

COMMENCEMENT

HENDERSON, NV | MAY 10, 2023



ROSEMAN UNIVERSITY
OF HEALTH SCIENCES



COMMENCEMENT

*Wednesday, the 10th of May
Two Thousand and Twenty-Three
Two O'Clock in the Afternoon*

*Thomas & Mack Center
4505 Maryland Parkway
Las Vegas, NV 89154*

The Commencement Ceremony

Prelude.....The Hartford Strings

Brandenburg Concerto #3 First Movement

Johann Sebastian Bach

Eine Kleine Nachtmusik First Movement

W. A. Mozart

Andante from Piano Concerto No. 21

W. A. Mozart

Entrance from the Queen of Sheba

George F. Handel

Andante from the Water Music

George F. Handel

Gavotte from Suite #3

Johann Sebastian Bach

Processional.....The Hartford Strings

Pomp and Circumstance

Edward Elgar/Arr. Paul Sterrett

University Marshal.....Dr. Jamie Fairclough

Associate Dean for Assessment & Evaluation and Professor, College of Medicine

National Anthem.....The Hartford Strings

Invocation.....Dr. Charles F. Lacy

Vice President for Executive Affairs

Opening Proclamation.....Dr. Renee Coffman

President

Introductions.....Dr. Eucharia Nnadi

Chancellor, Henderson, Nevada Campus

Greetings from the Board of Trustees.....Mr. Rick Smith

Chair, Board of Trustees

Introduction of the Commencement Speaker.....Dr. Renee Coffman

President

Commencement Address.....The Honorable Michelle Romero

Mayor, City of Henderson

Presentation of BS Nursing Graduating Class.....Dr. Brian Oxhorn

Dean, College of Nursing

Conferring of the BS Nursing Degree.....Dr. Renee Coffman

President

Introduction of BS Nursing Graduates.....Dr. Delos Jones
Associate Dean, Faculty Affairs & Learning Innovation, College of Nursing

Presentation of MSN-FNP Nursing Graduating Class.....Dr. Brian Oxhorn
Dean, College of Nursing

Conferring of the MSN-FNP Nursing Degree.....Dr. Renee Coffman
President

Introduction of MSN-FNP Nursing Graduates.....Dr. Federico Calixtro
Associate Professor, College of Nursing

Administration of Nursing Oath.....Dr. Shanda Clark
Assistant Dean, Curriculum & Assessment, College of Nursing

Presentation of Master of Science in Pharmaceutical Sciences Graduating Class.....Dr. Jeffery Talbot
Dean, College of Graduate Studies

Conferring of Master of Science in Pharmaceutical Sciences Degree.....Dr. Renee Coffman
President

Introduction of Master of Science in Pharmaceutical Sciences Graduating Class.....Dr. Casey Sayre
Director, Master of Sciences in Pharmaceutical Sciences

Presentation of Doctor of Pharmacy Graduating Class.....Dr. Larry Fannin
Dean, College of Pharmacy

Conferring of Doctor of Pharmacy Degree.....Dr. Renee Coffman
President

Introduction of Doctor of Pharmacy Graduates.....Dr. Mark Decerbo
Professor, College of Pharmacy

Hooding of Doctor of Pharmacy Graduates.....Dr. Kenneth Kunke
Director of Experiential Education (IPPE)/Assistant Professor, College of Pharmacy
Dr. Michelle Hon
Director of Experiential Education (APPE)/Assistant Professor, College of Pharmacy

Administration of Pharmacy Oath.....Dr. Catherine “Leiana” Oswald
Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Assessment, Associate Professor of Pharmacy Practice,
College of Pharmacy

Graduate Commentary.....Ms. Chantal Guederian
College of Nursing, Class of 2023

President’s Closing Remarks.....Dr. Renee Coffman
President

Benediction.....Dr. Charles F. Lacy
Vice President for Executive Affairs

Recessional.....The Hartford Strings

*Hornpipe from the Water Music &
La Rejouissance from the Fireworks Music*
Both by George F. Handel

**Special thanks to The Hartford Strings
for enriching today's Commencement Ceremony with music**

Lisa Vazzana
Viola/Director & Contractor

Ray Pancarowicz
Violin 1

Svetlin Belneev
Violin 2

Ted Hartwell
Cello

Candidates for Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Dr. Brian Oxhorn, Dean

Beatriz Aguirre
Denise Anabel Alers-Lara
Sarah Akemi Amimoto
Leanne Agbayani Amores
Temisan Anne Amoruwa
Courtney Marie Anderson
Kaydee-Lynn Reano Aquino
Emily Grace Armstrong
Matthew Gabriel Teano
Ascano
Kevin Minh Banh
Akeyla Anne Dela Rosa Basto
Bree Shanice Beasley
Karlee Danielle Beltran
Jules Ezekiel-Tayag Bermundo
Bianca Daimonae Boyt
Jeffrey Thomas Breci
Cyrell Ann Doronio Bueno
Jaishree Corpuz Cabatu
Chronica Bueno Cabral
Carl Jakob Canlas
Heather Michelle Capobianco
Morena Mercy Carranza
Landry Elizabeth Carreira
Haleigh Elise Carter
Ariyanna Janese Cashen
Daphne Chao
Hwanhee Chi
Michael Scott Chin
Tyler Gee Ho Ching
Lukas Chou
Karen Chuc
Courtney M. Conway
Kieaira Nashell Cooksey
Adam Steven Cornell
Cody Dalrymple
Mariah Davis
Stephen Michael Demlow
Sharon Lorraine Drysdale
Renalyn Joy Manaloto Ejada
Jessica James Elsee
Kelsea Elizabeth Erlan
Alyssa Cherie Junsay Esguerra
Azzedine Zalea Datuin Estaris
Jeffrey Roger-Escartin Estrella
Christian Jay M. Estrella
Stephannie Figueroa

Kristin Marie Findlay
Daniel Hunter Fite
Heaven Vanisha Te'nja
Yvonne Flowers
Gabriella Anne Rambaud
Gabur
Michael Ayson Garcia
Michael Christopher Garrard
Mackenzie Katelyn Gendron
Je'na Renee Givens
Berenice Gonzalez-Sataray
Melissa M. Gotiangco
Jasmine Crista Graham
Kayla Grace Grunberg
Agn Katherine Guden
Chantal Rita Guederian
Ashenique Danielle Guerrero
Joseph Benoza Gumalo
Prabhdeep Singh Hayer
Alexander Franklin Helm
Victoria Maria Hernandez
Diane Hernandez
Gayani Inoka Hughes
Ben Minh Huynh
Randy Minh Huynh
Hai T. Huynh Tran
Jason Peter Hyla
Kristina Marie Ilagan
Isabelle Im
Jacob Edward Jackson
Elle Marie Johnson
Lindy Helen Jones
Hye Jin Jung
Isabella Marie Kagele
Isabelle Lora Kelso
Brittany Ly Kenney
Valeria Kerunetz
Anas Abdulla T. Khan
Wha Young Kim
Lauren Lynne Kistler
Allisha Solanzo Kojo
Tejas Mahesh Kotecha
Madeline Sara Kumagai
Natalie-Mai Montalbo Laborde
Vanessa Ann Le
Linsey Kimthanh Le
Jacqueline Shawn'te Lee

Alexandrea Gombio Lomibao
Kelsey Lee Lopez
Celena Diana Ty Lozano
Danielle Lee Lyons
Julio Cesar Salazar Lyons
Elise Madrigal-Guzman
Ivana Majic-Cano
Isaiah Malik Martin
Alexis Marie Martinez
Armani Nathaniel Foronda
Martinez
Erin Christina McQuilkin
Octavio Medrano
Carly Jean Mendisco
Orlando Kevin Mendoza
Shanna Kaycee Milloy
Bryan Celestino Morales
Brandon Allen Muddiman
Priscilla Murillo
Chad Janusz Nawrocki
Julie Thuong Nguyen
Thao Nhi Trisa Thi Nguyen
Daniel Patrick O'Neil
Ifeanyinchukwu Obidibgo
Obioha
Richard Stuart Ochoa
Milli Janell Singson Ondevilla
Savannah Rose Ornelas
Bryan Christopher Salavaria
Padilla
Chester Orperia Panitan
Sydney Lauren Parson
Sarah Gail Abalos Peret
Nicholas Rene Perez
Laura Elizabeth Ramirez
Leonardo Ramirez-Juarez
Alma Noemi Rey
Kendall Jean Riemer
Sandra Rivers
Elizabeth Cassandra Rodriguez
Sarah Roberta Rojas
Samantha Isabel Romero
Jonathan Ji Min Rose
Lauren Rouw
An Van Rugnetta
Alejandro Ruiz
Sydney May Cayabyab Sabaten

Bella Claire Sanchez
Jaselle Kimberly Cabaccan
Sanchez
Anthony-Karsten Enriquez
Santos
Rosemarie Eileen Scanlon
Anais Renee Scott
Leeanna Marie Short
Jenna Kahealani Silva
Kirstee Suzanne Sindelar
Rohit S. Sindhu
Andrew Sisamout
Alanna Charon Somers
Erica Rose Stansfield
Kristin Wendy Stone

Amber Dawn Swisher
Halima Mushtaq Tabani
Angelica Marie Tabayoyong
Allyson Francesca Tacdol
Mariah Lacel Tamayo
Daniel Jesus Tellez
Traci Hatsumi Teruya
Krystal Lynn Thomas
JiaXin Tian
April Kristeen Toros
Krisssdallet Tovalin
Cindy Kim Tran
Clarisse MyChau Tran
Lana Phuong Tran
Kendell Marie Turner

Ariana Uriostegui
John Christopher S. Valimento
Maurielle Cartago Valino
Gabriel Dean Vasquez
Christina Diane Villa
Harilaos Voulgaris
Emily Thuy-Duyen Vu
Rebecca Lyn Williams
Alexis Marie Woolery
Danielle Marie Woolsey
Hazel Tabladillo Yadao
Lyzel Tabladillo Yadao
Jaeryeong Youn
Jewli-Ann Danielle Young
Yuhao Zhang

Candidates for Master of Science in Nursing - Family Nurse Practitioner

Dr. Brian Oxhorn, Dean

Sophia Dianne Cabrera
Marcella Nicole Castillo
Chelsey Lynne Cook
Shae Sharifali Eguchi
Kristina Rose Foti
Bethany Louise Hayward

Charles Lawrence Head
Brian Jer Hsian Ho
Tuyba Bejjhat Karim
Michele Lynne Mancini
Christina Marie Mohammed
Tyler James Ostlund

Leonard Fortune Paulo
Samareea Daquator Tesia
Saunders
Thao Thi Ut Vo
Melissa Rochelle Wright
Adrian Kurt Zitzmann

Master of Science in Pharmaceutical Sciences

Dr. Jeffery Talbot, Dean

Danielle Valls

Candidates for Doctor of Pharmacy

Dr. Larry Fannin, Dean

Bon Riwilin Antiporta Albana
Karar Rashad Abbas Alwaeli
Joseph Reano Aquino
Karem Mohammad Ayyad
Dwayne Maurice Bacon, Jr.
Curtis Lee Bailey
Hannah Jayne Barbarita
Jeffrey David Bezar
Christopher Eleazar Brain-
Hernandez
Jamie Nicole Bray
Ryan S. Buenaventura

Nicholas Amiel P. Callanta
Gabriela De Carmen Cepeda
Veronica Carbajal Cuevas
Mark Kevin Fajardo David
Cassandra Dilibero
Rachel Elizabeth Dittrich
Wyneisha Shevanni Edwards
Eric William Feldman
Tyasha Daniell Flanigan
Jules David Arit Fuentebella
Ivana Iliyanova Ganeva
Haddia Ghyasi

Dustin Rivera Godoy
Ashley Elizabeth Green
Parker Rollen Grossman
Jessica Gutierrez
Man Thahn Ha
Ngoc T. Ha
Sareer Hatefi
Katherine S Hernandez Fraga
An Huynh
Xuan Mai Ngoc Huynh
Carter Reese Jesiel
Naiqiang Jiang

Alisa Cherie Johnson
Ameiha Johnson
Kamaljit Kaur
Parminder Kaur
Diana Khon
Alexander Bon Koo
Tiffany Do Lam
Ngoc Thi Le
Brandi Lee
Chiana Che Yan Lee
Edward Jae Wan Lee
Tammy Belinda Lee
Jonathan Liang
Marc Nolan Lococo
Shyla Ann Baloran Mariano
Viridiana Martinez
Kiara Pumehana Moad
Fernando Molina Cervantes
Milana Moshero
Sara Marie Munson
Angela Jasmine Nakhla

Zania Arrellia Nangle
Stephanie Tien Ngan
Jenny Nguyen
Vivian Brooke Nguyen
Brian-Lee Lagman Nicolas
Ijeoma Chimdinma Oparaugo
Chukwudi Boniface Ozonnadi
Sophia Yulonda Parker-
Graffell
Kalin Marie Pascacio-Bayles
Akrutiben Jinkal Patel
Dhara Bharatkumar Patel
Harshilkumar Manojkumar
Patel
Yen Hai Nguyen Pham
Truc Mong Phan
Rhet Adam Pond
Laci Ann Quick
Kristheana Ponce Rico
Felora Rohani
Rouel Raphael Hufana Roque

Christian Jay Cuenca Saria
Brandy Sha Smith
Antonette Pacis Soliven
Tyson Raymond Stokes
Brandon Ray Strickhouser-
Monzon
Salita Sukuntee
Ashley Valez Sutton
Tri Ba Tran
Caitlin Vallido Trasmano
Christina Le Trinh
Heyab Haileselassie Tsegay
Nicole Marie Ventrello
Chelsey Monique Victorino
Alyssa Marie Corpuz Vilorio
Cecily Nicolette Anngel Vivas
Xuemei Wang
Brittanie Marie Wood
Sovannary Yan

**Candidates for both Master of Business Administration Degree &
Advanced Education in Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics
Residency Program Post-Doctoral Certificate**

Dr. Glen Roberson, Program Director

Anthony Brian Decker, Jr.
Yu Fickman
Ryan Sai Gaw
Andrew Anderson LaPray

Mindy Vu Nguyen
Chandani Sachin Patel
Deshek Dilip Patel
Ahmed Roosta

Micha Tabanfar
Joy Afraiem Tawadrous

As final action cannot always be taken for candidates by the time the program is printed, the list of candidates is tentative only. Therefore participation in the commencement ceremony does not necessarily indicate successful completion of a degree program. Roseman University of Health Sciences reserves the right to withdraw or add names.

Nursing Oath

In full knowledge of the obligations I am undertaking, I promise to practice professional nursing with all my skill and the understanding I possess, without regard to race, creed, color, politics, or social status of those entrusted to my care, sparing no effort to preserve quality of life, alleviate suffering, and to promote health, as affirmed by the person.

I will respect at all times the dignity and beliefs of the patients under my care, holding in confidence all personal information entrusted to me, and refraining from any action which may endanger life or health.

I will endeavor to keep my professional knowledge and skills at the highest level, and to give support and cooperation to all members of the healthcare team.

I will do my utmost to honor the International Code of Ethics applied to nursing, and to uphold the integrity of the profession.

Oath of a Pharmacist

I promise to devote myself to a lifetime of service to others through the profession of pharmacy. In fulfilling this vow:

I will consider the welfare of humanity and relief of suffering my primary concerns.

I will promote inclusion, embrace diversity, and advocate for justice to advance health equity.

I will apply my knowledge, experience, and skills to the best of my ability to assure optimal outcomes for all patients.

I will respect and protect all personal and health information entrusted to me.

I will accept the responsibility to improve my professional knowledge, expertise, and self-awareness.

I will hold myself and my colleagues to the highest principles of our profession's moral, ethical and legal conduct.

I will embrace and advocate changes that improve patient care.

I will utilize my knowledge, skills, experiences, and values to prepare the next generation of pharmacists.

I take these vows voluntarily with the full realization of the responsibility with which I am entrusted by the public.

About Our Keynote Speaker

Michelle Romero was elected Mayor of Henderson in June 2022 and took the Oath of Office on January 3, 2023. She was elected at-large to the Henderson City Council in April 2019, representing Ward I.

Mayor Romero serves with her fellow council members as the legislative branch of the Henderson community, responsible for setting policies and making decisions for many aspects of local government for Nevada's second largest city, recognized as one of the best places to live in America and one of the nation's safest cities.

Mayor Romero represents the City of Henderson on the Board of Directors of the Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority, Las Vegas Global Economic Alliance, Civilian Military Council, as one of the Chief Local Elected Officials overseeing the Board of Workforce Connections and as the Council representative to the Henderson Audit Committee.

Prior to her elected service, Mayor Romero served the City of Henderson for 25 years in several capacities, most recently as the Henderson Redevelopment Agency Manager from 2007 until 2016. In this role, Romero lead a team of professionals who indelibly changed the face of the Downtown Henderson/Water Street District and other maturing areas of the city. Her responsibilities included managing all services and activities of the Redevelopment Agency and the five Redevelopment Areas, which include Downtown, Cornerstone, Tuscany, Eastside and Lakemoor.

As manager of the Redevelopment Agency, Councilwoman Romero oversaw the renaissance of the Water Street District, resulting in new housing and retail opportunities, jobs and entertainment venues. Additionally, she oversaw the creation of both the Eastside and Lakemoor Redevelopment Areas, the completion of infrastructure improvements in Tuscany, and the negotiation of Owner Participation Agreements for tax increment reimbursement for the Cadence, Union Village and Henderson Hospital projects, each of which is expected to bring thousands of jobs and billions of dollars in investment to the city. She serves on the Community Advisory Board for Henderson Hospital.

Mayor Romero worked with local businesses to form the Water Street District Business Association and brought the Super Run Car Show to Henderson in 2000, which annually generated millions in visitor spending in Henderson. She led the creation of the Farmers Market at the downtown events plaza in 1999, and managed the Agency's creation of numerous financial assistance programs that have successfully encouraged business owners, residents and developers to reinvest in aging areas of Henderson. A native of Henderson, Romero graduated with a bachelor's degree in public administration from Upper Iowa University and is the owner of Michelle Romero Consulting, which specializes in Redevelopment, Economic Development and Planning issues.

Married to her husband Ben Romero since 1986, Mayor Romero has four sons who were raised in Henderson and nine grandchildren.

Historical Overview of Roseman University of Health Sciences

Roseman University of Health Sciences began as the Nevada College of Pharmacy, an idea from one man, Dr. Harry Rosenberg. Dr. Rosenberg's idea was that pharmacy education should be and could be better, more effective, and capable of producing highly competent graduates, who would be sought-after by employers regardless of the job market. His belief in this idea was so strong that he moved from California in August 1999, and with \$15,000, one-third of which was his own, rented a 900 square foot office in the Painter's Union Building on Whitney Mesa Avenue in Henderson to begin the planning and development of what was to become one of the most innovative, creative, and cost-effective Colleges of Pharmacy in the nation.

It was a bold move. There hadn't been a new college of pharmacy started in over 50 years that was not part of an already existing institution. Many doubted that it would even be possible, and with good reason. To assist in this endeavor, however, Dr. Rosenberg enlisted the support of the Nevada pharmacy community, contacting leaders in pharmacy organizations, chain pharmacy managers, hospital pharmacy directors, pharmacists leading home health companies, and the Nevada State Board of Pharmacy. These individuals volunteered to become the nucleus of what would evolve to become the Nevada College of Pharmacy Board of Trustees, and they are still valued members of the Board today.

A curriculum was developed that emphasized a student-centered, active learning environment where students were participating in experiential education from the very beginning of the program. Rather than semesters or quarters, the curriculum was organized into blocks that allowed students to take one course at a time. Students would be in class from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, allowing them ample time to concentrate and focus on achieving the desired outcomes. It would also provide opportunities for students to be active participants in the learning process by facilitating the incorporation of a variety of learning activities other than the traditional lecture format. Moreover, the early pharmacy practice experiences were designed to enhance and support the didactic curriculum by allowing students to actually see, feel, and understand what was presented in the classroom in an actual pharmacy setting. Additionally, by restructuring the curriculum in the block format, Dr. Rosenberg realized that the curriculum could be accomplished in three years, rather than the traditional four, making the College of Pharmacy one of the most affordable private Colleges of Pharmacy in the nation. This became the model for all future degree programs.

The inaugural class of the Nevada College of Pharmacy was recruited in the fall of 2000 and those 38 students graduated in November 2003. A new facility with 30,000 square feet located on the corner of Eastern Avenue and Russell Road was rented in January 2002 to accommodate the rapidly growing College community. The Nevada College of Pharmacy called this space "home" until November 2003, when it moved into its permanent location, a 100,000 square foot building at 11 Sunset Way in Henderson. Ironically, this facility is only one block away from the College's original 900 square foot space in the Painter's Union Building. The College of Pharmacy (COP) extended its Pharm.D. program to South Jordan, Utah in fall of 2006. It is housed in a 119,000 square foot facility in the River Park Complex. Today, the College has over 1,000 students enrolled. The College of Pharmacy is providing continuing education programs for Nevada and Utah pharmacists and is actively involved in the pharmacy community. The College of Pharmacy is accredited by Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education.

In 2004, the Board of Trustees approved changing the name of the institution to the University of Southern Nevada (USN) to reflect the intent to expand degree offerings. That year also saw the development of the Master of Business Administration (MBA) program. The inaugural MBA class started

in fall 2005 and graduated in June 2006. The MBA program has been accredited by International Assembly for Collegiate Business Education (IACBE). In FY 2018-2019, the University initiated a Task Force review of the MBA program, considering many factors, including current pathways, its relevance to today's joint-program Roseman students, challenges in delivering the curriculum, declining enrollment and completion trends, and macro trends in the higher education landscape. In the end, the University decided to discontinue the MBA program and started working on a teach out to end June 2022.

The Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) program was implemented in 2006 in the Nevada campus. The College of Nursing (CON) started classes in April 2006 and graduated its inaugural class in October 2007. It has full approval from the Nevada State Board of Nursing, and is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE). The College of Nursing admitted its first class in the Accelerated BSN (ABSN) program in Nevada in October 2010. The BSN program admitted its first class in the Utah campus in January 2010 and ABSN in 2015. The program in Utah has full approval from the Utah State Board of Nursing and is accredited by CCNE. In 2020, the College of Nursing established Master of Science in Nursing – Family Nurse Practitioner program. The program admitted its first class in January 2021.

The College of Dental Medicine (CODM) was approved by the University's Board of Trustees in August 2007. In January 2009, the Commission on Dental Accreditation granted accreditation to the CODM's Advanced Education in Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics (AEODO)/MBA Residency Program. On February 2, 2009 the CODM matriculated nine Residents into the inaugural Class of 2011. In October 2009, the University announced plans to expand the College of Dental Medicine to the South Jordan, Utah campus to offer a Doctor of Dental Medicine (DMD) degree. The College admitted the first class in fall 2011. An additional 125,000 square foot facility for the program was constructed adjacent to the campus at River Park and opened in December 2012. This program has been granted Accreditation from the Commission on Dental Accreditation.

In January 2011, the University's Board of Trustees voted unanimously to change the name of the institution to Roseman University of Health Sciences. The new name reflects the university's desire to change to a non-geographic branding as it continues its expansion. More importantly, it better reflects the university's mission as "a leader in transforming health care education." The name became effective on July 1, 2011.

In 2013, the University completed a merger with the Nevada Cancer Institute Foundation, securing the 184,000 square foot Engelstad Cancer Research Building to bolster its medical research programs. In April 2014, the University purchased the adjacent 143,000 square foot Flagship Building of the former Nevada Cancer Institute. Combined, the two buildings make up what is now Roseman University's Summerlin campus, home to the University's College of Medicine, which was approved for development by the Board of Trustees in December 2013. The College of Medicine is currently in development and will pursue accreditation with the Liaison Committee on Medical Education, the accrediting body for medical schools in the U.S. and Canada.

In June 2018, Roseman University and Cure 4 The Kids Foundation formally agreed to a partnership to create a one-of-a-kind collaboration in the State of Nevada with Cure 4 The Kids becoming an independent division of Roseman University of Health Sciences and moved its administrative and clinical operations to the Summerlin campus.

In 2021, after two years of planning, Roseman University established a College of Graduate Studies. Its initial program offerings include a Master of Science in Biomedical Sciences and a Master of Science in Pharmaceutical Sciences.

Roseman University of Health Sciences is accredited by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU). As Roseman continues to grow, it will remain true to the ideas and ideals of its founder, Dr. Harry Rosenberg. For more information please visit our website at www.roseman.edu

Academic Regalia (Costume)

The black caps and gowns worn by the students and faculty in the academic procession are of ancient origin. They have been the traditional costume of the scholar since medieval times and probably represent an adaptation of the ecclesiastical dress since many of the scholars of the period were members of the monastic orders. American academic costume had its origins in the 12th-13th century European universities when gowns distinguished doctors, masters and bachelors from other segments of the population.

In 1895, an intercollegiate commission adopted a uniform code for academic dress which has since been adopted by the majority of colleges and universities in the United States. Each of the three academic degrees-bachelor, master, doctor-has its own distinctive gown and hood.

THE GOWN-The academic gown today symbolizes the democracy of scholarship because it covers any dress of rank or social standing underneath. The gown is usually black. The bachelor's gown is distinguished by its long point sleeve. The master's gown has a long, oblong sleeve, extending below the knee. In contrast, the doctor's gown has a full bell-shaped sleeve with three bars of velvet. The opening of this gown is faced with wide velvet bands. The velvet trim may be black or of a color indicating the general field of learning of the wearer, for example, olive green for pharmacy, apricot for nursing, drab for business and lilac for dentistry.

THE CAP-The academic cap is usually black and the material matches the gown. Mortar boards are generally recommended. The color of the tassel denotes the discipline.

THE HOOD-The most colorful and distinctive item of the academic costume is the hood which passes around the neck and extends down the back. The doctor's hood is the largest of the hoods and the bachelor's is the smallest. The bachelor's hood is often omitted. The color of velvet edging indicates the field of learning. The hood is lined with the official color of the college/university. The color of the facing denotes the discipline represented by the degree. Colors associated with different degrees are: Arts, white; Business, drab; Dentistry, lilac; Economics, copper; Education, light blue; Engineering, orange; Fine Arts, brown; Hospital Administration, salmon; Journalism, crimson; Law, purple; Medicine, green; Music, pink; Nursing, apricot; Pharmacy, olive green; Philosophy, dark blue; Public Administration, peacock blue; Science, golden yellow; Social Service, citron; and Theology, scarlet.

PERMISSIBLE EXCEPTIONS-Only members of the governing body of a college or university, whatever their degrees, are entitled to wear doctor's gowns (with black velvet), but their hoods may be only those of degrees actually held by the wearers or those especially prescribed for them by the institution. The chief marshal may wear a specially designed costume approved by the institution.

Adopted from: American University and Colleges, American Council on Education, 1997.

The Mace

The mace is identified with the Office of the President and is carried in academic processions at commencement and convocation ceremonies. 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 Marshall has the honor of serving as the macebearer at these events.

The President's Medallion

The President's medallion is in the form of the University Seal and is made of solid sterling silver and held by a ribbon representing the University colors of burgundy and silver. The medallion represents the authority of the President as the highest dignitary in the institution.

Invocation/Benediction

Dr. Lacy is the co-founder and the current Vice President of Executive Affairs at Roseman University of Health Sciences. In this capacity, Dr. Lacy fosters, develops, and maintains new opportunities for the university in the areas of business partnerships, foundational development, external programs development and outreach project design and coordination. Dr. Lacy is a Professor of Pharmacy Practice in the College of Pharmacy and Guest Professor in the MBA Program and the College of Nursing.

Dr. Lacy is probably best known for his numerous presentations and publications, one of which, The Drug Information Handbook, has twice received the Doodie Award for Excellence in Medical Publishing.

Acknowledgements

Roseman University of Health Sciences pays tribute to the parents, spouses, significant others and friends of the members of the Class of 2023 for their support, dedication and sacrifice.

