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133rd Commencement

May 19, 2007



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The Commencement Ceremony

The audience is requested to stand during the Academic Procession, the singing of the National Anthem, and the Benediction, and to remain in place until the Recessional has left the Arena.

The Academic Procession

Chief Marshal.....Michael Levitzky, Ph.D.
Professor and Interim Head of Physiology
Director of Basic Sciences Curriculum, School of Medicine

Music.....Bienville Brass, under the direction of Joseph Skillen

Bearer of the Mace.....Joseph M. Moerschbaeher, III, Ph.D.
Vice-Chancellor for Academic Affairs
Dean, School of Graduate Studies

Procession of the Platform Party

Faculty Marshals.....Andy Pellet, Ph.D.
Interim Head, Department of Cardiopulmonary Science
Raymond Shepherd, Ph.D.
Professor of Physiology

Procession of the Faculty

Procession of the Students

Procession of the Candidates in Allied Health Professions

Gonfalonier.....Hoa Tuyet Thi Luu
Master of Occupational Therapy Candidate

Procession of the Candidates in Nursing

Gonfalonier.....DeAnna A. Dardar
Bachelor of Science Candidate

Procession of the Candidates in Public Health

Gonfalonier.....Michael Laviolette
Master of Public Health Candidate

Procession of the Candidates in Graduate Studies

Gonfalonier.....Sarah Hoffmann Lindsey
Doctor of Philosophy Candidate

Procession of the Candidates in Dentistry

Gonfalonier.....Kristopher Neil Ruebsamen
Class President, Doctor of Dental Surgery Candidate

Procession of the Candidates in Medicine

Gonfalonier.....Brad Anthony Culotta
Class President, Doctor of Medicine Candidate

The Commencement Ceremony

Opening Proclamation..... Joseph M. Moerschbaecher, III, Ph.D.
Vice-Chancellor for Academic Affairs
Dean, School of Graduate Studies

Our National Anthem..... Joni Nicole Claville
Doctor of Medicine Candidate

Invocation..... Elizabeth Clement
Doctor of Medicine Candidate

Welcome and Opening Remarks..... Larry H. Hollier, M.D.
Chancellor
Dean, School of Medicine

Introduction of Commencement Speaker..... Larry H. Hollier, M.D.
Chancellor
Dean, School of Medicine

Commencement Address..... Arthur A. Dugoni, D.D.S.
Dean Emeritus
University of the Pacific, Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry

Presentation of the 2007 Allen A. Copping Excellence in Teaching Awards

Presentation of Honorary Degree to:
Arthur A. Dugoni, D.D.S. Larry H. Hollier, M.D.
Chancellor
Dean, School of Medicine

Conferring of Degrees..... Mr. Rod West
Chairman, Louisiana State University Board of Supervisors

Greetings William L. Jenkins, M.Med.Vet., Ph.D.
President, Louisiana State University System

Benediction..... Brynn Lewis Leroux
Doctor of Dental Surgery Candidate

Closing Proclamation..... Joseph M. Moerschbaecher, III, Ph.D.
Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs
Dean, School of Graduate Studies

The Recessional



Our National Anthem

O say can you see by the dawn's early light
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming

Whose broad stripes and bright stars
Through the perilous fight

O'er the ramparts we watched
Were so gallantly streaming

And the rocket's red glare
The bombs bursting in air

Gave proof through the night
That our flag was still there

O say does that star-spangled banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave

Francis Scott Key

The following list of graduates represents the most accurate information available at press time.
The appearance of a name on this program is presumptive of graduation but not conclusive.

Professional photographers will record each graduate as the diploma is presented
and color portraits will be available for purchase, if desired.



Arthur A. Dugoni, D.D.S.

*Dean Emeritus and Senior Executive for Development
University of the Pacific*

Arthur A. Dugoni, D.D.S.

Dean Emeritus and Senior Executive for Development
University of the Pacific

Dr. Arthur A. Dugoni served as the Dean of the School of Dentistry at the University of the Pacific (Pacific) for 28 years from 1978 to 2006. After his retirement from the deanship at Pacific, he was given the title of Dean Emeritus and Senior Executive for Development by the President of the University.

Long active in organized dentistry, Dr. Dugoni served as trustee of the ADA's Thirteenth District, representing the State of California from 1984 to 1987. He was a member of the ADA House of Delegates for 19 years, served as consultant to the Association's Council on Dental Education from 1973 to 1982, and 1991-1995, and as treasurer of the ADA 1987-1988. Dr. Dugoni served as a member of the Council of the FDI World Dental Federation for nine years and as treasurer and member of the Executive Committee for six years. At the 2003 Induction Ceremony for the ADA Foundation Legacy Society Members, Dr. Dugoni was installed as President of the ADA Foundation.

Dr. Dugoni graduated as class valedictorian from the College of Physicians and Surgeons (forerunner of Pacific) in 1948. He maintained a private practice for nearly 40 years, until 1987. Dr. Dugoni has been awarded the honor of Dental Alumnus of the Year by four universities: Gonzaga University (1992), University of Washington (1984), University of San Francisco (1988), and University of the Pacific (1983). He has received the Hinman Medallion for Leadership, the Albert H. Ketcham Orthodontic Award from the American Board of Orthodontics (1994), the Medallion of Distinction from the School of Dentistry of the University of the Pacific (1989), Gold Medallion and Merit Award from the Orthodontic Education and Research Foundation (1993), the Chairman's Award from the American Dental Trade Association (1994), the Presidential Citation and the Distinguished Service Award from the American Dental Association (1995), the Pierre Fauchard Academy Gold Medal (1996), the Doctor of Humane Letters, Honoris Causa from the University of Detroit Mercy (1997), the Dr. Irving E. Gruber Award for excellence in the advancement of dental education from the Greater New York Dental Society (1997), the International Callahan Memorial Award for outstanding contributions to the dental profession from the Ohio Dental Association (1999), the Distinguished Service Award from the American Dental Education Association (2000), and the Award of Merit from the Pacific Coast Society of Orthodontists. At the World Dental Parliament meeting of the FDI World Dental Federation in Barcelona, Spain, on October 8, 1998, Dr. Dugoni was elected to the List of Honour, the highest award the FDI can bestow on a member and is limited to thirty living members throughout the world who have made distinguished contributions to international dentistry and the World Dental Federation.

At the 2001 American College of Dentists Annual Meeting in Kansas City, Missouri, Dr. Arthur A. Dugoni received the William John Gies Award which recognizes exceptional contributions to the profession, the community, and society. This is the highest honor bestowed by the College. In 2003, Dr. Dugoni received the Dale F. Redig Distinguished Service Award from the California Dental Association.

On August 27, 2004, the University of the Pacific renamed its renowned School of Dentistry as the Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry in honor of Dr. Dugoni's contributions to dental education and organized dentistry during his silver anniversary as dean. The University of the Pacific hosted a Gala Celebration and two-day leadership symposium commemorating the naming of the Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry. In 2005, Dr. Dugoni received the International Dentist of the Year Award from the Academy of Dentistry International.

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(Dr. Dugoni continued)

Dr. Dugoni's activities in education have included: assistant professor of operative dentistry from 1951 to 1955; assistant professor of pediatric dentistry from 1955 to 1960; orthodontic graduate resident at University of Washington from 1960 to 1963; assistant professor of orthodontics from 1963 to 1964; chairman of the department of orthodontics from 1963 to 1966; associate professor of orthodontics from 1966 to 1977; and professor of orthodontics since 1977. Dr. Dugoni pioneered and initiated the primary and mixed dentition orthodontic clinic at the University of the Pacific in 1963, which continues to operate under the direction of his son, Dr. Steven A. Dugoni, a diplomate of the American Board of Orthodontics and associate professor in the department of orthodontics.

On the state and local levels, Dr. Dugoni is past president of the California Dental Association, the San Mateo County Dental Society, the American Board of Orthodontics, the Pacific Coast Society of Orthodontists (Central Section), and the California Chapter of the American College of Dentists. Dr. Dugoni holds membership in the following honor societies: Tau Kappa Omega, Phi Kappa Phi, and Omicron Kappa Upsilon.

He is a fellow of the American and International College of Dentists and the Academy of Dentistry International. A member of the Pierre Fauchard Academy, Dr. Dugoni received their gold medal award (1996) and the Distinguished Service Award from the Northern California Chapter in 1982. His bibliography is listed in *Who's Who in California*, *Who's Who in the West*, *Who's Who in America*, *Who's Who in Dentistry*, *Who's Who in Medicine and Health Care*, *International Who's Who*, and the American Academy of Science.

Dr. Dugoni is a former president of the American Dental Association and the American Association of Dental Schools. An orthodontist from San Francisco, he served as Director of the American Board of Orthodontics from 1979 to 1986 and as President in 1986.

He is a founding member of the National Academies of Practice. He is an honorary member and recipient of an honorary fellowship from the Academy of General Dentistry and an honorary member of the American Academy of Oral Medicine. He has presented more than 600 lectures, papers, clinics, and essays throughout his career and is the author of over 100 published articles. Dr. Dugoni and his wife, Katherine, have seven children: Steven, Michael, Russell, Mary, Diane, Arthur, and James, and 15 grandchildren.

Candidates for Degrees

School of Allied Health Professions

Presented by J.M. Cairo, Ph.D., Dean

BACHELOR OF CARDIOPULMONARY SCIENCES

Stephanie Lane Adams
John William Blender
Kathy Ann Breaux
Elizabeth Anne Clement
Heather Elizabeth Edrington

Van Thi Lam
Terry Minh Le
Hong-Hoa Thi Nguyen
Brandy Love Rochon
Van Hong Tran*

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN MEDICAL TECHNOLOGY

Amee Marie Bouquet
Pamela Ann Bradley
Erin Elizabeth Courtney*†
Reneé Dorothea Dore*†
Victoria Lynn Fennessey
Shayna Lynn Harper*†
Andrea Ruth Hoffmann*†
Lucia Meewah Hui*†
Amanda Faye Gaar
Ashley Camille Lenfant*†
Melanie Denise McGary

Amanda Hawkins Menard*†
Martiza Johanna Montes de Oca
Bich Ngoc Thi Nguyen*
Hong Nhung Thi Nguyen*
Kim-Phuc Nguyen
Elizabeth Grace Perry
Ashley Denyse Rodrigue*††
Ronald Joseph Schiro*††
Kara Lynn Scimeca*††
Nakalah Trenae Taylor*††
Blake Milton Thibodaux

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN OPHTHALMIC MEDICAL TECHNOLOGY

Tuyet-Trinh Ngoc Bui
Desirée Vinti Smith
Kerry Ann Vicari

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN REHABILITATION SERVICES

Reba Dianne Casebolt*††
Kimberly Ann Daigle*††
Kali Lyn Fahrig*††
Carla Ann Havens*††
Heidi Simone Monceaux*††
Otho Nash Jr.*††

Christopher Leon Olsen*††
Pamela Michele Plaisance*††
Suzanne Cyrena Reed*††
Debra LaVonne Sauder*††
Katherine Laura Stafford*†
Amanda Louise Walker*††

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Candidates for Degrees

MASTER OF COMMUNICATION DISORDERS

Ashleigh Lauren Armand
Nicole Victoria Bourgeois
Janet Lynn Bradshaw
Jennifer Leigh Fontenot
Shelley Lamia Foster*††
Lesley Christine Gattuso*††
Nicholas Fredrick Lawrence*

Molly Marie McNeill
Erin Elizabeth Meade
Katherine Marie Milazzo
Katherine Beth Noto
Courtney Elizabeth Prince
Kelly Elizabeth Roig*††
Amanda Elizabeth Saia

MASTER OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

Hallie Claire Archer
Keith Michael Bowman
Brittany Michelle Burdsall*†
Taylor Jae Chevalier*†
Jessica Lynn Crow
Kimberley Anne Dominique
Shannon Elizabeth Fogarty
Carrienne Lorraine George
Jennie Sue Gilchrist
Jonathan Edward Green
Rebekah Ellen Harris
Nadia Lindsey Johnson
Shannon Rodrigue Keating
Tara Lynne LeBlanc
Yadira Michelle Lomax*†
Hoa Tuyet Thi Luu
Megan Leigh Mahaffey

Melissa Ann Marino
Elizabeth Dinn Marsh
Panika Belle Miles
David Ray Myers, Jr.
Terra Rae Nance
Jenna Marie Pastor
Matthew Gerard Robichaux
Shontell L. Robinson
Ashley Patricia Sarrat*
Andrea Michelle Sellier
Lorna Maria Sevilla
Natalie Forrest Smith
Rebecca Marie Taylor
Trisha Hirth Ventura
Donna Burns Winger
Katherine McClure Youngblood

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MASTER OF PHYSICAL THERAPY

Bethany Jean Anastasio*†
 Kristin Lynn Anderson*†
 John Michael Bienvenu*†
 Megan Louise Borruano*†
 Eric Wesley Cedor*†
 Janelle Ricole Coleman*†
 Sacha Anne Comeaux*†
 Rachel Comish*†
 Nina Mary Dubret*†
 Lydia Anne Finger*†
 Abigail Okule Foley*†
 Andrea Lynne Friedman*†
 Carmen Louise Hebert*†
 John Bruce Kelley*†
 Craig Leonard Kingrea*†
 Dayni Noel Langoni*†
 Lyndi Gayle LeBlanc*†

Haley Ann Ledet*†
 Shaun Michael Lopez*†
 Katharine Reagan McMillan*†
 Ryan Patrick McNeice*†
 Jeanne Claire Menard*†
 Hannah Marie Miller*†
 Mai Huynh Nguyen*†
 Kelein Latrice Oubre*†
 Bonnie Gail Phillpott*†
 Cathy Ann Rizzutto*†
 Amanda Erin Smith*†
 Margaret Louise Songy*†
 Dawn Elizabeth Taulbee*†
 Prentice Duane Thomas*†
 Mary Elizabeth Toups*†
 Kelly Lynn Whitney*†
 Robin Latoria Williams*†

MASTER OF HEALTH SCIENCES

Deborah Ann Allsbrook
 Christine Farrington Bayer
 Natalie Renee Burgess
 Jan Curtis Case*††
 Lilly Ann Flores*††
 Denise Griffin*
 Christopher Alan Howard
 Rennie Underwood Jacobs
 Riane Clare Ortego
 Sam Dennis Slavich Jr.
 Angela Wool Waltz

Rehabilitation Counseling
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 Medical Technology
 Rehabilitation Counseling
 Occupational Therapy
 Rehabilitation Counseling
 Rehabilitation Counseling
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Candidates for Degrees

School of Nursing

Presented by Demetrius Porche, D.N.S., Dean

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

Rebekah Kristen Adams*††
Yve Nicole Adams
Lisa Marie Alfortish*††
Allison Louise Allen*††
Angela Beth Ardoin
Monica E. Bacino
Gavin Nathan Baker*††
Rosy Vanessa Balmaceda*††
Michael Joseph Bannister
Jessica Stevenson Barlow*††
Christine Marie Barnett
Candice Michelle Barton
Erin Elizabeth Baur
Heather Rose Beeson, RN*†
Kristin E. Bergeron
Mark C. Bergeron*††
Kourtne M. Berry*††
Micah Blazek Bertrand*††
Jessica Elizabeth Biggerstaff*††
Tara Marie Blake*††
Meredith Barnes Bordelon*††
Lorie L. Bowers*
Jennifer Arynne Breau*††
Jennifer Lee Brock
Rosaleen Dana Brown*††
Sarah Emily Burnett*††
Rachel G. Camania
Catherine Charlene Campbell*††
Lauren Elizabeth Cangelosi*††
Pauline Eustis Carr*††
Ashley Lorraine Cassidy*††
Andrea C. Castillo
Lauren Elizabeth Cazayoux*††
Michael André Chalona Jr.*††
Aimee Marie Chiasson*††
Kaycie Cook Churchman
Morgan Ainsley Couvillion

Shan Allen Couvillion
Emily Cser*
Erica Anna Cuccia*††
Jonathan D Cycotte*††
Kristy Diane Dabdoub*††
Celeste A. Dale*††
DeAnna Alello Dardar
Patrick B. Dauterive, Jr.
Keri Donewar Deatrick*†
Amanda M. Devereux*
Candice Marie Dessens*††
Kristie R. DiVincenti
Thuy-Trang Thi Doan*††
Mary Broughton Doerries
Jasmine Douglas
Toni Zweifel Doyle*††
Trishana M. Ducros
Cherie Nichol Dugar*††
Marie Duhé
David A. Dumas Jr.*††
Christa M. Duplantist††
Marsha Elizabeth Dupuy
Tracy Elizabeth Dupuy
Benjamin A. Duval
Lauren L. Edgett
Tiffany P. Ferachi
Danielle Chiasson Fitzpatrick
Erin Kristin Folse*††
Kristi L. Foret
Lindsay Erin Foret*††
Jennifer Ann Foulon
Melanie L. Fulmer*†
Erika Leigh Fulton*††
Cherie Angele Ganucheau
Maggie Elizabeth Gary*††
Elizabeth Anne Glasier*††
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Ashley M. Gremillion
 Allyson Elizabeth Carra Grieshaber
 Michelle A. Griggs*
 Lindsay M. Haley
 Ashley Nicole Hamilton
 Nathan Hanberry
 Monique Piquét Harper*††
 Sarah Shelton Hastings
 Tetsuya Hayashi*††
 Staci Nicole Hebert*††
 Randal Joseph Herbert*††
 Ashli M. Hernandez
 Flabia G. Herrera
 Jennifer Sizeler Horton*††
 Charmagne Lee Hubert*††
 Brad M Jackson*††
 Cyntrell H. Janeau*†
 Lisa Marie Hughes
 Jessica Ryan Jacomo
 Kristy E. Jacox
 Rocquel Stephanie Johnson*††
 Meaza Kelemu*††
 Kacie Cecile Kellett*††
 Sarah E. Kimble*
 Amanda Theresa Koob
 Michele LeNormand Krebs*††
 Kayla Marie LaCaze
 Trang Thuy Lam
 Heidi Marie Landry
 Virginia Iris Lanson*††
 Amanda Rose LeBlanc
 Hollie Marie LeBlanc
 Susan Mahali Leeth
 Peggy Vollenweider Lentz
 Lauren Denise Marcello*††
 Jamie Lynn Martin
 Lisa Erin Martino*††

Beverly A. Matassa
 Chad Mazoué
 Allison P. McCardle
 Cristy Nicole McCully*††
 Reneé Michelle McGarry*††
 Holland Breath McGuire*††
 Emily J. Metzler
 Matthew E. Meunier
 Sarah Anne Meyer*††
 Lauren K. Michener
 Jennifer Leigh Mickenheim
 Jenna Lynn Miller
 Marie Kristine Dijamco Miller
 Leslie Rhett Moll
 Christina E. Moore
 Florencia Maria Moreno*††
 Jeanne Marie Murphy*††
 Alana T. Nagin*
 Mary Anh Thi Kim Nguyen*††
 Sean D. Nguyen*
 Nina Faith Nosacka*††
 Irene Okoronkwo
 Jennifer Rae Ourada*††
 Jessica Lynn Payne
 Ashley Suzanne Penot
 Kimberly Renee Petit*††
 Joseph Charles Philastre*††
 Amber Elizabeth Plymale
 Mary Margaret Price*††
 Alyce Lyn Puderer
 Lisa Ann Raymond*††
 Laura Elizabeth Reiland
 Michelle Marie Reynolds
 Yvette Michelle Ricks*††
 Debra Rivers
 Christina Marie Rome*††
 Emily R. Rorden*

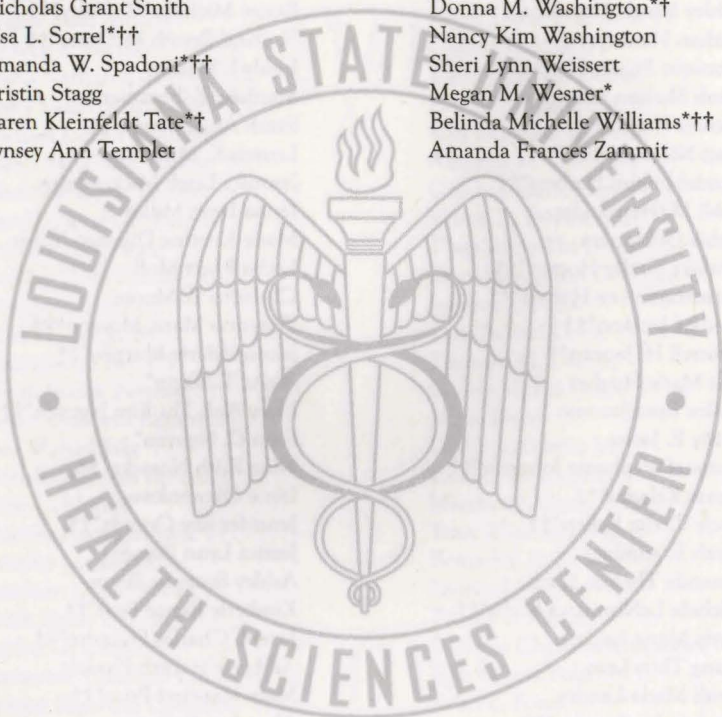
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Allison Ann Roussel
Tara Raye Savoie*††
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Michelle P. Sibille*††
Josephine Elizabeth Sims*††
Jonah S. Smith
Nicholas Grant Smith
Lisa L. Sorrel*††
Amanda W. Spadoni*††
Kristin Stagg
Karen Kleinfeldt Tate*†
Lynsey Ann Templet

Crystal Ann Thibodeaux*††
Amy Lynn Turner*††
Christine Dianne Vega*††
Kiara Vigo
Holli Michelle Villemarette
Hai Tuan Vu
Dana S. Wallace
Donna M. Washington*†
Nancy Kim Washington
Sheri Lynn Weissert
Megan M. Wesner*
Belinda Michelle Williams*††
Amanda Frances Zammit



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Candidates for Degrees

MASTER OF NURSING

Kevin Aikman	Nurse Anesthetist
Troy Albert	Nurse Anesthetist
Jeffrey Andre	Nurse Anesthetist
Thomas Armstrong	Nurse Anesthetist
Lisa Authement	Primary Care Nurse Practitioner
Arpana Bachiredy	Nurse Anesthetist
Gary Belt Bernard*††	Neonatal Nurse Practitioner
Debashree Borchardt	Nurse Anesthetist
Deborah Carey	Primary Care Nurse Practitioner
Jacqueline Cassidy	Nurse Anesthetist
Jennifer Palermo Christensen	Primary Care Nurse Practitioner
Emmy Cifreo	Nurse Anesthetist
Mary Colomer	Nurse Anesthetist
Anita T. Crutchfield	Primary Care Nurse Practitioner
Laura Downie	Nurse Anesthetist
Stephanie D. Dunaway	Nurse Anesthetist
Donna Duncan	Primary Care Nurse Practitioner
Dana Earley Faust	Nurse Anesthetist
Khaleelah Hasan*††	Clinical Nurse Specialist Public Health
Vicky Ellis-Hughes	Nurse Anesthetist
Jo Ann T. Friedrichs	Nurse Anesthetist
Alyssa Gaudet	Nurse Anesthetist
Debra Gauthier	Primary Care Nurse Practitioner
Minyon Gremillion	Nurse Anesthetist
Benton Hebert	Nurse Anesthetist
Julie Heitzmann	Nurse Anesthetist
Glenn House, Sr.	Nurse Anesthetist
Synethia Hunter	Nurse Anesthetist
Melissa Jenkins	Nurse Anesthetist
Cindy Jones	Nurse Anesthetist
Nason Landreneau	Nurse Anesthetist
Elizabeth LaSalle	Nurse Anesthetist
Ron Lim	Nurse Anesthetist
Catherine Miller Marcus*††	Neonatal Nurse Practitioner
Rebecca Mason	Nurse Anesthetist
Connie McAlpin	Nurse Anesthetist
Scott McCain	Nurse Anesthetist
Jamie McDonald	Primary Care Nurse Practitioner
Hershel Morris, III	Nurse Anesthetist
Charles Nobles	Nurse Anesthetist
Leslie Nolden	Primary Care Nurse Practitioner

Candidates for Degrees

Kyle O'Blanc
Stephanie Phillips
Shola Prevost
Hal Robin
Jennifer Schopp
Louise Segura
Jay Seymour
Antiqua Smart
Gina St. Germain
Carolyn Robinson-Thomas*††
Casey Strobel
Regarner Thompson
Troy Tolbird, Jr.
Patick Trainor
LaJuan Verret
Stephen Walker
Chereé Wiggins*††
Mark Wright

Nurse Anesthetist
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Nurse Anesthetist
Nurse Anesthetist
Nurse Anesthetist
Primary Care Nurse Practitioner
Nurse Anesthetist
Clinical Nurse Specialist Adult Health
Nurse Anesthetist
Primary Care Nurse Practitioner
Nurse Anesthetist
Nurse Anesthetist
Primary Care Nurse Practitioner
Nurse Anesthetist
Clinical Nurse Specialist Adult Health
Primary Care Nurse Practitioner

DOCTOR OF NURSING SCIENCE

Susan Orlando

Major Professor: Dr. Yvonne Sterling

Dissertation: "The Effect of Co-Bedding Hospitalized Preterm Multiple Birth Infants on Selected Physiologic Variables and Behavioral Cues"

Sharon Young Buras*†

Major Professor: Dr. Jacqueline Rhoads

Dissertation: "Comparison of Conflict Styles of Adults with Self-Reported Major Depression or Alcohol Dependence Symptoms"

Lisa Potier Broussard*††

Major Professor: Dr. Young Sterling

Dissertation: "Empowerment in School Nursing Practice: A Grounded Theory Approach"

Robbie J. Dugas*†

Major Professor: Dr. Jane Sumner

Dissertation: "Generational Life Pattern of Inter-marriage and Family Formation: An Ethnographic Study of Acadian's with Friedreich's Ataxia"

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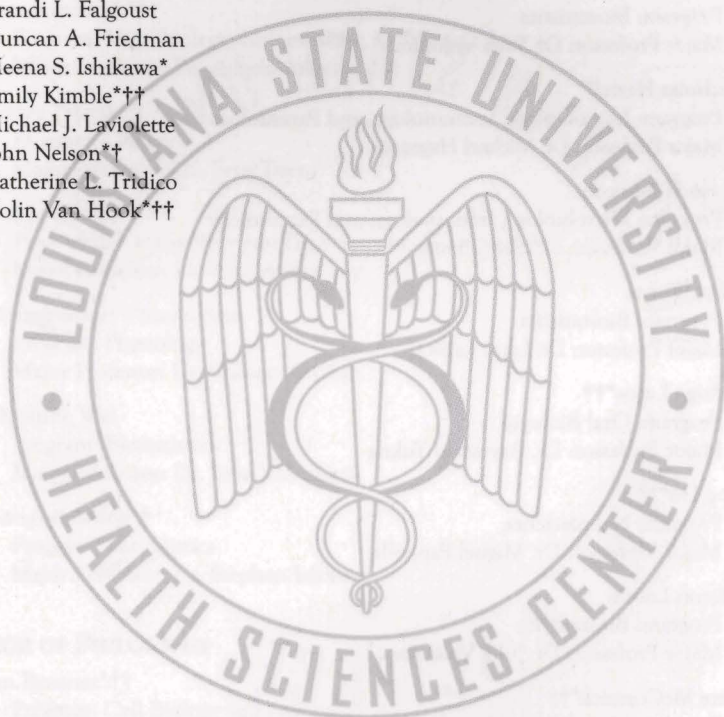
Candidates for Degrees

School of Public Health

Presented by Elizabeth T.H. Fontham, Dr. P.H., Dean

MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Stacey A. Anderson
Hasan Bakhtier*†
Sidney B. Brevard
Parishkar Chauhan*†
Brandi L. Falgoust
Duncan A. Friedman
Meena S. Ishikawa*
Emily Kimble*††
Michael J. Laviolette
John Nelson*†
Catherine L. Tridico
Colin Van Hook*††



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Candidates for Degrees

School of Graduate Studies

Presented by Joseph M. Moerschbaeche, III, Ph.D., Dean

MASTER OF SCIENCE

Mohamad Albzreh*††

Program: Oral Biology

Major Professor: Dr. Raymond Yukna

Michelle Finch*†

Program: Biostatistics

Major Professor: Dr. Julia Voloufova

Nicholas Herrel*

Program: Microbiology, Immunology, and Parasitology

Major Professor: Dr. Michael Hagensee

Clorinda Johnson

Program: Microbiology, Immunology, and Parasitology

Major Professor: Dr. Seth Pincus

Robyn Kuhn

Program: Biostatistics

Major Professor: Dr. Lynn LaMotte

Rodrigo Lagos*††

Program: Oral Biology

Major Professor: Dr. Raymond Yukna

Fang Liu*††

Program: Neuroscience

Major Professor: Dr. Miguel Pappolla

Clinton Lovell

Program: Biostatistics

Major Professor: Dr. Julia Voloufova

Clare McCormick*††

Program: Microbiology, Immunology, and Parasitology

Major Professor: Dr. Richard O'Callaghan

Emily Mire

Program: Biostatistics

Major Professor: Dr. Lynn LaMotte

Kathryn Monds*††

Program: Microbiology, Immunology, and Parasitology

Major Professor: Dr. Richard O'Callaghan

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Alaa Moustafa*†

Program: Oral Biology

Major Professor: Dr. Shawky Mohamed

Daniel Navar

Program: Neuroscience

Major Professor: Dr. John Porter

Tara Randolph*††

Program: Microbiology, Immunology, and Parasitology

Major Professor: Dr. Angela Amedee

Aimee Talarski*†

Program: Genetics

Major Professor: Dr. Fern Tsien

Diana Velasquez*††

Program: Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics

Major Professor: Dr. Andrew Catling

Chandrasekar Viswanathan

Program: Physiology

Major Professor: Dr. William Chilian

Christine Wei

Program: Biostatistics

Major Professor: Dr. Julia Voloufova

Hongwei Wang*†

Program: Biostatistics

Major Professor: Dr. Stephen Looney

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Ian Brauner*††

Program: Cell Biology and Anatomy

Professor: Dr. Judith Venuti

Dissertation: *"Exploring the Role of Canonical Wnt Signaling During Embryonic Muscle Development"*

Nicole LeCapitaine*†

Program: Physiology

Professor: Dr. William Chilian

Dissertation: *"Deletion of the p66 Gene Attenuates the Cardiomyopathy produced in a Murine Model of Diabetes by Preserving Cardiac Stem Cell Function"*

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Brajesh Kumar††

Program: Biochemistry and Molecular Biology

Major Professor: Dr. Arthur Haas

Dissertation: "Structure-Function Analysis of the Ubiquitin Conjugating Enzyme Ser120 in the Ubiquitin Ligation Pathway"

Jennifer Lentz

Program: Genetics

Major Professor: Dr. Bronya Keats

Dissertation: "Animal Models of Usher Syndrome Type IC"

Sarah Hoffmann Lindsey

Program: Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics

Major Professor:

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Dissertation: "Interruptions in the GAA • TTC Repeat of Friedreich Ataxia Alleviate DNA Triplex Formation"

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Dissertation: "Biogenesis of the alpha7 Nicotinic Acetylcholine Receptor"

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Dissertation: "Transcriptional Regulation of Matrix Metalloproteinase-9 Gene Expression by Platelet-Activating Factor: The role of MEK/ERK signaling pathway in the overturn of Sp1 from a repressor to an inducing element in human corneal epithelial cells"

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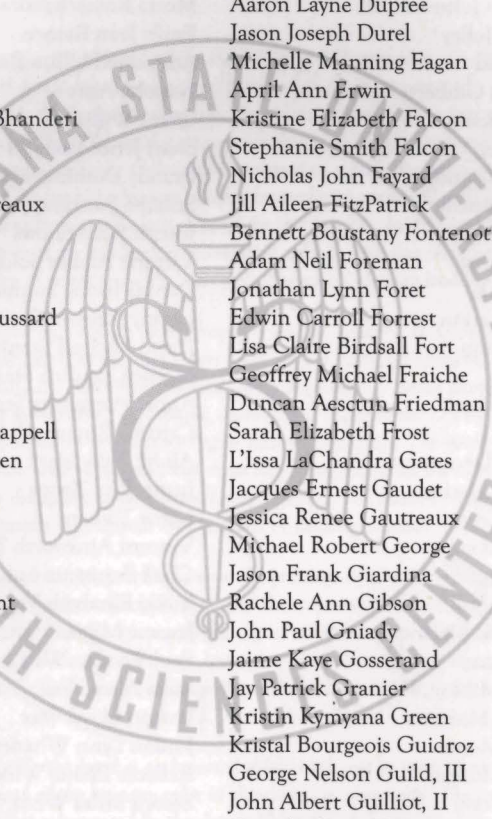
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Academic Traditions

The celebration of commencement is a rich tapestry of tradition. Each tradition adds to the pageantry and the majesty of one of the Health Sciences Center's most solemn, yet joyous occasions. The conferring of degrees is formal recognition that our graduates have attained mastery of the healing arts and sciences and are fully prepared to accept the sacred trust which will soon be bestowed upon them by their patients and clients. This is a very special day for the entire LSU Health Sciences Center family, and so that the meaning of this ceremony will be deepened and the celebration more fitting the magnitude of accomplishment of our faculty and students, the Health Sciences Center has woven a number of time-honored traditions into our commencement tapestry.

Academic Regalia

The origins of academic regalia date back to the 12th and 13th centuries. The long robe and hood were borrowed from clerical dress with a nod toward practicality for the warmth the costume provided in unheated and drafty halls. While proper academic dress was defined for the first time during the reign of Henry VIII at Oxford and Cambridge, it was not until the 19th century and, then only in the United States, that it was standardized. Colors were assigned to signify the various areas of scholarly pursuit. Green, the color of medieval herbs, was chosen for medicine, and golden yellow, representing the wealth produced by scientific research, was selected for the sciences. In 1932, the American Council on Education approved an academic costume code which, with few changes, is still used today. The principle features of academic dress are three: The gown, the cap and the hood.

The Gown. The flowing black gown comes from the twelfth century. It has become symbolic of the democracy of scholarship, for it completely covers dress of rank or social standing beneath. Gowns with pointed sleeves designate the Associate and Bachelor's degree; long, closed sleeves are used for the Master's degree, with a slit for the arm; and round, open sleeves indicate the Doctor's degree. The gown worn for Associate, Bachelor's or Master's degree has no trimmings. The gown for the Doctor's degree is faced down the front with velvet and has three bars of velvet across the sleeves, in the color distinctive of the faculty or discipline to which the degree pertains. For certain institutions, the official colors of the college or university may appear on the gown or its decorations.

The Cap. The freed slave in Ancient Rome won the privilege of wearing a cap, and so the academic cap is a sign of the freedom of scholarship and the responsibility and dignity with which scholarship endows the wearer. Old poetry records the cap of scholarship as a square to symbolize the book, although some authorities claim the mortar board is a symbol of the masons, a privileged guild. The color of the tassel on the cap denotes the discipline, although a gold tassel may be worn with any Doctor's gown.

The Hood. Heraldically, the hood is an inverted shield with one or more chevrons of a secondary color on the ground of the primary color of the college or university. The color of the face of the hood denotes the discipline represented by the degree; the color of the lining of the hood designates the university or college from which the degree was granted.

The academic colors used in LSU Health Sciences Center's commencement ceremony are green for medicine, lilac for dentistry, apricot for nursing, gold for allied health professions, dark blue for graduate studies, and salmon for public health.

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The University Mace

The academic mace comes from a heritage imbued with tradition and symbolism. Long held as a symbol of strength and authority, there are a number of theories about its origin. Although some say the word mace is derived from the French word *masse*, meaning club, one of the earliest references to a mace was an ebony-black effigy discovered in King Tut's tomb of "a King, gold-sandalled, bearing staff and mace". During medieval times, the mace of arms was cast as a weapon—a heavy staff or club often made of iron with a spiked end used by knights to penetrate and break armor. Bodyguards carried maces to protect their royals in processions.

But by the 14th century, the use of maces was becoming more ceremonial, sometimes carried in processions of civil ceremonies with mayors and other dignitaries. The mace began to lose its warlike appearance, instead being adorned with jewels and precious metals. Maces were not used as weapons after the 16th century. The first dated record of the mace's transition to academics was in 1385 when a mace was carried at the University of Vienna.

Today, the British Parliament, the Congress of the United States, and many other governmental bodies use stationary ceremonial maces. Increasingly more universities are embracing the enduring tradition of heralding their academic processions with a ceremonial mace, carried before the university leadership as an ensign of authority, dignity, succession, and the rich symbolism unique to each university.

The mace of the LSU Health Sciences Center in New Orleans was designed to define the Center and to reflect its missions and its heritage. The mace is topped with the mother pelican feeding her young taken from the Louisiana State Seal. The nest rests atop a custom-made purple glass globe, engraved with the names of the six professional schools of LSU Health Sciences Center in New Orleans. The neck of the solid mahogany staff is finished in gold, adorned with the symbols depicting the four missions of the health sciences center—education, patient care, research, and outreach, as well as a representation of Hygieia, the daughter of Aesculapius and the Goddess of Health. The base is finished with the founding year, 1931, and decorated with a fleur-de-lis, to recognize the founding of the Health Sciences Center in New Orleans.

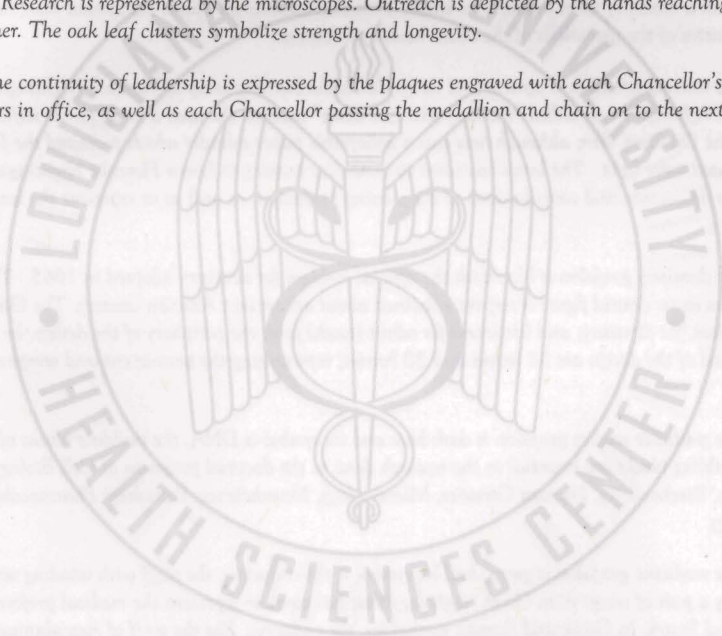
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The Chain of Office

A symbol of authority whose origins may lie in chains bearing portraits of monarchs given to scholars as signs of honor and favor, or in the badge of office said to date back to the age of chivalry when officials were more readily identifiable by their badges of rank, the chain of office is steeped in ceremonial significance.

The Chain of Office of LSU Health Sciences Center in New Orleans, fashioned in bronze, represents the authority and great responsibility of the Chancellor as head of the university. A medallion encircling the seal of the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center engraved with the year of its founding is suspended by a chain incorporating symbols of the Center's fourfold mission. Education is represented by the books upon which the names of the six schools of the center are engraved. Patient care is represented by the stethoscopes, used in clinical disciplines spanning our schools. Research is represented by the microscopes. Outreach is depicted by the hands reaching out to each other. The oak leaf clusters symbolize strength and longevity.

The continuity of leadership is expressed by the plaques engraved with each Chancellor's name and years in office, as well as each Chancellor passing the medallion and chain on to the next.



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The University Gonfalons

A gonfalon is a flag that hangs from a crosspiece or frame. The first gonfalons were displayed in medieval Italy as an ensign of state or office as well as in ecclesiastical processions. From the Germanic compound *gund-fanon* (battle flag), gonfalons were also used as flags of battle. They are frequently seen at the heads of religious or military processions, always accompanied by "valets" or "honor guards". Many universities around the world have adopted them to lead academic processions as they comprise a unique and colorful ceremonial display. The gonfalons are made in the appropriate academic color for each school, and contain a visual element representing the academic discipline of the school, as well as the university seal.

Da Vinci's Vitruvian Man is the symbol on allied health's golden gonfalon. Vitruvius, a Roman engineer of the first century B.C. influenced da Vinci's drawings of the human body. The drawing is based upon a model of ideal proportions which Vitruvius established and is the symbol most frequently representative of the specialties of the allied health professions.

The nursing gonfalon is apricot and its symbol is the burning lamp of Florence Nightingale. Florence Nightingale was called "the lady with the lamp" because she used a lamp in her selfless duty in the Crimean War, although hers was a collapsible paper cylinder which protected the flame and diffused more light. The lamp has come to symbolize nursing to honor Florence Nightingale's enormous dedication and contributions to the nursing profession, as well as to represent the lamp of knowledge.

The dentistry gonfalon is lilac with the official emblem for dentistry adopted in 1965. The design uses as its central figure a serpent entwined about an ancient Arabian cautery. The Greek letter (delta), for dentistry, and (omicron) for odont (tooth) form the periphery of the design. In the background of the design are 32 leaves and 20 berries, representing the permanent and temporary teeth.

The graduate studies gonfalon is dark blue and its symbol is DNA, the building blocks of life. These building blocks are essential in the research done in the doctoral programs of Cell Biology and Anatomy, Biochemistry, Human Genetics, Microbiology, Neuroscience, Pathology, Pharmacology, and Physiology.

The medicine gonfalon is green, and its symbol is the caduceus, the staff with winding serpents topped by a pair of wings from Greek mythology that has come to represent the medical profession in the United States. In Greek and Roman mythology, the caduceus, like the staff of Aesculapius, was associated with healing and immortality. Both were used as printer's marks from the 16th century on, especially as frontispieces to pharmacopoeias in the 17th and 18th centuries. One theory postulates that as printers saw themselves as messengers of the printed word and thus disseminators of knowledge, they chose the symbol of the messenger of the ancient gods, Hermes. The United States Army adopted the caduceus as the official emblem of its medical department in 1902, cementing its use as such in this country.

Hygieia, the Greek goddess of health, adorns the public health gonfalon. The granddaughter of Apollo and the most important of Asclepius' five daughters, Hygieia personifies physical and psychic health. She was said to relieve illness in humans as well as animals through diet and medication. Often depicted feeding a snake wrapped around her body, Hygieia was sometimes called "The Health". Derived from the Greek word, *hygieinos*, meaning healthful, Hygieia survives today in the word hygiene—a basic preventive discipline in public health.

