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BETTY IRENE MOORE SCHOOL OF NURSING



**Commencement
Ceremony**

JUNE 15, 2023
ROBERT AND MARGRIT MONDAVI CENTER
FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

Congratulations, Graduates

We congratulate the graduates of the Nursing Science and Health-Care Leadership Graduate Degree Programs. These physician assistant, nurse and health leaders leave an indelible mark as graduates of the Betty Irene Moore School of Nursing at UC Davis. We eagerly anticipate the influence these alumni create as they launch the next phases of their careers.

In Gratitude

The entire Betty Irene Moore School of Nursing team extends its heartfelt appreciation to all who have supported the school from its outset. Your ongoing contributions are critical to the school's continued success. Together, we advance health.

In Memoriam

Gordon Moore, the brilliant scientist, business leader, philanthropist and co-founder of the Betty Irene Moore School of Nursing at UC Davis, died March 25, 2023. He was 94.

Each of us at the School of Nursing is touched by his vision and generosity shared by his wife of 72 years, Betty Irene Moore. We honor his memory through the work we do and take inspiration from his courage, creativity and kindness.

University of California, Davis

Founded in 1908 as the University Farm, the University of California, Davis, has become one of the country's top teaching and research universities. Building on its historical strengths in the agricultural and biological sciences, UC Davis has developed comparable stature in the arts, social sciences, humanities, environmental sciences, engineering and physical sciences. It excels, as well, in the professional areas of nursing, law, education, medicine, veterinary medicine and management. The campus is dedicated to teaching students to be independent thinkers and lifelong learners, to pursuing research that advances our knowledge of the world and to serving the public by sharing and applying those discoveries. UC Davis is committed to effective engagement with the many communities it serves—in the state, the nation and the world.

The Betty Irene Moore School of Nursing

The Betty Irene Moore School of Nursing at UC Davis is the only graduate school created to activate change where it is needed most. We go beyond clinical education with programs that elevate the ability, confidence and vision of a new type of health care leader. Guided by a vision of optimal health and health equity for all, the School of Nursing integrates the science and humanity of nursing and other health disciplines to lead innovative research, education and practice. Established in 2009, the school prepares graduates who advance health, transform health care and ignite bold system change locally, nationally and globally. The school offers five graduate degrees for those who share a passion for advancing health: master's degree programs for entry-level nursing, physician assistant and family nurse practitioner, Doctor of Nursing Practice—Family Nurse Practitioner and Doctor of Philosophy.

Message from Chancellor May

To Degree Candidates,

Congratulations on reaching this wonderful milestone! Today is your moment to celebrate with fellow classmates, families and loved ones, and to honor this significant accomplishment.

When you came to UC Davis, you joined a community that's driven to make the world a better place. You understood that academics are paramount, and you discovered that the college experience is about so much more. You learned to outgrow the expected, to exceed what's needed and to do what's just.

After thousands of hours studying, hundreds of miles biking, countless cups of Coho coffee, dozens of friends, numerous mentors, endless scantron bubbles, and millions of words and equations, know that you are ready. UC Davis has prepared you to succeed. This campus thrives on a commitment to excellence, and our faculty sets the bar high for students. You not only met that bar, but you pushed beyond. Wherever life takes you—or wherever you take life—remember this is just the beginning of your journey.

You'll find members of our Aggie family all around the world, and I encourage you to make use of this valuable network and remain connected with our campus.

I hope you leave UC Davis with cherished memories to last a lifetime. I encourage you to keep close our values of excellence and openness to diverse perspectives and new ideas. Now is the time to imagine what's possible and to consider how you will make an impact and contribute to the public good.

The world is waiting for you. Go Ags!

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Gary S. May". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Gary S. May
Chancellor

Message from Provost Croughan

Dear Aggie Graduate,

Congratulations on this momentous occasion! Your educational journey has included overcoming numerous challenges and discovering your own potential along the way. Throughout your graduate or professional program, you demonstrated resilience and tenacity, and all you have accomplished has led you to this day. I am certain you and your loved ones are very proud of your achievements.

As a UC Davis master's or doctoral candidate, you have met the high standards and rigorous requirements of this world-class university. You have enriched our campus community by sharing your personal strengths, your passion for learning, and your enthusiasm for engaging with others. During your studies, research, scholarly work or clinical service, you have employed critical thinking and collaborated with others, expanded on the foundation of your previous studies, and further honed your focus as you made contributions in your field. No matter where your path leads from here, you are ready to make a positive impact.

As a proud Aggie alumna myself, I know UC Davis has prepared you very well for your future. Cherish the memories and friendships formed during your time here. Stay connected with your alma mater and your fellow Aggies. Go out and do good in the world. I look forward to welcoming you back to campus as fellow alumni!

All the best,



Mary Croughan
Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor

Program

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

Sam Bishop-Green
Chief of Staff

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Video

ACADEMIC PROCESSION

Kupiri Ackerman-Barger
*Associate Dean for Health Equity, Diversity and Inclusion; Clinical Professor
and Director of Faculty Development for Education and Teaching*

NATIONAL ANTHEM

Jennifer Sherrill, soprano

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

Stephen J. Cavanagh
Dignity Health Dean's Chair for Nursing Leadership, Dean and Professor

PROVOST MESSAGE

Mary S. Croughan
Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Selu Vargas
Master of Health Services—Physician Assistant Studies, Class of 2020

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

Amy A. Nichols
Associate Dean for Academics and Clinical Professor

STUDENT SPEAKERS FOR THE CLASSES OF 2022 AND 2023

Brandon Harding
*Nursing Science and Health-Care Leadership
Master of Science—Nursing*

Gillian Collom

*Nursing Science and Health-Care Leadership
Master of Health Services—Physician Assistant Studies Program*

Emmett Ziegler
Nursing Science and Health-Care Leadership
Master of Science—Family Nurse Practitioner Program

Tequila Porter
Nursing Science and Health-Care Leadership
Doctor of Philosophy Program

CONFERRAL AND PRESENTATION OF DEGREES

Kupiri Ackerman-Barger

Stephen J. Cavanagh

Mary S. Croughan

Shana L. Ruggenberg
Director for the Master's Entry Program in Nursing and Associate Clinical Professor

Teresa Thetford
Director for the Physician Assistant Program and Associate Clinical Professor

Kathryn Sexson
Director for the Family Nurse Practitioner Program and Associate Clinical Professor
in the Family Caregiving Institute

Janice F. Bell
Associate Dean for Research, Director for the Doctor of Philosophy Program, Western
Health Advantage Endowed Professor and Professor

CLOSING REMARKS

Stephen J. Cavanagh

RECESSIONAL

We request the audience to please remain seated for the recessional. Refreshments will be served on the outside patio immediately following the ceremony.

The Graduating Classes of 2022 and 2023

Master of Science—Nursing

Vera Amanze	Jazmin Moreno Gallegos
Jasmine Irene Arciga	Blaire Elyse Murray
Jessica Marie Bailey	Marielle Nardoni-Ryan
Megan Joy Bleiler	Ashlyn Oller
Dan Neil Calzado	Sheral Prasad
Daylan Rene Chapman	Sara Maria Puchalska
Alejandro Chavez Jr.	Jasmine La’Nae Qualls
John Chhor	Sydney Kay Rankin
Liana Cipolla	Sydney Rasmussen
Stephanie Anne Clark	Marina Reichelderfer
Michaela Collins	Yelizaveta Roberts
Rose Darling	Fabian Rodriguez
Joseph Donald Antonio DaRosa	Rosario Rodriguez Ayala
Savannah Douglas	Elizabeth Ruiz-Vera
Melissa Elyse Fidler	Meghna Sharma
Brandon Lewis Harding	Prerana Singh
Angel Humberto Hernandez	Ashley Sozzi
Michelle E. Leddy	Elaine Linh Ta
Asha Patel Liddicoat	Jennifer Thao Vien Tran
Jana Nerina Cruz Magwili	Tiaira Washington
Nathan Mao	Sierra Tangelene Zuniga
Jacqueline Mendoza Ramirez	

Master of Health Services—Physician Assistant Studies

Julian Dean Aggio	Macy Matsukawa
Karen Alvarado Gonzalez	Victoria McKinney-Brooks
Colin Anderson	Tyson John McMullen
Jordan Arciniega-Bueno	Vira Melnik
Alex Arriaga	Erica Mercado
Aliyah Alyse Nicole Bell	Lia Monteiro Barbosa
Robert Brook	Shayal Narayan
Rani Bui	Mario Raul Navarro Jr.
Arisa Sarah Chavez	Michael Needham
Gillian Collom	Samuel Neufeld
Soledad Contreras Barrera	Janet Ngo
Vela Marie Council	Hieu Nguyen
Sandra Cruz Hernandez	Kevin Van Nguyen
Randy Do	Thuy Dung Nguyen
Yen Le Dominguez	Madison Alexandra Odiorne
Fernando Borroel Duran	Eleni Papaj
Jesse Duro	Anthoney Jawaun Paulisich
Waleed Eljechi	Aspen Perovich
Jessica Amanda Garcia	Teena Pham
Leticia Garcia Reyes	Vy Nguyen Thuy Pham
Hali Gilbert	Sara Rezaie
Brian Joanem Gordillo	Edgar Rincon Estrella
Beverly Hernandez Navarro	Marisol Ochoa Rodriguez
Alex Hua	Harneet Sandhu
David Donald Vernon Jenkins	Samuel James Saunders
Siberian Johnson	Sophie Shieh
Fazila Khwaja	Ojhaanae Stallworth
Matthew Kimura	Putue Teh
Nicole Lazareva	Willy Thai
Tina Le	Daniel Warren Tinsley
Jasmine Lorena Lopez	Sabrina Ly Vangkhue
Orena Massachi	

Master of Science Nursing—Family Nurse Practitioner

Amritpal Kaur Brar

Jacqueline Fanchon Hanley

Felix Howard

Melanie Jinon

Victoria Le

Monica Monari

Gicely Morales

Osaruwense Obayagbonna

Alexandra Perrone

Jennifer Rouleau

Haley Genevieve Roy

Cheryl G Sinclair

Brittany Stagg

Mathew W Stephens

Eduardo Tanori

Lisa Watkins Tomlinson

Emmett Ziegler

Doctor of Philosophy
with dissertation titles and advisers

Monica Maria Godden
*Relationships between Dietary Quality and Food Insecurity
in Persons with Cardiovascular Disease: Urban-Rural Comparisons*
Dissertation chairs: Julie T. Bidwell and Janice F. Bell

Kougang T. Anne Mbe
*Cardiovascular Disease-related Health Behaviors
and Acculturation among US and Foreign-born Black Californians*
Dissertation chair: Janice F. Bell

Tequila Porter
Black Women's Experiences with Opioid Use and Rehabilitation
Dissertation chair: Jessica Draughon Moret

Anna Maria Rivera
*Towards a Paradigm Shift: Reimagining the Field of Nutrition and Dietetics
that Incorporates the Cultural Understanding of BIPOC Communities*
Dissertation chair: Sheryl L. Catz

Nursing Science and Health-Care Leadership

Graduate Group Faculty

Kupiri Ackerman-Barger	Holly Kirkland-Kyhn
Jason Adams	Nancy E. Lane
FadumaSara Ali	Lee Lipton
Nick Anderson	David Lubarksy
Ester Carolina Apesoa-Varano	Brent Luu
Deb Bakerjian	Janet Meda
Janice F. Bell	Jessica Draughon Moret
Julie T. Bidwell	Jann Murray-García
Shelley Blozis	JoAnne E. Natale
Kathleen Carlsen	Thomas S. Nesbitt
Sheryl L. Catz	Amy A. Nichols
Stephen J. Cavanagh	Charis Ong
Christine de Belen-Wilson	Eileen Partridge
Rupinder Deol	Frances Patmon
Rosalind 'Roz' McNiesh de Lisser	Amber Ramage
Christiana Drake	Angelica de Leon-Renteria
Jennifer Draper	Elizabeth Rice
Jennifer J. Edwards	Patrick S. Romano
Felix D. Emond, Jr.	Shana Ruggenberg
Alex Fauer	Jill R. Saberman
Mark Fedyk	Cara M. Sandholdt
Erik Fernandez y Garcia	Sumathi Sankaran-Walters
Mary Gallagher	Elenitsa Sebat
Carrie Garland	Kathryn Sexson
Philippe R. Goldin	Mary Lou de Leon Siantz
Kathryn Hanks	Elena O. Siegel
Miles Harris	Charleen Singh
Shelly Henderson	Daniel Tancredi
Ladson Hinton	Teresa Thetford
Victoria Jackson	Michelle Touw
Jill G. Joseph	Laura L. Van Auker
Tia K. Joseph	Heather M. Young
Tae Youn Kim	Mondana Zargarnian
Ashley King	

Awards

The Betty Irene Moore School of Nursing gratefully acknowledges the donors who support endowed funds for scholarships and student awards.

Allen D. Tate, M.D. and Nora Cook Tate Memorial Scholarship for Nursing Leadership

Amy T. Dean Courage Award

Badovinac Education Excellence Endowment

Bee's Family Interprofessional Scholarship

Betty Irene Moore School of Nursing Student Support Endowment

Betty Irene Moore School of Nursing Founding Team Scholarship

Busch Family Endowed Fund

Caroline Dare Scholarship Fund

Challenge Award in Honor of Founding Dean Heather M. Young

Class of 2015 Doctoral Student Scholarship

Constant M. and Tempest B. van Vlierden Scholarship in Nursing

Correne E. Treguboff Endowed Memorial Scholarship

Deborah Ward Improving Health for All Scholarship

Eager Family Endowed Nursing Award

Elizabeth Goldner Bridge Memorial Scholarship

Eric W. Brough Memorial Scholarship

Eskaton Geriatric Nursing Leadership and Diversity Scholarship

Fields-Messersmith Family Endowed Award

Frederick and Erda M. Harrold Family Endowed Scholarship in Nursing

G. Russell and Sharon Bell Scholarship

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Helen M. Thomson Scholarship for Nursing Leadership

Hersted Fund for Pediatric Nursing

Ida L. Vanderhoef Memorial Scholarship in Nursing Science and Health-Care Leadership

Jackson Family Endowed Fund

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John H. Lewis, Rose Proto and Dorothy Lonigan-Turzyn Memorial Scholarship

Kay Lehr Endowment

Khanuma Blake Fund for Gerontological Nursing

Kristin Sanborn Todd Memorial Scholarship for NP Students
Lillian Mae Revenig McCoy, RN Memorial Scholarship
Lonigan Family Trust Scholarship
Master's Entry Program in Nursing Scholarship
Michael and Carol Corbett Award
Michael and Renée Child Endowed Scholarship
Michael Vriheas Family Scholarship in Nursing
Mildred "Millie" D. and Albert "Al" J. Kahane Scholarship for Nurse Practitioners
Natalie F. Bush, M.S.N. and Wes Bush Scholarship
National Advisory Council Endowed Scholarship
Nurse Practitioner Scholarship
Nursing Science and Health-Care Leadership Student and Alumni Scholarship
Fund
Phyllis J. Smith Memorial Endowment
Physician Assistant Annual Scholarship
Pomeroy Robertson Family Endowed Scholarship
Robert and Jacqueline Bates Award in Nursing
Roletto and Amparo Ordoná Endowed Scholarship in Nursing for Community
Based Senior Care
Sandy Smoley Endowed Award
Schneider Family Scholarship for Nursing Leadership
Senior Citizens of Davis Award
Sharon Ann Middlebrook Burke Scholarship Fund
Sierra Sacramento Valley Medical Society Alliance Scholarship
Susan L. Adams Leadership in Health Policy
Teri A. Lown R.N., O.C.N., Educational Award in Oncology Nursing
Terri and Alan Wolf Nursing Scholarship Fund
The Brunner Family Endowed Scholarship for Nursing Leadership
The Jennie W. Gardner Nursing Scholarship
The La Rue Frederick Scholarship for Nursing
The Quinby-Young Scholarship for Healthy Aging
UC Davis Nurses' Founding Donors Scholarship Fund
Volunteer Services Nursing Scholarship
Weborg and Singer Family Endowed Scholarship Fund
Wilhelmina C.M. Patel Memorial Scholarship

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Hail to California!

Hail to California, Alma Mater dear
Sing the joyful chorus, Sound it far and near
Rallying 'round her banner, We will never fail
California Alma Mater; Hail! Hail! Hail!

Clinton R. Morse, University of California class of 1896

Arr. Charles Cushing

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