



AMERICAN UNIVERSITY OF HEALTH SCIENCES

THE JOURNEY, THE MISSION, THE OFFERINGS...

29TH *Commencement* CEREMONY

Friday, July 12, 2024
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Cottonwood Church
4505 Katella Avenue, Los Alamitos, 90720



AMERICAN UNIVERSITY
of HEALTH SCIENCES

*"Blessed is the man who finds wisdom,
the man who gains understanding,
for He is more profitable than silver
and yields better returns than gold.*

*He is more precious than rubies;
nothing you desire can compare with Him.*

*Long life is in His right hand;
in His left hand are riches and honor.*

*His ways are pleasant ways,
and all His paths are peace.*

*He is a tree of life to those who embrace Him;
Those who lay hold of Him will be blessed."*

Proverbs 3:13-18

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



July 12, 2024

Dear Graduates of the American University of Health Sciences,

Congratulations! Today marks a significant milestone in your lives as you stand at the threshold of new beginnings, having completed your studies in the health sciences. It is a moment of immense pride and joy, not just for you and your families, but for all of us at AUHS.

Throughout your educational journey you have shown remarkable dedication, resilience, and a commitment to excellence. The challenges you have faced, including unprecedented global events, have only strengthened your resolve and prepared you for the demanding and rewarding careers that lie ahead – you are ready to make a difference in the lives of individuals and communities.

As you move forward, remember that your journey of learning does not end here. Continue to seek knowledge, stay curious, and embrace the opportunities for growth that come your way. Your commitment to lifelong learning will not only benefit your career but will also enhance the lives of those you serve.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my deepest gratitude to the faculty and staff who have supported and guided you throughout your time at AUHS. Their dedication to your education and success has been unwavering, and their influence will remain with you as you embark on your professional journeys.

To your families and loved ones, thank you for your unwavering support and encouragement to our graduates which have been a cornerstone of their success.

Graduates, as you step into this new chapter of your lives, carry with you the values and mission of AUHS. Be advocates for health, champions of justice, and leaders who inspire positive change. The world needs your talents, your compassion, and your commitment to the well-being of others.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, Senior Executive Leadership, Academic Leadership, Staff, and Faculty, CONGRATULATIONS once again on this remarkable achievement.

Go forth with confidence, knowing that you are well-prepared to make a lasting impact in the world. May God continue to bless you as you go forward.

With warmest regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Caroll Ryan".

Caroll Ryan, PhD
President & Chief Executive Officer
American University of Health Sciences

AMERICAN UNIVERSITY OF HEALTH SCIENCES



HISTORY OF AUHS

The American University of Health Sciences is a private-for-profit, minority owned, minority serving, Christian-Based University originally founded in 1994 by Kim Dang, Hon DMe and Pastor Gregory Johnson, Hon DMe. It is a postsecondary education institution established to prepare and equip students for life careers in the field of health education and to produce competent allied health professionals engaged to provide healthcare services locally and globally. AUHS is institutionally accredited by the WASC Senior College and University Commission, Transnational Association of Christian Colleges and Schools, and programmatically accredited by Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, and Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education; and approved by the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education and the California Board of Registered Nursing.

MISSION OF AUHS

The American University of Health Sciences, a private Christian-Based minority-serving university of higher education, welcomes students of diverse backgrounds and prepares them to make a positive impact on society through the provision of exceptional quality patient-centered care within the context of a global perspective of the human condition. This mission is accomplished through the creation of a strong and caring academic environment where excellence, diversity, and the development of entire person—mind, body, and spirit—is addressed and where teaching/learning, research, service, and scholarship is valued and supported. Inspired by a strong belief in God and the Christian values of love and caring for humankind, and of justice and respect, the university's core values include holistic approach to education, promotion of the intellectual, analytical and critical thinking abilities of its students, evidence-based knowledge, service to our fellow man and a commitment to life-long learning.

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AUHS MILESTONES

1994-2024

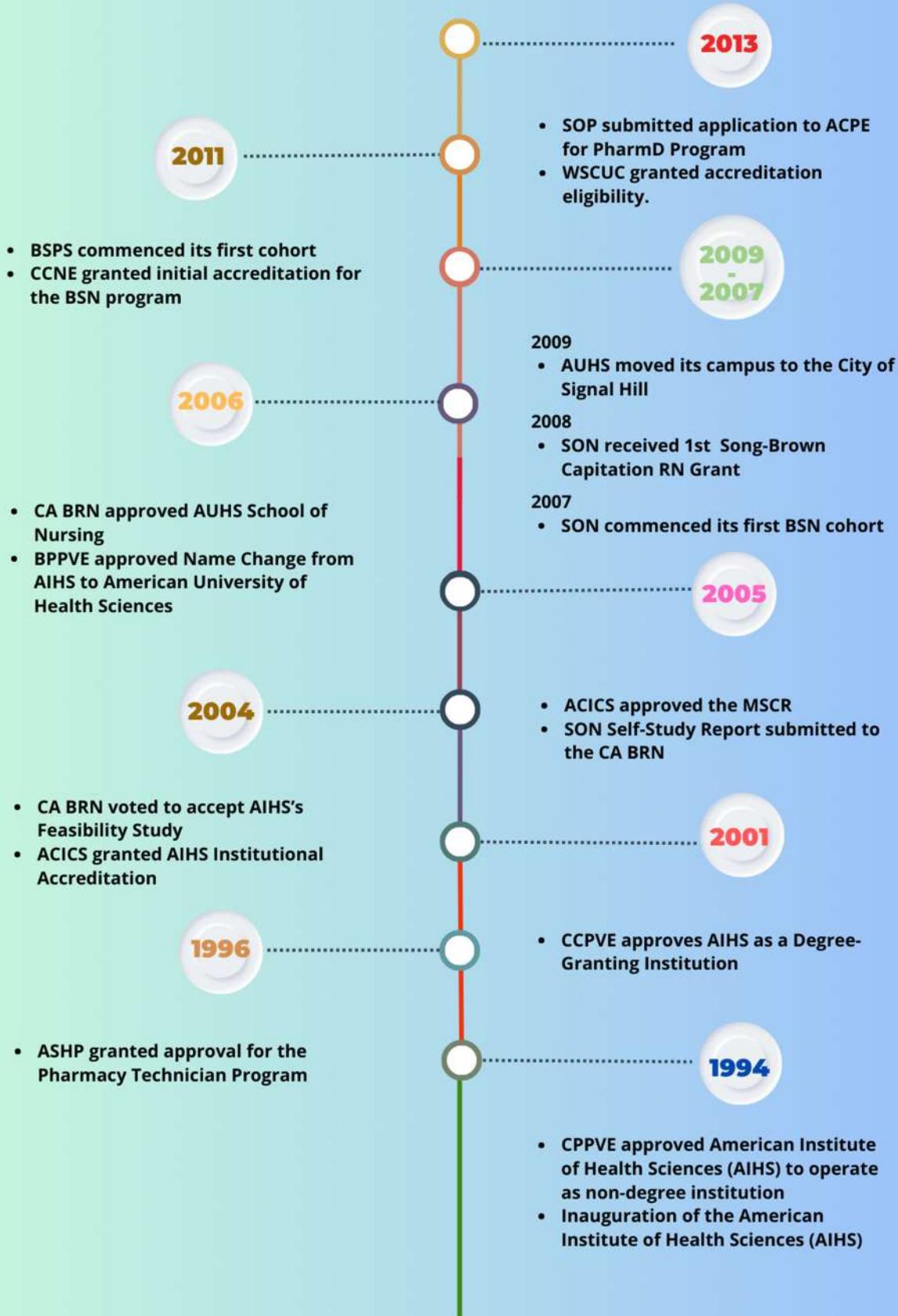
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AUHS MILESTONES

1994-2024

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FOUNDERS & OWNERS



Pastor Gregory A. Johnson, Hon DMe

Pastor Gregory Johnson is the founding pastor of the Church of Love located in Long Beach, California. Pastor Johnson is responsible for the continued oversight and development of fellowship churches and ministries particularly addressing the homelessness, and health care needs of the congregation and surrounding communities that it serves. In 2005, Pastor Johnson was ordained as minister leading the development/creation of formation and ministries including New Directions Christian Fellowship Church, and Los Angeles Denomination Diabetes Education and Research (LADDER) – a coalition of churches within the Los Angeles and Long Beach areas. Pastor Johnson designed and created outreach initiatives with other churches in developing health care policies focusing on the community health care needs impacting minority populations.

Pastor Johnson earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Biblical Studies from Indiana Wesleyan University, and a Master of Science degree in Health Administration from St. Luke School of Medicine in Liberia. His Liberal Arts degree was earned at University of Maryland in Baltimore.

As co-founder of American University of Health Sciences, a faith-based educational institution, he's a leader's "leader" devoting himself to the betterment of man through the spiritual and educational processes. Pastor Johnson held the Chief Operating Officer position of AUHS and is a member of the Board of Trustees. His management training, earned from Dale Carnegie, has been demonstrated in his leadership in developing and establishing churches and ministries focused in serving the poor through his faith in God.



Kim Dang-Johnson, Hon DMe

Dr. Dang is the owner & founder of American University of Health Sciences (AUHS) in 1994, formerly known as American Institute of Health Sciences. She served as the CEO/President from 1994 to 2010. Dr. Dang developed, managed, and established AUHS operational processes in the areas of student services, registrar, admissions, financial aid, career services, institution publications, and finance. Under her leadership, AUHS obtained ABHES national accreditation in 1997, degree granting institution status from BPPE in 2001, ACICS national accreditation in 2003, Board of Registered Nursing (BRN) 2006, and CCNE programmatic nursing accreditation in 2011.

In 1990, Dr. Dang served as Executive Director for the non-profit Society for Educational and Economic Development S.E.E.D. collaborating with public schools in the City of Santa Ana to create pathways for inner city High School youths to complete their education thru after school program in the Arts and Entrepreneurship. Dr. Dang established the "Underground Art Gallery" at S.E.E.D. in the historic Santora Building in the heart of Santa Ana as a safe afterschool haven to work, display, and promote the sale of art work created by the inner-city youths. Dr. Dang established a network of donors to develop scholarships for inner-city youth to assist them with their pursuit of higher education.

In 2002, Dr. Dang was given an Honorary Doctorate in Medical Education by St. Luke School of Medicine in Liberia. In 2016, Dr. Dang was honored with Humanitarian Award by the Council of Black Nurses for her many works with the underserved communities in the U.S. and abroad.

In 2014-2015, Dr. Dang collaborated with CHIPAA in the development of "Health in the Park", a free health fair promoting health and wellness initiatives dealing with healthcare disparities in the Cambodian community.

Dr. Dang is the Founder and President of AUHS Foundation.

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Professor Emeritus, Dept. of Nursing, CSULB

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Clinical Researcher

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Published Author | Board Member &
Founder of several NFT Projects

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SCHOOL OF MEDICINE *(IN DEVELOPMENT, NO ENROLLMENT AT THIS TIME)*

Sandor Szabo, MD, PhD, MPH
Dean of School of Medicine

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Senior Associate Dean for Clinical Sciences & Faculty Affairs

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Senior Associate Dean for Basic Sciences & Research & Faculty Affairs

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Interim Director of Admissions

Joseph Abernethy, MLIS
Librarian

COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

FRIDAY, JULY 12, 2024, 5:00 PM TO 7:00 PM
MISTRESS OF CEREMONY: DR. MARILYN UVERO

Processional.....	Grand Marshals, Board of Trustees, Faculty, Staff, and Candidates for Graduation <i>"Pomp & Circumstance" (Graduation March Song) by Edward Elgar, March no. 1</i>
Presentation of Colors.....	Cabrillo High School Color Guards
The National Anthem: "Star Spangled Banner".....	Julia Franchesca Hidalgo Mendoza, BSN Cohort 31
Invocation.....	Pastor Gregory Johnson, Hon DMe
Welcome and Introductions.....	Marilyn Uvero, Ph.D.(c), EdD, MSN, RN <i>SVP/COO & Provost/Chief Nurse Administrator Introduction of Platform Party</i>
President's Welcome.....	Caroll Ryan, PhD <i>President & Chief Executive Officer</i>
History & Milestone of AUHS.....	Pastor Gregory Johnson and Ms. Kim Dang, Hon DMe <i>Founders, Co-Owner/Owner of AUHS, Board of Trustees</i>
Student Commencement Speaker.....	Melanie Perez Bartolome (Class of 2024, BSN, Magna Cum Laude)
Introduction of Keynote Commencement Speaker.....	Dr. Marilyn Uvero
Distinguished Keynote Commencement Speaker.....	David E. Rogers, MD <i>THE JOURNEY, THE MISSION, THE OFFERINGS... Orthopedic Spine Surgeon</i>
Special Presentation	Pastor Gregory Johnson and Ms. Kim Dang
David E. Rogers, MD 2024 Distinguished Commencement Speaker	
Special Awards	
Community Service Awards.....	Ivy Javaluyas
President's Award.....	Dr. Caroll Ryan

COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

Recognition of Administrative Staff.....	Ivy Javaluyas
Presentation of Deans and Chairs.....	Dr. Marilyn Uvero
Recognition of Faculty and Academic Leadership.....	Dean Arjun Dutta, BPharm, PhD, <i>School of Pharmacy</i>
	Dean Gregorio De Grano, MD, DNPc, APRN, FNP-C, MSN, SON - <i>Graduate Program</i>
	Dean Sandor Szabo, MD, PhD, MPH, <i>School of Medicine</i>
Recognition of Veterans.....	Dr. Marilyn Uvero
Recognition of Alpha Alpha Sigma AUHS Chapter 592.....	Dr. Marilyn Uvero
Recognition of Rho Chi Honor Society Zeta Gamma Chapter..	Dr. Marilyn Uvero
Presentation of Degree Candidates to the President.....	Dr. Marilyn Uvero, and School Deans
Awarding of Degrees and Certificates.....	Pastor Gregory Johnson, Ms. Kim Dang, Dr. Caroll Ryan, and Dr. Marilyn Uvero
Hooding of Degree Candidates.....	Academic Leadership and Faculty
Oath of Pharmacists.....	Dr. Ann Chung, <i>Chair of Clinical Department</i>
Oath of Nurse Practitioners.....	Dr. Gregorio De Grano
Official Conferral of Degrees.....	Dr. Caroll Ryan
Benediction.....	Pastor Gregory Johnson
Recessional.....	Platform Party, Faculty, and Graduates

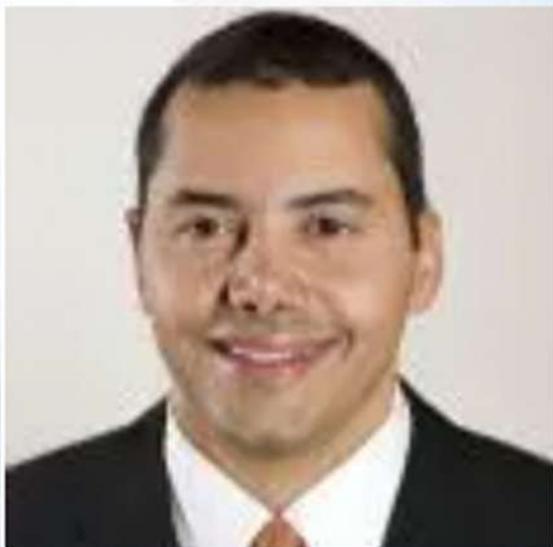
The audience is asked to remain standing until the platform party, faculty, and graduates have recessed from the Cottonwood Hall. The audience is also asked to remain seated in the Cottonwood Hall for the return of graduates for group picture taking.

Forever, we celebrate the achievements of our graduates, for God has made it all possible

"For I know the plans I have for you,' declares the Lord, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future. "
— Jeremiah 29:11.

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

THE JOURNEY, THE MISSION, THE OFFERINGS...



DAVID E. ROGERS, M.D. ORTHOPEDIC SPINE SURGEON

Dr. David E. Rogers is an esteemed fellowship trained Orthopedic Spine Surgeon, born in Detroit, Michigan. Dr. Rogers graduated from both Harvard College and Harvard Medical School with a distinguished career spanning over 20 years in medical private practice based in Los Angeles County. His credentials include Orthopedic Surgery Residency and Orthopedic Spine Surgery Fellowships at UCLA. Dr. Rogers completed a second Orthopedic Spine Surgery Fellowship at Saint John's Health Center in Santa Monica California under the mentorship of Dr. Rick Delamarter.

He is board certified by the American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery, specializing in assessing and treating many different types of spinal conditions and injuries demonstrating his expertise and commitment to high standards in his field.

Dr. Rogers is known for his comprehensive approach to spinal conditions and injuries, offering recommendations for nonoperative treatments as well as performing a variety of surgical procedures. His surgical expertise covers cervical, lumbar spine surgeries, and thoracic spine surgeries, alongside procedures for chronic pain management such as electrical stimulation.

Beyond his clinical practice, Dr. Rogers has held significant leadership roles at various hospitals. At Glendale Memorial Hospital, he has served as Chair of the Division of Surgery, Vice Chief of Staff, and Chief of Staff. Currently, he remains actively involved in the hospital's Medical Executive Committee at Glendale Memorial Hospital. He also serves as the Chief of Surgery at LA Downtown Medical Center and holds the role of medical director at several outpatient surgery centers, underscoring his influence in hospital administration.

Dr. Rogers is dedicated to medical education and mentorship, exemplified by serving as an instructor/preceptor and mentor for numerous medical students. His commitment to community service extends internationally, notably to Armenia, where he travels multiple times annually to perform volunteer spine surgeries in Yerevan highlighting his advocacy for both local and global healthcare advancement.

Dr. David Rogers exemplifies a multifaceted career as a skilled surgeon, influential leader in healthcare institutions, passionate educator, and committed advocate for community service, making significant contributions to the field of orthopedic spine surgery and beyond.

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CLASS OF 2024

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING COHORT 30

Acevedo, Jasmine
Argueta, Kayla Marie
Becerra, Denise
Canilang, Kael Julma *
Catahimican, Libertson Tambongco
Chambers, Dana Angela Angeles
Cruz, Ivy Jhelyn
Cruz, Melissa
Delapaz, Iana *
Factor, Alyssa Nicole
Garza, Kenneth **
Givens, Taylor Luna *
Givens, Kimberly
Graham, Jacquelyne
Hernandez, Beatriz
Hoang, Thomas *
Houghton, Lauren Ashley ***
Khiev Kartt, Mora *
Lam, Sarah
Lee, Marissa
Lopez-Hernandez, Andrea
Manay, Noel Adonis
McCool, Matthew
Mina, Melissa
Pacina, Yllexa
Quinn, Kristen Anna * 
Ramirez, Marisol
Romoff, Jessica Lynn
Rosal, Marivel Carandang
Salvador, Roger
Sanchez, Ulises Raul Soto
Santillan, Kathleen *
Santos, Alani Mae
Serrano, Kaitlin-Chloe Viray
Spafford, Janel Kathryn
Sun, Pamela
Tanseco, Jimmie *
Taufao, Jocelynn
Tran, Ashley
Valdez, Rachel
Watson, Chania



Legend:
Summa Cum Laude ***
Magna Cum Laude **
Cum Laude *
Clinical Award 
Leadership Award 

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING COHORT 31

Baluyut, Charish
Barrientos, Susan
Bartolome, Melanie Perez **
Campos, Carmel Trinidad
Carpena, Joelyn Ortega
Carranza, Alejandro **
Cifuentes, Arlene
Cuellar-Padilla, Priscilla Grace
De Casa, Ivana May Lois
Delapaz, Eryn Meredith *
Diaz, Miguel Angel Jr.
Friday, Kimberly Ijeoma
Gabriel, Joshua Apostol
Gelvezon, Cris Avelino
Gillette, Tristan James Galang
Gonzales-Alvarado, Yanet
Guliman, Jason Bensal
Ha, Lena Linh My
Henson, Nadine *
Hernandez, Christopher *
Lavarrias, Allen Ryan * 
Lorenzo, Kyle Ubarro
Machuca, Amanda
Malabanan, Annali Velasquez
Medina, Pedro Alejandro
Mendoza, Rachel Anne Manlapid
Mendoza, Julia Franchesca Hidalgo
Naguio, Andre Gerard Concha
Navalta, Joan
Navas-Palacios, Kimberly *
Neung, Nicolas Virakvong
Ngo, Karen Elicanal
Niraula, Ashma
Pink, Yasheika
Romero-Castaneda, Priscilla Denise
Roxas, Jelinna Bianca
Ruiz, Stephanie
Santa Ana, Marie
Santillana, Jessica Estrada
Smith, Maisha
Talbert, Trina Trilece
Tran, Vivian *
Vasquez-Antonio, Jocelyn Michelle
Velarde-Torres, Karen Sharinna
Velez, Jennie
Vidales, Juana Elisabet
Yang, Vang Eh
Zavala, Rebecca
Zhu, Kim

CLASS OF 2024

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

Family Nurse Practitioner, Nursing Education, Nursing Administration, Leadership, and Management

COHORT 6

Amadure, Renee *
Andrade-Johnson, Michelle *
Angbengco, Fernan Jerviz *
Arabia, Maria Esperanza *
Badar, Joey Ann Mae *
Bondoc, Mary Grace *
Buenaventura, Aileen *
Castro, Manuela Shayne *
Delos Santos, Alex Hugmier III *
Elumba, Nezy *
Galvez, Crispina *
Garcia, Bianca *
Kaner, Jerri *
Kazibwe, Janet *
Luu, Jasmine *
Madridejos, Stephanie *
Marigomen, Rosselle *
Nones, Kendra Alexa *
Omega, Soliel Nevien *
Panian, Benida Monique *
Patubo, Joshua Hilario *

Paz, Penelope *
Santos, Josephine * 
Soriano, Allyl *
Tagaro, Rosavilla *
Tamayo, Clarizza *
Tchakarova, Silvia *
Thi, Luana Mae *
Ton, Nikki *
Uy, Charles Daniel *
Vitug, Enrique Voltaire *

Go, Bianne Stephen *
Gonzales, Zandra *
Kim, Barbara *
Lay, Sarah *
Mallari, Mary Grace *
Molina De Pena, Janeth * 
Narciso, Luke Jacob *
Onyia, Josiah *
Pabalan, Angel *
Quirino, Manuel *
Su, Xuantong *
Sunga, Ma Therese *
Teleron-Walhovd, Desiree Ann *
Ubaldo, Maria Divina *

COHORT 7

Acode, Raizza Queen *
Aquia, Richard
Baluran, Edwin *
Daghighi, Shahrzad *
De Leon, Girlie *
Dela Cruz, Lee Neil *
Devera, Corazon
Diaz, Miguel Karlo *
Diaz, Mary Catherine *

Nurse Educator Track

Waller, Denise ***
Wagas, Stephanie ***

DOCTOR OF PHARMACY

COHORT 3

Aniceto, Stephen Beau 
Hanna, Mary
Le, Tristan * 
Morcos, Mary Girgis *
Nwabueze, Somtochi *
Yeganeh, Albert *

Legend:
With Highest Distinction ***
With Distinction *
Clinical Award 
Leadership Award 

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COHORT 31

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MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

CLASS OF 2024



DOCTOR OF PHARMACY
COHORT 3

GRADUATE DISTINCTION

To graduate *with the highest academic distinction*, students must have maintained the highest levels of academic achievements directly related to qualifying points earned for all graduate courses taken. The highest distinction academic award grade point average (GPA) is 4.0.

To graduate *with academic distinction*, students must have maintained the highest levels of academic achievements directly related to qualifying points earned for all graduate courses taken. The distinction academic award grade point average (GPA) is 3.5-3.9.

To graduate with honors, students must be receiving a baccalaureate degree with honors, having earned a minimum of 64 credits at AUHS, and achieved a cumulative grade point average between 3.5 – 4.0 with the grade range of 4.0.

Candidates graduating with honors wear cords during the Commencement exercises. The cumulative grade point average necessary to earn graduation honors in Undergraduate Programs are described as follows:

***** Summa Cum Laude**

Grade Point Average of 3.80 – 4.00 Gold

**** Magna Cum Laude**

Grade Point Average 3.70 – 3.79 Silver

*** Cum Laude**

Grade Point Average of 3.50 – 3.69 Bronze

SPECIAL AWARDS 2024

COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDEE

Yasheika Pink Brown
(Class of 2024, Bachelor of Science in Nursing)

LEADERSHIP & CLINICAL AWARDEES

Clinical Award

The clinical award is voted by faculty. The awardee achieved the criteria as an outstanding student in clinical practice and skill. The student maintains a positive attitude and with strong cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above and is an enthusiastic learner.

Leadership Award

The leadership award is voted by faculty. The awardee demonstrated a leadership quality with peers and professionals, has been an inspirational to nursing students and AUHS community and offers service and leadership to School of Nursing and the University at large.

SCHOOL OF PHARMACY

Leadership Award	Stephen Aniceto
Clinical Award	Tristan Le

SCHOOL OF NURSING

Master of Science in Nursing

Leadership Award	Josephine Santos
Clinical Award	Janethe Molina De Pena

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Leadership Award	Kristen Quinn, RN, BSN
Clinical Award	Allen Lavarias

PRESIDENT'S AWARDEE

Lauren Ashley Houghton, RN, BSN
(Class of 2024, Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Summa Cum Laude)

DESCRIPTIONS OF SPECIAL AWARDS

COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

Founded in 2004, American University of Health Sciences Foundation is a 501(c)3 nonprofit, data-driven community-based research organization that was created to relieve the suffering of the poor, distressed, and underprivileged through research and education in health sciences: nursing, pharmaceuticals, and biotechnology.

American University of Health Sciences (AUHS) Foundation recognizes those graduates who have completed more than the required 100 hours of community services through their active participation at the annual events sponsored by AUHS Foundation. Throughout the years of completing and exceeding the 100 community service hours as students, these awardees have demonstrated sincere compassion and commitment to serving the poor, and homeless, bringing to life this mission statement of AUHS Foundation... "help improve education and healthcare opportunities for underrepresented populations from medically-underserved communities, with a high percentage of the homeless, the youth, and groups from low-socio-economic backgrounds".

As graduates, they are honored for their compassion for others and significant contributions to the community that the AUHS Foundation serves. These recipients are charged to further the mission of AUHS Foundation and to continue their community service, and significant charitable or philanthropic contributions as reflected in a variety of activities, programs, and initiatives which would benefit and meet the needs of the communities that they will serve in the future. Recipient(s) of this award must have completed the highest number of community service hours exceeding the required 100 hours.

PRESIDENT'S AWARD

The President's Award is a special award for a graduate who is "Living the AUHS Mission and Embodying Student Leadership Excellence". Since its founding as a Christian-based university, American University of Health Sciences, has enjoyed a rich history promoting Christian Values, Academic Performance, Cultural Competence, Social Responsibility, and Critical Thinking. This graduate possesses the competencies necessary to provide excellent care and service within their domain with a thorough foundation in science, social/behavioral, leadership, and interpersonal knowledge and skills. This graduate exemplifies the core values and upholds the guiding principles and philosophies of AUHS.

ALPHA ALPHA SIGMA CHAPTER CHAPTER 592 OF SIGMA THETA TAU HONOR SOCIETY - AUHS CHAPTER

On the recommendation of the Sigma Board of Directors, and by the power vested in Dr. Jose Alejandro, the chartering officer, announced that AUHS chapter will be known as the ***Alpha Alpha Sigma Chapter, chapter number 592 of Sigma***. On May 1, 2021, American University of Health Sciences was approved to become a Sigma Chapter, and representing this new chapter is Dr. Marilyn Uvero.

Sigma has been recognizing and celebrating excellence in scholarship, leadership, and service within nursing and midwifery. The Society Sigma members are leaders at all levels of the healthcare industry and only extends its membership to students in baccalaureate or graduate level programs who have demonstrated superior academic achievement, academic integrity, and professional leadership potential, and must be a graduating senior in the nursing program with a GPA of 3.5 and above, and to nurse leader candidates exhibiting exceptional achievements in nursing.

AUHS received its chapter's coat-of-arms plaque, which symbolizes the ideals of Sigma and is inscribed with AUHS chapter's name and chartering date and as a symbol of continued commitment to nursing excellence and the society's purposes.

RHO CHI SOCIETY ZETA GAMMA CHAPTER

AUHS Accepted as the 147th Chapter of the Rho Chi Pharmacy Honor Society.

In March 2023, the petition to establish a local chapter of The Rho Chi Society at the American University of Health Sciences, received an affirmative vote by the Society's member chapters. The new AUHS Rho Chi chapter is designated the Zeta Gamma Chapter (the 147th chapter to be established in the society). Rho Chi is an academic honor society for pharmacy students and faculty. The AUHS Rho Chi mentor, Dr. John Schloss, is currently in discussion with Dr. Julie Seeger, Program Manager of the National Office at the University of Michigan, to determine potential dates for the induction ceremony of our student members and steps that need to be taken prior to the ceremony.

ACADEMIC LEADERSHIP & FACULTY

DOCTORAL DEGREES

SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

DOCTOR OF MEDICINE PROGRAM (IN DEVELOPMENT, NO ENROLLMENT AT THIS TIME)

Leadership

Szabo, Sandor, MD, PhD, MPH, Dean of School of Medicine
Heydt, John, MD, Senior Associate Dean for Clinical Sciences & Faculty Affairs
Schloss, John, PhD, BSc Senior Associate Dean for Basic Sciences & Research & Faculty Affairs
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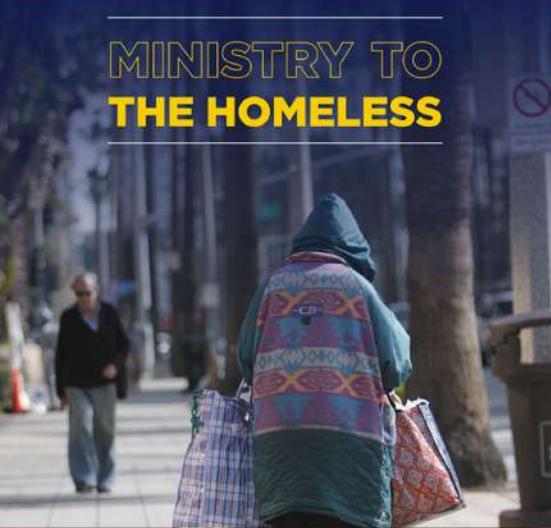
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