

*Commencement and Hooding Ceremony
In Honor of the Class of 2026*

CALIFORNIA HEALTH SCIENCES UNIVERSITY





PROGRAM OF EVENTS

Prelude

Fresno State Jazz Combo

Directed by Richard Lloyd Giddens, Jr.
Director of Jazz Studies, Associate Professor

Processional

Mace Bearer

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Presenting the Colors

Fresno State Army ROTC Color Guard

National Anthem

The Vocal Chords

Ronald Llenado, DO, Conductor

President's Welcome

Florence T. Dunn, Hon DHS

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COM Dean's Remarks

John Graneto, DO

Dean and Professor, College of Osteopathic Medicine

Commencement Speaker

Karen J. Nichols, DO

Chair Emeritus, Accreditation Council for Graduate
Medical Education

Introduction of DO Graduates

Duc Chung, MD

Associate Dean and Associate Professor

Hooding of Graduates

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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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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

**Karen J. Nichols, DO, MA, MACOI, MACP,
FAMWA, CS-F**

*Chair Emeritus, Accreditation Council for Graduate
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Karen J. Nichols, DO, MA, MACOI, MACP, FAMWA, CS-F, served as Chair of the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) from 2020-2022, the first DO to hold that office, serving a full board term from 2015-2022.

Dr. Nichols served as the Dean of the Midwestern University/Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine from 2002-2018. Prior to being appointed Dean, she served as Assistant Dean of Post-Doctoral Education and Chair of Internal Medicine at the Midwestern University/Arizona College of Osteopathic Medicine.

Before starting her tenure in academia, she was in the private practice of internal medicine and geriatrics in Mesa, Arizona for seventeen years. Dr. Nichols holds a master's degree in management with a specialty in Healthcare Administration from Central Michigan University.

Dr. Nichols has received the highest awards from the American Osteopathic Association, the American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine, and the Kansas City University/College of Osteopathic Medicine. She received the American Osteopathic Foundation Lifetime Achievement Award in 2023. The Arizona Chapter of the American College of Physicians awarded her the Arizona Chapter Leader Award for 2025. Dr. Nichols holds nine honorary degrees.

She served as President of the American Osteopathic Association, the Arizona Osteopathic Medical Association, and the American College of Osteopathic Internists. She was the first woman to hold all those positions.

Having made over 900 presentations, she speaks nationally on her book, "Physician Leadership: The 11 Skills Every Doctor Needs to be an Effective Leader," women in medicine, dilemmas at end-of-life, and outreach about osteopathic medicine.



MESSAGE FROM DEAN GRANETO



Dear COM Class of 2026,

You will always remember this day as one of the major milestones 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 osteopathic medicine. You spent countless hours studying, refining your skills, and nurturing your passion for healing.

Today, as you don your cap and gown, and receive your hood, 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.

Looking 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.

You've all demonstrated resilience and grit that got you 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 DO". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

John Graneto, DO, MEd
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CHSU-COM CLASS OF 2026 MISSION

Together, as diverse individuals, we dedicate ourselves to establishing a class of physicians who strive to serve our respective communities while embodying cultural humility, equity, and inclusivity.

CHSU AWARDS

COLLEGE OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE

Tatiana Abdulnour, DO	CHSU PROUD Award
Tatiana Abdulnour, DO	CHSU Osteopathic Principles and Practice Scholars Award
Haley Christine Bennett, DO	CHSU Community Service Award
Cullen Bryan Gaffy, DO	CHSU Tutor of the Year Award
Kelly Do Huynh, DO	CHSU Healing Hands Award
Cortland Jell, DO	CHSU Academic Excellence Award, Valedictorian
Ikroop Kaur Miglani, DO	CHSU National/Regional Impact Award
Kortney Alysse Ponce, DO	CHSU Clinical Excellence Award
Zian Shabbir, DO	CHSU Academic Excellence Award, Salutatorian
Brian Tran, DO	CHSU Mentor of the Year Award
Cathy Ngoc Tran, DO	CHSU Osteopathic Principles and Practice Scholars Award
Darren Hideki Tom, DO	CHSU Clinical Excellence Award
Julius Doan-The Vo, DO	Fresno Madera Medical Society Leadership Award
Layla Mazdeyasnan, DO	CHSU Outstanding Research Award
Michael Jones, DO	Natalie Peña Brockett, DO Humanitarian Award
Sunny Tang, PE	Donna Jones Moritsugu Memorial Award Nominated by: Cathy Ngoc Tran, DO
Andy Phimmavong, BS	CHSU Spouse of the Year Nominated by: Monica Le, DO
Varsha Swamy, DO (2024)	CHSU Alumni Leadership Award
Vishal Gupta, DO (2025)	CHSU Alumni Mentor of the Year Award
Deion Santander, DO (2025)	CHSU Alumni Mentor of the Year Award

MESSAGE FROM ASSOCIATE DEAN PATTIPATI

Dear MSBS Class of 2026,

Congratulations on achieving this remarkable milestone!

Today, we celebrate far more than the completion of a degree—we celebrate your perseverance, transformation, and unwavering commitment to your aspirations. Your journey through the Master of Science in Biomedical Sciences program reflects a deliberate and courageous choice: to challenge yourself, to grow intellectually and personally, and to prepare for a meaningful career in healthcare and biomedical sciences. Today, you stand not only accomplished, but empowered.

Throughout this program, you have demonstrated exceptional dedication and resilience. You embraced the rigor of biomedical sciences, engaged deeply with complex concepts, collaborated with your peers, and navigated challenges with determination. Whether through coursework, research, or scholarly inquiry, you have built a strong foundation that will support your continued success in medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, research, public health, and other health professions.

Importantly, your journey has shaped more than your academic abilities—it has strengthened your critical thinking, professionalism, and sense of purpose. You have learned to ask better questions, think more analytically, and approach problems with both scientific rigor and human compassion.

As you take the next step, remember that science and healthcare are ultimately about people. Behind every diagnosis, every dataset, and every discovery is a life, a story, and a community. I encourage you to lead with empathy, act with integrity, and remain committed to lifelong learning. The world needs professionals who not only excel in knowledge but also embody compassion, humility, and service—qualities you have already begun to demonstrate.

You now join a growing and impactful community of MSBS alumni who are making meaningful contributions to healthcare and advancing the well-being of the communities we serve—especially here in the Central Valley and beyond. Your success is a reflection of your hard work and also of the mission we share: to improve healthcare outcomes and inspire the next generation of leaders.

On behalf of our faculty, administration, and staff, thank you for allowing us to be part of your journey. It has been an honor to support your growth and witness your achievements. We are incredibly proud of you and look forward to celebrating your continued accomplishments in the years ahead.

Go forward with confidence, purpose, and pride.

“Inspiring future healthcare leaders to serve, uplift, and transform the health of our communities—especially here in the Central Valley.”

With warmest congratulations and best wishes,



Sreenivasulu Pattipati, PhD

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



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Hometown: San Jose, CA

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Hometown: Clovis, CA

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Hometown: Kaneohe, HI

Ramona Monique Urrutia, MS

Hometown: Madera, CA

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Janan Bermami, MS	CHSU MSBS Excellence Award
Sophia Jasmine Campos, MS	CHSU MSBS Excellence Award
Taran Singh Chahil, MS	CHSU MSBS Excellence Award
Olivia Hartlove, MS	CHSU MSBS Excellence Award
Jacqueline Paola Morales, MS	CHSU MSBS Excellence Award
Amber Ramirez, MS	CHSU MSBS Excellence Award
Kylee-Ann Keimi Tawara, MS	CHSU MSBS Excellence Award
Edris Mehdi Afzali, MS	CHSU Graduate Value Award for Integrity
Ashley Tezziah Pree, MS	CHSU Graduate Value Award for Integrity
Jacob Ra Ealand, MS	CHSU Graduate Value Award for Collaboration
Julia M. Hassan, MS	CHSU Graduate Value Award for Collaboration
Francesca Nadia Assemi, MS	CHSU Graduate Value Award for Growth
Saloni Hitesh Behra, MS	CHSU Graduate Value Award for Growth

GOLD HUMANISM HONOR SOCIETY

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.

Tatiana Abdunour, DO	Isabella Lili Baines Levy, DO
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Haley Christine Bennett, DO	Ikroop Kaur Miglani, DO
Kimberly Ochoa Carrasco, DO	Daniel Peter Mortenson, DO
Rajvarun Singh Grewal, DO	Kortney Alysse Ponce, DO
Megason Lynne Hill, DO	Naqiyah Qadir, DO
Emmanuel Ho, DO	Hagar Mamdouh Saad, DO
Courtney Le Hua, DO	Wendy Shang, DO
Cortland Jell, DO	Brian Tran, DO
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STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OFFICERS

COLLEGE OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE

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2024-2026 STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OFFICERS

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2025-2026 COLLEGE OF BIOSCIENCES AND HEALTH PROFESSIONS

Fall Semester President; Spring Semester Vice President	Shahleen Kaur Narain, MS
Fall Semester Vice President; Spring Semester President	Jacob Ra Ealand, MS
Treasurer	Maci Renee Kight-Truong, MS
Secretary	Elizabeth Victoria Demontano Ayala, MS

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 14, 2026.

LT Christopher Larenz Acosta, DO	CPT Abel Eusebio Guzman, DO
CPT Brynn Appelman, DO	Capt. Johan Hsu, DO
CPT Steven Chuh, DO	CPT Alexander Ryan Kosche, DO
CPT Steve Frediani, DO	CPT Robert Nelson Palacios, DO

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 2026 graduates of the CHSU Osteopathic Principles and Practice Scholars Program!

Tatiana Abdunour, DO

Cathy Ngoc Tran, DO

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.

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