Dear UCLA Graduate:

I am so pleased to join your family and friends in congratulating you. Earning a UCLA degree is an extraordinary achievement, reflecting your uncommon ability, vision and determination. Today’s Commencement marks a major milestone in your life.

Now you join generations of UCLA alumni around the world who are leaders in their communities and innovators in nearly every field. You too are part of the great Bruin legacy. I know you will do your part to further our tradition of excellence in every pursuit and generosity in service to others, all with the spirit of optimism that defines this great university. You are prepared to achieve greatness, and we look forward to what your future holds.

I am deeply grateful for all the ways in which you have enriched our campus and furthered our mission of education, research and service to California and the world. I continue to be inspired by our students and alumni, gaining invaluable insights from their perspectives.

Your relationship with UCLA, particularly through the resources we provide our alumni, is lifelong. We hope you always remain engaged with our campus and remember that you are one of UCLA’s very best advocates and ambassadors.

I hope you will truly celebrate today with your family and friends and create memories to hold dear for the rest of your life. There will never be another day quite like this one. I am delighted to share this occasion with you and I wish you a lifetime of success and happiness.

Sincerely,

Gene D. Block
Chancellor
University of California Los Angeles
Dear Graduates:

“We are the music-makers, and we are the dreamers of dreams,” so wrote the English poet Arthur O’Shaughnessy in his poem, Ode, almost one hundred and fifty years ago. Whenever I read those lines, the faces of our students spring vividly to mind. With commencement day, your years of study are drawing to a close and the time has come to use the knowledge and skills you have acquired to bring your music to life and to make your dreams a reality. To that end, the poet also wrote, “Yet, we are the movers and shakers of the world for ever, it seems.” As the years roll by, you will discover that truer words were never spoken where UC’s amazing alumni are concerned. From the very first, our remarkably gifted graduates have gone on to become movers and shakers the world over, their music and dreams making extraordinary differences in the lives of individuals and communities spanning the globe. On this memorable day, as you join that special group of movers and shakers known as the Alumni of the University of California, I happily challenge you to continue their grand tradition of generously sharing with others the wealth of their knowledge and abilities. The world is waiting and will be the better for your beautiful music and wondrous dreams. How I envy you! Warmest congratulations and good wishes—our pride in you knows no bounds!

Janet Napolitano
President
University of California
Dear Graduates,

I am honored to be with you on this joyous occasion, and to offer my heartfelt congratulations on your graduation from the UCLA Fielding School of Public Health. You came to the Fielding School with a purpose: to acquire the skills and experience that would enable you to develop and implement solutions that will make our world healthier. You achieved that goal, and for that you should be immensely proud.

We have made tremendous progress in public health, resulting in longer and healthier lives at home and abroad, but our work is far from complete. The challenges we face as a global community are formidable. Yet when I see your resolve, your talent and your passion, I am filled with optimism about our future.

You have learned from leading experts and practitioners, from the populations you intend to serve, and from each other. In the process, you have inspired us with your unwavering commitment and perseverance, and we know this is just the beginning of your incredible journey. Equipped with the knowledge and powerful tools you have acquired, you are about to embark on a new chapter—joining with public health leaders and other professionals to build healthier communities and countries. I look forward to learning about your professional achievements in the years to come and the tremendous impact I know you will have.

And I do hope you will remain in touch with our school, as you are all treasured members of our community.

Carpe diem!

Jody Heymann, MD, PhD
Dean
Fielding School of Public Health
UCLA
Robert Bernard Reich is an American political economist, professor, author, and political commentator. He served in the administrations of Presidents Gerald Ford and Jimmy Carter and was Secretary of Labor under President Bill Clinton from 1993 to 1997.

Reich is currently Chancellor’s Professor of Public Policy at the Goldman School of Public Policy at the University of California, Berkeley. He was formerly Professor at Harvard University’s John F. Kennedy School of Government and Professor of Social and Economic Policy at the Heller School for Social Policy and Management of Brandeis University. He has also been a contributing editor of *The New Republic*, *The American Prospect* (also chairman and founding editor), *Harvard Business Review*, *The Atlantic*, *The New York Times*, and *The Wall Street Journal*.

Reich is a political commentator on programs including *Hardball with Chris Matthews*, *This Week with George Stephanopoulos*, and CNBC’s *Kudlow & Company*. In 2008, *Time* magazine named him one of the Ten Best Cabinet Members of the century, and *The Wall Street Journal* in 2008 placed him sixth on its list of the “Most Influential Business Thinkers”. He was appointed a member of President-elect Barack Obama’s economic transition advisory board.

He has published 14 books, including the best-sellers *The Work of Nations*, *Reason*, *Supercapitalism*, *Aftershock: The Next Economy and America’s Future*, and a best-selling e-book, *Beyond Outrage*. He is also chairman of Common Cause and writes his own blog about the political economy at Robertreich.org. The Robert Reich–Jacob Kornbluth film *Inequality for All* won a U.S. Documentary Special Jury Award for Achievement in Filmmaking at the 2013 Sundance Film Festival in Utah.
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Clinical Epidemiology and Comparative Effectiveness of Computerized Antibiotic Stewardship on Patient Infection Resolution, Clostridium difficile Infection, and Mortality

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Developing a Tool for Assessment of Health Related Quality of Life among Children Living with HIV in West Bengal, India: A Step Towards Care Needs Assessment

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Oluwatoyin Folasade Fafowora, PhD  
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Behavior Change and Other Factors Related to HIV Transmission among Female Sero-converters in Microbicide trials

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Relationship Between Psychosocial Stress and Allostatic Load: Findings from the MIDUS Study

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Factors Associated with Effectiveness of Methadone Maintenance Treatment in Yunnan Province of China

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Determinants of Interdisciplinary Healthcare Team Functioning

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Risk Predictors, Outcomes, and Costs of Falls Among Older Adults Living in the Community

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Black-White Disparities in Colorectal Cancer Incidence, Screening, and Outcomes

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TRAVEL AWARD
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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 the 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 as health professionals, do hereby commit ourselves to advocacy and action to promote the health rights of all human beings.

The enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of health is one of the fundamental rights of every human being. It is not a privilege reserved for those with power, money or social standing.

Health is more than the absence of disease, but includes prevention of illness, development of individual potential, a positive sense of physical, mental and social well-being.

Health care should be based on dialogue and collaboration among citizens, professionals, communities and policymakers. Health services should emphasize equity, accessibility, community participation, prevention and sustainability.

Health begins with healthy development of the child and a positive family environment. Health must be sustained by the active role of men and women in health and development. The role of women and their rights must be recognized, respected and promoted.

Health care for the elderly should preserve dignity, respect and concern for quality of life and not merely extend life.

Health requires a sustainable environment with balanced human population growth and preservation of cultural diversity. Health depends on more than access to health care. It depends on healthy living conditions and the availability to all people of basic essentials: food, safe water, housing, education, productive employment, protection from pollution and prevention of social alienation.

Health depends on protection from exploitation and discrimination on account of race, religion, political belief, ethnic group, national origin, gender, sexual preference or economic or social status. Health requires peaceful and equitable development and collaboration of people.
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