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Congratulations, Graduates

We congratulate the graduates of the Nursing Science and Health-Care Leadership Graduate Degree Programs and the UC Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Certificate Program. These research, physician assistant, nurse and advanced practice 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.

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 and physician assistant, Doctor of Nursing Practice—Family Nurse Practitioner, Doctor of Nursing Practice—Nurse Anesthesia and Doctor of Philosophy. It is also the administrative home of the UC Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Certificate Program.

Message from Chancellor May

To Degree Candidates,

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

When you came to UC Davis, you joined a community driven to make the world a better place. You understood that academics are paramount, but 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.

Now, you are ready to take on this next chapter of your life with great confidence and enthusiasm. With its deep commitment to excellence and world-class faculty setting the bar high for students, UC Davis has prepared you to succeed. 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 use this valuable network and remain connected with our campus.

I hope you leave UC Davis with cherished memories that will last a lifetime. I encourage you to keep close our values of excellence, openness to diverse perspectives and embracing 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 fluid and cursive, with the first and last names being more prominent.

Gary S. May
Chancellor

"Remember to use your knowledge and powers for good. Every day, try to learn something new, help someone and make the world a better place."

– CHANCELLOR GARY S. MAY

Message from Provost Croughan

Dear Aggie Graduate,

Please accept my sincerest congratulations on your graduation! Today marks the culmination of years of work as your loved ones, friends, faculty, and the entire campus celebrates you successfully achieving your goal. What a spectacular moment this is!

As a UC Davis degree candidate, you have met the high standards and rigorous requirements of your major at a world-class university. You have expanded your awareness and learned new concepts, employed critical thinking and collaborated with others, and formed friendships that can last a lifetime. While you have grown and changed over your time here, you have also helped those around you to grow and change. Your personal strengths, your passion for learning, and your enthusiasm for engaging with others has made this community better. I commend you on all that you have accomplished to get here.

I wish you well on your next chapter, whether you are entering your career field, continuing your studies, or embarking upon public service. As a proud Aggie alumna myself, I know UC Davis has prepared you very well for your future and you will succeed.

In closing, I ask that you stay connected with your alma mater and come back to campus to visit us as alumni. We want to be part of your lifelong journey and celebrate all you accomplish in your career and in life. Go Ags!

All the best,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mary Croughan". The script is elegant and cursive, with the first letters of "Mary" and "Croughan" being capitalized and prominent.

Mary S. Croughan
Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor

Program

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

ACADEMIC PROCESSION

Laura L. Van Auker

Clinical Professor

NATIONAL ANTHEM

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

Stephen J. Cavanagh

Dignity Health Dean's Chair for Nursing Leadership, Dean and Professor

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Hendry Ton

Associate Vice Chancellor for Health Equity, Diversity and Inclusion

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

Jessica Draughon Moret

Associate Professor of Clinical Nursing

STUDENT SPEAKERS FOR THE CLASSES OF 2024 and 2025

Roxanne Abella

UC Psychiatric Mental Health

Nurse Practitioner Certificate Program

Bailey Briscoe

Nursing Science and Health-Care Leadership

Master of Science—Nursing

Austin Sean De Lozada

Nursing Science and Health-Care Leadership

Master of Health Services—Physician Assistant Studies

Allan Polendey Dumlao

Nursing Science and Health-Care Leadership

Doctor of Nursing Practice—Family Nurse Practitioner

Ingrid S. Parry

Nursing Science and Health-Care Leadership

Doctor of Philosophy

CONFERRAL AND PRESENTATION OF DEGREES

Laura L. Van Auker

Stephen J. Cavanagh

Gary S. May

Lynda Creighton-Wong

Director for the UC Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Certificate Program and Clinical Professor

Shana L. Ruggenberg

Director for the Master's Entry Program in Nursing and Clinical Professor

Teresa Thetford

Director for the Physician Assistant Program and Associate Clinical Professor

Charleen Singh

Director for the Doctor of Nursing Practice—Family Nurse Practitioner Degree Program and Associate Clinical Professor

Sheryl L. Catz

Doctor of Philosophy Program Director 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 2024 and 2025

UC Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Certificate

Roxanne Abella

Emily Hunter Birnbaum

Carla Calderon

Olivia Nichelle Dalton

Rita Davis-Marten

Pawanjit Kaur Dhillon

Polly C. Dodds

Halleh Entekhabi

Julie Galavis

Debra Jordi Goldstein-Fuchs

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Nadia Haas

Christopher Benjamin Hall

Yasmine Heiba

Erica Marie Jenkins

Donovan Jenkins

Chloe Kiester

Yeonsil Lee

Lynda Lopez-Freyre

Charles Malak

Michelle Martinez

Eliza Rivera-Mitu

Andrew Sanchez

Megan Suwara

Rainbow Ann Tarumoto

Joan Nichole Taylor

Aristotle Ibarra Tuano

Lovelle Valencia

Irma Velasco

Nora Vue

Master of Science—Nursing

Belen Aban	Michelle Marie La Haie
Maria Bellamacina	Duane Ryan Lam
Bailey Briscoe	Kelly Lan
Isabela Cabral	Jeff Li
Isabella Alexandria Campos	Taylor Motte
Citlalli Castañeda	Tiana Victoria Nelson
Cassandra May Chew Chao	Ronnie G. Nuñez
Lauren Mary Christie	Edna Ochoa
Rekina Martinique Daniels	Anthony Pineiro
Kristen Ellis	Guadalupe Rangel
Ashley Fong	Mikaela Sacks
Sara Gharaviram	Javier Sanchez Verdin
Anuprit Gill	Patricia Gomez Sanchez
Kalasia Green	Salena Sandhu
Katharine Harlan Owens	Ashley Sandhu
Eva Huynh	Cynthia Yvette Solorio Melgoza
Sarah Jade Ito	Tanesha Rose Sullins
Isabella Jimenez	Janessa Tibbot
Sol Alondra Jimenez	Alvin Tom
Hylace Khalayi	Sophia Lenora Torreano
Samuel Klein	Jonathan Vargas
Hannah Malia Koutsoubinas	Cassidy Zhang
Rohit Kumar	Lizette Jacqueline Zuppan

Master of Health Services—Physician Assistant Studies

Leah Babakhanyan	Sandra Militaru
Allison Bacani	Caylea Molyneux
Lena Ariam Berhane	Karla Andrea Moreno
Sarah Blevins	Mackenzie D. Nash
Spencer Borba	Rayaud Nassar
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Jasmine Xiao-Lin Li	Tavis Valenzuela
Reed Serena Ling	Sabina Wahed
Savannah Rose Lombrano	Nicholas John Woods
Cindy Bik Yu Mai	Melinda Xiong
Joe Matsuoka	Christopher Xu
Kylee McConnell	

Doctor of Nursing Practice—Family Nurse Practitioner

DIANNA ARIES AMAYA

Enhancing Hypertension Control in Latino Farmworkers: Development and Evaluation of Pictorial, Culturally-Tailored Spanish-Language Educational Materials

Chairperson: Joanne “Jody” Minnick

YESENIA ANDRADE

Testosterone Therapy for Hypogonadal Men: A Clinical Practice Guideline

Chairperson: Joanne “Jody” Minnick

RACHEL MARIA ARAUJO

Increasing Nutrition Referrals in Oncology Patients Using the Malnutrition Screening Tool.

Chairperson: Joanne “Jody” Minnick

GIULIA SAIA AROSTEGUI

Early Detection of Cognitive Impairment in Older Adults

Receiving Home-Based Primary Care: A Clinical Practice Guideline

Chairperson: Joanne “Jody” Minnick

JENNIFER BERKERY

Will an Education Module on Integrative Nutrition for Oncology Nurses

Improve Knowledge on How to Support Alleviation of Chemotherapy

Related Side Effects and Gut Health? A Clinical Practice Guideline

Chairperson: Joanne “Jody” Minnick

ANNA BLAKE

Navigation of Care for Pre-Diabetic Patients: A Clinical Practice Guideline

Chairperson: Joanne “Jody” Minnick

BENJAMIN CRAIG

Improving Kratom Knowledge in First Responders

Chairperson: Charleen Singh

BOBBIE J. CRIDER

Improving Timely Removal of ERCP Stents: Implementing a Tracking and Follow-up System

Chairperson: Charleen Singh

SAMIKSHA DHAKAL

Evaluating the Impact of a Web-Based Sexual Violence Prevention Training Program for College Students in Nepal: A Pre-Test and Post-Test Analysis of Knowledge and Awareness

Chairperson: Charleen Singh

ALLAN POLENDEY DUMLAO

Assessing Clinical Researchers’ Readiness to Incorporate Social Determinants of Health in Biotechnology and Pharmaceutical Clinical Trials

Chairperson: Charleen Singh

ELIZABETH VIRGINIA FERNWOOD

Improving Digital Health Literacy Knowledge Through Nursing Education Workshop

Chairperson: Joanne “Jody” Minnick

ASHLEY ANNE FERREIRA

Emergent Asthma Care Education in Childcare Facilities

Chairperson: Joanne “Jody” Minnick

CATHERINE MAUWA KOANJA

Increasing Cultural Humility and Suicidal Ideation Recognition Among Black Youth:

A Clinical Practice Guideline for Healthcare Professionals

Chairperson: Joanne “Jody” Minnick

BRITTANY NIELSEN

Improving Risk Estimates of CVD in Primary Care Using PREVENT Risk Calculator

Chairperson: Charleen Singh

CRISTINA NORIEGA

Increasing Knowledge of Health Providers and Staff Regarding the Relationship between Menstruation Irregularities and Cardiovascular Health in Women of Reproductive Age

Chairperson: Joanne “Jody” Minnick

MIRIAN OBIOHA

Assessing Healthcare Prescriber Knowledge and Confidence in the Use of GLP-1 Receptors Agonists for Weight Management

Chairperson: Joanne “Jody” Minnick

KIRINPREET SIBIA

Increasing HPV Vaccination Awareness Through Healthcare Staff Education

Chairperson: Amy Nichols

TIFFANY JULIA SPENCER

Sensory Modifications in Urgent Cares for Autistics: A Clinical Practice Guideline

Chairperson: Amy Nichols

JASMINE BREANNA JEANNE TAYLOR

A Clinical Practice Guideline for Weight Management for Primary Care Providers

Chairperson: Amy Nichols

CHELSEA TOMPKINS

Assessing Acute Care Nurses’ Knowledge of Early Palliative Care Initiation in Hospital

Chairperson: Joanne “Jody” Minnick and Amy Nichols

MCKENNA LEE VAN DER HAEGEN

Screening and Assessment for Sexual Health and Dysfunction in Oncology Patients and Survivors

Chairperson: Amy Nichols

Doctor of Philosophy

SANDRA GUADALUPE CALDERON

Nursing Faculty Careers: Perspectives Among Hispanic Nurses

Dissertation chair: Victoria Keeton

KURT ANTHONY DAVID

Examining Health Disparities in the use of Hematopoietic

Cell Transplants for HIV-related Lymphoma

Dissertation chair: Sheryl L. Catz

JACQUELINE EVELYN NAOMI HUMPHREY-STRAUB

Examining the Practices of Gender-Affirming Hormone Therapy in Primary Care Settings

Dissertation chair: Jessica Draughon Moret

ASHLEY JOHNSON

Racial Disparity in Uterine-Sparing Surgery Among Women with Uterine Fibroids

Dissertation chair: Jill Joseph

JANE LEE

Association of Area Deprivation Index with Latent Tuberculosis

Infection Management: A Retrospective Cohort Study

Dissertation chair: Tae Youn Kim

INGRID S. PARRY

Evaluating Joint-Level Range of Motion Outcomes After a Burn Injury

Using an Innovative Cutaneokinematic Approach

Dissertation chair: Janice F. Bell

MARISSA DOMINIQUE ROMERO

Exploring the Birth Stories of Black Women using Narrative Inquiry

Dissertation chair: Piri Ackerman-Barger

VALERIE J. STEINMETZ

The Augmentation and Testing of a Social Isolation Measure

with Digital Connection for Older Adults

Dissertation chair: Janice F. Bell

Nursing Science and Health-Care Leadership

Graduate Group Faculty

Laura Van Auker - Chair

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Lisa Gray

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Miles Harris

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Victoria Jackson

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Tia Kadiu Joseph

Sandra Kamba

Victoria Keeton

Lori Kennedy

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Scholarships and Student Awards

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 Quinby-Young Scholarship for Healthy Aging
 Robert and Jacqueline Bates Award in Nursing
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 Sandy Smoley Endowed Award
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 Sierra Sacramento Valley Medical Society Alliance Scholarship
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 Teri A. Lown, RN, OCN Educational Award in Oncology Nursing
 Terri and Alan Wolf Nursing Scholarship Fund
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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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