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24th Annual

Commencement Exercises

**College of
Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific**

May 13th, 2005
Pasadena Civic Auditorium
Pasadena, California
Friday Afternoon at One-Thirty

Western University of Health Sciences

Order of Exercises 2005

President Philip Pumerantz Presiding

Prelude	Pomona Concert Band
Processional	<i>"Pomp and Circumstance"</i> by Sir Edward Elgar Rafi Younoszai, PhD Professor of Anatomy University Marshal Alan D. Cundari, DO Chair, Department of Family Medicine and Director, Western University Medical Center College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific Marshal
National Anthem	Sonya L. Aikels Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine, Class of 2005
Invocation	Rabbi Gil Alchadeff Temple Sholom of Ontario
Chairman's Welcome	Warren Lawless, LHD (Hon.) Chairman, Board of Trustees
Honorary Degree	Clinton Adams, DO, FAAFP, FACHE Dean, College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific Presenter: J. Michael Finley, DO, FACP, FACOI, FACR Assistant Dean of Clinical Affairs, Associate Professor of Internal Medicine
Commencement Address	Clinton Adams, DO, FAAFP, FACHE

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**Presentation of the
Graduating DO Class of 2005**

Clinton Adams, DO, FAAFP, FACHE
Dean, College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific

Conferring of Degree
Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine

President Pumerantz

Hoarding of Graduates

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

Richard Bond, DO '82
Member, Board of Trustees

Announcement of Graduates

Burton N. Routman, DO
Professor of Family Medicine

Jeffrey Felton, PhD
Professor of Microbiology

**Administering the
Osteopathic Oath**

Ethan Allen, DO, DSc (Hon.)
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Alumni Association Welcome

Tina M. Meyer, PA-C
Alumni Board President

**President's Charge
to the Graduates**

President Pumerantz

Recessional

"Fanfare and Grand March"

Music for Commencement by the Pomona Concert Band, Linda Taylor, Associate Conductor.

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.

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**Graduate is a 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 Osteopathic Academic Honors Fraternity.*

***Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine Fellows—These students, originally scheduled to graduate in June of 2004, 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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In 1977, a small, devoted group of osteopathic physicians embraced the idea of creating a high quality college of osteopathic medicine in the western United States. It would be named the College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific and would be located in Pomona, California. Philip Pumerantz, PhD, was asked to serve as the founding president. Known as COMP, it would become the flagship college of what is now Western University of Health Sciences (WesternU), an institution made up of five health professions colleges.

COMP had already received full accreditation from the American Osteopathic Association by the time the 31 members of the charter class received their Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (DO) degrees in June 1982.

Under Dr. Pumerantz, COMP grew steadily, expanding its mission to educate humanistic health care providers. Western University of Health Sciences is offering the following degrees in addition to the DO program: Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD), Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT), Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM), Master of Physical Therapy (MPT), Master of Science in Health Professions Education (MSHPE), Master of Science in Health Sciences-Health Professions Education (MSHS-HPE), Master of Science in Nursing (MSN), Master of Science Nursing Entry (MSN-E), Master of Sciences Nursing and Family Nurse Practitioner (MSN-FNP), Master of Science in Pharmaceutical Sciences (MSPS), Master of Science Physician Assistant Studies (MSPAS), and Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) Certificate.

In August 1996, to better reflect its stature, the institution became Western University of Health Sciences and at the same time the School of Allied Health Professions became a college and the College of Pharmacy was founded. Western University of Health Sciences established a College of Graduate Nursing in March 1998 and founded a College of Veterinary Medicine in August of the same year. The College of Veterinary Medicine received preliminary approval from the American Veterinary Medical Association in March 2001. The college opened its doors to the first class of students in Fall 2003. This is the first and only college of veterinary medicine in Southern California.

WesternUs' commitment to primary care is evident in its teaching, scholarship and public service. Curricula in each academic program are characterized by strong basic, social, behavioral and economic sciences. Community-based faculty serve as role models for students participating in a wide variety of clinical experiences in primary care settings. WesternU has a teaching medical center adjacent to the campus that provides health care services to students and community members.

WesternU has a broadband fiber-optic, campus wide information infrastructure with the capacity to adapt the latest technologies and connect thousands of PCs and laptops to the Internet. This has transformed traditional teaching and learning into a true student-centered environment.

The University's centers of distinction, including the Western Center for Drug Development, Center for Pharmacy Research and Development and the Center for Disability Issues and the Health Professions, are receiving national recognition in their particular focus areas.

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The Osteopathic Oath

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, green; Music, pink; Nursing, apricot; Philosophy, dark blue; Public Administration, peacock blue; Science, golden yellow; Social Service, citron; and Theology, scarlet.

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 58th 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.

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