Dear UCLA Graduate:

Congratulations, UCLA Class of 2019!

Today we join your family, friends, and the entire University of California community in celebrating you and your wonderful accomplishment. You have worked hard, sometimes overcoming great obstacles, in pursuit of your UC education.

UCLA alumnus and tennis great Arthur Ashe once gave some simple but elegant advice: “Start where you are. Use what you have. Do what you can.”

Your time at UCLA has given you the knowledge, skills, and confidence you need to go out into the world and change it for the better. Nationally and globally, we face serious challenges. But as a UCLA graduate, you are well prepared to do your part to respond to these challenges, and help your local community, the nation, and the world. As you embark on this journey, you are equipped with the tools you need to gather information, think critically, and continually adjust your understanding of the world around you.

I hope you will always take great pride in what you have accomplished at the University of California, and in being a part of the UC family for life. I wish you the best of luck in whatever comes next.

Go forth, Bruins, and make the world a better, brighter place.

Fiat lux — Let there be light!

Janet Napolitano
President
University of California
Dear UCLA Graduate:

Congratulations!

I hope you, along with your friends and family, enjoy this day. You’ve earned it. I also hope you will take time to reflect upon all that you have accomplished here—and that this moment inspires you as you face challenges in the future. Earning admission to UCLA, navigating its complexities, creating a path for yourself academically and socially, and, of course, graduating, all took vision, persistence and hard work. Those qualities will serve you well throughout your life.

I hope you benefitted from the support of others over the past few years—from family, friends, colleagues, faculty, and staff who wanted you to succeed. As you move forward in life, I encourage you to seek out and create communities of mutual support with people of integrity who want the best for you and encourage you to achieve your greatest aspirations.

This is also an important moment for our campus, as we begin celebrating UCLA’s 100th anniversary. That makes your graduation ceremony today a very special occasion for the entire Bruin community. Your contributions and achievements are part of our history and will help propel us into the next century.

Whether you are now headed to graduate school, to the private sector, or to public service, or you are still figuring out your next steps, please know that you are a Bruin for life. UCLA will always have a place for you, and we hope that UCLA will always remain in your heart.

All my best wishes,

Gene D. Block
Chancellor
University of California Los Angeles
Dear Fielding School Class of 2019,

I am honored to be with you on this momentous day and to offer you my sincere congratulations on your graduation from the UCLA Fielding School of Public Health.

Each of you possesses the optimism, intelligence, and perseverance to make our communities healthier, and coupled with the exceptional education you’ve received from Fielding School faculty, you are uniquely prepared for all that awaits.

History tells us that significant progress is possible on problems that once seemed unsolvable, but we must be willing to dream big and we must have the right tools. In public health we know that we need to bring together wide-ranging stakeholders if we want to develop societal-level solutions. We need to forge partnerships—even, and sometimes especially, the most unlikely partnerships—to achieve what is in our collective interest: a truly high level of health and wellness for all members of all communities. Public health is focused on maximum impact and results, and with all of you graduating today I predict even greater ideas and greater impact.

Today marks the day that you formally join the thousands of Fielding School alumni who are working at the forefront of improving health here in Los Angeles and around the world. I am confident that you will continue our school’s legacy of leadership and service, and that you will envision and build solutions that will improve health for all.

I wish you every success, and boundless joy along the way.

Congratulations!

Ron Brookmeyer, PhD
Interim Dean
UCLA Fielding School of Public Health
OUR KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Bernard J. Tyson is the chairman and CEO of Kaiser Foundation Health Plan, Inc. and Hospitals—known as Kaiser Permanente, one of America’s leading integrated health care providers and not-for-profit health plans.

Kaiser Permanente serves 12.3 million members in eight states and the District of Columbia. Tyson assumed the role of chairman in January 2014 and has served as CEO since 2013. His career at Kaiser Permanente has spanned more than 35 years, and he has served in roles from hospital administrator and division president to chief operating officer of the Oakland, California-based national health care organization.

Under Tyson’s leadership, Kaiser Permanente continues to lead and set the expectation for delivering affordable, accessible, high-quality health care and improving the health of its members and the 68 million residents in its communities. The organization is delivering on the promise of its “Thrive” campaign by bringing an industry-leading 21st-century approach to health care and coverage that is helping members achieve their aspirations of total health—physical health as well as mental health and wellness.

Tyson’s influence has been felt both nationally and internationally. TIME has listed him on its list of the most influential people in the world and named him one of the Health Care 50. In addition to being named by Modern Healthcare as one of the most influential people in health care for 5 consecutive years, he’s been No. 2 on the 100 Most Influential People in Healthcare list and on Fast Company’s list of most creative people.

Tyson serves on the boards of directors for the American Heart Association and Salesforce. He is Deputy Chairman of the Americas of the International Federation of Health Plans, and a steward of the World Economic Forum’s Global Challenge on the Future of Health and Healthcare. Tyson is also chair of The Business Council and a member of the Bay Area Council, a business-led public policy organization advocating for a strong economy and better quality of life for Bay Area residents.

A San Francisco Bay Area native, Tyson earned a Master of Business Administration in Health Service Administration and a bachelor’s degree in Health Service Management from Golden Gate University in San Francisco. He earned a leadership certificate from Harvard University.
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The wearing of caps and gowns for commencement ceremonies and convocations, which traces its origins to the universities of medieval Europe, has been an integral feature of American pageantry since the end of the 19th century.

Beginning in colonial times, the faculties of some American universities wore caps and gowns in keeping with their European heritage and custom. But a century was to pass before the attire became generally standardized. In 1885, there developed in this country a widespread student movement to wear caps and gowns at commencement ceremonies as a sign of belonging to the academy. Ten years later, a group of American universities convened a conference at Columbia University to agree on a common code of academic dress. It followed in 1902 that the Regents of the University of the State of New York gave a charter to an organization named the Intercollegiate Bureau of Academic Costume to serve as a source of information and guidance in such matters. A Committee on Academic Costumes and Ceremonies, appointed by the American Council on Education in 1959, reviewed the costume code and made several changes. These standards continue to guide the nation’s colleges and universities.

At commencements, all persons participating in the ceremony, either as a dais party member, faculty member or student, must wear academic attire. The gown is commonly black, but it may be designed with special variations, such as velvet borders on the body and crossbars on the sleeve to show the level of the wearer’s degree. Candidates of masters and doctoral degrees wear the hood, which resembles its ancestor the medieval cowl. At UCLA, candidates for bachelors’ degrees do not wear hoods. Its velvet border indicates by its color the general field of the degree. Its silk lining, seen at the back, represents the colors of the school that has awarded the degree. The tassel color is indicative of the field of the degree. Candidates for bachelors’ degrees wear the tassel on the right side. During the commencement ceremony, they will shift their tassel to the left. Candidates for higher degrees do not shift their tassels; they wear them on the left side from the outset.

The fourragère, made of braided cord and worn around the arm at the shoulder, indicates the wearer has been singled out for special decoration. It originated with the military, but has been adapted for academic use by many universities. At UCLA, the gold fourragère, signifying academic distinction, is awarded to the top fifteen percent of bachelor’s candidates who graduate each quarter. It is worn on the left shoulder and is purely a commencement-day honor. The blue and gold fourragère designates the Chancellor’s Service Award and is given in recognition of community service. It is worn on the right shoulder and is also purely a commencement day honor.
We are graduating into a world with growing unrest, violence and a loss of discourse. We as public health practitioners should not shy away from the difficult conversations.

We cannot hope to address prevention without acknowledging the interconnected systems and policies that have led to the isolation and disempowerment of vulnerable populations.

We must examine whether we are actually changing these systems to be more equitable or simply maintaining the status quo.

We have had the privilege of attending an exceptional academic institution.

We should now strive to put at the center of our work the voices of those most vulnerable.

We should strive to empower communities, to place people over profits, to understand that our Earth is not a place with infinite resources.

We must strive to create inclusive environments that honor our diversity.

As the future continues to be uncertain, as we face unknown crises, we leave this university with the tools and experiences to be brave in raising our voices, in questioning the status quo, in breaking down silos, and building diverse, impactful and just coalitions.

This, is our pledge.

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