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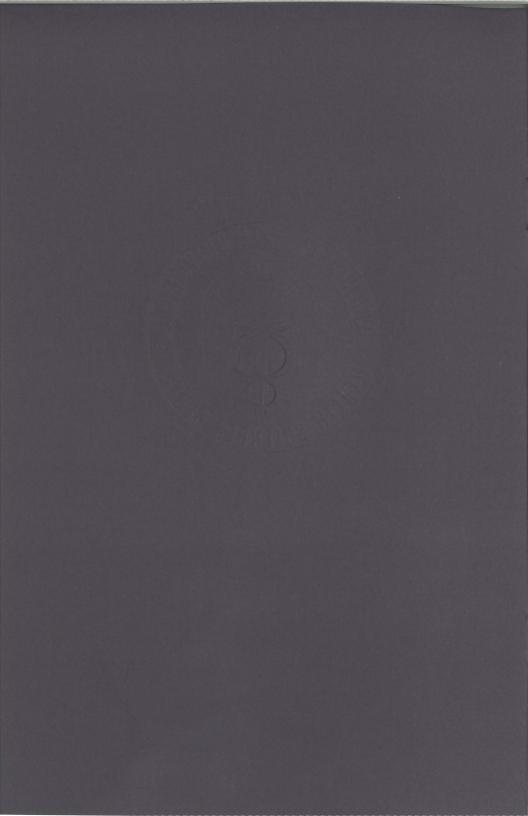
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144th Commencement May 17, 2018





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Lakefront Arena 6801 Franklin Avenue New Orleans, LA

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 of Physiology sic Science Curriculum, School of Medicine	
Music	Bienville Brass Under the direction of Dr. Joseph Skillen	
Bearer of the Mace	. Joseph M. Moerschbaecher, III, Ph.D. Vice-Chancellor for Academic Affairs Dean, School of Graduate Studies	
Procession of the Platform Party	William Bryant Faust, IV, Ed.D. University Registrar Instructor of Pharmacology	
Faculty Marshals	Andrew Pellett, Ph.D. Department Head Cardiopulmonary Science	
Associate Proj	John Zamjahn, Ph.D., R.R.T. Sessor of Clinical Cardiopulmonary Sciences	
Procession of the Faculty		
Student Marshals	Jason "Jay" Mussell, Ph.D. iate Professor of Cell Biology and Anatomy	
Assis	Lisa M. Campeau, M.D. tant Professor of Cell Biology and Anatomy	
Procession of the Students	Betsy Giaimo Instructor of Physiology	
Procession of the Candidates in Allied Health Pr Gonfalonier		
Procession of the Candidates in Nursing Gonfalonier	Hieu Minh Tran Doctor of Nursing Practice Candidate	
Procession of the Candidates in Public Health Gonfalonier	Aubrey Elizabeth Gilliland Master of Public Health Candidate	
Procession of the Candidates in Graduate Studie Gonfalonier	s	
Procession of the Candidates in Dentistry Gonfalonier		
Procession of the Candidates in Medicine Gonfalonier		

The Commencement Ceremony

Opening Proclamation	Joseph M. Moerschbaecher, III, Ph.D. Vice-Chancellor for Academic Affairs Dean, School of Graduate Studies
National Anthem	
Invocation	Victoria Frances Marie Serven Doctor of Medicine Candidate
Welcome and Opening Remarks	Larry H. Hollier, M.D. Chancellor
Introduction of Commencement Speaker	Dean G. Smith, Ph.D. Dean, School of Public Health
Commencement AddressS	
Conferring of Degrees	Rolfe McCollister Member, LSU Board of Supervisors
	James M. Williams Member, LSU Board of Supervisors
Benediction	Chrishonda Marie Whitlock
	Master of Physician Assistant Studies Graduate
Closing Proclamation	Joseph M. Moerschbaecher, III, Ph.D.
CH D	Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Dean, School of Graduate Studies
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The Recessional

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

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



Rebekah E. Gee, M.D., M.P.H.

Secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health

Commencement Speaker

Dr. Rebekah Gee is the Secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health, the state's largest agency with a budget of \$14 billion. Her oversight responsibilities include public health and other direct service programs for citizens in need such as behavioral health, developmental disabilities, aging and adult services, emergency preparedness, and the Medicaid program. Under Dr. Gee's leadership, over 470,000 Louisianans are newly insured under Louisiana's Medicaid Expansion, and for the first time, many are receiving much needed primary and preventive health care.

Dr. Gee is an Obstetrician/Gynecologist and brings a caregivers' perspective to the people she serves. She is also a trained policy expert who has served in numerous state and national policy roles and in 2017 she was elected to the National Academy of Medicine. Prior to her role as Secretary, Dr. Gee served as the director for the Birth Outcomes Initiative where she led the charge to decrease infant mortality and prematurity statewide – an effort that in part led to a 25% reduction in infant mortality, an 85% drop in elective deliveries before 39 weeks and a 10% drop in NICU admissions statewide.

She is the mother of five energetic children and lives in New Orleans.



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Dissertation: Patient, Provider, and Policy Factors Associated with the Uptake of Most and Moderately Effective Methods (MMEMs) of Contraception Among the Louisiana Medicaid Population at Risk of Unintended Pregnancy, With A Special Focus on the Utilization of Long-Acting Reversible Contraceptives Among Those Using MMEMs

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Dissertation: The Effectiveness of Different Educational Resources for Teaching Neck Anatomy to First-Year Dental Students

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Dissertation: MLH3 Isoforms: The Difference 72 Nucleotides Makes in GAA • TTC Repeat Expansion

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Dissertation: A Study of Kinesin-5 Mechanotransduction in Multi-Motor
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Dissertation: Brain Corticotropin-Releasing Factor (CRF) Signaling

Mediates Traumatic Stress-Induced Behaviors

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Dissertation: Mechanistic Conservation in Nedd4-2/NEDD4L-Catalyzed Polyubiquitin Chain Assembly

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School of Medicine

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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.

Academic Traditions

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 at 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 at 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 at New Orleans.

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The Chain of Office

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 at 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.



Academic Traditions

The University Gonfalons

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.

