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Your sponsorship provides a cornerstone for the education and training of tomorrow’s health-care leaders. For more information and reservations, contact our Special Events office at 909-469-5439.

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PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

THE ART OF HEALING FROM WESTERN UNIVERSITY OF HEALTH SCIENCES

Upon first seeing the magnificent 19th-century painting by Sir Luke Fildes several years ago at the Tate Gallery in London, I was so moved and inspired that, to this day, this masterpiece serves as a reflection of the very essence of our university. The painting movingly captures a moment in the life of a poor working man’s family. As an ill, near-lifeless child lies before the grief-stricken figures of her mother and father, a thoughtful, caring doctor sits beside her, a look of concern on his face. One senses he is pondering the silent question: “What can I do to save this patient?”

Deftly, the artist has captured the anxiety of both parents — the father pensively attentive to a hopeful sign from the learned man that the child will survive this crisis, while his wife, overcome with exhaustion, rests her head prayerfully on her arms at the table. The focus of this scene is clearly the physician. Hope glimmers from the eyes of the father as he watches the interaction unfold, an uneasy confidence that the doctor is indeed capable of a miracle. The parents are counting on the physician’s knowledge, his wisdom, on the integral part he is playing in this compelling drama. They have placed their trust in him. There is nothing more precious at this moment in their lives than the well-being of their child. Palpable to the viewer of Fildes’ work is the chemistry between the parents and the healer. This is an exquisite intimate connection.

In its own meaningful way, this painting symbolizes the expectation of each of our students and the experiences of our alumni across all of our health professions programs. Patients will look to them for understanding, for listening, for touch, for empathy, for hope. Be they nurse practitioners, pharmacists, physician assistants, physical therapists, veterinarians, or physicians, as they listen carefully, they will experience the special art of caring. The healer will realize that the love affair, which led him/her to the healing arts in the first place, will provide immense satisfaction and fulfillment. This concept of health care is the hallmark of our educational programs, a message we continue to share with our friends and supporters.
The Doctor
Oil on canvas
65.51" x 95.24"

A replica of Sir Luke Fildes’ painting hangs near my desk—a constant, inspirational reminder of why we’re here at WesternU. I invite you to my office for a personal viewing.

Philip Pumerantz, PhD

HEROES IN OUR OWN BACKYARD
An unsung hero, WesternU has quietly been making a powerful impact on the economy and health of the Pomona Valley, as well as Southern California and the nation, for more than a quarter-century. Recently, the university launched an advertising campaign in the Inland Valley Daily Bulletin and other publications to underscore the contributions the university, its dedicated graduates and its current students are making to improve the human condition. One of those ads appears on this page. To see the entire campaign, visit www.westernu.edu.

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"Beyond question, I am proudest of the level of quality attached to each of our programs."

— Warren Lawless

BOARD CHAIRMAN’S DEDICATION STRONG AFTER 20 YEARS

Warren Lawless has said that he was motivated to join the board of the College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific in 1978 because he wanted to see an osteopathic college formed to serve the western states. He first met Dr. Pumerantz at a joint convention of the Oregon and Washington Osteopathic Associations, and as they talked, Dr. Pumerantz brought up the subject of starting an osteopathic school in California. For the first time, Mr. Lawless said, he was confident that such a goal was attainable.

Mr. Lawless, who has served as the board’s chairman since 1983, has seen many of the university’s trials and triumphs. In honoring Mr. Lawless on his 80th birthday, Dr. Pumerantz wrote, “Thanks to your continued advocacy and your constant nurturing of the osteopathic philosophy, the quality of health care has been elevated to a new level throughout the western United States.”

*WesternU View* recently spoke with Mr. Lawless, now serving his 21st year as board chairman.

Your background is originally in printing. How did you get involved in the world of osteopathic medicine and WesternU?

Printing—in the era of the Linotype machine and moveable type set out of a California typecase—was my vocation starting out of high school. After an interruption for naval service in World War II, I returned to work at a weekly newspaper and commercial printing plant. A job managing the advertising department came up and I took it. In 1967, I, along with fellow workers, had an opportunity to buy a small printing, advertising and association management business. One of the associations we inherited was the Washington Osteopathic Medical Association. Later, I would become its executive director, a position I held for 21 years. As the profession grew and issues of licensure, education, malpractice and reimbursement became more complex, the job became a full-time occupation. Both Washington and California experienced efforts to merge osteopathic and allopathic medicine. Through the years, the profession in the West shared common problems. When the California Supreme Court reversed the law prohibiting licensing of DOs, Washington was interested in the formation of a new osteopathic college to train DOs for the western states. My association assigned me to represent it in the early stages of development and ultimately on the board of the College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific.

It must be a dream come true to have the Northwest Track. Any comments about this new venture?

From the outset, COMP was understood to be a regional institution serving 13 western states. Washington and Oregon, at that juncture, had fewer than 400 DOs in practice each; the other states, even fewer. Recruiting efforts in all the states was weak at best, and continued to be until the Northwest Track was conceived in early 2003. The program has some real potential. The 30 additional COMP seats allotted to students recruited from Washington, Oregon, Alaska, Idaho and Wyoming provide COMP with an opportunity to extend its influence as a unique professional institution and strengthens the position of osteopathic medicine in the West.

What do you envision for the university in the next two decades?

After a 27-year period of meteoric growth in programs, public presence, buildings and practicing alumni, I see a period of sharpened quality, self-assessment and measured outcomes leading to nationwide recognition which will reach a level of reality far above our current expectations.

"Beyond question, I am proudest of the level of quality attached to each of our programs."

— Warren Lawless
You are one of the longest-serving board members. Considering you live in Washington state, why do you continue to serve?

I continue to serve because of the continuing challenges, growth and accomplishments associated with service on the board. When I step off the plane from Seattle on my frequent trips to the campus, I land on a pathway much larger than I could otherwise hope to tread; somewhat, I think, akin to Dorothy’s yellow brick road to the land of Oz.

Looking back on the history of the university, what brings you the most pride?

Beyond question, I am proudest of the level of quality attached to each of our programs which is most evident in the accomplishments and acclaim received by our graduates as they move on to advanced training and care of their patients.

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**KEY LEADERS NAMED TO WESTERN UNIVERSITY OF HEALTH SCIENCES’ BOARD** Five outstanding individuals in business, law, education and the community have recently been appointed to WesternU’s Board of Trustees.

“We need to prepare for the wonderful opportunities in our future and therefore we need to have new perspectives,” said President Philip Pumerantz. “The university in 27 years has developed a strong foundation and now it needs to spring forward into an extraordinary future. This will require fresh leadership to augment a very committed and talented existing board.”

Warren Lawless, chairman of the board, said he and the other board members look forward to working with the newcomers.

“They will be exposed to quite a new culture and we look forward to learning from them as they learn about us,” Lawless said.

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<th>has worked for AmerisourceBergen, the parent company of Good Neighbor Pharmacy, since 1963. He was a key member of the team that started Good Neighbor Pharmacy and started the company’s Home Health Care program.</th>
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<td>Maureen Duffy-Lewis</td>
<td>is a judge of the Los Angeles Superior Court. She has served on the Osteopathic Medical Licensing Board and was assistant to the dean at Northrop University School of Law.</td>
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<td>Patty DeDominic</td>
<td>is the founder, CEO and chair of PDQ Careers Group of Companies, one of Los Angeles’ largest privately held staffing services. She recently was featured in the book, “Leadership Secrets of the World’s Most Successful CEOs.”</td>
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<td>Bob Suzuki</td>
<td>served as California State Polytechnic University, Pomona’s president from 1991 to 2003 and presently serves as Cal Poly’s president emeritus and special assistant to the chancellor for the California State University system.</td>
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<td>Edward Tessier</td>
<td>a Pomona native, is co-founder of the Pomona Arts Colony and president of Jeved Administrative Services. He also serves on the advisory board of WesternU’s Center for Disability Issues and the Health Professions.</td>
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COMP graduate Jeffrey Lawler, with guide dog Burke, shares a moment with President Philip Pumerantz.

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- COMP graduate Jeffrey Lawler, with guide dog Burke, shares a moment with President Philip Pumerantz.
A total of 422 graduates celebrated the end of their academic lives and the start of their health-care careers as skilled and compassionate providers during commencement ceremonies held May 13 and 14 at the Pasadena Civic Auditorium.

In addressing COMP graduates, commencement speaker Dr. Barbara Ross-Lee offered this piece of wisdom from Dr. Seuss: “You’re off to great places... you have brains in your head and feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself in any way you choose.”

Dr. Douglas Wood, president of the American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine, presented graduates of the College of Allied Health Professions and College of Graduate Nursing with five challenges: to provide patient-centered care, work in interdisciplinary teams, employ evidence-based practice, apply quality improvement methods and utilize informatics.

Patricia Lee, the former director of the Department of Pharmacy at UCSD, encouraged College of Pharmacy graduates to remember what their profession is all about — using knowledge to serve others and provide them with individual, personal, human interaction.

"Commencement is a recognition and celebration of your achievement. It is also a celebration of your future."

— Patricia Lee
LEWIS AND CLARK EXPEDITION REVISITED IN COMP ALUMNUS BOOK

By Roy Greer

Growing up amid the scenic wilderness of his mother’s native western Montana, a young, nature-loving David Peck could hardly have been accused of secretly harboring literary aspirations. “I was a kid who dropped out of my senior high school creative writing class because I found out there was going to be homework!” Peck recalls, amused by the ironic twist of his life. The 1987 COMP alumnus and San Diego-based urgent-care physician has exceeded his own expectations with a book that explores his fascination with the historic Lewis and Clark expedition.

Or Perish in the Attempt, Wilderness Medicine in the Lewis & Clark Expedition examines medicine and science as conceived and practiced in the early 19th century. The numerous wilderness adventures and hardships that threatened the expedition team in the hostile environment of unexplored America of 1804-1806 are documented, with emphasis on the essential role of wilderness medicine in the lives of the explorers during the 8,000-mile trek. The book is based on a compilation of research findings, actual first-person accounts from the famous expedition, and anecdotal information from Peck’s many

“...altogether revealing, instructive and entertaining. One of the most rewarding reads of the Bicentennial.”

— Dave Walter, Montana Historical Society

a] Flyfishing in the same stretch of the Missouri River paddled by Lewis and Clark in July 1805, near Craig, Mont., Dr. Peck shows a catch before releasing it.

b] DO and author David Peck, scrubs and stethoscope in tow.
Dr. Peck has assembled an engrossing account of the illnesses and injuries as gleaned from the journals... the strength of the book is its delightful readability, a splendid narrative that binds the reader.”

— JAMA, July 2, 2003

“This well-researched book investigates the health issues faced by the Corps of Discovery on its epic journey. The author’s keen observations, literary style and witticisms make this book an entertaining and enlightening read.”

— Alaska Airlines Magazine, October 2003

years of medical research and practice. Positive reviews from book critics and a moving foreword by Moira Ambrose, the wife of the late best-selling author Stephen Ambrose, have convinced Dr. Peck that an author may indeed live in all of us, regardless of career choice. “The story was so compelling and begging to be told,” he said. Or Perish in the Attempt is published by Farcountry Press and is available online at westernu.edu, Amazon.com, at local book retailers and at WesternU’s bookstore.

Dr. Peck has agreed to donate a portion of book sales to WesternU’s Alumni Association. Further information about the book and upcoming speaking engagements for Dr. Peck can be accessed at his website: www.lewisandclarkmedicine.com.
White coat ceremonies mark special beginning.
A WARM WELCOME TO NEW STUDENTS

New students were welcomed to Western University of Health Sciences with several activities prior to the start of the fall semester in August.

Among the fun was the opportunity to attend the ice cream social held annually at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Pumerantz. Students and their families were treated to ice cream served to them by WesternU faculty and staff and the event provided an opportunity for students to mingle with their classmates and professors.

In addition to visiting the WesternU bookstore to purchase white coats, books and school supplies, students were able to meet with their faculty advisors during an on-campus get-together away from the classroom and in a relaxed atmosphere.

All of these activities culminated with convocation and white coat ceremonies, during which students were officially welcomed to WesternU and received their white lab coats signifying the start of their health-care careers.

*Photos by Jess Lopatynski, Robert Pedersen, Monica Preciado and Michael Wise.*
CVM STUDENTS TAKE ALTRUISTIC SPIRIT ON THE ROAD

The college’s Veterinary Ambulatory Community Service mobile unit is complete and ready to serve.

“This is a chance for students to experience the animal ambulatory experience, which is a small but unique and growing niche in the veterinary profession,” said Lara Rasmussen, DVM, DACVS. “House calls are making a comeback.”

The 36-foot-long vehicle features two main rooms — one that serves primarily as a sterile procedure room and another that will allow for minor treatments and exams. It is outfitted with three procedure tables, patient prep table, four anesthesia machines, a limited diagnostic lab, a darkroom and a kennel area. A campaign is underway to develop funds for the purchase of an X-ray machine and processor.

The $190,000 vehicle and its equipment were funded primarily through the Leonard X. Bosack and Bette M. Kruger Foundation. It was manufactured by Universal Specialty Vehicles in Perris, Calif., and is a first for the company, which usually constructs mobile units for dental groups, medical centers and law enforcement.

“It’s been an exciting project and a learning experience,” said Mary Hall, University Specialty Vehicles’ vice president. “We’re looking forward to getting into the community.”

Under the supervision of CVM faculty and technicians, first- and second-year students will provide primary care services, including physical examinations, surgical sterilizations, microchipping and vaccinations.

The mobile clinic, with services subsidized by the CVM, will coordinate services through human organizations and target the pets of homebound senior

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— Lara Rasmussen
citizens, people with disabilities and hospice patients. Animal rescues and shelters that do not have on-site veterinary services will be assisted as well.

“Students will provide a service to populations of animals and humans that would otherwise go without care,” said Shirley Johnston, DVM, PhD, dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine. “The positive environment this creates for learning is tremendous.”

The mobile unit ties in well with the college’s emphasis on altruism and provides a unique learning arena that goes above and beyond clinical veterinary procedures. Students also learn about the human-animal bond, altruism, underserved populations and quality communication with diverse clientele.

“The philosophy behind this unit includes both serving to learn and learning to serve. It’s a beautiful merging of both important professional concepts,” Rasmussen said. “We’re modeling noble professional behavior for future veterinary professionals.”
1984
Rumi Lakha, DO ’84, has been busy with skin research and has developed a skin care line of cosmetics for wrinkles as well as discoloration of skin from pregnancy and sun damage.

1986
Lorenzo Romney, DO ’86, has been very busy with family life, raising children Miles, 23, Rebekah, 21, Jared, 21, Benjamin, 17, Mary, 13, and James, 11. Additional education received after graduation from WesternU includes an internship with Tucson General Hospital/Tucson Arizona Family Practice and a residency with the University of Missouri at Kansas City. He is board certified in family practice and has written a book due to be published in the next few months entitled From: Physician, To: Patient.

1987
Heartfelt congratulations go out to Jeffrey Wachs, DO ’87 for becoming the 2004-2005 president of the Nevada Osteopathic Association. Dr. and Mrs. Pumerantz were present at his installation dinner held in Las Vegas in May 2004.

1989
Daniel Royal, DO ’89, was recently appointed to the adjunct faculty for Touro University College of Osteopathic Medicine in Henderson, Nev. He will work in the Department of Medical Jurisprudence, Professionalism & Ethics. Dr. Royal recently received his Doctor of Jurisprudence from the UNLV William S. Boyd School of Law in Las Vegas, Nev.

1993
Warm congratulations are extended to Mark Eastman, DO ’93, for becoming the 2004-2005 president of the Osteopathic Physicians & Surgeons of California. Dr. Eastman was installed during a ceremony in Palm Springs in February 2004. By his side was wife Geraldine O’Shea, DO ’93.

1997
Congratulations to Mary Anne Hall, PA ’97, who recently received her MPAS degree, awarded from University of Nebraska.

Gadi Revivo, DO ’97, is currently Director of Pediatric Rehabilitation Medicine Services at Children’s Hospital in San Diego.

Kin Wong, DO ’97, has been an internist/hospitalist with West Covina Medical Group for two years, working out of Queen of the Valley and Intercommunity Hospitals.

1998
Danya Greene Hoenig, PA ’98, has been working in plastic surgery, and launched a very successful plastic surgery information website. Her goal is to educate the public and connect consumers with accredited providers. With close to 5,000 visitors a day, she states, “This has now become my full-time job in addition to caring for my two sons, ages 6 months and 2 years.”
1998

Warm congratulations to Jennine White Borchert, PA '98, and husband David Borchert, who proudly announce the birth of their first child, Evan Anton Borchert. Evan was born on March 19, 2004.

PA Section President Michael DeGuzman, PA '98, and wife Denise proudly announce the birth of their son, Matthew Cesario, on Feb. 19, 2004. Matthew weighed 7 pounds, 10 ounces and was 21 inches in length. Congratulations!

Patrick Grimsley, DO '98, MSHPE '99, was recently featured in an episode of “Trauma, Life in the ER,” which airs on the Discovery Health Channel.

Jon Bennett, DO '98, completed his anesthesiology residency training at UC Irvine Medical Center in July 2002, and is currently a staff anesthesiologist at Anaheim Memorial Hospital. He and his wife are living in Huntington Beach, and have two children: Andrew, 2 1/2; and Nina, 4 months.

1999

Tracey Albertini, MPT '99, has been working as an outpatient physical therapist at Kaiser Baldwin Park since 1999. She resides in Yorba Linda and is raising three boys: Nicolas, 5 1/2, Jacob, 4, and Dominic, 7 months, with husband Paul.

1999

Scott Ellner, DO '99, DO Section Vice President/President-Elect, has been appointed to the position of Executive Chief Resident with the Department of Surgery at UC San Diego. During his fourth year, Dr. Ellner took a leave of absence from his residency training in surgery to participate in a privately funded research project at UCSD in colon and gastric cancer. The findings of his research will be published in the Annals of Surgical Oncology in late summer 2004.

Neema Aghamohammadi, DO '99, completed an internal medicine residency at LA County-USC Medical Center and is currently involved in a pulmonary and critical care fellowship.

2000

Congratulations to Lisa Barden, DO ’00, who recently married Darrell Degner, a firefighter paramedic for the San Bernardino City Fire Department. They have a newborn daughter, Delaney, who joins older brother Taylor and sister Riley. Lisa plans to resume her OB/GYN residency at ARMC in July 2004 after taking maternity leave.

Natalie Dale, PA ’00, is currently working at Kaiser Fontana and busy raising four children: Courtney, 7, Haley, 5, Morgan, 2 and Nathaniel, 1, with husband Ken.

Congratulations to Jessica Uhl, PA ’00, who has just purchased her first home.
ALUMNI NOTES

2000

Min-Ha Tran, DO ’00, completed an osteopathic rotating internship at St. John Westshore Hospital in Westlake, Ohio, when he realized he had an interest in hematology-related subjects. He’s now completed an internal medicine residency at Mercy Hospital in Pittsburgh, has applied for and was accepted to a transfusion medicine fellowship at the National Institutes of Health. He will start this fellowship after graduating from his residency this year.

2001

Kudos to Tseyli H. Mantooth, DO ’01, who was awarded The Dr. Elmore Rayman Medical Education Award for Most Outstanding Graduating Resident at the Downey Regional Medical Center Intern and Family Medicine Residency Program Commencement Banquet. The event was held at The Centre at Sycamore in Lakewood, California. Dr. Mantooth served as Chief Resident at Downey Regional Medical Center in 2003-2004. She also received the Rayman award as intern of the year and as outstanding junior resident. The Dr. Elmore Rayman award is presented to the outstanding intern and residents of each class by vote of the attending physicians at Downey hospital.

Congratulations to Michelle Schmidt, MPT ’01, who announced that after dating for 15 years, she and her now-husband Mark decided to get married. The happy couple tied the knot Sept. 13, 2003. Michelle has been working in acute care at UC Davis for the past two years, primarily with burn oncology patients.

Amy Rauchway, DO ’01, was given top recognition among her peers in June 2004 for her presentation entitled A Role for Functional Classification in the Early Identification of Prognostic Factors in Patients with ALS. Dr. Rauchway was representing the Department of Neurology at St. Louis University Hospital. Well done!

Dustin Stevenson, DO ’01, will begin a fellowship in the study of hematology and oncology beginning July 2004. Dr. Stevenson is a captain at the US Air Force Base in Texas and is completing his residency at Wilford Hall Hospital.

Gerald Haddock II, DO ’01, has been chosen as chief resident for the department of anesthesia at the University of Connecticut for 2004-05.
2002

Congratulations to Sandra Jurado, PharmD ’02, who will soon marry fiancé Art Martinez. They were finalists in a contest to win a free wedding from the Modesto Bee. Dr. Jurado is a pharmacist at Memorial Hospital in Modesto, Calif.

Sandra Chan, PharmD ‘02, has completed a general pharmacy practice residency. Dr. Chan is currently a clinical pharmacist at Alameda County Medical Center in Oakland, Calif.

Congratulations to Rouzanna Papoyan, PharmD ‘02, who gave birth to her second baby in January. Dr. Papoyan has also opened her own pharmacy in Hollywood, Vine Discount Pharmacy.

Congratulations to Jonathan Gale, DO ’02, who announced that he and his wife are expecting their first child on October 24, 2004.

Congratulations are also in order for Joanna Quiglala, MSPA ’02, who is engaged to Sean McManus. The wedding is set for April 30, 2005.

2003

Lisa Ngo, PharmD ’03, is currently working as a staff pharmacist at Albertsons-Sav-On in Rancho Cucamonga.

Pardeep Shori, DO ’03, has changed his family medicine/obstetrical residency at University of Texas Medical Branch to a family medicine residency at University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center/Parkland Memorial in Dallas, starting July 2004.

Marc Avent, DO ’03, is doing a family practice internship at Arrowhead Regional Medical Center in Colton.

ALUMNUS/A OF THE YEAR AWARD

Award criteria:
• Service to the University
• Noteworthy achievement in respective profession
• Member of the Alumni Association
• Alumni in good standing in profession and community

We are excited to accept your nominations for Alumnus/a of the Year. To nominate a fellow graduate, please send us a letter of recommendation containing contact information for you and the nominee, and explain how he/she is an outstanding example of a WesternU graduate.

Nomination letters may be sent to:
Western University of Health Sciences Alumni Office, 309 E. Second Street, Pomona, CA 91766, alumni@westernu.edu, or faxed to (909) 469-5566.
THE NORTHWEST’S NEWEST RISING STAR  Sarah Agsten, DO ’95, is shining bright in Oregon. The Northwest Osteopathic Medical Foundation recently presented Dr. Agsten with its 2004 Rising Star Award, which recognizes a physician who has been in practice for less than 10 years, but demonstrates superior commitment to his or her profession and to the community.

Agsten, who practices in Roseburg, Ore., was selected from among physicians in six northwest states. The crystal Rising Star Award was presented to Dr. Agsten in Portland, Ore., in April at the Foundation’s 2004 Founders’ Evening, an elegant gala celebrating osteopathic excellence and community spirit.

After graduating from WesternU, Agsten completed her internship and residency at Eastmoreland Hospital, where she served as co-chief resident during her third year. In September 2002, she began her own practice, and within a year opened her own private office in Roseburg.

Dr. Agsten, who is also a major in the Army Reserves, had the ultimate opportunity to serve her profession and her country when she was deployed in the spring of 2003 to Saudi Arabia as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom. She spent three months practicing military medicine in the troop medical clinic. She also found great satisfaction in lending assistance to the civilians injured in the Riyadh bombing of May 2003.

Dr. Agsten currently serves as the vice president on the board of directors for the Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons of Oregon, which she joined as a trustee fresh out of residency. As a member of the Northwest Osteopathic Medical Foundation, Dr. Agsten has participated in programs such as Golfing for Scholars and Safety Safari.

Dr. Agsten believes that through patience and good listening skills, physicians are best able to team up with their patients to make positive progress in treatment or lifestyle changes.

She feels most successful when she is able to convince a patient of the benefits of lifestyle changes such as weight loss, diet, exercise or quitting smoking. “Seeing them actually follow through and stay on a healthy path is when I feel most proud,” she said. 

Sarah Agsten, DO ’95, (center), received the Northwest Osteopathic Medical Foundation’s Rising Star Award. With her is her husband Mark and fellow WesternU alumna Paula Crone, DO ’92.

Dr. Agsten was honored for her superior commitment to the osteopathic profession and to her community.
Dr. Zein, who speaks Arabic, said he was required to explain the philosophy and basic tenets of osteopathic medicine to Lebanese medical professionals. He admits he was not optimistic initially but later was happily surprised.

"The panel didn’t have any knowledge about DOs," he said. "They wanted transcripts, the catalog, and full documentation so they could make a comparison. They didn’t see any difference, ultimately. They were reasonable enough to realize that it’s the same. That was exciting."

Since he became certified, Dr. Zein said, two other DOs have followed his lead and also obtained certification.

"I hope it will make it easier to practice in the region," Dr. Zein said. "If other people want to go, they can point to me. Who knows, maybe we’ll open a DO school there. Why not?"

Dr. Zein said he would do it again—and he may seek out certifications in other countries. His wife is of Moroccan background, and to the best of his knowledge, they don’t have DOs in Morocco—yet.
THE INCOMING CLASS  Founded in 1977, Western University of Health Sciences is a nonprofit, graduate university for the health professions. The university campus includes nine major buildings located on 22 acres in downtown Pomona.

WesternU is one of the largest graduate schools for the health professions in California. Alumni rank among the very top leaders in health care and medicine throughout the country and the world.

All of the health-care programs have professional accreditations, and the university is accredited by the Accrediting Commission for Senior Colleges and Universities of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges.

New Students by Program

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Gender

- Female: 401
- Male: 177

Average age of entering class - 27

Ethnicity

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Top five states of residence out of a total of 35 represented

- California: 455
- Oregon: 15
- Washington: 14
- Arizona: 10
- Nevada: 8

At the conclusion of the admissions process the total university enrollment for fall 2004 will be over 2,100 students.

“Skilled hands and compassionate hearts will continue to be the signature of all our graduates – exactly what is needed in health care today.”

— President Philip Pomerantz
A DAY IN THE LIFE

DO grads participate in Armed Forces commissioning ceremonies.

Colleges recognize their best during Honors Day.

Weeklong event celebrates students’ Asian heritage.
ASIAN-AMERICAN STUDENTS SALUTED AT DINNER  Twenty-one students of Asian descent were recognized for their academic achievement during the university’s 14th Annual Asian American Scholarship Dinner in March at Sam Woo’s Seafood Restaurant in San Gabriel.

Scholarship winners from the university’s osteopathic medicine, pharmacy, physician assistant, physical therapy and veterinary medicine programs received gifts ranging from $1,000 to $1,500. Students were chosen based on their academic achievement and their past and present involvement in community service to the Asian-American population.

The event honored Dr. Shi-Yin Wong, one of the most respected and well-known physicians in the Chinese community.

UNIVERSITY FACULTY RECEIVES GRANTS

Brenda Premo, MBA, CDIHP
Kaiser Permanente of California
(amendment)
$68,500 - California State Policies & Procedures Review:
Improving Services for Individuals with Disabilities
$54,768 - National Institute of Disability and Rehabilitation Research (NIDRR)/The Western New York Independent Living Project Inc. Independent Living Project The Rehabilitation Research and Training Center on Independent Living Management year 4
$80,000.00 - U.S. Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women - USC UAP Project Guide “Gaining Understanding of Individuals with Disabilities through Education (GUIDE)
$130,000 - Inland Empire Health Plan Resolution (third/fourth amendment)

Beatrice Saviola, PhD, COMP
$70,406 - National Institutes of Health Characterization of Acid Induced Promoters of M. Tuberculosis year 2

Anandi Law, PhD, Pharmacy
$69,609 - The Community Pharmacy Foundation Evaluation of outcomes of community based pharmacist directed disease state management programs: asthma and diabetes

Kabirullah Lutfy, PhD, Pharmacy
$172,500 - National Institutes of Health The OFQ/N/ORL-1 Receptor System & Cocaine Sensitization year 1

Peggy Barr, DVM, PhD, Veterinary Medicine
$88,500 - Alzheimer’s Association Development of Hepatitis Virus Core-Based Alzheimer’s Disease Vaccine

Tom Phillips, DVM, PhD, Veterinary Medicine
$233,362 - National Institutes of Health - The Scripps Research Institute Methamphetamine and AIDS: Toxic Interactions in Animals

Beverly Guidry, EdD, Student Affairs
$50,000 - California Wellness Foundation Piloting the Health Professions Pipeline toward Success year 3

Roy Guizado, MS, PA-C, Physician Assistant
$158,681 - Department of Health and Human Services Health Resources & Services Administration (HRSA) Primary Care Physician Assistant Curriculum Enhancement year 2
LATE HUSBAND OF UNIVERSITY BENEFACtor HONORED BY VETMED

The legacy of Kenneth Lyle Dale “Tim” Tinsley was honored by the College of Veterinary Medicine in April with a problem-based learning room dedicated in his name. Doris Tinsley, a longtime supporter and benefactor of WesternU, spoke fondly of her late husband’s affinity for his dogs and the special bond they shared in the latter years of his life.

“It seemed fitting that Tim’s respect for and appreciation of his dogs, who were a source of inspiration to him in the declining years of his health, be recognized in this way,” said Mrs. Tinsley. “The College of Veterinary Medicine’s philosophy of reverence for life is one that he held close to his own heart. He would be so proud.”

While other people have been recognized by the college with a room named in their honor, the Tinsley Room dedication marks the first for which a commemorative ceremony was held.

Mr. Tinsley was a longtime Pomona resident, a tireless contributor to the community, including numerous educational and social endeavors, and a dedicated family man. Born in 1907, Mr. Tinsley passed away in 2000.

In attendance were a host of Tinsley family members and friends, including Shirley Johnston, dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine, and President Philip Pumerantz. In addition to being an avid supporter and generous benefactor to the university, Doris Tinsley has been an active member of the Founders Committee for nearly 20 years.

GOLF TOURNAMENT RAISES FUNDS FOR PHARMACY SCHOLARSHIPS

More than 200 golfers participated in the Second Annual Good Neighbor Pharmacy (GNP)/ Institute for Community Pharmacy (ICP) Scholarship Golf Classic on June 16 at the Robinson Ranch Golf Club in Santa Clarita. Most of the $150,000 in proceeds will benefit students at the schools of pharmacy at WesternU and USC.

Of the funds raised, $50,000 will be distributed to both pharmacy schools. WesternU has designated the funds as scholarships for students expressing a career interest in independent community pharmacies.

According to Dr. Max Ray, dean of the WesternU College of Pharmacy, “There is a growing interest among our students in independent community pharmacy practice, and we are very pleased to be working closely with GNP and ICP to promote this area of practice. The scholarship funds that we have received for the past two years from the GNP/ICP Scholarship Golf Classic have greatly benefitted students whose career aspirations lie in that direction.”

The remaining $50,000 will go to ICP to develop innovative continuing education programs for practicing independent pharmacists.
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