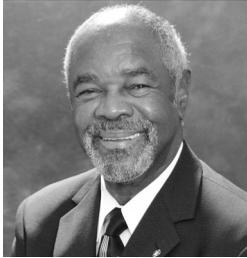


# Commencement Speaker Biography

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**WILLIAM G. ANDERSON, I, DO.** Past President of the American Osteopathic Association, Senior Advisor to the Dean Michigan State College of Osteopathic Medicine and is Vice President of Academic Affairs, Osteopathic Medical Education responsible for the development of osteopathic medical education programs for students, interns and residents at hospitals within the Detroit Medical Center (DMC).

Dr. Anderson began his professional career in the practice of medicine and surgery in Albany, Georgia where he practiced for 6 years. During this time, he was a founder and first president of the Albany Movement, which spearheaded the Civil Rights Movement in Southwest Georgia. He subsequently completed his training in General Surgery in Detroit Michigan where he conducted a successful group surgical practice until 1984. Thereafter, he served as Executive Vice President and Chief Medical Office of the Michigan Health Corporation, Director of Governmental Affairs for the Detroit Osteopathic Hospital and Associate Director of Medical Education at Detroit Riverview Hospital until assuming his current position.

Dr. Anderson is a graduate of the Des Moines University/College of Osteopathic Medicine where he earned the Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine Degree. He is certified in General Surgery and a Fellow of the American College of

Osteopathic Surgeons. He has received Doctorate of Humane Letters from Ohio University, the New England University, College of Osteopathic Medicine and the Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine. He also received a Doctorate of Science Degree from the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine and a Doctorate of Public Service from the University of North Texas Health Science Center.

Dr. Anderson served as a member of the Board of Directors of the American Osteopathic Association for 20 years. He is past President of the Michigan and the Wayne County Osteopathic Associations and previously served as President of the Michigan Osteopathic College Foundation. He is a life member of the NAACP and a former member of the Highland Park YMCA where he served for more than 25 years. He served on the Board of Trustees for Des Moines University for over 20 years. He is a former member of the Board of Directors of the Citizens Trust Bank in Atlanta, Georgia where he served for 24 years. He is a Trustee and member of the Properties Planning Committee of the Hartford Memorial Baptist Church - Detroit.

He married the former Norma Dixon of Atlanta, Georgia and is the proud father of 5, three of whom have followed him into careers in Osteopathic Medicine. He has a daughter who is a Detroit Empowerment Zone Program Director, and a second daughter who is Project Training Leader/Professional Development, State of Georgia. He is the proud grandfather of three.



## Western University of Health Sciences College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific DO Class of 2009 Vision Statement

*As we fully commit ourselves to the study of osteopathic medicine, we, the DO class of 2009 at Western University of Health Sciences, College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific, dedicate ourselves to the following values, principles and goals. We commit to live by these ideals throughout our education and into our personal and professional lives. As representatives of the osteopathic profession, we endeavor to act responsibly and with integrity while maintaining respect for ourselves and others.*

### **Teamwork:**

*We are committed to working as part of the healthcare team. We as students will work with faculty, classmates, and others involved in our education to promote an environment where we can become the best possible physicians. As physicians we will join with other healthcare professionals to provide excellent healthcare. As students and physicians we will lead by example maintaining a robust sense of humor.*

### **Duties to Society:**

*We are dedicated to acting as advocates for our patients to ensure they receive quality care. We will strive to educate society on healthcare issues so patients can take an active role in their health and wellness. We will promote social justice and promise to live our lives in service to society.*

### **Lifelong Learning:**

*We commit to lifelong learning, to represent and advance our profession while maintaining the principles that guide us. We will remain confident in our abilities while acknowledging our limitations.*

### **Balance:**

*Medicine is meant to enhance, not consume our lives. As we strive for excellence, the line between our personal and professional lives has the potential to blur. Therefore, we will continue to maintain balance which includes nurturing those relationships we cherish. We realize we must be true to our values and individuality.*

*As osteopathic physicians we pledge our commitment to this vision. We will stay true to the principles of altruism and empathy through all our interactions between our patients, colleagues, community, and families. Most importantly, we pledge to remain faithful to the reason we first set foot upon this honorable and humble path.*