



**ARIZONA COLLEGE OF
PODIATRIC MEDICINE**

2026 COMMENCEMENT



Arizona College of Podiatric Medicine
2026 Commencement

Midwestern University • Glendale Campus

Tuesday, the Second 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., FAAO
Chief Operating Officer

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

Opening Reflection: Johanna Richey, D.P.M.
Assistant Professor

President's Address: Joshua C. Baker, O.D., M.S.
President and Chief Executive Officer

Dean's Welcome: Jeffrey L. Jensen, D.P.M., FACFAS
Dean, Arizona College of Podiatric Medicine

The Podiatric Physicians Oath: Janna Kroleski, D.P.M.
Clinic Care Lead

Presentation of Graduates: Dr. Jensen

Conferral of Degrees: Dr. Baker

Graduate Hooding of the Class of 2026

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

Student Remarks: Jacob Hoffman
Class Representative, Class of 2026

Closing Remarks: Dr. Jensen

Closing Reflection: Melanie Violand, D.P.M.
Associate Dean

Recessional

Announcer:

Mahsa Agha Jafari, D.P.M.

Hooders:

Don Curtis, D.P.M.

Johanna Richey, D.P.M.

Student Marshals:

John Charski, D.P.M.

Michelle Mifflin, D.O.

Pam Potter, Ph.D.

Bindu Rajan, M.D.

Faculty Marshals:

Sean Reeder, D.O.

Lance Wissman, D.P.M.

Mace Bearers:

Warren Joseph, D.P.M.

Janna Kroleski, D.P.M.





DOCTOR OF PODIATRIC MEDICINE CLASS OF 2026

Landry Batis

Meridian, ID

M. Jace Bayles

Mesa, AZ

Benjamin Bethay

Smithfield, KY

Zachery Brupbacher

Matthews, NC

Tanner Carr

Pi Delta Honor Society

Gilbert, AZ

Stephanie Coleman

Pi Delta Honor Society

Ocala, FL

Allison DeCleene

Pi Delta Honor Society

Milford, IA

Remi Drake

San Francisco, CA

Layla Galavotti

Hampden, MA

Mostafa Ghulam Hazrat

Glendale, AZ

David Greenstein

Denver, CO

Eric Haigh

Sioux Falls, SD

L. Keston Hansen

Mendon, UT

Samantha Haong

Pi Delta Honor Society

Kirkland, WA

Nicholas Hebert

Alexandria, LA

Jacob Hoffman

Pi Delta Honor Society

Mandeville, LA

Cody Izydor

Pi Delta Honor Society

Frisco, TX

Nikki Jacobus

Fountain Hills, AZ

Lauren LaMarca

Mountain Top, PA

Clarissa Marni

Ashburn, VA

Jared Martinez

Carrollton, TX

Andre Moezzi

Pi Delta Honor Society

Alamogordo, NM

Maxwell Morton

Portland, OR

Allisen Peterson

Chico, CA

Mason Regan

Raleigh, NC

Bethany Robinson

Phoenix, AZ

Cyndi Scott

Tumon, Guam

Luke Seuffer

Omro, WI

Kathryn Shaw

Pi Delta Honor Society

Port Huron, MI

Alicia Stevens

Auburn, MI

Kendra Willman

Fort Walton Beach, FL

Clayton Winn

Ogden, UT

THE PODIATRIC PHYSICIAN'S OATH

I do solemnly swear, on my honor, to those who have taught me, and by all things that I hold sacred, that as a practitioner of Podiatric Medicine, I shall abide by the following precepts:

I shall above all, hold paramount the welfare of my patient, regardless of fee or favor, and shall neither prescribe nor give any treatment or drug which will be detrimental to his well-being.

I shall endeavor to uphold the dignity of the professional way of life, the aims of which are to render public service.

I shall cherish those who have taught me, holding high their principles and precepts, and I pledge that I shall do everything that I am able to do to promote and to protect the profession of Podiatric Medicine and to aid my fellow practitioners.

In swearing this oath, I hereby dedicate myself in service to the health of humanity, and I hold as my goal the relief of pain and suffering.

ARIZONA COLLEGE OF PODIATRIC MEDICINE FACULTY

Listed in title progression and then length of employment

Jeffrey Jensen, D.P.M.

Melanie Violand, D.P.M.

Tanya Thoms, D.P.M.

David Jenkins, D.P.M.

Lance Wissman, D.P.M.

Don Curtis, D.P.M.

Janna Kroleski, D.P.M.

Bindu Rajan, M.D.

Evelyn Heigh-Rosen, D.P.M.

Johanna Richey, D.P.M.

Mahsa Agha Jafari, D.P.M.

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.

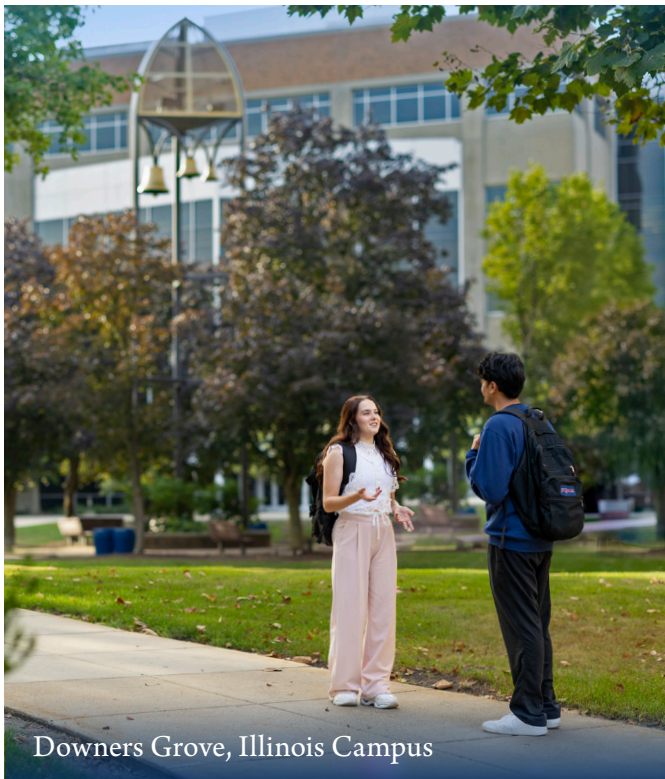
HISTORY OF MIDWESTERN UNIVERSITY

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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