern Adventist University 2018



Michael Lien  
BS California State University, Fullerton 2016  
*American Academy of Implant Dentistry*



Laurel Kwon  
BA Pacific Union College 2018



Sarah Boeun Lim  
BA Southern Adventist University 2019



Karen Lin  
York University



Bumsoo Park  
BS Southern Adventist University 2017



Edward Irvin Maxwell Lowry  
BS University of Idaho 2013  
MBA Loma Linda University PH 2016



Joshua Jaeyoon Park  
BA La Sierra University 2017



Kimya T. Marefat  
BS University of California, San Diego 2018  
*American Association of Endodontists*  
*American College of Dentists, Southern California Section*



Jixaben H. Patel  
BS The University of Texas at San Antonio 2011  
BS Loma Linda University SD 2019  
*Academy of Dentistry International Student*  
*Servant Leadership Award*



Gustavo Daniel Moretta  
BA Southern Adventist University 2018  
*Brian D. Stone Memorial Award*  
*National Association of Seventh-day Adventist Dentists*



Alexis Perez, Jr.  
BS University of Central Florida 2018



Lindsey Jean Emiko Nakashima  
Southern Adventist University



Winston Alexander Ramsay  
BS University of Florida 2015



Mary Xuan Nguyen  
BS University of California, Irvine 2014



Benjamin Norman Jens Rasmussen  
BS University of Idaho 2019



Harrison Nichols  
BA University of Hawaii, Manoa 2016



Bianca Delia Retamozo  
BA Southern Adventist University 2019



Derek Alan Onjukka  
BS Southern Adventist University 2019



Peter Joshua Rivera  
BS Palm Beach Atlantic College-West Palm Beach 2018



Hannah Elizabeth Rushold  
BS Union College 2017



Elvin Guadiz Tolentino  
BS Loma Linda University AH 2006  
*Omicron Kappa Upsilon*  
*Pierre Fauchard Academy*



Jasmine Kaur Sandhu  
BS University of California, Irvine 2016  
*Omicron Kappa Upsilon*  
*SCADA Dentsply Student Clinician (D3)*



Evan M. Van Blargen  
BS California State University, Channel  
Islands 2018



Simrun Sandhu  
BS Santa Clara University 2019



Szu Han Weng  
La Sierra University



Cathleen Shen  
BS University of California, Irvine 2019  
*Wilfred A. Nation Award*



Marise Brenda Wong  
BS University of California, Los Angeles 2016  
BS Loma Linda University SD 2019



Ginovelli Kei Kotake Silvestre  
BS University of California, Riverside 2017



Yucheng Wu  
BS University of California, San Diego 2018



Christopher Reuben Tataryn  
BS Walla Walla University 2019



Zhen Yew Wung  
BS La Sierra University 2017



Sandra Marie Thong  
BS Biola University 2017  
*Wil Alexander Award*



Samantha Yee  
BS Pacific Union College 2019



Matthew Palmer Tochterman  
BS Southwestern Adventist University 2019



Keion Nam Yoo  
BA Pacific Union College 2018





Jina Youn  
BS University of Alberta, Edmonton 2019



Anthony Joseph Zapanta  
BS Chapman University 2017  
*Omicron Kappa Upsilon*



Mena Zaky  
BS Saginaw Valley State University 2019



Chenglong Zhao  
BS La Sierra University 2018  
*ICOI/Dentsply Pre-doctoral Student  
Achievement Award*

*Dentistry/International Dentist Program*



Mohammed Mahdi Al-Shammari  
BDS Al-Yarmouk University College 2013



Khaled El Kasri  
BDS Jordan University of Science and  
Technology 2010



German Arturo Antillon  
BS University of California, Riverside 2011  
DD Universidad Iberoamericana Santo  
Domingo 2018



Farin Ezzati  
DDS Islamic Azad University 2006  
*Southern California Society of Dentistry for  
Children Award*



Maneli Ardeshir Zadeh  
DMD Shahid Beheshti University 2013



JoyJoy Gladys Fries  
DMD Adventist University of the Philippines 2014  
*Academy of Operative Dentistry  
Omicron Kappa Upsilon*



Devika Reddy Dharmala  
BDS N.T.R. University of Health Sciences 2016  
MPH Texas A & M University 2020



Mohamed Gara  
DDS University of Jordan 2017  
*International College of Dentists  
Student Humanitarian  
Prince Award*



Aida Eghbalian Nouzanizadeh  
DMD Mazandaran University of Medical  
Sciences 2018



Anuja Ramdas Ghodekar  
BDS Maharashtra University of Health  
Sciences 2013  
MS State University of New York, Albany 2017  
*American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry  
Omicron Kappa Upsilon*



Xiaolei Guo  
 MB Qingdao University 2007  
 MMS Capital Medical University 2010  
*American Association of Oral and  
 Maxillofacial Surgeons  
 Omicron Kappa Upsilon  
 American Dental Society of Anesthesiology Award*



Marwan Abdulghaffar Hasoon  
 BDS Al-Mustansiriyah University 2011



Essra Jameel  
 BDS University of Baghdad 2002



Sahejpreet Kaur  
 BDS Baba Farid University of Health Sciences 2016



Malika Madaan  
 BDS Rajasthan University of Health Sciences 2011



Sona Martirosyan  
 DDS Yerevan State Medical University 2012



Sravya Maru  
 BDS Bharath Institute of Higher Education and  
 Research 2011  
 MS Western Kentucky University 2016



Aji Aleyama Mathew  
 BDS Baba Farid University of Health Sciences 2010  
 MPH University of the Sciences in  
 Philadelphia 2018



Chaitali Hasmukhbhai Minama  
 BDS Bharati Vidyapeeth University 2014  
 MHA Texas Womans University 2018



Halah Mazin Mohammed  
 BDS University of Sharjah 2015



Husam Momari  
 DD Al-Baath University 2009



Phanisai Motaparti  
 BDS Tamil Nadu Dr. M.G.R. Medical  
 University 2002



Niketa Krunal Patel  
 BDS Bharati Vidyapeeth University 2012  
*ADAF Colgate Student Research Recognition (D3)*



Reham Ahmed Salby  
 DDS Ajman University of Science and  
 Technology 2015



Navneet Kaur Sehgal  
 BDS Baba Farid University of Health Sciences 2013  
 MDS Baba Farid University of Health Sciences 2017



Kuldeep Sharma  
 BDS Baba Farid University of Health Sciences 2014  
*Academy of General Dentistry*



**Baljinder Singh**  
 BDS Baba Farid University of Health Sciences 2014  
 MPH Loma Linda University PH 2020



**Athra Suliman**  
 DD Poznan University of Medical Sciences 2019



**Dilpreet Singh**  
 BDS Baba Farid University of Health Sciences 2012  
*American College of Prosthodontists*



**Ahmad Mohamed Ussman**  
 BDS Pharos University in Alexandria 2017  
 MPH Loma Linda University PH 2020  
*American Academy of Orofacial Pain*



**Shaun S. Soliman**  
 BS University of California, Irvine 2011  
 DMD Univeristy of Debrecen Medical and  
 Health Science Center 2018



**Hala Zoma**  
 BDS University of Baghdad 2003

## MASTER OF SCIENCE

In conjunction with the Faculty of Graduate Studies

### *Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics*



**Christopher Daniel Chan**  
 BS California Baptist University 2017  
 DDS Loma Linda University SD 2021



**Omar Souman**  
 BS University of Wisconsin, Madison 2006  
 DMD University of Pennsylvania 2011



**Shant Oroojian**  
 BS University of California, Irvine 2015  
 DDS Loma Linda University SD 2021



**Emma Jane Spratt**  
 BA University of Colorado, Boulder 2017  
 DMD Nova Southeastern University 2021



**Rebecca Langejans Quinn**  
 BS Westmont College 2015  
 DDS Loma Linda University SD 2021



**Theodora Triphon**  
 BS University of the Pacific 2014  
 DDS University of California, San Francisco 2018

*Pediatric Dentistry*



Chih Chieh Huang  
DDS China Medical University 2018

*Periodontics*



Spencer Austin Gibbs  
BS Burman University 2016  
DDS Loma Linda University SD 2020



Slade Stewart Shepherd  
BA La Sierra University 2014  
DDS Loma Linda University SD 2020



Sang Hun Kim  
BS Andrews University 2016  
DDS Loma Linda University SD 2020

**MASTER OF SCIENCE IN DENTISTRY**

*Endodontics*



Spencer Blake Nielsen, SEP  
BS Southern Utah University 2015  
DDS Loma Linda University SD 2019

*Pediatric Dentistry*



Kaveh Ghods  
BS Shiraz University 2005  
MS Southern Methodist University 2007  
DDS University of Southern California 2021



Urva Suryawala  
BDS Gujarat University 2017  
DDS Loma Linda University SD 2021

*Prosthodontics*



Ghazal Taher Iraqi  
DDS Umm Al-Qura University 2017

## POSTDOCTORAL CERTIFICATE

### *Endodontics*



Johan Jacob Kritzinger  
BS The University of Calgary 2013  
DDS Loma Linda University SD 2017



Braxton Robert Williams  
BS David Lipscomb University 2012  
DDS The University of Tennessee Health  
Science Center 2019



Nathaniel Ei Tsai  
BS University of California, Los Angeles 2013  
DDS University of California, Los Angeles 2019

### *Implant Dentistry*



Kangyeong Lim  
DDS Osaka University 2015



Fahad Ikram Warriach  
BDS University of Health Sciences, Lahore 2012  
DDS Universidad DeLaSalle, Bajio 2018

### *Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery*



Arianna Morgan Elmquist  
BS University of Wisconsin, Madison 2014  
DMD University of New England 2019



James Lelis  
BS University of Utah 2013  
DDS University of California, San Francisco 2017  
MD Loma Linda University SM 2020

### *Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics*



Christopher Daniel Chan  
BS California Baptist University 2017  
DDS Loma Linda University SD 2021



Rebecca Langejans Quinn  
BS Westmont College 2015  
DDS Loma Linda University SD 2021



Shant Oroojian  
BS University of California, Irvine 2015  
DDS Loma Linda University SD 2021



Omar Souman  
BS University of Wisconsin, Madison 2006  
DMD University of Pennsylvania 2011



Emma Jane Spratt  
 BA University of Colorado, Boulder 2017  
 DMD Nova Southeastern University 2021



Theodora Triphon  
 BS University of the Pacific 2014  
 DDS University of California, San Francisco 2018

*Pediatric Dentistry*



Temitayo Mary Akinyemi  
 BA University of California, Berkeley 2015  
 DDS University of Detroit Mercy 2021



Chih Chieh Huang  
 DDS China Medical University 2018



Kaveh Ghods  
 BS Shiraz University 2005  
 MS Southern Methodist University 2007  
 DDS University of Southern California 2021



Urva Suryawala  
 BDS Gujarat University 2017  
 DDS Loma Linda University SD 2021

*Periodontics*



Spencer Austin Gibbs  
 BS Burman University 2016  
 DDS Loma Linda University SD 2020



Slade Stewart Shepherd  
 BA La Sierra University 2014  
 DDS Loma Linda University SD 2020



Sang Hun Kim  
 BS Andrews University 2016  
 DDS Loma Linda University SD 2020

*Prosthodontics*



Dimitri K. Haber  
 BS La Sierra University 2016  
 DDS Loma Linda University SD 2020



Ghazal Taher Iraqi  
 DDS Umm Al-Qura University 2017

# 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.

## Corinne R. Atiga — *President's Award*



*Southern Adventist University  
D.D.S. Loma Linda University SD 2023*

*President's Award SD 2023*

The President's Award, the highest award given to a graduating senior, is presented in recognition of academic excellence, and active participation in the student community within the context of Christian commitment.

This year's recipient, Corinne R. Atiga, grew up being surrounded by family and peers who practiced a life of faith and dependency in God that helped shape her own faith and relationship with God. The experiences volunteering as a dental assistant at a mission clinic in Peru solidified her decision to pursue dentistry.

During her undergraduate time at Southern Adventist University, Corinne excelled every semester earning the Freshmen Academic Scholarship and Leadership Scholarship while participating in various on-campus ministries.

As a student in the School of Dentistry, Corinne has demonstrated academic excellence being on the Dean's List, achieving a 4.0 GPA, leading praise and worship at various Seventh-day Adventist churches, performing as an accomplished cellist, all this alongside demonstrating compassion and care for her faculty, classmates, and patients.

In recognition of her excellent academics, service to those around her, and dedication to Loma Linda University School of Dentistry, the school names Corinne R. Atiga recipient of the 2023 *PRESIDENT'S AWARD*. This award will be presented to her at the School of Dentistry's hooding ceremony on May 26, 2023.



## Melvin R. Lund — *School Distinguished Service Award*



*B.S. Walla Walla College 1943*

*D.M.D. University of Oregon School of  
Dentistry 1946*

*M.S. University of Michigan Restorative  
Dentistry 1969*

*Award of Excellence, Operative Academy 1991*

*Operative Graduate Students Service Award 1988*

*Honorary Alumni, School of Dentistry, Indiana  
University 1980*

*Founders Award, School of Dentistry, Loma  
Linda University 1977*

*Omicron Kappa Upsilon 1959*

Dr. Melvin R. Lund was practicing dentistry in Camas, Washington, when he was asked to join the faculty of a new Seventh-day Adventist dental school that was starting at Loma Linda University. The dean, Dr. Web Prince, wanted all the faculty to have master's degrees, so Melvin attended the University of Michigan where he received his Master's Degree in Operative Dentistry. He returned to the School of Dentistry and taught operative dentistry, eventually becoming Chair of the Operative Department.

In 1971, Dr. Lund and his wife moved to Indiana where he took the position of Chairman of the Operative Department of the Indiana University School of Dentistry. He continued teaching graduate operative students and first year dental student's techniques into his 90's.

He has co-authored several operative dentistry textbooks, been involved with numerous dental articles, and lectured throughout the world. He has remained active in organized dentistry for over 75 years, still attending local dental meetings at 100 years of age.

He was married to Margaret for over 70 years until her passing in 2017. He has three children, nine grandchildren, and six, almost seven, great-grandchildren. He enjoys golf, gardening, and spending time with his family.

In recognition of his academic contributions as one of the first faculty at Loma Linda University School of Dentistry, it is an honor to recognize Dr. Melvin R. Lund with the *SCHOOL DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD*. This award will be presented to him at his home post-commencement.

## Heidi L. Christensen — *School Distinguished Faculty Service Award*



Professor, School of Dentistry, Loma  
Linda University

*B.S. Pacific Union College 1979*

*D.D.S. Loma Linda University SD 1983*

*M.S. University of Texas Health Science  
Center at San Antonio Dental School 1997*

*Omicron Kappa Upsilon 2001*

*Armand J. Guarino Award 1997*

*American Association of Dental Research  
Poster Presentation Award 1997*

*American Association of Dental Schools/Dentsply  
Student Poster Presentation Award 1997*

Dr. Heidi L. Christensen began general dentistry private practice in 1983, shortly upon the completion of her dental education at Loma Linda University School of Dentistry. She went on to earn her master's degree at the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio Dental School, where she received the graduate school's award of excellence in master of science studies, based on her research, "Application of a Unified Concept of Construct Validity to a Performance-based Assessment of Radiographic Interpretation Skills."

Dr. Christensen quickly found her true calling soon after she began teaching at Loma Linda University School of Dentistry in 1992. Over the years, she has taught radiology, patient assessment and diagnosis, treatment planning, and clinic orientation courses to both dental and dental hygiene students. Dr. Christensen currently teaches the Medically Compromised Patient course to third-year dental students.

She has also served in various leadership roles, first as Chair of the Department of Oral Diagnosis, Radiology and Pathology from 2010 to 2015. Dr. Christensen then promoted to Academic Director, in what is now the Division of General Dentistry. She currently serves as a Patient Care Manager.

In addition to her professional contributions as practitioner, teacher and administrator, Dr. Christensen has shared her expertise through publications and presentations. Dr. Christensen is known for her empathy and compassion and takes great pleasure working with students and supporting them through their clinical journey.

In recognition of her academic contributions to professional education, Loma Linda University School of Dentistry is honored to recognize Dr. Heidi L. Christensen with the *SCHOOL DISTINGUISHED FACULTY SERVICE AWARD*. This award will be presented to her at the Conferring of Degrees for the school.

## Alisa C. Wilson — *School Distinguished Staff Service Award*



Manager, Infection Control/Safety  
Coordinator, School of Dentistry, Loma  
Linda University

*Safety Honors Award for Excellence in  
Departmental Safety 2016*  
*Certificate of Appreciations Honors Award 2010*  
*Safety Coordinator of the Year 2008*

Mrs. Alisa C. Wilson was born and raised by Christian parents who taught her and her siblings to be responsible and accountable for their actions, making positive contributions to society. In Alisa's marriage and professional life, she strives to mirror her parents' example in the same way.

Alisa worked at a private Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery office for 8 years before joining Loma Linda University School of Dentistry in September 1988. Over the years, she has worked in several departments with different roles, including Dental Assistant in various departments, Supervisor in Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery, Coordinator for Dental Hygiene, Supervisor at the Center for Prosthodontics & Implant Dentistry, and Study Coordinator/Project Manager at Center for Dental Research before taking on her current role as Manager of Infection Control/Safety Coordinator.

She has remained current in her field, and has taken 189 courses throughout her career thus far. She has also been involved in 45 research projects and co-authored in 27 publications of articles and abstracts by collaborating with faculty and students. From 2002 to 2010, Alisa worked for the Western Regional Examining Board (WREB) as an examiner auxiliary.

Her belief in the mission of Loma Linda University and what this institution represents, and her dedication to serving and representing God, has informed her work ethic, garnering the respect of those who work with her. For Alisa, there is nothing more satisfying than the words found in Matthew 25:21: "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

In recognition of the contributions that she has made, and her long-standing and exemplary service to Loma Linda University School of Dentistry, it is an honor to recognize Mrs. Alisa C. Wilson with the *SCHOOL DISTINGUISHED STAFF SERVICE AWARD*. This award will be presented to her at the Conferring of Degrees for the school.

## Jung-Wei Chen — *School Distinguished Research Award*



Professor, School of Dentistry, Loma  
Linda University

Program Director, Advanced Dental  
Education Program in Pediatric  
Dentistry, School of Dentistry, Loma  
Linda University

*M.S. University of Maryland at Baltimore 2000*

*M.S. University of Texas at Houston, School of  
Health Information Science 2002*

*D.D.S. School of Dentistry, Taipei Medical  
University 1996*

*Ph.D. University of Texas at Houston, School  
of Health Information Science 2007*

*Fellow Academy of Dentistry International 2017*

*Fellow International College of Dentists 2019*

*Fellow International Association for Dental  
Traumatology 2021*

*Student Research Mentor of the Year, School of  
Dentistry, Loma Linda University 2023*

*Society of Scholars, School of Dentistry, Loma  
Linda University 2019*

*Outstanding Alumnus and Distinguished  
Academic Achievement Award, Taipei  
Medical University 2017*

Dr. Jung-Wei Chen has been a full-time Associate Professor (2008), Professor (2014) and Program Director at the Loma Linda University School of Dentistry in the Advanced Dental Education Program in Pediatric Dentistry since 2008. Dr. Chen has held various leadership positions, serving on the boards of the Chinese American Dental Society of Southern California and the California Society of Pediatric Dentistry, and as Chair of the Council of Scientific Affairs, among others. She is the recipient of several national and international awards, scholarships, and grants. She has published numerous articles and is a nationally and internationally invited speaker.

Dr. Chen's research explores a variety of topics in pediatric dentistry, such as: pediatric esthetic crowns, cleft lip and palate treatment options (PNAM Appliance), oral manifestations and dental care in HIV-infected children, and pedagogical concerns such as interdisciplinary teaching approaches in IT course development and web-based education. In addition to her full-time academic work, she maintains an extramural pediatric dentistry private practice.

Dr. Chen is married and has two children. Dr. Chen enjoys meditation, volunteer work, hiking, music and ping-pong.

For her invaluable contributions as an educator, researcher, and mentor, and her extensive and noteworthy research endeavors, the Loma Linda University School of Dentistry is honored to present Dr. Jung-Wei Chen with the *SCHOOL DISTINGUISHED RESEARCH AWARD*. This award will be presented to her at the Conferral of Degrees for the school.

## Ryan J. Becker — *School Faculty of the Year*



Assistant Professor, School of Dentistry,  
Loma Linda University

*B.T. Andrews University 2004*

*D.D.S. Loma Linda University SD 2015*

*Certificate Advanced Specialty Education in*

*Prosthodontics, Loma Linda University 2018*

*M.S.D. Advanced Specialty Education in*

*Prosthodontics, Loma Linda University SD 2020*

*Goodacre Naylor Award in Prosthodontics,*

*Loma Linda University SD 2018*

*Clinic Award, Loma Linda University School of*

*Dentistry 2015*

*Excellence in Prosthodontics Award, Loma*

*Linda University SD 2015*

Growing up in a family of Adventist educators, Dr. Ryan J. Becker always knew he wanted to be a teacher. His interest in art and technology led him to pursue a degree in Graphic Imaging Technology at Andrews University. He first began working for Loma Linda University in 2001 as a student intern for LLU Printing Services then transitioned to the School of Dentistry Educational Support Services department after completing his degree. While helping to create educational media for the School of Dentistry he was inspired by the dedication, passion, and commitment of the faculty he was working for, which led to his decision to return to school to pursue a career in dentistry and completed his dental prerequisites at La Sierra University.

Throughout his time as a dental student, it became clear to him that further education in Advanced Prosthodontics would provide him with a greater opportunity to merge his passions for quality education and patient care with those for technology and artistic expression. Dr. Becker finds fulfillment in supporting and guiding students to progress their knowledge and skills toward a career in the dental profession. Loma Linda University's mission to "continue the teaching and healing ministry of Jesus Christ" inspires him to provide the highest quality education he can.

He is married to Emily, has three young children, and enjoys woodworking, gardening, and cooking.

On this high occasion, it is a special honor to present Dr. Ryan J. Becker with the Loma Linda University School of Dentistry *SCHOOL FACULTY OF THE YEAR AWARD*. This award will be presented to him at the Conferring of Degrees for the school.

## Danny Kim — *Speaker*



CEO, Quest Institute  
Vice President of Applied Math, Science  
and Engineering  
Founder and Chief Technology Officer,  
FullArmor Corporation

*B.S. Cornell University 1990*

*Member, Education Advisor Council, ISS  
National Laboratory*

Mr. Danny Kim is a leader in business and education and applies his entrepreneurial skills to transform both areas. In 1987, Danny founded FullArmor Corporation with college roommates from Cornell who had all become Christians and wanted to see if a company run solely on Christian principles could succeed. To date, FullArmor counts more than 30 of the Fortune 100 companies amongst its customers including Walmart, Boeing, and Bank of America, and has done OEM and asset sales to large enterprise vendors such as Microsoft, NetIQ, Citrix, Dell, and others. As CTO, Danny is responsible for the company's strategic technology direction and architecture.

As an educator, Danny heads the STEM and Research programs at Valley Christian Schools in San Jose, California, a K-12 school with over 2,700 students. In addition, he serves as the CEO of Quest Institute, which provides one of a kind STEM programs, including a partnership with NASA and Space Tango that allows students to create science experiments that run on board the International Space Station, and a newly released program to perform underwater research in the world's only underwater research facility dedicated to education.

Danny holds several patents around enterprise security, cloud computing and space experimentation and has recently led a team of high school students to become the youngest team in XPRIZE history to win the \$1 million dollar international competition to innovate in the oceans.

Danny is married to Hannah Kim, and they are the parents of two boys Micah and Jonah. He serves as the current Head Elder at Silicon Valley Seventh-day Adventist church in Mountain View, California.

Mr. Kim will deliver his address at the Conferring of Degrees for the School of Dentistry.

# School of Public Health

June nine, one o'clock, Drayson Center

PRELUDE	University Church Brass Ensemble Virgil Nielsen, Director  Musical Selections
ACADEMIC PROCESSION	The audience is requested to clear the aisles and remain seated Ronald L. Carter, University Grand Marshal, leading Christian W. Johnston, Arthur B. Marshak, Ronald H. Mataya, Anna Nelson, Associate Marshals, assisting  The President's Party, Members of the University of Trustees, LLUH Administration
Faculty	Triumphal March from "Aida" ... <i>Giuseppe Verdi (arr. Bill Holcombe)</i>
Candidates for Degrees	Pomp and Circumstance ... <i>Sir Edward Elgar (arr. Jack Gale)</i>
INVOCATION	Josue P. Epane Associate Professor
WELCOME	Richard H. Hart President of the University
PRESENTATION OF AWARDS	Adam L. Arechiga, Dean of the School The President Ronald L. Carter, Provost of the University
INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER	Dwight T. Barrett, Executive Associate Dean for Student Services and Administration
ADDRESS	Marlene M. Ferreras Assistant Professor, Practical Theology, H.M.S. Richards Divinity School, La Sierra University
	DO JUSTICE, LOVE MERCY AND WALK HUMBLLY
CONFERRING OF DEGREES	The President
AWARDING OF DIPLOMAS	The Dean Donna L. Gurule, Associate Dean for Academic Administration Wendy M. Saravia-Genovez, Assistant Dean for Academic and Student Support

GRADUATION PLEDGE

Diadrey-Anne T. Sealy  
Associate Professor

Rita Amen  
Ph.D. Candidate in Nutrition

BENEDICTION

Walter D. Johnson  
Professor

ACADEMIC RECESSION

Alla Hornpipe from "Water Music" ... *George Frederick Handel*  
(arr. Charles Evans)

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/academics/commencement](http://llu.edu/academics/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.

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

### MASTER OF HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATION



Hena Dhir  
MD Baba Farid University of Health Sciences 2018  
*Dean's Award*  
*Delta Omega Honor Society*  
*Randall Lewis Fellowship Award*  
*Wilton L Halverson Award Fund*



Elias Guerrero Molina, Jr.  
BS California State Polytechnic University,  
Pomona 1988  
BA La Sierra University 1994  
MA La Sierra University 1999  
DMin Andrews University 2015



Nathieli Diaz Martinez  
BS University of California, Riverside 2015  
*Delta Omega Honor Society*  
*Community Benefit Scholarship*  
*Randall Lewis Fellowship Award*

### MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH



Jing Ai  
*epidemiology*  
BS La Sierra University 2021



Eric J. Bauer  
*population medicine*  
BS Concordia University Wisconsin 2013  
MD Medical College of Wisconsin 2019



Nathan Steven Arauz  
*epidemiology*  
BS University of California, Riverside 2021  
*Delta Omega Honor Society*



Emily Elaine Bedolla  
*global health*  
BA University of California, Riverside 2021  
*Drs. William G. and Margaret S. Hafner Endowment*



Tina Baghdasarnians, MAR  
*epidemiology*  
BS California State University, Northridge 2020



Katherine Michelle Beedle  
*nutrition*  
BS University of Minnesota, Twin Cities 2019  
*Drs. William G. and Margaret S. Hafner Endowment*  
*Hammond - Hardinge Student Assistance Fund*



Sarah Catherine Bode  
*population medicine*  
 BS Auburn University Main Campus 2014  
 MD University of Alabama at Birmingham 2018



Ashley Shamiso Chitanda  
*epidemiology*  
 B TECH University of Johannesburg 2014  
 Hammond - Hardinge Student Assistance Fund



Thomas Elton Borecky  
*population medicine*  
 BS Pacific Union College 2019



Gerald Anthony LaFoucade Cox II  
*population medicine*  
 BA Pepperdine University 2012  
 MD St. George's University 2018



Danica Belen Brosky  
*nutrition*  
 BS California Baptist University 2021  
 Community Outreach Project Scholarship



Analyn Rabot Cruz  
*epidemiology*  
 BA University of California, Merced 2021



Silvia Cristina Caswell  
*population medicine*  
 BA University of Utah 2015  
 DO Campbell University 2019  
 Hulda Crooks Scholarship Award  
 Delta Omega Honor Society



Alysia Demi D'Aguiar  
*global health*  
 BS La Sierra University 2021  
 Delta Omega Honor Society  
 Community Outreach Project Scholarship  
 Callicot Student Support Fund



Nicolas Cecotto  
*population medicine*  
 MD Universidad Adventista del Plata 2010



Ruth Sophia Farrell  
*nutrition*  
 BS California Polytechnic State University, San  
 Luis Obispo 2020  
 Delta Omega Honor Society  
 Kathleen Zolber Academic Endowment for  
 Nutrition



Princess Hilongo Cervantes  
*global health*  
 BMS Adventist University of the Philippines 2019  
 Delta Omega Honor Society  
 Ruth White Outstanding Student Award  
 Financial Assistance for Students in International  
 Health Fund



Yolisa Kayla Harvey  
*epidemiology*  
 BS Northern Caribbean University 2017  
 Delta Omega Honor Society  
 Bob and Ruth Heroig School of Public Health  
 Scholarship Endowment Fund



Jillian B. Cheever, DEC  
*health education and wellness coaching*  
 BS Southern Adventist University 2018



Sydney Hongo  
*nutrition*  
 BA Azusa Pacific University 2019  
 Patricia K. Johnston Nutrition Scholarship



Timothy Ibrahim  
*population medicine*  
 BS University of California, Los Angeles 2014  
 MD SUNY Downstate Medical Center 2018



Taejun Lee  
*population medicine*  
 BS Andrews University 2019



Natalie Marie Infante, MAR  
*epidemiology*  
 BA University of San Diego 2021



Imani Daunne Lewis, MAR  
*health education and wellness coaching*  
 BS Oakwood University 2021



Alice Jean  
*population medicine*  
 BS The University of Texas at Austin 2015  
 MD The University of Texas Southwestern  
 Medical Center, Dallas 2019  
*Wil Alexander Whole Person Care Award*  
*Delta Omega Honor Society*



MengLi Lu  
*epidemiology*  
 BS California Baptist University 2021  
*Hulda Crooks Scholarship Award*  
*SPH Environmental and Occupational*  
*Health Scholarship*  
*The Selma Andrews Award*



Daniel Hyunjong Jhang  
*population medicine*  
 BS Andrews University 2018



Sydney Blair Meadowcroft  
*population medicine*  
 BS Walla Walla University 2019



Francelly Jaslyn Jimenez-Palacios  
*global health*  
 BA Mills College 2021  
*President's Circle Scholarship Fund for*  
*Hispanic Students*



Kayla P. Minor  
*global health*  
 BA Oakwood University 2021  
 BS Oakwood University 2021  
*Scholarship Endowment for Black Students*



Daniel Antwan Kilzi, DEC  
*epidemiology*  
 BS University of California, Riverside 2020



Juleene Alexis Moritz  
*nutrition*  
 BS California Baptist University 2021



Lindsey Noel Kim  
*population medicine*  
 BS Pacific Union College 2019



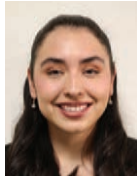
Ryan Andrew Nelson  
*population medicine*  
 BS Union College 2016  
 MD Loma Linda University SM 2020



Dalia M. Kuko  
*population medicine*  
 BA University of California, Riverside 2005  
 MD EQUIV Universidad Autónoma de  
 Guadalajara 2016



Michael Stephen Pecolar  
*epidemiology*  
 BS California State University, Fullerton 2017



Rosalina Eileen Ramirez  
*global health*  
 BA Pitzer College 2021  
*Hulda Crooks Scholarship Award*



Vasili Sitaras  
*population medicine*  
 BA New York University 2015  
 DO Philadelphia College of Osteopathic  
 Medicine 2020  
*Delta Omega Honor Society*



Roashan Razavi  
*population medicine*  
 BA California State University, San Marcos 2004  
 MS Tulane University 2011  
 DO Touro University California 2016



Stephanie South  
*nutrition*  
 BS Metropolitan State University of Denver 2012  
*Bob & Ruth Heroig School of Public Health  
 Scholarship Endowment Fund*



Jerricka Roberson, DEC  
*health education and wellness coaching*  
 BS Los Angeles Pacific University 2020



Kelly Templeman, DEC  
*health education and wellness coaching*  
 BA University of Southern California 1998



Victoria Anais Saldivar  
*nutrition*  
 BA University of Colorado, Boulder 2021  
*Hulda Crooks Scholarship Award  
 President's Circle Scholarship Fund for  
 Hispanic Students*



Marie Emmanuelle Helena Toure  
*global health*  
 BA College of Notre Dame of Maryland 2019  
*Financial Assistance for Students in International  
 Health Fund*



Joanne Chloe Santiago  
*nutrition*  
 BS California Baptist University 2020



Jillian Ireland Trapp  
*health education and wellness coaching*  
 BS California State University, San  
 Bernardino 2020



Nicole Renee Scherlie  
*population medicine*  
 BS Seattle Pacific University 2011  
 DO Western University of Health Sciences 2019



Indrani Alhad Wagh  
*epidemiology*  
 BDS Maharashtra University of Health  
 Sciences 2020



Pamela Jean Serban, DEC  
*health education and wellness coaching*  
 BA Agnes Scott College 1992



Chelsey Alexandria Washington, DEC  
*health education and wellness coaching*  
 BA Clark Atlanta University 2015  
*Delta Omega Honor Society*



Roitasha E. Sims, DEC  
*health education and wellness coaching*  
 BA California State University, Long Beach 2001



Denaly Magda Zacahula  
*global health*  
 BS University of La Verne 2021



Cesar David Zelaya, DEC  
*epidemiology*  
BS La Sierra University 2019

## MASTER OF SCIENCE

In conjunction with the Faculty of Graduate Studies



Aaron R. Mogilski  
BS Liberty University 2011  
MAT Liberty University 2012

## DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

In conjunction with the Faculty of Graduate Studies



Rita Amen  
BS La Sierra University 2014  
MPH Loma Linda University PH 2016  
*Dissertation: Dietary Intake and Urinary Polyphenols in the WAHA Study in Relation to Cardiometabolic Risk Factors*  
*Callicot Student Support Fund*



Abigail Elaine Clarke, MAR  
BS Northern Caribbean University 2011  
MPH Loma Linda University PH 2014  
*Dissertation: The Effect of Avocado Consumption on Satiety and Satiation among Free-Living Participants*  
*President's Award*  
*Delta Omega Honor Society*

## DOCTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH



Alimat Adewunmi Adebisi, DEC  
*health education*  
BA University of California, Los Angeles 2013  
MPH University of California, Los Angeles 2015



Fatimah Salman Alramadhan, DEC  
*health education*  
BS Oregon State University 2010  
MPH Oregon State University 2017



**Sharilyn Marcia Larose Andersen**

*health education*

BS Walla Walla University 2006

MPH Loma Linda University PH 2008



**Alaa Bierman**

*preventive care*

BE Taibah University 2012

MPH Loma Linda University PH 2018

*Deans Award*

*Merrit C. Horning Award for Outstanding Research*

*Delta Omega Honor Society*

*Charlie Liu Award*

*Glen Blix Award for Excellence in Preventive Care*



**Kimberley K. Brown**

*health education*

BS Lock Haven University of Pennsylvania 2014

MPH Georgia Southern University 2017



**Paul Zone Chiou**

*health education*

BS University of California, Irvine 1998

MPH University of Massachusetts, Amherst 2012



**Gregory R. Cohen**

*preventive care*

BA State University of New York, Binghamton 2001

MPH Loma Linda University PH 2019

*The Harding Scholarship*



**Christine Do**

*epidemiology*

BS California State University, Los Angeles 2009

MPH University of Southern California 2011

*Dissertation: Assessing the Relationship Between Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) and Subjective Cognitive Decline (SCD) and Potential Impact by Physical Activity*



**Chanell L. Grismore, DEC**

*health policy and leadership*

BS University of California, Los Angeles 2014

MPH California State University, Long Beach 2017

*Deans Award*

*Delta Omega Honor Society*

*The Selma Andrews Award*



**Jillian Paige Infusino**  
*health education*  
BA Whittier College 2016  
MPH California State University, Northridge 2018



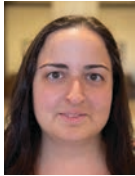
**Raeann Leal**  
*preventive care*  
BS California State University, Bakersfield 2016  
MPH Loma Linda University PH 2020  
*Callicot Student Support Fund*  
*The Selma Andrews Award*



**Dawn A. Lewis**  
*health education*  
BS Long Island University, C.W. Post Campus 1986  
MBA Tulane University 1993  
MPH Tulane University 1993  
*Hulda Crooks Research Grant*



**Tenesha Jona' Lewis**  
*health education*  
BS Duke University 2010  
MPH George Washington University 2018  
*Delta Omega Honor Society*  
*Ruth White DrPH Health Education Scholarship*



**Dania Matta, DEC**  
*health education*  
BS California State University, San Bernardino 2014  
MPH California Baptist University 2017



**Naomie Olivos, MAR**  
*health policy and leadership*  
BS Chapman University 2007  
MS California State University, Dominguez Hills 2012  
MS Indiana University-Purdue University, Indianapolis 2017  
*Delta Omega Honor Society*  
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*The C. Torben Thomsen Health Policy & Leadership Creativity Fund*



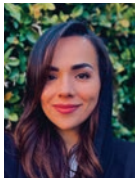
**Michelle Lisa Pecheck**  
*preventive care*  
BS Loma Linda University AH 2013  
MS California State Polytechnic University, Pomona 2015  
MS Tufts University 2019  
*Hulda Crooks Research Grant*



Sara Rahmanian Koushkaki  
*health policy and leadership*  
BACH/EQV Islamic Azad University 2012  
MS California State University, Northridge 2016



Andrea Salcedo  
*health education*  
BA University of California, Los Angeles 2012  
MPH California State University, Northridge 2016  
*Delta Omega Honor Society*



Razaz Shaheen  
*preventive care*  
BS Taibah University 2013  
MS Western University of Health Sciences 2019  
*The Selma Andrews Award*



Shrenik Jawahar Talsania, DEC  
*health policy and leadership*  
MBBS Bharati Vidyapeeth University 2011  
MPH University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center 2015



Kristy Marie Whitcomb  
*health education*  
BS University of New Hampshire, Main Campus 2009  
MPH George Washington University 2019



Jonquile Williams  
*preventive care*  
BS Pacific Union College 2009  
MPH Loma Linda University PH 2020



# 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)*

## Abigail E. Clarke — *President's Award*



*B.S. Northern Caribbean University 2011  
M.P.H. Loma Linda University SPH 2014  
Ph.D. Loma Linda University SPH 2023*

*President's Award SPH 2023*

The President's Award, the highest award given to a graduating senior, is presented in recognition of academic excellence, and active participation in the student community within the context of Christian commitment.

Ms. Abigail E. Clarke is graduating today with a Ph.D. in Nutrition. In her current role as a clinical dietitian at Loma Linda University (LLU) Medical Center, she takes the whole person approach in the assessment and counsel of her clients, giving attention to every aspect of their life. Her colleagues at the medical center appreciate her care and kindness toward each person and her professionalism in this role.

Abigail has invested herself beyond her academic career through leadership roles in the community and the church. During her master's program, she served as the President of the Nutrition Council Student Association (NCSA), and upon returning to LLU for her doctoral program, she once again made commitments to serve. Abigail currently serves as the Second Vice President of the Adventist Nutrition and Dietetics International Association, and as an Executive Committee member of the Black Alumni of Loma Linda.

Her strong sense of service and leadership extends beyond the campus. Abigail also taught kindergarteners and teenagers at her local church. She has also volunteered at an HIV/AIDS food bank, giving them not only food but training in nutrition and life skills. She also shares her knowledge of public health nutrition as a public speaker online and in person, as she was one of the students who started the student-led Think Public Health Podcast. Abigail is a true model of servant leadership.

Throughout her academic career, she has been the recipient of multiple scholarships and awards, a testament to her academic excellence. She has mastered the connections between the science of nutrition and clinical outcome. Abigail is an asset to the Nutrition Programs at the School of Public Health and to the profession.

In recognition of her academic achievements, her leadership and commitment to serving others, and her embodiment of this institution's mission, the Loma Linda University School of Public Health names Dr. Abigail E. Clarke recipient of the 2023 *PRESIDENT'S AWARD*. This award will be presented to her at the Conferring of Degrees for the school.

## Diana Ibrahim — *Alumna of the Year*



Communicable Disease Program Manager,  
San Bernardino County Department of  
Public Health

*B.S. University of California, Riverside 2010*  
*M.P.H. Loma Linda University SPH 2013*

Ms. Diana Ibrahim's story is one of overcoming challenges, following her passions, and serving others. Born in the former Soviet Union and raised in Newark, New Jersey, Diana's early years were shaped by her exposure to different cultures and languages. Her father's career in medicine sparked an interest in the field of medical sciences and epidemiology. While a student at Loma Linda University (LLU) School of Public Health, she excelled in her academic pursuits, maintaining a high GPA. Additionally, she secured multiple research grants as a student and through the Office of Public Health Practice as a Graduate Research Assistant.

As an epidemiologist and public health professional, Diana's work is grounded in the pursuit of knowledge and understanding. Diana's dedication to mentoring and coaching students, participating in department work groups and committees, and providing educational opportunities for students exemplifies the spirit of academic excellence and community engagement that LLU strives to cultivate. She has a reputation as an effective communicator who interacts with individuals from all backgrounds and cultures. Diana has been recognized for her innovative problem-solving abilities and for bridging technology and public health advocacy, much of which began while a student in public health.

During the pandemic, she developed innovative initiatives and led the COVID-19 Contact Tracing Program to combat the spread of the virus. She led the wastewater-based epidemiology effort which allowed the county to build an effective surveillance strategy and be better prepared for outbreaks of other infectious diseases. Not only have her tireless efforts greatly contributed to the department's ability to control outbreaks and inform the public about disease trends, her work to combat the pandemic's spread locally served as a model for many other counties in California.

In recognition of innovative problem-solving approaches, her invaluable contributions to bridging technology and public health advocacy, and for modeling the values of this institution, Loma Linda University School of Public Health is pleased to name Ms. Diana Ibrahim *ALUMNA OF THE YEAR*. This award will be presented to her during the Conferring of Degrees for the school.

## R. Patricia (Patti) Herring — *School Distinguished Faculty Service Award*



Professor, School of Public Health, Loma  
Linda University

*A.S. Pacific Union College 1969*

*B.S. St. Joseph's College 1985*

*M.A. University of Texas at Dallas 1988*

*Ph.D. Texas Woman's University 1992*

Dr. Rosa Patricia "Patti" Herring is a highly accomplished professor of health education at Loma Linda University School of Public Health, with a long-standing career that spans over several decades. Since joining the school in 1995, her experience and expertise in the science and practice of health education have made her an invaluable member of the faculty.

Following completion of her undergraduate education, her interdisciplinary interests led her to earn a Master of Arts degree in Interdisciplinary Studies from the University of Texas at Dallas in 1988. She went on to complete her Ph.D. in Corporate Health Education from Texas Women's University in 1992, focusing on the development and implementation of effective health education programs in the workplace.

Dr. Herring was among the first faculty at the School of Public Health to obtain the "service-learning" designation for some of the courses she teaches. In those courses, she guides MPH students on a year-long journey developing and implementing community intervention programs.

As one of the original co-investigators of the ongoing Adventist Health Study-2, Dr. Herring has contributed to groundbreaking research that has been instrumental in understanding the factors that influence health outcomes and developing interventions to promote healthy behaviors and lifestyles.

Her commitment to diversity and inclusivity has been demonstrated through her service on the School's Faculty Council and her role as the Chair of the school's Diversity Committee. Her contributions have been significant in shaping the school's policies and practices to create a more welcoming and supportive environment for all students, staff, and faculty.

In recognition of her exceptional expertise, commitment to diversity and inclusivity, and dedication to community service the School of Public Health is pleased to present Dr. Rosa Patricia "Patti" Herring with the *SCHOOL DISTINGUISHED FACULTY SERVICE AWARD*. This award will be presented to her at the Conferring of Degrees for the school.

## Marlene M. Ferreras — *Speaker*



Assistant Professor, HMS Richards  
Divinity School, La Sierra University  
Assistant to the Ministerial Department for  
Women Pastors, Ministerial Department,  
Southeastern California Conference

*B.A. (Religious Studies) La Sierra University 2003*

*B.A. (Spanish) La Sierra University 2003*

*M.S. Loma Linda University SBH 2011*

*M.A. Fuller Theological Seminary 2012*

*M.A. Claremont School of Theology 2017*

*Ph.D. Claremont School of Theology 2019*

*Wills and Dorothy Fisher Award, Claremont  
School of Theology 2018*

*Alumni Rising Star, HMS Richards Divinity  
School, La Sierra University 2013*

*Dean's Award, School of Religion, La Sierra  
University 2003*

Dr. Marlene M. Ferreras is Assistant Professor of Practical Theology at the HMS Richards Divinity School at La Sierra University. Her research focuses on decolonial approaches in care and counseling with working-class Latinx women. Her most recent book publication, *Insurrectionist Wisdoms: Toward a North American Indigenous Pastoral Theology* (Lexington Books, 2023), draws on Mesoamerican spirituality and interviews with eleven working-class Maya mexicanas on the assembly line of a multinational corporation in Mexico. The book presents a local theology that critiques the global market economy and neoliberalism and proposes an image of pastoral care, *Lxs Hijxs de Maíz*.

Dr. Ferreras is the first American-born daughter of a single parent Cuban refugee mother. She holds a master's degree in Theology from Fuller Theological Seminary, a master's degree from Claremont School of Theology and a master's degree in Marital and Family Therapy from Loma Linda University. She is registered as an Associate Marriage and Family Therapist with the California Board of Behavioral Sciences.

Dr. Ferreras will deliver her address at the Conferring of Degrees for the School of Public Health.

# San Manuel Gateway College

June nine, four o'clock, Drayson Center

PRELUDE	University Church Brass Ensemble Virgil Nielsen, Director
	Musical Selections
ACADEMIC PROCESSION	The audience is requested to clear the aisles and remain seated Ronald L. Carter, University Grand Marshal, leading Christian W. Johnston, Arthur B. Marshak, Zane G. Yi, Monte D. Butler, Associate Marshals, assisting
	The President's Party, Members of the University of Trustees, LLUH Administration
Faculty	Triumphal March from "Aida" ... <i>Giuseppe Verdi (arr. Bill Holcombe)</i>
Candidates for Certificates	Pomp and Circumstance ... <i>Sir Edward Elgar (arr. Jack Gale)</i>
INVOCATION	Oscar E. Bingcang Program Director, Surgical Technology
WELCOME	Richard H. Hart President of the University
INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER	The President
ADDRESS	Arwyn A. Wild Executive Director, San Manuel Gateway College
	HE IS CALLING, ARE YOU LISTENING?
CONFERRING OF CERTIFICATES	The President
AWARDING OF CERTIFICATES	The President The Executive Director Maria Ochoa-Williams, Director of Student Support Services Ester Boloix-Chapman, University Commencement Coordinator
GRADUATION PLEDGE	Juan Carlos Nuñez II and Sarahyd Hinojoza Graduating Students, Surgical Technologist Program

BENEDICTION

Pamela Fernandez  
Program Director, Community Health Worker/Promotores

ACADEMIC RECESSION

Alla Hornpipe from "Water Music"... *George Frederick Handel*  
(arr. Charles Evans)

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/academics/commencement](http://llu.edu/academics/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 Certificates

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

## COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS



Edna Aguilar



Micaela Ayala



Merary Aquino Rivera



Luis Ayala



Emily Arechiga



Lucy Baker



Saitt Arvizo



Tiffany Baker McFee



Susi Aviles



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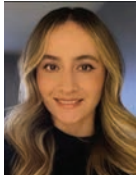


Araceli Ayala



Jill Bruno





Janet Bugarin



Kaylee Cabrerros



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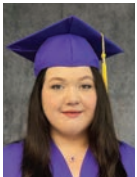
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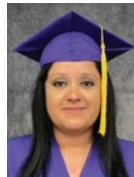
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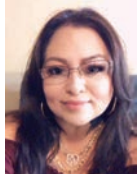
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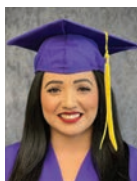
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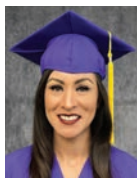
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Tiffany Garcia-Gomez



Griselda Estrada



Elida Garcilazo Reyes



Stacy Gomez



Letitia Henderson



Maria Gomez



Esther Hernandez



Maritza Gonzalez



Mariana Hernandez



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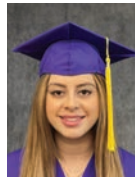
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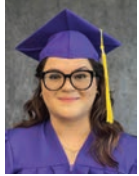
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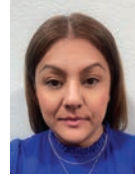
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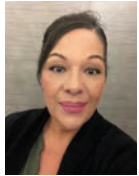
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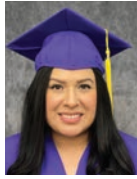
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Edwin Mendez Hernandez



Elena Mitchell



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Nataly Moreno



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Adriana Nava



Roxana Reteguis Garnier



Carlos Quinones



Carol Reyes



Jacqueline Ramirez



Francisco Rodriguez



Daisy Ramirez



Eva Rodriguez



Esperanza Ramos



Veronia Rodriguez Ortiz



Gissella Rojas



Arianette Soto Del Valle



Nataly Roura Rodriguez



Ivery Summers



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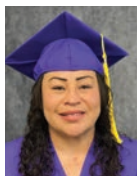
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Nicole Sierra-Mejia



Sharlene Vargas Martinez



Sandra Sigala



Yeinyz Vazquez Ortiz



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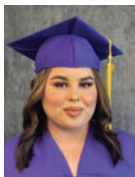
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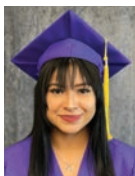


Angelica Flores-Mendoza



Jasmine Smith

## PHARMACY TECHNICIANS



Amy Gonzalez



Isabella Villarreal

## SURGICAL TECHNICIANS



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Nallely Centeno-Armenta



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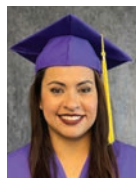
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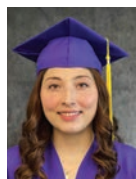
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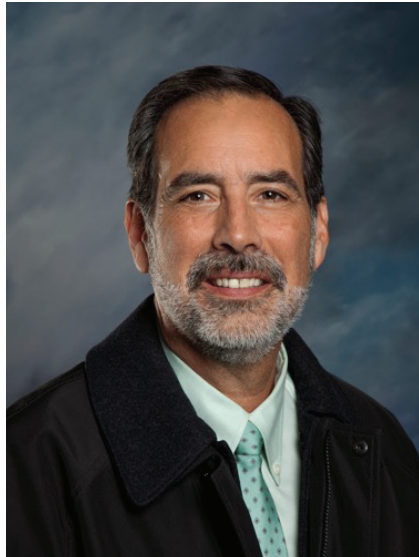


# Graduation Pledge

We, the graduates of Loma Linda University Health  
San Manuel Gateway College, pledge to:

- Live a life that is balanced mentally, physically, and spiritually
- Always be honest and truthful
- Be respectful of diversity
- Dedicate ourselves to providing the best possible care to our clients and patients
- Continually improve our knowledge and skills for the benefit of peers and the community we serve
- Be an active participant within the community in order to benefit the health and well-being of those around us
- Build meaningful relationships in our everyday lives

## Arwyn R. Wild — *Speaker*



Executive Director, San Manuel Gateway  
College, Loma Linda University Health

*B.A. Cal State San Bernardino 1980*  
*M.A. Chapman University 1998*  
*Clear Administrative Services Credential,*  
*Azusa Pacific University*  
*Clear Single Subject Teaching Credential,*  
*Chapman University*

*San Bernardino County Children's Network*  
*Shine a Light on Child Abuse Award 2015*  
*San Bernardino City Unified School District*  
*Certificated Manager Summit Award 2009*  
*California League of Middle Schools Region 10*  
*Administrator of the Year 2008*  
*Association of California School*  
*Administrators Region 12 Middle Grades*  
*Administrator of the Year 2007*

Mr. Arwyn R. Wild joined Loma Linda University Health (LLUH) in 2015, and had the privilege of being a lead force in establishing the San Manuel Gateway College, an educational entity focused on creating training programs for entry-level medical pathways. This college was established as a direct outreach to the San Bernardino community to provide educational opportunities that would lead its graduates directly to employment within the medical field. Since its establishment, over 400 students have completed a variety of credential programs and are currently employed in the medical field or are pursuing additional education.

Growing up in a bicultural home with limited resources instilled in him a sensitivity for the disadvantaged; his later career in the public school system introduced him to both the challenges and opportunities of serving young people that often face insurmountable obstacles in their own lives. Prior to joining LLUH, Mr. Wild had more than 25 years of experience as an educator, mostly in administration. This gave him a wealth of experience, knowledge, but most importantly a heart for mission and the communities that we seek to serve.

Mr. Wild continues to be an advocate for the underserved and disadvantaged youth as he works towards transforming students and communities one person at a time. His personal investment in their futures has stabilized many young lives and set them on pathways to successful careers. His insights and perspectives on many of these issues have also educated Loma Linda University on the need and strategies for effective community service.

Mr. Wild will deliver his address during the graduation ceremony for the San Manuel Gateway College.

# School of Allied Health Professions

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

June eleven, eight o'clock, Drayson Center

## PRELUDE

University Church Brass Ensemble  
Virgil Nielsen, Director

Musical Selections

## ACADEMIC PROCESSION

The audience is requested to clear the aisles and remain seated  
Ronald L. Carter, University Grand Marshal, leading  
W. Lawrence Beeson, G. Charles Dart, Arthur B. Marshak,  
Christian W. Johnston, Associate Marshals, assisting

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

## Faculty

Triumphal March from "Aida" ... *Giuseppe Verdi (arr. Bill Holcombe)*

## Candidates for Degrees

Pomp and Circumstance ... *Sir Edward Elgar (arr. Jack Gale)*

## INVOCATION

Terry D. Douglas  
Chair and Associate Professor, Department of Communication  
Sciences and Disorders

## WELCOME

Richard H. Hart  
President of the University

## 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

Randall L. Roberts  
Vice President for Spiritual Life and Mission,  
Loma Linda University Health  
Professor, Relational Studies, School of Religion,  
Loma Linda University  
Senior Pastor, Loma Linda University Church

BIG, BIG WORLD

OR

TINY, LITTLE WORLD?

*(Your Call...)*

## CONFERRING OF DEGREES

The President

## AWARDING OF DIPLOMAS

The Dean

Dana G. McCree, Assistant Dean, Admissions and Records

Lamitra M. Baez, Assistant Professor, Department of  
Communication Sciences and Disorders

William J. Edmunds, Assistant Professor, Department of  
Radiation Technology

Rodney M. Roath, Chair, Department of Clinical Laboratory Sciences

## BENEDICTION

The Lord's Prayer ... *Malotte*

Communication Sciences and Disorders Students Signing

JeJe Noval, Assistant Professor, vocals

## ACADEMIC RECESSION

Alla Hornpipe from "Water Music" ... *George Frederick Handel*  
(arr. Charles Evans)

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Commencement ceremonies will be available for viewing and downloading from the Commencement website:

[llu.edu/academics/commencement](http://llu.edu/academics/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.

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

### CERTIFICATE

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



Viviana Carrera, MAR



Kirk Nathan Malalis Moralde, MAR



Naomi Natalie Castillo, MAR



Joel Ryan Reyes, MAR



Leah Angelica Del Rio, MAR



BreAnna Chanel-Henry Robinson, MAR



Rena Lane Kravig, MAR



Payam Sobhi, MAR



Diane M. Loreda, MAR

*Health Information Management*



Michelle Minji Bang

Department of Radiation Technology  
*Diagnostic Cardiac Sonography*



Baliegh Elyse Arthur



Anthony Phillip Morales



Crystal Benitez



Brooke Richey



Ulises Fuentes-Grijalba



Daniel Robert Townsend



Linda Esmeralda Lacoste

*Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI)*



Luciano Bello



Austin Robert Gambito Jasper, MAR



Joshua Andriese Keith



Thi Thuy Vy Nguyen



Jeremy Fred Kho-Torres, MAR



Enrique Sanchez, MAR



Candace Hailey Lawrence



Gene Anthony Santilli, Jr.



Eric Ma



Matthew R. Turner

**ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE**  
Department of Radiation Technology  
*Cardiac Electrophysiology Technology*



Harrison Ros Chea



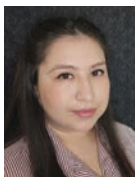
Aleathea Rayburn



Brittany Nicole Maynard



Suzanne Michelle Slack



Maritza Pacheco Robles

*Medical Radiography*



Emogene Fueconcillo Adams



Emmanuel De La Cruz



Nancy Amaral



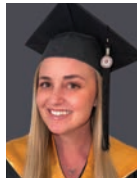
Rebecca Espinosa



Brianna Alexandra Andrade



Cassandra Marie Gomez



Jennifer Ann Bassler



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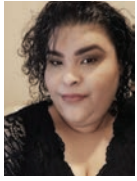


Jesus Cordova



Charles Gunther Herald





Jenny Mary Hernandez



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Jasmin Lizette Marquez



Lindsey Nicole Runkel



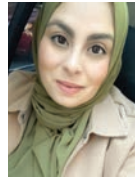
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Michael James Mulleneaux I



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Ryan Toma



Savannah Rose Ostrum



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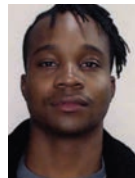


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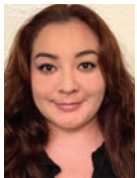
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Department of Cardiopulmonary Sciences  
*Respiratory Care—Entry Level*



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Nathan Fite



Alda Karen Cano



Mario Flores



Elizabeth Alexa Corella



Arianna Gerri Huizar, cum laude



Timothy Baga Diamzon



Christelle Labelle, cum laude



Skylar Michal Evans



Lindsey Adriana Mendoza



Jacqueline Sue Morgan

*Respiratory Care—Post-Professional B.S.*



Juan Carlos Arciniega, Jr.

Department of Clinical Laboratory Science  
*Clinical Laboratory Science*



Kristel Pastor Agamata



Jasmyn Anne Gonzales Gacula, summa cum laude



Christian Daniel Anacaya



Annie Giang, cum laude



Victor Joaquin Calderon Ayala, cum laude



Cathlyn Jade Bondad Junio, magna cum laude



Lorenz Joseph De Los Reyes, cum laude



Anh Le, cum laude



Izzabella Joy Roque Evangelista, summa cum laude



Loi Thanh Le, summa cum laude  
*Chairman's Award*



Seth Richard Escara Malaguit, summa cum laude



April Phuong Tran, magna cum laude



Austin James Oliver, magna cum laude



Emilee Paige Esther Tullis, summa cum laude  
*Faculty Award*



Anastasya Fernanda Panggabean, cum laude  
*Affiliate Recognition Award*



Kelly Wen, cum laude



Franklin Dylan Rustan



Lauren Wiekamp, cum laude



Michelle Jessica Robles Santos, summa cum laude



Taylor Renee Yamek, cum laude



My Thuc Thai, summa cum laude

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Sophie Marie Linhares, magna cum laude



Raven Juliette Esther Manurung,  
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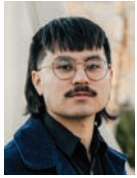
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Victoria Rose Mendoza, cum laude



Stephanie Denise Vazquez, cum laude



Joshua Edward James Perez



Natalie Eunmee Yoon, magna  
cum laude

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



Taylor Beth Clark



Courtney Rio Rachelle Hoatson



Brenda Fernando Espiritu, cum laude  
*Faculty Award*



Selena Leonor Rodriguez



Anna Rafaela Manacop Fernando



Briana Thalia Vega, cum laude

*Health-Care Administration*



Ji Bae



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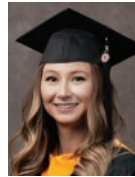
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cum laude



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Holly Nichole King

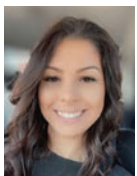


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Thy Minh Pham

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*General and Vascular Sonography*



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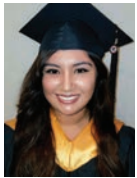
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Teresa Ann Elizabeth Holloway, cum laude



Heather Nichole Short, summa cum laude



Bernadette Sara Martinez, cum laude



Mallory Marie Leilani Smith



Hannah Robinson, cum laude



Stephanie Solorzano



Maribel Sanchez, summa cum laude



David Andrew Urbina



Mary Elaine Sanchez



Gabriella Warren, cum laude

*Nuclear Medicine Technology*



Nathaniel James Blount, summa cum laude



Alejandro Chavez, cum laude



Prabhdeepak Singh Gurai, cum laude



Ariana Chanel Love



Braden Royce Ibarra, summa cum laude



Lacy Murray, cum laude



Jacob Andrew Quejada Jalapan,  
cum laude



Erica Torres, cum laude



Jesse Lee Hanlon Langga, cum laude



Desiree Gyselle Torrico



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Owen Thomas Wade, magna cum laude

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Dillon Alexander Gamache, cum laude



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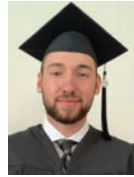
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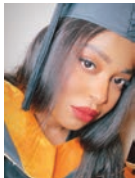
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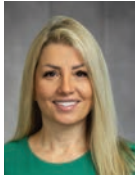
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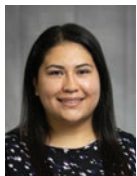
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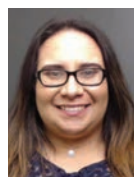
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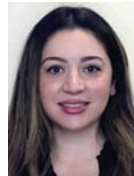
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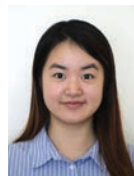


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### MASTER OF SCIENCE IN RADIATION SCIENCES

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### MASTER OF SCIENCE IN RESPIRATORY CARE

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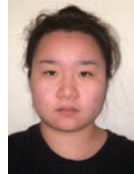
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Yiqing Xu  
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**DOCTOR OF SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY**  
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Respiratory Care, post-professional, B.S.: Alan Alipoon

Clinical Laboratory Science, B.S.: Alicia Triplett

Communication Sciences and Disorder, B.S.: Terry D. Douglas, Chair

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

Speech Language Pathology Doctorate: Keith Wolgemuth

Health Information Management, B.S. and Certificate: Pauline Cabanada

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

Health Informatics, M.S.H.I.: Braden Tabisula

Nutrition and Dietetics, B.S., and M.S.: Edward Bitok, Chair

Physician Assistant Sciences, M.S.: Rasha Abdrabou, Chair

Diagnostic Cardiac Sonography, Certificate: Erin Marshall

Diagnostic Medical Sonography/General Vascular Sonography, B.S.: Erin Marshall

Cardiac Electrophysiology Technology, A.S. and Certificate: Ryan Allen

Magnetic Resonance Imaging, Certificate: Suzette Sanchez

Medical Radiography, A.S.: William J. Edmunds

Nuclear Medicine Technology, B.S.: Raynold Ho

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

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

Radiation Therapy Technology, B.S.: Carol A. Davis

## Daniele G. Kuhn — *President's Award*



*M.S. Nutrition and Dietetics, Loma Linda  
University SAHP 2023*

*President's Award SAHP 2023*

The President's Award, the highest award given to a graduating senior, is presented in recognition of academic excellence, and active participation in the student community within the context of Christian commitment.

Daniele is graduating today from the combined BS/MS Nutrition & Dietetics program. She has consistently maintained an outstanding academic record and demonstrated a commitment to service in line with LLU's motto "To Make Man Whole." Her professors note her intellectual curiosity and keen interest in nutrition and dietetics as her greatest motivators. She is detailed oriented, and her work is consistently of the highest quality.

Daniele's service activities have done much to further the mission of the department of nutrition & dietetics. She has been involved with several organizations on campus and is always willing to assist when called upon. She was student liaison for the SAHP Spiritual Life and Wholeness Committee engaging in discussion about spiritual life and wholeness practices and initiatives on campus. She has also volunteered for Community-Academic Partners in Service (CAPS), a campus-based organization that provides low-cost resources to meet vital needs in the local community. As a student presenter for the Lunch Power series (Winter 2023), Daniele, along with a classmate, shared tips on "Budget Friendly, Healthy Breakfasts" with SAHP students.

She is fluent in Portuguese, English, and Spanish, and proficient in French and Thai. Daniele puts this gift to good use in her volunteer work at the Loma Linda Community Garden where she assists with maintenance projects. She was a mentor with Partners in Print helping learning readers master their assignments. While working with Your Best Pathway to Health, based in San Francisco, Daniele did translation and facilitation for Clinic Services to over 6,000 patients. She has been an intern for Child and Adult Workshops with Cross Cultural Training and an Administrative Assistant in the Youth Department at the General Conference office of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Currently, Daniele works part-time as a registered dietitian at an integrative internal and endocrinology medicine practice.

In recognition of her academic achievements, outstanding leadership, and commitment to serving others, Loma Linda University School of Allied Health Professions names Daniele G. Kuhn recipient of the 2023 *PRESIDENT'S AWARD*. This award will be presented to her at the Conferring of Degrees for the school at the 8:00 AM ceremony.

## Jennifer Esquer Fraboni — *School Trailblazer Award*



Creator, @jen.health

Podcast Co-host, The Optimal Body

*B.S. California State University, Fullerton 2012*

*D.P.T. Loma Linda University SAHP 2015*

*Top 50 Most Influential Healthcare*

*Professionals 2019*

*Top 40 Physical Therapy Influencer*

Dr. Jennifer Esquer Fraboni has been involved in a variety of movement and sports activities since an early age. She pursued a bachelor's degree in kinesiology while coaching gymnastics and teaching Pilates, and continued her studies at Loma Linda University (LLU), graduating with a Doctorate of Physical Therapy degree. While she was a student at LLU, Dr. Esquer Fraboni joined Instagram in 2014, initially posting pictures and videos of her calisthenics and quickly generated a following of 100,000 individuals by the time she graduated in 2015.

As a new physical therapist, Dr. Esquer Fraboni's purpose and passion was to help people. She started her career at an outpatient physical therapy clinic and continued to teach Pilates and gradually refined her concept of "whole person movement." It was around this time that she changed the focus of her Instagram page to include anatomy photos of the part of the body she was moving so her followers could see how anatomy affected movement. These educational videos garnered more views than any posts she had done in the past, encouraging her to post more about whole body movement and how to balance mobility and strength in the human body.

In 2017, Dr. Esquer Fraboni started the "Mobility Method," a program that educates individuals on how to keep their bodies in balance. As a physical therapist, she encourages people to think differently about their bodies as something needing to be fixed, quickly; rather, she teaches them to assess where their bodies are now.

For her significant reach and influence with the "everyday" person, promoting whole person movement, Loma Linda University School of Allied Health Professions honors Dr. Jennifer Esquer Fraboni with the *SCHOOL TRAILBLAZER AWARD*. This award will be presented to her at the Conferring of Degrees for the school at the 10:30 AM ceremony.

## Cheri Wild Blue — *Alumna of the Year*



Assistive Technology Specialist, Jordan School District

Adjunct Instructor, University of Utah, Department of Special Education

*B.S. Loma Linda University SAHP 2007*

*M.S. Loma Linda University SAHP 2009*

*Ph.D. Special Education, University of Utah 2022*

*Augmentative-Alternative Communication Assessment Certificate, Diagnostic Center of Southern California, California Department of Education*

*Diploma de Español como Lengua Extranjera, Certification of competence in written and spoken Spanish language, Spanish Ministry of Education and Science*

*Distinguished Alumna Award, Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders, Loma Linda University SAHP 2023*

*Outstanding Student: Excellence in Community Leadership Award, California Speech and Hearing Association 2009*

*Evelyn Britt Scholarship, Loma Linda University, Department of Speech-Language Pathology 2008, 2007, 2006*

Since graduating from Loma Linda University, Dr. Cheri Wild Blue has worked as a speech-language pathologist in public schools in California, New Mexico, and Utah supporting diverse students with complex communication needs. In the process of helping these students to supplement their oral speech through augmentative and alternative communication (AAC), Dr. Blue encountered many legal, bureaucratic, and social obstacles that her students and their families faced. This experience was the impetus for her doctoral training at the University of Utah where, in 2022, she successfully defended her dissertation entitled, "Effects of a telepractice coaching intervention on parents' use of evidence-based instructional strategies and communicative behaviors of children who use augmentative and alternative communication."

Dr. Blue is currently the assistive technology specialist in Jordan School District in Salt Lake County, Utah, a district with a population of approximately 58,000 students. She conducts AAC and assistive technology assessments, trains and supports teachers, speech-language pathologists, and related service providers while managing assistive technology for students and their families throughout the district. In addition to her primary job, she is an Adjunct Instructor for the University of Utah, Department of Special Education. Dr. Blue has collaborated in peer-reviewed publications, books, and conference presentations on issues related to meeting the communication needs for individuals with severe disabilities. She has also consistently held leadership positions on committees and councils since 2019.

For her enthusiasm, her exemplary dedication to serving a vulnerable community, and for her significant contributions that continue to benefit her field through research, Loma Linda University School of Allied Health Professions is pleased to name Dr. Cheri Wild Blue *ALUMNA OF THE YEAR*. This award will be presented to her at the Conferring of Degrees for the school at the 8:00 AM ceremony.

## Sharon L. Pavlovich — *School Faculty of the Year Award*



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

*A.A. Loma Linda University SAHP 1992*

*B.A. California State University San  
Bernardino 2005*

*M.A. University of Redlands 2010*

*Ed.D. University of Southern California 2020*

*Occupational Therapy Assistant Honorary  
Award, Occupational Therapy Association of  
California 2022*

Dr. Sharon L. Pavlovich is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Occupational Therapy at the School of Allied Health Professions. She teaches occupational therapy classes on leadership, business, education, spirit of diversity, current trends, and occupation and wellness.

As a practitioner, Dr. Pavlovich has worked in the area of Physical Dysfunction specializing in neurological conditions, and volunteers her time with at-risk youth, and LGBTQA+ community members. She also mentors students from the University of Southern California (USC) Rossier School of Education, USC Lambda LGBTQA+ Association members, University of Redlands Management students, as well as members of the American Occupational Therapy Association. Dr. Pavlovich sits on the board of directors for California State University San Bernardino Alumni Association as well as the board of directors for USC's Lambda LGBTQA+ Alumni Association.

Dr. Pavlovich's areas of interest are mentorship, leadership, DEI (diversity, equity, and inclusion), advanced practice in occupational therapy, and sexuality, and has two publications as first author on the topic of mentorship, one team publication on the topic of microteaching, and has co-authored a chapter in an orthopedic book with Dr. Javaherian-Dysinger.

In recognition of her invaluable contributions as an educator, researcher, and mentor, Loma Linda University School of Allied Health Professions honors Dr. Sharon L. Pavlovich with the *SCHOOL FACULTY OF THE YEAR AWARD*. This award will be presented to her at the Conferring of Degrees for the school at the 10:30 AM ceremony.

## G. Charles (Chuck) Dart Jr. — *School Distinguished Service Award*



Associate Dean, Student Affairs, School  
of Allied Health Professions, Loma  
Linda University

*B.A. Southwestern Adventist University 1976*  
*M.B.A. La Sierra University 1994*

*Member, Executive Committee, Adventist  
Enrollment Association*

Supporting students in pursuit of their life goals is the common thread woven through the fabric of Mr. George Charles “Chuck” Dart Jr.’s career. Chuck has held teaching and leadership positions for 47 years, starting at Portland Adventist Academy in 1976, moving to schools in Texas and California, eventually transitioning to Andrews University in 1999 as Director of Enrollment Services.

Mr. Dart brings his many years of administrative experience to his work at Loma Linda University School of Allied Health Professions. He joined the school in 2002 as Director of Marketing and Recruitment, a position he held for thirteen years before taking on his current role as Associate Dean for Student Affairs in 2015. His responsibilities include developing department goals and working procedures, assessing student body needs and concerns, and supporting students on issues related to student services, institutional policies, and school processes.

Mr. Dart also continues to maintain an active role in student recruitment, introducing prospective students with career interests in healthcare to both the standard and unique qualities of a Loma Linda University education. In all these responsibilities, he is recognized for supporting student achievement and ensuring school development.

For his commitment, dedication and passion to current and prospective students, and for his unwavering leadership, Loma Linda University School of Allied Health Professions is pleased to honor Mr. George Charles “Chuck” Dart Jr. with the *SCHOOL DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD*. This award will be presented to him at the Conferring of Degrees for the school at the 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM ceremonies.

## Randall (Randy) L. Roberts — *Speaker*



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

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

For over forty years, Pastor Randall "Randy" L. Roberts has served the church in various capacities, preaching and speaking to audiences both nationally and internationally. In 1987, he began work as a chaplain at Loma Linda University Medical Center, and for seven years provided patient and staff support, spiritual care and counseling; during that time, he was instrumental in establishing and leading the Medical Center's grief recovery program. Pastor Roberts began teaching full-time in the School of Religion in early 1994, holding the rank of Associate Professor and serving as Associate Dean. While teaching in the School of Religion, he also served on the pastoral staff of the Corona Seventh-day Adventist (SDA) Church from 1996 to 2000, the latter part of that time serving as the senior pastor.

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

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

Pastor Roberts will deliver his address at the Conferring of Degrees for the School of Allied Health Professionals at the 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM ceremonies.



# School of Allied Health Professions

Orthotics and Prosthetics, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy

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

## PRELUDE

University Church Brass Ensemble  
Virgil Nielsen, Director

Musical Selections

## ACADEMIC PROCESSION

The audience is requested to clear the aisles and remain seated  
Ronald L. Carter, University Grand Marshal, leading  
Lamitra M. Baez, G. Charles Dart, William J. Edmunds,  
Courtney M. Marquez, Associate Marshals, assisting

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

## Faculty

Triumphal March from "Aida" ... *Giuseppe Verdi (arr. Bill Holcombe)*

## Candidates for Degrees

Pomp and Circumstance ... *Sir Edward Elgar (arr. Jack Gale)*

## INVOCATION

Liane N. Hewitt  
Chair and Associate Professor, Department of Occupational Therapy

## WELCOME

Richard H. Hart  
President of the University

## 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

Randall L. Roberts  
Vice President for Spiritual Life and Mission,  
Loma Linda University Health  
Professor, Relational Studies, School of Religion,  
Loma Linda University  
Senior Pastor, Loma Linda University Church

BIG, BIG WORLD

OR

TINY, LITTLE WORLD?

*(Your Call...)*

## CONFERRING OF DEGREES

## AWARDING OF DIPLOMAS

## BENEDICTION

## ACADEMIC RECESSION

## THE PRESIDENT

The Dean

Dana G. McCree, Assistant Dean, Admissions and Records  
Gurinder S. Bains, Professor, School of Allied Health Professions  
Lawrence E. Chinnock, Chair, Department of Physical Therapy  
Julie D. Kugel, Program Director, Post-Professional Doctor of  
Occupational Therapy, Department of Occupational Therapy

The Lord's Prayer ... *Malotte*

Communication Sciences & Disorders and SAHP Faculty &  
Friends signing  
JeJe Noval, Assistant Professor, vocals

Alla Hornpipe from "Water Music" ... *George Frederick Handel*  
(arr. Charles Evans)

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/academics/commencement](http://llu.edu/academics/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.

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

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



Ian Gabriel Tabernilla Adea



Elizabeth Lynette Castellanos



Marissa Inez Amaya



Isaac Allen Chen



Danielle Arenas



Lindy Carolyn Contreras



Sumama Azad



Anjelica Marie Delgado



Albert Barragan



Marcela Duran



Alexis Nicole Bevins



Angel Esqueda



Shawna Gates



Gabriella Renee Ortega



Emmanuel Joshua Gonzalez



Rinald Palit



Savanah Guzman



Brandon Alfred Pasuhuk



Hannah Grace Hendrickson



Cesar Emmanuel Ramon



Matthew Adrian Hernandez



Elmer Ramos



Pertiwi Kaligis Mamahit



Kevin Alexander Soto



Priscilla Mendoza



Jacquelyn Velasco



Jared J. Napod



Annabelle Villegas



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Jose Luis Zamora



Christian Isaiah Williams Valenzuela



Ying Zhang

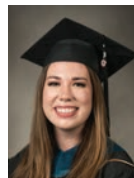


Kylee Meadows Wilson

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



Ismari Rosaley Altamirano, DEC  
BA La Sierra University 2020



Hannah Lynn Baughman, DEC  
BS University of La Verne 2018



Abhijeet Gerald Andrews  
BA La Sierra University 2016  
*Community Outreach Award*



Zaila Lalrinfeli Bawitlung, DEC  
BS Azusa Pacific University 2018



Lauren Elizabeth Ashworth, DEC  
BA California Polytechnic State University,  
San Luis Obispo 2018



Sarah Benjamin, MAR  
BA San Jose State University 2018



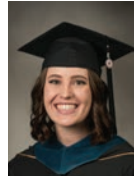
Britni Renee Barlow, DEC  
BS Southern Adventist University 2020



Ben Byer, DEC  
BS Azusa Pacific University 2017



Senica Marie Espaldon Camello, DEC  
BS California State Polytechnic University,  
Pomona 2018



Cherise M. Hennigan, DEC  
BA Seton Hall University 2019  
*Alumni Award*



Kassandra Chavez, DEC  
BS California State University, Long Beach 2018  
*Edwinna Marshall Leadership Award*  
*Rising Star Award*



Juan C. Hernandez Jaime, DEC  
BA California Lutheran University 2019



Abigail Corong, DEC  
BS California State University, Dominguez  
Hills 2018



Kaila A. Hisayasu, DEC  
BA California State University, Long Beach 2018  
*Alumni Award*



Hannah Amor Decolongon, DEC  
BS Pacific Union College 2020  
*Edwinna Marshall Leadership Award*



Amery Javier, DEC  
BA California State University, Long Beach 2017



Elisa Dali Fuentes, MAR  
BS Southern Adventist University 2020



Stella Kim, DEC  
BA Pepperdine University 2017  
*Faculty Award*



Ryan Goulmassian  
BA La Sierra University 2018



Susanna Kim, DEC  
BA Biola University 2015



Naomi Lynn Green, DEC  
BSE University of Arizona 2019  
*Faculty Award*



Cameron Elizabeth Lent, DEC  
BS University of Nevada, Las Vegas 2020



Sydney Hedges, DEC  
BS Westmont College 2017  
*Lynn Arrateig Practice Award*



Wendy Mendez Gonzalez, DEC  
BS California State Polytechnic University,  
Pomona 2018



Rebecca Lynn Mitchell, DEC  
BS Sonoma State University 2019



Melissa Sergent  
BA California Lutheran University 2012



Susan Penelope Montes-de Oca, DEC  
BS La Sierra University 2018  
*Lynn Arrateig Practice Award*



Jamie L. Shefferd, DEC  
BA University of California, Riverside 2018



Lucy Mulyatno, DEC  
BS University of La Verne 2019



Isabella S. Showalter, DEC  
BS Southern Adventist University 2019



Krista M. Neuendorff, MAR  
BSW Walla Walla University 2020



Kaela Alyssa Soriano, DEC  
BS La Sierra University 2019



Ashley Nicole O'Toole, DEC  
BS University of Arizona 2020



Ryan Andrew Spady, DEC  
BA Walla Walla University 2013



Eunice Pak, DEC  
BS University of California, Irvine 2014



Elana Spetner, DEC  
BA California State University, Northridge 2019



Daisy Palafox, DEC  
BA University of California, Santa Barbara 2019  
*Community Outreach Award*



Mariel Gabrielle Takamura, MAR  
BA University of California, Merced 2013  
*Community Service Award*



Maria F. Santana, DEC  
BS California State University, Bakersfield 2020  
*Dean's Award*



Lauren Ana Alisa Tomas, DEC  
BS Walla Walla University 2019



Tabitha Mari Toral, DEC  
BS California State University, San Bernardino 2015



Matthew Vega, DEC  
BS University of La Verne 2016



Jessica Terumi Uyehara, DEC  
BS University of California, Riverside 2018



Catarina M. Yi, DEC  
BA University of California, Los Angeles 2011



Audrey Kathryn Uyemura, DEC  
BS Pacific Union College 2020

## MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ORTHOTICS AND PROSTHETICS

Department of Orthotics and Prosthetics  
*Orthotics and Prosthetics*



Marina Mary Ayoub, MAR  
BS Azusa Pacific University 2020



Ixchel Rashalina Buelna  
BS California State University, Northridge 2017



Stephanie Badra  
BA Point Loma Nazarene University 2020



Luis Adrian Cendejas, MAR  
BS California State University, Fresno 2019



Michael Curtis Barus-Lemay, MAR  
BS California State University, San Bernardino 2019



Adam Fernandez, MAR  
BS Loma Linda University IDS 2023, cum laude



Lina Mershon Bhatti  
BA Azusa Pacific University 2020



Janette Garcia  
BS Vanguard University of Southern California 2020





Alex Gironda  
BS California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo 2018



Camryn Brynn Price  
BS Azusa Pacific University 2020



Cade Marshall Hollingsead, MAR  
BS Loma Linda University IDS 2023



Sarah Rojek, MAR  
BS Loma Linda University IDS 2023



Charles Joseph Hudson IV, MAR  
BS Loma Linda University IDS 2023, cum laude



Alanna Dorene Rosado  
BS Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania 2020



Stacie Leann Imoto  
BS San Francisco State University 2021



Daniel Brian Royston  
BS Old Dominion University 2020



Christian Thomas Lebold  
BSE Walla Walla University 2021



Sammy Nathan Salguero, MAR  
BS California State University, San Marcos 2018



Maria Fernanda Molina  
BA Whittier College 2015



Evan Lucas Daniel Smith  
BS Pacific Union College 2016



Bassel Nasri Mufarreh  
BS Gonzaga University 2020



Shomari Sterling, MAR  
BS Loma Linda University IDS 2023



Matthew Rigoberto Munoz  
BS California State University, Fullerton 2021

## DOCTOR OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

Department of Occupational Therapy

*Occupational Therapy Post-Professional*



Melissa Luong, DEC  
BA University of California, Irvine 2016  
MOT Loma Linda University AH 2021



Jacqueline Teske, MAR  
BS Pacific Union College 2015  
MOT Loma Linda University AH 2018  
*Faculty Award*  
*Wil Alexander Whole Person Care Award*



Mary Maverick, MAR  
BA Prescott College 1999  
MS California State University, Dominguez  
Hills 2012

## DOCTOR OF PHYSICAL THERAPY

Department of Physical Therapy

*DPT Entry-Level*



Amorita Achabal  
BS Eastern Washington University 2020



Aidan Blanco  
BS University of California, Riverside 2017



Joana Amezcua  
BS California State University, Northridge 2015



Anca Boca  
BS University of California, Riverside 2018  
*Jonna Hughes Memorial Award*



Joshua Ray Banuelos  
BS Oregon State University 2020  
*Physical Therapy Faculty Award*



Andrew Jarred Boskind  
BS Walla Walla University 2019



Erika Joelle S. Bernardino  
BS California State University, San Marcos 2017



Clarissa Briones  
BS University of Nevada, Las Vegas 2015  
*Physical Therapy Faculty Award*  
*Physical Therapy Academic Achievement Award*



Jonathan Castro  
BA North Carolina State University at Raleigh 2019



Julia Kathryn DenBoer  
BS Concordia University, Irvine 2020



Shannon M. Cauley  
BS California State University, Monterey Bay 2013  
*Physical Therapy Faculty Award*



Andrew Jonathan Dobbin  
BS Burman University 2018



Amanda K. Chan  
BA Northern Arizona University 2018  
*Thomas Burke Memorial Award*



Katrina-Grace Cueto Dorado  
BS California Baptist University 2019



Pierre Coburn  
BS Northern Arizona University 2014  
*Physical Therapy Leadership Award*



Michelle S. Giles  
BS California State University, Northridge 2019



Kevin Brock Cummings  
BS Walla Walla University 2020



Katrina Rimon Hayek  
BS California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo 2019



Jason Jackson Daniel  
BS La Sierra University 2018



Nicholas Cameron Kelley  
BS California State University, San Bernardino 2013  
*Physical Therapy Faculty Award*



Lacey Dean  
BS George Fox University 2020



Andrew An Khong  
BS California State University, San Bernardino 2017



Sherri Anne Fajardo dela Cruz  
BS Southern Adventist University 2020



Jennifer Khuu  
BS University of California, Davis 2012  
*Physical Therapy Faculty Award*  
*Physical Therapy Academic Achievement Award*



Daniel Kim  
BS La Sierra University 2019



Jasleen Kaur Mander  
BS California State University, Bakersfield 2019



Joseph Jin Suk Kim  
BS Andrews University 2017



Nicholas Martin Del Campo  
BS California State Polytechnic University,  
Pomona 2018  
*Physical Therapy Faculty Award*



Shilo Diane Kolbeck  
BS Cumberland College 2018  
*Jonna Hughes Memorial Award*



Sean Joel Miranda  
BS La Sierra University 2019



Michelle Melvarosa Leon  
BS California State University, San  
Bernardino 2015



Ryan Michael Moore  
BA Thomas Edison State College 2020  
*Physical Therapy Faculty Award*



Katie E. Leong  
BS California Baptist University 2020



Kiana Alyssa Mopera  
BS Southern Adventist University 2020



Chloe Annelise Litwin  
BS California Baptist University 2020



Charles M. Nashed  
BA California State University, Dominguez  
Hills 2018



Michelle Anne Luther  
BS San Diego State University 2019  
*Physical Therapy Academic Achievement Award*



Erick F. Navarro  
BS University of California, Irvine 2017  
*Physical Therapy Faculty Award*



Kallie Kathleen Lynch  
BS San Diego State University 2020  
*Jonna Hughes Memorial Award*  
*Physical Therapy Academic Achievement Award*



Elaine Do Nhan  
BA University of California, Irvine 2017  
*Physical Therapy Academic Achievement Award*



Marlyn Orozco  
BS The University of Texas at El Paso 2019



Abraham Santiago  
BS University of California, Irvine 2017



James D. Pahuyo  
BS Old Dominion University 2019



Hannah Seo  
BS California State University, Northridge 2019  
*Thomas Burke Memorial Award*



Karis Joo-Eun Park  
BS Biola University 2018



Allison Smith  
BS California State University, East Bay 2020



Resha Patel  
BS California State University, San Bernardino 2020



Klay R. Solomon  
BS California Baptist University 2020  
*Physical Therapy Academic Achievement Award*



Sarah Ella Ramsey  
BS California Baptist University 2020



Joshua Daniel Christian Tefft  
BS Southern Adventist University 2020



James Edoardo Recinos  
BS California State University, Fullerton 2017



Hallie Thompson  
BS Colorado Mesa University 2019



Jasmine Rachel Resuello  
BS San Diego State University 2017



Lauren Toney  
BS California State University, San Bernardino 2018



Laura Selena Sandoval  
BS California State University, San Bernardino 2019



Chiahong Andre Tsai  
BS San Diego State University 2020



Luke Roosevelt Tsai  
BS University of California, Riverside 2018



Sarah Olivia Yaghoubi  
BS Point Loma Nazarene University 2018

*Post-Professional DPT*



Kshitija Dinesh Barawkar, MAR  
BPT (4 YEAR) Maharashtra University of  
Health Sciences 2020



Suvi Shuwei Chen, MAR  
BPT (4 YEAR) National Cheng Kung  
University 2016



Shravani Bipin Bhogate, MAR  
BPT (4 YEAR) Pravara Institute of Medical  
Sciences 2020



Yi-An Chen  
BS I-Shou University 2017 MS Cardiff  
University 2022



Disha Nitin Chaudhari, MAR  
BPT Maharashtra University of Health  
Sciences 2019



Umesh Gordhanlal Dadhich  
BPT Rajiv Gandhi University of Health  
Sciences 2012  
MPT Rajiv Gandhi University of Health  
Sciences 2014



Surbhi Mahendra Singh Chauhan, MAR  
BPT MGM Institute of Health Sciences 2019



Vidhi Dhanesh Dawda, MAR  
BPT Pravara Institute of Medical Sciences 2019



Hsiao-Yu Chen, MAR  
BPT (4 YEAR) I-Shou University 2017



Tun-Ren Han, MAR  
BS I-Shou University 2016  
MS University of South Florida 2021



Hui-Chin Chen, MAR  
BPT (4 YEAR) Chung Shan Medical  
University 2013



Wan-Ju Ho, MAR  
BPT (4 YEAR) I-Shou University 2010



Jui Hsu, MAR  
BS National Yang-Ming University 2015



Jihyun Lee, MAR  
BPT (4 YEAR) Yonsei University 2018



Po-Li Hsu, MAR  
BS Tzu Chi University 2019



Hui Chu Lei, MAR  
BPT (4 YEAR) I-Shou University 2018



Simran Rajesh Jaisinghani, MAR  
BPT MGM Institute of Health Sciences 2019



Mayuri Pramod Mhatre, MAR  
BPT (4 YEAR) MGM Institute of Health Sciences 2020



Tzu-Fu Kao  
BPT (4 YEAR) National Yang-Ming University 2022



Ruchira Mahendra Mithbaonkar, MAR  
BPT MGM Institute of Health Sciences 2019



Kemi Aminat Kasumu, MAR  
BPT University of Lagos 2016



Owee Rajesh Mulay, MAR  
BPT (4 YEAR) Maharashtra University of Health Sciences 2018



Padmapriya Kavacheri Subramaniam, MAR  
BPT (4 YEAR) Sri Ramachandra University 2021



Raaga Sushrutha Mullapati  
BPT N.T.R. University of Health Sciences 2017  
MPT MGM Institute of Health Sciences 2020



Aishwariya Ramesh Kumar, MAR  
BPT Pravara Institute of Medical Sciences 2019



Chiedozie Carlbruce Nwajei, MAR  
BPT Obafemi Awolowo University 2018



Eun Hee Lee  
BPT (4 YEAR) Sahmyook University 2012 MPT  
Sahmyook University 2015



Oluwakemi Augustina Ojomo  
BPT University of Ibadan 2015 MS Paderborn University 2022



Chioma Chekwube Okoli, MAR  
BMR University of Nigeria 2007



Shreya Kalpesh Shah, MAR  
BPT (4 YEAR) MGM Institute of Health  
Sciences 2020



Sai Meghana Paleru, MAR  
BPT (4 YEAR) Sri Venkateswara Institute of  
Medical Sciences 2020



Mitali Jatin Sheth, MAR  
BPT (4 YEAR) Manipal Academy of Higher  
Education 2021



Khushboo Amrutlal Patel, MAR  
BPT Pravara Institute of Medical Sciences 2019



Maxine Shih, MAR  
BS Montclair State University 2014  
BS China Medical University 2020



Siddhi Pawaskar, MAR  
BPT MGM Institute of Health Sciences 2019



Sarada Sridhar, MAR  
BPT Maharashtra University of Health  
Sciences 2019



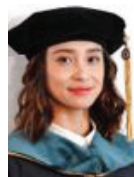
Sonia Pradhan  
BPT Maharashtra University of Health  
Sciences 2018  
MS University of Illinois at Chicago 2020



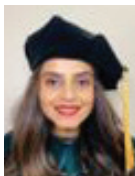
Saakshi Ashish Vaidya, MAR  
BPT (4 YEAR) Manipal Academy of Higher  
Education 2020



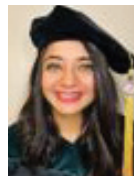
Richmond Sarpong, MAR  
BSPT University of Ghana 2014



Luo Yu Wang, MAR  
BPT (4 YEAR) Hungkuang University 2018



Maitrei Sanjay Shah, MAR  
BPT (4 YEAR) Padmashree Dr. D. Y. Patil  
Vidyapeeth 2018



Karishma Anish Zaveri, MAR  
BPT Maharashtra University of Health  
Sciences 2019



## DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

In conjunction with the Faculty of Graduate Studies

Department of Physical Therapy

*Physical Therapy*



Hamad Mohammed Alkaabi

BS Brunel University 2009

BSPT University of Central Lancashire 2011

MSR Loma Linda University AH 2017

DPT Loma Linda University AH 2018

*Dissertation:* Preconditioning Training Program to Reduce the Risk of Musculoskeletal Injuries in Tactical Trainees



Joan Rae Martin Hermosura

BS Arizona State University, Main Campus 2008

DPT Azusa Pacific University 2014

*Dissertation:* Usage of a Lower Extremity Neurodynamic Test for Diagnosing Neuropathic Pain in Chronic Musculoskeletal Diseases with fMRI



Trevor Alan Lohman, DEC

BS Loma Linda University IDS 2013

DPT Loma Linda University AH 2013

*Dissertation:* High Intensity Interval Training Reverses Biological Age: A Whole Genome Expression Analysis



Enrique Jimenez Lopez

BS California State University, San Bernardino 2009

DPT Loma Linda University AH 2013

*Dissertation:* The Role of Hip Position on Neck Kinematics and Muscle Activity in Healthy and Non-Specific Neck Pain Subjects



Alfredo Loreto

BS Loma Linda University IDS 2011

DPT Loma Linda University AH 2011

*Dissertation:* Neuroendocrine Changes after Cervical Spinal Manipulation and Mobilization in Subjects with Non-Specific Mechanical Neck Pain

## Program Directors – School of Allied Health Professions

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

Occupational Therapy, O.T.D.: Julie D. Kugel

Orthotics and Prosthetics, M.S.: Michael Moor, Chair

Physical Therapist Assistant, A.S.: R. Jeremy Hubbard

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

Physical Therapy, post-professional D.P.T.: Everett Lohman

Physical Therapy, Ph.D.: Everett Lohman

## Daniele G. Kuhn — *President's Award*



*M.S. Nutrition and Dietetics, Loma Linda  
University SAHP 2023*

*President's Award SAHP 2023*

The President's Award, the highest award given to a graduating senior, is presented in recognition of academic excellence, and active participation in the student community within the context of Christian commitment.

Daniele is graduating today from the combined BS/MS Nutrition & Dietetics program. She has consistently maintained an outstanding academic record and demonstrated a commitment to service in line with LLU's motto "To Make Man Whole." Her professors note her intellectual curiosity and keen interest in nutrition and dietetics as her greatest motivators. She is detailed oriented, and her work is consistently of the highest quality.

Daniele's service activities have done much to further the mission of the department of nutrition & dietetics. She has been involved with several organizations on campus and is always willing to assist when called upon. She was student liaison for the SAHP Spiritual Life and Wholeness Committee engaging in discussion about spiritual life and wholeness practices and initiatives on campus. She has also volunteered for Community-Academic Partners in Service (CAPS), a campus-based organization that provides low-cost resources to meet vital needs in the local community. As a student presenter for the Lunch Power series (Winter 2023), Daniele, along with a classmate, shared tips on "Budget Friendly, Healthy Breakfasts" with SAHP students.

She is fluent in Portuguese, English, and Spanish, and proficient in French and Thai. Daniele puts this gift to good use in her volunteer work at the Loma Linda Community Garden where she assists with maintenance projects. She was a mentor with Partners in Print helping learning readers master their assignments. While working with Your Best Pathway to Health, based in San Francisco, Daniele did translation and facilitation for Clinic Services to over 6,000 patients. She has been an intern for Child and Adult Workshops with Cross Cultural Training and an Administrative Assistant in the Youth Department at the General Conference office of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Currently, Daniele works part-time as a registered dietitian at an integrative internal and endocrinology medicine practice.

In recognition of her academic achievements, outstanding leadership, and commitment to serving others, Loma Linda University School of Allied Health Professions names Daniele G. Kuhn recipient of the 2023 *PRESIDENT'S AWARD*. This award will be presented to her at the Conferring of Degrees for the school at the 8:00 AM ceremony.

## Jennifer Esquer Fraboni — *School Trailblazer Award*



Creator, @jen.health

Podcast Co-host, The Optimal Body

*B.S. California State University, Fullerton 2012*

*D.P.T. Loma Linda University SAHP 2015*

*Top 50 Most Influential Healthcare*

*Professionals 2019*

*Top 40 Physical Therapy Influencer*

Dr. Jennifer Esquer Fraboni has been involved in a variety of movement and sports activities since an early age. She pursued a bachelor's degree in kinesiology while coaching gymnastics and teaching Pilates, and continued her studies at Loma Linda University (LLU), graduating with a Doctorate of Physical Therapy degree. While she was a student at LLU, Dr. Esquer Fraboni joined Instagram in 2014, initially posting pictures and videos of her calisthenics and quickly generated a following of 100,000 individuals by the time she graduated in 2015.

As a new physical therapist, Dr. Esquer Fraboni's purpose and passion was to help people. She started her career at an outpatient physical therapy clinic and continued to teach Pilates and gradually refined her concept of "whole person movement." It was around this time that she changed the focus of her Instagram page to include anatomy photos of the part of the body she was moving so her followers could see how anatomy affected movement. These educational videos garnered more views than any posts she had done in the past, encouraging her to post more about whole body movement and how to balance mobility and strength in the human body.

In 2017, Dr. Esquer Fraboni started the "Mobility Method," a program that educates individuals on how to keep their bodies in balance. As a physical therapist, she encourages people to think differently about their bodies as something needing to be fixed, quickly; rather, she teaches them to assess where their bodies are now.

For her significant reach and influence with the "everyday" person, promoting whole person movement, Loma Linda University School of Allied Health Professions honors Dr. Jennifer Esquer Fraboni with the *SCHOOL TRAILBLAZER AWARD*. This award will be presented to her at the Conferring of Degrees for the school at the 10:30 AM ceremony.

## Cheri Wild Blue — *Alumna of the Year*



Assistive Technology Specialist, Jordan School District

Adjunct Instructor, University of Utah, Department of Special Education

*B.S. Loma Linda University SAHP 2007*

*M.S. Loma Linda University SAHP 2009*

*Ph.D. Special Education, University of Utah 2022*

*Augmentative-Alternative Communication Assessment Certificate, Diagnostic Center of Southern California, California Department of Education*

*Diploma de Español como Lengua Extranjera, Certification of competence in written and spoken Spanish language, Spanish Ministry of Education and Science*

*Distinguished Alumna Award, Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders, Loma Linda University SAHP 2023*

*Outstanding Student: Excellence in Community Leadership Award, California Speech and Hearing Association 2009*

*Evelyn Britt Scholarship, Loma Linda University, Department of Speech-Language Pathology 2008, 2007, 2006*

Since graduating from Loma Linda University, Dr. Cheri Wild Blue has worked as a speech-language pathologist in public schools in California, New Mexico, and Utah supporting diverse students with complex communication needs. In the process of helping these students to supplement their oral speech through augmentative and alternative communication (AAC), Dr. Blue encountered many legal, bureaucratic, and social obstacles that her students and their families faced. This experience was the impetus for her doctoral training at the University of Utah where, in 2022, she successfully defended her dissertation entitled, "Effects of a telepractice coaching intervention on parents' use of evidence-based instructional strategies and communicative behaviors of children who use augmentative and alternative communication."

Dr. Blue is currently the assistive technology specialist in Jordan School District in Salt Lake County, Utah, a district with a population of approximately 58,000 students. She conducts AAC and assistive technology assessments, trains and supports teachers, speech-language pathologists, and related service providers while managing assistive technology for students and their families throughout the district. In addition to her primary job, she is an Adjunct Instructor for the University of Utah, Department of Special Education. Dr. Blue has collaborated in peer-reviewed publications, books, and conference presentations on issues related to meeting the communication needs for individuals with severe disabilities. She has also consistently held leadership positions on committees and councils since 2019.

For her enthusiasm, her exemplary dedication to serving a vulnerable community, and for her significant contributions that continue to benefit her field through research, Loma Linda University School of Allied Health Professions is pleased to name Dr. Cheri Wild Blue *ALUMNA OF THE YEAR*. This award will be presented to her at the Conferring of Degrees for the school at the 8:00 AM ceremony.

## Sharon L. Pavlovich — *School Faculty of the Year Award*



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

*A.A. Loma Linda University SAHP 1992*

*B.A. California State University San  
Bernardino 2005*

*M.A. University of Redlands 2010*

*Ed.D. University of Southern California 2020*

*Occupational Therapy Assistant Honorary  
Award, Occupational Therapy Association of  
California 2022*

Dr. Sharon L. Pavlovich is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Occupational Therapy at the School of Allied Health Professions. She teaches occupational therapy classes on leadership, business, education, spirit of diversity, current trends, and occupation and wellness.

As a practitioner, Dr. Pavlovich has worked in the area of Physical Dysfunction specializing in neurological conditions, and volunteers her time with at-risk youth, and LGBTQA+ community members. She also mentors students from the University of Southern California (USC) Rossier School of Education, USC Lambda LGBTQA+ Association members, University of Redlands Management students, as well as members of the American Occupational Therapy Association. Dr. Pavlovich sits on the board of directors for California State University San Bernardino Alumni Association as well as the board of directors for USC's Lambda LGBTQA+ Alumni Association.

Dr. Pavlovich's areas of interest are mentorship, leadership, DEI (diversity, equity, and inclusion), advanced practice in occupational therapy, and sexuality, and has two publications as first author on the topic of mentorship, one team publication on the topic of microteaching, and has co-authored a chapter in an orthopedic book with Dr. Javaherian-Dysinger.

In recognition of her invaluable contributions as an educator, researcher, and mentor, Loma Linda University School of Allied Health Professions honors Dr. Sharon L. Pavlovich with the *SCHOOL FACULTY OF THE YEAR AWARD*. This award will be presented to her at the Conferring of Degrees for the school at the 10:30 AM ceremony.

## G. Charles (Chuck) Dart Jr. — *School Distinguished Service Award*



Associate Dean, Student Affairs, School  
of Allied Health Professions, Loma  
Linda University

*B.A. Southwestern Adventist University 1976*  
*M.B.A. La Sierra University 1994*

*Member, Executive Committee, Adventist  
Enrollment Association*

Supporting students in pursuit of their life goals is the common thread woven through the fabric of Mr. George Charles “Chuck” Dart Jr.’s career. Chuck has held teaching and leadership positions for 47 years, starting at Portland Adventist Academy in 1976, moving to schools in Texas and California, eventually transitioning to Andrews University in 1999 as Director of Enrollment Services.

Mr. Dart brings his many years of administrative experience to his work at Loma Linda University School of Allied Health Professions. He joined the school in 2002 as Director of Marketing and Recruitment, a position he held for thirteen years before taking on his current role as Associate Dean for Student Affairs in 2015. His responsibilities include developing department goals and working procedures, assessing student body needs and concerns, and supporting students on issues related to student services, institutional policies, and school processes.

Mr. Dart also continues to maintain an active role in student recruitment, introducing prospective students with career interests in healthcare to both the standard and unique qualities of a Loma Linda University education. In all these responsibilities, he is recognized for supporting student achievement and ensuring school development.

For his commitment, dedication and passion to current and prospective students, and for his unwavering leadership, Loma Linda University School of Allied Health Professions is pleased to honor Mr. George Charles “Chuck” Dart Jr. with the *SCHOOL DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD*. This award will be presented to him at the Conferring of Degrees for the school at the 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM ceremonies.

## Randall (Randy) L. Roberts — *Speaker*



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

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

For over forty years, Pastor Randall "Randy" L. Roberts has served the church in various capacities, preaching and speaking to audiences both nationally and internationally. In 1987, he began work as a chaplain at Loma Linda University Medical Center, and for seven years provided patient and staff support, spiritual care and counseling; during that time, he was instrumental in establishing and leading the Medical Center's grief recovery program. Pastor Roberts began teaching full-time in the School of Religion in early 1994, holding the rank of Associate Professor and serving as Associate Dean. While teaching in the School of Religion, he also served on the pastoral staff of the Corona Seventh-day Adventist (SDA) Church from 1996 to 2000, the latter part of that time serving as the senior pastor.

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

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

Pastor Roberts will deliver his address at the Conferring of Degrees for the School of Allied Health Professionals at the 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM ceremonies.



# School of Behavioral Health and School of Religion

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

PRELUDE	University Church Brass Ensemble Virgil Nielsen, Director
	Musical Selections
ACADEMIC PROCESSION	The audience is requested to clear the aisles and remain seated Ronald L. Carter, University Grand Marshal, leading Monte D. Butler, Christian W. Johnston, Winetta A. Oloo, Calvin J. Thomsen, Associate Marshals, assisting
	The President's Party, Members of the University of Trustees, LLUH Administration
Faculty	Triumphal March from "Aida" ... <i>Giuseppe Verdi (arr. Bill Holcombe)</i>
Candidates for Degrees	Pomp and Circumstance ... <i>Sir Edward Elgar (arr. Jack Gale)</i>
INVOCATION	Leo S. Ranzolin, Jr. 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 The President Ronald L. Carter, Provost of the University
INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER	Dean of the School of Behavioral Health
ADDRESS	Yi Shen Ma Assistant Professor, Ethical Studies & Co-Director, Center for Christian Bioethics, School of Religion, Loma Linda University
	LET US BUILD UP ONE ANOTHER
CONFERRING OF DEGREES	The President

## AWARDING OF DIPLOMAS

Dean of the School of Religion  
Zane G. Yi, Associate Dean, School of Religion  
Saul Barcelo, Program Director and Assistant Professor,  
School of Religion  
Dean of the School of Behavioral Health  
Winetta A. Oloo, Associate Dean, Academic and Student Affairs,  
School of Behavioral Health  
Miriam A. Obenaus, Associate Dean, Finance and Administration

## BENEDICTION

Dean of the School of Behavioral Health

## ACADEMIC RECESSION

Alla Hornpipe from "Water Music" ... *George Frederick Handel*  
(arr. Charles Evans)

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/academics/commencement](http://llu.edu/academics/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.

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

## School of Religion

### MASTER OF ARTS

In conjunction with the Faculty of Graduate Studies  
*Bioethics*



Michael Coleman Borecky  
BS Pacific Union College 2019



Eugene Gilbert  
BS University of Massachusetts, Amherst 2013  
MBS Rowan University 2016



Andrew Stephen Cuevas  
BS Southern Adventist University 2019



Gustavo Daniel Moretta  
BA Southern Adventist University 2018



Brandon Scott Dobrowsky  
BS Southern Adventist University 2018



Joel Talamonu Paea  
BS Andrews University 2019



Clarissa Marie Garcia  
BA University of San Diego 2020



Matthew Avery Wilson  
BS Southern Adventist University 2020

### *Religion and Society*



Yuna Han  
BA Southern Adventist University 2018



Jae Ho Lee  
BA University of California, Berkeley 2017

## MASTER OF SCIENCE

### Chaplaincy



Sivasa Turner Laupati  
BA La Sierra University 2018



Ruby L. Moore  
BA California State University, Long Beach 2003  
MSW California State University, Long Beach 2007

## School of Behavioral Health

## MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK

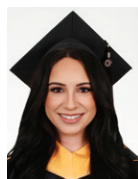
### Social Work



Isabella Acosta-Segura  
BA University of San Diego 2021  
*Emerging Leader Award*  
*Leadership Service Award*



Ashly Elizabeth Brown  
BA California State University, San Bernardino 2020



Jacklynn Alise Almeida  
BSW La Sierra University 2021



Sarah Lynne Castleton Capsolas  
BS University of Utah 2018



Alessandra Anastasha  
BSW La Sierra University 2020  
*Professional Achievement Award*



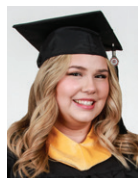
Austin Chavira  
BS University of La Verne 2016



Vivian Michelle Arredondo  
BS La Sierra University 2017



Jennie Elizabeth Covarrubias  
BA California State University, Los Angeles 202



Isabelle Elizabeth Bachman  
BA University of San Diego 2021



James Edward Curtis IV  
BA University of California, San Diego 1984



Alejandra De Leon  
BA California State University, San Bernardino 2020



Bridjae Lynda Holston  
BS Northern Arizona University 2015



Angela De Pass  
BA California State University, Los Angeles 1986  
MPA University of La Verne 1997  
DPA University of La Verne 2004



Joana Formosa Hsu  
BS University of California, Davis 2017  
*Leadership Service Award*



Alysiana Marie Elizalde Taha  
BA National University 2021



Jacqueline Imbach  
BA California State University, Long Beach 2017



Alyssa Paige Fitzpatrick  
BA Burman University 2020



Alante Angelina Jalivay  
BSW Pacific Union College 2019  
*Leadership Service Award*



Carlos Gandara Flores  
BA California State University, Long Beach 2013



Jessica Kaydee Lin Jones  
BA California Baptist University 2021  
*Professional Achievement Award*



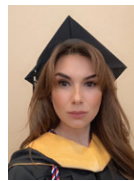
Noelia Lucia Frank  
BS University of Phoenix, Online Campus 2019



Tiffany Crystal Juarez  
BA California State University, San Bernardino 2012  
*Professional Excellence Award*



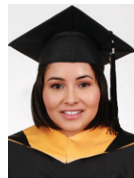
Alexa Hernandez  
BA California State University, Los Angeles 2022



Alishia Nicole Koshmerl  
BSW La Sierra University 2022  
*Leadership Service Award*



Laura Ann Hernandez  
BA California Baptist University 2019  
*Professional Achievement Award*



Veronica Lisseth Lovo Argueta  
BA California State University, San Bernardino 2017  
*Dean's Award for Master's Degree Programs*  
*Leadership Service Award*



Ana Lucero  
BA San Diego State University 2003



Naya Player, DEC  
BA California State University, San Marcos 2019



Jacqueline Roman Luna  
BSW La Sierra University 2022



Laura Ivett Rubio  
BSW La Sierra University 2013



Beverly Maravilla  
BA La Sierra University 2011  
THM La Sierra University 2020



Nancy Marie Sanchez  
BSW La Sierra University 2020



Ashley Mills  
BA California State University, Fullerton 2012



Elena Johanna Danielle Shand  
BS Pacific Union College 2018  
*Leadership Service Award*



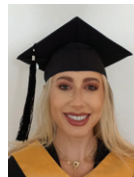
Naomi Ahwah Oler  
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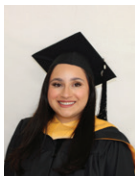
Tiffany Siebold  
BA Andrews University 2014  
*Wil Alexander Whole Person Care Award*



Isis Paola Oliveros-Sambrano  
BA University of California, Riverside 2012  
*Professional Excellence Award*



Sophie Solow  
BFA New York University 2014  
*Professional Excellence Award*



Amalia Chrisitna Partida  
BA California State University, San Bernardino 2022



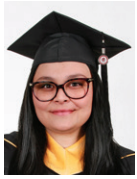
Brian Tate  
BA Cambridge College 2019



Keith M. Pezant  
BA Azusa Pacific University 2019  
*Professional Achievement Award*



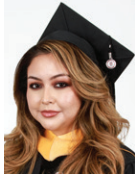
Erika Ubario  
BA California State Polytechnic University,  
Pomona 2017  
*Professional Achievement Award*



Nancy Ureno  
BA California State University, Los Angeles 2009  
*Professional Achievement Award*



Wendy Xiomara Valle-Guzman  
BS California State University, Fullerton 2007



Violeta Valdez  
BA California State University, San Bernardino 2018



Marlyn Vargas  
BSW La Sierra University 2021

## MASTER OF SCIENCE

### *Child Life Specialist*



Lilamarie Moreno Aguilar  
BA California State Polytechnic University,  
Pomona 2021



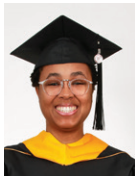
Lindsey Noelle Hanlin  
BA California Baptist University 2020  
*CFS Outstanding Student Award*



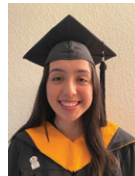
Nourah Khaled Alqattan  
BA Kuwait University 2014



Francesca Justine Holborn, DEC  
BS Western Oregon University 2020



Taylor Ana Elizabeth Armstrong  
BA La Sierra University 2020



Daisy Carmen Martinez-Martinez  
BA California State Polytechnic University,  
Pomona 2021



Aimee Caitlin Blair  
BA Point Loma Nazarene University 2021



Alexis Keana Velasco  
BA Sonoma State University 2021



Esther Irery De La Cruz  
BS University of California, Davis 2015

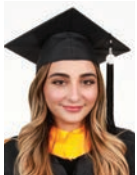
## Counseling



Nigar Eminzade  
BA University of California, Irvine 2020



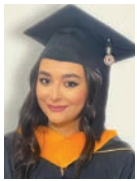
Allison Krystine Samp  
BA California State University, San Bernardino 2020



Christina Akram Fakhoury  
BA Arizona State University, Main Campus 2021



Amanda Kay Stadelbacher  
BA California State University, Fullerton 2021  
*CFS Outstanding Student Award*



Sabrina Fakhoury, DEC  
BA Arizona State University, Main Campus 2020



Berenice Rocio Velazquez  
BA University of California, Riverside 2020



Andy Hoang Quach  
BA University of California, Riverside 2019

## Criminal Justice



Isabella Acosta-Segura  
BA University of San Diego 2021  
*Emerging Leader Award*  
*Leadership Service Award*



Ashly Elizabeth Brown  
BA California State University, San Bernardino 2020



Alessandra Anastasha  
BSW La Sierra University 2020  
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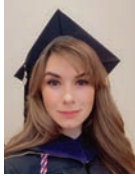




Alante Angelina Jalivay  
BSW Pacific Union College 2019  
*Leadership Service Award*



Veronica Lisseth Lovo Argueta  
BA California State University, San Bernardino 2017  
*Dean's Award for Master's Degree Programs*  
*Leadership Service Award*



Alishia Nicole Koshmerl  
BSW La Sierra University 2022  
*Leadership Service Award*



Elena Johanna Danielle Shand  
BS Pacific Union College 2018  
*Leadership Service Award*

*Gerontology*



Vivian Michelle Arredondo  
BS La Sierra University 2017



Ana Lucero  
BA San Diego State University 2003



Alejandra De Leon  
BA California State University, San Bernardino 2020

*Marital and Family Therapy*



Keelan Shane Aponte  
BA University of California, Riverside 2020



Nathalie Du, MAR  
BA University of La Verne 2020



Cortnie Breanne Barton  
BA California State University, San Bernardino 2016  
MS University of La Verne 2020



Nigar Eminzade  
BA University of California, Irvine 2020



Elizabeth Brutus  
BS Loma Linda University SD 2000



Peter Epstein  
BA California State University, Northridge 2016  
*CFS Outstanding Student Award*



Miranda Renee Gustuson  
BA California State University, San Bernardino 2021



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BA California State University, San Bernardino 2016



Kimberly Crystal Markley, MAR  
BA California State University, Fullerton 2021



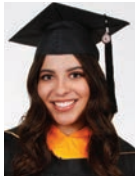
Marcella Rodriguez  
BBA Hofstra University 1992



Sharon Grace Martin  
BA University of San Francisco 2016



Allison Krystine Samp  
BA California State University, San Bernardino 2020



Brooke Alexandria McBay  
BA University of Redlands 2021



Rebeca Torres  
BS Southern Adventist University 2017



Esther Mukisa Muwonge  
BA California State University, Northridge 2020



Maira Alejandra Zavala, MAR  
BA California State University, San Bernardino 2018



Geraldine Ann Piridy  
BS Arizona State University West 2021

**DOCTOR OF MARITAL AND FAMILY THERAPY**  
*Marital and Family Therapy*



Julie Marie Foley  
BA Arizona State University, Main Campus 1995  
MS Loma Linda University GS 2003



Mitzie Marie Gonzalez  
BS University of Phoenix, Online Campus 2014  
MS San Diego State University 2019



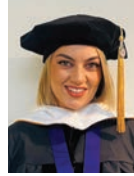
Janeth Marisol Guzman  
 BA San Diego State University 2017  
 MS San Diego State University 2019  
*CFS Outstanding Student Award*



Aaron R. Mogilski  
 BS Liberty University 2011  
 MAT Liberty University 2012



Emily Rose House, DEC  
 BA California State University, Northridge 2017  
 MS Loma Linda University SBH 2019



Sadaf Shalchian Pourkhaljan, DEC  
 BS University of California, Irvine 2016  
 MA Hope International University 2019



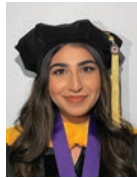
Elizabeth Jacqueline James  
 BA University of California, Riverside 2001  
 MA Azusa Pacific University 2006  
*Dean's Award for Doctoral Degree Programs*  
*Research Excellence Award*



Abel Arvizu Whittemore II, MAR  
 BA Loma Linda University AS 1979  
 MHA Loma Linda University SH 1982  
 DBA Alliant International University, San  
 Diego 1985  
 MS California State University, Dominguez  
 Hills 2012

## DOCTOR OF PSYCHOLOGY

### *Psychology*



Earaj Afzal  
 BA University of California, Los Angeles 2017  
 MA Loma Linda University SBH 2020



Savannah Rayne Bachar Betancourt  
 BA California Baptist University 2016  
 MA Loma Linda University SBH 2020



Tyson Charles Albertson  
 BS Brigham Young University 2016  
 MA Loma Linda University SBH 2020



Tina Halabian  
 BA University of California, Irvine 2017  
 MA Loma Linda University SBH 2020



Chalita Antommarchi  
 BS The University of Texas at Dallas 2017  
 MA Loma Linda University SBH 2020



Debora Bina Handojo  
 BA University of California, Riverside 2018  
 MA Loma Linda University SBH 2020  
*Research Excellence Award*



Talia Banayan  
 BA Chapman University 2016  
 MA Loma Linda University SBH 2020



Mariam Hanna  
 BA University of California, Riverside 2017  
 MA Loma Linda University SBH 2020



Kevin Joonho Lee  
 BA University of California, Irvine 2015  
 MA Loma Linda University SBH 2020



Helena Sidrak  
 BA University of California, Riverside 2018  
 MA Loma Linda University SBH 2020



Brooke Kania Millham  
 BS Tulane University 2014  
 MA Loma Linda University SBH 2020  
*Research Excellence Award*



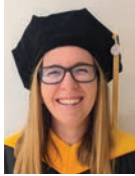
Monica Leigh Vejar  
 BA University of California, Los Angeles 2016  
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Bhaktidevi Mayur Rawal  
 MS University of London 2013  
 MA Loma Linda University SBH 2020



Valerie G. Watts  
 BA California State University, Long Beach 2018  
 MA Loma Linda University SBH 2020  
*President's Award*  
*Research Excellence Award*



Kelly Ann Sachdev  
 BS Boston College 2018  
 MA Loma Linda University SBH 2020



Megan Leigh White  
 BA University of California, Los Angeles 2016  
 MA Loma Linda University SBH 2020



Amin Salek  
 BS University of California, San Diego 2010  
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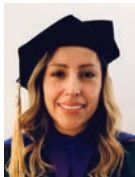


Paige Courtney Wright  
 BA University of California, Berkeley 2017  
 MA Loma Linda University SBH 2020  
*Research Excellence Award*

## DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

In conjunction with the Faculty of Graduate Studies

### *Psychology*



Jaime Michelle Aguilar Napan  
 BA University of California, Davis 2014  
 BS University of California, Davis 2014  
 MA Loma Linda University SBH 2019  
*Dissertation: Neurofeedback Intervention for Visual and Auditory Attentional Symptoms in Depression*



Paulina Tareiz Feghali  
 BA Point Loma Nazarene University 2017  
 BS Point Loma Nazarene University 2017  
 MA Loma Linda University SBH 2019  
*Dissertation: Emotion Regulation as a Mediator of the Relationship Between Sleep and Behavior in Youth*



Brianna Marie Hardt  
BS Westmont College 2015  
MA Loma Linda University SBH 2019  
*Dissertation:* Metabolic Syndrome, Inflammation and Cognition in Overweight Adults



Athena Janee Jones  
BS University of La Verne 2017  
MA Loma Linda University SBH 2019  
*Dissertation:* Examining Mindfulness and the Attribution-Emotion Process During Conflict Situations



Nika Kalynovska  
BS Southern Adventist University 2010  
MS Loma Linda University SBH 2014  
MA Loma Linda University SBH 2016  
*Dissertation:* The Impact of Prenatal and Early Life Pomegranate Supplementation on Neural Survival



Megan Leanne Krantz  
BA Franklin & Marshall College 2013  
MA Loma Linda University SBH 2019  
*Dissertation:* Spillover of Marital and Parenting Stress in Families of Young Children with Autism



Albert Le Ly  
BA University of California, Riverside 2016  
MA Loma Linda University SBH 2019  
*Dissertation:* Cultural Beliefs About Diabetes and Distress as Determinants of Treatment Adherence



Abraham Gerald Reynolds  
BA University of Nevada, Reno 2016  
MA Loma Linda University SBH 2018  
*Dissertation:* Religion and PTSD in Puerto Rico Natural Disaster Survivors

### *Social Welfare and Social Research*



Catherine Christina Fisher, DEC  
BSW Azusa Pacific University 1994  
MSW University of Southern California 1997  
*Dissertation:* Congregation Affordable Housing Development: Examining Practices and the Role of Social Capital  
*Research Excellence Award*

*Systems, Families and Couples*



Alexandra Victoria Bell Moreland

BA University of Redlands 2011

MA University of Redlands 2014

*Dissertation:* Effectiveness of the FLEX Program for ADHD: A Cross-Sectional Comparative Analysis of Complex ADHD Youth in Healthcare Systems

*CFS Outstanding Student Award*



Lilena Marie Walker

BA Oakwood University 2013

MS Loma Linda University SBH 2018

*Dissertation:* Social Media, Religion and Relationship Satisfaction for Caribbean Seventh-Day Adventists

## Yuna Han — *President's Award*



*B.A. Southern Adventist University 2018*

*M.A. Loma Linda University SR 2023*

*President's Award SR 2023*

*Gold Humanism Honor Society 2023*

The President's Award, the highest award given to a graduating senior, is presented in recognition of academic excellence, and active participation in the student community within the context of Christian commitment.

Yuna Han is motivated by her genuine desire to ensure that all patients feel seen, heard, understood, and cared for as precious children of God. An early interest in medicine led her to Southern Adventist University where she pursued a degree in Biology, and her desire to understand and truly connect with a wider patient population served as motivation to study Spanish at Universidad Adventista del Plata in Argentina.

Theology was always a part of Ms. Han's life. Her father, a pastor, always had stacks of theological books on his nightstand. An undergraduate Western Heritage class taught by Dr. Ante Jeronic, and the conversations she had when knocking on hundreds of doors in Southern California for literature evangelism further ignited her interest in the intersection of religion, philosophy, and ethics.

Ms. Han is graduating today with a Master of Arts in Religion and Society. She has expressed gratitude for how this past year's reflections have deepened her understanding of not only the physical human experience, but also, and perhaps more importantly, the emotional and spiritual experience of patients.

In recognition of her academic excellence, her compassion towards those around her and service to her community, and her thirst for knowledge, the Loma Linda University School of Religion honors Ms. Yuna Han with the 2023 *PRESIDENT'S AWARD*. This award will be presented to her during the joint Conferring of Degrees for the School of Behavioral Health and the School of Religion.

## Valerie G. Watts — *President's Award*



*B.S. California State University, Long Beach 2018*

*M.A. Loma Linda University SBH 2020*

*Psy.D. Loma Linda University SBH 2023*

*President's SBH Award 2023*

*Research Excellence Award 2023*

The President's Award, the highest award given to a graduating senior, is presented in recognition of academic excellence, and active participation in the student community within the context of Christian commitment.

Valerie G. Watts' outstanding academic and clinical achievements have been recognized by her professors in the Department of Psychology. She has demonstrated exceptional aptitude, as evidenced by her impressive GPA, research, clinical work, and service accomplishments during her time at Loma Linda University.

Ms. Watts has gone above and beyond what is expected of psychology doctoral students. She has served as a Teaching Assistant in seven graduate classes, a remarkable feat, and an impressive publications record. Although her degree model (Psy.D.) emphasizes clinical training, Dr. Watts excelled in volunteer research and was promoted to the position of Senior Graduate Research Assistant in the Resilience and Disparities Lab, a position that is usually reserved for Ph.D. students. Furthermore, she played a significant role in organizing, executing, and disseminating community-based research on COVID-19 vaccine hesitancy in marginalized communities in our region. This vaccine work has been recognized regionally, at the state level, and nationally.

Despite her heavy workload, she has found time to serve the department as a peer mentor for first- and second-year students and as a representative and interviewer during admissions day. Additionally, she coordinated and facilitated the movie night program on behalf of the Psychology Diversity Committee, which provided a forum for student discussions on social injustices in the country.

Ms. Watts' commitment to academic and clinical excellence has had a lasting impact on the lives of other graduate students and our community. Her contributions will be remembered long after she completes her doctoral education.

In recognition of her outstanding academic achievements, her clinical excellence and research pursuits, and her commitment to serving those around her using her chosen profession, research and skills, Loma Linda University School of Behavioral Health is pleased to name Dr. Valerie G. Watts recipient of the 2023 *PRESIDENT'S AWARD*. This award will be presented to her during the joint Conferring of Degrees for the School of Behavioral Health and the School of Religion.



## Kimberly R. Freeman — *Alumna of the Year*



Professor, Social Work and Social Ecology,  
School of Behavioral Health, Loma  
Linda University

Executive Associate Chair, Department of  
Social Work and Social Ecology, School of  
Behavioral Health, Loma Linda University

Pediatric Psychologist, Loma Linda  
University, Behavioral Health Institute

*B.A. California State University, San  
Bernardino 1994*

*M.A. Loma Linda University, GS (now School  
of Behavioral Health) 1996*

*Ph.D. Loma Linda University, GS (now School  
of Behavioral Health) 1999*

*M.S.W. Loma Linda University, GS (now  
School of Behavioral Health) 2004*

*Selma Andrews Research Fellowship,  
Department of Psychology, Loma Linda  
University SBH*

*Scholar Educator Excellence Award,  
Department of Social Work and Social  
Ecology, Loma Linda University SBH 2016*

Dr. Kimberly R. Freeman is a leader in curriculum development, online education, and an expert in assessment and professional accreditation. She is a professor and Executive Associate Chair of the Social Work and Social Ecology Department, and also serves as Program Director of the MSW Program, the MS in Criminal Justice, the MS in Gerontology, and Play Therapy Certificate.

An accomplished licensed psychologist and social worker with over 20 years of post-licensure experience, Dr. Freeman's commitment to promoting resiliency and wellness in children is reflected in her research, clinical work, and international outreach efforts. Her work has taken her to over 35 countries, most recently to Ukraine, where she supported the School of Behavioral Health and the International Behavioral Health Trauma Team in providing resiliency-informed psychological training and support for medical and behavioral health professionals and lay persons.

In recognition of her exemplary contributions to the academic, clinical and service efforts of the School of Behavioral Health, and for exemplifying this institution's values, Loma Linda University School of Behavioral Health is pleased to name Dr. Kimberly R. Freeman *ALUMNA OF THE YEAR*. This award will be presented to her at the joint Conferring of Degrees for the School of Behavioral Health and the School of Religion.

## Brian J. Distelberg — *School Distinguished Service Award*



Professor, School of Behavioral Health,  
Loma Linda University  
Director of Research, Behavioral Medical  
Center, Loma Linda University Health  
Director of MEND  
Associate Editor, Family Process

*B.S. Grand Valley State University 2002*  
*M.A. Western Michigan University 2005*  
*Ph.D. Michigan State University 2009*

*Value Exemplar, Loma Linda University  
Health 2020*  
*Faculty Excellence Research Award, Loma  
Linda University Health 2016*  
*Reviewer of the Year Award, Journal of Marital  
and Family Therapy 2013*

Dr. Brian J. Distelberg is a tenured Professor in the School of Behavioral Health Department of Counseling and Family Sciences. He also serves as the Director of Research for the Loma Linda University Health (LLUH) Behavioral Medicine Center.

Dr. Distelberg is widely recognized as a translational researcher and advanced clinical innovator supporting the development multiple programs for LLUH. Among these is the MEND (Mastering Each New Direction) program that supports the integration of behavioral health and medical care for patients (both children and adults) and their families, helping them to regain and maintain emotional health and balance during and after medical illnesses or treatments, including life-management and coping following organ transplant.

Dr. Distelberg's clinical innovation and research have resulted in external funding in excess of 19 million dollars through federal, state, and private sources, expanding the integration of behavioral health services throughout LLUH and among collaborative partners. Dr. Distelberg is also a prolific author, having published over seventy works that support the dissemination of research and clinical findings in integrated behavioral health and family services.

In recognition of his many years of distinguished service, his commitment to academic and scholarly excellence, and his noteworthy research contributions, Loma Linda University School of Behavioral Health is honored to present Dr. Brian J. Distelberg with the *SCHOOL DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD*. This award will be presented to him during the joint Conferring of Degrees for the School of Behavioral Health and the School of Religion.

## Yi Shen Ma — *Speaker*



Assistant Professor, School of Religion,  
Loma Linda University  
Co-Director, Center for Christian Bioethics,  
Loma Linda University Health  
Co-Director, Advanced Medical Ethics,  
School of Religion, Loma Linda University  
Assistant Pastor / Director of English  
Ministries, Los Angeles Chinese  
Seventh-day Adventist Church

*B.A. La Sierra University 2008*  
*Certification for Navy-Marine Corps Religious*  
*Support, United States Naval Technical*  
*Training Command 2008*  
*M.A. Claremont School of Theology 2012*  
*Ph.D. Claremont School of Theology 2019*

Prior to joining the faculty of the Loma Linda University School of Religion in 2019, Dr. Yi Shen Ma held several significant roles including as a pastor at the San Gabriel Chinese Company, as a Religious Program Specialist in the United States Navy, and an Adjunct Professor of religion at La Sierra University and Loma Linda University (LLU).

He is an expert in bioethics and has been serving as the Co-Director of LLU's Center for Christian Bioethics since 2021. He is responsible for overseeing various important initiatives, including the planning and production of the Bioethics Grand Rounds, donor engagement and stewardship, and the planning and production of the annual Adventist Bioethics Conference.

Dr. Ma has also been serving as the Co-Director of Advanced Medical Ethics in the LLU School of Religion since June 2021. In this role, he oversees clinical ethics clerkships in pediatrics, family medicine, internal medicine, psychiatry, surgery, and OB-GYN as part of the clinical rotations for third-year medical students.

Dr. Ma is a dedicated and collaborative professional, and his willingness to generously provide his time and support to others is evident in the many roles of distinction he has held. Currently, Dr. Ma is pursuing a Master of Social Work degree in Advanced Clinical Social Work in the LLU School of Behavioral Health to further support his passion for trauma-informed care and mental health equity advocacy in the church and beyond.

Dr. Ma will deliver his address at the joint Conferring of Degrees ceremony for the School of Behavioral Health and the School of Religion.

# School of Nursing

Graduates having finished in the following quarters: Summer 2022, Autumn 2022, and Winter 2023

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

PRELUDE	University Church Brass Ensemble Virgil Nielsen, Director  Musical Selections
ACADEMIC PROCESSION	The audience is requested to clear the aisles and remain seated Ronald L. Carter, University Grand Marshal, leading Ellen M. D'Errico, Sabine S. Dunbar, Arthur B. Marshak, Robin D. Pueschel, Associate Marshals, assisting  The President's Party, Members of the University of Trustees, LLUH Administration
Faculty	Triumphal March from "Aida" ... <i>Giuseppe Verdi (arr. Bill Holcombe)</i>
Candidates for Degrees	Pomp and Circumstance ... <i>Sir Edward Elgar (arr. Jack Gale)</i>
INVOCATION	Elizabeth A. Black, Assistant Dean, Finance and Administration
WELCOME	Richard H. Hart President of the University
PRESENTATION OF AWARDS	Shawn B. Collins, Dean of the School The President Ronald L. Carter, Provost of the University
INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER	The Dean
ADDRESS	Tadele (Tad) Worku Mission Coach, Inland Empire Health Plan
	THE COURAGE TO SEE HOPE
CONFERRING OF DEGREES	The President
AWARDING OF DIPLOMAS	The Dean Brandie L. Richards, Associate Dean, Undergraduate Nursing Assistant Dean for Finance and Administration Gloria Mattson Huerta, Program Director, Graduate Nursing, MS, DNP

NURSES' PLEDGE

Sarah Ashley Bartholomew-Abisaab, Undergraduate Nursing Class  
Social Vice President  
Karen Crisp, Undergraduate Nursing Class Historian

BENEDICTION

Vanessa Jones-Oyefeso  
Program Director, Graduate Nursing, Nurse Anesthesia DNP

ACADEMIC RECESSION

Alla Hornpipe from "Water Music" ... *George Frederick Handel*  
(arr. Charles Evans)

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/academics/commencement](http://llu.edu/academics/commencement)

To minimize distracting others during the ceremony, guests are requested to observe the following picture-taking courtesies:

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# School of Nursing

Spring Quarter 2023 Graduates

June eleven, six o'clock, Drayson Center

PRELUDE	University Church Brass Ensemble Virgil Nielsen, Director
	Musical Selections
ACADEMIC PROCESSION	The audience is requested to clear the aisles and remain seated Ronald L. Carter, University Grand Marshal, leading Angelika J. Ashburn, Christian W. Johnston, Arthur B. Marshak, Jan M. Nick, Associate Marshals, assisting
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Lorena Rose Holbrook, Undergraduate Nursing Class Treasurer

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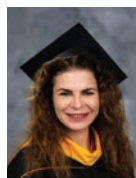
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## Candidates for Degrees

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

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

### BACHELOR OF SCIENCE



Kristina Alav, cum laude



Sarah Ashley Bartholomew-Abisaab, DEC



Angela Amores Alegre, cum laude



Sarah Christine Battershell, DEC,  
cum laude



Jenive Isabel Arostegui



Kristina M. Borngrebe, DEC, cum laude



Indiah Jade Aubert, cum laude



Shanelle Brillantes, DEC, cum laude



Anh Ngoc Bach



Francine Rochelle Briones, DEC



Hannah Echavaria Balagtas, DEC



Domenica M. Bustos





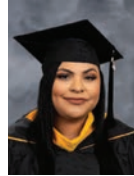
Jacob P. Caldera



Annaie Chaidez, DEC



Tania Guadalupe Campos-Rodriguez,  
cum laude



Jacqueline Michelle Chavez Tello, MAR



Lindsay Noelle Cano



Andrew Hyun Koo Cho, MAR,  
cum laude



Jennifer Sue Carvajal, DEC, summa  
cum laude



Jong Hee Cho, DEC



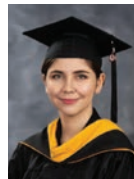
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Walter Chun, DEC



Cesar Luis Castro, DEC



Amanda E. Clark, DEC



Victoria Briana Castro, MAR,  
cum laude



Aileen Cretu, MAR



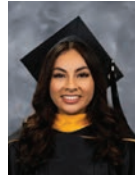
Erin H. Cha, cum laude



Karen Crisp, DEC, cum laude



Christina Marie Cruz, DEC



Toshi Allala Elias



Alisa Margaret Davies, MAR,  
cum laude



Anita Elmajian, DEC



Eddie De La Torre



Sarah Borrromeo Estrada



Homa Diniarian, DEC, magna cum laude



Sofia Raquel Falcon, DEC



Sarah K. Donahue



Katie Rebekah Fernandez



Kailey McKenna Doty, cum laude



Keren Esther Fernandez, MAR,  
cum laude



Tanya Elizabeth DuMas, cum laude



Newton Fernandez, MAR, cum laude  
*Dean's Award*



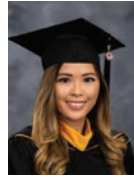
Taylor Dominique Dumitru



Gillian Marie Fralick, MAR, summa  
cum laude



Martha L. Galicia



Thanh Do Thanh Ha, magna cum laude



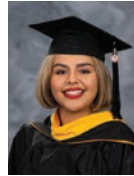
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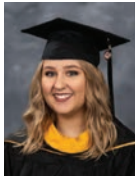
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Brooke Marie Godinho, DEC



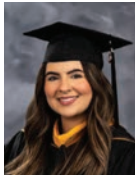
Dianna Elizabeth Hernandez, DEC



Kourtney Lynn Goodman, MAR,  
cum laude



Vanessa Aracely Hernandez, MAR



Melissa Blair Gow, MAR



Esmeralda M. Hernandez-Heredia,  
cum laude



Kristin Irene Granville, DEC



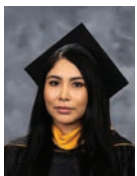
Courtney Hogate



Kevin Matthew Guerrero, MAR



Lorena Rose Holbrook, cum laude  
*1966 Mentor Award*



Ana Gutierrez, MAR



Kimberli Holloway, summa cum laude



Juan Carlos Hou Wu, magna cum laude



Kevin Antoine Johnson, MAR



Louis Jui-Wei Hsu, DEC



Amanda Rose Jones, MAR, cum laude



Grace Lestari Artanauli Hutagaol, MAR



Kathleen Marie Kennedy, DEC



Valerie Ibarra, DEC



Timothy D. Kummerfeld, MAR



Krista Yaeun Jang, DEC, magna cum laude



Riona Rosette Lagonera, DEC, summa cum laude



Caroline Janssens, magna cum laude



Steven Renald Lao



Nathaniel Javier-Tan, DEC



Donna Michelle Lawrence, DEC, cum laude  
*Wil Alexander Whole Person Care Award*



Chelsea Marie Johnson, DEC, cum laude



Dongah Lee, MAR, cum laude



Marian A. Libiano, DEC, cum laude



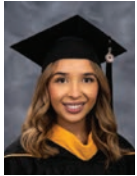
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Israel Lopez, MAR



Kimiko Ane Matsuda, MAR



Savannah Rae Lopez, magna cum laude



Zoe Esther McBeth, MAR, cum laude



Angelique Luva, DEC



Alexandra Diaz Menor, magna cum laude



Shewa Maali, MAR



Irieanna Lenice Meza, MAR, cum laude



Miguel Angel Macias, MAR



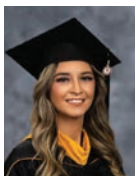
Veronica Meza, DEC



Laufilitonga M. Manu, MAR



Kassandra Marroquin Monreal, MAR, cum laude



Ariana Claudia Marquez, MAR



Nikole Madeline Monreal, DEC, magna cum laude



Monique Munguia, DEC, cum laude



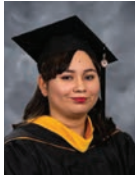
Aaliyah Oliver, MAR



Chioma Michelle Nathan



Nayeli Angelina Olmo, MAR



Allison Bertha Nava, DEC



Chloe Danielle Coong, DEC,  
cum laude



Tiffany Nghiem-Phu, DEC



Adriana J. Ortiz



Kevin Vuong Nguyen, MAR



Brianna Marie Parayno, MAR,  
cum laude



Joey Noren, MAR, cum laude



Ma Gericka Ventanilla Parel, cum laude



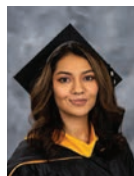
Veronique Nowrangi



KarissaJagar Agmata Pascual, DEC,  
cum laude



Nina Gabrielle Najera Okunami



Dannika Perez, DEC



Christopher Chad Perl, MAR



Annalisa Marie Ramos, MAR



Kayli Maylinne Lizette Peters, DEC



Juan Estrada Reynoso, MAR, cum laude



Sean Alner Alzola Pimentel, cum laude



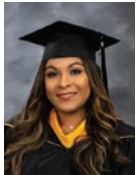
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Camille B. Pizarro, DEC, cum laude



Natalie D. Robach



Karina Preciado, DEC, cum laude



Briana E. Rodriguez, DEC



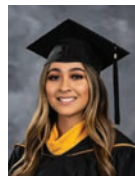
Micah U. Puni, DEC



Daisy Rodriguez



Monica Maria T. Quinones, DEC



Seydie Rodriguez, DEC



Stephanie Nicole Quintana, MAR



Kailee Jasmyne Rohmer, magna cum laude



Bradley Daniel Sakul, DEC



Brandon W. Stadelman, MAR,  
cum laude



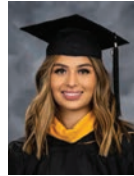
Olivia Jean Salvador, MAR, cum laude



Marlene Steele, MAR



Yessenia Sanchez



Marisa Brie Sugiono, MAR



Nancy Evelia Sandoval, MAR, summa  
cum laude



Ann Elise Swart, DEC, magna  
cum laude



Sarah Siems, cum laude



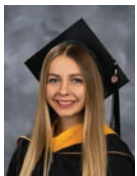
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Leilani Nicole Silalahi



Trina A. To, MAR



Yelyzaveta Vitaliyivna Soto, MAR,  
cum laude



Denise Topete, DEC, cum laude



Simran Sougu, DEC, cum laude



Monserrat Torres Rodriguez, cum laude





Roshiyo Urano, MAR, cum laude



Gabriel Steven Zamores, DEC



Nicole Estelle Valadez, DEC



Guadalupe Zavala, MAR



Anabell Alejandra Valle Hernandez, MAR



Ella Kate D. Zerna, MAR, summa cum laude



Rebecca Ann VanderLugt, DEC



Xiaotong Zhu, MAR, summa cum laude



Tiana Leigh Whittington, DEC



Michele Zamora, MAR, cum laude

**RN TO BS**



Jamie Delfina Araujo, cum laude



Jenna Marie Christensen, DEC, cum laude



Jacqueline Renee Clipps



Alejandra Guadalupe Johnson



Carlos Cortes



Mirna Xiomara Solis, DEC, cum laude



Allanah Trisha Apone Fernandez, DEC



Brooke Marissa Weston



Kuda Theresa Gavaza, SEP, cum laude

## MASTER OF SCIENCE



Leasa Trenee Dering  
BS Pacific College 2016



Susan E. Rojas  
BS Loma Linda University SN 1996  
*Dean's Award*



Daniel Patrick Hubbell  
BS Capella University



Byron Eric Thomsen  
BSN University of Alberta, Edmonton 2000  
*Helen King Award*

## DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE



Monica Avila  
BSN The University of Texas Health Science  
Center 2016



Eunji Bang  
BS Southern Adventist University 2007  
BS Loma Linda University SN 2018



Krystle Sharna Boncato Bekalo Quinlan  
BS Southwestern Adventist University 2011  
MSN Prairie View A & M University 2014



Rebecca Lynn Dolman  
BSN University of Phoenix, Online Campus 2011  
MSN Purdue University, Main Campus 2015



Norie Lee Bencito Acaac  
BSN Adventist University of the Philippines 1992  
MSN University of Phoenix, Online Campus 2009  
MBA University of Phoenix, Online Campus 2009  
*President's Award*



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Kelly Margaret Blair, DEC  
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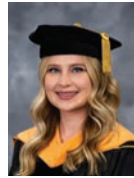
Gene Howard Booth, DEC  
BA Loyola Marymount University 2005  
MSN University of California, Los Angeles 2013



Laura Elizabeth Fairbanks, DEC  
BSN University of Washington, Bothell 2017



Joshua Thomas-Nguyen Bui  
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Kimberly L. Gnuschke, DEC  
BSN Azusa Pacific University 2016



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BS University of Redlands 2015  
BS Loma Linda University SN 2018



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BS Loma Linda University SN 1997  
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Ebony N. Hillery  
BS California State University, San Bernardino 2005



Carlos-Miguel del Portillo, DEC  
BSN Florida International University 2017



Alexander Gregory Honore, DEC  
BS Biola University 2015  
BSN Concordia University, Irvine 2017



Dania Itani Mousa  
BS California State University, Long Beach 2018  
*DNP Leadership Award*



Michelle Ocampo, DEC  
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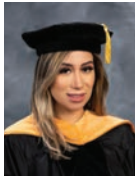
Holly Ann Cortez Olalia  
BS Loma Linda University SN 2017



Charissa A. Kast, DEC  
BSN Southern Adventist University 2017



Mansi Kiritbhai Patel  
BSN West Coast University 2014  
*Primary Care NP Student of the Year*



Shirlynn Racquel Lindrum  
BS Loma Linda University SN 2018



O'Neil Presuel  
BS Loma Linda University SN 2017



Ashley Kate Linlo-Syriotis  
BA Thomas Edison State College 2013  
BS Loma Linda University SN 2016  
*Dean's Award*



Kerri Ann Quiroga, DEC  
BA California State University, Fullerton 2013  
BS Loma Linda University SN 2015



Andrea Scarlet Marquez, DEC  
BS Chamberlain College of Nursing 2015



Ray Roazol, DEC  
BS California State University, Fullerton 2015



Justin A. Matar  
BS Western Governors University 2018  
*DNP Project Award*



Shaylen Rudyk  
BS Walla Walla University 2017



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BS California State University, Fullerton 2016



Alicia C. Salazar, DEC  
BS Southern Adventist University 2017



Abigale Joann Schucker  
BSN Eastern Michigan University 2016



Linh Tran  
BS University of California, Irvine 2017



Serafim Sindoro  
BSN Azusa Pacific University 2014



Joseline Rebeca Vergara  
BSN Pacific Union College 2019



Francis Tesoriere  
BS California State University, Bakersfield 2018



Bradley Dennis Wilson  
BS Loma Linda University SN 2019



Renaleen Mendoza Tomagan  
BSN Adventist University of the Philippines 2015



Norma Alicia Zuniga  
BS Loma Linda University SN 2019



Joshua Toppenberg, DEC  
BS Southern Adventist University 2015

# 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 Senior Class Officers

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Historian: Karen Crisp  
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Treasurer: Lorena Rose Holbrook

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Sara Larsen, Assistant Professor

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## Norie Lee Bencito Acaac — *President's Award*



Assistant VP Clinical Operations, Loma  
Linda University Medical Center

*B.S. Adventist University of the Philippines 1992*

*M.S.N. University of Phoenix 2008*

*M.B.A. University of Phoenix 2009*

*D.N.P. Loma Linda University SN 2023*

*President's Award SN 2023*

The President's Award, the highest award given to a graduating senior, is presented in recognition of academic excellence, and active participation in the student community within the context of Christian commitment.

Norie Lee Bencito Acaac was called to nursing 36 years ago leading her to a fulfilling career guided and led by God, no matter the obstacles. For the past 26 years, Norie has worked for Loma Linda University Health (LLUH). She began as a staff nurse on 6100 then as a charge nurse, clinical educator, opening two Medicine Units as a new nurse manager. She has worked as a chemo-certified and IV-certified nurse conducting home and facility visits, a skilled nurse facility supervisor, a pediatric staff nurse, and a floater staff nurse at a community hospital. She has also been chief nurse executive at the Behavioral Medicine Center.

Norie is an active member of the Association of California Nurse Leaders (ACNL). As co-chair on the Nurse Leadership Development Committee, Norie supports other nursing professionals looking to influence the future of healthcare. She sees this community engagement as a way to represent LLUH.

Norie is the mother to two boys, a role she takes seriously and with much enjoyment. For seventeen years, she has served her church and her family by assisting with Adventurers and Pathfinders, teaching Sabbath School classes, helping with VBS and other church activities. Balancing being a mom, responsibilities at work, school, and volunteering at church and at ACNL are important aspects of what keep her going.

In recognition of her outstanding academic performance, leadership skills, and support of this institution's values, Loma Linda University School of Nursing is pleased to present Norie Lee Bencito Acaac with the 2023 *PRESIDENT'S AWARD*. This award will be presented to her during the Conferring of Degrees for the school at the 6:00 PM ceremony.



## Tadele (Tad) Worku — *Speaker*



Mission Coach, Inland Empire Health Plan (IEHP)

*B.B.A. Pacific Union College 2008*

*B.S.N. Pacific Union College 2015*

*M.S.N. Vanderbilt University 2022*

*Outstanding Family Nurse Practitioner*

*Student of the Year 2022*

*Spiritual Life and Wholeness Award 2022*

*Child Life Hero Award 2021*

*Emergency Department Nurse of the Year 2017*

*Daisy Award Recipient 2016*

*Emergency Department Wholeness Award 2015*

Mr. Tadele Worku is a coach, singer, songwriter, and speaker. He spent six years as an emergency/trauma nurse at Loma Linda University Health during which time he was the recipient of the Daisy Award, Nurse of the Year, Spiritual Life and Wholeness Award, Child Life Hero Award. He also taught at Loma Linda University School of Nursing before becoming a Mission Coach for Inland Empire Health Plan (IEHP).

Mr. Worku never intended to work in healthcare. He was a singer and songwriter on the verge of a fully-funded international tour but decided to walk away from the industry, finding that he was not at peace with where his life was headed. In 2012, he returned to school to study nursing. He discovered that as he gave back to his community as a nurse, he became more inspired than ever to write songs that would offer hope and help providers and patients tell their stories. In 2022, Mr. Worku received his Master of Science in Nursing at Vanderbilt University where he was selected by faculty as the outstanding student of the year.

Mr. Worku has enjoyed working with students in the classroom and clinical settings. He is skilled in helping students and clinicians develop tools to protect and enhance their well-being. In 2021, Worku started a weekly speaker series titled Well-Being Wednesdays designed to create a safe space for conversations about wellness, as well as give attendees opportunities to hear from professionals in all areas of healthcare. Through each stage of his education and professional career he has dedicated himself to helping people tell their stories, as well as sharing his own to provide hope.

Mr. Worku will deliver his address at the Conferring of Degrees for the School of Nursing at the 3:30 PM and 6:00 PM ceremonies.



## THE GOOD SAMARITAN

The Good Samaritan, the four-figure sculpture located on the mall of Loma Linda University, is a representation of the parable told by Jesus in Luke 10:30–37. It was sculpted by Alan Collins and dedicated and unveiled at Loma Linda University on May 31, 1981.

The sculpture speaks eloquently of the compassionate practice of the healing arts and of our mission—“to continue the teaching and healing ministry of Jesus Christ”—and of the motto of this health sciences University—“To make man whole.”

The Good Samaritan has been incorporated into the diploma as a screened background since 2006.



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