



Commencement

Ceremony

Class of 2022

Saturday May 14, 2022

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MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES California Northstate University

To the Class of 2022,

Congratulations Graduates! You have accomplished so much! It has been a long hard road, but you have achieved your goal, passed all of your exams, and now it is time to celebrate your success. Many doors will now open for you as a result of all you have accomplished. Do not hesitate to take that leap just as you took the leap to join California Northstate University just a few short years ago. You should feel very proud of all you have done to reach this point in your life. Through dedication, commitment, and sacrifice, you are now among the best of the best. But remember, graduation is not the end of your learning but rather the start of the next chapter of your already extraordinary life. Continue to set high goals for yourself because you know that you can achieve them and don't stop until you do. Each and every one of you will go on, become successful, and represent the University in many positive ways. Look back fondly on your CNU years and look forward with hope for a bright and healthy future.

As members of the University Board of Trustees, we are very proud of all of our graduates and the class of 2022 will certainly be a memorable one.. It is our honor to share in this very important moment in your life today. May your career bring you much happiness!

Thank you,

The Board of Trustees

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT California Northstate University



Alvin Cheung, PharmD, MHSA University President/CEO

Dear Graduates of the Class of 2022:

You have shown extraordinary perseverance amid the pandemic over the last two and half years in pursuing your academic goal. Witnessing your intellectual, social, and professional growth is a joy for the founding members of the University, who established this University 15 years ago with a vision of educating the finest classes of graduates in the science and healthcare professions.

As you complete the final steps toward earning your degree, I invite you to reflect upon the unrelenting effort and the devoted time expended by the committed faculty, preceptors, staff and/or administrators who have played a role in your development. Humility and gratitude will again be the key in materializing the support in your next stage of personal and professional growth. We ask that you take a moment, as you complete your time here at CNU, to let those who have positively impacted your journey know what their contributions have meant to your professional and personal development.

I would like to encourage each of you to continue to invest in yourself and your profession by being a lifelong learner, by pursuing the next stage of growth in your career horizon. In doing so, you will not only bring great honor to yourself, CNU, but as well as to those who have continued to support you during your journey in building a good life and becoming a contributing member to society. CNU's mission is to advance the science and art of health care; we ask that you carry this same vision with you through your career as you help those who are coming-up through the ranks in the same journey that you have successfully navigated through.

The Board of Trustees, Board of Directors, staff, faculty, and administration all collectively wish you the greatest success in all your professional and personal endeavors. You have earned this honor and responsibility.

Congratulations!

Sincerely,

Alvin Cheung, PharmD, MHSA

University President/CEO, and on behalf of the Board of Trustee

MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN College of Medicine



Steven D. Waldman, MD, JD
Dean, College of Medicine,
Professor of Anesthesiology,
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Class of 2022,

On behalf of the California Northstate University College of Medicine family, I extend my warmest congratulations and best wishes to the Class of 2022. You have been an exceptional class and I am confident of your continued success as you begin your residencies this July.

Being a physician places you in the unique position of being able to enrich the lives of those around you. As you progress through your careers, take pleasure in the joy of helping others and improving the health of your community. Use all that you have learned during your time at CNUCOM to make the world a better place.

I would ask that you take a moment to thank your parents, spouses, children and significant others that helped you throughout your journey to become a physician. Also, remember the CNU faculty and staff who all put so much into insuring your academic and professional success.

Please keep the CNUCOM family updated on your career and personal accomplishments, as we always will take great pride in your success. Again, congratulations on all you have achieved and all that you will achieve.

Go out and do great things!

Sincerely,

Steven D. Waldman, MD, JD Dean, College of Medicine

MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN College of Health Sciences



Heather Brown, PhDDean, College of Health Sciences

To the graduates of the California Northstate University College of Health Sciences Class of 2022, congratulations!

It is my greatest honor to celebrate the graduating class of the California Northstate University College of Health Sciences (CNUCHS)! These past years have been a period of tremendous growth, discovery, and success.

We are thrilled that you have all joined us in this landmark journey and join us today as graduates! This last year has brought about many new challenges, and I am particularly proud of how you have all handled the evolving situation surrounding COVID-19 - shelter in place orders, distance education, and a new meaning to the balance of life, school, and community.

Through the obstacles, challenges, and celebrations, you made it! This is YOUR day. We applaud you, honor you, and stand with you during this momentous time. We are proud to see that you have all embraced the culture of CNUCHS. You have demonstrated that you possess the independence, perseverance, passion, and discipline to succeed in a rigorous academic environment. You have also shown that you have the compassion and empathy to serve as sincere healthcare professionals ready to transform and evolve the health care fields as we know them today! You are mentors, leaders, innovators, and forces to be reckoned with. Today, we recognize and honor your accomplishments at the College of Health Sciences and beyond.

Throughout your years at CHS, you have endured challenges, studied dutifully, served your community, and put in many late nights and early mornings. You may have even balanced academics with family life and/or outside jobs — and you thrived. You are, and always will be, the graduating class of CHS: the Class of 2022! I, along with the entire CNU community, look forward to all the amazing things you will accomplish going forward. Take your knowledge, your passion, and your heart — be the voice for those who cannot speak, empower those who cannot stand, and bring light and guidance to those who are in darkness. With your dedication and passion for growth and excellence, you are well positioned to drive positive change in our communities, the nation, and around the globe.

Congratulations! Remember, your CHS family is always here to support you! Best wishes to you all!

Heather M. Brown, PhD

Dean, College of Health Sciences

KEYNOTE SPEAKER



Darrell SteinbergMayor, City of Sacramento

Darrell Steinberg has served the Sacramento community for more than 20 years.

As a young man, Mayor Steinberg bought his first home in Tahoe Park, where he and his wife Julie started their family. When Tahoe Park was having trouble with gangs, the community organized and formed the Tahoe Park Neighborhood Association, electing Darrell Steinberg as its first President.

After a time, Darrell was elected to the City Council, where he focused on making neighborhoods safe, creating good jobs and providing quality after-school programs. Steinberg founded Sacramento START to help kids in our most challenged schools improve their test scores. Today, START is a model after-school program statewide.

Darrell later ran for State Assembly and then State Senate, becoming the first Sacramentan to serve as President of the Senate in over 125 years. As the Senate leader, Steinberg got things done by building coalitions to deliver results, including guiding the state back to fiscal solvency during the economic downturn.

During his tenure in the Legislature, Steinberg championed economic development, education reform, building sustainable communities and major investments in healthcare and education. He authored the Mental Health Services Act, the first of its kind in the nation that generates \$2 billion dollars a year for people in need.

As Mayor, Darrell Steinberg has secured significant new resources to tackle difficult problems such as homelessness and economic inequity in Sacramento. He campaigned for and won voter passage of Measure U, a new one-cent sales tax, with the goal of investing in economic development, youth and affordable housing. As leader of California's Big City Mayors, he successfully negotiated with both Gov. Jerry Brown and Gov. Gavin Newsom to make an unprecedented statewide commitment to addressing homelessness — a commitment that has brought millions of dollars of additional funding home to Sacramento.

Mayor Steinberg has also led the effort to diversify and energize Sacramento's economy. He crafted an incentive package that helped attract the West Coast headquarters of Centene, a healthcare giant and Sacramento's first Fortune 100 company. He recruited new investors for the Sacramento Republic, FC soccer team and facilitated negotiations that resulted in Sacramento being chosen as the next Major League Soccer city.

Mayor Steinberg is committed to making Sacramento a city that is for and about youth, connecting our high school students to 21st century jobs and working with local businesses to create paid internships in every high school.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER



Angelique Ashby Vice Mayor, City of Sacramento

Councilwoman Ashby is a graduate of Sacramento High School and obtained her B.A in Sociology with an emphasis on Law and Society from the University of California at Davis and her Juris Doctorate from the University of the Pacific's McGeorge School of Law.

She owns a consulting firm she started with her father, the focus of which is to build programs for populations with barriers to success. She and her husband live in Natomas with their two young children. They have an adult son who also lives and works in Sacramento.

Councilwoman Ashby established herself as a citywide leader and has served the community as an advocate for youth, economic development, public safety, establishing infrastructure, championing citywide diversity and equity, and supporting programs for women and children – particularly those experiencing homelessness.

Councilwoman Ashby's colleagues have selected her to serve as either Vice Mayor or Mayor Pro Tempore of the City an unprecedented seven years. Councilwoman Ashby is also the longest standing member of the Council and has served over half of her time in office as the only female representing the City of Sacramento. During that time, she also took her spot in Sacramento's history books by becoming the first to give birth while elected to office.

VALEDICTORIAN College of Medicine



Annaliese Gabrielle Elam, MD Class of 2022, College of Medicine

To the Class of 2022,

I have a very clear memory of the first time meeting you all. We definitely did not know what we were getting ourselves into that orientation day when we walked into CNU in our business suits (never to look that professional again). We received our bags of Netter's flashcards and stethoscopes, awkwardly danced to Drake's "In My Feelings," and started getting to know each other over Chinese food in Classroom 1A. Oh how far we have come since then.

Over the past four years, we have accomplished so much together. We have spent endless hours listening to Pathoma and slogging through Uworld. We started 5K's, volunteered at Clinica Tepati, participated in demonstrations at the Capitol, and ultra-sounded basically every part of each other's bodies. We survived the daily drive to San Joaquin, the 4 am wake up calls of surgery rotations, and getting pimped on rounds. We adapted when COVID canceled our Step exams and forced us to interview for residency on Zoom. Somehow, we still found time to become friends, celebrate at Z's house, ski in Tahoe, hike in Auburn, run marathons, adopt pets, fall in love, get married and start families. Thank you for making medical school not only bearable, but some of the best years of my life.

I am honored to call you all my classmates, my friends, and my fellow doctors, and I am incredibly excited to see what you all accomplish. Congratulations again, we did it!

Cheers,

Annaliese Gabrielle Elam, MD

Class of 2022

VALEDICTORIAN College of Health Sciences



Bhagvat Maheta, BS Class of 2022, College of Health Sciences

Hello Class of 2022!

Congratulations! The hard work, the late nights, and the sacrifices all paid off as we get to finally graduate and celebrate our perseverance. One of the things that inspires me most about the Class of 2022 is in the face of obstacles, such as the SARS-CoV-2 pandemic, we rise to the occasion instead of giving up. As the pandemic impacted the entire world, we supported our community by leading clothing, mask, and blood drives, creating a nonprofit to serve elementary school students of color, and even spending our free time volunteering in the community in addition to dedicating ourselves to our education.

It is now time to look towards our future and use the knowledge, resources, and friendships that we have gained to make a positive impact in our communities. Each and every one of us has a passion that fuels our purpose; we need to stay true to it and pursue our dreams. Together we can change the world! Congratulations Class of 2022!

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Bhagvat Maheta, BS Class of 2022



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AS A MEMBER OF THE MEDICAL PROFESSION:

I SOLEMNLY PLEDGE to dedicate my life to the service of humanity; THE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF MY PATIENT will be my first consideration;

I WILL RESPECT the autonomy and dignity of my patient;

I WILL MAINTAIN the utmost respect for human life;

I WILL NOT PERMIT considerations of age, disease, disability, creed, ethnic origin, gender, nationality, political affiliation, race, sexual orientation, social standing, or any other factor to intervene between my duty and my patient;

I WILL RESPECT the confidentiality of my patients, even after their death;

I WILL PRACTICE my profession with conscience and dignity and in accordance with good medical practice;

I WILL FOSTER the honor and noble traditions of the medical profession;

I WILL GIVE to my teachers, colleagues, and students the respect and gratitude that is their due;

I WILL SHARE my medical knowledge for the benefit of the patient and the advancement of healthcare;

I WILL ATTEND TO my own health, well-being, and abilities in order to provide care of the highest standard;

I WILL NOT USE my medical knowledge to violate human rights and civil liberties, even under threat;

I MAKE THESE PROMISES solemnly, freely, and upon my honor.

Adopted by the 2nd General Assembly of the World Medical Association, Geneva, Switzerland, September 1948 and amended by the 22nd World Medical Assembly, Sydney, Australia, August 1968 and the 35th World Medical Assembly, Venice, Italy, October 1983 and the 46th WMA General Assembly, Stockholm, Sweden, September 1994 and editorially revised by the 170th WMA Council Session, Divonne-les-Bains, France, May 2005 and the 173rd WMA Council Session, Divonne-les-Bains, France, May 2006 and the WMA General Assembly, Chicago, United States, October 2017. Adapted by CNUCOM, 2019.

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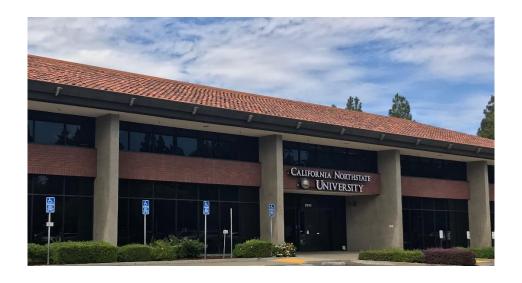








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