

# SPRING COMMENCEMENT

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## HENDERSON, NV | MAY 8, 2024

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ROSEMAN UNIVERSITY  
OF HEALTH SCIENCES



# **SPRING COMMENCEMENT**

*Wednesday, the 8th of May  
Two Thousand and Twenty-Four  
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.....	Ms. Nancy Bryan
	Assistant Professor of Nursing, College of Nursing
National Anthem.....	The Hartford Strings
Invocation & Opening Proclamation .....	Dr. Charles F. Lacy
	Vice President for Executive Affairs
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. Charles F. Lacy
	Vice President for Executive Affairs
Commencement Address.....	Dr. Leslie Asanga
	Founder, Pills2Me
Presentation of BS Nursing Graduating Class.....	Dr. Brian Oxhorn
	Dean, College of Nursing
Conferring of the BS Nursing Degree.....	Dr. Charles F. Lacy
	Vice President for Executive Affairs
Introduction of BS Nursing Graduates.....	Dr. Shanda Clark
	Assistant Dean Curriculum & Assessment, 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. Charles F. Lacy  
Vice President for Executive Affairs

Introduction of MSN-FNP Nursing Graduates.....Dr. Jason Major  
Assistant Professor, College of Nursing

Administration of Nursing Oath.....Ms. Eliza Michel  
Assistant Professor College of Nursing, College of Nursing

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

Conferring of Master of Science in Biomedical Sciences Degree.....Dr. Charles F. Lacy  
Vice President for Executive Affairs

Introduction of Master of Science in Biomedical Sciences Graduates.....Dr. Kamran Awan  
Director, Master of Science in Biomedical Sciences Program, College of Graduate Studies

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

Conferring of Doctor of Pharmacy Degree.....Dr. Charles F. Lacy  
Vice President for Executive Affairs

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

Presentation of the Master of Business Administration and  
Advanced Education and Dentofacial Orthopedics Graduating Class.....Dr. Frank Licari  
Dean, College of Dental Medicine

Conferring of Master of Business Administration Degree and  
Advanced Education and Dentofacial Orthopedics Certificate.....Dr. Charles F. Lacy  
Vice President for Executive Affairs

Introduction of Master of Business Administration and  
Advanced Education and Dentofacial Orthopedics Graduates.....Dr. Glen Roberson  
Program Director, AEODO Program, College of Dental Medicine

Administration of Dentists' Pledge.....Dr. Richard Stevens  
Assistant Professor, College of Dental Medicine

Graduate Commentary.....Dr. Dwayne Karlo Manzanillo  
College of Pharmacy, Class of 2024

Closing Remarks & 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

Kate Teano Aberion  
Andrea Elise Acosta  
Emily Christine Adams  
Amaya Nicole Ada-Vibar  
Gabrielle Sarah B. Aguinaldo  
Gabriella Joanne Agustin  
Magdalene Akomprah  
Hind Salim Al Shammari  
Andrew Esteban Alegre  
Bradley Drew Alviz  
Uldarico Panaligan  
Angeles IV  
Jillrhea Yalung Antonio  
Angelica Avila Aquino  
Christopher Thomas B  
Aspiras  
Matthew Alan Bachman  
Dillon Lee Bair  
Renee Theresa Paras Balisi  
Thy Khanh Banh  
Nicole Aida Bartolo  
Danielle Lea Base  
Sarah Ashley Bean  
Taylor Carolina Becker  
Samantha Rose Bell  
Marielle Sicat Beltran  
Abenet Asrat Biruk  
Caitlyn Nicole Bledsoe  
Janesa-Mica Dela Pena Bona  
Natalie Jean Brown  
Samantha Buenrostro  
Angelita Marie Bugay  
Jordan Reese  
Cameron-Haertling  
Maria Maybelyn Regalado  
Cantos  
Gabriela Cardenas-Felix  
Patricia Carrasco  
Ivette Ariadna Castro  
Ninia Alyanna Cataag  
Anna Chen  
Sidney Chen  
Soo Rin Cho  
Stephanie Rashana Chung  
Julia Elizabeth Cook  
Logan William Cox  
Samantha Marie Dahl  
Alexis Celestino De Guzman  
Garrett Matthew Deang

Makennah Anne Delaney  
Mackenzie Corrie Dexter  
Mary Therese Bernales  
Dimaano  
Sarah Leann Dudley  
Ginger Alyson Dunton  
Quynh Giao Thuy Duong  
Cambrian Jolene-Partridge  
Elvenia  
Jenicarl Nzelle Enang  
Mesonge  
Jimmy Escoto  
Rodolfo Cordero Espinosa III  
Anthony Prescott  
Evelyn-Watts  
Clarisselle Dizon Felias  
Melissa Grace Felipe  
Melleque Cleine Layson  
Fortich  
Raymond Alfred Francisco  
Edyn Shae Garvisch  
Kelsey Marie Gatrell  
Abbey Rae Geskes  
Daniel Gonzalez  
Jasmine Marie Gonzalez  
Lelani Theresa Gonzalez  
Chassidy Strong Gray  
Lakeva Raene Greene  
Ana Maria Grigore  
Olga Gromyk  
Alejandro Felipe Gutierrez  
Vinh Tran Ha  
Brittanyheart Martine  
Hanish  
Allie Virginia Haydon  
Tyler Jordan Gomez  
Hernandez  
Tal Himelblau  
Allyson Nichole Hunt  
Jill Lucile Ingersoll  
Claudia Elena Inguanzo  
Catalina Margareta Ivan  
Kimberly Dawn Iverson  
Veronica Alexandra Jaramillo  
Star Jaramillo-Alvarado  
Jose Inigo VII Ramos Jimenez  
Eryka Kathleen Johnson  
Jeremiah Elijah Jones  
Sin Yue Kwong

Katherine Miranda Layugan  
Jason Patrick Lewandowski  
Charles Axel Keane Molina  
Litao  
Lily Leca Lo  
Emily Grace Magro  
Mitra Mandana Mahdavi  
Kailei Carol Malady  
Jocelyn Ariana Manchego  
Deodanes  
Eunice David Mateo  
Donovan Dayrit Maunahan  
Chandler Nicole May  
John Michael Mc Alpin  
Monique Luise McGinnis  
Jonah Dean Mckee  
Chelsea Marie Meadows  
Vincent Dash Medina  
Crystal Mendoza-Magana  
Cristina Del Carmen  
Menjivar  
Melissa Christina Metoyer  
Jessamelanie Bisac Miguel  
Jason Munoz  
Danielle Louise Dumawal  
Naguna  
Eleonora Garniki Nazaryan  
Priscilla Lenay  
Negrete-Sacayon  
Amanda Truong Nguyen  
Emma Phuong Yen Nguyen  
Emily Mae Ospina  
Jessica E. Pabalate  
Maritza Elisabeth Panuco\*  
Marissa Angelique Patton  
Erica Vitug Pereda  
Veronica Angela  
Mercado Perez  
Nichol Lacson Perry  
Samantha Ann Pete-Pelayo  
Jacob Anthony Petersen  
Kayla Asbenson Pickens  
Floremae Jocame Pidut  
Kathrina Jona Dela Cruz  
Pioquinto  
Aizelle Anne Balquedra  
Pizarro  
Melanie Pu  
Jeivi Joshua Derick

Quilantang  
 Erin Elizabeth Rawlins  
 Isabel Sophia Rawson  
 Katrina Anna Marie Reed  
 Aria Michelle Reeder  
 Valerie Ian Legaspi Reyes  
 Megan Leeann Roberts  
 Kryzia Alvarez Rodriguez  
 Savannah Esther Rodriguez  
 Mallory Jan Ross  
 Maryneli Rubi Rubio  
 Sarah Sakr  
 Ana Laura Salazar  
 Galilea Salinas  
 Jean Nicole Guardiaro  
 San Andres  
 Candle Wahyu Sanchez  
 Serena Alexia Sanchez  
 Marilyn Enid  
 Santiago-Vasquez

Malaya Isabella G. Santos  
 Renzel Mariz Ratilla Santos  
 Christine Yadira Sarti  
 Dennis Felix Sauao II  
 Tiffani Adale Schamber  
 Daina Monique Seals  
 Lily Rae Seebart  
 Michael Alexander Sepulveda  
 Shirley Rubi Sherman  
 Simar Kaur Singh  
 Robert Michael Sipple III  
 Tiffany Lane Smith  
 Marifel Navajas Sombito  
 Laura Catherine Strong  
 Garvin Joseph Tabangcura  
 Joanna Tafolla Vera  
 Chanpreet Singh Takhar  
 Sydney Thephaphine  
 Krystal Lynn Thomas  
 Chetana Tiwary

Thanh Thanh To  
 Tarah Rae Tobias  
 Zachary Robert Tobler  
 Tessa Elizabeth Truman  
 Fiona Yee Lee Tsang  
 Kenneth Russell Umfleet  
 Georgette Uriarte-Valle  
 Binh Lam Vay  
 Stephanie Cecilia Vazquez  
 Torres  
 Isabelle Luis Vega  
 Walter Brian Vides Martinez  
 Makenna Malei Villamor  
 Lisette Anne Taniegra Vistal  
 Alison Kamita Vixaysakd  
 Randi Astrid Walton  
 Alexander Tha Yang  
 Kimberly Coronado  
 Zamorano

*\*Graduate from the South Jordan, Utah campus*

## **Candidates for Master of Science in Nursing - Family Nurse Practitioner**

Dr. Brian Oxhorn, Dean

Bao Quoc Truong Dao  
 Mackenzie Lauren Eastman  
 Anna Lena Hill  
 Amanda Kuypers Hughes  
 Analyn Velasco Inciong  
 Candice Lee Kim

Curtis James Lura  
 Krista Michelle Martinez  
 Danielle Erin Mastin  
 Sara J. Mollner  
 Roni-Jo Panganiban Naval  
 Maria Jessica Parseghian

Ysmar Samein Santos  
 Jackie Christine Steigerwald  
 Denise Rodrillo Tungol  
 Abigail Mercado Velasquez  
 Aaron Ezekiel Wilkerson

## **Master of Science in Biomedical Sciences**

Dr. Jeffery Talbot, Dean

Maryam Khajehzadeh

Alexandra Rae Van Stone

## **Candidates for Doctor of Pharmacy**

Dr. Larry Fannin, Dean

Siamak Adampour  
 Ijeoma Chinemerem Agada  
 Jousef Roland Manese  
 Alandy-dy  
 Lucy Susie Amalyan  
 Alea Mickaela Arada Avila

Cassie Marie Barajas  
 James Michael Barber, Jr.  
 La Kisha Rashaun Bell  
 Amanpreet Kaur Bhathal  
 Alexis Marie Bringle  
 Denise Nicole Verdan

Cabanlong  
 Wenqiang Cao  
 Annette Elva Casavalente  
 Yejun Cho  
 Desiree Swei Chong  
 Youngie Chui



Elinor Archie Lantoria Cruz  
 Maria Guadalupe Cruz  
 Gabrielle Elizabeth Curi  
 Annette Lili Davoudian  
 Angelica Janae Fernandez  
 De Jesus  
 Zechariah Frederick De Silva  
 Ashley Cao Quynh Nhi Dinh  
 Michelle Jeanette Dinsmoor  
 Rebecca Magdael Dionio  
 Jaysa Mia Barcelo Dizon  
 Mehri Elizabeth Dolati  
 Anonglack Douangmala  
 Alexis Lee Duevel  
 Sirada Warintorn Durso  
 Jonathan S Eng  
 Jafet Gregory Escobar  
 Cassandra Lynn Fisher  
 Jan Marini Tiusingco  
 Francisco  
 Monique Camille Garcia  
 John Mackay Gardner  
 Lyra Kianna Guillermo  
 Mira Shawky Hanna  
 Ashley Mahinaleilanianuenue  
 Hernandez  
 Kim Thien Hoang  
 Elana Caitlyn Imasa  
 Andrew Robert Jacobson  
 Brad Perry Jacobson  
 Soo Jin Jang  
 Jasmine John  
 Nikki Kathleen Kalem

Alex Kay  
 Moses Jeehoon Kim  
 Jimmy Levern Kimber  
 Huynh Tran Le  
 Tien Thi Thuy Le  
 Jan Mari Fudotan Lee  
 Olivia Hee Lee  
 Maggie Leung  
 Royce Li  
 Shawna Rachelle Lutes  
 Aljay Denzel Mallari Manez  
 Dwayne Karlo Solanzo  
 Manzanillo  
 Min Jung Mazelly  
 Nadia Meknouzi  
 Arsen David Muradyan  
 Dung Thi My Ngo  
 Leyah Tran Nguyen  
 Michelle Pham Nguyen  
 Thinh Nguyen  
 Vinh Huu Nguyen  
 Shahab Nikmehr  
 Alexander Yoshimi Okamoto  
 Joelle Pan  
 Stephan Thien PangKee  
 Neha Arvind Patel  
 Natasha Shae Peterson  
 Celine Pezeshgian  
 Ngan Hoang Pham  
 Tracey Phan  
 John Thomas Powers  
 Louis Albert Prusa  
 Lilly Qian

Mahdeed Naveed Raja  
 Edward Nguyen Ramirez  
 Raven-Joie Montemayor  
 Reyes  
 Urmee Ripon  
 Ricky Ru  
 Huanting Ruan  
 Jennifer Sue Jung Ryu  
 Gabriel Carlo Reside  
 Samaniego  
 Anahid Saneii  
 Clark Jay Astrera Santidad  
 Kimberly Quito Santos  
 Rebecca Sharim  
 Meadow Jean Shaw  
 Kevin Ryan Simmer  
 Parmehar Singh  
 Josef Dominik Stockdale  
 Tamika LaShanna Strickland  
 Chaisy Mae Pabaira Tabula  
 Emily Lin Taing  
 Daniella Tan Telada  
 Michelle Phuong An Tran  
 Vanessa Raquel Travieso  
 Wen Jung Tu  
 Brian Zonghai Ung  
 Alexander Wasiuta  
 Jessica Stella Wirtz  
 Shenika Gladys Woodward  
 James Xiong  
 Ritta Abduh Yared  
 Alexander Samuel Zerai

## **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

John Adeoye Oluwatoni  
 Atere  
 Dafjola Bejleraj  
 Nareh Ossan Eshgian

Christina Kass Iliyya  
 Solanch Morales  
 Alyssa Karin Morrow  
 Delaram Mostafavi

Ryanna Cassandra Robinson  
 Tharani Theivakumar  
 Mehtab Warya

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.

## **Dentists' Pledge**

I, (state your name), as a member of the Dental Profession, will keep this pledge and these stipulations.

I understand and accept that my primary responsibility is to my patients, and I shall dedicate myself to render to the best of my ability, the highest standard of oral health care, and to maintain a relationship of respect and confidence.

Therefore, let all come to me safe in the knowledge that their total health and well-being are my first considerations.

I shall accept the responsibility that, as a professional, my competence rests on continuing the attainment of knowledge and skill in the arts and sciences of dentistry.

I acknowledge my obligation to support and sustain the honor and integrity of the profession, and to conduct myself in all endeavors such that I shall merit the respect of patients, colleagues, and my community.

I further commit myself to the betterment of my community for the benefit of all society.

I shall faithfully observe the principles of ethics and code of professional conduct set forth by the profession.

All this I pledge with pride in my commitment to the profession and the public which it serves.

## About Our Keynote Speaker

Dr. Leslie Asanga is a distinguished pharmacist and visionary tech entrepreneur with an extensive background spanning over a decade in healthcare and entrepreneurship. His journey is marked by a relentless pursuit of innovation and a deep commitment to improving healthcare access worldwide.

After graduating from Roseman University of Health Sciences in 2017 with both Doctor of Pharmacy and MBA degrees, Dr. Asanga embarked on a career in pharmacy, gaining valuable experience at CVS. However, his passion for entrepreneurship and a desire to drive positive change led him to pursue further education at Yale School of Public Health in 2019, where his main focus was in Public Health Entrepreneurship.

During his time at Yale, Dr. Asanga founded Pills2Me, a groundbreaking tech company focused on on-demand prescription delivery and medication therapy management. Launched amidst the COVID-19 pandemic, Pills2Me quickly rose to prominence, earning backing from prestigious investors such as Google and Techstars. Dr. Asanga's visionary leadership and innovative solutions earned Pills2Me the esteemed Thorne Prize at Startup Yale 2020 - Yale University's annual entrepreneurship award.

In addition to his success with Pills2Me, Dr. Asanga is also the co-founder of UrPharm, a pioneering initiative aimed at enhancing medication accessibility in Sub-Saharan Africa. Through UrPharm, he is dedicated to addressing critical healthcare disparities and improving health outcomes for underserved populations.

Dr. Asanga's expertise and leadership have not gone unnoticed. He was recently appointed by the U.S. Secretary of Commerce to serve as a member of the Nevada District Export Council, where he contributes his insights to furthering international trade and commerce initiatives. Dr. Asanga has participated in multiple Trade Missions led by the United States Department of Commerce to Eastern Europe and Africa.

Driven by a passion for innovation and a commitment to making a positive impact, Dr. Leslie Asanga continues to inspire others through his visionary leadership, entrepreneurial spirit, and dedication to improving healthcare access especially in vulnerable populations. His exemplary achievements serve as a testament to his unwavering determination and relentless pursuit of excellence.

A proud Roseman Alum, Dr. Asanga credits Roseman University of Health Sciences for being an excellent launchpad for most of what he has been able to achieve.

He has been a resident of Las Vegas for the past decade where he lives with his wife and two beautiful daughters - Kate and Suzie.

## **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. In 2024, the College gained accreditation from Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs (COA) to offer a Doctor of Nursing Practice in Nurse Anesthesia (DNPNA) beginning in July 2024.

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 2023, the DMD program was granted approval to transition to a three-year program.

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 (MBS) and a Master of Science in Pharmaceutical Sciences (MSPS). In 2024, a focus on Data Science and Health Informatics was added as an option to the MSPS program.

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](http://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 12<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> century European universities when gowns distinguished doctor's, master's and bachelor's 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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 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.

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