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Betty Irene Moore  
School of Nursing  
Commencement  
Ceremony

*June 11, 2026*

# **BETTY IRENE MOORE SCHOOL OF NURSING**



## **Commencement Ceremony**

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*Robert and Margrit Mondavi Center  
for the Performing Arts*

## **Congratulations, Graduates**

We congratulate the graduates of the Nursing Science and Health-Care Leadership Graduate Degree Programs and the UC Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Certificate Program. These research, physician assistant, nurse and advanced practice leaders leave an indelible mark as graduates of the Betty Irene Moore School of Nursing at UC Davis. We eagerly anticipate the influence these alumni create as they launch the next phases of their careers.

## **In Gratitude**

The entire Betty Irene Moore School of Nursing team extends its heartfelt appreciation to all who have supported the school from its outset. Your ongoing contributions are critical to the school's continued success. Together, we advance health.

## **University of California, Davis**

Founded in 1908 as the University Farm, the University of California, Davis, has become one of the country's top teaching and research universities. Building on its historical strengths in the agricultural and biological sciences, UC Davis has developed comparable stature in the arts, social sciences, humanities, environmental sciences, engineering and physical sciences. It excels, as well, in the professional areas of nursing, law, education, medicine, veterinary medicine and management. The campus is dedicated to teaching students to be independent thinkers and lifelong learners, to pursuing research that advances our knowledge of the world and to serving the public by sharing and applying those discoveries. UC Davis is committed to effective engagement with the many communities it serves — in the state, the nation and the world.

### **The Betty Irene Moore School of Nursing**

The Betty Irene Moore School of Nursing at UC Davis is the only graduate school created to activate change where it is needed most. We go beyond clinical education with programs that elevate the ability, confidence and vision of a new type of health care leader. Guided by a vision of optimal health and health equity for all, the School of Nursing integrates the science and humanity of nursing and other health disciplines to lead innovative research, education and practice. Established in 2009, the school prepares graduates who advance health, transform health care and ignite bold system change locally, nationally and globally. The school offers five graduate degrees for those who share a passion for advancing health: master's degree programs for entry-level nursing and physician assistant, Doctor of Nursing Practice — Family Nurse Practitioner, Doctor of Nursing Practice — Nurse Anesthesia and Doctor of Philosophy. It is also the administrative home of the UC Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Certificate Program.

## To Degree Candidates,

Congratulations on reaching a day you will never forget. No matter where your journey began, or the twists and turns along the way, you made it! Today is your moment to celebrate with friends, classmates and loved ones as we honor this wonderful milestone and look forward to the bright futures ahead of you.

You are well prepared for your next chapter. A degree from UC Davis is recognized nationally as one of the most valuable for social mobility and success. No matter your next move, you are the leaders and visionaries who will shape the future.

I applaud you for contributing to our mission and community. You participated in groundbreaking research, mentored others to pursue their dreams and served the community around us.

You arrived at UC Davis with big dreams and achieved even bigger goals. And along the way, you outgrew the expected.

With your drive and Aggie education, you are empowered to create opportunities for people around you, lift voices, and build a healthier planet for future generations.

Remember that you will always be an Aggie. You'll find members of the UC Davis family in every corner of the world, and I encourage you to stay connected as alumni and return to campus often.

Congratulations once again, and grow forth. Show there are no limits to what Aggies can achieve!

Best regards,



Gary S. May  
Chancellor

## Message from Chancellor May

*"Always use your knowledge and powers for good. Every day, try to learn something new, help someone and make the world a better place."*

— CHANCELLOR GARY S. MAY



## Message from Provost Croughan



### Dear Aggie Graduate,

Congratulations on earning your degree! It is truly an honor to celebrate this milestone with you as you complete your undergraduate journey, marking the culmination of years of dedication, perseverance, and personal growth. This is such a special and well-deserved moment, and I am pleased to share it with you, your loved ones, friends, faculty, and the entire campus.

As a UC Davis graduate, you have met the high standards and rigorous requirements of your major at one of the world's leading universities. During your time here, you have expanded your knowledge, strengthened your critical thinking skills, collaborated with others, and built relationships that can last a lifetime. While you have grown academically and personally during your time here, you have also contributed to the growth of those around you. Your curiosity, resilience, and engagement have made a difference in our community.

I wish you every success in the next chapter of your journey, whether you are beginning your career, pursuing advanced studies, or lending your knowledge and talents to public service. As a proud Aggie alumna myself, I know the education and experienced you have gained at UC Davis have prepared you to make meaningful contributions wherever your path leads.

As you move forward, I encourage you to stay connected with your alma mater and return to campus often as a member of our alumni family. I hope to see you at Picnic Day for years to come! We look forward to celebrating your future accomplishments and continuing to be part of your lifelong journey.

Again, congratulations to you and all who supported you along the way.

Go Ags!

All the best,

*Mary Croughan*

Mary S. Croughan  
Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor

# Program

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

ACADEMIC PROCESSION

Laura L. Van Auker

*Clinical Professor*

NATIONAL ANTHEM

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

Stephen J. Cavanagh

*Dignity Health Dean's Chair for Nursing Leadership, Dean and Professor*

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

Deb Bakerjian

*Associate Dean for Practice and Clinical Professor*

STUDENT SPEAKERS FOR THE CLASSES OF 2025 and 2026

Ariana I. G. Mocerro

*UC Psychiatric Mental Health*

*Nurse Practitioner Certificate Program*

Aesara Rhys

*Nursing Science and Health-Care Leadership*

*Master of Science—Nursing*

Weston James Willard

*Nursing Science and Health-Care Leadership*

*Master of Health Services—Physician Assistant Studies*

Amy Dawson

*Nursing Science and Health-Care Leadership*

*Doctor of Nursing Practice—Family Nurse Practitioner*

Patricia Fernandez Villa

*Nursing Science and Health-Care Leadership*

*Doctor of Philosophy*

## CONFERRAL AND PRESENTATION OF DEGREES

Laura L. Van Auker

Stephen J. Cavanagh

Gary S. May

Lynda Creighton-Wong

*Director for the UC Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Certificate Program and Clinical Professor*

Shana L. Ruggenberg

*Director for the Master's Entry Program in Nursing and Clinical Professor*

Felix D. Emond, Jr.

*Interim Director for the Physician Assistant Program  
and Assistant Clinical Professor*

Charleen Singh

*Director for the Doctor of Nursing Practice—Family Nurse Practitioner  
Degree Program and Associate Clinical Professor*

Sheryl L. Catz

*Doctor of Philosophy Program Director and Professor*

## CLOSING REMARKS

Stephen J. Cavanagh

## RECESSIONAL

We request the audience to please remain seated for the recessional.  
Refreshments will be served on the outside patio immediately following  
the ceremony.

## The Graduating Classes of 2025 and 2026

### UC Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Certificate

|                                   |                              |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Jhoanna Anuran-Torres             | Shaye Larie                  |
| Julie Ann Barlow                  | Chanese Lee                  |
| Venessa Beck                      | Christy Li                   |
| Leesa E Benenhaley                | Jaquelyn L. Macaraeg         |
| Jessica Evelynna Nina Blanchard   | Kristen Carroll Macrae       |
| Sonja Cahoon                      | Esperanza Magana             |
| Erika Cano                        | Tamara Selina McMillan       |
| Cheryl Anne de la Cuadra-Respicio | Jaymijah Marie Means         |
| Carly Devirian                    | McKinley Agatha-Mancebo Mize |
| Jaggiwan (Jina) Kaur Dhatt        | Ariana I.G. Mocerro          |
| Sarah A. Dulaney                  | Elise Morgan                 |
| Helen Dutko                       | Debbie Morrissey Mason       |
| Jacqueline Enfiedjian             | Renada Jemese Scott Nash     |
| Erika Dalel Gary                  | Allison Marie O'Meara        |
| Selamawit Gebrezghi               | Maureen Saligumba            |
| Laura Hasting                     | Jessica Schneider            |
| William J. Herbert                | Kay Smolley                  |
| Micheal Anthony Jean-Baptiste     | William Soltis               |
| Sabrina Klein                     | Pen Yi Tso                   |
| Jennifer Koos                     | Florence Gantner Zink        |

## Master of Science — Nursing

|                               |                               |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Francisco Bautista Rodriguez  | Alexandra Lemus-Rangel        |
| Alberto Berber                | Tina Luu                      |
| Kelley Britts                 | Vinh Quoc Mai                 |
| Kristin Alexis Brown          | Daisy Maldonado Corrales      |
| Sidra Quinn Bugsch            | Christina Gingoyon Maniulit   |
| Robin Cohen                   | Abigail Joy Milstein          |
| Aron Corona                   | Liwam Nerayo                  |
| Karanvir Singh Dhanoa         | Tracy Truc Nguyen             |
| Paige Donovan                 | Judy Park                     |
| Sheena Marie Ferguson-Keating | Rylie Kai Powelson            |
| Anthea Fraser                 | Feran-Jacob Abuan Rampas      |
| Christine Harris              | Aesara Rhys                   |
| Damien Hernandez              | GeAnn Christine Rocero Santos |
| Elena Hernandez               | Diana Romero                  |
| Makaylah C. Hoang             | Kauthar Tayib Samu            |
| Cindy Hsu                     | Kasey Joe Searles             |
| Jessica Hurtado               | Salma Tacuba Dimas            |
| Elise Karahadian              | Emilie Huynh Trang Tran       |
| Karen Aku-Sika Kurenty Laryea | Rosie Ha Tran                 |
| Jenna Kwong                   | Genesis Valdes                |
| Skylar La                     | Lucero Valenzuela             |
| Monica Law                    | Viktoria V Zechlin            |

## **Master of Health Services — Physician Assistant Studies**

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|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Naomy Agredano            | Amy Hoanganh Pham         |
| Talia Michelle Ahoubim    | Giao Nova Pham            |
| Chloe Ambaloug            | Sahar Rahimi              |
| Olivia Ayala              | Erika Ramirez Salazar     |
| Sandra Barrera Luna       | Bleu Skylar Ramos         |
| Angela Hripsime Bursalyan | Nicholi Reece             |
| Graham Carnahan           | Jessica Reeves            |
| Sandra Chan               | Gia Reyes                 |
| Martha Alicia Cortez Olea | Tera Richardson           |
| Flora Bryanna Flores      | Gerardo Rios Ocampo       |
| Natalie Fung              | Christopher Eliu Rivera   |
| Adelyn Glock              | Samra Rizvi               |
| Taylor Gonzales           | Erin Nicole Rysanek       |
| Alejandro González        | Peter Franz Schultz       |
| Angelica Gorban           | Philip Christian Seicianu |
| Jun Kawano                | Alex Tasker               |
| Megan Kleiman             | Olivia Thai               |
| Bella Sophia Kouretas     | Henry Tran                |
| Sally Lai                 | Edwin Tran                |
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| Noor Faris Mikha          | Weston James Willard      |
| Morgan Rose Minch         | Natalie Williams          |
| Theresa Moreno            | Temicka T. Williams       |
| Joycebelle Nava           | Laci Wise                 |
| Connie Oh                 | Yuuka Wolf                |
| Nakshi Patel              | Johanna Yao               |
| Keila Perez               | Ziya Ziya                 |
| Stella Pham               |                           |

## Doctor of Nursing Practice — Family Nurse Practitioner

MELANIE FERNANDEZ BACCAY

*Implementing TIMERS: An Evidence-Based Framework to Guide Clinical Assessment and Intervention for Wounds Complicated by Lower Extremity Arterial Disease in the Primary Care Setting*

Chairperson: Charleen Singh

JENNIFER JOANNE BALDERIAN-PADALLAN

*A Clinical Practice Guideline for Fall Prevention in Perimenopausal, Menopausal, and Postmenopausal Women*

Chairperson: Joanne Minnick

ASHLEY BALLETTTO

*Culturally Attuned Hospice and End of Life Care Education for Interdisciplinary Hospice Teams*

Chairperson: Joanne Minnick

ALI MICHELLE BERUMEN

*Improving Pneumococcal Vaccination Awareness Among Patients with Diabetes Through Patient Portal Outreach*

Chairperson: Charleen Singh

ANNA CHANG

*Pelvic Floor Dysfunction: Screening and Referral Guideline for Women's Health Providers*

Chairperson: Charleen Singh

ALEX CORLESS

*Enhancing Staff Knowledge in the Psychiatric Care of Children and Adolescents with Autism Spectrum Disorder: A Staff Education Initiative*

Chairperson: Joanne Minnick

AMY DAWSON

*Reducing Surgical Site Infections Through Evidence-Based Educational Interventions in a Rural Hospital*

Chairperson: Joanne Minnick

YULIANA ESTRADA OCHOA

*Adult Anxiety Screening: Validation of the GAD-7 and Appraisal of Guidelines with the AGREE II Tool*

Chairperson: Joanne Minnick

CECILLI RENEE GONZALES

*Development of a Clinical Practice Guideline for Integrating Native American Medicinal Plants in Dermatologic Care*

Chairperson: Joanne Minnick

MARIA DEL MAR HERNDON

*Enhancing Perioperative Staff Knowledge and Adherence to AORN Guidelines  
Using the ELPO Risk Assessment Tool: A Nurse-Led Education Initiative*  
Chairperson: Charleen Singh

CRYSTAL LEE

*Culturally Competent Osteoporosis Screening, Prevention, and Management  
in Asian Postmenopausal Women: An Educational Intervention  
for Primary Care Providers and Clinic Staff*  
Chairperson: Joanne Minnick

JESSIE MAR

*Enhancing Perioperative Staff Knowledge and Adherence to AORN Guidelines  
Using the ELPO Risk Assessment Tool: A Nurse-Led Education Initiative*  
Chairperson: Charleen Singh

JANUARY BROWN ASTUDILLO-PATEL

*Enhancing Provider and Staff Knowledge on Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs)  
and Trauma-Informed Care (TIC) Through an Online Educational Module*  
Chairperson: Amy Nichols

ASHLEY EMBALSADO SANTILLAN

*Addressing Breast and Cervical Cancer Disparities Among Filipino Women:  
A Culturally Tailored Educational Initiative for Community Health Workers*  
Chairperson: Joanne Minnick

ERIKA TARABINI

*Enhancing HPV Knowledge and Vaccine Recommendation Self-Efficacy Among  
Nurse Practitioner Students: Evaluation of an Educational Intervention*  
Chairperson: Joanne Minnick

RACHEL YU

*Clinical Practice Guideline for Preoperative Screening and Postoperative Pain  
Management Using the Opioid Risk Tool (ORT) in Outpatient Surgical Centers*  
Chairperson: Joanne Minnick

YILIN LORRAINE ZHOU

*Culturally Responsive Clinical Practice Guideline for the Identification  
and Management of End-of-Life Appropriate Patients in Chinese Populations*  
Chairperson: Joanne Minnick

## **Doctor of Philosophy**

PATRICIA FERNANDEZ VILLA

*Upstream Pathways to Nursing: Exploring Self-Efficacy, Belonging,  
and Identity Development in a Pre-Nursing Pathway Program*

Dissertation chair: Kupiri Ackerman

ARON A. KING

*Cut to the Chase: A Qualitative Study Evaluating  
a Mental Health Barbershop Initiative for Black Men*

Dissertation chair: Kupiri Ackerman

JANE ESTHER LEE

*Association of Area Deprivation Index with Latent Tuberculosis  
Infection Management: A Retrospective Cohort Study*

Dissertation chair: Tae Youn Kim

SWAPNA BINU PETER

*Examining the Effect of Work Assignments on Work-Related  
Stress Among Emergency Department Nurses*

Dissertation chair: Stephen Cavanagh

ELENITSA SEBAT

*Assessing the Association Between Allostatic Load and Melanoma  
Skin Cancer in a Large, Diverse Secondary Source of Clinical Data*

Dissertation chair: Alex Fauer

KATE CAMPBELL TURPIN

*Navigating Academic Support: Defining and Operationalizing Academic Support  
in Nursing Education Through a Thematic Analysis of Nurse Educator Perspectives*

Dissertation chair: Jessica Draughon Moret

# **Nursing Science and Health-Care Leadership**

## **Graduate Group Faculty**

Laura L. Van Auker - Chair

Kupiri Ackerman

FadumaSara B. Ali

Giulia Saia Arostegui

Becky Ashlock

Deb Bakerjian

Janice F. Bell

Julie Theresa Bidwell

Shamika Brooks

Terence James Burrows

Crystal Campbell

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Angelica de Leon-Renteria

Leyna Do

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Dan Gao

Kimberly Gardner

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Christa George

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Monica M. Godden

Philippe Goldin

Chloe Gomez

Kathryn Hanks

Miles Stetz Harris

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Joshua Hwang

Sharie Johnson

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Victoria F. Keeton

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Holly J. Kirkland-Kyhn

Jennifer Lingler

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Rupinder Mangat-Deol

Zyrene Marsh

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MiSook McTighe  
Janet Meda  
Joanne Minnick  
Joshua Moen  
Jann Murray-García  
Amy Nichols  
Charis T. Ong  
Andrew Penn  
Jennifer E. Phipps  
Sandra M. Pon  
Amber Lara Ramage  
Lee Ranalli  
Sartaj Randhawa  
Rocelia Reyes  
Elizabeth Rice  
Shana Ruggenberg  
Cara M. Sandholdt  
Jakkarin Sareerak  
Anna Marie Satake  
Kathleen Carlsen Schneider  
Elenitsa Sebat  
Roslyn Seitz  
Laura Senn  
Marla Shauer  
Mary Lou Siantz  
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Leigh Ann Simmons  
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Brittany Ann Stagg  
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Tavis Valenzuela  
Emily Wollney  
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Courtney Zakhary  
Mondana Zargarnian

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Doctor of Nursing Practice — Nurse Anesthesia Scholarship Fund

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Hewitt Family Award in Nursing

Ida L. Vanderhoef Memorial Scholarship

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 Nurse Practitioner Scholarship  
 Nursing Science and Health-Care Leadership Student and Alumni Scholarship  
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 Physician Assistant Annual Scholarship  
 Pomeroy Robertson Family Endowed Scholarship  
 Quinby-Young Scholarship for Healthy Aging  
 Robert and Jacqueline Bates Award in Nursing  
 Roletto and Amparo Ordonas Endowed Scholarship in Nursing  
 for Community Based Senior Care  
 Sandy Smoley Endowed Award  
 Schneider Family Scholarship for Nursing Leadership  
 Senior Citizens of Davis Award  
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 Sierra Sacramento Valley Medical Society Alliance Scholarship  
 Susan L. Adams Leadership in Health Policy Award  
 Teri A. Lown, RN, OCN Educational Award in Oncology Nursing  
 Terri and Alan Wolf Nursing Scholarship Fund  
 The Eager Family Endowed Nursing Award  
 The La Rue Frederick Scholarship for Nursing  
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**ALMA MATER**  
*Hail to California!*

Hail to California, Alma Mater dear  
Sing the joyful chorus, Sound it far and near  
Rallying 'round her banner, We will never fail  
California Alma Mater; Hail! Hail! Hail!

*Clinton R Morse, University of California class of 1896*  
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