



4TH ANNUAL CEREMONY

2023 *Commencement*



MARSHALL B. KETCHUM
UNIVERSITY
COLLEGE OF PHARMACY

May 19, 2023 at 10:00 A.M.



MARSHALL B. KETCHUM
UNIVERSITY

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PATIENT CARE

A STORIED *History*

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, after a thorough process anticipating the future of health care, the campus community responded with the decision to add other health care programs. Led by Founding President, Dr. Kevin L. Alexander, the University was established to accommodate new programs in 2013 and is named after Dr. 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 to 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 College of Pharmacy Class of 2023, welcome to your new opportunity to contribute as health care providers, alumni mentors and proud believers in the value of your MBKU education.

The future is expecting you.

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ORDER OF *Exercise*

PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL

Pomp and Circumstance – Sir Edward Elgar
Please remain seated during the academic procession.

WELCOME

Julie A. Schornack, OD, MEd
*President of the University
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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Dev Udani
President, Class of 2023

INTRODUCTIONS AND CONGRATULATIONS

President Julie A. Schornack
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Shushma Patel, PharmD

RECOGNITION OF HONOR RECIPIENTS

Judy Ortiz, PhD, PA-C
Interim Dean, College of Pharmacy



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Sandy Samir Farg

GRADUATION HONORS

Judy Ortiz, PhD, PA-C

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR THE DOCTOR OF PHARMACY DEGREE

Dianna Lopez, MA
Assistant Dean for Student Affairs

CONFERRING OF THE DOCTOR OF PHARMACY DEGREE

President Julie A. Schornack

ADMINISTRATION OF THE OATH OF THE PHARMACIST

Javad Tafreshi, PharmD

Doctor of Pharmacy degree recipients are requested to stand and take the pledge by reading aloud, with Dr. Javad Tafreshi, "Oath of the Pharmacist." Members of the audience holding the Doctor of Pharmacy degree are invited to stand and take this opportunity to reaffirm "Oath of the Pharmacist" together with today's degree recipients. The oath is located on the back cover of today's program.

REMARKS TO GRADUATES

President Julie A. Schornack

RECESSIONAL

Eine Kleine Nachtmusik – Wolfgang Mozart
The audience is requested to remain seated until all those in academic attire have left the theater.



Candidates

VALEDICTORIAN

Tony Ahn

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF PHARMACY

Tony Ahn (<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>)	Alexis Hu (<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>)	Anh Pham (<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>)
Alina Timurovna Alayeva	Chloe Huynh	Shirin Rad
Andrea Arevalo	John Huynh (<i>Cum Laude</i>)	Alicia Michelle Tanabe
Luiza Baloyan	Julie Jiyoung Kim (<i>Cum Laude</i>)	Denise Camille Tannous (<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>)
Katie Berryman (<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>)	Khang Bao Lam (<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>)	Rachel Tarmidi (<i>Cum Laude</i>)
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Nghiem Croucier (<i>Cum Laude</i>)	Christopher Cao Nguyen (<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>)	Jason Truong (<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>)
Raneem Darwich	Kathy Thi Nguyen	Dev Udani
Danny Dinhvu	Linda Nguyen	Steffanie Sang Mouy Ung (<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>)
Lillianne Bao Chau Do	Nathan Nhan Nguyen (<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>)	Marianito Eddy Wauneka
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Trang Hong (<i>Cum Laude</i>)	Lindsey Perez	

SUMMA CUM LAUDE 3.80 – 4.00

MAGNA CUM LAUDE 3.60 – 3.79

CUM LAUDE 3.40 – 3.59

Completed the MBKU Student Leadership Development Certificate Program



HONORED *Quest*



SHUSHMA PATEL, PHARM.D

Shushma Patel is an accomplished pharmacist and owner of The Prescription Shop, an independent pharmacy in Montebello that has been a model of community health partnership for over 65 years. She graduated with a Pharmacy degree from the Brighton School of Pharmacy in Sussex, England 1985 and was admitted to the Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain the following year. During her pre-registration internships at the Royal Alexandra Children's Hospital in Brighton, Sussex, and John Radcliffe Hospital in Oxford, England, she developed a passion for community service and saw firsthand how her knowledge of medicine could impact patient lives across the full continuum of healthcare needs from the young to elderly.

Shushma has had a distinguished career in the corporate world, with over 30 years of experience in various retail settings, starting with Osco Drugs in California. She excelled in successive corporate mergers, including Sav-On, Albertson's, and more recently, CVS Caremark. As a District Pharmacy Manager for a 65-store business portfolio, she won numerous recognition awards for delivering breakthrough achievements in managing both front-end and pharmacy operations. She has also served as a mentor and inspiration to countless women entering the healthcare profession.

In addition to her corporate career, Shushma has played many diverse leadership roles in industry associations and the local Montebello community. She currently serves on the Foundation Board of Trustees for the Beverly Hospital and has been an active Board Member of the Montebello Rotary Club since 2012, where she served as President for an annual term. Shushma is also a current Advisory Board Member of the Indian Pharmacist's Association, where she previously served successive terms as Chairman and Past President from 2008 to 2012.

Shushma's passion for community service extends beyond her professional endeavors. She is a certified Diabetic Educator and an enthusiastic proponent of spreading healthcare literacy, particularly amongst community members at risk of potential life-threatening conditions such as Diabetes and Cardiovascular ailments. She regularly holds counseling sessions on this topic both at The Prescription Shop Pharmacy and at many surrounding residential care facilities in conjunction with local physicians and pharmaceutical companies.

Shushma was born in Tanzania and raised in London, England. She is one of four siblings and currently resides in Chino Hills with her two children; a daughter that shares her passion for public healthcare advocacy and a son who is an investment banker. She is licensed as a pharmacist with both the California State Board and the Nevada State Board of Pharmacy and completed her Master's in Business Administration in 2005.





Congratulations to



The Class of 2023

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.

Student academic achievement at graduation with the Latin Honor System based on final grades at the end of the third professional year. Students who achieved Cum Laude status earned a grade point average of 3.40 to 3.59. They are wearing white honor cords. Students who earned Magna Cum Laude status had a grade point average of 3.60 to 3.79 and are wearing silver honor cords. Students who earned Summa Cum Laude status had a grade point average of 3.80 to 4.0 and wear gold honor cords.

Optometry is represented by the color sea foam green. The Physician Assistants wear kelly green. Pharmacy uses olive 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 their 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.





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THE *Oath* OF THE PHARMACIST

WITH FULL DELIBERATION I FREELY AND SOLEMNLY PLEDGE THAT:

I promise to devote myself to a lifetime of service to others through the profession of pharmacy. In fulfilling this vow:

I will consider the welfare of humanity and relief of suffering my primary concerns.

I will apply my knowledge, experience, and skills to the best of my ability to assure optimal outcomes for my patients.

I will respect and protect all personal and health information entrusted to me.

I will accept the lifelong obligation to improve my professional knowledge and competence.

I will hold myself and my colleagues to the highest principles of our profession's moral, ethical and legal conduct.

I will embrace and advocate changes that improve patient care.

I will utilize my knowledge, skills, experiences, and values to prepare the next generation of pharmacists.

I take these vows voluntarily with the full realization of the responsibility with which I am entrusted by the public.

*The revised Oath was adopted by the AACP House of Delegates in July 2007
and has been approved by the American Pharmacists Association*



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