



to teach to heal
together

Western University
of Health Sciences

WesternU Oregon VIEWBOOK

We educate graduate-level students in the health sciences who are dedicated to science and humanism—putting the patient first with **compassionate healing for the whole body and mind.**



Greetings from the President



At WesternU, we are creating a University model for the future—serving rural, inner city, and medically underserved populations to build and nurture healthier communities. Our Lebanon, Oregon colleges, the College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific-Northwest (COMP-Northwest), which is transitioning to its new name, the Heatherington College of Osteopathic Medicine, and the College of Health Sciences-Northwest, are at the heart of this mission. These colleges offer unique opportunities to address the critical health care needs of the Pacific Northwest, particularly in rural and medically underserved areas.

As more people in this region seek patient-centered, compassionate care, we are expanding our educational and clinical programs to meet those needs. We remain dedicated to medicine and the health sciences, with a commitment to research, science, and biotechnology. Across our distinct colleges, we uphold a humanistic approach, placing the patient first and promoting health with hands, heart, mind, and spirit. Through our work in Lebanon, we strive to achieve transformative health, creating a thriving, healthy society for generations to come.

It is my esteemed pleasure to serve this institution as we cultivate a culture of humanistic and scientific excellence, preparing our students to be the compassionate health care leaders of the future.

My very warmest wishes!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "R. Farias-Eisner". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

ROBIN FARIAS-EISNER, MD, PHD, MBA
PRESIDENT



Meet WesternU

Western University of Health Sciences is an independent nonprofit health professions university founded in 1977, conferring graduate-level degrees in biotechnology and pharmaceutical sciences, dental medicine, medical sciences, nursing, optometry, osteopathic medicine, pharmacy, physical therapy, physician assistant studies, podiatric medicine, and veterinary medicine.



Meet WesternU Oregon

Western University of Health Sciences' venture into Oregon started with humble beginnings. In 2004, WesternU's College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific (COMP) developed a "Northwest Track" in which 30 students studied two years on the California campus, then returned to the Northwest for clinical rotations. The success of this program was immediate. By 2009, WesternU made it a focus to have a positive impact on the shortage of physicians in the Northwest by recruiting students from the Northwest, educating them in the Northwest, to practice in the Northwest.

In 2011, WesternU partnered with Samaritan Health Services (OR) to open the College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific-Northwest (COMP-Northwest), the state's first new medical school in more than 100 years.

WesternU embarked on further expansion in Oregon as a key part of the WesternU strategy to expand rural health education with the establishment of the College of Health Sciences-Northwest in July 2021.

Today, WesternU Oregon is home to 500 students pursuing doctoral programs in Osteopathic Medicine and Physical Therapy across two campuses. WesternU Oregon also provides community health care services through WesternU Health Oliver Station in Portland.

In 2025, WesternU announced that COMP-Northwest would transition to its new name, the Heatherington College of Osteopathic Medicine. The new name honors Jeff Heatherington and the Heatherington Foundation for Innovation and Education in Health Care. Heatherington is a leader, philanthropist and lifelong advocate for osteopathic medicine in Oregon. This is the first time in WesternU's 48-year history that a college site will be named for a major benefactor and advocate.

500+

**Graduate-Level
Students Enrolled**

1,200+

Advanced Degree Alumni

5,400

**hours of community
service each year**

100%

**COMP-Northwest
postgraduate residency
placement rate with 57%
going into primary care**

40+

Student Clubs

WASC

**SENIOR COLLEGE AND
UNIVERSITY COMMISSION**

**American Osteopathic
Association, Commission
on Osteopathic College
Accreditation, Commission
on Accreditation in Physical
Therapy Education**

Making Oregon Home

Lebanon is located about 80 miles from Portland and is home to two esteemed WesternU Colleges. Our students build strong connections in the community and embrace a healthy lifestyle including nutrition, movement, and the great outdoors.



A short drive from Corvallis, Eugene, and Salem, Lebanon offers a welcoming atmosphere where students can balance their rigorous studies with life in a close-knit, nurturing community. The town provides an affordable cost of living, with new construction offering a range of comfortable housing options.

Lebanon is celebrated for its strong sense of community, where tradition meets opportunity. The annual Lebanon Strawberry Festival, a cherished community event, brings residents and students together each year. Beyond its community traditions, the area is also known for its natural beauty and outdoor recreation. Nestled in the heart of the scenic Willamette Valley, Lebanon offers easy access to hiking trails, stunning waterfalls, and serene landscapes, along with opportunities for dining and exploring nearby historic downtowns.

Whether enjoying the peaceful atmosphere of Lebanon or adventuring into Oregon's diverse natural environment, students find a healthy balance between academic life and personal well-being.



"By far the people are the best thing that the WesternU Oregon community gave me. It is such an honor to have trained around people who are compassionate, caring, and committed humans before all other things. The community of Lebanon is welcoming and willing to adapt for one another and that is exactly the kind of collectivist culture I wanted to train in."

**MEHAK P. KAUR, DO '23
COMP-NORTHWEST**



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College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific-Northwest location on Mullins Drive. Below, College of Health Sciences-Northwest location on South Santiam Hwy.



Our Colleges

At WesternU Oregon, students are trained to become compassionate, patient-centered health care providers through the guidance of dedicated faculty experts and the support of advanced simulation technology.

At the **College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific-Northwest (COMP-Northwest)**, we remain committed to ushering in a new generation of osteopathic physicians who serve their patients with purpose, passion, and proficiency. The faculty and staff inspire a shared vision of a student-centered, interprofessional approach to learning with a meaningful emphasis on humanistic health care. We strive to model the way forward for our students and alumni by being leaders in our profession, our communities, and in the realm of academia.

Today's advanced technology and the ever-growing body of medical knowledge continue to move COMP-Northwest into a new era of medicine. A vigorous



desire to heal, combined with their strong medical education, sets our students apart from the rest.

The **College of Health Sciences-Northwest (CHS-Northwest)** Doctor of Physical Therapy program was built in the humanistic tradition where students are prepared to deliver collaborative person-centered care with respect, empathy, and trust. We offer an on-site blended learning curriculum that incorporates in-class active learning, which emphasizes problem-solving and evidence-based practice. Our labs provide experiential



LEBANON

Located in the heart of the Willamette Valley, Lebanon provides easy access to the scenic vineyards of Oregon wine-country, the unique boutiques along the Pacific coastline, and picturesque hiking trails past cascading waterfalls and historic covered bridges.

learning opportunities with community volunteers. Additionally, our service-learning component allows students to learn through hands-on experiences while giving back to the community. Interprofessional education, where students learn with, from, and about other professions, is threaded throughout the curriculum so students graduate ready to provide team-based care. Our entry-level curriculum is well-balanced so our students graduate as movement specialists who are prepared to meet the needs of patients across the lifespan and can thrive in the rural communities of the Pacific Northwest.



TOP: McDowell Creek near Lebanon, Oregon

BOTTOM: The newly remodeled CHS-Northwest Campus contains abundant student spaces, clinical rooms and a fully functional Activities of Daily Living house (ADL).





Pathways to a Career in Health Care

Since the beginning, WesternU has been committed to serving our communities, a reflection of our mission:

To produce, in a humanistic tradition, health care professionals and biomedical knowledge that will enhance and extend the quality of life in our communities.

We have a passion for inspiring and preparing children, teens, and young adults in our communities who aspire to become health care professionals. Because of partnerships with local and national organizations, we can create opportunities for younger generations to reach their dreams of caring for others.

Health Career Ladder

WesternU Oregon's Health Career Ladder (HCL) offers a pathway for youth (PreK–12th grade) from the community to become skilled and compassionate health care practitioners choosing from a variety of health professions available on campus. HCL provides academic enrichment and mentorship to student participants, along with specialized presentations on academic resources and health education topics to their parents and guardians. The program also plays a vital role in promoting healthier lifestyles within our communities.

One such HCL pathway program is the annual Mini-Medical School activity. COMP-Northwest is proud to welcome local elementary school students to campus each year to participate in a series of activities related to medicine, health, and wellness. WesternU takes pride in our relationship with the community and the opportunity to encourage young learners in the community to explore the world of medicine.

WesternU Oregon is pleased to partner with the Area Health Education Center (AHEC) to provide a summer camp for local high school students interested in medicine. This camp, as part of the HCL pathway program, provides an immersive experience where students learn about various medical fields such as imaging, surgery, and research through hands-on activities.



"Our goal for the Dream program is to provide mentorship to those who are hoping to pursue a career in medicine, specifically those interested in physical therapy and allopathic or osteopathic medical degrees. Historically, the field of medicine was known to be exclusive, mainly attainable to those with connections and financial means. A goal of not only the Dream program, but of WesternU, is to make their dream of becoming a physician a reality. We hope to create the next generation of physicians with the knowledge and passion to serve patients of all walks of life, and to provide mentorship for students to carve their own path in an enormous field."

**CHRISTINA VERGIS, DO '28
COMP-NORTHWEST**

In 2017, Student Affairs partnered with student leaders and designed the Dream program: a three-day summer program, to prepare, educate, and empower students who have a desire to be physicians. Beyond academic courses in anatomy and research, the program educates participants about admissions, residencies, and the matching process.



Academic Excellence

We promise our students that they will graduate from the University with the communication and scientific skills necessary to thrive in the modern health care system. They will develop a healthy sense of self, learn to understand and embrace all people, know how to continue learning throughout their careers, and cultivate a passion for promoting healing and wellness.

Outstanding Faculty

When we ask our students what they love about WesternU, their first and quickest response is almost always: the faculty. Not only do we pride ourselves on a supportive culture of faculty mentorship, we are proud of our distinguished

research and clinical faculty. Our exceptional faculty lead transformation in their fields and specialize in training adult learners to take their place on the front lines of their chosen specialty.

Standardized Patient Program

WesternU's professional Standardized Patients are trained to simulate the medical condition of an actual patient. Patients portray a detailed case of a current medical problem, past medical history, family and social situation, and emotional state likely in patients and their family members. They look for specific student responses and skills, record them, and give feedback to the students on their performance.

These safe and realistic environments provide students and community health care professionals rich opportunities to develop and hone their clinical, interpersonal, and communication skills.



“Sim labs are the most effective way to train somebody how to do medicine because it reinforces the learning you get in the classroom, decreases anxiety, and prolongs retention of that knowledge. Those lessons then shine in the real-world environment. Most people wouldn’t want to fly with a pilot who did not practice on a simulator. The same is true for medical care.”

DERRICK SORWEIDE, DO, FACOPF
 MEDICAL DIRECTOR OF SIMULATION
 COMP-NORTHWEST

Medical Simulation Labs

Thanks to a generous donation from the Heatherington Foundation for Innovation and Education in Health Care, WesternU Oregon and COMP-Northwest launched a highly advanced, contemporary clinical skills lab, Simulated Medicine and Readiness Training (SMaRT) Lab, during the 2023–24 academic year. The innovative learning space provides WesternU students with high-quality medical simulation experiences.

The SMaRT Lab includes:

- Surgery/Operating Room (OR)
- Labor/Delivery Room (OB)
- Emergency Department Room (ED)
- Skills Lab – multipurpose space for skill trainings, debriefs, group work
- Standardized Hospital Patient Rooms
- Patient Simulators (6) – SimMan 3G Plus, Pediatric HAL S2225, Super TORY® S2220, TOMManikin (TCCC), Trauma HAL® S3040, VICTORIA® S2200

ABOVE: Through the COMP-Northwest Simulated Medicine Readiness Training Lab (SMaRT), students gain valuable training and experience that is essential for successful clinical rotations.



Student Success

Points of pride in the Pacific Northwest

College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific (COMP) and COMP-Northwest

WesternU’s COMP & COMP-Northwest is one of only 16 institutions and the only Osteopathic Medicine school named a Tier 1 Medical School for Primary Care by U.S. News & World Report 2025.

Tier 1: Best Medical Schools: Primary Care

Tier 4: Best Medical Schools: Research

Additional Medical School Rankings

- Most Graduates Practicing in Health Professional Shortage Areas
- Most Graduates Practicing in Rural Areas

College of Health Sciences (CHS) & CHS-Northwest

In its latest rankings of top U.S. medical schools, U.S. News & World Report has named Western University of Health Sciences’ Doctor of Physical Therapy program one of the best in the nation.

WesternU College of Health Sciences (CHS) and CHS-Northwest are ranked in U.S. News & World Report’s 2024-25 Best Medical Schools for:

Physical Therapy



COMP-Northwest student presents his poster to Dr. Cherry-Allen at a Research Symposium hosted on the CHS-Northwest campus.

Research

Entrepreneurship and innovation are part of our WesternU DNA, and we encourage lifelong learning and discovery for both faculty and students. We are building a distinctive WesternU research profile through the pursuit of excellence:

- Excellence in research and innovation impacting society for the greater good
- Excellence in health sciences graduate academic programs
- Excellence in the continued development of interdisciplinary research and training initiatives within and between the WesternU Colleges and other schools/colleges

At CHS-Northwest and COMP-Northwest, faculty are leading research in a variety of areas, including trunk control impairments in adults, the evolution and ecology of pathogens, medical student wellness and burnout, and much more! Our faculty have an open-door policy and interested students are encouraged to join current projects or are supported in pursuing research in new arenas.

Biomedical Research

The Office of Research & Biotechnology offers faculty the opportunity to apply for funding in the form of seed grants and intramural/internal grants. In addition, we offer state-of-the-art facilities and labs so that faculty and students can work side-by-side to advance knowledge in biotechnology with the ultimate goal of improving quality of life. Our renowned faculty are published in some of the most advanced medical journals worldwide.

Student Research

Students have the opportunity to work side-by-side with other students and faculty members to pursue their research interests. Each year, students present their research at the annual WesternU Oregon Research Symposiums. The goal of WesternU research is to advance knowledge, create new knowledge, and ultimately to help patients and improve quality of life.





An Integrated Experience

A Community of Belonging

Each of our WesternU colleges offers students the opportunity to engage directly with patients and community members. Students and faculty work side-by-side in volunteering to care for people in the community—seeing their patients in real-life situations and experiences. This allows our students to feel embedded in their communities and offers a diverse range of clinical experiences.

As part of our humanistic tradition, we encourage all students to participate in the community as a volunteer. Many students find ways to serve the community while simultaneously developing their medical knowledge. Students teach health and science activities at the local elementary schools, provide care to patients through the Linn County Medical Reserve, and connect with residents at the Oregon Veterans' Home in Lebanon. These opportunities, along with the countless other ways students serve in the community, help mold our students into compassionate, community-minded health care professionals.

“I loved my time at the Veterans' Home. I was a CNA at a nursing home prior to school so I was excited to see elderly patients again. I felt much more connected to the community seeing the members who have served our country and getting to hear their stories.”

**ANNA BJARVIN, DO '25
COMP-NORTHWEST**

“The promise that WesternU made about humanism, they fulfilled. They are caring. And each one of these people who are wearing their new white coats they got today will touch thousands of people in their lives.”

LINN COUNTY (OR) COMMISSIONER WILL TUCKER



Interdisciplinary Education

WesternU's Interprofessional Practice and Education (IPE) Program combines students from all eight WesternU California colleges, students from COMP-Northwest and CHS-Northwest, and nursing students from Linn-Benton Community College. Students from these different professions work together to open communication and awareness for patient-centered health care teams. IPE reviews community social determinants of health to improve community health, creates support systems and teaches different models of practice. It provides an opportunity for all medical professions to learn together to enhance collaboration and improve health outcomes for patients.







ABOVE: COMP-Northwest students are gifted black medical bags during their white coat ceremony.

LEFT: COMP-Northwest student doctor provides Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine (OMM) while on rotation at the WesternU Health Oliver Station clinic.

College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific-Northwest

*in process of transitioning to its new name,
the Heatherington College of Osteopathic Medicine*

At the College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific-Northwest (COMP-Northwest), we are dedicated to preparing the next generation of osteopathic physicians who serve with purpose, passion, and proficiency. Our faculty and staff foster a student-centered, interprofessional approach to learning, with a meaningful emphasis on humanistic health care.

Rooted in a long-standing tradition of humanism, our Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (DO) program trains compassionate, culturally sensitive, and highly skilled medical professionals. Osteopathic Medicine takes a whole-person approach, emphasizing the body's interconnectedness, and DOs are trained to use both traditional diagnostic and therapeutic techniques alongside Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine (OMM)—a hands-on approach that supports the body's ability to heal itself. Operating as "one college, two campuses" in Pomona, California, and Lebanon, Oregon, COMP and COMP-Northwest offer a comprehensive curriculum that includes both

Academic Program

Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (DO)

preclinical and clinical phases, with diverse clinical rotation sites exposing students to a variety of specialties and care settings.

Recognized as a Tier 1 medical school by U.S. News and World Report, COMP-Northwest gives students the opportunity for early clinical exposure through voluntary tracks in areas such as rural health, chronic care, global health, lifestyle medicine, and applied anatomy. The program consistently achieves high board pass rates on the Comprehensive Osteopathic Medical Licensing Examination (COMLEX-USA) and boasts above-average residency placement rates, with students excelling in both primary care and a wide range of specialties.



Health science programs are offered in an environment intended to foster respect for the uniqueness of each and every patient. Students are provided with classroom and clinical experiences designed to prepare them to function as competent, caring, and nurturing health care practitioners.

College of Health Sciences-Northwest

At the College of Health Sciences-Northwest (CHS-Northwest), our physical therapy program is built on a foundation of humanism, where students are prepared to deliver person-centered care that fosters respect, empathy, and trust. Our blended learning curriculum combines in-class active learning with hands-on experience, focusing on problem-solving and evidence-based practice. Students engage in experiential labs where they practice real-life techniques with clients and patients, as well as service-learning opportunities that allow them to apply their skills while giving back to the community. From orthopedic and neurological rehabilitation to pediatric and geriatric care, our students are trained as movement specialists who can serve patients across the lifespan.

Clinical education is a cornerstone of our program, and students benefit from a wide range of clinical partnerships across the country. Through rotations in hospitals, private practices, and community health centers, students gain experience in diverse settings, including rural and medically underserved communities, preparing them to meet the region's unique health care needs. Our focus on rural health ensures students are well-prepared to excel in smaller, resource-limited environments, where they can have the greatest impact.

Academic Program

Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT)

Student research is another key element of our program, allowing students to engage in projects that contribute to the advancement of physical therapy practices. Working alongside faculty researchers, students explore areas such as biomechanics, rehabilitation techniques, and the integration of new technologies into patient care. Through research, students not only deepen their clinical knowledge but also contribute to the development of innovative, evidence-based approaches to physical therapy.

The program's success is reflected in our inaugural class of graduates, who are confident and competent practitioners entering physical therapy and related fields. Our alumni are prepared to excel in various settings, including community clinics, hospitals, private practices, the military, and educational institutions. With a commitment to ongoing professional development, they are well equipped to deliver innovative, patient-centered care across all environments.



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Physical Therapy



Hands-on Training Opportunities

WesternU Health Oliver Station

Oliver Station, located in southeast Portland, serves as a teaching facility through WesternU Health. Our WesternU Health doctors are dedicated to meeting the medical needs of our growing and diverse local communities.

WesternU students, alongside trained physicians, provide primary care and multi-specialty care with an appreciation of each patient as a person—a neighbor, a friend, a family member—rather than a diagnosis or a set of test results. Even as we bring modern diagnostic techniques and evidence-based treatment, we never lose focus on the humanity of each person who walks through our doors.



Oliver Station offers exceptional medical care at affordable rates, utilizing state-of-the-art equipment to deliver top-quality treatment. Patients benefit from the expertise of experienced and nationally-recognized doctors who dedicate ample time to ensure thorough and personalized care.



The PALs program is built into the scaffolding of our curriculum. Because of these early and frequent experiences, students graduate with the ability to engage with patients right away.

Practical Application Labs

For future health care professionals, hands-on experience and training is essential. Our Doctor of Physical Therapy students at WesternU Oregon engage directly with community volunteers through the Practical Application Labs program (PALs). PALs is a series of practical labs in which physical therapy students, under the direct supervision of an instructor, practice physical therapy techniques with volunteers. This experience allows them to apply concepts from the classroom while developing strong communication skills and professional conduct.

“My favorite part of PALs and working with the volunteer would have to be the participants that come each week. They are so welcoming and receptive that we are all students and that we may not have all the answers but are providing them with the best care we can offer. As a student, it makes it easier to ask questions or make a mistake because I know how much they care about us and helping us learn and grow.”

**GEORGE JERIES, DPT '25
CHS-NORTHWEST**

Student Life





WesternU Community

At WesternU Oregon, our students are part of a community. Students can participate in over 40 different clubs and organizations, ranging from cultural and religious groups, specialty-based clubs, nationally affiliated professional organizations, and academic honor societies. These clubs allow our students to form lasting relationships with their peers, build a support system, gain access to resources, and develop leadership skills through collaboration and project management.

Beyond organized groups, WesternU Oregon encourages students to enjoy a healthy social life. Both CHS-Northwest and COMP-Northwest regularly host activities and events to promote friendship and fun. These activities include foosball tournaments, holiday costume contests, pick-up sports games, and more!

Student Support

As part of our commitment to a humanistic approach to education and health care, WesternU prioritizes the academic, mental, and physical well-being of our students. The WesternU Offices of Student Affairs are a one-stop shop for students in need of additional support. Both CHS-Northwest and COMP-Northwest have a full-time Student Affairs Director on campus, backed by a team of skilled professionals, to offer students personalized success plans and access to helpful resources.

While at WesternU, students have access to a variety of tools to ensure their personal and professional success. Students have access to different counseling services, both online and in-person, to assist them in navigating stress, relationships, career preparation, parenthood, and more. Through our Learning Enhancement and Academic Development (LEAD) program, students can receive supplemental one-on-one academic counseling, peer tutoring, and exam preparation support.

Building the health sciences university of the future

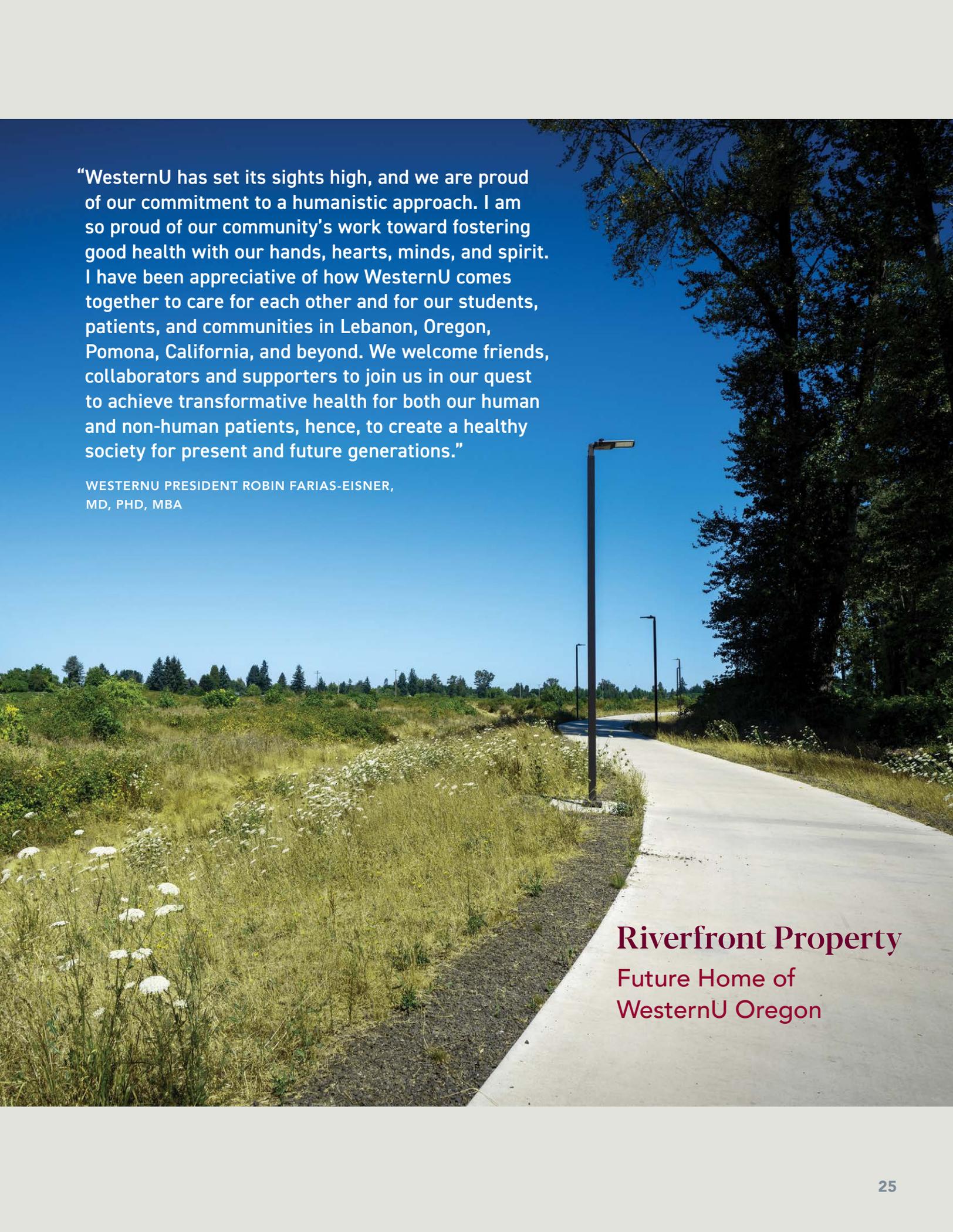
WesternU has received a 50-million-dollar donation from FamilyCare, Inc., and the deed for 150 acres in Lebanon, Oregon, from the Heatherington Foundation for Innovation and Education in Health Care. These donations are intended to help expand the WesternU Oregon Campus. The donated land sits along the South Santiam River in Lebanon, providing a scenic backdrop to the education and training in behavioral health and rural medicine that will take place once the facilities are constructed.

We are immensely grateful to our donors who generously support our beloved University and community. Interested in supporting WesternU Oregon's development initiatives? Scan the QR code to get involved!



Support the development of the new Riverfront Property—
Future Home of WesternU Oregon.





“WesternU has set its sights high, and we are proud of our commitment to a humanistic approach. I am so proud of our community’s work toward fostering good health with our hands, hearts, minds, and spirit. I have been appreciative of how WesternU comes together to care for each other and for our students, patients, and communities in Lebanon, Oregon, Pomona, California, and beyond. We welcome friends, collaborators and supporters to join us in our quest to achieve transformative health for both our human and non-human patients, hence, to create a healthy society for present and future generations.”

WESTERNU PRESIDENT ROBIN FARIAS-EISNER,
MD, PHD, MBA

Riverfront Property
Future Home of
WesternU Oregon



The Vision

In a transformative time in health care, we have set our sights on reimagining our University.

We're **educating** the next generation of healers to create healthier communities.

We're **nurturing** compassion and connection at the heart of every program we teach.

We're **partnering** with leaders who share our vision for a stronger health care system.

We're **expanding** our campuses to bring patient-centered care where its needed most.

Together, we're ensuring WesternU's mission thrives for generations to come.

Visionary Leadership in Oregon **Dr. Heather Phipps and Dr. Jonathan Perry**

Western University of Health Sciences is guided by leaders who are shaping the future of health care education in the Pacific Northwest through innovation, collaboration, and community focus.

COMP-Northwest Site Dean Heather Phipps, DO, MBA, brings a wealth of clinical and academic leadership experience in orthopedic surgery and medical education. Her commitment to excellence, humanism, and service is central to COMP-Northwest's mission of preparing compassionate physicians for tomorrow's health care challenges.

CHS-Northwest Site Dean Jonathan Perry, PhD, is a biological anthropologist and anatomist with a distinguished record in research and academic leadership. His work supports innovative, student-centered learning environments that connect classroom education with real-world clinical and research applications.

Together, Dr. Phipps and Dr. Perry exemplify WesternU's commitment to advancing health sciences education through visionary leadership rooted in service, scholarship, and a deep connection to Oregon's communities.

Dr. Heather Phipps and Dr. Jonathan Perry







“Humanism is about listening. It is about our graduates not just only dealing with the scientific and the medical ailments of the patient’s care, it is about the human touch that can renew the spirit. As we foster an environment of holistic and humanistic approach to education and professional relationships, the result will be an enhancement of patient care.”

DR. PHILIP PUMERANTZ
FOUNDING WESTERNU PRESIDENT

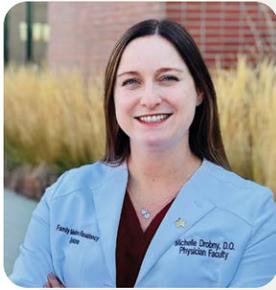
Humanism

Humanism is at the core of WesternU and encompasses values that we regard to be vital to our mission in health care, education, and community. These values include **acceptance, altruism, compassion, diversity, empathy, fairness, inclusion, integrity, kindness, and respect.** We embrace Humanism as a primary principle that shapes our actions, interactions, and institutional culture. Embracing Humanism empowers us to grow as individuals and as a community. It is a lifelong and daily commitment—one that requires intention, action, and reflection. Only through this ongoing practice can we truly embody WesternU Humanism and fulfill our mission **to teach, to heal, together.**



Impact with a Human Touch

With over 21,000 alumni, WesternU's mission to nurture highly competent and compassionate healers results in better quality of life for patients in need. Our growing alumni network creates change, stays connected, and gives back.



MICHELLE DROBNY

DOCTOR OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE, 2016

“One thing I remember about being a student at COMP-Northwest was how the medical community was supportive and welcoming. They put on student events in Portland which allowed us time away with our friends and a way to meet other medical students from the area. It made me feel like I mattered, and that people wanted me to succeed.”



CHASE COLE

DOCTOR OF PHYSICAL THERAPY, 2024

“It is an honor to be part of the inaugural class at WesternU Oregon. I truly believe that WesternU Oregon has developed one of the best programs in the country.”



PETER FOX

DOCTOR OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE, 2016

The world-renowned photographer Ansel Adams once said, “In wisdom gathered over time I have found that every experience is a form of exploration.” These words ring true for WesternU alum Peter Fox, DO ‘16, whose exploration and travel led to a beautiful journey personally and professionally.



TOM STOCKLIN-ENRIGHT

DOCTOR OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE, 2016

Dr. Stocklin-Enright embraced his calling as a doctor, a mentor, a teacher, a volunteer, and a family man. His calling has led him on the path to changing and improving lives and his community for the better.



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