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ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTEENTH YEAR



LOMA LINDA UNIVERSITY

two thousand and twenty



CONFERRING OF DEGREES
School of Religion | Loma Linda, California

Message from the President



Congratulations to the Class of 2020.

One of the greatest joys experienced by our campus community is the opportunity to celebrate your academic excellence and personal achievements. This 114th commencement season marks the culmination of your study and professional preparation, which has equipped you to meet the next great adventures of your lives. You and those who have supported you are to be commended.

Now and for all time, you occupy a place among the alumni of this historic institution. I urge you always to model in your personal and professional life the excellence and vision, the courage and resilience, the passion and compassion that continue to shape and enhance our global reputation and legacy.

As you move beyond this weekend to the world of work or the pursuit of advanced degrees, I know that your commitment to our mission and values will be evident as your knowledge and skills are used to “continue the teaching and healing ministry of Jesus Christ—to make man whole.”

Now go with confidence wherever your dreams may lead you—questioning, learning, and challenging as you change our world for the better. I wish for you a satisfying and successful journey as you serve in the name and spirit of our gracious God.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Richard H. Hart". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Richard H. Hart, M.D., Dr.P.H.

Message from the Dean



Congratulations to the Class of 2020! The School of Religion has the unique honor and privilege to be part of the educational journeys of the students in all eight schools. Our goals are for you to have experienced growth during your time on our campus—growth in knowledge, growth in clinical skills, and growth in faith.

It is our prayer that your faith has been enriched and that you are now prepared to integrate the mission, vision, and values of Loma Linda University not only into your healthcare practice but also into a life of service to others.

May the Lord richly bless you and keep you in the years to come!

Leo Ranzolin, ThD

University History Highlights

Loma Linda University is part of the Seventh-day Adventist system of higher education that adheres to and promotes its vision—“Transforming lives through education, health care, and research”—and its motto—“To make man whole.”

Loma Linda University traces its beginnings back to 1905, when—through a series of divine providences—the University, starting as a nurses’ training school, was founded at Loma Linda, California, by the Seventh-day Adventist Church. The School of Nursing began in 1905. In 1909, the College of Medical Evangelists received its charter as a medical school with the express purpose of preparing physicians who could meet the needs of the whole person. Both schools emphasized the need for healthful living as a part of medical care—a revolutionary concept in 1905.

The University has steadily expanded its programs to meet the demands of a global environment. The original schools—Nursing and Medicine—have been joined by the Schools of Allied Health Professions, Behavioral Health, Dentistry, Pharmacy, Public Health, and Religion; and the Faculty of Graduate Studies. All the school programs are accredited by their respective accrediting bodies.

- 1905 Loma Linda Sanitarium and Nurses’ Training School (renamed School of Nursing in 1924)
- 1909 Institution named College of Medical Evangelists (CME), which included School of Medicine
- 1937 School of Medical Technology
- 1941 School of Physical Therapy
- 1948 School of Tropical and Preventive Medicine (reorganized as School of Public Health in 1967)
- 1953 School of Dentistry
- 1954 Graduate School (restructured as Faculty of Graduate Studies in 2005)
- 1961 College of Medical Evangelists renamed Loma Linda University
- 1962 Voted to consolidate the Schools of Medicine and Nursing on the Loma Linda campus
- 1966 Schools/Programs consolidated as the School of Health Related Professions, now known as School of Allied Health Professions
- 1967 Loma Linda University campus merged with La Sierra College
- 1968 Loma Linda University Hospital dedicated; renamed Loma Linda University Medical Center in 1970
- 1990 Loma Linda and La Sierra campuses became two separate universities
- 1997 Loma Linda University and Medical Center corporately linked together through Loma Linda University Adventist Health Sciences Center—LLUAHSC
- 2002 School of Pharmacy
- 2003 School of Science and Technology (restructured as School of Behavioral Health in 2012)
- 2005 LLU centennial celebration
- 2007 School of Religion
- 2015 Corporation name changed from Loma Linda University Adventist Health Sciences Center (LLUAHSC) to Loma Linda University Health (LLUH)



Today the original 1905 property is part of an expanding health sciences campus operated under the jurisdiction of Loma Linda University Health—which includes six Loma Linda University-named medical facilities: Medical Center, Children’s Hospital, Medical Center-East Campus, Surgical Hospital, Behavioral Medicine Center, and Medical Center-Murrieta; ten LLUH institutes; three LLUH-related research centers; and various school-related research centers.

After more than a century of service, the University remains committed to the vision of its founders and is sustained by its close association with the Seventh-day Adventist Church. The University is recognized as a leader in the field of health sciences education, research, and service—locally and internationally.

Through divine providence and guidance, Loma Linda University continues to fulfill its mission: To prepare health professionals to continue the teaching and healing ministry of the Master Teacher and Great Physician, Jesus Christ.



School of Religion Candidates for Degrees

The listing of a candidate's name in the commencement program is presumptive evidence of graduation but is not to be regarded as conclusive.

MASTER OF ARTS

Bioethics

In conjunction with the Faculty of Graduate Studies



Breana Sarah Chin
BS La Sierra University 2015



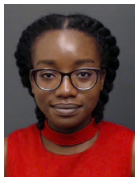
Ivan Sangjin Kim
BS Andrews University 2016



David Alexander Deemer
BS Union College 2016



Liudmyla Kinal
I.Ya.Horbachevsky Ternopil State Medical
University



Martha Mena Okaibea Duah
BS Andrews University 2015



Joanne Jee Yeon Lee, Jr.
BS Andrews University 2016



Matthew Lawrence Hagele
BS Walla Walla University 2016



Reed Allison Nerness
BA Walla Walla University 2015



Hyeln Ji
BS La Sierra University 2015



Hung M. Nguyen
BS University of Waterloo 2005



Luke Chang-Dae Kang I
BS Andrews University 2014
MMS Loma Linda University SM 2016



Benjamin Robinson
BS Seattle Pacific University 2014



Austin James Smith
BS University of California, Los Angeles 2015



Karl Christian Wallenkampf
BA Walla Walla University 2016
BS Walla Walla University 2016



Kirsten Alexandra Vyhmeister
BA Willamette University 2016



Ian Walters
BS Pacific Union College 2016

Religion and Society



Kristoff Vaughn Rhoden Foster
BS Oakwood University 2016
President's Award



Andrew Krause
BS Andrews University 2017

MASTER OF SCIENCE

Chaplaincy



Jessica Lindsay Hall
BSW The University of Calgary 2017



Carissa Richelle McSherry
BA California State University, Sacramento
2011
Dean's Award



Soo Jin Kang
BA Pacific Union College 2014



Asa Nemoto
BFA Andrews University 2010



Sara Yesenia Martinez
BS Loma Linda University SN 2014



Cynthia Lynn Zapara
BA California State University, Fullerton 1984



THE GOOD SAMARITAN

The Good Samaritan, the four-figure sculpture located on the mall of Loma Linda University, is a representation of the parable told by Jesus in Luke 10:30–37. It was sculpted by Alan Collins and dedicated and unveiled at Loma Linda University on May 31, 1981.

The sculpture speaks eloquently of the compassionate practice of the healing arts and of our mission—“to continue the teaching and healing ministry of Jesus Christ”—and of the motto of this health sciences University—“To make man whole.”

The Good Samaritan has been incorporated into the diploma as a screened background since 2006.