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Commencement Exercises

College of
Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific

May 12th, 2006
Pasadena Civic Auditorium
Pasadena, California

Friday Morning at Ten-Thirty

Western University of Health Sciences *Order of Exercises 2006*

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 Richard A. Sugerman, PhD Executive Assistant Dean for Basic Science and Research/ Professor of Anatomy College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific Marshal
National Anthem	Western University Chamber Singers featuring Western University Women
Invocation	Rabbi Gil Alchadeff Temple Sholom of Ontario
Chairman's Welcome	Warren Lawless, LHD (Hon.) Chairman, Board of Trustees
Honorary Degree	Max D. Ray, PharmD, MS Dean, College of Pharmacy Western University of Health Sciences Presenter: Clinton E. Adams, DO, MPA, FACHE, RADM, MC, USN (Ret.) Dean, College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific
Commencement Address	Max D. Ray, PharmD, MS

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Presentation of the Graduating DO Class of 2006	Clinton E. Adams, DO, MPA, FACHE, RADM, MC, USN (Ret.) Dean, College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific
Conferring of Degree Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine	President Pumerantz
Hooding 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	Raymond Hruby, DO Chair, Department of Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine Gerald Bales, PhD Associate Professor of Anatomy
Administering the Osteopathic Oath	Cyrus Parsa, DO Professor of Pathology
Alumni Association Welcome	Kay Kalousek, DO '89 Acting Director for Medical Education College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific Alumni Board Member
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 Honorary Osteopathic Service Fraternity.*

***Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine Fellows—These students, originally scheduled to graduate in June of 2005, 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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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.

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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"

May 31, 2002

EDWARD TESSIER, MA

"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

Speaker for College of Osteopathic Medicine
of the Pacific

"A Whole in the Heart"

May 13, 2004

DOUGLAS L. WOOD, DO, PHD

Speaker for College of Allied Health
Professions and

College of Graduate Nursing

M. PATRICIA LEE, MS

Speaker for College of Pharmacy

"What is a Profession?"

BARBARA ROSS-LEE, DO, FACOPF

Speaker for College of Osteopathic Medicine
of the Pacific

May 13, 2005

EDWARD O'NEIL, MPA, PHD

Speaker for College of Allied Health
Professions and

College of Graduate Nursing

BYRON F. SCHWEIGERT, PHARM D

Speaker for College of Pharmacy

CLINTON E. ADAMS, DO, MPA, FACHE,

RADM, MC, USN, (RET.)

Speaker for College of Osteopathic Medicine
of the Pacific

"Who Needs a Doctor Anyway?"

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 59th 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.

Western University Chamber Singers

Juliet Asuncion – DO Class of 2009

Jeannine Bernet – DO Class of 2008

Regina Chinsio-Kwong – DO Class of 2006

Anna Choe – DO Class of 2006

Maria Hancox – DO Class of 2008

Deborah Hsiung – DO Class of 2006

Cara Johnson – DO Class of 2009

Courtney Mizuhara-Cheng – DO Class of 2007

Chau Tran – DO Class of 2006

Marika Yedinak – DO Class of 2009

Andrea Young – DO Class of 2009

The Flags

The 14 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

Colorado

Hawaii

Idaho

Montana

Nevada

New Mexico

North Dakota

Oregon

South Dakota

Utah

Washington

Wyoming

Acknowledgements

Western University of Health Sciences pays tribute to the parents, spouses and significant others of members of the Class of 2006 for their support, dedication and sacrifice.

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.

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