Dear UCLA Graduate:

Commencement marks a major milestone in your life and crowns an extraordinary achievement, particularly at UCLA, home to the best of the best. Earning a degree here attests to your uncommon ability, vision and determination. I am so proud to join your family and friends in saluting you today.

As a student here you already have secured your place in UCLA’s extraordinary legacy. Now, as a graduate, you join generations of alumni who are leaders in their communities and innovators in nearly every field. I know you will do your part to further their tradition of excellence in every pursuit and generosity in service to others, and that you will do so with the singular spirit of optimism that defines UCLA. We look forward to the shining future that lies before you, knowing that you are prepared to excel in all that you do.

I want to thank you for all the ways in which you have strengthened our campus and contributed to our vital public mission of education, research and service to California and the world. You are now a Bruin for life and your relationship with UCLA—with our faculty, students and the resources we provide to alumni around the world—goes on and on. My hope is that you will remain engaged with our campus and remember that we are counting on you as one of UCLA’s very best advocates and ambassadors.

Take time to truly celebrate today with your family and friends. This is a day you will long remember and there will never be another one quite like it. I am delighted to share the 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:

Gaudeamus Igitur! So let us rejoice, indeed! I am delighted to join with the entire University of California community in celebrating, with all the pomp and circumstance this venerable university can muster, the awarding of your well-earned degree. Congratulations to the Class of 2014 and, most especially, to your loved ones who have walked each step of the way with you on your educational journey. We have taken great pride in your classroom accomplishments and now we are eagerly looking forward to how you will put your knowledge and new degree to work. Winston Churchill once noted, we make a living by what we get; we make a life by what we give. My hope is that you will always give gladly of yourself, sharing freely the benefits of your UC education for the betterment of your community, your nation, and the world.

I have no doubt that you, like so many UC graduates before you, will make an important difference wherever your path leads you. But I hope that, even if your path leads you far afield, you will continue to contribute your knowledge and experience to the life of the University in your new role as cherished members of the alumni of the University of California.

Well done Class of 2014!

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 Fielding School. You came to the Fielding School with a purpose: to acquire the skills and experience that would enable you to contribute to a healthier world. 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. Yet our work is far from complete. The challenges we face, both now and in the foreseeable future, are formidable. But when I see your resolve, your talent and your passion, I am filled with optimism.

You have learned from leading experts and practitioners, from the populations you intend to serve, and from each other. In the process, you have taught us all the meaning of commitment and perseverance. You have inspired us. We know this is just the beginning. Equipped with the knowledge and powerful tools you have acquired, you are about to embark on an exciting journey—joining with public health leaders and other professionals to build healthier communities and countries. I can’t wait to see the results of your work.

Carpe diem!

Jody Heymann, MD, PhD
Dean
Fielding School of Public Health
UCLA
Dr. Howard K. Koh serves as the 14th Assistant Secretary for Health for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), after being nominated by President Barack Obama and confirmed by the U.S. Senate in 2009. As Assistant Secretary, Dr. Koh oversees 12 offices, including the Office of the Surgeon General, the Commissioned Corps of the U.S. Public Health Service, 10 Regional Health Administrators across the country, and 10 presidential and secretarial advisory committees. He also serves as senior public health advisor to the Secretary. The Office of Assistant Secretary encompasses an array of interdisciplinary programs relating to disease prevention, health promotion, the reduction of health disparities, women’s and minority health, adolescent health, HIV/AIDS, vaccine programs, physical fitness and sports, bioethics, population affairs, blood supply, research integrity and human research protections. As the Assistant Secretary for Health, Dr. Koh is dedicated to the mission of creating better public health systems for prevention and care so that all people can reach their highest attainable standard of health.

Dr. Koh previously served as the Harvey V. Fineberg Professor of the Practice of Public Health, Associate Dean for Public Health Practice, and Director of the Division of Public Health Practice at the Harvard School of Public Health. Dr. Koh served as Commissioner of Public Health for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (1997-2003), leading the Massachusetts Department of Public Health and its wide range of health services, four hospitals, and staff of more than 3,000 professionals.

Dr. Koh graduated from Yale College and the Yale University School of Medicine. He completed postgraduate training at Boston City Hospital and Massachusetts General Hospital, serving as chief resident in both hospitals. He has earned board certification in four medical fields: internal medicine, hematology, medical oncology, and dermatology, as well as a Master of Public Health degree from Boston University.

He has earned numerous awards and honors, and was named by the New England Division of the American Cancer Society as “one of the most influential persons in the fight against tobacco during the last 25 years.”
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Statistical Techniques for Analyzing Irregular and Sparse Cyclical Longitudinal Data with Applications to Bipolar Disorder

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A Bayesian Family Factor Model for Multiple Outcomes

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Considerations in Using Diagnostic Tests for Disease Classification

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Bayesian Approaches for Instrumental Variable Analysis with Censored Time-to-Event Outcome

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Transnational Marriage, Gendered Migration, and the Wellbeing of Asian Women Migrants: A Mixed-methods Comparative Study of Taiwan and South Korea

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Sexual Violence among Men and Women in the US: Coping, HIV Risk and Substance Use

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Sharlene Jackson, PhD
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A 10-Year Longitudinal Analysis of Family Composition and Its Impact on Body Mass Index among African-American Women

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Human Trafficking and Health in Vietnam: A Mixed-Methods Study

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Social Relationships and Violence Trajectories from Adolescence through Early Adulthood into Adulthood

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Mechanisms of Health Disparities in Inflammation: A Test of the Differential Stress Exposure and Differential Vulnerability Hypotheses

Minal Rashmi Patel, PhD
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Understanding Tobacco Use Among Staff and Residents Living in Transitional Shelters for the Homeless in Los Angeles County: Evaluating the Impact of the Social, Political and Built Environments

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Exploring Individual and Social Determinants of Health to Improve Access to Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening for Cambodian and Thai Women in California

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A Life-Course Perspective on U.S. Migration Experience and Later-Life Diabetes, Hypertension, and Depression for Middle-Aged and Older Mexican Adults

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Dual Protection, Relationship Dynamics, and Women's Empowerment in Brazil

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Measurement and Treatment of Nuisance Odors at Wastewater Treatment Plants Using Seashell Media Biofiltration

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Genetic Characterization of Enterococcus in California Coastal Environments

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Associations of Job Strain, Isostrain, and Job Insecurity with Cardiovascular Risk Factors and Productivity in Mexican Workers

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Oliver Hankinson, PhD, Director

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Examining Gene-Environment Interactions and Synaptic Effects of Parkinson’s Disease-Linked Pesticides Using a Drosophila Model

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Molecular Evidence of a Biological Role for the Plant Nutrient, Boron, in Human Cells

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Development, Validation, and Cost Effectiveness of Clinical Prediction Rules for Group A Beta Hemolytic Streptococcal Pharyngitis in Children from Lower and Upper Middle Income Countries

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Richard Finn and Zuo-Feng Zhang, Co-Chairs
Identification of Genomic Predictors of Response to the CDK4/6 Inhibitor Palbociclib using the UCLATORL Panel of Human Cancer Cell Lines

Patricia Lynn Cummings, PhD
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Bridging the Gap between Food Quality and Foodborne Illness: Context and Potential Effects of Chronic Disease on Salmonellosis and Toxoplasmosis Outcomes

Tracy Ann Becerra, PhD
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Perinatal Risk Factors and Autism in Los Angeles County: The Role of Air Pollution, Maternal Race/Ethnicity and Nativity

Maral Elizabeth DerSarkissian, PhD
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Multiply Robust Estimation: The Development and Evaluation of a Novel Method for Causal Analysis

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B-cell Activation and Non-Hodgkin’s Lymphoma Risk in an HIV Positive Population

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Prenatal Exposure to Perfluoroalkyl Substances and the Risk of Autism, Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder and Cerebral Palsy in Children—A Danish National Birth Cohort Study

Saipin Chotivichien, PhD
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Effect of Nutritional Counseling on Low-Density Lipoprotein (LDL) Cholesterol among Thai HIV-Infected Adults Receiving Antiretroviral Therapy

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Prenatal Risk and Protective Factors for Childhood Cancer: Investigating the Effects of Ultraviolet Radiation, Pesticide Exposure, and Maternal Diet

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Anne Rimoin, Chair
Human Monkeypox in the Democratic Republic of Congo: Presentation, Prediction and Animal Exposures Associated with Rash Severity

Laura Jean Nasuti, PhD
Susan Cochran, Chair
Sexual Minority Mental Health Service Utilization

Thuong Vu Nguyen, PhD
Roger Detels, Chair
Risk Behaviors, Sexually Transmitted Infections and HIV among Men who have Sex with Men in Southern Vietnam

Kaitlin Ashley O’Keefe, PhD
Frank Sorvillo, Chair
Cysticercosis in the United States: A Nationwide Hospitalization Study Assessing Burden of Disease, Fatality Risk Factors and Economic Impact of Infection

Sona Oksuzyan, PhD
Leeka Kheifets, Chair
Study of Factors Related to Childhood Leukemia and to Central Nervous System Tumors in California

Heather Alisa Pines, PhD
Pamina Gorbach, Chair
Sexual Risk Behaviors among Men who have Sex with Men: Implications for the Delivery of New HIV Prevention Interventions

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Roger Detels and Simin Liu, Co-Chairs
Identification of Systemic Biomarkers as Indicators for Environmental Exposures and Development of Metabolic Outcomes

Shauna Lynn Stahlman, PhD
Pamina Gorbach, Chair
Sexually Transmitted Infections in the U.S. Military: How Gender Influences Risk

Weiming Tang, PhD
Roger Detels, Chair
Feasibility of RDS, Effectiveness of Risk-Reduction-Counseling and Testing, and Factors Associated with Loss-to-Follow-Up in a Cohort study for MSM in Nanjing, China

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Zuo-Feng Zhang, Chair
Polymorphisms in the Stem Cell Pathway and Esophageal Cancer in a Chinese Population

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Epidemiology of Malignant Tumors among HIV-Infected Population in China
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Design for an Evaluation of Hemophilia Treatment Center 340B Drug Pricing Programs

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From Practice Culture to Patient Outcomes: Improving Primary Care Through Interdisciplinary Health Care Teams

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Hospitalization Patterns and Emergency Department Use for Youth and Young Adults Growing Older with Sickle Cell Disease

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Forging Local Health Department and Community-Based Organization Partnerships to Address the Obesity Epidemic

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Hector Rodriguez, Chair
The Adoption and Use of Health Information Technology in Three Settings

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A Framework for Understanding Physician Organizations’ Orientation to Accountable Care Organizations (ACO)

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Identifying Alternative Frames and Values to Increase Public Support for Health Policies that Target Obesity

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Thomas Rice, Chair
Influence of Time Preferences on Health Behaviors among Mexicans: Essays from Health Economics and Behavioral Economics Perspectives

Annalyn Balugay Valdez Dadia, DrPH
Ninez A. Ponce and Marjorie Kagawa-Singer, Co-Chairs
The Role of Legislation and Practitioner Perceptions on the Availability of Patient Navigation Programs

Donglan Zhang, PhD
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Projecting the Impact of Different Policies on Unhealthy Dietary Behaviors in an Urban Adult Population: An Agent-based Simulation Model
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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 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.