To the 2008 Class of the College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific,

I would like to extend my heartfelt congratulations to the Class of 2008. You have worked hard and sacrificed much to reach this point. Your diligence and dedication served you well here and will continue to serve you in your chosen career path.

Allow yourself a moment to reflect on your accomplishments and on your time here at WesternU. You have attained technical competence matched with a humanistic understanding of your patients, which has transformed you into a compassionate healer.

You became a member of the WesternU family when you first stepped on campus. That will not change now that your studies here are complete. We are all connected through our shared past and our limitless future. I know you will all use your knowledge to enhance and extend the quality of life in our communities.

Use the lessons you learned here, not only in your career, but in your life. Remember that earning a diploma does not signify the end of your quest for knowledge. You are now a lifelong learner. Good luck to you all.

Warmest regards,

Philip Pumerantz
In 1977, a small, devoted group of osteopathic physicians embraced the idea of creating a high-quality college in the western United States - the College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific (COMP) in Pomona, Calif. Philip Pomerantz, PhD, was asked to serve as the founding president. That first college is now a part of Western University of Health Sciences, an institution of five colleges with an enrollment of 2,289 students.

Today, WesternU is a thriving academic health center spread out over 22 acres and employing more than 450 faculty, staff and administrators. Alumni – more than 6,200 strong – are working to make their communities better by alleviating suffering and healing with caring hands and hearts.

The university has nine colleges: COMP, the College of Allied Health Professions, the College of Pharmacy, the College of Graduate Nursing, the College of Veterinary Medicine, the College of Dental Medicine, the College of Optometry, the College of Podiatric Medicine, and the Graduate College of Biomedical Sciences.

In 2008, Western University of Health Sciences will confer the following degrees: Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (DO); Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies (MSPAS), Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT), Master of Science in Health Sciences-Health Professions Education (MSHS-HPE); Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD), Master of Science in Pharmaceutical Sciences (MSPS); Master of Science in Nursing (MSN), Post-Master’s Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) certificate, Master of Science in Nursing-Family Nurse Practitioner (MSN-FNP); and Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM).

WesternU’s Centers of Distinction – the Center for Disability Issues and the Health Professions, the Center for Drug Development and the Center for Advancement of Drug Research and Evaluation – are receiving national recognition in their particular focus areas.

WesternU has teaching clinical centers near the campus that provide health care services to community members. Community-based faculty serve as role models for students participating in a wide variety of clinical experiences in primary care settings. Curricula in each academic program are characterized by strong basic, social, behavioral and economic science education. WesternU’s commitment to primary care is evident in its teaching, scholarship and public service.

With its unique academic curricula and campus-wide information technology, WesternU has transformed traditional teaching and learning into a true student-centered environment.

“Educare, Sanare, Coniunctim,” To Teach, To Heal, Together — this, more than any other statement, defines WesternU. We are committed to diversity, excellence in the area of academic curricula and interpersonal competence. We are a teaching and learning community; one in which knowledge is applied toward an end – the health and well-being of mankind.
President Philip Pumerantz Presiding

Prelude

Pomona Concert Band

Processional

“Pomp and Circumstance”
by Sir Edward Elgar

Rafi Younoszai, PhD
Professor of Anatomy
College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific
University Marshal

Alan D. Cundari, DO, MS
Professor of Family Medicine
College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific
Marshals

National Anthem

Maria I. Dickey, Steven Lam
Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine, Class of 2008

Invocation

Rabbi Gil Alchadeff
Temple Shalom of Ontario, California

Chairman’s Welcome

Warren Lawless, LHD (Hon.)
Chairman, Board of Trustees

Honorary Degree

Larry A. Mullins, DHA, FACHE
President/Chief Executive Officer, Samaritan Health Services

Presenter: Clinton E. Adams, DO, MPA
Dean, College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific

Commencement Address

Larry A. Mullins, DHA, FACHE

Presentation of the
Graduating DO Class of 2008

Dean Adams

Conferring of Degree

President Pumerantz

Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine
Western University of Health Sciences

Order of Exercises 2008

Hooding of Graduates
Ethan Allen, DO, DSc (Hon.)
Professor of Family Medicine
Treasurer, Board of Trustees

Richard Bond, DO ‘82, FAAFP
Vice Chairman, Board of Trustees

Announcement of Graduates
Gerald Bales, PhD
Associate Professor of Anatomy

Ray Hruby, DO
Chair, Department of Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine

Introduction of Oath Administrator
Dean Adams

Administering the Osteopathic Oath
M. Rahmi Mowjood, DO ‘00

Introduction of Alumni Association Representative
Dean Adams

Alumni Association Welcome
M. Rahmi Mowjood, DO ‘00

Dean’s Charge to the Graduates
Dean Adams

President’s Closing Remarks
President Pumerantz

Recessional
“Fanfare and Grand March”

Music for Commencement performed by the Pomona Concert Band, Linda Taylor, Conductor and Musical Director.
National Anthem arranged by Steven Lam and Maria I. Dickey.

Participation in the Commencement ceremony does not necessarily indicate completion of a degree program. The student must meet all University requirements before a degree is conferred. Photographs are being taken of individual graduates during the ceremony. Class pictures are being taken immediately following the ceremony. The audience is requested to remain standing during the processional and recessional.

Students are given the option of listing previous degrees earned and postdoctoral training sites. Family and guests may be photographed for future University publications.
Larry A. Mullins, DHA, FACHE
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Larry A. Mullins is President and Chief Executive Officer of Samaritan Health Services, Inc., an integrated health care system of hospitals, physicians, clinics, health plans and other health operations in Oregon.

A veteran of the US Marine Corps, Dr. Mullins served as an infantryman in South Vietnam with the 26th Marine Regiment and the 1st Marine Division.

He received the 1996 Robert C. Ingalls Business Person of the Year award from the Corvallis Chamber of Commerce, the 1997 MacEachern CEO national award, and the 2001 Newcomer Executive of the Year award from the American Academy of Medical Administrators. He was also recognized by the American Hospital Association as one of their 2007 Grassroots Champions.

Professionally, Dr. Mullins has achieved the special designation of Diplomate in Healthcare Administration in the American Academy of Medical Administrators. He is a Fellow in the American College of Health Care Executives and serves as Regent and Chapter President for the State of Oregon. Dr. Mullins is a Past Chair of the Oregon Association of Hospitals & Healthcare Systems and of the Health Systems Governance Council of the American Hospital Association.

Dr. Mullins serves as co-chair for the state of Oregon’s Emergency Support Function 8 Policy Group which advises on policies and planning regarding the full range of emergency activities encompassed by the Oregon Emergency Response Plan. He has participated in the Air Force War College as part of the National Security Forum and has been appointed by Governor Kulongoski to serve as a member of the Homeland Security Council of the State of Oregon.

Dr. Mullins received a Bachelor of Science degree from Arizona State University, a Master’s degree from Northern Arizona University and a Doctor of Health Administration degree from the Medical University of South Carolina. He was awarded an honorary degree from Linn Benton Community College in 2007. He is an Adjunct Faculty Member in the College of Health & Human Sciences at Oregon State University. His doctoral dissertation was on organizational change and crisis leadership. He has published articles on integrated health networks, health care reform and hospital/physician relations.
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*Graduate is member of Sigma Sigma Phi and in the top 20 percent of the graduating class. Sigma Sigma Phi was established to provide service to the University and profession and is the National Honorary Osteopathic Service Fraternity.

** Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine Fellows – These students, originally scheduled to graduate in May 2007, spent one additional year serving the Department of Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine as assistant teachers, counselors and clinical demonstrators while gaining a broader experience in Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine.

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Honors: Student is in the top 4-10% of their graduating class.
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Dixon Arnett
Deputy Regional Director
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
“The Celebration of Achievement”

June 12, 1983
Captain (Commodore - Selectee) Louis H. Eske, DO, MC, USN Commanding Officer
Naval Regional Medical Center, Long Beach, California
“The Health Care Profession - In Revolution or Renaissance?”

June 10, 1984
Rear Admiral Almon C. Wilson, MD, MC, USN
Deputy Director, Naval Medicine
“Patients, Physicians and New Technology - A Fine Blend”

June 9, 1985
Astronaut Wally Schirra, Captain, USN (Ret.)
“The Greatest Obstacle to Being Heroic”

June 8, 1986
Ambassador L. Bruce Laingen
Vice President National Defense University
“The Health of Our National Spirit”

June 14, 1987
A. Mark Novitch, MD
Sr. Vice President
Upjohn Pharmaceutical
“The Future of Medicine - Who’s In Charge?”

June 12, 1988
Murray Goldstein, DO
Assistant U.S. Surgeon General
“Facts and Fictions”

June 11, 1989
Michael Josephson
President
The Josephson Institute
“Ethics is More than Good Business”

June 10, 1990
Ron Lapin, MD, PhD
“Medicine the Lost Art”

June 9, 1991
Norman Gevitz, PhD Professor, University of Illinois
“The Reason to Be”

June 14, 1992
Edward E. Rosenbaum, MD
Physician and Author
“Humanism in Medicine”

June 13, 1993
Fitzhugh Mullan, MD
Assistant U.S. Surgeon General
“A Manifesto for the Medical Generalist”

June 12, 1994
Dick Beals
Radio Actor & Author
Speaker for Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific
“Think Big”

June 10, 1995
Honorable George E. Brown, Jr.
Congressman
“Look to the Mountain: A Broader View of Health”

June 1, 1996
Julie G. Madorsky, MD
Physical Medicine/Rehabilitation Physician & Educator
“Forging the Future Together”

June 14, 1997
Rev. Harold Henry Wilke
“Angels on Our Shoulder and Muses at Our Side”

June 6, 1998
Roger J. Bulger, MD
“Healing Persons Therapeutic Institutions”

June 3, 1999
John Roth, PhD
“Healing the Nation’s Wounds”
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June 2, 2000
Jerome A. Halperin
“Four Rules”

May 26, 2001
Reverend Chris Brown
“Earn It”

May 31, 2002
Edward Tessier, MS
“Let Compassion Lead You”
Kenneth P. Moritsugu, MD, MPH
“Medical Care, Health Care and Health”

May 16, 2003
Alfred E. Mann, MS
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer,
MannKind Corporation
“The Rewards of Giving to Society
Speaker for College of Allied Health Professions,
College of Graduate Nursing
and College of Pharmacy

Jon Fong, DO ‘84
“A Whole in the Heart”
Speaker for Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine
of the Pacific

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Speaker for College of Allied Health Professions
and College of Graduate Nursing

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“Who Needs a Doctor Anyway?”

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I do hereby affirm my loyalty to the profession I am about to enter.

I will be ever mindful of my great responsibility to preserve the health and life of my patients, to retain their confidence and respect both as a physician and a friend, to perform my professional duties, and to employ only those recognized methods of treatment consistent with good judgement, keeping in mind always nature’s laws and the body’s inherent capacity for recovery. I will give no drugs for deadly purposes to any person though it be asked of me.

I will be always vigilant in aiding the general welfare of the community and will not engage in those practices which will in any way bring shame or discredit to myself or to my profession.

I will endeavor to work in accord with my colleagues in a spirit of progressive cooperation. I will look, with respect and esteem, upon those who have taught me my art. To my college, I will be loyal and strive always for its best interests and for the interests of the students who will come after me. I will be alert to further the appreciation of basic biological truths and to develop the principles of Osteopathic Medicine.

In the presence of this gathering I bind myself to my oath.

Academic Regalia

American academic costume had its origins in the 11th-12th century European universities when gowns distinguished doctors, masters and bachelors from other segments of the population.

THE GOWN — Although it may originally have been worn as protection against unheated medieval buildings, the academic gown today symbolizes the democracy of scholarship because it covers any dress of rank or social standing underneath. It is usually black.

THE CAP — When Roman law freed the slave, he won the privilege of wearing a cap. The academic cap is a sign of the freedom and responsibility of scholarship. The color of the tassel denotes the discipline.

THE HOOD — The hood is lined with the official color of the college or university. The color of the facing denotes the discipline represented by the degree. Colors associated with different degrees are: Arts, white; Business, drab; Economics, copper; Education, light blue; Engineering, orange; Fine Arts, brown; Hospital Administration, salmon; Journalism, crimson; Law, purple; Medicine, kelly green; Music, pink; Nursing, apricot; Philosophy, dark blue; Public Administration, peacock blue; Science, golden yellow; Social Service, citron; and Theology, scarlet; Veterinary Medicine, grey; Pharmacy, olive; and Physical Therapy, sage green.

The University Mace

The University mace is identified with the Office of the President and is carried in academic processions at commencement and convocation ceremonies. The University Marshal has the honor of serving as the macebearer at these events.

Historical maces date back to the 13th century when they were first carried as ceremonial symbols of royal authority at events attended by English kings.

The university mace was first used at the charter class graduation of the College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific (COMP) in 1982. The mace depicts the university seal, with the torch of knowledge coiled by a single serpent in the fashion of the caduceus, set before a range of mountain peaks representing the pinnacle of academic achievement. The crowning ornament is a brass orb. Engraved upon a band encircling the mace shaft are the words: “EDUCATING HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS IN THE OSTEOPATHIC TRADITION.” The founding year of the University’s founding college is also engraved on a band in Roman numerals. The mace is permanently displayed in the President’s office.
The President’s Medallion and Collar

The President’s medallion is in the form of the University Seal and is made of solid sterling silver with 22-karat gold overlay. The President’s Collar consists of black velvet with gold trim. It serves as a field for six medals that depict memorable milestones and significant aspects of Western University of Health Sciences, including: the founding of the original college, the College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific (COMP), in September 1977; the graduation of the charter class in June 1982; and the transition of COMP to Western University of Health Sciences in August 1996. Other medals on the President’s Collar include WesternU’s slogan: To Teach, To Heal, Together; WesternU’s core values: Caring, Compassion, Scientific Excellence; and a medal commemorating “National Influence and Leadership.”

The Pomona Concert Band

The Pomona Concert Band, now in its 61st season of bringing musical enjoyment to the Pomona Valley, was organized in November of 1947. Since that time, the Band has been an important part of musical activity in the Pomona Valley. The Band performs at major civic events, gives concerts for neighboring cities and presents a summer series of ten Thursday evening concerts in Ganesha Park. The Band rehearses and performs throughout the year, and it is built basically on adult membership; however, outstanding high school and college musicians are invited to audition for membership. The Pomona Concert Band is proud to be a part of the community it serves and to represent the City of Pomona.

The Flags

The 15 flags on stage represent the western states that the institution was originally established to serve. Since then, WesternU has grown to serve health care education world-wide.

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Today’s commencement exercises could not have been such a memorable experience for our graduates, families and guests without the hard work and great dedication of the many individuals who diligently work behind the scenes. Thank you to the ushers of the Pasadena Civic Auditorium, WesternU staff members who served as commencement assistants and the departments of University Student Affairs, Special Events, Facilities and Physical Plant, Classroom and Media Services, Publications and the WesternU Bookstore.