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29<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL  
COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

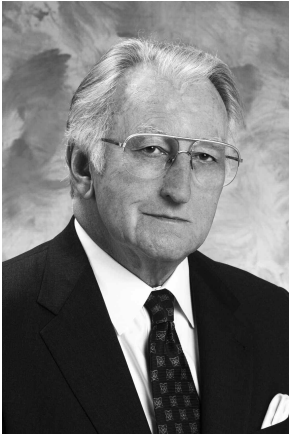
COLLEGE OF OSTEOPATHIC  
MEDICINE OF THE PACIFIC

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Friday, May 21, 2010  
9:30 a.m.

Pasadena Civic Auditorium  
Pasadena, California

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



To the 2010 Class of the College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific:

A lifetime of hard work, dedication and determination has brought you to this pivotal point in your life, and I am honored to share in this Commencement celebration with you. Congratulations on a job well done. I encourage you to take time to enjoy this achievement with the people who helped you reach this milestone - your family, friends, classmates and instructors.

Remember that your journey is far from over. In fact, it is only beginning. You are now ready to take your place among the healers of the world. You have tremendous opportunities - and responsibilities - before you. You possess the powerful combination of skilled hands and a compassionate heart. Use these gifts to help your community become healthier and stronger.

I know you will serve as a shining example of WesternU's core values and commitment to excellence. I look forward to hearing of your many accomplishments in the coming years.

Warmest regards,  
Philip Pumerantz



# WESTERN UNIVERSITY OF HEALTH SCIENCES' HISTORY



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, California. Philip Pumerantz, 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 nine colleges with an enrollment of 2,600 students.

Today, WesternU is a thriving academic health center spread out over 22 acres and employing more than 580 faculty, staff and administrators. Alumni - more than 7,400 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 2010, 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 (MSHS); 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), Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP); and Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM).

WesternU's Centers of Distinction — the Harris Family Center for Disability and Health Policy, 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.

# ORDER OF EXERCISES 2010



## **President Philip Pumerantz Presiding**

### **Prelude**

Pomona Concert Band

### **Processional**

“Pomp and Circumstance”  
by Sir Edward Elgar

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

Jeffrey Felton, PhD  
Professor of Microbiology  
College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific Marshal

### **National Anthem**

Grace S. Ku, Shanna V. Diaz, Katherine K. Nandor  
College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific, Class of 2010

### **Invocation**

Rabbi Gil Alchadeff  
Temple Shalom of Ontario, California

### **Chairman’s Welcome**

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

### **Honorary Degree**

Larry A. Wickless, DO  
President, American Osteopathic Association

Presenter: Clinton E. Adams, DO, MPA, FAAFP, FACHE  
Vice President for Clinical Affairs  
Dean, College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific

### **Commencement Address**

Larry A. Wickless, DO

### **Presentation of the Graduating DO Class of 2010**

Dean Adams

### **Conferring of Degree Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine**

President Pumerantz

# ORDER OF EXERCISES 2010



## **Announcement of Graduates**

Raymond J. Hruby, DO, FAAO, MS  
Professor of Osteopathic Medicine

Gerald Bales, PhD  
Associate Professor of Anatomy

Susan E. Mackintosh, DO, MPH  
Director, Interprofessional Education Program  
Assistant Professor of Family Medicine  
President, Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons of California

## **Hooding of Graduates**

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

Richard Bond, DO '82, Dr PH, FAAFP  
Vice Chairman, Board of Trustees

## **Introduction of Oath Administrator and Alumni Representative**

Dean Adams

## **Administering the Osteopathic Oath**

Cynthia Stotts, DO '88  
Chief of Staff, USC Medical Center

## **Alumni Welcome**

Cynthia Stotts, DO '88

## **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.*

*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.*

*Photos & video taken at today's ceremony can be ordered through the following websites: Stage/Ceremony Photos: [www.gradimages.com](http://www.gradimages.com),*

*Graduate Portraits & Ceremony Videos: <http://store.westernu.edu>, and Class Photos: [www.TomAtwood.printroom.com](http://www.TomAtwood.printroom.com).*

*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.*

## COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER BIOGRAPHY



### Larry A. Wickless, DO, President, American Osteopathic Association



The American Osteopathic Association (AOA) installed Larry A. Wickless, DO, an AOA board-certified internist and gastroenterologist, as its 113th president at its annual business meeting in Chicago in July 2009.

"Having spent my childhood within 50 miles of the nation's first osteopathic medical school in Northeastern Missouri, where just about every family was familiar with osteopathic physicians, I knew long ago what type of doctor I wanted to be," said Dr. Wickless. "I am honored and excited to have this opportunity to lead the AOA and help advance osteopathic medicine into a new era of health care for our nation."

A native of Kirksville, Mo., Dr. Wickless has practiced gastroenterology in Farmington Hills, Michigan, for more than 35 years.

As an educator and mentor, Dr. Wickless is a clinical professor of medicine at the Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine (MSUCOM) in East Lansing and has served continuously as either director or associate director of the gastroenterology training program at Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills, which has trained 50 fellows since Dr. Wickless co-founded the program in 1977. In addition, he served for nine years on the Board of Trustees for the A.T. Still University-Kirksville (Mo.) College of Osteopathic Medicine (ATSU-KCOM).

Dr. Wickless joined the AOA Board of Trustees in 2000. While serving on the Board, he has chaired the AOA Department of Educational Affairs, the Bureau of Membership and the Bureau of AOA Constitution and Bylaws in addition to serving as vice chairman of many task forces related to training and certification. He also began serving in the AOA House of Delegates in 1989.

Devoted to the unification and advancement of osteopathic medicine throughout the world, Dr. Wickless was instrumental in establishing the Osteopathic International Alliance (OIA), which he chaired since its incorporation in 2005 until 2008.

At the state and local levels, Dr. Wickless is a past president of the Michigan Osteopathic Association and the Oakland County Osteopathic Association. He is also a past president of the American College of Osteopathic Internists (ACOI).

Dr. Wickless is the recipient of many honors and awards, including MSUCOM's highest honor, the Walter F. Patenge Medal of Public Service in 2005, and the Botsford Hospital Distinguished Service Award in 2000. He is also a fellow of the ACOI and was an inaugural AOA health policy fellow in 1994-95.

After earning his osteopathic medical degree (DO) from ATSU-KCOM in 1967, Dr. Wickless completed a one-year internship at Doctors Hospital in Columbus, Ohio, and trained for three years in the internal medicine residency program at the former Zeiger Hospital in Detroit and Botsford Hospital. He returned to Michigan to practice gastroenterology after completing a gastroenterology fellowship at what is now the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey.

Dr. Wickless and his wife, Carole Crosby Wickless, JD, have two sons, Scott Wickless, DO, and Kevin Wickless, JD.

## DO CLASS OF 2010 VISION STATEMENT

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As we go boldly into medical school, we realize that wherever we go and whatever we do, we represent our colleagues, institution and profession. We will maintain pride in the College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific and uphold the traditions of osteopathic principles and philosophies by adhering to these ideals.

### **BALANCE**

We will nurture our personal relationships and allocate time for our professional endeavors, while maintaining our individuality. We will continue to provide love, loyalty, and gratitude to our family and friends. Realizing the importance of our health, we commit to pursuing activities that enhance our mind, strengthen our body, and encourage our spirit. We will invest the time to maintain the skills to be exceptional caregivers. Through this balance in our lives, we will remain grounded to continue the route we have chosen.

### **HUMANITARIANISM**

We will celebrate diversity in all its intricacies and recognize that patients' cultures are intrinsic to their care. We will set aside our preconceptions and approach each patient anew in order to provide unbiased compassionate care. We will embrace the spirit of altruism and at every opportunity enhance our communities by promoting peace and tolerance. We will remember that the role of the physician is not to "cure," but simply assist the mind, body, and soul to heal itself.

### **PROFESSIONALISM**

We promise to develop a mutually trusting relationship between ourselves and our patients; to establish a respectful and honest environment in which we can provide the best treatment based on the tenets of osteopathy. We realize we are privileged to practice medicine and be trusted with our patient's vulnerabilities thereby making us their advocates. Our responsibility is to promote the health of the community. We resolve to recognize and understand our own limitations, while relentlessly pursuing the knowledge and wisdom to further our profession beyond our medical school training.

### **PASSION**

With boundless enthusiasm we embrace the profession of osteopathic medicine. Our pursuit of excellence is exemplified by our devotion to our patients, colleagues, and families. As life long learners we are invested in the future of our community. We commit to remain dynamic and adaptable in an effort to overcome the challenges we encounter on our journey from students to physicians.

As we enter into this time honored profession we will continue to marvel at the awe-inspiring complexity of the human body and recall our inspiration for becoming doctors.

# DOCTOR OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE



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\*\*Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine Fellows – These students, originally scheduled to graduate in May 2009, spent one additional year serving the Neuromusculoskeletal Medicine/Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine Department as assistant teachers, counselors, and clinical demonstrators while gaining a broader experience in Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine.

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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 College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific  
“Think Big”

David Werdegarr, MD

Director, Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development  
Speaker for School of Allied Health Professions  
“The Importance of Allied Health Professionals  
in Health Care Reform”

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”

June 2, 2000

Jerome A. Halperin  
“Four Rules”

May 26, 2001

Reverend Chris Brown  
“Earn It”

# LOOKING BACK ON 28 YEARS OF COMMENCEMENT KEYNOTE ADDRESSES



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

May 13, 2004

Douglas L. Wood, DO, PhD  
Speaker for College of Allied Health Professions  
and College of Graduate Nursing

M. Patricia Lee  
Speaker for College of Pharmacy

Barbara Ross-Lee, DO FACOFP  
Speaker for Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific

May 12, 2005

Edward O’Neil, MPA, PhD  
Speaker for College of Allied Health Professions  
and College of Graduate Nursing

Byron F. Schweigert, PharmD  
Speaker for College of Pharmacy

May 13, 2005

Clinton Adams, DO, MPA, FACHE, RADM, MC, USN (Ret.)  
Speaker for Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific  
“Who Needs a Doctor Anyway?”

May 11, 2006

Clinton Adams, DO, MPA, FACHE, RADM, MC, USN (Ret.)  
Speaker for College of Allied Health Professions  
and College of Graduate Nursing

William Gouveia, MS, FASHP  
Speaker for College of Pharmacy

May 12, 2006

Max D. Ray, PharmD, MS  
Speaker for Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific

May 10, 2007

Stephen C. Crane, PhD, MPH  
Speaker for College of Allied Health Professions  
and College of Graduate Nursing

The Honorable Mervyn M. Dymally, MA, PhD  
Speaker for College of Pharmacy

May 11, 2007

Joyce M. Johnson, DO, MA  
Speaker for College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific

Betty White  
Speaker for College of Veterinary Medicine

May 15, 2008

Bruce Hensel, MD  
Speaker for College of Allied Health Professions  
and College of Graduate Nursing

Herb K. Schultz, BS, MPP  
Speaker for College of Pharmacy

May 16, 2008

Larry A. Mullins, DHA, FACHE  
Speaker for College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific

Patricia Olson, DVM, PhD  
Speaker for College of Veterinary Medicine

May 14, 2009

Richard A. Bond, DO ‘82, DrPH, FAAFP  
Speaker for College of Allied Health Professions  
and College of Graduate Nursing

Lucinda Maine, PhD  
Speaker for College of Pharmacy

May 15, 2009

William G. Anderson, DO, FACOS  
Speaker for College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific

Marty Becker, DVM  
Speaker for College of Veterinary Medicine

# 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, 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; Physical Therapy, sage green; Dental Medicine, lilac; Optometry, aquamarine; and Podiatric Medicine, Nile green.

**HONORS CORDS** — Honors cords are worn to signify academic achievement and/or membership in an honor society. Purple/Gold honors cords are worn by graduates in the top 3% of their class and have been awarded University Highest Honors. Green/Gold honors cords are worn by graduates in the top 4-10% of the class who have been awarded University Honors. Lavender/White cords indicate membership in Phi Alpha, a chapter of the Sigma Theta Tau National Nursing Honor's Society. Purple/White cords represent membership in Rho Chi, the National Pharmacy Honor Society. Burnished Gold cords designate membership in Sigma Sigma Phi, the National Honorary Osteopathic Service Fraternity. Gold/Silver cords denote membership in Phi Zeta, the National Honor Society of Veterinary Medicine.

## 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 63rd 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.

Alaska

Arizona

California

Colorado

Hawaii

Idaho

Montana

Nevada

New Mexico

North Dakota

Oregon

South Dakota

Utah

Washington

Wyoming

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Western University of Health Sciences pays tribute to the parents, spouses and significant others of the Class of 2010 for their support, dedication and sacrifice.

Today's commencement exercises would 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 worked behind the scenes. Thank you to the Pasadena Civic Auditorium, WesternU staff who served as commencement assistants, and the departments of University Student Affairs, Special Events, Facilities and Physical Plant, Classroom and Media Services, Publications, Harris Family Center for Disability and Health Policy, WesternU Bookstore, Eyes and Ears Productions, and a special thanks to the Commencement Detail Team.





