



5TH ANNUAL CEREMONY

**School of Physician
Assistant Studies**
2020 Commencement



**MARSHALL B. KETCHUM
UNIVERSITY**

November 14, 2020 at 10:00 A.M.



ABOUT MARSHALL B. KETCHUM UNIVERSITY

In 1904, Dr. Marshall B. Ketchum, a pharmacist and physician began a school in Los Angeles, California with the humble mission of teaching students how to refract and fit glasses to help people see better. His commitment to compassion, innovation and excellence set the highest standards for the field. With a deep responsibility to students, patients and the community, the University's vital role in shaping the best and brightest minds in health care lives on.

In 2009, under the leadership of President Kevin L. Alexander, the campus responded to the changing face of health care with the decision to add other health care programs. To accommodate new programs, the University was established in 2013, and named after our founder, Marshall B. Ketchum. The result is a model institution immersing students in an interprofessional environment and expecting the highest quality of care and discovery from every student who passes through our doors.

Today, Marshall B. Ketchum University is leading a momentous change in health care education. Each student optometrist, Physician Assistant or pharmacist has the ability and opportunity and work together to positively affect the lives of those seeking health care. In this way, our institution remains dedicated to providing only the highest level of education preparing students for the interprofessional delivery of health care.

To the Physician Assistant Class of 2020, welcome to your new opportunity to contribute as health care providers, alumni mentors and proud believers in the value of your Marshall B. Ketchum University education.

The future is expecting you.

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ORDER OF *Exercise*

PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL

Pomp and Circumstance
Music by Pianist Steve Siu

WELCOME

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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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INTRODUCTIONS AND CONGRATULATIONS

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PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR THE MASTER OF MEDICAL SCIENCE
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CONFERRING OF THE MASTER OF MEDICAL SCIENCE DEGREE
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PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS AND PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT CERTIFICATES

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Class of 2020 graduates are requested to stand and recite the pledge by reading aloud, with Physician Assistant Fineman. Physician Assistants joining our broadcast are invited to stand and take this opportunity to reaffirm “The Physician Assistant Oath” together with today’s Physician Assistant degree recipients. The Oath is located on the back cover of today’s program.

REMARKS TO GRADUATES

President Kevin L. Alexander

RECESSIONAL

Music by Pianist Steve Siu



MASTER OF *Medical Science*
AND PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT CERTIFICATE

CANDIDATES FOR THE MASTER OF MEDICAL SCIENCE DEGREE
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♡ Completed the MBKU Student Leadership Development Certificate Program.



A photograph of graduates in blue gowns and caps, seen from behind, holding programs during a ceremony. The scene is dimly lit with stage lights in the background. The graduates are standing in rows, and the programs they are holding have a blue cover with white text. The overall atmosphere is formal and celebratory.

Congratulations to the Class of 2020

ACADEMIC *Regalia*

The academic gowns that you see today represent a tradition that we inherited from the universities of the Middle Ages. Those institutions were founded by the church; and the students, being clerics, were obliged to wear their clerical gowns and caps at all times. Through the ages, these regalia were altered to accommodate both fashion and fancy.

In the United States, academic gowns are usually black, but the way they are worn and their cut distinguishes the wearer's academic degree. The bachelor's gown is worn closed; the master's and doctor's gown may be worn open or closed. Also, the sleeves of the gowns are shaped differently according to the level of degree: a bachelor's gown has long, pointed sleeves; a master's gown has oblong sleeves that are square in the back and have an arc cut away in the front; and a doctor's gown has bell-shaped sleeves. In addition, velvet panels and chevrons, either in black or the color representing the academic discipline, distinguish doctoral gowns.

The mortarboards or tams for all degree holders are black. The tassels attached to the mortarboards can be black, the color that the individual academic disciplines choose to represent their field, or in the case of faculty, gold. The hood is the most outstanding and colorful feature of the regalia. It is lined with the colors of the institution from which the wearers received their degrees. Its size and shape indicate the wearer's degree; and its collar is the color of the academic discipline.

Kelly green is the color used by Physician Assistant. Optometry wears seafoam green. Pharmacy uses khaki green. The colors are used for both the tassel and the velvet trim on the hood. The purple and gold satin lining of the hood represents the traditional colors of Marshall B. Ketchum University.

Along with the degree holder being identified by gown style and hood color, the holder is further identified by his place in the procession. Those having the highest faculty seniority are always positioned at the end of the processional.

UNIVERSITY MACE

Colleges and universities often employ a "mace" to connect the institution's customs with the best traditions of higher education dating to the first universities founded during the Middle Ages. A mace symbolizes authority, learning and scholarship, history, reputation and values. It suggests commemoration, elegance, honor, pageantry, purpose, quality, solemnity, stability and continuity.



HONORED *Guest*



JOHN MABEE, PHD, PA-C

Dr. Mabee holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology from The University of The State of New York, a Physician Assistant Certificate from Northeastern University, a Certificate of Completion - Physician Assistant Residency in Emergency Medicine at the Los Angeles County-University of Southern California (LAC-USC) Medical Center, a Master of Science degree in Biology from California State University, Los Angeles, and a PhD in Biomedical Sciences from The Union Institute and University. He has over 20 years of experience as a clinically practicing Physician Assistant, 17 of which were spent at LAC-USC Medical Center in emergency medicine serving the needs of a diverse, medically underserved population. In 2001, he joined the Keck School of Medicine of USC Physician Assistant program as a full-time faculty member, and retired in 2015 after 14 years as a Physician Assistant educator. In retirement, he has continued to intermittently work as a medical educator in an online learning platform with Hippo Education, and here at Marshall B. Ketchum University's Physician Assistant program where he has received the annual Outstanding Clinical Lecturer Award numerous times. His academic experience includes teaching at the college and professional school level, bench-side laboratory research, and clinical investigations involving human subjects. Dr. Mabee has 19 peer-reviewed publications, 8 abstracts, and has received multiple invitations to lecture at professional conferences. He has also served as a test item writer for the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA) for 15 years. For ten of those years, he chaired a test-writing committee for the Physician Assistant National Recertification Examination (PANRE). Additionally, he also served as chair of the test-writing committee for NCCPA's certificate of added qualification (CAQ) examination in Orthopaedic Surgery for four years. His personal interests include music and Tae Kwon Do, where he holds the rank of 4th degree black belt (Tae Kwon Do master).



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THE PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT *Oath*

I PLEDGE TO PERFORM THE FOLLOWING DUTIES
WITH HONESTY AND DEDICATION:

I will hold as my primary responsibility the health, safety, welfare
and dignity of all human beings.

I will uphold the tenets of patient autonomy, beneficence,
nonmaleficence and justice.

I will recognize and promote the value of diversity.

I will treat equally all persons who seek my care.

I will hold in confidence the information shared in the course
of practicing medicine.

I will assess my personal capabilities and limitations, striving
always to improve my medical practice.

I will actively seek to expand my knowledge and skills,
keeping abreast of advances in medicine.

I will work with other members of the health care team to
provide compassionate and effective care of patients.

I will use my knowledge and experience to contribute
to an improved community.

I will respect my professional relationship with the physician.

I will share and expand knowledge within the profession.

THESE DUTIES ARE PLEDGED WITH SINCERITY
AND UPON MY HONOR.

