



ARIZONA COLLEGE OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE

2026 COMMENCEMENT



Arizona College of Osteopathic Medicine
2026 Commencement

Midwestern University • Glendale Campus

Monday, the First of June
Two Thousand and Twenty-Six



ORDER OF CEREMONY

Processional: *Pomp and Circumstance*

THE AUDIENCE WILL PLEASE STAND

Introduction: Kaila Dougherty, O.D., D.H.A., F.A.A.O.
Chief Operating Officer

National Anthem: *The Star-Spangled Banner* by F.S. Key

Opening Reflection: Randall Nydam, Ph.D.
Associate Dean

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President and Chief Executive Officer

Dean's Welcome: Lori A. Kemper, D.O., M.S., F.A.C.O.F.P.
Dean, Arizona College of Osteopathic Medicine

The Osteopathic Oath: Dr. Kemper

Presentation of Graduates: Dr. Kemper

Conferral of Degrees: Dr. Baker

**Presentation of Midwestern University Coin
Honoring our Military Graduates**

Student Remarks: Alexander Thomas
Valedictorian, Class of 2026

Closing Remarks: Dr. Kemper

Closing Reflection: Sean Reeder, D.O.
Associate Dean

Recessional

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Novi, MI

Vivek Amin
Chandler, AZ

Ayman Anasi
Detroit, MI

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THE OSTEOPATHIC OATH

I do hereby affirm my loyalty to the profession I am about to enter.

I will be mindful always of my great responsibility
to preserve the health and the life of my patients,
to retain their confidence and respect both as a physician and a friend
who will guard their secrets with scrupulous honor and fidelity,
to perform faithfully my professional duties,
to employ only those recognized methods of treatment
consistent with good judgment and with my skill and ability,
keeping in mind always nature's laws
and the body's inherent capacity for recovery.

I will be ever vigilant in aiding in the general welfare of the
community, sustaining its laws and institutions,
not engaging in those practices that will in any way
bring shame or discredit upon myself or my profession.

I will give no drugs for deadly purposes to any person,
though it be asked of me.

I will endeavor to work in accord with my colleagues
in a spirit of progressive cooperation,
and never by word or by act cast imputations upon them
or their rightful practices.

I will look with respect and esteem
upon all those who have taught me my art.

To my college, I will be loyal and strive always for its best interests
and for the interests of the students who come after me.

I will be ever alert to further the application of basic biologic truths
to the healing arts and to develop the principles of osteopathic
medicine that were first enunciated by Andrew Taylor Still.

In the presence of this gathering, I bind myself to my oath.



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ACADEMIC REGALIA AND PROCESSIONAL

Gown

The gown is the cornerstone of the academic costume that has its origins in 12th and 13th century Europe, a period when universities were being formed. Today, Midwestern University follows guidelines established by the American Council on Education. All graduates wear black gowns, with the front panels of the doctoral gown trimmed in black velvet. Each sleeve of the doctoral gown is adorned with three bars of black velvet with bell-shaped wrist ends. The master's gown is unadorned, with the wrist ends of the sleeve open oblongs that extend beyond the hand.

Arizona College of Optometry

Discipline Color: Seafoam
Liner Color: Navy
Chevron Color: Gold

Arizona College of Osteopathic Medicine

Discipline Color: Kelly Green
Liner Color: Navy
Chevron Color: Gold

Arizona College of Podiatric Medicine

Discipline Color: Nile Green
Liner Color: Navy
Chevron Color: Gold

College of Dental Medicine–Arizona

Discipline Color: Lilac
Liner Color: Navy
Chevron Color: Gold

College of Graduate Studies Biomedical Sciences Program

Discipline Color: Gold
Liner Color: Navy
Chevron Color: Gold

College of Graduate Studies Precision Medicine Program

Discipline Color: Gold
Liner Color: Navy
Chevron Color: Gold

College of Graduate Studies Public Health Program

Discipline Color: Salmon
Liner Color: Navy
Chevron Color: Gold

College of Health Sciences Cardiovascular Science Program

Discipline Color: Gold
Liner Color: Navy
Chevron Color: Gold

College of Health Sciences Clinical Psychology Program (Doctor)

Discipline Color: Royal Blue
Liner Color: Navy
Chevron Color: Gold

College of Health Sciences Clinical Psychology Program (Master)

Discipline Color: Gold
Liner Color: Navy
Chevron Color: Gold

College of Health Sciences Nurse Anesthesia Program

Discipline Color: Apricot
Liner Color: Navy
Chevron Color: Gold

College of Health Sciences Nursing Program (Doctor)

Discipline Color: Apricot
Liner Color: Navy
Chevron Color: Gold

College of Health Sciences Nursing Program (Master)

Discipline Color: Apricot
Liner Color: Navy
Chevron Color: Gold

College of Health Sciences Occupational Therapy Program

Discipline Color: Sage Green
Liner Color: Navy
Chevron Color: Gold

College of Health Sciences Physical Therapy Program

Discipline Color: Teal
Liner Color: Navy
Chevron Color: Gold

College of Health Sciences Physician Assistant Program

Discipline Color: Gold
Liner Color: Navy
Chevron Color: Gold

College of Health Sciences Speech-Language Pathology Program

Discipline Color: Crimson
Liner Color: Navy
Chevron Color: Gold

College of Pharmacy, Glendale

Discipline Color: Olive
Liner Color: Navy
Chevron Color: Gold

College of Veterinary Medicine

Discipline Color: Gray
Liner Color: Navy
Chevron Color: Gold



Hood

The hood, a commencement accessory placed around the neck that drapes down the back of the graduate's gown, signifies achievement in higher education. Its velvet top layer is the discipline color of the program of study. Both the lining and the chevron trim colors are those of the college or the program. The doctoral hood is four feet in length; the master's hood is three and one-half feet in length. At Midwestern University, the hood is carried over the right arm of the graduate in the processional and is placed on the graduate during the ceremony.

Tam

All Midwestern University graduates wear black velvet tams with black (master's programs) or gold (doctoral programs) tassels that hang to the right front side.

Honor Cords

The honor cord, nearly six feet in length, is worn around the graduate's neck and drapes down the front of the gown. The different cord colors designate the academic achievement or honor status in a national academic/professional society. A graduate can wear multiple cords if he or she qualifies for individual honors.

Midwestern University Coins

A custom minted coin is a military tradition to recognize achievement, create incentive, improve safety, or show appreciation for duty, dedication, or a job well done. Midwestern University proudly presents graduates who are in the military or entering the military following graduation with a coin to honor their service to our country.

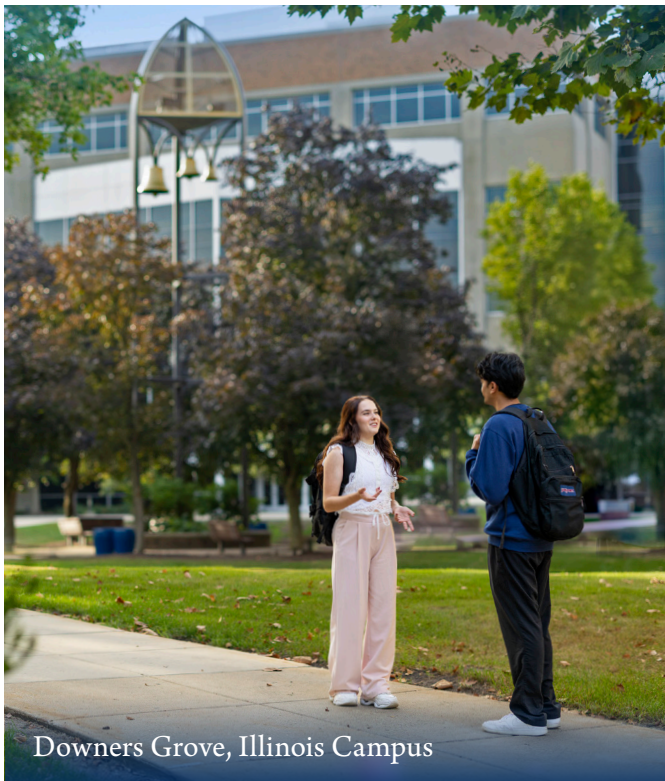
HISTORY OF MIDWESTERN UNIVERSITY

Founded in 1900 as the American College of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery in Chicago, Illinois, Midwestern University began with a clear mission to educate healthcare professionals in a not-for-profit, student-centered environment. Early leadership and faculty built a strong reputation for academic excellence and hands-on clinical training, helping shape the future of osteopathic medicine.

The University's growth reflects both vision and responsiveness to the needs of healthcare. In 1986, the institution relocated to Downers Grove, Illinois, creating space for expanded programs across the health sciences. In 1995, Midwestern University established a second campus in Glendale, Arizona, significantly broadening its reach and impact. Over time, the University expanded to include programs in pharmacy, dental medicine, optometry, health sciences, podiatry, nursing, biomedical science, and veterinary medicine.

Today, Midwestern University is a comprehensive graduate university with two campuses, multiple colleges, and a wide range of healthcare programs. Students learn in modern facilities and gain valuable experience through interprofessional education, clinical education, and community-based clinics. The University's One Health initiative further emphasizes the connection between human, animal, and environmental health, preparing students to collaborate across disciplines to address complex global challenges.

Throughout its history, the University has remained committed to its founding principles of academic excellence, compassionate care, and student success, preparing our graduates to thrive in a rapidly changing healthcare environment.





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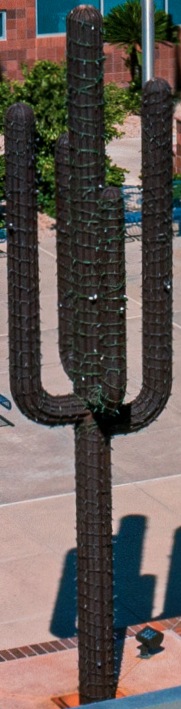
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