



*Commencement*  
2021

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# *Introduction*

The Board of Trustees, faculty, staff and students of Des Moines University are pleased to celebrate with you this one hundred and twenty-first Commencement Ceremony. Our academic traditions date back to our founding in 1898 and to the awarding of degrees to the first class of eight in 1899. During this unprecedented time of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Class of 2021 demonstrated great resilience, tenacity and a deep commitment to pursuing careers of service. Des Moines University is incredibly proud of you. Amid the challenges we face, our world needs the highly competent, compassionate health professionals our graduates represent.

Continuing the tradition that began in 1899, the College of Osteopathic Medicine will award the Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (D.O.) degree. The College also will award the Master of Science in Anatomy and the Master of Science in Biomedical Sciences.

The College of Podiatric Medicine and Surgery, which was inaugurated in 1981, will award the Doctor of Podiatric Medicine (D.P.M.) degree.

The College of Health Sciences, also inaugurated in 1981, will award degrees to graduates in four programs – Master of Public Health, Master of Health Care Administration, Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies and Doctor of Physical Therapy.

As we honor our graduates, Des Moines University recognizes that the support provided by families, friends and loved ones contributed immensely to their success. Please share our great pride in your graduate.

To members of the Class of 2021, Des Moines University extends its congratulations for your significant accomplishments and also our sincere best wishes that you will always enjoy the rewards that come to those who serve others.

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## *Officers of the Academic Procession*

### MACE BEARER

Wayne Wilson, Ph.D.

### PLATFORM PARTY MARSHAL

Melinda Miller, M.Ed.

### READERS

Holland Taylor, MSPA, PA-C

Traci Bush, D.P.T., OTR/L, DHS

Kevin Smith, D.P.M., Ph.D., FACFAS

Muhammad Spocter, Ph.D.

Francesca Di Sole, Ph.D.

Jennifer Beaty, M.D., FACS, FASCRS

Craig Canby, Ph.D.

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# *One-hundred and Twenty-First Annual Commencement Ceremony*

10:00 A.M., FRIDAY, MAY 28, 2021

## **PRESIDING OFFICIAL**

Angela L. Walker Franklin, Ph.D.  
*President and Chief Executive Officer*

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## *Announcement of Purpose*

Dave Kapaska, D.O.  
*Class of 1986, College of Osteopathic Medicine  
Chair, Board of Trustees*

## *Welcome*

Angela L. Walker Franklin, Ph.D.  
*President and Chief Executive Officer*

## *National Anthem*

Shannon VanderKooi  
*Class of 2021, College of Osteopathic Medicine*  
Haley Van Steenwyk  
*Class of 2021, College of Osteopathic Medicine*

## *Introduction of Commencement Speaker*

President Franklin

## *Commencement Address*

Michael T. Osterholm, Ph.D., M.P.H.  
*Director, Center for Infectious Disease Research and Policy  
McKnight Presidential Endowed Chair in Public Health,  
University of Minnesota; Member, COVID-19 Advisory Board*

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## *Presentation of the Classes*

**COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES**  
Wallace Boeve, Ed.D., PA-C, Dean

**COLLEGE OF PODIATRIC MEDICINE AND SURGERY**  
Robert Yoho, D.P.M., M.S., FACFAS, Dean

**COLLEGE OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE**  
Steven J. Halm, D.O., FAAP, FACP, Dean

## *Conferring of Degrees*

President Franklin

**COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES**

**MASTER OF HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATION**

**MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH**

**MASTER OF SCIENCE IN PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT STUDIES**

PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT OATH

Administered by Holland Taylor, MSPA, PA-C  
*Chair/Director, Physician Assistant Program*

**DOCTOR OF PHYSICAL THERAPY**

PHYSICAL THERAPY OATH

Administered by Traci Bush, D.P.T., OTR/L, D.H.S.  
*Chair/Director, Physical Therapy Program*

**COLLEGE OF PODIATRIC MEDICINE AND SURGERY**

**DOCTOR OF PODIATRIC MEDICINE**

PODIATRIC OATH

Administered by Robert Yoho, D.P.M., M.S., FACFAS  
*Dean, College of Podiatric Medicine and Surgery*

**COLLEGE OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE**

**MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ANATOMY**

**MASTER OF SCIENCE IN BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES**

**DOCTOR OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE**

OSTEOPATHIC OATH

Administered by Steven J. Halm, D.O., FAAP, FACP  
*Dean, College of Osteopathic Medicine*

## *Charge to the Graduates*

President Franklin

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# *College of Health Sciences*

CLASS OF 2021

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## *Master of Health Care Administration*

Brett A Albert	Sylvia Lopez
Amir Zia Ansari	Emily Marcella Mauk
Elise Ann Barlow	Makali Renea Mickelson
Chelsea M. Becker	Ryan A. Mockus
Shelby T. Berger	Christopher Stephen Moyer ❖
Dylan Robert Curtis Bunting	Anna S. Musillami
Chaniese Crowe	Lucas Evan Neitzel
Alexis Symone Dodson	Johnna Lee Cleaver Palic
Amanda Dolley ❖	Megan Nicole Palmer
Nihad Ejubovic	Tanner Wayne Price
Machaela Ann Geither	Tiffanee Raschel Shaw
Patrick Donovan Gilson	Leah Marie Thome †
Courtney Scott Isaacs ❖	Maxine Tran
Meera Kantaria	Jennifer Uzochukwu
Aldin Karic	Ally Hanna Van Valen
Melissa Sue Kellogg	Ashley Vanorny
Myah Lanoux-Nguyen	Olivia Weaver
Angela Marie Linden	Hayley Ann Wilson

† *Graduate With Distinction*

❖ *Also receiving Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine Degree*

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# *College of Health Sciences*

CLASS OF 2021

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## *Master of Public Health*

Danica Chiamaka Anukam	Jason Jeon
Claire Eileen Barenholtz	Amber Lauren Jolly
Zachary Detweiler	Philip Jurasinski ❖
Vandana Doda	Emily Rose Kolacz
Kenol Junior Felix	Luciana Lopes de Sá Young
Kathryn Forneris	Aubrey Massmann ❖
Jennifer Fowler	Kara Metowski
Emmanuel N France	Adam Nguyen
Emily E Hanlin	Amy Raschele Osterman
Zuzana Harrison	Janae Schmitt
Philip J Helge	Janan Jacklin Shafer
Lindsay Henning	Carolyn Rachel Sherrick
Krista Hoesmeyer ❖	Jessica Kathlyn Snapp
Tali Homsey	Amanda J Steele
Juliette Iradukunda	Marta Taylor
Naureen Islam †	Kenzie J. Teno
Liban Abdi Isse	Taylor Tomczyk ❖
Mallory Marie Jasicki	Keria Elizabeth White

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❖ *Also receiving Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine Degree*

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# *College of Health Sciences*

CLASS OF 2021

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## *Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies*

Ricardo Bodra	Ming Lietsch
Marissa Kate Breider	Kendahl A Ludiker
Leslie K. Brown	Lalah Elizabeth McLaughlin
Christine M Buttell	Kylee A. Metzger
Ben Carmack †	Taylor Morris
Jeffrey Christy	Natalie Ann Nelson
MacKenzie R. Denk	Emily Nguyen
Maria Lynn Dentlinger	Jody Danielle Noreen
Logan Driscoll	Amanda Owens
Matthew Eden	JoHanna K. Peltier
Lauren Edwards	Naomi Petrich
Mikayla Enger	Annalise Marie Plager
Amanda L Evens	Easton Popma
Zayda Kristine McClocklin Ewing	Michaela Rziha
Elizabeth Foughty	Lyndsie Michele Schinkel
Rebecca Gerrits	Stephanie Marie Schroeder
Ryan Lee Golden	Seth Jacob Selby
Olivia Gray	Emily Statza
Taylor Gritton	Joseph M. Thompson
Katie Gunnare	Brittany Sue Trow
McCall Helstrom	Makenzie Nicole Urban
Jan Hendrickson	Jenna Van Donslear
Katie Jagmin	Adam J. Wallenta
Karlee Johnk	Moira Katherine Williams
Elizabeth Kaser	Lee Witt
Daniel John Knox	

† Graduate With Distinction

## PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT OATH

*I pledge to perform the following duties  
with honesty and dedication:*

*I will hold as my primary responsibility  
the health, safety, welfare and dignity  
of all human beings.*

*I will uphold the tenets of patient autonomy, beneficence,  
nonmaleficence and justice.*

*I will recognize and promote the value of diversity.*

*I will treat equally all persons who seek my care.*

*I will hold in confidence the information  
shared in the course of practicing medicine.*

*I will assess my personal capabilities and limitations,  
striving always to improve my medical practice.*

*I will actively seek to expand my knowledge and skills,  
keeping abreast of advances in medicine.*

*I will work with other members of the health care  
team to provide compassionate and effective  
care of patients.*

*I will use my knowledge and experience to  
contribute to an improved community.*

*I will respect my professional relationship  
with the physician.*

*I will share and expand knowledge  
within the profession.*

*These duties are pledged with sincerity  
and upon my honor.*



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# *College of Health Sciences*

CLASS OF 2021

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## *Doctor of Physical Therapy*

Ashley Albright	Casey James McEvoy
Hayley Anna Boes	Lily Mehta
Kelly Bonde	Alexander Mickelson
Andrew A. Cardinal	Megan A Moore
Kyle Dalen	Lauren Marie Pavel
Benjamin Michael Diedrick	Damon Joseph Quest
Jake Dye	Rebekka C Reineke
Nicki Ellingson	Paige Reynolds
Mason James Ellis	Sadie Louise Robb
Brittney L. England	Michael Scott Ruppelt
Von William Glaser	Ryan J. Satkowiak
Jacob Harle	Jacob Lincoln Stearns
Alexander M. Harms	Karissa Stensgard
Courtney Harms	Jordan Owen Stevens
Samantha Janssen	Nathan Svendsen
Taylor Rae Joens	Tony G. Talatzko
Evan Kacmarynski	Paige Vaden
Jordynne Knipper	Tyler Lewis Vorrie
Brittany Renee Kramer	Jordan Wachter
Jordan Krysa	Allyson Lynn Walsh
John Clark Ryan Lang	Clare Wasmuth
Andrea Kristin LaVene	Jacob Wesselink
Morgan Alexis Ley	Justin Wilder †
Natalie Nicole Matuella	Haley Williams
Mikayla Maves	Logan C. Yager
Kylie Jolene McCann	

† Graduate With Distinction

## THE PHYSICAL THERAPY OATH

*As I practice the art of physical therapy,  
I will respect the rights and dignity of  
all individuals and will provide  
compassionate care.*

*I will place the welfare of my patients and  
clients above my own self-interest.*

*I will exercise sound judgment and  
comply with laws and regulations that  
govern physical therapy and protect the  
public from unethical, incompetent,  
and illegal acts.*

*I will maintain professional competence and  
promote high standards for physical therapy  
practice, education, and research.*

*I will address the health needs of society  
and strive to effect changes that benefit patients,  
clients, and the community.*

*Thus with this pledge, I freely accept  
the responsibilities that accompany the  
practice of physical therapy.*

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# *College of Podiatric Medicine and Surgery*

CLASS OF 2021

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## *Doctor of Podiatric Medicine*

Ryan Ames	Jay Jerome Lechner
Brady D Anderson	Jay Patrick Lewis
Emily Barnes	Zachary Lind
Briana E. Bell	Colleen Kathleen Lowe
Benjamin Bogert	Avery James Mason
Israel Bowers	Justin Kenneth Metli
Mary Rose Brandt	Matthew Monette
David Kirk Brower	Amanda J. Niester
Joey Brown	Jonathan Domenic Nigro
Dusty Lynn Broxterman	Michael Robert Owens
Alexxis Dion Cary	Elizabeth Pankow
Logan Christiansen †	Alivia Rose Passet
David Lee Coker	Kayna P Patel
Aparna Dwarampudi	Brad Lee Peck
Aleksander Ferbet	Michael Radcliffe
Ersta Putra Ferryanto	Tyler C. Reed
Jordan Ray Finck	Tommy Sokpheap Saing
Jeffrey Gorenshtein	Alexander John Schultz
Logan Gull	Rebecca Michelle Schwartz
Estefan Herrera	Candice Hope Snider
Brady Glenn Hogan	Ashley Elaine Spacek
Kayli Anne Hurst	Ilham Halima Syed
Robert Patrick Ivey	Katherine Ternent
Townsen G Kennington	Ben Tonsager
Benjamin Joseph Klopfenstein	Adrienne Webb
Ryan J. Larsen	Jennifer Mae Wentz

† Graduate With Distinction

## THE PODIATRIC OATH

*Upon my honor, I declare that I will accept the moral and the legal responsibilities which become mine as a member of the podiatric medical profession.*

*Those talents with which I may have been endowed will be devoted to aid those who may choose to entrust themselves to my judgment and care.*

*I will abstain from all intentional harm and wrongdoing to my fellow citizens, especially from abusing the soul or the body of those who entrust themselves to my professional care.*

*In all good faith, I will support my profession and do what I may to advance its best interests, even at the sacrifice of my personal advantages.*

*In serving my patients, I will administer to their needs in a professional manner to the best of my ability.*

*In all instances, I will do that which will reflect credit and honor on this my chosen profession.*

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# *College of Osteopathic Medicine*

CLASS OF 2021

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## *Master of Science in Anatomy*

Cole Amundson	Kyle Loy
Ela Beganovic	Brandon Curtis Lee Marth †
Casey Brown	Olivia Claire Matz †
Hannah Christine Gustafson	Kierstin LeeAnne Porter
Taylor Emmett Hill	Allison M Richman
Chance Levi Johnson	Rhiannon Nicole Ross
Halie Jo Larsen	Austin Grant Silver
Elizabeth Dawn Lash	Zachary Smallwood
Clay T. Lippert	Trevor Thiss
Jordan Little	

## *Master of Science in Biomedical Sciences*

Christie Mena Adam	Tiffany Chang
Patrick Duane Allen †	Suzanne Elliott
Nalo Mashe' Bowman	Caleb Kragenbring
George Muller Callaway IV	Brittany Danielle Wilson †

† Graduate With Distinction

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# *College of Osteopathic Medicine*

CLASS OF 2021

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## *Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine*

Salman Abdul Majeed	Jonathan Winfield Coy
Kathryn Elizabeth Aitkens	Austin Lloyd Crose
Noori Al Kadhim	Kristin Davis
Ryan Albrecht	Dani Day
Amer Mohammad Al-Hreish	William Emmett Dennehy III
Jordan Allen	Caitlin Descovich O'Hare
Myles Anderson	Jacob Joseph Dirkman
Bilal Baig	Amanda Dolley ♦
Laura Claire Bailly	Jia Li Duan
Hanna Barrett	Natasha Dutta
Elizabeth Grace Behre	Sarah Ericson
Jason Thomas Bellmore	Kellan Patrick Etter
Collin Jon Beyer	Austin Ewart
Akshay Bhanot	Ashley Ewert
Jason Blake	Mariko Amanda Feuz
Brady Bollinger †	Kelsey M. Fischer
Benjamin Brennan	Alexia Fisher
Alexandra E Brooks	Nuala Flood
Dallin Brownell	Joshua Francois
Alex Burtness-Guard	Emily Elizabeth Franzen
Erich Campbell	Kelsey Patricia Hupp Gavin
Whitney Carlson	Zachary Gee
Jesse Wei-Lun Chin	Nelli Ghazaryan
Rabia Latif Choudhry	Jacob A. Gianuzzi
Lindsey Taylor Colling	Hannah Rose Glanz
Trevor Ian Colwell	Theresa Goodwin
Alexandra Rose Cooke	Bryan Gordon
Alexa Kathleen Courtney	Amin Saeed Gosla

Oscar Jefferson Gryn	Cole Kennedy Kretchmar
William Brett Guthmiller	Yuriy Kuzyk
Pooja Gottumukkala Haas	Brian Kwan
Sam Hager	Danielle Lloyd Lanzdorf
Harikrishna Halaharvi	Thomas Anthony Licata
Mikayla Young Hamilton	Katherine Every Littlejohn
Alexis M. Hanson	Robert Lopez
Autumn Hargraves	Marne Louters
Neil Harjai	Richard Ma
Alex Harrison	Andrew Ira Mace
Zachary Cui He	Aaron Magaña
Maggie B Hefner	Savannah Marker
Ryan Heltemes	Daniel Shashy Masin
Charlotte Hope Glaser Herold	Aubrey Massmann ●
Haley Nicole Hicks	Jacob Matulle
David Ho	Nirmal Maxwell
Krista Hoevemeyer ▼●	Kaylee McGorisk
Christopher J. Hoisington	Morgan Elizabeth Cecilia McKinney
Ryan Hoium	Ryan Dean McMunn ▼
Mohammad A. Hussain	Miles McNeir
Courtney Scott Isaacs ◆	Thomas Mehner ▼
Anjali Jain	Leonardo Ivan Mejia
Wes Jeshurun	Madison Amalia Meyer
Ali-Noor Shamsher Jessani	Margaret Grace Meyer
Evan Carl Johnson	Stephanie Elizabeth Michael
Jessica Johnson	Jeremy Miller
Griffin Jones	Seth Mommsen
Philip Jurasinski ●	Julian Moss
Sneha Kalluri	Christopher Stephen Moyer ◆
Jenna Marie Karrow	Sharmeen Mustafa
Daniel Kasman	Katelyn Myers
Sakshi Kaul	Sonia Nair
Corey S. Keenan	Minh Nguyen
Brian P. Kelley	Viet Scott Cao Nguyen
Ryan Lamont Kelly	Kevyn Niu
Leah Kemble	Rachael Nordby
Suleyman Khaleel	Luke Norris
John Kim	Anatole Openshaw
William L. Kim	Youngwoo Park
Klint Reed Knutson	Damini Patel
Blake Aaron Kooima	Janki Patel
Leon Kou	Alex Pazevic

Ryan Peach	Elizabeth C. Ternent-Rech
Brittany Pederson	Danielle Ann Thiessen
Tristan Pennella	John P. Tholany
Jennifer M Peterson	Mitchell Thompson
Sumar Quint	Jack Tiahnybik
Nicole Marie Randel	Taylor Tomczyk ●
Lauren Marie Rank	Christie Aivy Tran
Sydney Rice	Austin James Trent
Matthew Bryce Roberts	Connor Triggs
Charles Rosado	Colin Uthe
Tim Routes	Jonathan Van Erdewyk
Matthew R Rusling	Joseph Michael Van Hulle
Hani Rustom	Haley Van Steenwyk
Ben Rybin	Shannon Larae VanderKooi
Taylor Sanders	Tate Vernon
Mudassar Khan Sandozi	Anna Beth Viere
Nolan Schmitz	Colin Vipond
Bryce Schutte	Huynh Vo
Alec Seei	Marcus Voss
Joshua D. Seydell	Ben Wagner
Nelson Sham	Emma L. Wandro
Marielle Rose Siebert	Annie Wang
Sydney Elayne-Westfield Smith	Kenneth Wee
Alexander J. Somers	Benjamin Wilke
David Stanek	Tyler Jordan Wilkinson
Cole Starkey	Eric Aldrich Williams
Morgan Steffen	Bailey Wolding
Trevor J Stoltzfus	Fan Wu
Sara J. Strandlund	Annie Yao
Zachary Strobel	Melissa Elena Zapata
Breanna Tangen	Marcus Zeitz
Amna T Tanweer	Lily K Zhong
Kai Yuan Teng ▼	

† *Graduate With Distinction*

● *Also receiving Master of Public Health Degree*

◆ *Also receiving Master of Health Care Administration Degree*

▼ *Fellow in Osteopathic Manual Medicine*



## 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 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. I will give no drugs for deadly purposes to any person, though it may 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 act cast imputation 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.*

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# *Associate Professor Emerita of Physical Therapy*

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**S. JUANITA ROBEL, P.T., M.H.S., CLT**



In her 35 years as a physical therapist and educator, S. Juanita Robel, P.T., M.H.S., CLT, taught hundreds of students, treated myriad patients, played key roles in revamping and updating curriculum, and served on committees at Des Moines University and in her profession. Colleagues valued her innovative approaches in curriculum development, instruction

and use of technology; students gained excellent clinical reasoning and decision-making skills thanks to her outstanding teaching and insistence on asking her favorite question, “Why?” Her love of her profession and desire to ensure it was in good hands fueled her motivation to teach.

Ms. Robel joined the University as a physical therapy instructor in 1989, the year before the program graduated its very first class. She was promoted to assistant professor in 1993 and associate professor in 2000. In 2002, after the Commission on Accreditation for Physical Therapy Education discontinued accreditation for bachelor’s programs in physical therapy, she played the lead role in revising the DMU program’s curriculum, which allowed the University to become one of the first institutions to transition to a doctoral program.

The DMU Faculty Welfare Committee honored her with its Outstanding Teacher Award in 2015.

Ms. Robel was a leader in the Iowa Physical Therapy Association, Southwest District. She led continuing medical education and faculty development sessions on topics ranging from lymphedema to optimal uses of technology and other instructional delivery methods to educate future health professionals.

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# Commencement Speaker

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**MICHAEL T. OSTERHOLM, PH.D., M.P.H.**



Dr. Michael Osterholm is Regents Professor, McKnight Presidential Endowed Chair in Public Health; the director of the Center for Infectious Disease Research and Policy; Distinguished Teaching Professor in the Division of Environmental Health Sciences, School of Public Health; a professor in the Technological Leadership Institute, College of Science and Engineering; and an adjunct professor in the Medical School, all at the University of Minnesota.

He was appointed to President-elect Joe Biden's 13-member Transition COVID-19 Advisory Board in November 2020. From June 2018 through May 2019, he served as a Science Envoy for Health Security on behalf of the U.S. Department of State.

Dr. Osterholm is an international leader on our preparedness for an influenza pandemic and on the growing concern about the use of biological agents as catastrophic weapons. In his *New York Times* best-selling 2017 book, *Deadliest Enemy: Our War Against Killer Germs*, he details the most pressing infectious disease threats of our day and lays out a strategy on how to address them. He also wrote the 2001 book, *Living Terrors: What America Needs to Know to Survive the Coming Bioterrorist Catastrophe*.

A member of the National Academy of Medicine and the Council of Foreign Relations, Dr. Osterholm has authored more than 315 papers and abstracts, including 21 book chapters, and is a frequent guest lecturer on the epidemiology of infectious diseases. He serves on the editorial boards of nine journals and is a frequent consultant to the World Health Organization, the National Institutes of Health, the Food and Drug Administration, the Department of Defense and the CDC. He is also on the Board of Regents at Luther College in Decorah, Iowa.

# Honors and Awards

Des Moines University is pleased to recognize graduates who have distinguished themselves during the course of their academic studies.

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## College of Health Sciences

### MASTER OF HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATION PROGRAM

GRADUATE WITH DISTINCTION ..... Leah Marie Thome  
DEAN'S LEADERSHIP AWARD..... Emily Marcella Mauk  
ALPHA ETA HONOR SOCIETY ..... Amanda Lynn Dolley  
Nihad Ejubovic  
Patrick Donovan Gilson  
Aldin Karic  
Leah Marie Thome  
Olivia Weaver  
Hayley Ann Wilson

*Alpha Eta is the national scholastic honor society for the allied health professions. Its purpose is to promote and recognize scholarship, leadership, and contributions to the allied health professions. The members of Alpha Eta are wearing ceremonial green honor cords.*

### MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAM

GRADUATE WITH DISTINCTION ..... Naureen Islam  
DEAN'S LEADERSHIP AWARD..... Amy Raschele Osterman  
FACULTY SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD.... Kenol Junior Felix  
PAMELA A. DUFFY AWARD ..... Philip Nathaniel Jurasinski  
ALPHA ETA HONOR SOCIETY ..... Emily E Hanlin  
Lindsay Henning  
Krista Hoevermeyer  
Naureen Islam  
Philip Nathaniel Jurasinski  
Amy Raschele Osterman  
Carolyn Rachel Sherrick

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# College of Health Sciences

## **PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT PROGRAM**

GRADUATE WITH DISTINCTION .....	Ben Carmack
DEAN'S LEADERSHIP AWARD .....	Ricardo Bodra
PI ALPHA HONOR SOCIETY.....	Ben Carmack MacKenzie R. Denk Mikayla Enger Elizabeth Foughty Jan Hendrickson Kylee A. Metzger Jody Danielle Noreen Lee Witt

*Pi Alpha is the national physician assistant honor society organized for the promotion and recognition of significant academic achievement, leadership, research, community/professional service, and related activities. The society also encourages a high standard of character and conduct among both physician assistant students and graduates. The members of Pi Alpha are wearing ceremonial blue and green honor cords.*

## **PHYSICAL THERAPY PROGRAM**

GRADUATE WITH DISTINCTION .....	Justin Wilder
DEAN'S LEADERSHIP AWARD .....	Alexander M. Harms
SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD.....	Samantha Janssen
RESEARCH AWARD .....	Justin Wilder
SERVICE AWARD.....	Casey James McEvoy
CLINICAL EDUCATION AWARD .....	Benjamin Michael Diedrick
SANDRA TEAGUE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP....	Justin Wilder
ALPHA ETA HONOR SOCIETY .....	Andrew A. Cardinal Andrea Kristin LaVene Natalie Nicole Matuella Jacob Lincoln Stearns Karissa Stensgard

# *College of Podiatric Medicine and Surgery*

GRADUATE WITH DISTINCTION .....Logan Christiansen

LEADERSHIP AWARD .....Benjamin Bogert

DWAYNE S. RIVARD, D.P.M., SURGERY AWARD.....Joseph Brown

ABPM GRADUATE MERIT AWARD .....Colleen Lowe

BASIC SCIENCE AWARD .....Logan Christiansen

TIMOTHY HOLBROOK AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE  
IN CLINICAL PERFORMANCE .....Amanda Niester

SERVICE AWARD.....Ersta Ferryanto

RESEARCH AWARD .....Ashley Spacek

PI DELTA MEMBERS..... David Brower  
Logan Christiansen  
Kayli Hurst  
Jay Lechner  
Jay Lewis  
Zachary Lind  
Avery Mason  
Alivia Passet  
Rebecca Schwartz  
Ben Tonsager

*Pi Delta is the national honor society for podiatric medicine, that was created to recognize excellence in academics, service and research within the profession. The members of Pi Delta are wearing ceremonial blue and silver honor cords.*

# College of Osteopathic Medicine

## OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE PROGRAM

GRADUATE WITH DISTINCTION .....Brady Bollinger

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS .....Ryan Hoium  
Jessica Johnson  
Alec Seei

BEHAVIORAL MEDICINE (PSYCHIATRY)  
DISCIPLINE AWARD .....Myles Anderson

EXCELLENCE IN PUBLIC HEALTH AWARD .....Aubrey Massmann

FAMILY MEDICINE DISCIPLINE AWARD.....Kaylee McGorisk

GARRETT REED WHEELER AWARD  
IN PEDIATRICS ..... Kelsey Patricia Hupp Gavin

GLOBAL HEALTH OUTREACH AWARD .....Sara J. Strandlund

HOWARD A. GRANNEY AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING  
ACHIEVEMENT IN SURGERY ..... Alec Seei

INTERNAL MEDICINE AWARD.....Jessica Johnson

IOWA OSTEOPATHIC MEDICAL ASSOCIATION  
SERVICE/ACHIEVEMENT AWARD ..... Jordan Allen

IOWA CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF  
OSTEOPATHIC FAMILY PHYSICIANS AWARD ..... Kaylee McGorisk

JOSEPH R. MCNERNEY, D.O., AWARD FOR  
EXCELLENCE IN INTERNAL MEDICINE..... William Emmett Dennehy III

DONNA JONES MORITSUGU  
MEMORIAL AWARD ..... Meghan Gee  
*spouse of Zachary Gee*

OSTEOPATHIC MANUAL MEDICINE  
DISCIPLINE AWARDS ..... Danielle Theresa Day  
Sam Hager  
Philip Jurasinski

OSTEOPATHIC MANUAL MEDICINE -  
RAM'S HEAD FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM AWARDS ..... Krista Hoevemeyer  
Ryan Dean McMunn  
Thomas Mehner  
Kai Yuan Teng

OBSTETRICS & GYNECOLOGY  
DISCIPLINE AWARD ..... Ashley Ewert

PEDIATRIC DISCIPLINE AWARD ..... Hannah Rose Glanz  
Philip Jurasinski

SURGERY DISCIPLINE AWARDS ..... Brian Kwan  
Alexander J. Somers

*Gold honor cords signify graduates in the top ten percent of the class. Crimson and blue cords signify membership in Sigma Sigma Phi Honorary Service Fraternity. Gold Humanism Honor Society inductees are wearing a specially cast medallion.*

**BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES PROGRAM**

GRADUATE WITH DISTINCTION  
(PRIMARY DEGREE) ..... Patrick Duane Allen

GRADUATE WITH DISTINCTION  
(DUAL DEGREE) ..... Brittany Danielle Wilson

**ANATOMY PROGRAM**

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# HISTORY OF THE UNIVERSITY

The history of Des Moines University reflects a continuing commitment to teach, to learn and to serve.

Founded in 1898 as the Dr. S. S. Still College of Osteopathy, the institution has several times undergone changes in name and location to accommodate expanding enrollment and programs of study.

Renamed Still College of Osteopathy in 1905, with a two-year program of instruction, the school continued to grow and prosper. During the 1940s the name was changed to Des Moines Still College of Osteopathy and Surgery, reflecting a broader curriculum of medical studies. During this period, the College Hospital and first clinic building were acquired. These facilities provided enhanced clinical training opportunities for students and additional health care settings through which to serve the community.

In 1958, the institution was renamed the College of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery. The first satellite clinic was established in 1963. In 1971, the Dietz Diagnostic Center, a specialty clinic, began operation as a major outpatient facility.

In 1972, the College moved to its present 22-acre site on Grand Avenue. During the ensuing years, enrollment in the College more than doubled. Since the time of its founding, the College has educated more than 10,000 osteopathic physicians.

Recognizing the need for additional members on the health care team to complement physicians in the delivery of health care, the Board of Trustees in 1981 established the College of Podiatric Medicine and Surgery and the College of Health Sciences. These colleges, with the College of Osteopathic Medicine, form the medical and health sciences university.

In 1999, the University was renamed Des Moines University to reflect a strengthened commitment to the Des Moines community and the osteopathic philosophies upon which our traditions are built.

As part of its ongoing commitment to provide future health care professionals with the best education possible, in 2003 Des Moines University demolished the oldest buildings on campus to make way for the Student Education Center, which opened in 2005. The University has continued to enhance its technology and expand its research enterprise. In 2019, Des Moines University launched yet another bold initiative – to build the medical and health sciences university of the future on 88 acres in West Des Moines, Iowa. The move to the new site is anticipated to occur in 2023.

## REGALIA

The academic attire worn at commencement and other ceremonial events is reminiscent of the distinctive dress associated with academic processions and convocations of the Middle Ages. Students in English and European universities wore woolen and fur garments to stay warm in unheated, drafty stone buildings. Most scholars of the time were clerics in holy orders, and wore cloaks with hoods to cover their tonsured heads. Today academic attire indicates by style and adornment the highest degree earned, the major field of study and the college or university attended by the wearer. Hence, graduates receiving doctoral degrees in medicine in today's ceremony wear a black robe with green chevrons and a green tassel. Similarly, the colors on the hood reflect the degree being conferred and the colors of the institution. Hoods for graduates in the osteopathic and podiatric colleges are green and have purple and white trim. Doctoral graduates in physical therapy wear hoods of teal velvet with purple and white trim. Graduates receiving the master of public health degree wear salmon-colored hoods, graduates receiving master of health care administration degree wear beige hoods, and graduates receiving the master of science degree in physician assistant studies wear green hoods. Graduates of our newest degree programs – master of science in anatomy and master of science in biomedical sciences – wear a hood of golden yellow. All are trimmed in the University's colors of purple and white.

## MEDALLION

The president's medallion serves as a visible display of the authority vested in the office of the University president. As a complement to academic attire, the medallion is worn by the president at Commencement and at other official ceremonies of the University. The University's medallion, designed in the year 2000 to celebrate the new millennium, was struck in pure silver and plated with 24-karat gold. The center features a two-dimensional seal bearing the lamp of learning, to signify education, and the caduceus, to signify medicine. A chain of office honors the University's presidents, from its founder, S. S. Still, D.O., to its most recent president.

## MACE

The presence of the mace is another sign of a ceremonial event. As used in academic settings today, the mace is modeled after a medieval weapon carried by a bodyguard to protect a king or person of high status. Carried immediately in front of the president by a member of the faculty, the mace is symbolic of office and authority. As on the president's medallion, the mace is adorned with the University seal.

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# *Charge to Graduates*

I CHARGE YOU to relentlessly pursue knowledge, seek wisdom, give service, and demand excellence throughout your lifetime.

I CHARGE YOU to fulfill the promise of being health professionals committed first to service for our nation's rural and underserved citizens, with a dedication to prevention, wellness, and the delivery of compassionate, patient-centered care.

I CHARGE YOU to maintain respect for others and to cherish those who have been your greatest champions. Remember that professional integrity is essential to your success as a health care professional. So I charge you to also embrace the values of Honesty, Accountability, Collaboration, and Inclusiveness as the basic tenets of Integrity.

I CHARGE YOU to be honorable and supportive alumni of Des Moines University. See this as an imperative to invest in the next generation of health care professionals.

I CHARGE YOU to lead, to inspire, and to serve and be always assured of our enormous pride in you.

*Congratulations, dream big and focus your knowledge, energy and passion on improving the quality of life for all people!*

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