



INAUGURAL CEREMONY

2020 *Commencement*



MARSHALL B. KETCHUM
UNIVERSITY
COLLEGE OF PHARMACY

June 13, 2020 at 1:00 P.M.



MARSHALL B. KETCHUM
UNIVERSITY

EST
1904

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. 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, PA 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 COP Class of 2020, 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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Kevin L. Alexander, OD, PhD, President

COLLEGE OF PHARMACY

Edward Fisher, PhD, RPh, Dean



ORDER OF *Exercise*

PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL

Pomp and Circumstance – Sir Edward Elgar
Music by Pianist Steven Siu

WELCOME

Kevin L. Alexander, OD, PhD
*President of the University
Presiding Official*

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Timothy Jackson
President, Class of 2020

INTRODUCTIONS AND CONGRATULATIONS

President Kevin L. Alexander
Rodney L. Tahrán, OD
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THE COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

President Kevin L. Alexander
Dream, Plan, Take Action, Believe

RECOGNITION OF HONOR RECIPIENTS

Dean Edward Fisher



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VALEDICTORIAN ADDRESS

Sahar Matin

GRADUATION HONORS

Dean Edward Fisher

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR THE DOCTOR OF PHARMACY DEGREE

Dean Edward Fisher

CONFERRING OF THE DOCTOR OF PHARMACY DEGREE

President Kevin L. Alexander

ADMINISTRATION OF THE OATH OF THE PHARMACIST

Doctor of Pharmacy degree recipients are requested to stand and take the pledge by reading aloud, with Dean Edward Fisher, "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 Kevin L. Alexander

RECESSIONAL

Music by Pianist Steve Siu



Candidates

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF PHARMACY

Shant Giro Ayvazian
Vay Nuys, CA

Raveena Kaur Brar
Fresno, CA

Harvinder Singh Brar (*Summa Cum Laude*)
Bakersfield, CA

Nemanja Bratic
Beverly Hills, MI

Shang Hui Chen (*Magna Cum Laude*)
San Francisco, CA

Asmita Dhital (*Cum Laude*)
Easton, PA

Timmy Chika Egwim
San Jose, CA

Pamela Gee
Irvine, CA

Tala Golzar
Los Angeles, CA

Neda Haririparsa (*Summa Cum Laude*)
Tehran, Iran

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San Marino, CA

Mariem Ibrahim
Lakewood, CA

Timothy Reed Jackson (*Summa Cum Laude*)
Carson, CA

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Chino Hills, CA

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Norwalk, CA

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San Gabriel, CA

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Jersey City, NJ

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Cerritos, CA

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Lake Forest, CA

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Murrieta, CA

Amal Mumtaz
Chicago, IL

Abdullah Nezami (*Cum Laude*)
Newark, CA

Lam Thuy Nguyen
Westminster, CA

Le Thuy Nguyen
Westminster, CA

Michelle Phuong Nguyen
Fullerton, CA



Candidates

Quang Trong Nguyen
Long Beach, CA

Steven Son Nguyen
Irvine, CA

Wayne Jihoon Park (*Summa Cum Laude*)
Los Angeles, CA

Thao Minh Phan (*Summa Cum Laude*)
Westminster, CA

Khoa Phan
Diamond Bar, CA

Ken Prachya
Cerritos, CA

Sandy Rios (*Magna Cum Laude*)
Los Angeles, CA

Irma Stepanyan
Burbank, CA

Lucinda Tang (*Cum Laude*)
Santa Ana, CA

Triet Minh Tran (*Summa Cum Laude*)
San Jose, CA

Yasmin Weiss (*Magna Cum Laude*)
San Diego, CA

SUMMA CUM LAUDE 3.80 – 4.00

MAGNA CUM LAUDE 3.60 – 3.79

CUM LAUDE 3.40 – 3.59



HONORED *Quest*



KEVIN L. ALEXANDER, OD, PhD, FAAO

President, Marshall B. Ketchum University

Dr. Kevin L. Alexander is the President of Marshall B. Ketchum University in Fullerton, California. He earned his OD and PhD degrees at The Ohio State University. Following graduation, he entered academia as an OSU professor, teaching ocular disease and pharmacology, while at the same time beginning his practice in Columbus, Ohio. In the late 80's he returned to Toledo, Ohio and served as Center Director of The Eye Center of Toledo joining with ophthalmologists to pioneer optometric co-management of cataract patients. He later joined Retina Vitreous Associates advancing optometric co-management of retina patients. During his time in clinical practice, Dr. Alexander established a residency program in ocular disease and is credited with creating one of the first fellowships in vitreoretinal disease for optometrists.

In 2000, Dr. Alexander left clinical practice to return to academia as Dean of the Michigan College of Optometry at Ferris State University. In 2008, he was selected President of Southern California College of Optometry and expanded its mission to include interdisciplinary health care education by creating Marshall B. Ketchum University (MBKU). Dr. Alexander was named the Founding President of MBKU in 2013, adding physician assistant studies and pharmacy to join the century-old optometry program. From 2013 to 2019 construction projects doubled the size of the MBKU campus.

Dr. Alexander has presented more than 275 lectures in 15 states, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and five countries. He has authored numerous articles and edited a textbook. He is a Fellow of the American Academy of Optometry and was a Diplomate of the American Board of Optometry from 2011 - 2020. Dr. Alexander has served as President of the Ohio Optometric Association, the Association of Schools and Colleges of Optometry and the American Optometric Association. He has received numerous awards including the Ohio State University Alumni Award for Distinguished Teaching, the H. Ward Ewalt Award for Distinguished Professional Service, Ohio Optometrist of the Year, and is a National Optometry Hall of Fame inductee.



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.





Emeriti

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Marshall B. Ketchum, MD

President Emeritus, 1920

Los Angeles Medical School of Ophthalmology and Optometry

Ernest A. Hutchinson, OptD, DOS

President Emeritus, 1952

Los Angeles College of Optometry

Richard L. Hopping, OD, DOS, DSc

President Emeritus, 1997

Southern California College of Optometry

Lesley L. Walls, OD, MD, DOS

President Emeritus, 2008

Southern California College of Optometry

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Distinguished Professor Emeritus, 1982

Southern California College of Optometry

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Distinguished Professor Emeritus, 2018

Southern California College of Optometry

Timothy Edrington, OD, MS

Distinguished Professor Emeriti, 2020

Southern California College of Optometry

John R. Griffin, OD, MSED

Distinguished Professor Emeritus, 2002

Southern California College of Optometry

Harue J. Marsden, OD, MS

Distinguished Professor Emeritus, 2017

(posthumously)

Southern California College of Optometry

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Distinguished Professor Emeritus, 2009

Southern California College of Optometry

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Professor Emeritus, 1998

Southern California College of Optometry

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Professor Emeritus, 1981

Southern California College of Optometry

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Professor Emeritus, 1969

Los Angeles College of Optometry

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Professor Emeritus, 2017

Southern California College of Optometry

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Professor Emeritus, 1991

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Professor Emeritus, 2016

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Professor Emeritus, 1998

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Professor Emeriti, 2002

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Professor Emeritus, 2004

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Professor Emeritus, 1995

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Professor Emeritus, 1984

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Professor Emeritus, 2000

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Professor Emeritus, 1992

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Professor Emeritus, 2009

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Professor Emeritus, 1962

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Professor Emeritus, 1954

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Professor Emeritus, 1961

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The music for today's Commencement ceremony was performed by Pianist Steve Siu and was graciously provided as a gift to the Class of 2020.

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@SteveSiuPiano



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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