

SPRING COMMENCEMENT

Friday, the 16th of May Two Thousand and Twenty-Five One O'clock in the Afternoon

> UCCU Center Utah Valley University 800 W University Pkwy Orem, UT 84097

The Commencement Ceremony

PreludeThe String Quartet				
Brandenburg Concerto #1 First Movement				
Johann Sebastian Bach				
Eine Kleine Nachtmusik First Movement &				
Andante from Piano Concerto No. 21				
Both by W. A. Mozart				
Entrance from the Queen of Sheba &				
Andante from the Water Music				
Both by George F. Handel				
Gavotte from Suite #3				
Johann Sebastian Bach				
ProcessionalThe String Quartet				
Pomp and Circumstance				
Edward Elgar/Arr. Paul Sterrett				
University MarshalDr. Duane Winden				
Associate Dean for Accreditation and Compliance, College of Dental Medicine				
National AnthemMs. Geena Jeffries Mattox				
Vice President for Philanthropy & Alumni Relations				
Opening Proclamation and Introductions				
President & Co-Founder				
Greetings from the Board of Trustees Mr. Hugh Anderso				
Chair, Board of Trustees				
Introduction of the Commencement SpeakerDr. Jeremy Wells				
Chancellor, South Jordan, Utah Campus				
Commencement AddressDr. Richard P. Nielsen				
Board Trustee and President Emeritus, Rocky Mountain University of Health Professions				
Presentation of Bachelor of Science in Nursing Graduating ClassDr. Brian Oxhorn				
Dean, College of Nursing				
Conferring of Bachelor of Science in Nursing Graduating Degree				
President & Co-Founder				
Introduction of Bachelor of Science in Nursing Graduates				
Associate Dean, Academic & Student Affairs, College of Nursing				
December of Markov of Colombia Name				
Presentation of Master of Science in Nursing				
Family Nurse Practitioner Graduating ClassDr. Brian Oxhorn				
Dean, College of Nursing				
Conforming of the Master of Science in Nursing				
Conferring of the Master of Science in Nursing Family Nurse Practitioner Degree Dr. Renee Coffman				
Family Nurse Practitioner Degree Dr. Renee Coffman President & Co-Founder				
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Introduction of Master of Science in Nursing Family Nurse Practitioner Graduates Dr. Jason Major Director, Family Nurse Practitioner Program, College of Nursing
Administration of Nursing OathMs. Shamar Lejardi Director, Simulation & Skills Laboratory, College of Nursing
Presentation of Master of Science in Biomedical Sciences Graduating Class
Conferring of Master of Science in Biomedical Sciences Degree
Introduction of Master of Science in Biomedical Sciences Graduates Dr. Kamran Awam MBS Program Director, College of Graduate Studies and Professor, College of Dental Medicine
Presentation of Master of Science in Pharmaceutical Sciences Graduating ClassDr. Jeffery Talbot Dean College of Graduate Studies
Conferring of Master of Science in Pharmaceutical Sciences Degree
Introduction of Master of Science in Pharmaceutical Sciences GraduatesDr. Casey Sayre MSPS Program Director, College of Graduate Studies and Associate Professor, College of Pharmacy
Presentation of Doctor of Pharmacy Graduating Class Dr. Larry Fannin Dean, College of Pharmacy
Conferring of Doctor of Pharmacy Degree Dr. Renee Coffman President & Co-Founder
Introduction of Doctor of Pharmacy Graduates Dr. Tyler Rose Associate Professor of Pharmaceutical Sciences, College of Pharmacy
Hooding of Doctor of Pharmacy GraduatesDr. Erin Johanson Director of Experiential Education (IPPE/APPE) and Professor, College of Pharmacy
Dr. Danielle Gundrum Director of Student Affairs and Associate Professor, College of Pharmacy
Administration of Pharmacy OathDr. Braden Adamson Associate Professor, College of Pharmacy
Graduate CommentaryMs. Maya Dagher Master of Science in Biomedical Sciences, Class of 2025
Closing RemarksDr. Renee Coffman President & Co-Founder
RecessionalThe String Quartet **Hornpipe from the Water Music & **La Rejouissance from the Fireworks Music**

issance from the Fireworks Music Both by George F. Hand

Candidates for Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Dr. Brian Oxhorn, Dean

Marianna Aghabalyan Nikhil Kumar Anoop Noel Maynard Crisol Antonio

Cole Lance Bailey Christianne Bravo Banez Kassandra Lauren N.

Barragan

Vianka Carissa Barrios Perez

Jerahmeel Blanco

Brisa Maribel Buenrostro

Lopez

Everest Edward Atalig

Cabrera Victor Chavez

AuBrey McKell Cheney Joshua Cornell Crandall Talon Thomas Crookston Brenna Rose Crosser Darian Elyse Curl

Yasmine Daneshvar Hosseini Rahel Zemedkun Demisse

Tajinder Singh Dhesi Lyssa Marenka Diefendorf

Hailey Gage Dillon Froilan Riel Dinco Binhan Doanvo

Morgan Cathlene Dobson Shanna Mae Domingo

Adriel Doce Eje

Yemisrach Kasaye Ergat Emma Lynn Fullmore Britney Daguio Gajo Lauren Chu Gan Valerie Lynn Garcia Jessica Michelle Gilson Hakob Goharyan

Gurkirat Singh Grewal

Sophie Gruszka

Allie Anh Thi Ha Mikaela Hamel Macie Ann Harmon Tyler Jay Hesse Duc Anh Ho Kenny Ho

Chris Thai Huynh

Benjamin Joseph Ingram Chelsea Anne Jackson

Karli Sue James Madison Marie Jones

Aaron Joshua Castro Juson Karanjap Singh Kahlon Munjap Singh Kahlon

Brenton Howard Keele Michael James Konchan Laura Elsie Dugay La Roque

Sze-Wing Lau

Aura Krystal Tipan Lubi

Loan Thuy Ly

Raechel Renee Agbulos

Magat

Theresa Torres Martin Ayanna Rain Martinez Heidy Sofia Martinez-

Dominguez

Camden Grace McCusker Alejandro Mendez Martinez

Joanne Milien

Cassandra Mary Montoya

Justin Ryan Morea Sheba Haisha Naimyar Michelle Nhi Nguyen Jackson Dean Nicholes Ivo Nefi Ortega Castro

Ash Lane Page

Danna Jee Claire Parro Kayecee Lopez Pati Ashley Jo Payette Jasmine Mireya Pena Pauline Cam-Thy Phan Alayna Laree Poledna

Garrie Poon

Sedona Silver Robinson Julia Elena Bastida Roccuzzo Sydney Elizabeth Rudkin Andgielika Katlaina Camat

Sales

Analiy Ismeralda Sanchez

Shasta Sayarath Anna Celeste Scott Supraja Srinivasan Alysha Rene Steppig

Mary Tang

Charlie Grace Taylor Selina Hagos Tesfandrias Carolyn Mai Cua Thao

Carolyn Mai Cua Thao
Carolyn Tran
Hung Viet Tran
Justin Pham Tran
Katrina Duyen Tran
Kimberly Yen Tran
MaiLien Nguyen Tran
Stephanie Ngoc Tran
Jahna Jenelie Trapp
Judith Trujillo
So Diem Truong
Paulina Valencia

Harley Michael Varley Richard Miranda Villacarlos Drenna Jei Inoviso Wilson

So Yong Youn Emily Yu

Celina Boui Zhang

Candidates for Master of Science in Nursing Family Nurse Practitioner

Dr. Brian Oxhorn, Dean

Taelor Mlissa Hildebrand Thuy Vuong Tran

Candidates for Master of Science in Biomedical Sciences

Dr. Jeffery Talbot, Dean

Rheannon Ainsworth
Renad Alsayyad
Zachary Bernstein
Danielle Savegnago Bezerra
Duncan Daniel Bird
Jonathan Andrew Blackwell
Bryan T. Chai
Vanessa Renae Chavez-Sinks
Raffiujjaman Chowdhury
Kaden Coombs
Iiselle Milen Corneio

Kaden Coombs Jiselle Milen Cornejo Cade Couch Maya Dagher Kyle Connor Dahlmeier Andrew M. Duplant MaraLee Egan Ariana Fagaragan Aarushi Fernandez Andrew Pete Gallos Kertiandra V. Ginting

Fulla Hindi Tahira Hassan Jafri

Iris Kim Wing Ho Lau Gabrielle Jasmine Le

Semi Lee Chad Lords Yee Shan Mak Ryyaan Yusof Midani Michael Joseph Moleski Rahi H. Patel Rosalia Perez Ramos Shadi Rezaeisoureshiani

Merna Adel Roman

Rabia Saad Saad Saeed

Mahak Kaur Sargodhia

Sana Sediqi Sana Z. Shariff Luke B. Sheets Mingeun Song Stockton L. Stohl Russell Watson Roger Xu

Candidates for Master of Science in Pharmaceutical Sciences

Dr. Jeffery Talbot, Dean

Teja Renelle Reaves-Mckee

Candidates for Doctor of Pharmacy

Dr. Larry Fannin, Dean

Hanian Fazaa Al Tuwarish Alexandra Joan Arledge Darius Baradaran Monika Maria Baranek Heather Michelle Beaman Shandon Michael Bradford Justin Chan Mackenzie Paige Cruzan Cameron Akira Daly

Dahlia Deniro

Kyra Dockstader Romaine Ansah Drecketts Wendy Embreus Amber Alexis Escobedo Sandra Showkat Farag Sonny Micheal Gaul Ovais Ghadirian Christian Gray Lindsay M Hall Sami Ramez Hasan Micah Elizabeth Heathcote Danica Herron Chen-Wei Hsu Alexa Humphris Maryam Kaka Connor Darwin Kendrick Aaron King Colton Labrum Nathan Mark Lyons Cade Jefferson Miller Anthony Ngo Aleese Smith Palfreyman Urvi Patel Brooke Alexis Pulkrabek William Safadi Sarah M Shwani Quincy Brynn Snell Ryan Speckman Kent R Wood Josie Michelle Young Sara Carolina Zaldana

Candidates for Doctor of Dental Medicine

Dr. Frank Licari, Dean

Maanik Kumar Agarwal Sumaya Marwan AlKalla **Creed Matthew Anderson** Isabella Reese Augustine Moneka Amged Ayad Ava Ashlev Azmi Sarah Adel Badawi **Jeffery Tanner Baird** Gabrielle Jean Berg Sumer Marie Bermani Katie Corrine Besson **Drew Robert Borgholthaus** Lindsey Ann Cariello **Cameron Samuel Carter** Anika Asghar Chaudhry Philip Lokahi Conte **Greggory Stephen Davis** Ai-Quan Trisha Duong Mercell Marie Enavat Marisa Anne Estipona Amir Seved Faraji Ingrid Edena Feder Hunter Shelby Frei Cole McKay Frost Katie Lynn Garner Wilfred Gharoonjenizeh Austin Hansen Grav Gerald James Greenan **Taylor Greenberg** Yanet Guzman Rodriguez Michael McBain Hagues Hirama Teri Mitou Hapairai Michael Steven Hibbert

Ryan Charles Ho

Allyson Victoria Hollenbeck Tina Anh Thu Thi Huynh Brandon Thomas Jacobson Kade Kent Janes Brooklyn Janes Aprile Elizabeth Johnson Roah Lee Kelly Mateusz J. Kolodziejczyk Michael Andrew Lacerda Ioseph Carlo Del Rosario Lara Gia Khai Le Jonathan Jee Peng Lee Caroline Isabelle Leibrecht Alexis Marie Marella Priscilla Darlene Marin Marin Mikayla Joy McLaughlin Samantha Brianna Melnitsky Joshua Michael Miller Nadim Ayub Modi Nisha Mody Nicolette Marie Montilla Hyma Moparthi Lisa Van Thi Nguyen Julie Nguyen Monica Bernice Ocampo Astha Vimal Patel Kavina N Patel **Jesal Patel** Randy Perez Padilla Tyler David Peterson Sara Lynn Qualls Rebekah Sari Quenta

Spencer Babbitt Ray Neli Razavi Logan Michael Reese Claire Maureen Reilly Jordan Mitchell Reis **IoLvnn Marie** ReylingCapdeville Robert Jordan Rice Manmeet S. Sandhu Samantha Starr Schlaud Loryn Nicole Schwartz Taroniar Sevathas Alejandro Jose Israel Siles Jobanpreet Singh Teiasvi Singh Anna Lorraine Sirbu Tyler Robert Snyder Sydnee Rae Spector **Jeff Taylor Stolk** Hunter Tan **Jeffrey David Tanner** Lance Keith Taylor Timmy N. Tran Emiley Jacklene Trowbridge Nicholas John Vlasnik **Justin Peter Wall** April Lauren Watts Tyler Nephi Weenig Kirk James Wilson Alexa Jane Wright Lavinya Meijun Yap Olivia Marie Yentz Holly Hao Yue

Golnoush Zakeri

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 skill 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.

Adapted from: http://www.uttyler.edu/nursing/convocation/candlepledge.html

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 treat all patients with dignity and respect and will not discriminate against any patient.

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

With over four decades as a humanitarian, healthcare provider, clinical preceptor and higher education administrator, Dr. Richard P. Nielsen served as the founder and founding president/CEO of Rocky Mountain University of Health Professions (RMU) from its inception in 1998 through 2022. He also founded and was founding president/CEO of the Noorda College of Osteopathic Medicine and retired from this position in 2021. His vision and leadership brought about the creation of both institutions.

Dr. Nielsen, a native of Spanish Fork, Utah, points to the wisdom and encouragement from his single mother as his greatest example. He earned a BS degree from Brigham Young University in prephysical therapy and a BS from the University of Utah in physical therapy, a Master of Science in neural-kinesiology from the University of Washington, and a Doctor of Health Science from the University of St. Augustine in clinical electrophysiology.

Nielsen served in the U.S. Army Reserve for over five years and in the U.S. Navy Medical Service Corps for over 20 years during the Viet Nam and Persian Gulf conflicts where he was trained and became Board certified in clinical electroneuromyography. While in the Navy, he held several esteemed leadership positions as the Head of Rehabilitation Medicine clinics and in his last assignment as the chief physical therapist for the entire U.S. Navy (responsible for 47 rehabilitation medicine departments across the globe) where he was appointed by the Navy Surgeon General as the physical therapy consultant to U.S. Congress and the Senate, the Surgeon General, the Supreme Court, the Pentagon, and the White House. He received the Navy Meritorious Service Medal, the Navy Achievement Medal, Navy Leadership Medal and Navy Commendation Medal during his service. He retired with the rank of Commander.

Dr. Nielsen, along with his wife, Jodi, and eldest daughter, Kindee, founded two charitable foundations for their work in Africa: Reach the Children and World of Difference (WOD) (worldofdifference.ngo). Nielsen has traveled to Africa over 42 times to work in his charitable foundation and since 2013, WOD has partnered with RMU to take graduate students to Kenya and Malawi to work in developing country hospitals and clinics and to provide clinical education to healthcare providers. Dr. Nielsen has summited the highest peak on the African continent (Mt. Kilimanjaro) ten times.

In 2013, the Nielsens received the American Red Cross Humanitarian of the Year Award for their service in Africa. Dr. Nielsen has received several recognitions in the medical community, including the 2015 Leader of the Year Award from the American Physical Therapy Association and, in 2019, Utah Business Magazine's Healthcare Hero of the Year Award for healthcare education. He was recognized as Utah Valley Magazine's Person of the Year for 2023 and was named the Pillar of the Valley for 2023 by the Utah Valley Chamber of Commerce. He also received the Provo City Mayor's Exceptional Example Award in 2023 and the 2023 Eric Heaton Leadership Award by the Utah Academy of Physician Assistant's and the 2023 Visionary of the Year Award by Hands-on Diagnostics.

"One of the many things that I appreciate about Rick is he is a person who genuinely wants to make a difference. It's not about him — he's not looking for accolades. That's an incredible gift in our journey," Jodi Nielsen said. Dr. Nielsen and Jodi are the parents of five children and have seven grandchildren. They reside in Salem, Utah.

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.

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.

In 2024, the College of Nursing begin offering the Doctor of Nursing Practice in Nurse Anesthesia (DNPNA) and announced the launch of the Doctor of Nursing Practice – Family Nurse Practitioner (DNPFNP) to begin in 2025.

In February 2025, the Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME) awarded Roseman University College of Medicine Preliminary Accreditation to begin offering the Doctor of Medicine (MD) program at the Summerlin campus. The program will enroll its charter class of 60 students to begin in July 2025.

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 12^{th} - 13^{th} 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 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.

Acknowledgements

Roseman University of Health Sciences pays tribute to the parents, spouses, significant others and friends of the members of the Class of 2025 for their support, dedication and sacrifice.