



**CHICAGO COLLEGE OF  
OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE**

**2026 COMMENCEMENT**



Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine  
**2026 Commencement**

Midwestern University • Downers Grove Campus

Friday, the Twenty-Ninth of May,  
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:** Kathy LePard, Ph.D.  
*Associate Dean, Academic Affairs*

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

**Dean's Welcome:** Thomas A. Boyle, D.O., M.B.A., FACOEP, FACEP  
*Dean, Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine*

**The Osteopathic Oath:** Dr. Boyle

**Presentation of Graduates:** Dr. Boyle

**Conferral of Degrees:** Dr. Baker

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

**Student Remarks:** *Co-Valedictorians:* Mark Balich, Garrett Borger,  
Hunter Gervais, Eshwar Karupakula, Cassidy Kindelspire,  
Srujith Medharametla, Kajal Patel

**Closing Remarks:** Perry Marshall, D.O.  
*Associate Dean, Interprofessional Education*

**Closing Reflection:** Dr. LePard

**Recessional**

**Announcer:**

William Moran, D.O.

**Student Marshals:**

Michele Fornaro, Ph.D.

Kyle Henderson, Ph.D.

Phillip Kopf, Ph.D.

Michelle Swanson-Mungerson, Ph.D.

**Faculty Marshals:**

Kurt Heinking, D.O.

John Kasimos, D.O.

**Mace Bearers**

Frank Serrecchia, D.O.

Michael Volin, Ph.D.

Rock Cates, OMM Student Scholar

Trenton Doyle, OMM Student Scholar

Mary Grace Phelan, OMM Student Scholar



## DOCTOR OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE CLASS OF 2026

**Marwa Abdul Basith**

*Addison, IL*

**Reem Alkhawam**

*Chicago, IL*

**Amanda Marie Bernett**

*Chicago, IL*

**Amanda Taylor Abrams**

*Buffalo Grove, IL*

**Ahmad Alzein**

*Palos Hills, IL*

**Paige C. Bird**

*Oak Forest, IL*

**Adam Amir Abushamaa**

*Third Lake, IL*

**Ravi Prafull Amin**

*Simi Valley, CA*

**Karol Wladyslaw Bisaga**

*Mokena, IL*

**Ahsan Adil**

*Westmont, IL*

**Abigail Elizabeth Anderson**

*Brookfield, WI*

**Marko Bogicevic**

*Park Ridge, IL*

**Akhil Aerra**

*Naperville, IL*

**Rachel Dean Arceneaux**

*Algonquin, IL*

**Rehman F. Bokhari**

*Hoffman Estates, IL*

**Nemah Afzal**

*Rockford, IL*

**Amanda Jean Azam**

*Decatur, IL*

**Thomas Lawrence Borders**

*Cincinnati, OH*

**Yasmeen Jafar Ahmad**

*Nablus, Palestine*

**Madeleine Claire Baker**

*Berkley, MI*

**Garrett James Borger**

*Longmont, CO*

**Nabil Ahmed**

*Gurnee, IL*

**Mark Balich**

*Chicago, IL*

**Rebecca Marie Bosko**

*Wadsworth, IL*

**Sara Nur Ahmed**

*South Barrington, IL*

**Elizabeth Rose Barbeau**

*Naperville, IL*

**Shanthi Venkata Cambala**

*Orland Park, IL*

**Syed Salman Ahmed**

*Gilberts, IL*

**Alexander Walter Beckman**

*Kalamazoo, MI*

**Kevin Burke Casey**

*Orland Park, IL*

**Virina Akhnoukh**

*Tinley Park, IL*

**Rebecca Bellodas**

*Rubicon, WI*

**Shreya Chandra**

*Palos Heights, IL*

**Muhammad Alghafeer**

*Willowbrook, IL*

**Kendal Benson**

*Klamath Falls, OR*

**Pavani Chilukuri**

*Troy, MI*

**Abdulla Omar Alhalmy**

*Ann Arbor, MI*

**Kelly Rose Berk**

*Great Falls, VA*

**Gabriel Michael Chimera**

*Oak Forest, IL*

**Charles Andrew Christensen III**

*Darien, IL*

**Samantha Eskandar**

*Willow Springs, IL*

**Jinny Hong**

*Oak Park, IL*

**Zachary Gregory Ciesielski**

*Bloomington, IL*

**Tristan William Faust**

*Fort Collins, CO*

**Afshan Hussain**

*Oakbrook Terrace, IL*

**William Albert Crockett**

*Walled Lake, MI*

**Coral Sui Feldman**

*Chicago, IL*

**Shaheer Hussain**

*Troy, MI*

**Samuel Bartolomeo Crowell**

*St. Charles, IL*

**Katherine Marie Florence**

*Rock Island, IL*

**Mihika Iyer**

*Naperville, IL*

**Reem Yousef Darwish**

*Lincolnwood, IL*

**Alexa Marie Freitag**

*Arlington Heights, IL*

**Nazia Jamali**

*Richardson, TX*

**Jenna David**

*Franklin, WI*

**Rebecca Furstenau**

*Downers Grove, IL*

**Rosemary Josenkoski**

*Elmwood Park, IL*

**Kenna Kay Decker**

*Sioux Falls, SD*

**Zachariah R. Ganger**

*Goshen, IN*

**Alyssa Suzanne Kampen**

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**John Dickson**

*Morton Grove, IL*

**Joshua George**

*Bolingbrook, IL*

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*Coal City, IL*

**Ava Giuliana DiGirolamo**

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**Aaron Todd Gephart**

*Bartlett, IL*

**Swathi Reddy Karri**

*Naperville, IL*

**Brooke Nicole Dorman**

*Cockeysville, MD*

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*Edina, MN*

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*Dallas, TX*

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*Algonquin, IL*

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**Kristen Taylor Guglielmi**

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*Pelham, NY*

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**Toni Anne Hahn**

*Nazareth, PA*

**Ahmad Kadri Kawji**

*Willowbrook, IL*

**McKimmon Michael Engelhardt**

*Sugar Grove, IL*

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*Niles, IL*

**Areeha Khalid**

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*\*Also receiving the Master of Public Health degree*

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*Naperville, IL*

**Brooke Mahoney**

*Hoffman Estates, IL*

**Gina Michael**

*Dublin, OH*

**Faseeh Khan**

*Bolingbrook, IL*

**Alekya Mallampalli**

*Naperville, IL*

**Jameson Alexander Miller**

*Franklin, WI*

**Nicole Hyojung Kim**

*Ann Arbor, MI*

**Mason Maniloff**

*Buffalo Grove, IL*

**Daniel Misioura**

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**Cassidy Lee Kindelspire**

*Longmont, CO*

**Kevin Marmo**

*Mokena, IL*

**Usman Ghani Mohammed**

*Edmonton, Alberta, Canada*

**Andrea Kirincic Simovic**

*Lincolnwood, IL*

**Alyssa Martin**

*Oswego, IL*

**Ahmed Furqan Mohiuddin**

*Naperville, IL*

**Amritpal Singh Kooner**

*Caledon, Canada*

**Maaz Mateen**

*Canton, MI*

**Manal Mohiuddin**

*Chicago, IL*

**Kevin Kowal**

*Naperville, IL*

**Raman Mathur**

*Burr Ridge, IL*

**Sriram Motheram**

*Canton, MI*

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*Lake Villa, IL*

**Emily Max**

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*Pueblo, CO*

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**Peyton Nazos**

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*Hawthorn Woods, IL*

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*La Grange, IL*

**Nandini Patel**

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**Daniel Reuben**

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**Chirag Shah**

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**Radhika Hitesh Patel**

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**Carrington Aidan Robert-Fitzgerald**

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**Davis Lee Shannon**

*Champaign, IL*

**Pierce Michael Paterakos**

*Glenview, IL*

**Carine Eden Rosenberg**

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**Geno Shin**

*Buena Park, CA*

**Riya Atul Pathare**

*Walnut Creek, CA*

**Grayson Edward Roth**

*Jacksonville, FL*

**Paul Shin**

*Suwanee, GA*

**Julia Nicole Petroff**

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**Kathryn Luise Roy**

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**Michelle Emily Shterenfeld**

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**Kianna Pairez Ruble**

*Orlando, FL*

**Riley Martin Silber**

*Oak Park, IL*

**Quentin George Pham**

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**Ben Ryabov**

*Northbrook, IL*

**Anmol Kaur Singh**

*Shelby Township, MI*

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*Westmont, IL*

**Joel Jos Vargeese**

*Woodridge, IL*

**Carter James Yang**

*Littleton, CO*

**Grace Sparkman**

*Oswego, IL*

**Christopher Berthelot Veltkamp**

*Streamwood, IL*

**Mohamed Zaher**

*Dearborn, MI*

**Letti Nora Stafford**

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**Sahar Virani**

*Carol Stream, IL*

**Benjamin Zeka**

*East Lansing, MI*

**Anna Katherine Stubbs\***

*Holland, MI*

**Hunter Rogers Voslow**

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**David Aime Sutter**

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**Cassandra Marie Ziesemer**

*Kaukauna, WI*

**Danielle Jenna Sychowski**

*Lindenhurst, IL*

**Abigail Nadine Warren**

*Lake Forest, IL*

**Nicole Zoghby**

*St. Louis, MO*

**Brittany Leigh Taylor**

*Cincinnati, OH*

**Mandy Weaver**

*Buffalo Grove, IL*

**Zeena Thakkar**

*St. Charles, IL*

**Parker Lee Aaron Weiss**

*Smithon, IL*

**Tiffany Marie Thompson**

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**Abigail Veronica Welu**

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**Mallory Tognetti**

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**Tess Willemse**

*Hinsdale, IL*

**Josephine Tsang**

*San Jose, CA*

**Clinton Wilm**

*Westmont, IL*

**Matthew Edwin Kozak Udani**

*Schererville, IN*

**Annie Wu**

*Chicago, IL*

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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.



## CHICAGO COLLEGE OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE FACULTY

### **Anatomy Faculty**

Timothy Campbell, Ph.D.  
 Michael Ebeid, Ph.D., M.B.B.Ch.  
 Matthew Fardoux, Ph.D.  
 Michele Fornaro, Ph.D.  
 Joanna Goral, Ph.D.  
 Eric Gorscak, Ph.D.  
 Sam Guterz, Ph.D.  
 Ji Eun Kim, Ph.D.  
 Erin Leslie, Ph.D.  
 Vivian E. Noble  
 Terrence Ritzman, Ph.D.  
 Erin Stephenson, Ph.D.  
 Joseph Terranova, Ph.D.  
 Maria Traka, Ph.D.  
 Deming Yang, Ph.D.

### **Anesthesia Faculty**

Christian C. Lyngby, D.O.  
 Tian Xia, D.O.

### **Biochemistry and Molecular Genetics Faculty**

Bryan C. Bjork, Ph.D.  
 Thomas M. Bodenshteyn, Ph.D.  
 Jeffrey Kurkewich, Ph.D.  
 Jonathan Lerner, Ph.D.  
 Candice E. Mazewski, Ph.D.  
 Renier Velez-Cruz, Ph.D.  
 Susan M. Viselli, Ph.D.

### **Biomedical Sciences Faculty**

Kristina Martinez-Guryn, Ph.D., R.D.

### **Emergency Medicine Faculty**

George Borrelli, D.O.  
 Joseph Boyle, D.O.  
 Thomas A. Boyle, D.O.  
 April Brill, D.O.  
 Zubair Dave, D.O.  
 Marie Fleury, D.O.  
 Rodney Fullmer, D.O.  
 Maria Gomez, M.D.  
 Zahid Khalid, D.O.  
 Daniel R. Kowalzyk, D.O.  
 Perry E. Marshall, D.O.  
 Ryan K. Misek, D.O.  
 Stephen Roskam, D.O.  
 Lauren K. Rutili, D.O.  
 Michael Todd, D.O.  
 Joseph Valaitis, D.O.

### **Family Medicine Faculty**

Justine Benin, D.O.  
 Kathleen M. Bewley-Thomas, D.O.  
 J. Wesley Cook, D.O.  
 Brian Donohue, D.O.  
 Emily Eckerstrom, M.D.  
 Kurt P. Heinking, D.O.

Kim Huntington-Alfano, D.O.

William Imlach, D.O.  
 Lori Marasovich, D.O.  
 Gary A. Marcotte, D.O.  
 Susan E. Marcotte, D.O.  
 Trevor J. Marcotte, D.O.  
 Maris McIntyre, D.O.  
 Kimberly McKinnon, D.O.  
 Florian Miranzadeh, D.O.  
 Orhay Mirzapoulos, D.O.  
 William Moran, D.O.  
 Michael D. Settecase, D.O.  
 Dana Vlachos, D.O.

### **Internal Medicine Faculty**

Michael Alebich, D.O.  
 Sana Meah, D.O.  
 Brian Poustinchian, D.O.  
 Shan Rehman, D.O.  
 Sarah Siddiqui, D.O.

### **Microbiology and Immunology Faculty**

Jeremy Ellermeier, Ph.D.  
 Richard A. Laddaga, Ph.D.  
 Ira M. Sigar, Ph.D.  
 Michelle Swanson-Mungerson, Ph.D.  
 Julie Swartzendruber, Ph.D.  
 Martin Szul, Ph.D.  
 Vaibhav Tiwari, Ph.D.  
 Michael V. Volin, Ph.D.

### **Obstetrics and Gynecology Faculty**

Thomas P. Boesen, D.O., FACOOG  
 Joseph Bush, D.O.  
 Megan Cox-Pedota, D.O.  
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 FACOG, CS  
 Robert C. Lawler, M.D., FACOOG  
 Ankita Mahajan, D.O.  
 Angelique Mizera, D.O., FAAPM&R  
 Bryan Sweeney, D.O.

### **Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine Faculty**

Kurt P. Heinking, D.O.  
 Kyle Henderson, Ph.D.  
 Haley Manning, D.O.  
 Kimberly McKinnon, D.O.  
 Frank R. Serrecchia, D.O.

### **Pathology Faculty**

Louis W. Gierke, D.O.  
 John N. Kasimos, D.O., M.S., MSHCE, FCAP,  
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 Luigi Strizzi, M.D., Ph.D.

### **Pediatrics Faculty**

Eric Culp, D.O.  
 Prashant Deshpande, M.D.  
 Gene Denning, D.O.  
 Michael DeStefano, M.D.  
 Timothy Halt, D.O.  
 Dalia K. Irons, D.O.  
 Sarah Klein, D.O.  
 Catherine A. Macyko, M.D.  
 Samir Y. Wassef, M.D.

### **Pharmacology Faculty**

Milad Alasady, Ph.D.  
 Joshua R. Edwards, Ph.D.  
 Michael J. Fay, Ph.D.  
 Phillip Kopf, Ph.D.  
 Marsha Pierce, Ph.D.  
 Walter C. Prozialeck, Ph.D.  
 Prasanth Puthanveetil, Ph.D.  
 Cai Roberts, Ph.D.

### **Physiology Faculty**

Mae Ciancio, Ph.D.  
 Kyle Henderson, Ph.D.  
 Kathy J. LePard, Ph.D.  
 Isabel Martínez-Peña y Valenzuela, Ph.D.  
 Rafael Mejía-Alvarez, M.D., Ph.D.  
 Paul McCulloch, Ph.D.  
 Maura Porta, Ph.D.  
 Alexander Rosenberg, Ph.D.  
 Sinju Sundaresan, Ph.D.

### **Precision Medicine Faculty**

Ying He, Ph.D.  
 Rosa Ventrella, Ph.D.

### **Behavioral Sciences / Psychiatry Faculty**

Mireille Rizkalla, Ph.D.  
 Rukhsana Iqbal, M.D.  
 James MacKenzie, D.O.  
 Sandy Rhee, D.O.  
 Neeral Sheth, D.O.

### **Surgery Faculty**

Raed Abusuwwa, D.O.  
 Thomas Cartolano, D.O., FACOS  
 Andrew Dennis, D.O., FACOS, FACS  
 Justin Karush, D.O.  
 Elizabeth Marcus, M.D.  
 Albert Milford, D.O.  
 Daniel Pacella, D.O.  
 Thomas Patrianakos, D.O.  
 Stathis Poulakidas, M.D.  
 Abed Rahman, M.D.  
 Victor Romano, M.D.  
 James Siegert, D.O.  
 Leah Tatebe, M.D.  
 Paul Wucka, D.O.

## 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.

**Chicago College of  
Osteopathic Medicine**

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

**College of Health Sciences  
Occupational Therapy Program**

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

**Chicago College of  
Optometry**

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

**College of Pharmacy,  
Downers Grove**

Discipline Color: Olive  
Liner Color: Light Purple  
Chevron Color: White

**College of Health Sciences  
Clinical Psychology Program**

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

**College of Graduate Studies  
Biomedical Sciences Program**

Discipline Color: Gold  
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 Graduate Studies  
Public Health Program**

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

**College of Health Sciences  
Physical Therapy Program**

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

**College of Dental Medicine–Illinois**

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

**College of Graduate Studies  
Precision Medicine Program**

Discipline Color: Gold  
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.

### ***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.



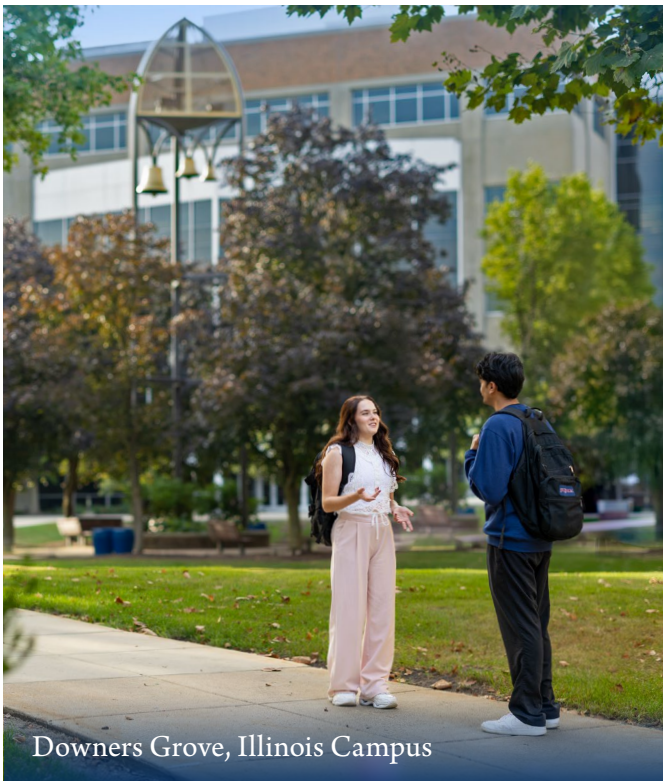
## HISTORY OF MIDWESTERN UNIVERSITY

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.





## ACADEMIC LEADERSHIP TEAM

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