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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Class of 2026,

Today marks the close of an important chapter in your lives and the beginning of an extraordinary new journey. You have reached this milestone through dedication, perseverance and purpose, and I extend my sincere congratulations to each of you. Along the way, you have demonstrated not only academic achievement but the character and commitment that define a life of service.

When you began your studies at Kansas City University, you did so with the understanding that the world you would enter is ever-changing and often unpredictable. In the face of that reality, you chose to pursue a calling greater than yourselves. Your resilience, your dedication to healing and discovery, and your steadfast commitment to our values of excellence, equity and empathy represent the very best of KCU and of the professions you now enter.

You graduate not only as accomplished individuals, but as a community connected by shared experiences, compassion and purpose. As you step forward into a world that needs your knowledge, leadership and care, I encourage you to remain guided by our mission of *improving the well-being of the communities we serve*.

Your relationship with KCU does not end today. You will always be part of our history, our community and our future. I hope you will remain connected to your alma mater through alumni engagement, lifelong

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learning, mentorship and support for those who will follow in your path. Your voice, your presence and your passion will continue to shape our shared legacy.

As we close this momentous day, I leave you with the words of anthropologist Margaret Mead, who said, “Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it’s the only thing that ever has.” Class of 2026, your years of dedication, your resilience and your compassion have prepared you not only to advance knowledge, but to improve lives – to bring hope where there is uncertainty and healing where it is most needed.

I am deeply proud of all you have achieved and profoundly grateful for the purpose and promise you carry forward. Congratulations to each and every one of our graduates of the Class of 2026.

Yours truly,



Marc B. Hahn, DO, FAOCA
President & Chief Executive Officer
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DEAN'S STUDENT OF THE YEAR**

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

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STUDENT OF THE YEAR AWARD**

Susmita Wagley

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

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Zenobia Lai

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

**BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES
STAFF STUDENT OF THE YEAR**

Bethany Cheng

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

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College of Biosciences

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GRADUATE STUDENT AWARD FOR MERITOUS SERVICE**

Kaitlyn Marie Emmons

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

**HEALTH SERVICE PSYCHOLOGY AWARD FOR
OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO CLINICAL SERVICE**

Rylee Hendricks

*Presented to a clinical psychology student in honor and recognition of
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**HEALTH SERVICE PSYCHOLOGY
GRADUATE STUDENT AWARD FOR MERITOUS SERVICE**

Kaitlyn Marie Emmons

*Presented to a clinical psychology student in honor and recognition of
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**HEALTH SERVICE PSYCHOLOGY
WE CARE COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD**

Gracie Elizabeth Cowan

*Presented to a graduate student in the Department of Health Service Psychology
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AWARD RECIPIENTS

College of Osteopathic Medicine

PRESIDENT'S AWARD

Courtney Robinson & Nathan Curtis Ng

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

Bryan Munoz

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.

SILVER STETHOSCOPE

Shay Brooks Koch

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

ACHIEVEMENT IN CLINICAL MEDICINE AWARD

Kaitlyn Miner

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

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College of Osteopathic Medicine

KCU-COM BASIC SCIENCE RESEARCH AWARD

Mahan Hadjian

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

KCU-COM CLINICAL SCIENCE RESEARCH AWARD

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

VESALIUS AWARD

Makayla Marie Swancutt Allard

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.

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Kansas City University is a community of professionals committed to excellence in education, research, patient care and community service while improving the well-being of the communities we serve.

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Excellence | *Striving for quality, integrity and innovation*

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UNIVERSITY TRADITION

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, “gonfaloni” 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 Humane Letters (*hon.*)

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

Master of Arts in Bioethics

White velvet representing the arts 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.

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 generally include completion of an undergraduate Fellowship in Clinical Anatomy or Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine, for which graduates wear silver medallions on white grosgrain ribbon, and achievement of Latin Honors, for which graduates are bestowed with brass medallions on green grosgrain ribbon. 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.

