



**National
University**
Of Health Sciences

**College of Professional Studies
and
College of Allied Health Sciences
& Distance Education
Commencement Ceremony**



**Friday
The Sixteenth of August
Two-Thousand and Twenty-Four**

*Earl G. Liss Auditorium
Lombard, Illinois*

Because:

- **We value students** as unique individuals seeking quality health sciences education through our service and support;
- **We value being progressive**, knowledgeable, adaptable, original, and academically sound in our academic programs;
- **We value the substantive quality of our curricula** through emphasis upon academic excellence;
- **We value progress** achieved by the development of new knowledge and its importance to chiropractic medicine and other complementary healing arts and sciences;
- **We value quality** training and practice in the clinical skills of all relevant programs with particular emphasis upon the physician/patient relationship within the first professional programs;
- **We value complementary and alternative care** for its emphasis upon holism and use of the least invasive therapeutic procedures necessary for optimizing human health;
- **We value collegiality and cooperation** among all members of the University community, the related professions, other health care systems, and the community;

Therefore:

The mission of National University of Health Sciences is to provide and promote the necessary leadership, management, and resources for the advancement of education, new knowledge, cultural diversity, outreach, and the ethical practice of the healing arts and sciences as taught within the programs of this university.

PROGRAM

Processional Pomp and Circumstance
March #1 - Elgar

Master of Ceremonies Daniel R. Driscoll, DC
Dean of Institutional Compliance

National Anthem Star Spangled Banner
Francis Scott Key

Presentation of Colors Daniel William Cutter, Paul Randel Grinter
Junior Marshals

**Introduction of
Commencement Speaker** Joseph P.D. Stiefel, MS, EdD, DC
President

Commencement Address K. Jeffrey Miller, DC, MBA

Joseph Janse Award Daniel Strauss, DC
Dean of the College of Professional Studies, Florida Site

Awarding of Academic Honors Joseph P.D. Stiefel, MS, EdD, DC

Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Sciences

Valedictory Address Kayla Baggs
Valedictorian

Presentation of Candidates Randy L. Swenson, MHPE, DC
Vice President for Academic Services

**Conferral of Bachelor
of Science Degree** Joseph P.D. Stiefel, MS, EdD, DC

**Administration of the Integrative Health Professions
Oath College of Professional Studies** Daniel Strauss, DC

Master of Science in Acupuncture Degree

Presentation of Candidates Randy L. Swenson, MHPE, DC

**Conferral of Master of Science
Degree in Acupuncture** Joseph P.D. Stiefel, MS, EdD, DC

PROGRAM

Master of Science in Oriental Medicine Degree

Valedictory Address Monique Carter
Valedictorian

Presentation of Candidates Randy L. Swenson, MHPE, DC

**Conferral of Master of Science
Degree in Oriental Medicine** Joseph P.D. Stiefel, MS, EdD, DC

Doctor of Acupuncture Degree

Presentation of Candidates Randy L. Swenson, MHPE, DC

**Conferral of Doctor
of Acupuncture Degree** Joseph P.D. Stiefel, MS, EdD, DC

Chiropractic Medicine Degree

Valedictory Address Ashley Hoolahan-Rice
Valedictorian

Presentation of Candidates Randy L. Swenson, MHPE, DC

**Conferral of Doctor
of Chiropractic Degree** Joseph P.D. Stiefel, MS, EdD, DC

Naturopathic Medicine Degree

Valedictory Address Kimberly Reid
Valedictorian

Presentation of Candidates Randy L. Swenson, MHPE, DC

**Conferral of Doctor of
Naturopathic Medicine Degree** Joseph P.D. Stiefel, MS, EdD,

President's Final Remarks Joseph P.D. Stiefel, MS, EdD, DC

Benediction Daniel R. Driscoll, DC

Recessional Trumpet Time
Purcell

**GRADUATES OF THE BACHELOR OF SCIENCE
IN BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES PROGRAM**

Ala AbufeelatIllinois
 Nancy ArroyoIllinois
 Kayla Baggs^{†★}Illinois
 Jaime Calderon[◆]Illinois
 Haakon FiedlerIllinois
 Brenna Johnson^{◆◆}Illinois
 Claire Aleece MulderWisconsin

**GRADUATES OF MASTER OF SCIENCE IN
ACUPUNCTURE PROGRAM**

Elizabeth Francis^{†★}Wisconsin
 Reis O. Morgan[◆]Illinois

**GRADUATES OF MASTER OF SCIENCE IN
ORIENTAL MEDICINE PROGRAM**

Monique Carter^{†◆}Illinois
 MaryBeth Stehlik[◆]Illinois

**GRADUATES OF MASTER OF SCIENCE IN
ADVANCED CLINICAL PRACTICE PROGRAM**

Brendaria BrinsonGeorgia
 Raquia BurwellVirginia
 Ashley DumasAlabama
 Sara GriffinNew York
 Aermon Jerome Theodore-LeeLouisiana

**GRADUATES OF THE
DOCTOR OF ACUPUNCTURE PROGRAM**

Anais K. Jackson-GonzálezIllinois
 Marcella Louisa JonesIllinois
 Mary Alice KeatorNew York

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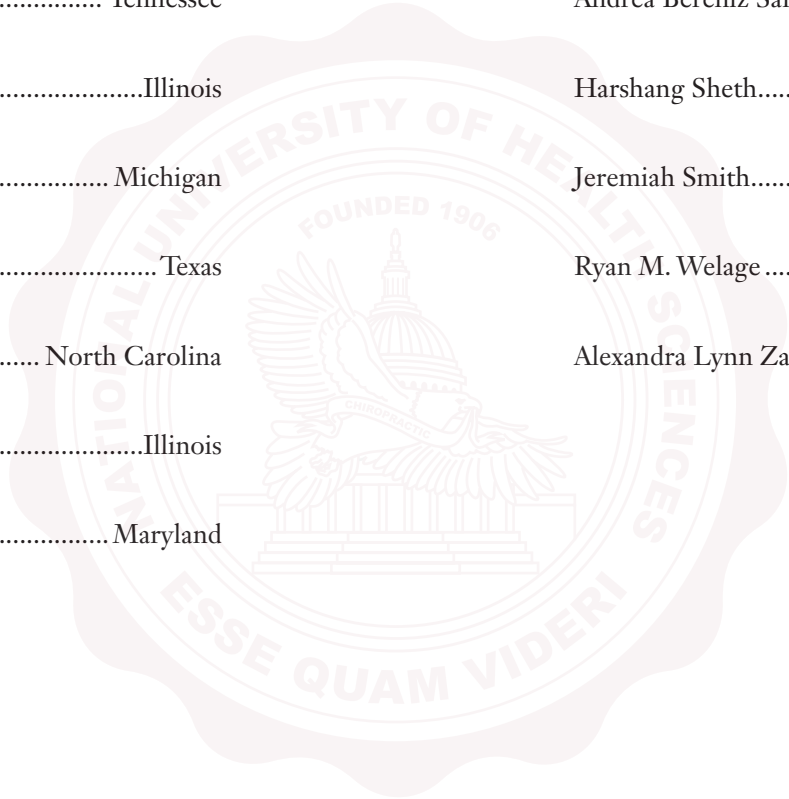
[†]valedictorian [◆]salutatorian

●summa cum laude ★magna cum laude ◆cum laude

**GRADUATES OF THE
CHIROPRACTIC MEDICINE PROGRAM**

Raymond Chao California
 Andrew d'Ablaing [◆]..... Tennessee
 Zachary J. Greenberg.....Illinois
 Ashley Hoolahan-Rice ^{†*}..... Michigan
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 Kurt T. Kuchenbrod Jr..... North Carolina
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 Aleisha Marie Mondina..... Maryland

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AUGUST 2024 GRADUATES

SCHOLASTIC HONORS

**GRADUATES OF THE
NATUROPATHIC MEDICINE PROGRAM**

Shemikah Allyne ColletonConnecticut

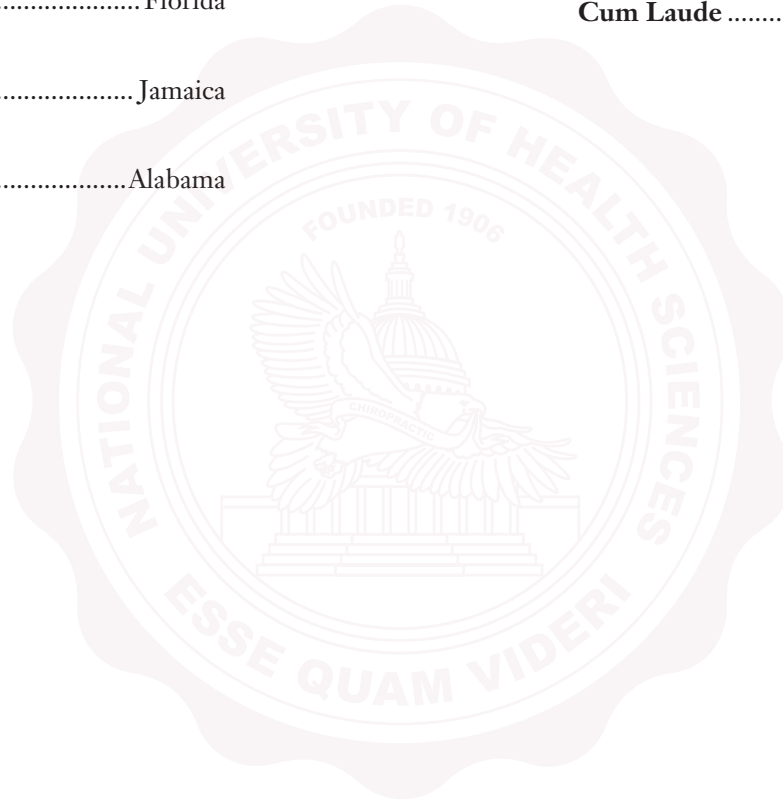
Maame-Mensima Horne..... Florida

Kimberly Reid[†] Jamaica

Tia Ashar Williams[◆]Alabama

Magna Cum Laude Kayla Baggs
Elizabeth Francis
Ashley Hoolahan-Rice

Cum Laude Jaime Calderon
Monique Carter
Andrew d’Ablaing
Brenna Johnson



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**K. Jeffrey Miller,
DC, DABCO, MBA,
FIAMA**

Dr. Jeff Miller is an Assistant Professor at the University of Missouri School of Medicine. He also practices as a chiropractic physician and chiropractic acupuncturist in the Departments of Orthopaedic

Surgery and Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at The Missouri Orthopaedic Institute (MOI).

MOI is part of University of Missouri Health Care in Columbia, Missouri.

Dr. Miller has been a Doctor of Chiropractic for over 36 years and a chiropractic orthopaedist for over 30 years. He is a prolific writer having published over 250 articles and 9 books. A sought-after speaker in the US and abroad, Dr. Miller has presented over 300 programs during his career.

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THE ACADEMIC REGALIA

The academic costume or regalia worn by the faculty and graduates in NUHS ceremonies originated in medieval Europe. The gown was originally an outer robe worn by scholars. The academic regalia can vary from institution to institution. In the United States, a more unified code began to be recognized in the late 1900's. This codified approach was meant to help identify what school or institution a scholar graduated from and their discipline of study.

Robes that graduates wear will signify their academic degree. The doctoral degree is unique in that it features velvet trim including three velvet chevrons on each sleeve. A master's degree is conveyed through black robes with long trailing sleeves. Bachelor's and certificate degrees both have traditional bell-shaped long sleeves.

The hood was once a real hood, but today's hoods are purely ornamental. All hoods have a black base and are lined with the school colors (National University of Health Sciences' are maroon and goldenrod), and are trimmed in the colors of the discipline in which the degree is being granted. Green is the color of medicine, and this is the most common color you will see at an NUHS graduation. Other colors you may notice are dark blue, indicating a degree in the sciences; light blue, for education; and lemon, for library science. The length of the hood itself is also indicative of the level of degree earned, with doctorate level hoods being longer than those of the master's degree hoods.

Non-tenured faculty and graduates wear four-sided mortar board caps as they are not informative as to the highest degree earned. However, those having earned the doctoral degree don a gold tassel atop the mortar board caps. As is tradition, members of our esteemed faculty that have achieved tenure at the University and members of the administration are afforded the opportunity to wear tams.

INTEGRATIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONAL OATH

I solemnly pledge before God and these witnesses to consecrate my life to the service of humanity;

I will give to my teachers the respect and gratitude that is their due;

I will apply the art and science of my discipline with compassion, personal accountability, professionalism, and respect for the people I am privileged to serve;

The health of my patient will be my first consideration;

I will respect the secrets that are confided in me, even after the patient has died;

I will maintain by all means in my power, the honor, and the noble traditions of the healing professions;

My colleagues will be my sisters and brothers;

I will not permit considerations of age, gender, ethnicity, religion, disability, sexual orientation, education, identity, ideology or any other factor that imperils my duty to honor the doctor/patient relationship;

I will maintain the utmost respect for human life and always remember to "First, Do No Harm";

I will not use my medical knowledge contrary to the laws of humanity, even under threat;

I make these promises solemnly, freely, and upon my honor.

■ **STAR SPANGLED BANNER** ■

*O*h, say, can you see, by the dawn's early light,

*W*hat so proudly we hail'd at the twilight's last gleaming?

*W*hose broad stripes and bright stars, thro' the perilous fight,

O'er the ramparts we watch'd, were so gallantly streaming?

*A*nd the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air,

*G*ave proof thro' 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?



