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School of Medicine honors Leonard Bailey's contributions to infant heart transplant field

Families and friends celebrate the academic achievements of 189 graduates

By Larry Becker

Loma Linda University's School of Medicine's commencement service, held May 27 on the campus mall, honored the academic excellence of a new generation of 189 physicians and medical researchers who have completed this phase of their academic journey. The university also presented a Lifetime Service Award to Leonard Bailey, MD, for his four decades of leadership and research in infant heart transplantation.

Bailey's groundbreaking work began early in his career, when he confronted the disturbing reality that existing reconstructive surgical procedures were inadequate for babies born with certain complex congenital heart diseases.

In October 1984, Bailey made medical history when he transplanted a baboon heart into the infant known as "Baby Fae." Although she died 21 days later, this pioneering endeavor paved the way by November 1985 for the first successful human-to-human heart transplantation in 4-day-old "Baby Moses" (real name Eddie). Bailey has actively participated in the evolution of the field of heart transplantation — making possible long-term

survival for infants and children with heart problems.

"Since Leonard Bailey's breakthrough procedure, thousands of children's lives worldwide have been saved because of infant heart transplantation," said Ronald Carter, university provost, during the award presentation. "Central to the extraordinary events that captured the attention of the world and made medical history was Leonard Bailey."

Bailey's lifesaving contributions in the field have transformed Loma Linda University's Children's Hospital into the world's leading pediatric heart transplant center."

Daniel Udrea, senior class president, also paid tribute to Bailey during his remarks.

"Dr. Bailey, you have inspired the careers of many surgeons among this class," Udrea said. "And even among those who did not choose surgery, your mentorship and compassionate whole person care has impressed the lives of countless physicians and thousands of patients."

Udrea also shared with his classmates some advice he received during his time as a School of Medicine student.

"Never forget what it was like to be a medical student," Udrea said. "We will all have medical students working under us in the future. Our mentorship will make or break a future student's interest in that specialty."

Udrea went on to encourage his classmates to treat not only their patients, but to treat the entire family. Udrea also challenged his classmates to consistently seek balance in their lives as they advance through their careers.

Nephtali Gomez, MD, clerkship director for surgery at the School of Medicine, addressed the graduates on the theme "Doctors, Superheroes, and the World of Tomorrow."

"Today you receive the title of doctor. But I propose that becoming a doctor is a lifelong venture," Gomez said. "An Indian king is quoted as saying 'some people see god in everything. Some people see god as just another thing.' My parting wish for you is that you see may God in every patient."

"Go graduates; practice outstanding medicine and science," said Roger Hadley, MD, School of Medicine dean. "Embrace a journey of lifelong



School of Medicine photos by Daniel Taipe

Leonard Bailey, MD, receives the University Lifetime Service Award in recognition of his four decades of leadership and research in infant heart transplantation. Roger Hadley, MD, School of Medicine dean, and Richard Hart, MD, DrPH, Loma Linda University Health president, congratulate Bailey on the achievement.

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learning, and enjoy this remarkable privilege that is now yours.”

As part of its legacy at the School of Medicine, the class members of 2018 raised \$30,000 to support a class international aid project to help Hopital Adventiste d’Haiti bring primary and preventive care to that country. The hospital, which began in the 1970s as a mission project, had to rebuild after Haiti’s 2010 earthquake. The class of 2018’s gift will help build additional facilities to expand the hospital’s ability to provide outpatient treatment to the island.

The graduates also announced they have buried a time capsule that will be opened at their 25th reunion. The time capsule includes:

- Letters from Dean Hadley, Dean Shankel, Dr. Lamberton, and Dr. Werner
- Letters from students to their future selves
- Photos of the class at various social events
- Dean Hadley’s famous selfies
- Photos of the current hospital and renderings of the future hospital
- Alumni Association mug with the names of all graduates
- Portfolio gifted to each student by the Alumni Association for our interview trail
- Match Day signs and golden envelope
- Stethoscope given to class members during their first year
- Clinical skills logs - AKA the “red books”
- Class shirt from first year
- Programs for all four Pine Springs Ranch Retreats including the talent show line ups
- Popular culture items: Photos of popular memes, phrases that defined the class’s four years (e.g. black lives matter, me too, make America great again), and current prices of staple items

- USB drive with additional class photos and copies off all files printed
- LLU School of Medicine “red pens”
- Complete Pathophysiology and PDX Syllabi.

A number of School of Medicine and Loma Linda University Health awards were announced during the commencement ceremony. Honorees included:

Carlos A. Casiano, Daisy D. De León, and Marino De León, School of Medicine Distinguished Service Award: these three researchers in the School of Medicine’s Center for Health Disparities and Molecular Medicine investigate the biological, environmental, socioeconomic, or cultural factors contributing to health disparities among different socioeconomic groups.

For more than two decades, Casiano has focused on biological and clinical aspects of prostate cancer, which occurs with alarmingly high incidence and mortality among African-American men. Daisy De León studies mechanisms that link insulin-like growth factor-2, diabetes, and the breast cancer survival rate between African-American women and other ethnic groups. Marino De León’s research focuses on restorative neuroscience, including neuroprotection, nerve regeneration, and neuropathic pain, and health equity/disparities. Both De Leóns have participated in recruiting efforts, program development, and mentoring programs designed to create opportunities for underrepresented students in multiple levels of education.

Philip Gold, MD, School of Medicine Distinguished Service Award: after service with the Army Reserve Medical Corps in Hawaii, and time as chief of pulmonary services at San Bernardino County Medical Center,



Gold joined the School of Medicine faculty in 1977. As a valued member of the pulmonary and respiratory care teams, his skill and compassion have earned him the high regard and respect of his colleagues in both the academic and clinical disciplines.

Siegmund Teichman, MD, School of Medicine Distinguished Service Award: Teichman has served the University and Medical Center for more than four decades in nephrology, his area of specialization, with dialysis and transplantation as his key interests. Teichman also shares his expertise and skills through publication of significant research studies in nephrology and related areas. He is an active member of international, national, regional, and local medical associations and of nephrology and transplant societies; and has served on the boards of some of these organizations.

Lubo Zhang, PhD, University Distinguished Investigator Award: Zhang's research focuses on maternal and developmental physiology. His specific interests are in the areas of molecular and epigenetic modulations of developmental plasticity in the programming of health and disease — particularly maternal adaptation and fetal and neonatal development in response to hypoxia during gestation. Zhang has published more than 260 peer-reviewed articles, and has received more than \$20 million in awards from the National Institutes of Health. He is currently program director of a National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD) investigation of gestational hypoxia and developmental plasticity.

Elisabeth Eisner, JD, University Distinguished Service Award: Loma Linda University Medical Center was unable to legally affirm its eligibility for tax-exempt financing. So Medical Center leadership sought help from a legal firm where Elisabeth Eisner practiced law. After researching the question, Eisner concluded it was permissible for LLUMC to receive tax-exempt financing. She

also determined that the law, in fact, precluded the government from discriminating against the medical center solely as a result of its Seventh-day Adventist Church affiliation and mission. Eisner has represented LLUH entities in every major financial transaction since. In 2007, the California Supreme Court finally heard a case that discussed the question that Eisner researched in 1981. The opinion issued by the court was that faith-based organizations are permitted to receive tax-exempt funds — confirming her analysis a quarter of a century later.

Thomas and Violet Zapara, Doctor of Humanitarian Service Degree: For nearly four decades, the Zaparas have combined keen business acumen with generous philanthropic commitment to education, healthcare, and evangelism initiatives of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Always swift to give God credit for the blessings they enjoy, they consider it a privilege as partners with God to bless others through their generosity. The Zaparas continue to encourage people to “give back” — to others, regardless of one's financial capacity; and to God, who made everything and deserves “your life, your service, your thanks, and your appreciation.” Thomas Zapara also served for 25 years on the Loma Linda University Board of Trustees and continues as an emeritus board member today.

Ernest S. Zane, MD, University Lifetime Service Award: Zane joined the faculty of what was then known as the College of Medical Evangelists in 1960, was appointed associate professor of the ophthalmology department in 1979, and becoming interim department chair in 1993. His administrative priority during seven critical years of rebuilding the department and preserving the residency program focused on adding two new residents every year, later raising the number to three residents annually. Ultimately 139 ophthalmologists have been trained during Zane's 56 years of service. Zane has also shared his expertise internationally making numerous trips to South Africa, Taiwan and Taipei.

School of Pharmacy graduates encouraged to find value in life beyond work

By Briana Pastorino

Black robes, gold tassels, purple orchid leis and smiles. Beaming smiles.

It was the moment these 80 students had been looking forward to since they first embarked on their journey at Loma Linda University (LLU) in 2014, all with one common goal in mind — to devote themselves to a lifetime of service to others through the profession of pharmacy.

Dean Noreen Chan Tompkins presented students and faculty with awards:

Lisa Hong, PharmD, BCPS, received the Junior Faculty Award. The scholar and researcher was recognized for her significant impact on global service and the local community and for her outstanding contribution to the academic pursuits of LLU.

Willie L. Davis, PhD, was given the Distinguished Service Award for his many years of exemplary service, which have provided opportunities for optimum learning and student growth, as well as for his contributions towards maintaining quality education.

Scott D. Glenny was presented with the School Alumnus of the Year. He was acknowledged for his exemplary service to others and his commitment to improving patient care.

Joseph L. Kuti, PharmD, associate director of clinical and economic studies at the Center for Anti-Infective Research and Development at Hartford Hospital, addressed students on finding balance in their lives and careers as pharmacists. He related life's challenges to the lessons of learning how to ride a bike.

"Every time we fall we must get back up," Kuti said. "You have to be determined and resilient to accomplish something that seems impossible."

Kuti told the graduating class that as pharmacists, "You have a responsibility to your patients, co-workers employers and students — but do not forget you have a responsibility for yourself." He encouraged students to be active outside of work, with family, friends and extra-curricular activities.

"These interactions will make you whole and allow you to find more value in life ... and will allow you to enjoy your work," he said.

Huyenytran Tran, PharmD, assistant professor of pharmacy practice, then led the class of 2018 in the Pharmacy Oath.

LLU Provost Ronald Carter, PhD, along with Hart, handed out the diplomas to the newest School of Pharmacy graduates, who, as mentioned by Hart, represented 13 different countries.

School of Pharmacy photos by Tawny Alipoon



School of Dentistry graduates begin their professional journeys

By Genesis Gonzalez

Loma Linda University's School of Dentistry celebrated another milestone with the 2018 commencement of its 188 graduates. Families, friends and faculty gathered on Loma Linda University's campus mall on May 27 to honor the outstanding achievements of the graduates in the doctor of dental surgery, dental hygiene, international dentistry and advanced education programs.

Richard H. Hart, MD, DrPH, president of Loma Linda University Health, welcomed the graduates and their families with great delight. He shared that the School of Dentistry is represented by students from 30 different countries, all embodying the same passion to continue the healing and teaching ministry of Jesus Christ.

Provost Ronald Carter, PhD, presented Joseph Caruso, DDS, former interim dean of the School of Dentistry, with the University Alumnus of the Year award. Caruso was honored for his more than four decades of service to the dental field as both a professional and educator. Dean Robert Handysides, DDS, acknowledged Caruso's achievement with a grateful hug.

In his address, commencement speaker Kent Hansen, JD, LLD, general counsel for Loma Linda University Health and assistant professor of dental education services at the school, shared with the graduating class four ways to be a beloved professional — devote themselves to a cause bigger than themselves, live their lives with joy, give priority to family and friends and choose to put God first.

"Do what you love and love what you do. If you are going into dentistry for the money, you will never be satisfied," Hansen said. "There is nothing wrong with making money, but when it becomes the sole purpose, patients become no more than dollar signs, our family a hindrance, and colleagues become rivals."

He shared an inspirational quote with the class from the late actor Humphrey Bogart, reminding them that "a professional does his best even when he doesn't feel like it."

Hansen encouraged all of the graduates to live life to the fullest for it is a gift and gifts are meant to be fully enjoyed.

"Dentistry may provide your livelihood, but it is not your life," Hansen said. "Your family and friends sustain you, and they are your sanctuary, energy and rest."

During the ceremony, Dean Handysides presented two faculty members with distinguished awards.

Mathew T. Kattadiyil, MDS, MS, BDS, Distinguished Research Award: Kattadiyil's interest in research began early in his career as he mentored graduate students and participated in over 20 thesis committees as chair or member. His research has yielded 59 scientific articles and books addressing a variety of topics, including dental implants, digital technology, restoration and more. Kattadiyil currently serves as the director of advanced specialty education program in prosthodontics at the School of Dentistry and was honored for his contributions to the dental profession in the field of prosthodontics and implant dentistry.

D. Graham Stacey, PhD, MS, MA, Distinguished Faculty Service Award: Stacey began his educational journey at Loma Linda University in 1984 and earned his doctoral degree 15 years later. In 2008, Loma Linda University School of Dentistry recruited Stacey while he was living in Australia and teaching at Avondale College in New South Wales. Multitalented and committed to service, Stacey has taught predoctoral and postdoctoral classes, in addition to serving on various committees for the School of Dentistry.



School of Dentistry photos by Daniel Taipe



Allied Health Professions graduates encouraged to share love of Jesus with their future patients

By Janelle Ringer

Loma Linda University's School of Allied Health Professions, the largest of the eight schools making up the university, held two commencement ceremonies the morning of June 10, to honor its 543 graduates. Richard H. Hart, MD, DrPH, Loma Linda University Health president, said it was a privilege to see the growth and the mission go around the world. "Congratulations, enjoy, and we wish you well as you move on to your various responsibilities."

The first ceremony saw 298 students in Allied Health Profession fields march down the aisle, while the second saw 245 graduates from the departments of Occupational Therapy, Orthotics and Prosthetics, and Physical Therapy.

The school's dean, Craig Jackson, JD, MSW, stood to welcome the 2018 class, beginning the procession, led by Ronald L. Carter, PhD, university provost.

At both ceremonies, Timothy J. Gillespie, lead pastor at the Crosswalk Church in nearby Redlands, delivered the commencement address, which leaned heavily on *Love Them and They Will Come*, a book he co-authored with his late father, Dr. V. Bailey Gillespie. Gillespie encouraged graduates through his speech entitled, "The Hope of Beginnings," to show the love of Jesus to their patients as they help restore them, and to help them experience the hope that Jesus gives. "To have hope means that you know things can get better, you can make the change to see your therapies take hold," he said.

Gillespie urged the graduates to recall 1 Corinthians 13:13, "And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love." He shared his admiration for students who get to chart their patients' progress, to see hope in their faces, and leave them feeling loved. "You get to see the light in the eyes of someone who you've changed with your significant impact in their lives. Thank you for the work you are doing. Thank you for bringing hope, because hope does not disappoint."

Gillespie's address encouraged graduates to look forward with hope. "As much as this is an ending, it is also a beginning. Take this ending and revel in it. Take a moment to be proud of your achievement, as we are of you. But don't linger too long in the ending, because truthfully, every ending marks the beginning of something else, and in the beginning, there is hope."

After citing the authority vested in him by the State of California and the Board of Trustees of Loma Linda University Health, Hart drew excited applause as he asked the graduates to stand, and told them, "Congratulations! You are now alumni of Loma Linda University."

The following individuals were honored by the School of Allied Health Professions during its two morning commencement services.

President's Award — Danielle J. Newcombe: Newcombe has modeled academic excellence — by maintaining a 4.0 GPA — a passion for professional development and unwavering commitment to community service — which reflects the mission of this University "to continue the teaching and healing ministry of Jesus Christ."

President's Award — Claire Nguyen: Nguyen embodies wholeness, service, and the ideals of Loma Linda University — blending excellence in academics with a commitment to community service. Claire's intelligence, diligence, positive outlook, progressive thinking, empathy, and sensitivity to various temperaments are assets that will translate into success in her professional endeavors.

Dean's Award — Kristen Barba: Barba is a graduate of the masters of science in communication sciences and disorders program. "Students across the different cohorts are drawn to her positive, accepting demeanor," Jackson said. "Kristen's compassion and service make faculty and administration pound to call her a part of our alumni."

Dean's Award — Mariel Calinog: Calinog has exemplified strong leadership skills throughout the occupational therapy program, participating and facilitating the creation and continuation of therapy and service programs. She has maintained scholarly excellence, as well as used her leadership ability to solve problems and make positive change.

Community Service Award — Breanna Gonzalez: A compassionate advocate, Gonzalez not only showed energy and passion for service in the classroom but by supporting aid, translation services and service learning in the community. Her active engagement and problem-solving skills demonstrate her exceptional commitment to service.

Distinguished Service Award — Nicceta Davis: Respected and highly esteemed by students and colleagues, Davis has been making significant contributions to Loma Linda University for nearly a quarter of a century. Beyond academic excellence, research, and community service, Davis is especially passionate about advancing the cause of Jesus Christ. Her broad scope of compassionate service and her depth of commitment to our global mission over many years of service to the institution and the community impact students and faculty alike.

Alumna of the Year — Ruby A. Hayasaka: Hayasaka was recognized for her numerous contributions to her field through service as an officer in professional organizations and as an active member on professional committees. She was selected for this honor to recognize her outstanding performance in the field of nutrition and dietetics, which reflects the motto of this health sciences institution, "to make man whole."

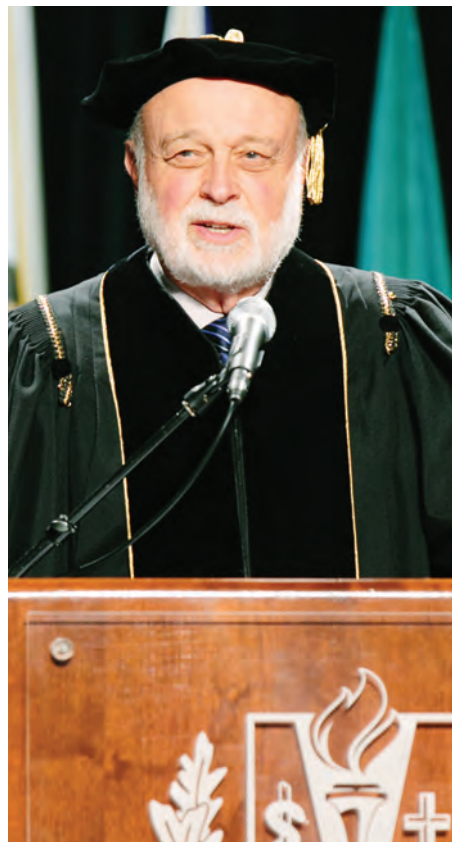
Faculty of the Year Award — Julie Kugel: Kugel has actively employed her knowledge, skills and expertise in diverse venues. She has been the first author on numerous publications focusing on the role of occupational therapy in addressing childhood obesity through community interventions, and on wellness programs as seen through the eyes of youth and their parents. Kugel has shown consistent outstanding performance and made significant contributions to occupational therapy education.

Global Service Award — Benjamin J. Siapco: Siapco accepted the challenge to peruse global service in 14 countries. Siapco was honored for benefiting not only local communities but also for challenging and inspiring others to a lifetime of service.



School of Allied Health Professions photos by Tawny Alipoon and Daniel Taipe







School of Public Health graduating class represents 25 nations

By James Ponder

The Loma Linda University School of Public Health sent 120 new graduates into the world at the conclusion of its 51st graduation ceremony, which was held Sunday, June 10, at 1:30 p.m. in Drayson Center on the university campus.

Helen Hopp Marshak, PhD, dean of the school, stepped to the podium once the candidates marched in, inviting the audience to join her in welcoming the school's class of 2018 to the event.

After Seth Wiafe, PhD, MPH, assistant professor and director of health geoinformatics, offered the invocation, Richard Hart, MD, DrPH, Loma Linda University Health president, greeted the soon-to-be-graduates, their family members and friends, announcing that this marked the sixth commencement service at the university this graduation season. Hart, who is both a graduate and former dean of the school, also announced that the students honored in the ceremony hail from 25 different nations, adding that diversity in the student population enhanced the richness of the learning environment.

After Hart's remarks, Dean Marshak and Ronald L. Carter, PhD, the university provost, invited several individuals to the podium to receive awards. The honorees included:

Dean's Award, Master of Business Administration — Perry Ashilevi: Ashilevi, who received an MBA degree in healthcare administration later in the ceremony, was announced as winner of the Dean's Award because of his commitment to community service activities. He serves as president of the Loma Linda University Health Management Club, and served as assistant volunteer coordinator for the LLU Children's Hospital Gala. He champions the values of Loma Linda University Health.

Dean's Award, Master of Public Health — Annette Costa: Costa, who received her MPH degree in research epidemiology later in the ceremony, was announced as winner of the Dean's Award because of her commitment to keeping people from dying from preventable diseases. Born in Angola, Costa has worked in a variety of positions in Africa and the Inland Empire to end human trafficking, reduce pollution, and enhance the quality of life for neonatal infants.

Dean's Award, Doctoral — Danjuma Daniel: Daniel, who received his DrPH degree in health policy and leadership later in the ceremony, is a healthcare professional who specializes in operations and finance for faith-based, non-profit healthcare systems. His backgrounds in business administration and public health have helped him navigate complex situations at hospitals in developing countries. He is a project manager for Adventist Health International.

Alumnus of the Year Award — Adam Tahiru: Tahiru, who received an MPH degree in international health from the school in 2003, models a mature understanding of the principles and practice of public health and preventive medicine. Currently a commander in the U.S. Public Health Commissioned Service Corps Services, he is a senior public health analyst, management and program officer. Tahiru is known for being an effective, caring and dedicated health professional.

Distinguished Service Award, Faculty — Sujatha Rajaram: Rajaram, an associate professor of nutrition, has served the school with distinction for the last 24 years. For the last 18 years, she has served as chair of the doctoral program in nutrition. She has also served as chair of the school's doctoral committee since 2015, and as chair of the scientific program committee for four editions of the International Congress on Vegetarian Nutrition, the largest scientific conference in the Inland Empire.

Global Service Award — Elie Honore: Honore, who is acclaimed for his passionate commitment to Adventist healthcare, has served as president of Adventist Healthcare Services Inter-American Division, an association of 14 Seventh-day Adventist hospitals and 24 clinics, since 2010. During that time, Honore coordinated with Loma Linda University to develop an MHA degree program for hospital administrators and a leadership professional certificate for administrators, medical directors, treasurers, nursing directors and chief accountants.

Distinguished University Service Award — Kenneth J. Breyer, MS: Breyer,

who worked at several Loma Linda University Health entities from 1983 until his retirement as assistant vice president for construction and architectural services in 2017, was cited for significant contributions to campus life through construction and renovation of physical spaces. Breyer, who is a registered civil engineer in both California and Oregon, continues to volunteer his services with Adventist Health International, assisting with facilities upgrades, development and expansion.

President's Award — Marissa Lee: Lee, who received an MPH degree in nutrition later in the ceremony, was announced as winner of the President's Award for the School of Public Health on the basis of her superior academic performance and dedication to community service. Lee was cited for working to improve living conditions for migrants during an internship with the United Nations in Switzerland.

For the ceremony's keynote address, Michael B. Kelly II, of the Mt. Rubidoux Seventh-day Adventist Church in nearby Riverside, told several stories to inspire his audience to know the importance of making a difference in the world. "I actually believe that you all can make the world better," Kelly said. After citing the contemporary realities of sexual harassment, rising suicide rates, and a multitude of other social inequalities, he told the students that God doesn't magically wave His hand in order to make things better. "He works together for good through the graduates of the School of Public Health," Kelly said, invoking Romans Chapter 8.

Some of the happiest moments of the service occurred when each graduate's name was called and they marched across the stage to receive their diploma from Dean Marshak and President Hart. One graduate was so excited he forgot to shake hands with Hart, who elicited broad laughter from the audience by grabbing the man's sleeve and hauling him in for a warm embrace.

The school has graduated 7,461 health professionals since its founding in 1968.

The School of Public Health is the only Loma Linda University school whose graduates currently serve as faculty members in all eight of the university's schools.

School of Public Health photos by Tawny Alipoon





Schools of Religion, Behavioral Health graduates encouraged to serve others

By Heather Reifsnyder

Loma Linda University celebrated its new alumni from the schools of Behavioral Health and Religion with recognition of their accomplishments and a call to use their new degrees in service to others.

The June 10 ceremony saw 108 students graduate from the School of Behavioral Health and five from the School of Religion.

The religion students each graduated with a Master of Arts in Bioethics. Additionally, the School of Religion plays a role in the success of every graduate from Loma Linda University's seven other schools by providing religious and spiritual education to all students.

The School of Behavioral Health celebrated graduates from its master's degree programs in Social Work, Child Life Specialist, Counseling, Criminal Justice, Gerontology, and Marital and Family Therapy, and doctoral

degree programs in Family Studies, Marital and Family Therapy, Psychology, and Systems, Families and Couples.

During the joint ceremony, the schools recognized graduates, alumni and faculty/staff who were given various awards.

The School of Religion honored two graduates and one alumnus.

President's Award: Bates Moses, MD, graduated with a Master of Arts in Bioethics. He is a leader in Southern California in the fields of palliative healthcare and medical ethics and has authored a medical textbook.

Dean's Award: Adam Borecky earned his Master of Arts in Bioethics as a dual-degree student also pursuing an MD in the School of Medicine. During his time at the School of Religion, he demonstrated scholarship, professionalism and passion for bioethics and was a graduate assistant for the Center for Christian Bioethics.



Schools of Religion and Behavioral Health photos by Daniel Taipe



University Alumnus of the Year: Brian Brock, who earned a Master of Arts degree at Loma Linda University in 1996, was chosen for the LLU-wide distinction of University Alumnus of the Year award. He is a noted theologian, ethicist, author and editor with current positions as managing editor of the *Journal of Disability and Religion* and as reader in moral and practical theology at the University of Aberdeen (Scotland). LLU Provost Ron Carter, PhD, said Brock is a maker of social change who better understands the Christian tradition.

The School of Behavioral Health gave the following awards:

President's Award: Elsie Lobo, who graduated with a PhD in Systems, Families and Couples, was chosen for this recognition for exemplifying the best qualities of a scholar and servant leader. During her time at the School of Behavioral Health, her activities have included helping with the work and research of the Housing Authority of San Bernardino County and serving on a mission trip to Cuba. She has contributed notable scholarly work to her field through efforts including professional presentations, participation in grant-funded projects, and reviewing professional journals.

Dean's Award, Master's: Tori Dang, who earned her Master of Social Work degree, was noted for her commitment to social justice, community service and international outreach.

Dean's Award, Doctoral: Jeffrey Murray, PsyD graduate, was praised for his student leadership, his bright future in neuropsychology and the scholarship he has already contributed to the field during his time as a student.

In addition to the student awards, the School of Behavioral Health also bestowed its School Alumna of the Year honor to Marlene Hagen, MSW, class of 1998, who has helped hundreds through her work with the San Bernardino County Department of Children and Family Services, rising through the ranks and now serving as director.

The School of Behavioral Health also gave School Distinguished Service Awards to staff member Shari Lane and to Professor Emerita Dianna Simon, PhD, MSW.

Shari Lane is a beloved member of the Department of Psychology staff for the past 22 years. As coordinator of admission and records, she guides prospective students from inquiry to acceptance and is known for providing encouragement and inspiration to those around her.

Simon served as professor in the Department of Social Work and Social Ecology from 1994 through 2009, when she retired and was given her professor emerita title. Until 2017, she had a busy private practice in Redlands. Now fully retired, Simon lives locally.

Simon is a recognized expert in the treatment of eating disorders. Her storied career also included serving with the Loma Linda University International Behavioral Health Trauma Team, providing leadership in California on mental health treatment and social work education, practicing psychotherapy in LLU School of Medicine's Department of Psychiatry, and training psychiatry residents.

Colleagues speak not only of Simon's unexcelled ability in clinical practice but of how she used it to serve others and help shape hundreds of social work students and psychiatry residents.

Delivering the commencement address was Daniel Jackson, president of the North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists.

Jackson congratulated the graduates for reaching this moment of victory, but he also reminded them of their privilege in receiving a higher education that millions of youth around the planet have never had. He encouraged the graduates to join in a divine procession with God as leader to extend hope, grace, dignity and healing to those they will serve. To do so requires courage, daring and commitment to give one's life away in the imitation of Jesus' sacrificial love, he said.

Jackson concluded:
Jump into the parade.
Be a participant.
Change your world.

In closing prayer, Beverly Buckles, DSW, dean of the School of Behavioral Health, thanked God for His ever-present help and asked for help for the graduates going forth to serve Him, to serve those in great need, and to serve those who are forgotten.



School of Nursing celebrates milestone as 10,000th graduate receives degree

By Heather Reifsnyder

An explosion of digital fireworks accompanied first-generation college graduate Alyssa Vega as she marched across stage to receive her diploma from the School of Nursing during commencement June 10. Vega became the School of Nursing's milestone 10,000th graduate in addition to receiving her Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree.

The class of 2018 comprised 210 students receiving bachelor's, master's or doctoral degrees. They are the 112th class to graduate from the School of Nursing, which, founded in 1905, is the oldest school at Loma Linda University.

Four awards were presented during the ceremony to graduating students of the school:

President's Award — Lauren Ochs: Ochs, who graduated with her Bachelor of Science in Nursing, is known among her faculty, peers and colleagues as a role model and leader committed to integrity, excellence and serving others. She works as a registered nurse at Loma Linda University Children's Hospital.

Dean's Award, Graduate, Doctor of Nursing Practice — Cheary Shelim: Shelim works at Redlands Community Hospital. Her doctorate focused on interdisciplinary teams working together to reduce costs for patient care. She enjoys teaching and is considering a career as a professor. The award was given to her in recognition of distinction in academic achievement and professional performance.

Dean's Award, Graduate — Lida Odet Salcedo: Salcedo has worked as a Registered Nurse in Home Health. She looks forward to working in the field of adult gerontology, as well as working with families, minorities, and those who are financially challenged.

Dean's Award, Undergraduate — Chane' O'Bannon: O'Bannon earned a Bachelor's of Science in nursing and a Master's of Science in anatomy. She plans to earn a Doctorate of Nursing Practice with a focus on mental health. She also plans to open clinics in underserved areas and develop procedures to improve mental health screenings and services.

Additionally, the university-wide Community Engagement Award was presented to Dynnette and Kenneth Hart during the ceremony. This award is bestowed by all of Loma Linda University to individuals or organizations who exemplify LLU's mission.

Dynnette (Dee) Hart, DrPH, and Kenneth Hart, MD, MPH, were honored for their combined legacy totaling more than 100 years of service on two continents. Married in 1967, the Harts served three mission appointments during the 1970s and 1980s on the African continent — first in Zambia, then Tanzania and finally Kenya. The Harts permanently returned to the United States in 1987. In the 31 years since, the couple has served the campus and community in various capacities. Dee Hart is associate dean emerita (retired) at the School of Nursing, and Ken Hart is medical director of SAC Health System's Norton clinic.

Being a nurse is a great gift, said commencement speaker Betty Ferrell, PhD, director of nursing research and education and professor of nursing at City of Hope Medical Center.

She urged bachelor's degree graduates, from day one of their careers, to never accept the status quo of how things are done, but to rather always look for ways to innovate to provide better service to patients and families.

To those graduates who earned master's or doctoral degrees, Ferrell urged them to charge forth in their various capacities as leaders, whether in providing advanced-practice care, shaping healthcare delivery as clinical nurse leaders, or conducting research to ever build and improve upon evidence-based practice.

Nursing is both a science and an art, she said, encouraging them to honor both those roles.

"I wish every one of you only the very best of this very, very sacred work," Ferrell concluded. "Thank you."



School of Nursing photos by Rachel Luna



Alyssa Vega
10,000th graduate



University President's Award winners announced for 2018

Medicine

Ethan Daniel Frank, MD, was awarded the 2018 President's Award by Loma Linda University School of Medicine, in recognition of his superior academic achievements and active participation among the student body.



An academic enthusiast, Frank achieved honors in 15 of 16 basic science courses, plus all seven third-year clerkships. He was one of five students to be inducted into the Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Society in his junior year, an honor typically reserved for senior medical students.

In addition, Frank's outstanding scores on both the U.S. Medical Licensing Exam Step 1 and Step 2 Clinical Knowledge proved he is well-prepared for a thriving future in the medical field.

Since 2016, Frank has served as the associate editor for the Loma Linda University Student Journal. During his academic career, he authored seven research posters and three oral presentations. His passion for research

led to seven peer-reviewed publications, including four as first author.

For the last two years, he has served as a voting member of the Curriculum Committee for the School of Medicine and for three years has tutored fellow students in anatomy and pathophysiology. His commitment to academics and service and his warmth, integrity and respect for others have earned Frank the respect and appreciation of peers and faculty alike.

Frank will continue his medical training at Loma Linda University with a residency in otolaryngology, a subspecialty in the ears, nose and throat.

Pharmacy

Shawnee Daniel, PharmD, received the President's Award during the Honors and Awards Ceremony for Loma Linda University School of Pharmacy.

With a love for people and for science, Daniel was drawn to the field of pharmacy early on. As a student at Oakwood University, she served as president for the student pharmacy club. After earning her Bachelor of Science degree in biochemistry in 2014, she began working toward her PharmD at Loma Linda University School of Pharmacy.



Her passion for pharmacy and for helping people quickly became evident, and she received the Charles E. Weniger Fellow Scholarship, which is reserved for students who demonstrate exemplary spirituality, academics, civil service and leadership.

Throughout her time at LLU, Daniel maintained an exceptional GPA, consistently ranking near the top of her class, all while keeping busy with class Bible studies, volunteer work and mission trips. She volunteered for the Camp Conrad Chinnock diabetes camp three summers in a row and joined mission trips to Sierra Leone and the Dominican Republic to minister to and assist people in those countries.

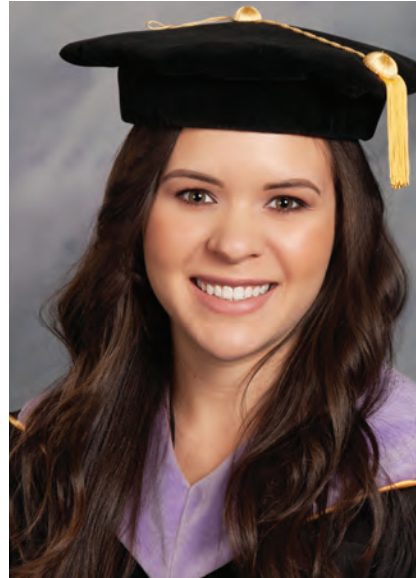
Daniel also proved herself a great leader. She chaired the School of Pharmacy's contribution to the Script Your Future Campaign for two years and presided over the leadership society Phi Lambda Sigma.

She also served as student pharmacy manager at the Riverside Free Health Clinic, where she established multidisciplinary collaboration between the pharmacy, medical, and nursing departments.

Dentistry

Alison Perez, DDS, was awarded the 2018 President's Award by Loma Linda University School of Dentistry in recognition of her outstanding academic achievements and commitment to community service.

Perez was inspired to pursue a career in dentistry in 2011 after completing her first half-marathon. While training, she came across an article about the important link between oral health and health in general. This insight



presented Perez with the challenge to immerse herself in an unfamiliar discipline.

The youngest of four children, Perez is the first member of her family to attend college. She earned her undergraduate degree in psychobiology while attending UCLA. She immersed herself in UCLA's pre-dental organizations and found it rewarding to volunteer at a free clinic, assisting chairside and helping patients. During this time, Perez tutored young children and spent time as a child life volunteer at Loma Linda University Children's Hospital.

The meaning and satisfaction she takes from academic engagement led Perez to enroll in the Bioethics Dual Degree program at Loma Linda University that enabled her to earn

simultaneously a master's degree in bioethics and a doctorate in dental surgery.

Perez became active in Loma Linda University's American Student Dental Association during her second year, serving as its president her senior year. She has worked hard to encourage her peers to become involved in this association that fosters ethics in academia and clinical practice.

Allied Health Professions

Danielle Newcombe was named one of two honorees as Loma Linda University President's Award recipient for the School of Allied Health Professions. The award was presented to her at the SAHP commencement on June 10 for her high scholastic achievement and service in the student community. Teachers and peers said Newcombe exemplifies the spirit of Loma Linda University and the highest ideals of the allied health professions.

Newcombe entered the Transitional Masters of Science (TMS) program in 2015 after completing a bachelor's degree in communications with a concentration

in public relations from California State University, San Bernardino. She then came to Loma Linda University to earn a Masters of Science in Communication Sciences and Disorders.

Newcombe has always assumed a healthy lifestyle philosophy. In college, she was a varsity athlete in volleyball, becoming captain of the women's volleyball team in her senior year. She was also a personal trainer. It was during her personal training years that she learned to set goals for her clients and celebrate even the smallest progress toward those goals. She easily associated this with the treatment process for speech-language pathology.

Newcombe also embraced making a difference through service. As a college freshman, she participated in an elementary school outreach program working

with underrepresented children in San Bernardino public schools. This experience gave her an intimate perspective of how it feels to live with a disability, she said.

The event which had the biggest impact on her was her participation in a China mission trip, she said. She was among eight students who were chosen to go to Zhejiang University Children's Hospital, located in Hangzhou, China. She and seven classmates were trained and commissioned to provide training and educational workshops to hospital staff, doctors and clinicians.

As a graduate student, Newcombe maintained a 4.0 GPA. "She is an intelligent, open-hearted student, exemplifying excellence in academics, professional involvement, and community service," said the selection committee. "This award affirms that Danielle's life is a remarkable example of Loma Linda's mission to further the teaching and healing ministry of Jesus Christ."

Claire Nguyen was the second Loma Linda University President's Award recipient for the School of Allied Health Professions (SAHP).

While at Loma Linda University, Nguyen earned a doctorate degree in Physical Therapy while maintaining an overall GPA of 3.99. Prior to attending Loma Linda University, Nguyen earned a Bachelor of Music Education, graduating with a 3.96 GPA, and a Master of Music, graduating with a 4.0 GPA.

Nguyen has combined her strong academics with a commitment to service in the community. While attending Loma Linda University, she volunteered



as a “Big Buddy” in the Christmas Fiesta provided for children from the San Bernardino community. She was a consistent volunteer with Helping Hands Pantry, as well as a student guide for Loma Linda University Open House and a part of the DPT Class of 2018 Leadership Committee.

While enrolled in the Doctor of Physical Therapy program, Nguyen continued to provide pro bono workshops in woodwind and brass performance for four concert bands incorporating physical therapy concepts of postural control, alignment and diaphragmatic breathing.

Nguyen’s major community contribution has been through her leadership in the physical therapy component of Street Medicine — an interdisciplinary outreach to uninsured and underinsured

individuals in the communities around Loma Linda University. She coordinated therapists and students to staff two clinics under the Street Medicine umbrella.

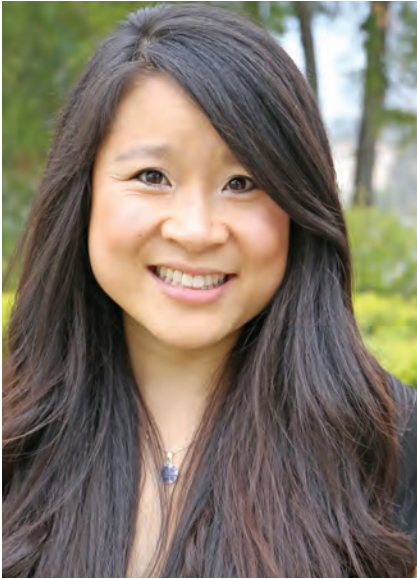
In addition, she recruited and trained 45 new students and five new faculty to deliver care to the clients served, collaborated on the development of videos highlighting students’ work at Street Medicine, and designed and administered an assessment to determine students’ attitude towards the homeless population after serving in Street Medicine and the strengths and weaknesses of the organization.

“Not only is Claire an outstanding student, but she is also an outstanding person,” one classmate of Nguyen said. “She is a forward thinker — a woman of action — and I believe she will be one of the most successful physical therapists graduating from this class.”

Public Health

Marissa Lee received the 2018 President’s Award from the Loma Linda University School of Public Health in recognition of her superior academic performance and commitment to community service.

In 2017, Lee was named a Duke University Global Policy and Governance Fellow, a position that included an internship at the United Nations Migration Agency in Switzerland. While there, she assisted in the preparation and



presentation of documents on tuberculosis among migrant children, and the Libyan refugee health crisis in Tunisia. Recently, she published a peer-reviewed article with the World Health Organization on elderly nutrition.

That same year, she served as health expo coordinator during a Students for International Mission Service (SIMS) trip to Zimbabwe, developing curriculum and lecture materials and assisting with health screenings, assessments and interventions. During a SIMS trip to Honduras, she provided leadership in nutrition education and medical nutrition therapy for malnourished orphans.

Closer to home, Lee served as a research-project manager and research fellow at the Institute for Community Partnerships on the Loma Linda University campus. With a focus on improving the health of marginalized and incarcerated

populations in Southern California, Lee managed graduate student teams in community-based participatory research, facilitated focus groups, and wrote and presented materials for scientific publications and professional presentations.

As President of the Loma Linda University chapter of the Phi Upsilon Omicron national honor society, Lee coordinated the Operation Christmas Child shoebox drive for Samaritan’s Purse, which provides gifts and supplies for the children of developing countries.

Nutrition was not Lee’s first choice when she enrolled in the school. But faced with the challenge of making a long-term career commitment, she felt increasingly drawn to nutrition and changed majors her first year. Lee said she is glad she followed her calling to provide nutritional care on a global level and grateful to God for guiding her to LLU.

Behavioral Health

Elsie Lobo, PhD, was the 2018 Loma Linda University President’s Award recipient from the School of Behavioral Health.

Lobo completed her PhD in the Systems, Families, and Couples program in the Department of Counseling and Family Sciences. She previously received a Master of Science degree in Marriage and Family Therapy from Loma Linda University’s Canadian campus program offered in Alberta.

During her academic program, Lobo worked with the Housing Authority of the County of San Bernardino, assisting with projects focusing on the needs of families and individuals receiving Housing Authority assistance. Lobo coordinated a number of multifamily groups that taught mobility through improved family functioning. She also collected and analyzed data that focused supporting underserved and at-risk families as they progressed toward self-sufficiency. She



has also provided in-home therapy for children with autism, helping with skill development and supporting parents in working with their child. She also served internationally as a student behavioral health clinician in Cuba through Students for International Mission Services.

During her time at Loma Linda University, Lobo contributed to eight publications, presented at 16 professional conferences, participated in three grant-funded projects, was an instructor for eight courses, and has been a regular ad hoc reviewer for numerous professional journals.

“Elsie Lobo embodies the essence of what it means to be a scholar and community servant,” said Zephon Lister, PhD, LMFT, director of the Systems, Families and Couples program. “Her

excellent scholarship, professionalism, exemplary leadership and passion for her field are examples of what we hope for all of our students.”

Religion

The School of Religion gave its annual President’s Award to Bates D. Moses, MD, who graduated June 10 with a Master of Arts in Bioethics. The new degree makes him a third-time alumnus of Loma Linda University, having previously earned his Doctorate of Medicine (1999) and Clinical Laboratory Science bachelor’s degree (1994) at LLU.

The palliative care specialist and author serves as physician director of bioethics for Kaiser Permanente Southern California and works with a team of 11 full-time Kaiser Permanente ethicists. Moses collaborates to review difficult medical cases, develop policy and procedures, and provide education on ethical care. He is also involved in collaborating with other regional organizations on these topics, among other roles.

In addition to his leadership, Moses practices with his palliative care team in delivering care for seriously ill hospital patients and supporting their loved ones. He authored the Tarascon Palliative Medicine Pocketbook and a journal article, written as part of his School of Religion studies, in The ASCO Post titled “Incorporating the ‘Goals of Medicine’ With the ‘Goals of Care.’”

The value of Christian education was instilled in Moses by his parents, who worked hard to help him and his sister enjoy the quality of learning offered in Loma Linda after his family, native of Sri Lanka, immigrated to the area when the young Bates was less than 2 years old.

Nursing

The qualities that make Lauren Ochs a wonderful role model and neonatal ICU nurse — compassion, integrity, positivity and commitment to excellence that goes above and beyond — also inspired the School of Nursing to honor her with the President’s Award for 2018.

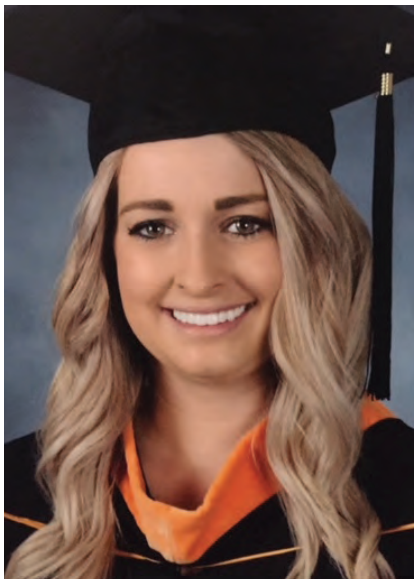
Ochs orients her life around faith in God and believes His guidance brought her to study at Loma Linda University School of Nursing. She finished her bachelor’s degree courses in December 2017 and is now a registered nurse at LLU Children’s Hospital.

Passionate about service, Ochs has been involved in church from a young age and was thrilled to be able to complete her public health clinical practicum in Botswana. At home, she volunteered to tutor fellow students at the School of Nursing in pediatrics and obstetrics coursework, served as a study group leader, and was co-president of the Association of Student Nurses and co-social vice president of Student Activities for the university.

She continues her volunteer work through local outreach ministries on and off campus, including Community-Academic Partners in Service.

A Southern California native, Ochs earned three associate’s degrees from Crafton Hills College before coming to Loma Linda University. She

is a member of Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing and the American Nurses Association. Outside of her nursing career and volunteer work, Ochs is a talented pianist.



42 graduate from San Manuel Gateway College’s medical certificate programs

By DonaJayne Potts

Forty-two students graduated from San Manuel Gateway College on June 14 in a ceremony that was the college’s first commencement held on the main campus of Loma Linda University.

The evening ceremony celebrated the achievements of 16 medical assistant, three pharmacy technician, 21 community health worker, and two clinical community health worker graduates. The ceremony wrapped up Loma Linda University’s 2018 commencement season of nine total ceremonies.

San Manuel Gateway College is based at Loma Linda University Health’s San Bernardino campus. The college opened its doors in fall 2016 and graduated its first class in June 2017. It was established to educate young people in the Inland Empire beyond high school, to empower them to serve their communities by working in healthcare professions.

The first of its kind in the United States, San Manuel Gateway College integrates hands-on healthcare-certificate programs with clinical instruction. Students train with and are mentored by Loma Linda University Health faculty, graduate students and medical residents through the SAC Health System in San Bernardino and other partners.

At the ceremony, graduates wore robes and mortarboards in eggplant — the college’s color. Even audience members and invited guests showed their support to the graduating class by accessorizing their outfits in shades of purple. Moreover, graduates were given two plum-colored carnations to present as a symbol of gratitude to those who have helped them most in their journey.



The college’s executive director, Arwyn Wild, MA, welcomed the class of 2018, their friends and their families with a wide smile and warm words.

In his address, commencement speaker Saul Barcelo, MA, chaplain at Loma Linda University Children’s Hospital, asked the graduating class “Do you have a dream?” To this the graduates responded: “Yes!” He reiterated, “Do you have a dream?” “Yes!” they roared in unison again.

Barcelo encouraged the graduates to make their dream bigger than the certificate they were about to receive and advised them that their dreams must always be greater than any challenge they may face.

Moments before the conferring of the certificates, Richard H. Hart, MD, DrPH, Loma Linda University Health president, recounted to the graduates a meeting he had with the first San Manuel Gateway College students, about two years prior. At that time, he emphasized to the group of students that their genetic code was more important than their zip code.

“That is a critical lesson for you today, graduates,” Hart said. “What you have in you is more important than where you come from.”

He noted that achievements come with hard work and dedication, but to truly succeed in life they will need to dream big, have a sense of humor and be resilient.

After citing the authority vested in him by the State of California and the Board of Trustees of Loma Linda University Health, Hart declared, “It is our privilege to have you as the last group of 2018 graduates from Loma Linda University. Welcome to the family.”



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