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*Commencement
Ceremony*

CLASS OF 2026

SATURDAY, MAY 16, 2026
CALIFORNIA NORTHSTATE UNIVERSITY
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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Alvin Cheung, PharmD, MHSA
President & CEO

Dear Graduates of the Class of 2026,

Your commitment and perseverance in achieving this academic milestone have been truly commendable. Witnessing your intellectual, social, and professional growth has been a privilege for the founding members, who overcame immense challenges and sacrifices to establish this University. Their vision was to educate the finest graduates in the life sciences and healthcare professions – and today, you embody that vision.

As you take the final steps toward earning your degree, I encourage you to reflect on the unrelenting efforts and devoted time expended by the committed faculty, preceptors, staff, and administrators who have supported your development. Humility and gratitude will be key as you acknowledge the influence they've had on your growth. We ask that you take a moment to thank those who have positively impacted your journey.

I urge each of you to continue investing in yourself and your profession by committing to lifelong learning. As you move forward in your career, you will not only honor yourself and CNU, but also the individuals who have helped shape your journey. CNU's mission is to advance the science and art of healthcare. Carry this vision with you, and as you grow, support those following the path you've so successfully navigated.

The Board of Trustees, Board of Directors, staff, faculty, and administration join me in wishing you great success in all your endeavors. You've earned this honor, and with it, the responsibility to make a lasting impact.

Congratulations!

Alvin Cheung, PharmD, MHSA,
University President/CEO

MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

To the Class of 2026,

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 2026 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,

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Mohammad Aziz, MD
CNUCOM Class of 2019 Alumnus
General Cardiologist, Sutter Medical Group

Mohammad Aziz, MD, grew up in Southern California's San Fernando Valley, where he developed an early passion for medicine. He completed his undergraduate studies at the University of California, Irvine, before becoming a member of the inaugural class at California Northstate University College of Medicine, earning his medical degree in 2019.

Dr. Aziz went on to complete his internal medicine residency at Scripps in La Jolla, where he built a strong foundation in patient-centered care. He then pursued advanced cardiology training at Mount Sinai in New York, gaining extensive experience in the diagnosis and management of complex cardiovascular conditions.

In September 2025, Dr. Aziz joined Sutter Medical Group as a General Cardiologist. He is dedicated to providing high-quality, compassionate care and improving the cardiovascular health of the communities he serves.

COLLEGE VALEDICTORIANS



JOSHUA STEVEN SEGALES, BS

MASTER OF PHARMACEUTICAL SCIENCES

Mr. Segales is originally from the Denair, California and completed his Bachelor's Degree from the University of California, Merced. Joshua also served as the MPS Student Board President showing teamwork, strong communication and leadership skills. Joshua is planning to pursue a medical degree at California Northstate University's College of Medicine.

SHUO (SHIRLEY) LIU, BS

MASTER OF HEALTHCARE ADMINISTRATION

Shirley Liu completed her Master of Health Administration (MHA) degree and is currently completing her Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD) degree. Her academic and clinical experiences in community pharmacy, hospital pharmacy, and healthcare management have strengthened her passion for improving patient outcomes and advancing interdisciplinary care. Following graduation, she plans to pursue pharmacy residency training and continue building a career dedicated to clinical practice, leadership, and innovation in healthcare.



MITTIE DELOACH

COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES

Ms. Mittie DeLoach is a Biomedical Science graduate who served as CHS Student Government President and Student Ambassador, where she demonstrated leadership and a commitment to her community. She will be attending medical school at Noorda College of Medicine to pursue her goal of becoming a physician. Her guiding belief is: "Every disappointment is a blessing."



SARAH BONDY, MA

COLLEGE OF PSYCHOLOGY

Dr. Bondy is graduating Summa Cum Laude. Her predoctoral internship was at Grand Valley State University, which has invited her to stay on for a postdoctoral fellowship. Originally from Michigan, Bondy plans to return to her hometown to plant deep roots of service into her community as a licensed psychologist. She specializes in prolonged grief disorder and the role social media plays in mourning.



COLLEGE VALEDICTORIANS

BRITTNEY DUONG, BS COLLEGE OF DENTAL MEDICINE



Dr. Duong is a proud Sacramento native. When she's not caring for patients in the clinic, she enjoys traveling, attending concerts, discovering new restaurants, and exploring the great outdoors. Over the past 4 years, Brittney has been involved with the American Dental Education Association at both the local and national levels. She is also an Air Force Health Professions Scholar and will be moving to Mississippi after graduation to continue her dental journey.

GIANG "TRACY" TRAN, BS COLLEGE OF PHARMACY



Dr. Giang Tran is the valedictorian of the graduating class, recognized for her academic excellence and leadership. A native of Elk Grove, California, she earned her undergraduate degree from the University of California, Santa Cruz and pursued pharmacy at CNUCOP, drawn by its strong community ties. Throughout her training, Dr. Tran served as Class Co-President of the Student Body Council and Vice President of the Rho Chi Honor Society. Her achievements include receiving the Mente TTPOLL Clinical Competition Scholarship and being named Student Researcher of the Year (2025). She will continue her training with a residency at Sutter Roseville Medical Center. Dr. Tran encourages others to remain open to every opportunity, as unexpected paths can shape your future.

EMMA MCINTYRE, BS COLLEGE OF MEDICINE



Dr. Emma McIntyre grew up in a military family, moving frequently, but is originally from Augusta, Georgia. She has spent the past nine years in the greater Sacramento area, where she earned her undergraduate degree from UC Davis. She will complete a transitional year at Sutter Roseville before pursuing a dermatology residency at UT Austin (Dell). Dr. McIntyre aspires to practice as a general dermatologist in a VA hospital setting, serving diverse patient populations with dedication and care.

Commencement Ceremony

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WELCOME FROM THE UNIVERSITY

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Mohammad Aziz, MD
CNU College of Medicine, Class of 2019 alumnus
General Cardiologist
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VALEDICTORIAN MESSAGE

College of Graduate Studies: *Joshua Segales, BS*

College of Health Sciences: *Mittie DeLoach*

College of Psychology: *Sarah Bondy, MA*

College of Dental Medicine: *Brittney Duong, BS*

College of Pharmacy: *Toan Dinh, BS*

on behalf of Valedictorian Giang "Tracy" Tran, BS

College of Medicine: *Emma McIntyre, BS*

CONFERRING OF DEGREES

Alvin Cheung, PharmD, MHSA

President and CEO

INTRODUCTION OF GRADUATES &

AWARDING OF DIPLOMAS

College of Graduate Studies

College of Health Sciences

College of Psychology

College of Dental Medicine

College of Pharmacy

College of Medicine

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Rosemary Wu, DMD

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ACADEMIC RECEPTION

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Class of 2026

COLLEGE OF GRADUATE STUDIES

MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN



Catherine Yang, PhD, Hon. MD
Dean of College of Graduate Studies
Vice President of Academic Affairs & Research
Associate Dean of Medical Education

Dear Class of 2026 Students of the College of Graduate Studies,

Our hearts are filled with immense joy and pride as we celebrate your accomplishments today—achievements that we are honored to share in some meaningful measure. The faculty, administration, and I join your families and loved ones in congratulating you on all that you have achieved during your time with us.

As this extraordinary chapter comes to a close, I want to commend each of you for your dedication in navigating a rigorous and integrated curriculum. When you look back on your journey, you will see the long and winding path that has led you to this important milestone.

Thank you for choosing our college to be part of your academic journey. I deeply appreciate the trust you placed in us and the way you embraced the opportunities offered by a young and growing college. You have made us incredibly proud. During your time at CNU, you have read, studied, written papers, and completed demanding examinations. You have persevered through laboratory projects and successfully completed research theses and capstone projects. Through these experiences, you have mastered the foundations of pharmaceutical sciences and health administration while leaving lasting footprints for the future MPS and MHA classes.

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MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

(CONTINUED)

Most of all, I remain deeply grateful to the faculty, staff, and students who work each day to fulfill the mission of the College of Graduate Studies at CNU. Working alongside all of you has been a truly extraordinary privilege—one that I will cherish for a lifetime.

I am immensely proud of your resilience, ingenuity, adaptability, and compassion. I would also like to highlight the remarkable advancements in artificial intelligence that have become integrated into our curriculum. AI is transforming how we approach pharmaceutical sciences and health administration, offering innovative tools that expand research capabilities and improve health outcomes. Your exposure to these emerging technologies at CNU has equipped you with forward-thinking skills that will serve you well in your future careers. As graduates of CNU, you embody the spirit of innovation and excellence that is shaping the future of our field.

As new advances and reforms continue to emerge, we will count on you to be game changers—to help build a better and brighter world, to champion innovation wherever you work and live, and to defend the integrity of science while promoting excellence. You have been outstanding representatives of this College and University, and I have every confidence that you will continue to serve as proud ambassadors by strengthening our growing reputation for excellence.

The entire College of Graduate Studies family is immensely proud of you. Thank you for your perseverance, dedication, and the sense of community you have fostered during this memorable time. The future will demand imagination, innovation, and courage. The world needs individuals like you who are willing to take on vital challenges improving public health, expanding technological possibilities, and creating opportunities for those who may not yet see them.

In the years ahead, you will help shape this future and make history through the knowledge, skills, and competencies you have gained here at CNU CGS.

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MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

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Today is a time to celebrate and honor your accomplishments. As you move forward into your careers and lifelong journeys, remember that your path continues. Believe in your ability to accomplish great things and use the knowledge you have gained to make a meaningful difference. Stay connected with us in the years ahead. We celebrate you today and wish you success and fulfillment as you begin your next adventures. May you become all that you dream you can be.

Remember, graduates, you will always be part of the CNU family.
Congratulations, Class of 2026!

**With gratitude and affection,
Catherine F. Yang, Ph.D.,
Dean, College of Graduate Studies
Vice President of Academic Affairs & Research**

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INTRODUCTION OF GRADUATES

Ahmed El-Shamy, DVM, Ph.D

Assistant Dean of Research, College of Graduate Studies,
Director of Master of Pharmaceutical Sciences Program,
Director, Doctoral Program in Pharmaceutical and
Biomedical Sciences,
Associate Professor of Virology

FACULTY HOODER

Ashraf Mohieldin, PhD

Assistant Professor of Molecular Biology and
Biochemistry

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MASTER OF PHARMACEUTICAL SCIENCES
MESSAGE FROM THE VALEDICTORIAN



Joshua Segales, BS
Class of 2026 Valetorian
Master of Pharmaceutical Science Program

To the MPS Class of 2026,

It is truly an honor to be with all of you that have entered and completed the Master of Pharmaceutical Sciences program within the College of Graduate Studies. Many of us entered this master's program with the goal of earning a degree, but we discovered something far greater. We found innovation, mentorship, opportunity, and an institution committed to preparing us for the real and ever-changing demands of modern medicine.

My interest in medicine developed over time through experiences that strengthened my appreciation for healthcare and service to others, ultimately leading me to the MPS program here at CNU. Through medicinal chemistry and the pharmaceutical sciences, we developed a stronger understanding of medications and therapeutic decision-making that will help many of us become more thoughtful healthcare professionals and future prescribers.

The MPS program also gave us opportunities to engage in capstone and thesis research projects, scientific writing, and poster presentations at the CNU Research Symposium. These experiences strengthened our ability to think critically, evaluate evidence, and communicate scientific ideas while helping many of us build a foundation as future healthcare-professional scientists.

Through the MPS program, students were supported through specialized coursework designed for their future professional paths. The inclusion of AI coursework, unique to the MPS program, also introduced us to how technology may continue shaping the future of patient care while keeping the program at the cutting edge of scientific innovation.

What made this journey especially memorable, however, was the community we built throughout the process. Through tutoring sessions, shared study guides, interview workshops, class activities, and celebrations like Friendsgiving, our class consistently chose collaboration over competition. Serving as class president gave me the privilege of witnessing firsthand the drive and resilience of my classmates.

As we move forward, may we continue refining what this program strengthened within us, carrying it into the future as healthcare professionals, scientists, and leaders committed to serving others and advancing the fields we now enter.

Thank you to Dean Yang, Dr. El-Shamy, Dr. Mohamed, Dr. Farahat, Dr. Ahmed, Dr. Ali, Dr. Mohieldin, Dr. Ibrahim, mentors, families, and classmates for the sacrifices and support that brought us to this day.

Joshua Segales, BS
Class of 2026

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◆ Valedictorian

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Special Thanks

From: Dasha Deviatykh

To: Marina and Dmitri Deviatykh (Parents)

Message: *Thank you for the endless support, opportunities, and time dedicated to helping me grow throughout this journey. I am forever grateful for your encouragement, belief in me, and the love that guided me every step of the way. Я люблю вас.*

From: Candra Hall

To: Rebecca Hall, Scott Hall, Todd Langston (Parents)

Message: *I can't thank you all enough for the support and encouragement you've given me. I appreciate everything you've done to help me get to this point in my life. I honestly couldn't have done any of this without you by my side. Thank you, from the bottom of my heart.*

From: Gabriela Perez

To: Maira, Gabino, Lalo, Kylie, Adrian, Dr. El Shamy (Mother, Father, Brother, Sister, Partner, Advisor)

Message: *Thank you Mom, Dad, Lalo, Kylie, Adrian, Dr. El Shamy, and all my friends for your endless love, support, and encouragement. I truly wouldn't be where I am today without you all by my side. I'm so grateful for every one of you.*

From: Nivedita Ghosh

To: Anita Ghosh (Mother)

Message: *My mother has been a big influence in my academic journey, inspiring me to never give up and always put in my best efforts.*

From: Amaan Sandhu

To: Jasmine and Zulfiqar (Parents)

Message: *Thank you for the endless support of my endeavors. None of this is possible without you. I hope to keep making you proud.*

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Special Thanks

From: Orshena Loay

To: Oshia Oraha and Layla Youkhana (Parents)

Message: *To my parents, thank you for your endless love, sacrifices, and support throughout every step of this journey. This achievement would not have been possible without your encouragement, belief in me, and constant motivation. I am forever grateful for everything you have done and continue to do for me.*

From: Joshua Segales

To: Allison, Michelle, Gerry, Darryl, Rechilda, Benjamin, Candace, Alex, Sam, Marland, & Bobbe (Wife, Mom, Dad, Step-dad, step-mom, Brother, Sister, Brother, Sister, Grandpa, & Grandma)

Message: *Thank you all for the love and support you have shown me throughout the years. This journey has been long, but I'm truly grateful to have you all by my side. There are many more milestones ahead, and I'm thankful to celebrate this special moment with all of you.*

From: Catherine Kim

To: Mary Lee (Mom)

Message: *Thank you, Mom, for your sacrifices, unwavering love and support. Thank you to my family and Peter for cheering me on and celebrating this milestone with me. I could not have done this without any of you. Soli Deo Gloria!*

From: Monica Morales

To: Dr. Corazon Morales, Dr. Honesto Morales, Nathaniel Villegas, and family (Mom, Dad, Partner, and family)

Message: *Your support has been my foundation. I am lucky beyond measure, changed beyond recognition, and in love beyond words. I couldn't have reached this milestone without your endless encouragement. Thank you for your love that surrounds me and for inspiring me every single day. I am forever grateful.*

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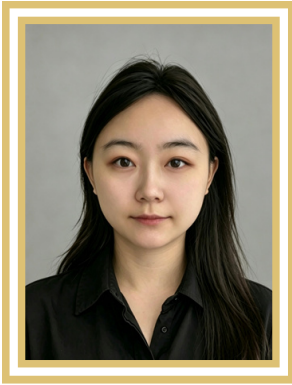
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MESSAGE FROM THE VALEDICTORIAN



Shirley (Shuo) Liu, BS
Class of 2026 Valedictorian
Masters of Healthcare Administration Program
CNU Class of 2027 PharmD Candidate

Dear MHA Class of 2026,

It is a true honor to be recognized among such an accomplished and resilient group. Each of us has faced unexpected challenges along the way as we balanced academics, careers, and personal responsibilities. Nevertheless, we helped each other through it all and kept going.

Earning our Master's in Healthcare Administration is more than an academic achievement. It represents our shared commitment to improving healthcare systems and the lives of those we serve. We developed a strong foundation and understanding in healthcare operations, policy, finance, and strategic management. As we step into this next chapter, we are entering a profession that requires not only leadership and expertise but also empathy, honesty, and willingness to make changes.

Each of you brings unique strengths and perspectives that could influence the future of healthcare. I am confident that we will make meaningful contributions in our communities and beyond.

Congratulations on all of your achievements. I wish you continued success, growth, and fulfillment in the journey ahead.

Shirley Liu, BS

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California Northstate University, PharmD (candidate)

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MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN



Heather Brown, PhD
Dean, College of Health Sciences

To the graduates of the California Northstate University College of Health Sciences Class of 2026,

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 time together has brought about much success and many new challenges. I am particularly proud of how you have all handled each new challenge with grit and integrity - bringing 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.

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MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

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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 2026! 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!

Dean Heather Brown, PhD

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MESSAGE FROM THE VALEDICTORIAN



Mittie DeLoach
Class of 2026 Valetorian
College of Health Sciences

Dear CNU Community,

There is a quote by C.S. Lewis that says, “There are far, far better things ahead than any we leave behind.” And that is what this moment represents.

This is not a goodbye, but it's a testament that what we built here was real. The connections we made, the lessons we learned, and the growth we experienced mattered enough to make leaving feel difficult.

So, as we walk away from this place we called home, let us not focus only on what we are leaving behind. Let us focus on what we are taking with us. The growth, the relationships, and the belief that we can keep pushing forward, no matter what challenges come our way.

Warm regards,
Mittie DeLoach

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Rikki Carniola, MS, PhD

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Special Thanks

From: Mittie DeLoach

To: Gloria DeLoach and Anthony DeLoach

Message: Thank you for all of your love and support!

From: Mittie DeLoach

To: Curtis Mussmann, Katrina Mussmann, and Dylen Mussmann.

Message: Thank you for all of your love and support!

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MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN



Bret McLaughlin, PsyD, MBA
Founding Dean, College of Psychology

To the 2026 graduating class of the College of Psychology, my congratulations. It is difficult to sum up all you have done in the last five years, but I am drawn to a quote from Dumas: “So, do live and be happy, children dear to my heart, and never forget that, until the day God deigns to unveil the future to mankind, all human wisdom is contained in these two words: ‘wait’ and ‘hope’!” What better two words sum up the experience of a psychology graduate student?

Acceptance, wait. Practicum sites, wait. IRB, wait. Dissertations drafts, wait. Final results, wait. Internship match, wait. Post-doc, wait. EEEP scores, wait. CPLEE, wait. License, wait. At each stage you have all the anxiety of anticipation hoping you will pass, match, or be accepted. Years go by in a constant cycle of waiting and hoping.

But not today. You are among the best trained and most knowledgeable mental health professionals. You have spent thousands of hours at your practicum placements. You have spent four years in the classroom. You have finished your internship and completed your dissertations. You have put in the time and effort. You have made it past every impediment and challenge. Hold your heads high and be prepared to take the leadership position you have earned. You no longer must wait and hope. You are a doctor.

So do live and be happy. Tomorrow can be about the final steps to becoming a psychologist. Tomorrow can be you helping others to cope with anxieties and concerns. Today is about you and everything you have accomplished. Today all that hope has paid off.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bret McLaughlin".

Bret McLaughlin, PsyD, MBA, JD
Founding Dean
General Counsel

COLLEGE OF PSYCHOLOGY

MESSAGE FROM THE VALEDICTORIAN



Sarah Bondy, MA
Class of 2026 Valedictorian
College of Psychology

To the Class of 2026,

We each came into this program with our own “why” and unique experiences and motivations. We all still have the “why” that brought us in, and that is worth honoring. This celebration is for us and what we have accomplished in the last five years, but it is also for the support systems and communities that shaped us.

I also find myself drawn to the beauty of reflecting on how my “why” has grown throughout this program. We started this program as the first large class of CNU College of Psychology. I am proud to be part of a cohort which not only survived the challenges, but continuously showed up for ourselves, each other, and our clients. While we have learned a lot about psychology in the past five years, I think equally important is what we have learned about our values as clinicians and human beings. My hope for all of us is that we continue to be open to learning, connecting, and letting our motivations grow so the “why” which propels us forward can grow alongside us.

To the faculty, both past and present, I would like to extend a huge thank you for your mentorship and support. We would not be where we are today without your belief in us and your careful attention to cultivate that belief into a reality. You have taught us how to navigate change with grace and integrity and modeled for us what it means to show up as ethical psychologists. The confidence we carry forward is a direct reflection of your impact on us—thank you for shaping the way we will serve others.

Sincerely,

Sarah Bondy, MA

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Special Thanks

From: Sabrina Shah

To: Shabnam, Suhail, Seema, Shifa, Jibran, and Alisha

Thank you for all that you do. I would not be standing here today without you all.

From: Demond Washington

To: Ramona Mitchell

Special thank you to my mom, who has supported me every step of the way with no questions or doubt. May you live vicariously through me and celebrate this great accomplishment as if it is your own. Love you always.

From: Renya Bazikian

To: Rafik, Anjel, Arshen, Masis, and Angie

Thank you for your endless love, patience, encouragement, and sacrifices throughout this journey. Your belief in me carried me through every challenge and I am deeply grateful to share this milestone with you.



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COLLEGE OF DENTAL MEDICINE

MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN



Pinelopi Xenoudi, DDS, MS, MHA
Interim Dean, College of Dental Medicine

Class of 2026,

Today is your commencement—your beginning. While it marks the end of your time at CNUCDM, more importantly, it signals the start of your lives as clinicians, colleagues, and leaders in dentistry.

You did not arrive here by chance. This journey required discipline, resilience, and growth—not only in skill, but in judgment, integrity, and compassion. These are the qualities that will earn the trust of your patients and shape the impact of your careers.

As you move forward, remember that your education does not end today. Dentistry is a lifelong commitment to learning—and also to mentorship. Just as others guided, challenged, and believed in you, I hope you will do the same for those who follow. Our profession depends on it.

And I want you to know—this class, your class, has been especially meaningful to us. Your growth, your energy, and your commitment have reminded us why this work matters so deeply.

If there is one idea I hope stays with you, it is this:

People may forget what you say and what you do, but they will always remember how you made them feel.

Compassion is at the heart of excellent care. Let it guide you—in how you treat your patients, your colleagues, and one another.

Use your skills to serve, especially those who need you most. The impact you make will extend far beyond the clinic.

Congratulations, Class of 2026. We are proud of you!

Dr. X

COLLEGE OF DENTAL MEDICINE

MESSAGE FROM THE VALEDICTORIAN



Brittney Duong, BS
Class of 2026 Valedictorian
College of Dental Medicine

Good morning faculty, friends, and family.

My name is Brittney Duong, and I am honored to stand here today as part of the College of Dental Medicine Class of 2026.

Four years ago, we walked into that building as strangers. That's where we had didactic courses, received our white coats, and got to know each other. Now, here we are four years later...graduating. Talk about a full circle moment.

How do I explain the late nights, early mornings, clinic experiences, exams, INBDE, ADEX... and still finding time to laugh together?

Maybe it's resilience. Or adaptability. These past four years taught us to be patient, open-minded, and resourceful.

DMD doesn't just stand for Doctor of Dental Medicine. It stands for dedication, motivation, and DEFINITELY a little sleep deprivation.

We are trauma-bonded for life. If we can survive this, we can survive anything. So, thank you for all the memories, the good and the bad. And of course... how could we ever forget: Perio is life.

Congratulations, Class of 2026. We did it.

Brittany Duong, BS

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Class of 2026

COLLEGE OF PHARMACY MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN



Xiaodong Feng, PhD, PharmD, Hon. MD
Dean of the College of Pharmacy
Vice President of Operations & Student Services

Dear CNUCOP Class of 2026 Graduates:

On behalf of the California Northstate University College of Pharmacy (CNUCOP) faculty, staff, and students, I extend a sincere congratulations from our CNUCOP family to you and your family! Thank you for embarking on this journey with us four years ago and achieving this significant milestone as a result of your hard work, dedication and contributions to the profession and community. This milestone marks the success of your PharmD education at CNUCOP, opens a new chapter of your pharmacy profession, and continues your legacy as CNUCOP alumni and future preceptors. Your achievements are a testament to your curiosity, rigor, and commitment to pushing the boundaries of our profession. You are not just learning to be pharmacists; you are learning to be innovators and leaders who will shape the future of healthcare.

Excellence is not a destination, but a journey. It is both an honor and privilege to march and celebrate the journey of excellence with the Class of 2026. Your cohort has been navigating the forever changing and challenging pharmacy industry with remarkable professionalism, team spirit, fortitude, and resilience. You are embracing each challenge with ownership, and today we celebrate everyone's achievements with pride as a team! Your tremendous participation in research, community service, clinical skill competitions, and leadership and public service initiatives has created your own legacy for the CNUCOP Class of 2026. No award is significant enough to match the achievements of this class because you have earned your place in CNU history with your unconditional service and contributions to the community and profession.

COLLEGE OF PHARMACY MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN (CONTINUED)

We are so honored to be colleagues with you as future pharmacists, pharmaceutical researchers, educators, business owners, entrepreneurs, administrators, and forever CNUCOP family members. We are so proud of each graduate in the Class of 2026. What you have achieved is a part of the history of CNUCOP, and I am very confident that the best is yet to come!

Together with the Class of 2026, we reaffirm our commitment to developing scholar-clinicians who will advance the art and science of pharmacy with evidence and empathy. I strongly encourage all the graduates to cherish this lifetime experience and say thank you to all your classmates and members of your CNUCOP family for being there with you for the last four years. Please stay connected with your classmates, your preceptors and the CNUCOP family so that we can continue cheering for you and growing with you. I also want to give thanks to all the families of our graduates for your unreserved love, support, trust, and sacrifice during this extremely challenging, but rewarding journey, especially during this ongoing geopolitical turmoil. A heartfelt and special thank you to our dedicated faculty, staff, and preceptors. Your guidance and mentorship are the cornerstone of this program, transforming bright students into future providers and leaders for the community. In return, now our graduates are ready to give back and serve the family, the community, and the profession. I am sure you can't wait to lead the transformation of pharmacy practice in this era of technology and innovation. Please continue paving the way for the success of future student pharmacists by serving as their preceptors.

Congratulations! Stay in touch! Enjoy the pharmacy career with pride and joy as experts of pharmacotherapy. Please uphold the oath of the white coat and never let social or political distancing keep us away from our patients.

Xiaodong Feng, PhD, PharmD, Hon. MD,
Dean of the College of Pharmacy

COLLEGE OF PHARMACY MESSAGE FROM THE VALEDICTORIAN



Giang "Tracy" Tran, BS
Class of 2026 Valedictorian
College of Pharmacy

Dear Class of 2026,

We did it! Despite exams that felt like they covered everything ever written about medications, rotations that started before we were fully awake, and the constant realization that in pharmacy the most common answer is, "it depends"...we did it!

I want to give a heartfelt thank you to our faculty and preceptors for their guidance and patience, to our families for supporting us through stress and caffeine-fueled study sessions, and to our classmates for getting through it all together, especially the group projects.

Pharmacy school challenged us, shaped us, and occasionally made us question all our life choices, but it also taught us resilience, teamwork, and how to find answers fast (sometimes very fast).

As we move forward, we carry more than a PharmD. We carry responsibility, compassion, and the ability to stay calm while double-checking everything at least twice.

To the Class of 2026, congratulations! We made it, and we're only slightly more tired than when we started.

Giang "Tracy" Tran, BS

COLLEGE OF PHARMACY SPECIAL MESSAGE



Toan Dinh, BS, MBA
College of Pharmacy

Dear Class of 2026,

We made it. Through exams, rotations, sleepless nights, stress, sacrifice, and moments when the journey felt impossible, we kept going.

During my P3 year I was diagnosed with terminal lung cancer, while continuing pharmacy school and APPE rotations. There were many moments when I did not know if I would live long enough to stand here today. But through faith, the support of my family, classmates, faculty, and the grace of God, I continued forward one day at a time.

I want to sincerely thank our faculty, preceptors, and mentors for believing in us, teaching us, and standing beside us through one of the most challenging journeys of our lives. Thank you to our families and loved ones for carrying us through the long nights, difficult moments, and sacrifices that made this achievement possible. Pharmacy school taught us more than medications and guidelines. It taught us compassion, resilience, humility, and the importance of caring for patients as human beings.

To the Class of 2026, congratulations. Today, we rise not only as graduates, but as future pharmacists ready to serve others with knowledge, compassion, and humanity.

By the grace of God, we are here today. Never stop believing in hope, miracles, and the strength to keep going.

Toan Dinh, BS, MBA

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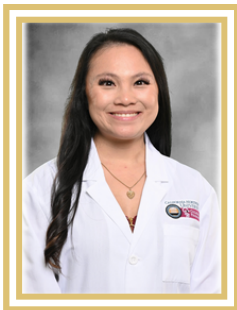
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To: COP Faculty

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To: Lylah Salem - Daughter

Message: To my wonderful Lylah: I'm receiving a degree today, but I couldn't have reached this stage without you. Thank you for your patience while I was lost in my notes or away at work. You were my motivation through every long hour. Sharing graduation with your birthday is my proudest moment. Happy Birthday, Monkey!

From: Mahboubeh Padar Chermahini

To: Rostam and Issa - My Husband and Son

Message: *Special thanks to my beloved husband and my wonderful son for their endless love, patience, and support throughout this journey. This achievement would not have been possible without their encouragement and presence by my side.*

From: Angela Osorio

To: Mom and Dad

Message: *Para mis padres, gracias por siempre creer en mí y apoyarme en cada paso de mi camino. Su amor, paciencia y aliento me acompañaron durante todo este recorrido y hicieron posible este logro. Este logro es un reflejo de su amor, fortaleza y dedicación.*

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To: My Husband & Family

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Message: *Iss safar vich tuhade pyaar, support te vishwaas layi dilon dhanvaad. Ajj main jithe vi haan, oh tuhade karke haan. Eh kamyabi sirf meri nahi, tuhadi vi hai. I love you mom and dad.*

From: Tina Vuong

To: My Family

Message: *To my family, thank you for carrying me through the highs and lows of pharmacy school. I truly could not have made it to this moment without your support and everything you have done for me along the way. I am so grateful to celebrate and share this achievement together.*

From: Karina Nagra

To: Karandeep Nagra

Message: *Dad, this degree has my name on it, but every page of this journey has your fingerprints all over it. The sacrifices you made, the quiet support, and showing me how capable I am. I carried the work, but you carried me. I love you endlessly!*

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To: Maha & Hamdi

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From: Harleen Kaur

To: Family

Message: *Thank you to my family, friends, and everyone who supported me throughout this journey. I couldn't have done this without your support!*

From: My Trang Tiffany Nguyen

To: My husband Kao and my children Malakai, Ezekyal, Alaric and Zeraphina

Message: *A special thank you to my husband, Kao, and my children, Malakai, Ezekyal, Alaric, and Zeraphina. I would not have made it through this journey without your love, support, and encouragement. You are my motivation every day, and this achievement is just as much yours as it is mine.*

From: Ogechi Okorie

To: Nnennaya Okorie

Message: *Heyyy Dr. Twin, I am glad and so grateful you are here. Thank you for everything! I love you*

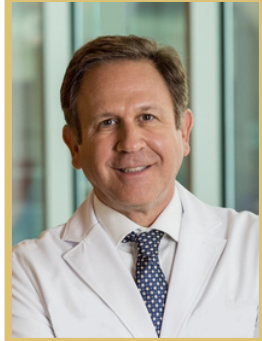
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Dear Graduating Class of 2026,

Congratulations on reaching this momentous milestone. Today, you embrace a calling that will demand everything from you while providing a profound sense of purpose, one far greater than you might imagine.

You haven't arrived here by chance. Your journey is marked by long nights, difficult choices, and an unwavering commitment to a cause larger than yourselves. Now, you carry that commitment forward not only as physicians but also as advocates, leaders, and healers.

Medicine today is complex. Our nation grapples with rising costs, inequitable access, an increasing burden of chronic disease, and a pervasive mental health crisis. The lessons of the COVID-19 pandemic still resonate, underscoring how deeply people rely on a health system staffed by professionals who bring skill, courage, and heart to every encounter.

And this is where you make the difference.

Each of you carries the power to do more than treat illness. You can listen when others feel ignored. You can stand up where systems falter and inject dignity into every setting. You can reshape a healthcare system that isn't just more technologically advanced, but also more equitable and compassionate.

Remember, impactful change unfolds in the small moments: the extra minute spent with a patient, the thoughtful questions you ask, the humility to learn continuously, and the resilience to persist when challenges arise.

Stay curious and grounded. Lean on each other and always remember why you began this journey.

You depart from CNUCOM not only with knowledge but also with a responsibility to lead with empathy, serve with integrity, and never lose sight of the humanity at the heart of medicine.

We are incredibly proud of you and excited to witness the positive changes you will usher in.

Congratulations, Class of 2026. Your journey is just beginning.

Sincerely,

Richard S. Isaacs, MD

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COLLEGE OF MEDICINE MESSAGE FROM THE VALEDICTORIAN



Emma McIntyre, BS
Class of 2026 Valedictorian
College of Medicine

It is an incredible honor to serve as valedictorian for the Class of 2026. Our class is filled with some of the most talented, driven, and inspiring people I have ever met, true trailblazers who created their own paths forward and supported one another through every challenge of medical school.

We did not follow a clearly marked road. Instead, we learned to adapt, to advocate for ourselves and for each other, and to keep moving forward even when the path wasn't clear. From anatomy lab and OSCEs to Step exams, clinical rotations, and Match season, we grew not only as future physicians, but as a community defined by resilience, grit, and teamwork.

I am deeply grateful to my family, mentors, classmates, and our Student Body Council for their constant support and encouragement throughout this journey. It has been a privilege to learn alongside this extraordinary class. Congratulations, Class of 2026.

Sincerely,

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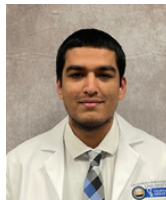


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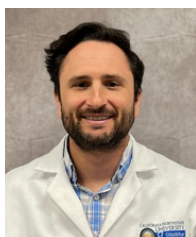


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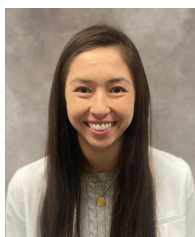
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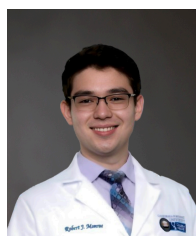
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