

*Commencement and Hooding Ceremony
In Honor of the Class of 2025*

CALIFORNIA HEALTH SCIENCES UNIVERSITY





PROGRAM OF EVENTS

Prelude

Fresno State Jazz Combo

directed by Richard Lloyd Giddens, Jr.
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Processional

Mace Bearer

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National Anthem

The Vocal Chords

Ronald Llenado, DO, Conductor

President's Welcome

Florence T. Dunn, Hon DHS

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Dean's Remarks

John Graneto, DO

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Commencement Speaker

Robert A. Cain, DO

President and CEO, American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine

Introduction of DO Graduates

Duc Chung, MD

Assistant Dean and Associate Professor

Hooding of Graduates

Varsha Swamy, DO

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CBHP Dean's Remarks

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Introduction of MS Graduates

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MS Hooding Ceremony

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Conferring of Degrees

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Osteopathic Oath

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DO Graduate Reflection

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MS Graduate Reflection

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Closing Remarks

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MESSAGE FROM DEAN GRANETO



You will always remember this day as a huge milestone in your lives. You are standing on the cusp of your medical careers, and I am filled with overwhelming pride and admiration for every one of you.

Throughout your journey, you demonstrated unwavering dedication, resilience, and a profound commitment to the noble profession of medicine. You spent countless hours studying, refining your skills, and nurturing your passion for healing.

Today, as you don your cap and gown, you embody the culmination of years of hard work and sacrifice.

As you embark on this next chapter, I remind you that your journey is far from over.

In fact, it is just the beginning. As you step into the world of medicine, you will be faced with challenges and opportunities that will test your resolve and shape your character.

You are more than prepared to tackle whatever comes your way. You have been taught the knowledge, skills, and compassion necessary to make a difference in the lives of others. You are the future leaders of healthcare, and the impact you will have on countless individuals and communities is immeasurable.

But beyond your technical expertise, I urge you to never lose sight of the humanity that lies at the heart of medicine. Remember that behind every diagnosis, every treatment, and every procedure, there is a person – someone who is relying on you and trusting in you for hope, healing, and compassion.

As a proud member of the class of 2025, I hope you have come to realize you were selected in part because you exhibited the resilience and grit necessary to take a chance on something new.

You've all demonstrated that resilience and grit to get here today. Along with your compassion and quest for knowledge, these critically important skills you've developed will guide you through your next few years of training and throughout your career.

Congratulations, Doctors. The world awaits your compassion, and your dedication to the service of others.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John W. Graneto" followed by a stylized flourish.

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OSTEOPATHIC OATH

I do hereby affirm my loyalty to the profession I am about to enter. I will be mindful always of my great responsibility to preserve the health and the life of my patients, to retain their confidence and respect both as a physician and a friend who will guard their secrets with scrupulous honor and fidelity, to perform faithfully my professional duties, to employ only those recognized methods of treatment consistent with good judgment and with my skill and ability, keeping in mind always nature's laws and the body's inherent capacity for recovery.

I will be ever vigilant in aiding in the general welfare of the community, sustaining its laws and institutions, not engaging in those practices which will in any way bring shame or discredit upon myself or my profession. I will give no drugs for deadly purposes to any person, though it be asked of me.

I will endeavor to work in accord with my colleagues in a spirit of progressive cooperation and never by word or by act cast imputations upon them or their rightful practices.

I will look with respect and esteem upon all those who have taught me my art. To my college I will be loyal and strive always for its best interests and for the interests of the students who will come after me. I will be ever alert to further the application of basic biologic truths to the healing arts and to develop the principles of osteopathy which were first enunciated by Andrew Taylor Still.

Source: American Osteopathic Association

<https://osteopathic.org/about/leadership/aoa-governance-documents/osteopathic-oath/>

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER BIO

Robert A. Cain, DO, FACOI, FAODME

President and Chief Executive Officer, American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine

Robert A. Cain, DO, FACOI, FAODME, is the President and CEO of the American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine, representing osteopathic medical education in a variety of settings while overseeing the operations of the association that supports the nation's colleges of osteopathic medicine and graduate medical education leaders.

He is also serving a two-year term as the President of the Federation of Associations of Schools of the Health Professions, which serves as a vehicle to advance health professions education through advocacy and collaboration. Together the Federation's 19 members support over 5000 programs and 1.3 million students in training to enter the healthcare workforce.

Prior to serving with AACOM, Dr. Cain was the Associate Dean for Clinical Education at the Ohio University Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine and Chief Academic Officer for the Ohio Centers for Osteopathic Research and Education. Past roles include Director of Medical Education and Director of the internal medicine residency program at Grandview Hospital in Dayton, Ohio.

Over the past two decades he has served on numerous national, state and local committees, task forces, and boards in a variety of roles including the steering committee for the National Academy of Medicine's Clinician Wellbeing Action Collaborative, the Blue-Ribbon Commission on Osteopathic Medical Education and the ACGME Osteopathic Principles Committee (chair).

Some of his notable awards and honors include induction into the Gold Humanism Honor Society, an honorary Doctor of Osteopathic Medical Education degree, American College of Osteopathic Internists Master Fellow, an AOA Presidential Citation, the Heritage College Executive Dean's Trillium Award, the Association of Osteopathic Directors and Medical Educators Leadership Award, and Ohio University Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine Master Clinical Faculty.

Dr. Cain operated a private practice in pulmonary medicine from 1994-2008. He graduated from the Ohio University Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine; and completed the internship program at Firelands Community Hospital in Sandusky, Ohio; internal medicine training at Brentwood Hospital in Cleveland, Ohio; and a pulmonary medicine fellowship at Grandview Hospital in Dayton, Ohio.

He completed Midwestern University's Costin Institute for academic leadership and was certified in both internal medicine and pulmonary medicine by the American Osteopathic Board of Internal Medicine (AOBIM).



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St Josephs Med Ctr
Stockton, CA
Internal Medicine

Christian Velazco, DO

Hometown: Sanger, CA

Sutter Health
Modesto, CA
Family Medicine

Sarah Siddiqi Wali, DO*

Hometown: Walnut Creek, CA

Childrens Hospital
Oakland, CA
Pediatrics

*Graduate with Honors **Class Valedictorian ‡Salutatorian

CLASS OF 2025 GRADUATES

Alicia Willard, DO

Hometown: Stockton, CA
U Michigan Health-West
Wyoming, MI
Emergency Medicine

Alvin Wong, DO

Hometown: Hercules, CA
UC Riverside SOM
Riverside, CA
Internal Medicine

Jessica Wu, DO*

Hometown: San Jose, CA
Santa Clara Valley Med Ctr
San Jose, CA
Internal Medicine

Marvin Wu, DO

Hometown: Oakland, CA
Valley Consortium
Modesto, CA
Family Medicine

CHSU-COM CLASS OF 2025 MISSION

As the Class of 2025 at CHSU, we strive for excellence and are committed to diminishing healthcare inequalities, empowering communities, and integrating the diverse patients' beliefs and experiences in the Central Valley to provide comprehensive and effective care for all.

MESSAGE FROM DEAN PATTIPATI

Dear MSBS Class of 2025,

Congratulations on reaching this incredible milestone!

Today, we celebrate not just your academic achievement, but the strength, determination, and growth you have shown throughout your journey. Choosing to pursue the MSBS degree was a bold decision—a decision to invest in your future, challenge yourself, and prepare for the next step in your professional path. And today, you stand ready.

From day one, you embraced the rigor of biomedical sciences. You navigated demanding coursework, engaged in deep learning, collaborated with peers, and developed a foundation that will serve you wherever your path leads—whether it be in medicine, dentistry, research, public health, or beyond. You have done more than pass exams; you have proven your resilience, adaptability, and grit.

Graduation marks the end of one chapter—but it is also the beginning of another. The healthcare and scientific communities are calling for leaders like you—those who combine knowledge with compassion, curiosity with ethics, and ambition with humility.

As you move forward, I encourage you to remember the human side of science. Behind every lab result, every patient, and every discovery is a story that deserves to be heard. Lead with empathy, serve with integrity, and never stop asking questions.

You are part of a growing legacy of MSBS graduates who are changing lives and shaping the future of healthcare. I could not be prouder of what you have accomplished and even more excited for what lies ahead.

On behalf of our entire faculty, administration, and staff—thank you for the privilege of being part of your journey. We will be cheering for you every step of the way.

With pride and best wishes,



Sreenivasulu Pattipati, PhD

Associate Dean, College of Biosciences and Health Professions
Program Director, Master of Science in Biomedical Sciences



CLASS OF 2025 MS GRADUATES

Diya Bhandari, MS

Hometown: Fresno, CA

Harnoor Brar, MS

Hometown: Fresno, CA

Bryce Joseph Deniz, MS

Hometown: Modesto, CA

Kuljit Dhami, MS

Hometown: Fowler, CA

Nathan Do, MS

Hometown: Modesto, CA

Kendall Fischer, MS

Hometown: Clovis, CA

Srikar Garapati, MS

Hometown: Plano, TX

Charita Gedela, MS

Hometown: Folsom, CA

Cristiana Gonzalez, MS

Hometown: Fresno, CA

Crystal Rachelle Naa Adaku Hammond, MS

Hometown: Bakersfield, CA

Alan Thanh-Tam Huynh, MS

Hometown: San Diego, CA

Chandler Christine Kelser, MS

Hometown: Cathedral City, CA

Jade Lam, MS

Hometown: Visalia, CA

Rishab Majumder, MS

Hometown: San Mateo, CA

Jenna Lynn Markarian, MS

Hometown: Fresno, CA

Akrum Mohsin, MS

Hometown: Visalia, CA

Nicole Njike-Bobga, MS

Hometown: Fresno, CA

Victoria Osorio, MS

Hometown: Orange County, CA

Giovani Ruiz, MS

Hometown: Fresno, CA

Samantha Rose Singh, MS

Hometown: Owensboro, KY

Subeg Singh, MS

Hometown: Fresno, CA

Josue Urias, MS

Hometown: Fresno, CA

CHSU AWARDS

COLLEGE OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE

Natalie Peña Brockett, DO	CHSU PROUD Award
Trung Nguyen Dang, DO	CHSU Outstanding Research Award
Cori DeLisi, DO	Healing Hands Award
Sumeet Kaur Dhillon, DO	Community Service Award
Dominic Giuliani, DO	Clinical Excellence Award
Vishal Kumar Gupta, DO	CHSU Leadership Award
Mandy Helle, DO	ACOFPP Ethan Allen Student Scholarship Award CHSU National/Regional Impact Award
Khachik Christopher Hmayakyan, DO	CHSU Academic Excellence Award
Elora Mallick, DO	CHSU Academic Excellence Award
Khushmanjit Jawandha, DO	Fresno Madera Medical Society Leadership Award
Grace Anne Miller Speer, DO	Osteopathic Principles and Practice (OPP) Scholar Award
Darin Ngo, DO	Clinical Excellence Award
Omar Weiss Popal, DO	Mentor of the Year Award
Phillip Brockett, MAEd	Donna Jones Moritsugu Memorial Award Nominated by: Natalie Peña Brockett, DO
Parul Jindal, MD	CHSU Spouse of the Year Nominated by: Pulkit Singhal, DO

COLLEGE OF BIOSCIENCES AND HEALTH PROFESSIONS

Crystal Rachelle Naa Adaku Hammond, MS	CHSU MSBS Outstanding Graduate Award
Bryce Joseph Deniz, MS	CHSU MSBS Excellence Award
Kuljit Dhami, MS	CHSU MSBS Excellence Award
Nathan Do, MS	CHSU MSBS Excellence Award
Srikar Garapati, MS	CHSU MSBS Excellence Award
Chandler Christine Kelser, MS	CHSU MSBS Excellence Award
Diya Bhandari, MS	CHSU Graduate Value Award for Integrity
Nicole Njike-Bobga, MS	CHSU Graduate Value Award for Collaboration
Samantha Rose Singh, MS	CHSU Graduate Value Award for Collaboration
Alan Thanh-Tam Huynh, MS	CHSU Graduate Value Award for Growth

GOLD HUMANISM FOUNDATION

The Gold Humanism Honor Society (GHHS) is a community of medical students, physicians, and other leaders who have been recognized for their compassionate care. GHHS reinforces and supports the human connection in healthcare, which is essential for the health of patients and clinicians.

Jasleen Bains, DO

Kyle Beeler, DO

Brooke Crosswhite, DO

Cori Delisi, DO

Yanet Fanos, DO

Katayun Fethat, DO

Shannon Giliberto, DO

Mandy Helle, DO

Khushmanjit Jawandha, DO

Sabrina Jones, DO

Elora Mallick, DO

Meredith Noel Nastruz, DO

Taylor Florinda Nunes, DO

Natalie Peña-Brockett, DO

Christian Velazco, DO

Alicia Willard, DO

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OFFICERS

2021-2022 STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OFFICERS

Class of 2025 President	Fahad Molla, DO
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2022-2023 STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OFFICERS

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2023-2024 STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OFFICERS

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2024-2025 STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OFFICERS

Class of 2025 President	Khushmanjit Jawandha, DO
Class of 2025 Vice President	Natalie Peña Brockett, DO

2024-2025 COLLEGE OF BIOSCIENCES AND HEALTH PROFESSIONS

Class of 2025 President	Nicole Njike-Bobga, MS
Class of 2025 Vice President	Crystal Rachelle Naa Adaku Hammond, MS

OSTEOPATHIC PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICE SCHOLARS PROGRAM

The Osteopathic Principles and Practice (OPP) Scholars Program at the CHSU College of Osteopathic Medicine offers a unique opportunity to advance knowledge and skills in Osteopathic Principles and Practice. OPP Scholars are outstanding students who serve an additional year dedicated to mentorship, focused academic studies, clinical patient care, and research emphasizing osteopathic principles and practice. They represent the school locally, regionally, and nationally.

Congratulations to our inaugural graduate of the CHSU Osteopathic Principles and Practice Scholars Program!

Grace Ann Miller Speer, DO

Class of 2025

HEALTH PROFESSIONS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM RECIPIENTS

The Health Professions Scholarship Program helps pay for an advanced medical degree and offers tuition and fees for up to four years for students to be a physician, dentist, optometrist, physician assistant, or clinical psychologist. In exchange for the scholarship, students must commit to military service. The CHSU graduating military officers were promoted from O-1 to O-3 at a Military Promotion Ceremony on May 16, 2025.

CPT Kyle Beeler, DO

Womack Army Medical Center
Fort Liberty, NC
Family Medicine

Capt. Tom W. Liu, DO

*San Antonio Uniformed Services Health
Education Consortium*
San Antonio, TX
Internal Medicine

LT Aaron Huntington, DO

Sutter Health
Roseville, CA
Emergency Medicine

Capt. Thuytien Pham, DO

David Grant, Travis AFB
Fairfield, CA
Diagnostic Radiology

Capt. Joshua P. Karron, DO

*San Antonio Uniformed Services Health
Education Consortium*
San Antonio, TX
Internal Medicine

Capt. Chelsey S. Preciado, DO

*San Antonio Uniformed Services Health
Education Consortium*
San Antonio, TX
Internal Medicine

HONORARY OSTEOPATHIC SERVICE FRATERNITY

Sigma Sigma Phi is an Honorary Osteopathic Service Fraternity. Its objectives and purposes are to further the science of osteopathic medicine and its standards of practice, to improve the scholastic standing and promote a higher degree of fellowship among its students, to bring about a closer relationship and understanding between the student bodies and the officials and members of the faculties of our colleges, and to foster allegiance to the American Osteopathic Association and to perpetuate these principles and the teachings through the maintenance and development of this organization.

Katherine Joo Yeon An, DO

Tiffany Thu Anh Dang, DO

Sumeet Kaur Dhillon, DO

Milena Dragovic, DO

Cade Allen Vonasek Fountain, DO

Chandni Gazula, DO

Vishal Kumar Gupta, DO

Mandy Helle, DO

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