

CHICAGO COLLEGE OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE
2025 Commencement



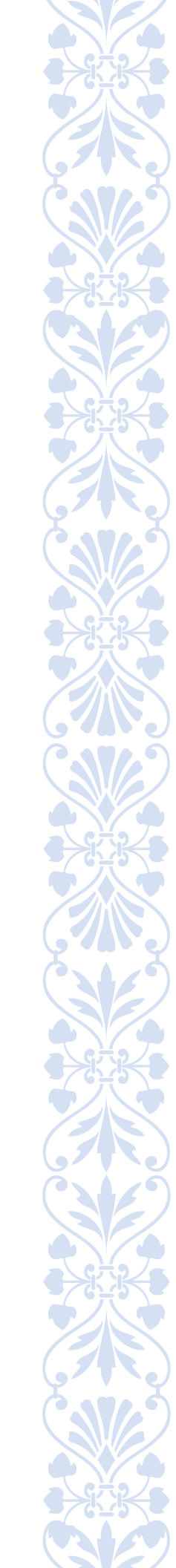
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Wednesday, the Twenty-Eighth of May, Two Thousand and Twenty-Five*





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ORDER OF CEREMONY

Processional

THE AUDIENCE WILL PLEASE STAND

Introduction

National Anthem

Opening Reflection

Welcome Address

The Osteopathic Oath

Presentation of Graduates

Conferral of Degrees

Presentation of Midwestern University Coin Honoring our Military Graduates

Musical Interlude

Student Remarks

Closing Remarks

Closing Reflection

Recessional

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INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

American Medical Women's Association (AMWA)

Glasgow-Rubin Certificates of Commendation for Academic Achievement:

Carma Azhar, Carolyn Byrne, Madelyn Betar, Fiona Busser, Vienna George, Amy Luo, Natalie Lyn, Sara Napoli, Nidhi Parikh, Jane Schetter, Andrea St Laurent, Katherine Waghorne

Dean's Special Commendation Award: Giorgia Franzese

Donna Jones Moritsugu Memorial Award: Sean McIntyre, spouse of Danielle Voke

Lowell Goldberg Award: Eric Cooper

Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine Scholar Awards: Jordan Barry, Cameron Braz, Jason Vo

Public Service Award: Fiona Busser

Stephen J. Sears Award: Reem Darwish

Valedictorian: Katherine Waghorne

DEPARTMENTAL AWARDS

Anatomy: Carolyn Byrne

Behavioral Medicine: Luke Lammers

Biochemistry and Molecular Genetics: Natalia Klisch

Clinical Integration: Fady Botros

Emergency Medicine: Madeline Jurcev

Family Medicine: Daniel Rafferty

Internal Medicine: Jane Schetter

Microbiology and Immunology: Jacob White

Obstetrics/Gynecology: Giorgia Franzese

Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine (Basic Science): Katherine Enrietto

Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine (Clinical Science): Andrew Asencio

Pediatrics: Jordan Barry & Nidhi Parikh

Pharmacology: Alessandro Dotti

Physiology: William Dan

Psychiatry: Syed Hasan & Julia Lambert

Surgery: Jacob White

FACULTY AND STAFF RECOGNITION AWARDS

Outstanding Clinical Coordinator: Helen Chong

Outstanding Clinical Preceptor: Timothy Halt, D.O.

Outstanding Intern of the Year: Emily Daly, D.O.

Outstanding Professor: Orhay Mirzapolos, D.O.

Outstanding Professor: Shan Rehman, D.O.

Outstanding Resident of the Year: Zoya Khan, D.O.

DOCTOR OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE CLASS OF 2025

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Decatur, IL

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Collin Thomas Cartwright

Commerce Township, MI

Javerea Ahmed

Bloomington, IL

Jordan Lynn Barry

Plainfield, IL

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Aurora, IL

Samiha Syeda Ahmed

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Downers Grove, IL

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THE OSTEOPATHIC OATH

I do hereby affirm my loyalty to the profession I am about to enter.

I will be mindful always of my great responsibility
to preserve the health and the life of my patients,
to retain their confidence and respect both as a physician and a friend
who will guard their secrets with scrupulous honor and fidelity,
to perform faithfully my professional duties,
to employ only those recognized methods of treatment
consistent with good judgment and with my skill and ability,
keeping in mind always nature's laws
and the body's inherent capacity for recovery.

I will be ever vigilant in aiding in the general welfare of the community,
sustaining its laws and institutions,
not engaging in those practices that will in any way
bring shame or discredit upon myself or my profession.

I will give no drugs for deadly purposes to any person,
though it be asked of me.

I will endeavor to work in accord with my colleagues
in a spirit of progressive cooperation,
and never by word or by act cast imputations upon them
or their rightful practices.

I will look with respect and esteem
upon all those who have taught me my art.

To my college, I will be loyal and strive always for its best interests
and for the interests of the students who come after me.

I will be ever alert to further the application of basic biologic truths
to the healing arts and to develop the principles of osteopathic
medicine that were first enunciated by Andrew Taylor Still.

In the presence of this gathering, I bind myself to my oath.

ACADEMIC REGALIA AND PROCESSIONAL

Gown

The gown is the cornerstone of the academic costume that has its origins in 12th and 13th century Europe, a period when universities were being formed. Today, Midwestern University follows guidelines established by the American Council on Education. All graduates wear black gowns, with the front panels of the doctoral gown trimmed in black velvet. Each sleeve of the doctoral gown is adorned with three bars of black velvet with bell-shaped wrist ends. The master's gown is unadorned, with the wrist ends of the sleeve open oblongs that extend beyond the hand.

Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine

Discipline Color: Kelly Green

Liner Color: Black

Chevron Color: Gold

College of Health Sciences Occupational Therapy Program

Discipline Color: Sage Green

Liner Color: Navy

Chevron Color: Gold

Chicago College of Optometry

Discipline Color: Seafoam

Liner Color: Navy

Chevron Color: Gold

College of Pharmacy, Downers Grove

Discipline Color: Olive

Liner Color: Light Purple

Chevron Color: White

College of Health Sciences Clinical Psychology Program

Discipline Color: Gold

Liner Color: Navy

Chevron Color: Gold

College of Graduate Studies Biomedical Sciences Program

Discipline Color: Gold

Liner Color: Navy

Chevron Color: Gold

College of Health Sciences Physician Assistant Program

Discipline Color: Gold

Liner Color: Navy

Chevron Color: Gold

College of Health Sciences Speech-Language Pathology Program

Discipline Color: Crimson

Liner Color: Navy

Chevron Color: Gold

College of Graduate Studies Public Health Program

Discipline Color: Gold

Liner Color: Navy

Chevron Color: Gold

College of Health Sciences Physical Therapy Program

Discipline Color: Teal Blue

Liner Color: Navy

Chevron Color: Gold

College of Dental Medicine–Illinois

Discipline Color: Lilac

Liner Color: Navy

Chevron Color: Gold

College of Graduate Studies Precision Medicine Program

Discipline Color: Gold

Liner Color: Navy

Chevron Color: Gold



Hood

The hood, a commencement accessory placed around the neck that drapes down the back of the graduate's gown, signifies achievement in higher education. Its velvet top layer is the discipline color of the program of study. Both the lining and the chevron trim colors are those of the college or the program. The doctoral hood is four feet in length; the master's hood is three and one-half feet in length.

Tam

All Midwestern University graduates wear black velvet tams with black (master programs) or gold (doctoral programs) tassels that hang to the right front side.

Honor Cords

The honor cord, nearly six feet in length, is worn around the graduate's neck and drapes down the front of the gown. The different cord colors designate the academic achievement or honor status in a national academic/professional society. A graduate can wear multiple cords if he or she qualifies for individual honors.

Midwestern University Coin

A custom minted coin is a military tradition to recognize achievement, create incentive, improve safety, or show appreciation for duty, dedication, or a job well done. Following the military tradition, Midwestern University proudly presents graduates who are in the military or entering the military following graduation with a Midwestern University Coin to honor their service to our country.

HISTORY OF MIDWESTERN UNIVERSITY

Midwestern University has a proud and impressive history. Founded in 1900 as the American College of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery by J. Martin Littlejohn, Ph.D., D.O., M.D. (1865–1947), the organization was incorporated in Chicago, Illinois, to train physicians in a not-for-profit environment.

Dr. Littlejohn hired talented faculty that enabled the College to establish a reputation as a leader in medical education, research, and clinical practice. The early faculty mentored their students in the art and science of osteopathic medicine while teaching surgery, the principles and practices of osteopathic medicine, anatomy, and basic science.

The growth of the osteopathic college is intertwined with that of the osteopathic medical profession itself. Ever since 1874 when a country doctor, Andrew Taylor Still, announced his new theory of treating patients and began the first college in 1892, the profession has grown in reputation and acceptance around the country and international settings.



The Downers Grove Campus was purchased in 1986, and the Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine moved from its prior home in Hyde Park, Illinois, to this western suburb of Illinois. Following the relocation of the College, the Board of Trustees voted to begin the development of new academic programs within the health sciences, including the College of Pharmacy, Downers Grove (1991) and the College of Health Sciences, Downers Grove (1992). In 1993, the Board of Trustees unanimously approved a single educational mission for the institution, and Midwestern University emerged. The Downers Grove Campus has since expanded to include the College of Dental Medicine–Illinois (2009), the Chicago College of Optometry (2014), the College of Graduate Studies, Downers Grove (2018), and the Proposed College of Veterinary Medicine–Illinois (2024). The Downers Grove Campus, located on 105 acres, has buildings that include academic classrooms, laboratories, a state-of-the-art library and auditorium building, and student housing. The Midwestern University Multispecialty Clinic and the future Companion Animal Clinic sit on 11 acres in Downers Grove. Established in 2013, the Multispecialty Clinic includes the Dental Institute, a Family Medicine Practice, the Speech-Language Institute, the Physical Therapy Institute, the Eye Institute, and other health services designed to meet a wide range of healthcare needs.

The Glendale Campus was established in 1995 when the Board of Trustees approved the purchase of land and the building of a new campus in Arizona. The Glendale Campus is home to the Arizona College of Osteopathic Medicine (1995), the College of Health Sciences, Glendale (1996), the College of Pharmacy, Glendale (1998), the College of Dental Medicine–Arizona (2006), the Arizona College of Optometry (2008), the College of Veterinary Medicine–Arizona (2012), the College of Graduate Studies, Glendale (2018), and the Arizona College of Podiatric Medicine (2020). The campus has seen rapid growth in the number of buildings, academic programs, faculty, staff, and students. The Glendale Campus, located on 134 acres, has buildings that provide for academic classrooms, state-of-the-art laboratories, and student housing. Midwestern University operates six community clinics in Metro Phoenix. Five are located on the University’s 40-acre Clinical Campus: the Multispecialty Clinic, which opened in 2007; the Dental Institute and the Eye Institute, which opened in 2010; the Animal Health Institute—comprised of the Companion Animal Clinic (opened 2014), Large Animal Center (opened 2015), and Diagnostic Pathology Center (opened 2016); and the Therapy Institute, which opened in 2020. The Midwestern University Comprehensive Care Clinic – Central Phoenix, operated in partnership since 2023, is located in north central Phoenix.

Midwestern University is still governed by the strong principles of the founding administration and faculty. An independent, not-for-profit corporation organized primarily to provide graduate and postgraduate education in the health sciences, the University is dedicated to the education and development of its students, faculty, and staff in an environment that encourages learning and personal development.

Land Acknowledgement

We respectfully acknowledge that the Midwestern University Downers Grove Campus is on the traditional and ancestral homelands of the people of the Council of Three Fires. We honor with gratitude the land itself and the Indigenous peoples who have been caretakers of the land throughout generations, past and present. Acknowledging the history of the land on which our campus is located presents an opportunity to support and collaborate with Indigenous communities today.

THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER

O SAY CAN YOU SEE, BY THE DAWN'S EARLY LIGHT,
WHAT SO PROUDLY WE HAIL'D AT THE TWILIGHT'S LAST GLEAMING,
WHOSE BROAD STRIPES AND BRIGHT STARS THROUGH THE PERILOUS FIGHT
O'ER THE RAMPARTS WE WATCH'D WERE SO GALLANTLY STREAMING?
AND THE ROCKETS' RED GLARE, THE BOMBS BURSTING IN AIR,
GAVE PROOF THROUGH THE NIGHT THAT OUR FLAG WAS STILL THERE,
O SAY DOES THAT STAR-SPANGLED BANNER YET WAVE
O'ER THE LAND OF THE FREE AND THE HOME OF THE BRAVE?



The national anthem of the United States of America is “The Star-Spangled Banner,” whose lyrics were inspired by a poem written in 1814 by Francis Scott Key after he witnessed the victorious defense of Fort McHenry in Baltimore, Maryland, during the War of 1812. Key wrote the poem after seeing a large United States flag—composed of 13 red and white stripes, and 15 white stars against a field of blue—flying triumphantly above the fort after its bombardment the night before by British ships in Chesapeake Bay. “The Star-Spangled Banner” was named the official national anthem by a Congressional resolution on March 3, 1931.



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