



Roseman University of Health Sciences

CLASS OF 2026 COMMENCEMENT



WEDNESDAY, THE 13TH OF MAY
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY-SIX
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. Roger Dilts, *Professor of Basic Science, College of Medicine*

NATIONAL ANTHEM The Hartford Strings

INVOCATION..... Dr. Charles F. Lacy, *Vice President for Executive Affairs & Co-Founder*

OPENING PROCLAMATION..... Dr. Renee Coffman, *President & Co-Founder*

INTRODUCTIONS Dr. Eucharia Nnadi, *Chancellor, Henderson, Nevada Campus*

GREETINGS FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES..... Mr. Hugh Anderson, *Chair, Board of Trustees*

INTRODUCTION OF THE COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER..... Dr. Renee Coffman, *President & Co-Founder*

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS Amber Renee Dixon, *Host, Nevada Week, Vegas PBS*

PRESENTATION OF BSN GRADUATING CLASS Dr. Brian Oxhorn, *Dean, College of Nursing*

CONFERRING OF THE BSN DEGREE..... Dr. Renee Coffman, *President & Co-Founder*

INTRODUCTION OF BSN GRADUATES... Dr. Andrea LeClaire, *Associate Dean, Faculty Affairs & Learning Innovation, College of Nursing*

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF MSNFP GRADUATING CLASS Dr. Brian Oxhorn, *Dean, College of Nursing*

ADMINISTRATION OF NURSING OATH ... Dr. Barbara Tanner, *Associate Professor, College of Nursing*

PRESENTATION OF MBS CLASS..... Dr. Jeffery Talbot, *Vice President for Research Dean, College of Graduate Studies*

CONFERRING OF THE MBS DEGREE..... Dr. Renee Coffman, *President & Co-Founder*

INTRODUCTION OF MBS GRADUATES .. Dr. Kamran Awan, *Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and MBS Program Director, College of Graduate Studies*

PRESENTATION OF MSPS CLASS..... Dr. Jeffery Talbot, *Vice President for Research Dean, College of Graduate Studies*

CONFERRING OF THE MSPS DEGREE.....	Dr. Renee Coffman, <i>President & Co-Founder</i>
INTRODUCTION OF MSPS GRADUATES...	Dr. Casey Sayre, <i>Assistant Dean for Research, College of Pharmacy</i> <i>MSPS Program Director, College of Graduate Studies</i>
PRESENTATION OF PHARMD GRADUATING CLASS.....	Dr. Larry Fannin, <i>Dean, College of Pharmacy</i>
CONFERRING OF PHARMD DEGREE	Dr. Renee Coffman, <i>President & Co-Founder</i>
INTRODUCTION OF PHARMD GRADUATES.....	Dr. Mark Decerbo, <i>Professor, College of Pharmacy</i>
HOODING OF PHARMD GRADUATES.....	Dr. Kenneth Kunke, <i>Director of Experiential Education</i> <i>Associate Professor, College of Pharmacy</i> Dr. Michelle Hon, <i>Director of Student Affairs</i> <i>Associate Professor, College of Pharmacy</i>
ADMINISTRATION OF PHARMACY OATH.....	Dr. Catherine “Leiana” Oswald, <i>Associate Dean for Academic</i> <i>Affairs and Assessment, Professor of Pharmacy Practice</i> <i>College of Pharmacy</i>
PRESENTATION OF THE AEODO GRADUATING CLASS.....	Dr. Frank Licari, <i>Dean, College of Dental Medicine</i>
CONFERRING OF THE AEODO CERTIFICATE.....	Dr. Renee Coffman, <i>President & Co-Founder</i>
INTRODUCTION OF THE AEODO GRADUATES	Dr. Glen Roberson, <i>Program Director, AEODO Program</i> <i>College of Dental Medicine</i>
ADMINISTRATION OF DENTISTS’ PLEDGE	Dr. Richard Stevens, <i>Assistant Professor, College of Dental Medicine</i>
GRADUATE COMMENTARY	Dr. Mariam Alebyan, <i>College of Pharmacy, Class of 2026</i>
CLOSING REMARKS	Dr. Renee Coffman, <i>President & Co-Founder</i>
BENEDICTION.....	Dr. Charles F. Lacy, <i>Vice President for Executive Affairs & Co-Founder</i>
RECESSIONAL.....	The Hartford Strings <i>Hornpipe from the Water Music & La Rejouissance</i> <i>from the Fireworks Music, Both by George F. Handel</i>

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

Lisa Vazzana – Viola/Director & Contractor | Ray Pancarowicz – Violin 1
Carlene SanFillippo – Violin 2 | Elena Kapustina – Cello

CANDIDATES FOR BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

Dr. Brian Oxhorn, Dean

Anya Habeeb Aladross	Zna Negusse Futsum	Yeng Hua Lee
Mikayla Gerie Allam	Ashika Shavina Gambhir	Kendall Riley Leslie
Jayde Francesca Alden	Mackenzie Lynne Grana	Kenneth J Leon
Elizabeth Cecilia Aguilar	Roan Makaela Gonzales	Janelle Kimberly V Lopez
Kaila Rose Angel	Sarah Dee Greenberg	Mickey Lender Lohmier
Wendel Mark Gravela Andres	Jade Gullick	Ethan Garret Litao
Angela Jesus Ayala-Valdez	Emily Alexandra Gunnells	Cameron Kayla Louie
Sherry Anh Bang	Renelle Lirazan Gurion	Isabella Selena Martinez
Jennie Madio Batac	Araceli Guzman	Jessica Jean Messer
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Ramon Benitez	David Bernard Hager	Nicole Jimenez Miller
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Andrea Marie Nepomuceno Bernardo	Samantha Louise Haydock	Cynthia Moreno
Kenia Lissette Bonilla	Austen Gonzales Hernandez	Destiny K Moore
Tiana Boston	Genesis Hermosillo	Sadasa Woodhull North
Arby Marie S Cativo	Hailey Hickey	Isioma Lorraine Obiazor
Jaenie Campbell	Wendy Thi Ho	Danielle Mendoza Oca
Mary Alexa Cantalejo	Amanda Marie Howe-Parsels	Valentina Olarte-Mesa
Giselle Carapia Ojeda	Nelson Hsu	Metztli Olivar Cortes
Ciera Curameng	Alexander Anhvu Huynh Ngo	Jazmin G Orozco Carranza
Jasmine Sandra Craft	Asia Hughes	Vivian Marie Orozco Coronel
Mariah Katherine Coss	Nicole Elaine Hunt	Jessalin Marie Trinidad Oronce
Elvin Cruz	Lovely Charlenne Astrero Hyde	Jeremy Trinidad Oronce
Jackie Cruz	Marielle Ann Canlas Ignacio	Joshua Joseph Palakanis
Angel Tu Thien Dang	Jo Ann Abella Israel	Sukhmeet Kaur Pandher
Franchesca Ablog Dator	Saher Javid	Amy Phan
Tristan Leo Davis	Moises Xavier Juarez	Tran Tu Uyen Phung
Emily Taylor De Leo	Donna Kathryne Diaz Jimenez	Taylor Storm Pierce
Rovie Domingo De Castro	Briana Nicole Jimenez	Lauren Ashley Ploeg
David James Del Barrio Lutz	Xian Josh Tolentin Joseph	Zamudio Tatiana Porter
Geralyn Garcia Deitchler	Thomas Sidney Jones	Jessica Cruz Quiane
Azariah Desire-Gaskin	Abhishek Karki	Laura Catalina Quijivix
Marti Jean Dominguez	Kawika Noeo Kaimuloa	Allie Cristina Raimondo
Roberta Santana Dongmo Aguazen	Nathan Samuel Kebede	Michelle Laurente Raqueno
Xuan Nhat Doan	Dylan Elle Kelly	Alexis Marie Raisch
Lenny Dumo	Diamond Sherraye Kelly	Jemimah Hannah Marcelo Ramos
Donna Tinoco Duran	Alison Thieng Khauv	Rajaa Rammal
Brianna Jannely Duran	Goheun Kim	Braden Keolo Regala
Laura Renee Eggers	Donggi Kim	Jesieca Cainto Reyes
Kilana Alejo Eugenio	Nana J Kim	Luke Christopher Riparip
Andrea Ballesteros Faeldonea	Shane Shalvin Kumar	Jessirene Santos Rivo
Danica G Farinas	Jashanpreet Kaur	Hannah Renee Robinson
Margarita G Farinas	Jasneet Kaur	Jazmin Rodriguez
Faith Martinez Foronda	Mikayla Grace Lam	Salma Selena Rodriguez
Richard Fossett	Carmen Lee	Mitchell Rubio

CANDIDATES FOR BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING (CONTINUED)

Dr. Brian Oxhorn, *Dean*

Ariana Danielle Rubalcaba	MinKyong Song	Brian Vu
Alani Kai Ruiz	Emma Landis Spingler	Cindy Vuong
Patrick Eri Salmo	Malia May Faith Fernando Sulit	Heidi Michelle Walker
Veronica Franchesca Santana	Molly Tang	Jenna Esther Walter
Raymond N. Santiago	Taylor Jade Kuni Takekawa	Barrett Tapel Wangara
Angeli Marie Samia	Van Ray Villanueva Tebangin	Brooke Marie Wagner
Joanna Moreen Abril Savet	Delilah Samerthai Theerasin	Kalia Denise Watkins
Claudine Reyes Sebastian	Isabelle K Thielman	Sarah Kostyack Wells
Anne Kimberly L Serencio-Magpantay	Amiya Thompson-Jerro	Mecca Lynette Nicole Wilburn
Nathaniel Raza Siapno	Joleen Amber Truong	Tammy Faye Wilson
Amela Smajic	Mohammed Uzair	Andrea Nicole Wright
Imani Aniege Slaughter	Brianna Vasquez	Katie Tazuko Yamaguchi
Malia Yasmine Smith	Francesca Corpuz Veneracion	Rana Hassan Youssef
Mia Simone Smith	Ashley Vo	



CANDIDATES FOR MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING-FAMILY NURSE PRACTITIONER

Dr. Brian Oxhorn, *Dean*

Nathan Earl Bailey	Crystal Nicole Brown	McKaizlee Ann Mangelson
Reva Lynn Blaney	Lindsie Marie Collins	Natalie M. Sanchez
Samantha Taylor Bowling	Teague Rogan Lawrence	JiaXin Tian



CANDIDATES FOR MASTER OF SCIENCE IN BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES

Dr. Jeffery Talbot, *Dean*

Rheyse Kobie Webb

CANDIDATES FOR MASTER OF SCIENCE IN PHARMACEUTICAL SCIENCES

Dr. Jeffery Talbot, *Dean*

Jennifer Nathaly Bermudez
Nadia Meknouzi

CANDIDATES FOR DOCTOR OF PHARMACY

Dr. Larry Fannin, *Dean*

Michelle Abkarian
Mariam Alebyan
Benjamin Takeo Barstow
Diamante Bianca Boona
Min Chevalier
Megan Ysabelle Chiongson
Timothy Young Jin Cho
Kristian Robert Corkish
William Russell Davis
Victoria Ehresman
Kayley Michelle Englund
Roy Steven Franco
Angela Jacob Garces
Brandy Alexandria Heisler

Chase Bradley Larson
Courtney Kolina Lytle
Kyle Ryan Guerrero Macaraeg
Coriana Domonique Matthews
Aris Minas Mazmanian
Nabeel Mir
Kim Monsanto Neria
Vincent Gregory Newland
Justin Kien Nguyen
David Hyo-Jun Park
Huong Thi My Pham
Catlin Jessica Prieto
Angelic Rivera Bondoc Puglisi
Erica Mae Reyes

Kristine Joyce Rishel
Sheyda Rohani
Mildred Denise Santillan
Robert Sawa
Hannah Nicole Schlieman
Charlene Suguitan Tan
Christian Michael Valencia
Melody Ann Valente
Stephanie Valladares Diaz
Blake Allen Wendel
Collin Michael Wilkins
Kunla Natalie Young



CANDIDATES FOR ADVANCED EDUCATION IN ORTHODONTICS AND DENTOFACIAL ORTHOPEDICS RESIDENCY PROGRAM POST-DOCTORAL CERTIFICATE

Dr. Glen Roberson, *Program Director*

Amy Blazejewski
Erinn Chang
Olivia Gangmark Strickland
Ambrose Ha

Ryan Howard
Jeremy Kasik
Hayden McKay
Denise Ng

Charles Hunter Pitts
Kristi Truong

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 and belonging, respect differences in all individuals, and address health disparities to advance health equity for all people.
- 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

Amber Renee Dixon, a regional Edward R. Murrow and Emmy Award winner, is a veteran journalist with more than a decade of news reporting and anchoring experience. An Arizona native, Amber is bilingual in Spanish and a proud graduate of the Walter Cronkite School of Journalism and Mass Communication at Arizona State University. She began her career reporting on border issues in South Africa, then continued on her journalistic path in Corpus Christi and the Rio Grande Valley in Texas.

In 2012, she moved to Las Vegas to begin working at KSNV, the NBC affiliate. At KSNV, she worked for two years in News as a general assignment reporter, then transitioned into the role of sports reporter and weekend sports anchor, covering all angles of local sports including the NHL, NFL, WNBA, boxing, mixed martial arts, minor league baseball, minor league soccer, NASCAR, college and high school football.

Amber became the host of Nevada Week on Vegas PBS in February 2022, and in September 2022, she and the Nevada Week team won the Division 1 Public Media Award in Content: News and Public Affairs.

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 the 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 was accredited by the 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 began offering the Doctor of Nursing Practice in Nurse Anesthesia (DNPNA) and the Doctor of Nursing Practice – Family Nurse Practitioner (DNPFP) 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 enrolled its charter class of 64 students in July 2025.

Also, in February 2025, Roseman University announced the creation of a College of Veterinary Medicine, to be based at the Henderson campus. The proposed program is pursuing accreditation through the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) Council on Education (COE).

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 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 Marshal 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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Roseman University of Health Sciences pays tribute to the parents, spouses, significant others and friends of the members of the Class of 2026 for their support, dedication and sacrifice.



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