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MARSHALL B.
KETCHUM
UNIVERSITY

College of Pharmacy

Friday, May 17th, 2024 | 10:00 A.M.



A S T O R I E D H I S T O R Y



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 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 College of Pharmacy Class of 2024, 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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EXERCISE

1 PRELUDE

2 PROCESSIONAL

Pomp and Circumstance
Sir Edward Elgar

3 WELCOME

Julie A. Schornack, OD, MEd
President of the University, Presiding Official

4 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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Class President

5 INTRODUCTIONS AND CONGRATULATIONS

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6 THE COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Ken Thai, PharmD

7 RECOGNITION OF HONOR RECIPIENTS

Judy Ortiz, PhD, PA-C
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8 VALEDICTORIAN ADDRESS

Ared Baghrum

9 GRADUATION HONORS

Interim Dean Judy Ortiz

10 PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR THE DOCTOR OF PHARMACY DEGREE

Dianna Lopez, MA

Director of Admissions and Student Services

11 CONFERRING OF THE DOCTOR OF PHARMACY DEGREE

President Julie A. Schornack

12 ADMINISTRATION OF THE OATH OF THE PHARMACIST

Javad Tafreshi, PharmD

Executive Associate Dean for Academic Affairs

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.

13 REMARKS TO GRADUATES

President Julie A. Schornack

14 RECESSIONAL

Eine Kleine Nachtmusik

Wolfgang Mozart

CANDIDATES

FOR THE DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF PHARMACY

Amina R. Ahmad-Khan  	Jade Ku 
Ared Baghran 	Manjot Kaur Laly
Lianne Borthwick 	Daniel Le
Hoyeon Chae	Thi Phuong Le
Brianna Chan	Uyen Phuong Le 
Alissa Chan	Thanh Ngoc Mai
Rachel Eun-ji Cho 	Amelia Azucena Castro Maniago
Vanessa Connolly 	Bahar Momeni
John Paul De Guia 	Vivian Na 
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Laleh Hajhosseini 	Haley Sands 
Minh Thu Teresa Nguyen Hoa	Roshani Shah
Armine Hovhannisyan	Hani Shamoon 
Sally Ibrahim 	Britney Tang 
Olisaemeka Igweze 	Thao Tran 
Michele Ilarini-Cimadomo 	Andrea Yin
Joe James	Morena Mekho Yousif 
Tawnya Kargupta	Carmen Yu  

 Completed the MBKU Student Leadership Development Certificate Program.

 Summa Cum Laude (3.80 – 4.00)  Magna Cum Laude (3.60 – 3.78)  Cum Laude (3.40 – 3.59)

KEN THAI, PHARM D



Ken Thai, PharmD, has years of professional experience in pharmacy management, staff development, and pharmacy ownership training. Dr. Thai is currently the Chief Executive Officer for 986 Degrees Corporation, a pharmacy franchise. Dr. Thai also serves as an Adjunct Assistant Professor of Pharmacy Practice at the University of Southern California and Western University's School of Pharmacy, precepting and mentoring students interested in becoming entrepreneurs in Pharmacy. Dr. Thai received his Bachelor of Science

in Biology from the University of California Los Angeles in 1998, graduated with a Doctor of Pharmacy from the USC School of Pharmacy in 2002, and then he furthered his education by completing a residency in Community Pharmacy Practice at the USC School of Pharmacy. Dr. Thai currently owns multiple retail independent pharmacies, with expertise in long term care, compounding, DME, infusion, and specialty, throughout Southern California and Nevada. Dr. Thai has developed and implemented many new employee-training initiatives to enhance skills for the achievement of organizational goals. As an educator and preceptor, Dr. Thai is constantly seeking creative ways to foster a dynamic learning environment and to promote high quality patient care. Dr. Thai was a Past President of the CPhA, the California Pharmacists Association which is the largest state run pharmacy association in the country. Dr. Thai is very active with the USC School of Pharmacy Alumni Network serving as the current President of QSAD and sitting member of the USC Board of Councilors. Dr. Thai was also the NCPA Willard B. Simmons Independent Pharmacists of the Year in 2022 and currently serves as a National VP at NCPA.

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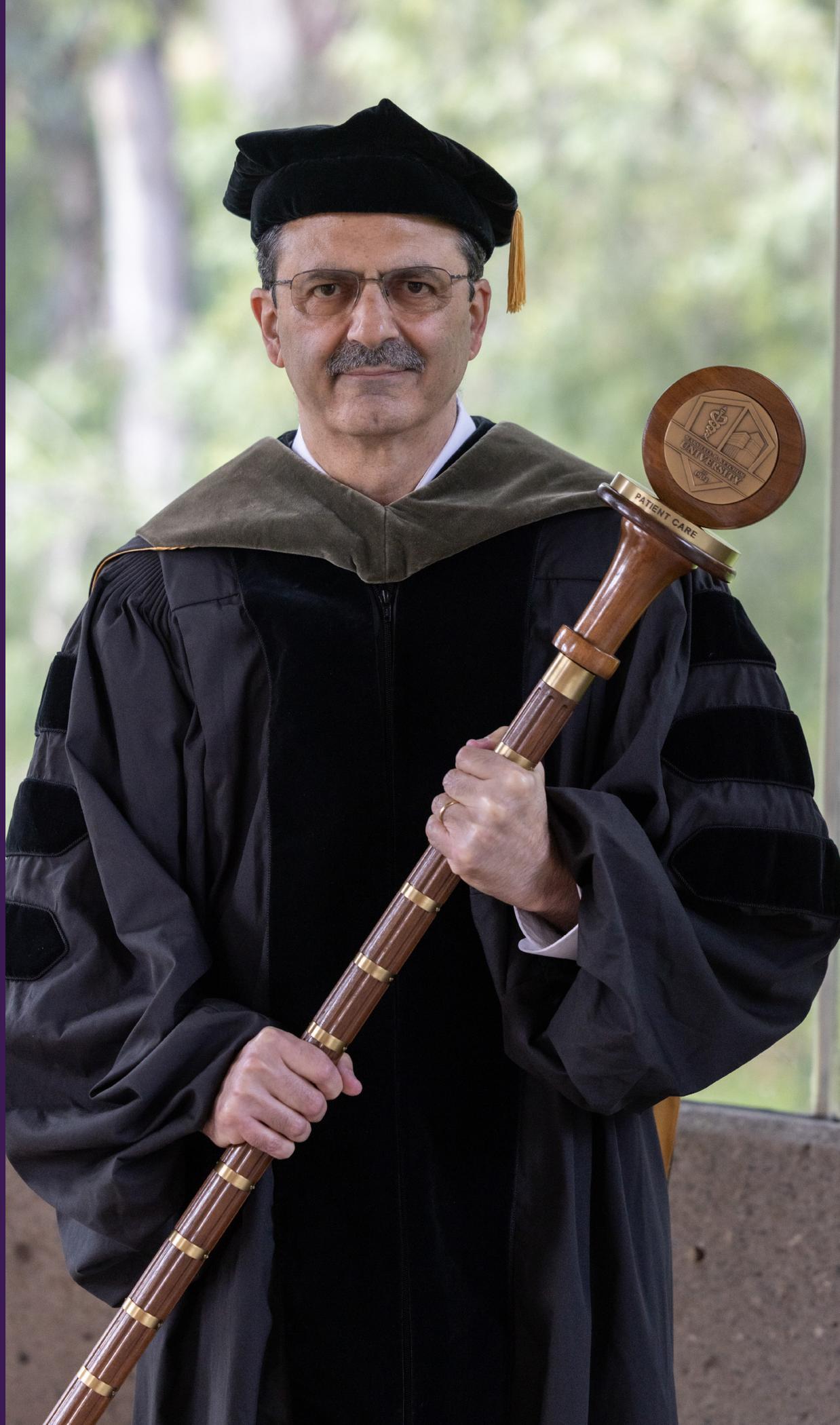


Congratulations to



The Class of 2024

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.

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*Los Angeles Medical School of Ophthalmology
and Optometry*

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Los Angeles College of Optometry

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Southern California College of Optometry

Lesley L. Walls, OD, MD, DOS | 2008
Southern California College of Optometry

Kevin L. Alexander, OD, PhD | 2022
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PROVOST EMERITUS

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VICE PRESIDENT EMERITI

William E. Heaton Jr. | 2012
Southern California College of Optometry

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Southern California College of Optometry

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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 promote inclusion, embrace diversity, and advocate for justice to advance health equity.

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 responsibility to improve my professional knowledge, expertise, and self-awareness.

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.