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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Members of the Class of 2025,

Today marks not just the end of one chapter, but the beginning of an extraordinary journey. You have worked with purpose and perseverance to arrive at this moment, and I extend my heartfelt congratulations to each of you. Whether you have earned your degree in osteopathic medicine, clinical psychology, biomedical sciences, bioethics, public health or health care leadership, you have demonstrated not only academic excellence but the strength of character that defines true service.

When you began your studies at Kansas City University, the world was still finding its footing in the wake of a global pandemic. Despite uncertainty, you chose to pursue a calling greater than yourselves. Your resilience in the face of many unprecedented challenges, your commitment to healing, and your devotion to our values of excellence, equity and empathy embody the very best of KCU and the profession you now enter.

You graduate not only as individuals, but as a united class – bound by shared experience, compassion and purpose. As you step into a world that needs your knowledge, your leadership and your heart, I urge you to remain true to our mission of *improving the well-being of the communities we serve*.

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Your connection to KCU does not end today. You are forever part of our history, our family and our future. I hope you remain engaged with your alma mater – through alumni events, continued learning, mentorship and support for the generations who will follow in your footsteps. Your voice, your presence and your passion matter.

As we close this momentous day, I leave you with the words of Albert Einstein, who said, “Only a life lived for others is a life worthwhile.” Class of 2025, your years of dedication, your resilience and your compassion have prepared you not only to heal but to lead – to bring light where there is darkness, and to bring peace and love into a world that desperately needs both.

I am deeply proud of all you have achieved and profoundly grateful for the strength and hope you carry forward. Congratulations to each and every one of our graduates of the Class of 2025!

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Marc B. Hahn', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

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PRESIDENT'S AWARD

Elizabeth Anne Keene

Given to a student who has made significant and meritorious contributions to the larger community in a leadership role while enrolled at the University.

DEAN'S AWARD

Amir Reza Razavi

Given to a student who has excelled academically and made significant and meritorious contributions to the University community and enhanced the overall quality and spirit of the College of Osteopathic Medicine.

GOLD STETHOSCOPE

Alexandra Pentel Lawlor

Presented to the student ranked first in the class of graduating osteopathic medical students.

STUDENT DO OF THE YEAR

Donald Paul Keating III

Presented to a student who exemplifies leadership, commitment to community service, dedication to the profession, professionalism, and embodiment of the osteopathic philosophy.

THE SIR WILLIAM OSLER OUTSTANDING STUDENT AWARD FOR BIOETHICS

Megan Catherine Whitney

Presented to a graduating student in the osteopathic medicine/bioethics dual-degree program who exemplifies excellence in the humanistic dimensions of health care.

ACHIEVEMENT IN CLINICAL MEDICINE AWARD

Alexandra Pentel Lawlor

Presented to an osteopathic medical student who has demonstrated significant interest and participation in clinical science research.

AWARD RECIPIENTS

BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES DEAN'S STUDENT OF THE YEAR

Astha Subash

Presented for achievements in leadership and service to the school and non-affiliated entities while in the College of Biosciences.

BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES RESEARCH STUDENT OF THE YEAR AWARD

Amanda Marie Gardner-Kay

Presented for achievements in leadership and service to the school and non-affiliated entities while in the College of Biosciences research track program.

BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES FACULTY STUDENT OF THE YEAR

Killian Fane

Presented for achievements in academic excellence and classroom engagement while in the College of Biosciences.

BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES STAFF STUDENT OF THE YEAR

Vincent Andrew Barnes

Presented for achievements made in professionalism while in the College of Biosciences.

HEALTH SERVICE PSYCHOLOGY AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO CLINICAL RESEARCH

Eva Maria Hernandez Cuevas

Presented to an exceptional doctoral student who has made significant contributions to the field of clinical psychology through research which clearly translates empirical findings into actionable recommendations for clinicians and mental health professionals by offering insights, interventions or strategies that enhance the assessment, diagnosis, treatment or prevention of mental health disorders.

AWARD RECIPIENTS

HEALTH SERVICE PSYCHOLOGY GRADUATE STUDENT AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO CLINICAL SERVICE

Katie Rennie

*Presented to a clinical psychology student in honor and recognition of
outstanding contributions the clinical program, field or community.*

WE CARE COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

Eva Maria Hernandez Cuevas

*Presented to a graduate student in the Department of Health Service Psychology
who demonstrates a passion and commitment to community service*

KCU-COM BASIC SCIENCE RESEARCH AWARD

Katiana Hebbert

*Presented to an osteopathic medical student who has demonstrated
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KCU-COM CLINICAL SCIENCE RESEARCH AWARD

Olivia Catherine Langton

*Presented to an osteopathic medical student who has demonstrated significant
interest and participation in clinical sciences research.*

THOMAS V. THOMAS, MD, AWARD FOR RESEARCH

Lauren Valeria Evelt

*Presented to an osteopathic student who takes advantage of the most research
opportunities and demonstrated significant interest and participation in research.*

AWARD RECIPIENTS

VESALIUS AWARD

Colleen Marie Reed

Presented for outstanding academic performance in the disciplines of human anatomy, histology and neuroanatomy, as well as service to the Department of Pathology and Anatomical Sciences.

MATHEWS MILITARY HONOR GRADUATE AWARD

Donald Paul Keating III

Honors military graduates who best exemplify academic excellence, commitment to serve in the military, leadership, service to one's community and esprit de corps.

AMERICAN MEDICAL WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

JANET H. GLASGOW MEMORIAL AWARD

Alexandra Pentel Lawlor

Presented to a woman who graduates first in her class of graduating medical students.

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Empathy | *Caring for our students, our colleagues and our community*



The Commencement Ceremony is an important tradition at Kansas City University. Both a formal recognition of the academic accomplishments made by the graduates as well as a celebration of their potential to continue *improving the well-being of the communities we serve* for future generations, each Commencement Ceremony is a historic moment for our graduates, their loved ones and the University.

As such, the Commencement Ceremony includes a number of symbolic traditions that honor the importance of this day. The following section provides a brief overview of the unspoken traditions you will witness during today's ceremony.

MACES

An ancient symbol of authority that was originally held by individuals protecting dignitaries, the mace reminds us that universities are custodians both of the enduring tradition of learning and of the power they bestow upon those who have come to learn.

University Mace

The University Mace holds the highest formal purpose of all the maces, representing the University's governing authority and signifying that the event has official sanction. It is carried by the Faculty Marshal during the ceremony.

Graduation Scepters

Gifted to the University by Lee E. Davidson, DO (COM '45), in 1975, this pair of replicas of the Rod of Asclepius were hand-crafted from wood and bronze by then-student doctor Evany Zirul, DO (COM '79). The graduation scepters are now carried by Student Marshals during the ceremony.

The Centennial Mace

The Centennial Mace was commissioned in 2016 to commemorate the University's Centennial Celebration and was first carried by G. Michael Johnston, DO, MACOI (COM '73), KCU alumnus, long-time professor and associate provost for faculty and student success. A modern interpretation of the Rod of Asclepius that has been crafted from metal alloy, the Centennial Mace reflects the intersection of the University's first 100 years of history and our beginning of a new century of innovation. The Centennial Mace is traditionally reserved for display on the Kansas City campus; however, at the discretion of the President, it may instead be carried by the Faculty Marshal in lieu of the University Mace during select Commencement Ceremonies.

GONFALONS

Gonfalons are heraldic banners adding an element of pageantry to the ceremony. Tracing back to medieval Italy, “gonfalon” were originally the community meetings during which every neighborhood displayed its own custom, ornate flag. Over time, the word has become associated with the flag itself, and gonfalons have become part of ceremonies worldwide.

Kansas City University's gonfalons serve to herald the presence of both the University as a whole and the colleges participating in each ceremony. Student gonfaloniers, or carriers of the flags, each carry their college's respective gonfalon during the Commencement Ceremony.

REGALIA

Academic regalia traces its beginnings to the Middle Ages. When English universities were forming in the 12th and 13th centuries, scholars were also clerics and they adopted robes similar to those of their monastic orders. Caps were a necessity in drafty buildings and capes with hoods attached were needed for warmth. In 1895, the Intercollegiate Commission specified a code that was adopted by American institutions of higher learning to standardize the regalia worn by faculty and graduates. It has stood virtually unchanged to present time.

Master's Regalia

Master's gowns are silk-finish, black gowns with oblong sleeves that open at the wrist and feature a crescent-shaped trailing edge. The master's cap is a rigid mortarboard with a medium-length tassel that matches the color of the velvet trim of the master's hood. Master's tassels are worn on the left side of the cap at all times.

The hood is the most distinctive feature of the master's regalia. Master's hoods are medium length and feature a crescent-shaped trailing edge which compliments the sleeves of the master's gown. The color of the velvet edging of the hood indicates the degree earned while the color of the satin lining represents the university from which that degree has been conferred. Several combinations can be seen on the regalia worn by KCU administration and faculty, but the colors on the following page will be worn by KCU graduates.

Doctor's Regalia

Doctor's gowns are silk-finish gowns trimmed down the front with velvet and have three velvet bars on the bell-shaped sleeves. The velvet color is unique to the discipline for which the degree pertains, or may be black. The doctor of osteopathic medicine, as well as the doctor of medicine, is represented by green velvet.

The doctoral cap is an eight-sided velvet tam with short tassels that match the color of the velvet trim of the doctoral hood, although metallic gold tassels are also permitted. As with master's tassels, doctor's tassels are worn on the left side of the cap at all times.

The hood is the most distinctive feature of the doctor's regalia. Doctor's hoods are long and marked by a wide velvet binding in the color representing the degree earned. The color of the hood's interior satin lining represents the university from which that degree has been conferred. Myriad combinations can be seen on the regalia worn by KCU administration, faculty and guest hooders, but the colors on the following page will be worn by KCU graduates.

UNIVERSITY TRADITION

VELVET & SATIN COLORS

Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine

*Green velvet representing medicine
with silver & aubergine satin for
Kansas City University.*

Doctor of Clinical Psychology

*Gold velvet representing psychology
with silver & aubergine satin for
Kansas City University.*

Doctor of Humane Letters (*hon.*)

*White velvet representing the arts
with silver & aubergine satin for
Kansas City University.*

Master of Science in Biomedical Sciences

*Gold velvet representing science with silver &
aubergine satin for Kansas City University.*

Master of Business Administration
in Health Care Leadership

*Brown velvet representing business with
white & blue satin for Rockhurst University.*

Master of Arts in Bioethics

*White velvet representing the arts with silver &
aubergine satin for Kansas City University.*

Master of Public Health

*Salmon pink velvet representing public health with
scarlet & cream satin for the University of Nebraska.*

LATIN HONORS

Graduating with Latin Honors is a distinction that marks tremendous academic achievement. Graduates awarded Latin Honors wear bronze medallions on green grosgrain ribbon.

Summa Cum Laude

*Bestowed with highest distinction
upon students graduating in the
top 2 percent of their class.*

Magna Cum Laude

*Bestowed with great distinction upon
students graduating in the top
3 to 7 percent of their class.*

Cum Laude

*Bestowed with distinction upon
students graduating in the top
8 to 12 percent of their class.*

HONORS CORDS

Two honor societies provide graduates with a visual representation of their membership through braided honors cords worn over the standard regalia. Gold Humanism Honor Society members wear purple cords. Sigma Sigma Phi members wear burnt orange cords.

Additionally, graduates participating the Military Commissioning Ceremony, as well as graduates and faculty members who are veterans of the United States Armed Forces, may elect to wear braided red, white and blue Military Honors cords in recognition of their service to their country.

MEDALLIONS

Symbolic medallions are worn by Kansas City University academic administration, including the president and deans, to mark the occasion of Commencement. Additionally, graduates with certain academic distinctions are awarded medallions to reflect their accomplishments.

These distinctions include: members of Psi Sigma Alpha wear medallions on yellow grosgrain ribbon; graduates who completed a fellowship in anatomy or osteopathic manipulative medicine wear a silver medallion on white grosgrain ribbon; graduates bestowed with Latin Honors wear medallions on green grosgrain ribbon. These medallions are worn over the standard regalia.

OATH OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE

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 which will in any way
bring shame or discredit upon myself or my profession.

OATH OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE

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 will 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 osteopathy
which were first enunciated by Andrew Taylor Still.

