



**THIRD ANNUAL  
COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY**

**DOCTOR OF MEDICINE**

**MONDAY, MAY 20, 2024  
Ten O'Clock AM**



**California University of  
Science and Medicine**  
*School of Medicine*



## THE PURPOSE OF CUSM

The purpose of the California University of Science and Medicine is to develop and operate a health and life sciences university, including colleges, a research institute and a graduate school of medicine, to educate future physicians and medical support personnel and conduct medical research and/or work with research organizations to further the science and art of medicine. Additionally, the University may engage in any activities that are reasonably related to or in furtherance of its stated purposes.

## VISION STATEMENT

To establish a school of medicine that inspires, motivates and empowers students to become excellent and caring physicians, scientists, and leaders, advance the art and science of medicine through research, improve the health of its community, shares innovative curriculum and advances best practices in medical education globally, and facilitates a medical education to promising disadvantaged students, especially from California and the Inland Empire.

## MISSION STATEMENT

To advance the art and science of medicine through innovative medical education, research, and compassionate healthcare delivery in an inclusive environment that advocates critical thinking, creativity, integrity, and professionalism.



## LETTER FROM THE DEAN

MD Class of 2024

Congratulations! Today is the day toward which you have looked since you arrived here at California University of Science and Medicine: Graduation. The culmination of your hard work, dedication, focus, and commitment is what we are here to celebrate today. And we do celebrate because what you have accomplished is remarkable.

Remarkable, but not surprising because we knew a little bit about you before you arrived, and we knew you were special. You came with intellectual curiosity. You came with demonstrated grit and resilience. You came with an undeniable commitment to be a part of the solution rather than part of the problem. You came from, and are committed to returning to, the communities that need you, your skills and knowledge the most.

These CUSM years have almost certainly stimulated that curiosity. They have undeniably tested your grit and resilience. That is the nature of walking the path you have chosen and for which you were chosen. And you have demonstrated once again that you were chosen wisely and well. You, the MD Class of 2024, have demonstrated all that we could possibly hope for in the next generation of physicians and physician-scientists.

We thank you for your commitment to our shared vision. We look forward to all that you will accomplish along the path you have chosen, because today is the end of this leg of the journey and the start of the next. But today we celebrate. We celebrate you, all that you have accomplished, and all that you are as thoughtful, kind and committed human beings. Congratulations.

*Dr. Paul Lyons*  
*CUSM Dean and President*

## ORDER OF COMMENCEMENT

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### PROCESSIONAL

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### NATIONAL ANTHEM

Priya Engel | *Student, MD Class of 2024, CUSM*

### WELCOME REMARKS

A. Peter Eveland, EdD | *Executive Vice Dean, CUSM*

### MESSAGE TO THE GRADUATES

Paul Lyons, MD | *Dean and President, CUSM*

### STUDENT ADDRESS

Deven Patel | *Student, MD Class of 2024, CUSM*

### CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS

Prem Reddy, MD, FACC, FCCP | *Founder and Chair of the Board, CUSM*

### MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT AND CHAIR, PRIME HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION

Kavitha Bhatia, MD, MMM, FAAP, FACHE

### COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Sanjiv Chopra, MD, MACP, FRCP (London) | *Marshall Wolf Distinguished Clinician Educator Brigham and Women's Hospital*

### CONFERRING OF DEGREES

Paul Lyons, MD | *Dean and President, CUSM*

### CLOSING REMARKS

A. Peter Eveland, EdD | *Executive Vice Dean, CUSM*

### RECESSIONAL

MD Class of 2024

## COMMENCEMENT SPEAKERS



**Prem Reddy, MD, FACC, FCCP**

**Founder, Chairman, and CEO of  
Prime Healthcare**

**Founder and Chairman of the Board,  
California University of Science and  
Medicine**

Dr. Prem Reddy is a physician, entrepreneur and philanthropist who has dedicated his life to giving back to communities across the nation by saving hospitals and gifting hundreds of millions of dollars to causes related to health care, education and caring for others. Dr. Reddy is double-board certified in Internal Medicine and Cardiology and has been named one of our country's Most Influential People in Healthcare for many years.

Dr. Reddy founded Prime Healthcare in 2001 and has grown it into one of the most prominent health systems in the nation, with 44 hospitals and more than 300 outpatient locations in 14 states and recognized as one of the "10 Top Health Systems" in the nation multiple times. Prime Healthcare has invested nearly \$2 billion since 2005 on capital improvements and equipment to modernize and improve its facilities and has provided more than \$12 billion in charity and uncompensated care since 2010. Led by Dr. Reddy, Prime Healthcare is continuing its promise to provide compassionate care and clinical excellence to patients and families in more than 600 communities across the United States.

Dr. Reddy and his family also founded the Dr. Prem Reddy Family Foundation, a nonprofit foundation that donates millions toward scholarships, healthcare education and community clinics, both locally in California and around the world. In addition, Dr. Reddy created the Prime Healthcare Foundation, a 501(c)(3) public charity with assets of more than \$1.3 billion, that founded and funded the California University of Science and Medicine. Dr. Reddy served as Chairman of the Federation of American Hospitals (FAH) 2021 Board of Directors and has been recognized nationally and globally with multiple Lifetime Achievement awards for his deeply held values and visionary leadership.



**Kavitha Bhatia, MD, MMM, FAAP,  
FACHE**

**Founding Vice Chair, California  
University of Science and Medicine  
Board of Trustees**

**President and Chair, Prime Healthcare  
Foundation**

**Chief Medical Officer of Strategy, Prime  
Healthcare**

Dr. Kavitha Bhatia is President and Chair of the Prime Healthcare Foundation, a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit public charity. She also serves as Chief Medical Officer of Strategy at Prime Healthcare where she develops and implements strategic initiatives that advance the mission and goals of Prime. The Prime Healthcare Foundation established the California University of Science and Medicine in 2018 with a mission to advance medicine, improve the health of communities, and inspire service in underserved areas. In addition to her role as Founding Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees, Dr. Bhatia is an Associate Professor of Medical Education in the CUSM School of Medicine.

Dr. Bhatia, a pediatrician, is a Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives, serves on the Board of Directors of the California Hospital Association and Governing Board Member of the Federation of American Hospitals. She earned her medical degree from the UCLA School of Medicine with high honors, a Master of Medical Management from USC, and received Certification in Healthcare Strategy from Harvard Business School. Dr. Bhatia is also a dedicated philanthropist. Her experiences include caring for the sick in Calcutta to teaching inner-city youth. For her work with the Missionaries of Charity, she was awarded a Miraculous Medallion from Mother Teresa.

Dr. Bhatia's leadership has led to recognition from elected officials nationally and globally for extraordinary service. Over the years, Dr. Bhatia has been named among the nation's top physician leaders for her inspirational leadership and commitment to bringing quality compassionate care to communities and promoting health equity.

## COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS



### Sanjiv Chopra, MD, MACP, FRCP (London)

Sanjiv Chopra, MD, is Professor of Medicine and served as Faculty Dean for Continuing Medical Education at Harvard Medical School for 12 years. He serves as a Marshall Wolf Distinguished Clinician Educator Brigham and Women's Hospital.

Dr. Chopra has more than 170 publications and ten books to his credit. Dr. Chopra is Editor-in-Chief of the Hepatology Section of UpToDate, the most widely used electronic textbook in the world subscribed to by more than 1.5 million physicians in 195 countries.

Dr. Chopra is a sought after inspirational speaker across the United States and abroad, addressing diverse audiences on topics related to medicine, leadership, happiness, and living with purpose.

Dr. Chopra has received numerous awards, including: American Gastroenterological Association Distinguished Educator Award (2003); Elected as a Master of the American College of Physicians (2009); Ellis Island Medal of Honor for "Exemplifying outstanding qualities in both one's personal and professional lives while continuing to preserve the richness of one's particular heritage." (2012); Fellowship to the Royal College of Physicians (London, 2021).

Dr. Chopra has written ten books including: *Dr. Chopra Says — Medical Facts and Myths Everyone Should Know* (With Allan Lotvin, MD); *Live Better, Live Longer. The New Studies That Reveal What's Really Good and Bad for Your Health*; *Leadership by Example: The Ten Key Principles of all Great Leaders*; His brother Deepak and he wrote a double memoir: *Brotherhood: Dharma, Destiny and the American Dream*, published May 21, 2013. It is a National Best Seller; *The Big 5 Five Simple Things You Can Do to Live a Longer, Healthier Life*; *The Two Most Important Days...* by Sanjiv Chopra and Gina Vild was published by St. Martin's Press in December 2017. It has received singular advanced praise.

Dr. Chopra's three most recent books published are: *Coffee The Magical Elixir Facts That Will Astound and Perk You Up*; *Conquer Your Diabetes: Prevention . Control . Remission* co-authored with Martin Abrahamson; *Ignite The Fire Within: Master Your Speaking and Writing* co-authored with Rick Najera.

## CUSM STUDENT AWARDS

### *Admissions Ambassador Award*

In recognition of a student with outstanding commitment to excellence and volunteer service in the admissions process of our future medical students.

### *Clerkship Award*

In recognition of students who displayed outstanding skills in patient care, medical knowledge, professionalism, and teamwork during their third-year core clerkship rotation.

### *Collaborative Champion in Medicine Award*

In celebration of individuals or teams within the medical community who have demonstrated exceptional collaborative efforts and teamwork, resulting in significant contributions to the advancement of learning and healthcare.

### *Community Engagement Award*

In celebration of medical students who have shown exceptional dedication to community engagement, making meaningful contributions to the Inland Empire that positively impact the community and align with the mission and values of CUSM.

### *Equity and Inclusion Champion Award*

In recognition of an individual who displays excellence in advancing equity and inclusivity through advocacy, programming, innovation, and leadership.

### *Humanism in Medicine Award*

To acknowledge medical students who exemplify the values of compassion, empathy, and humanitarian service in their medical journey. Their dedication to patient care reflects the university's commitment to fostering compassionate and caring healthcare professionals.

### *Leadership Award*

In recognition of an extraordinary individual who embodies the spirit of innovation, creation, and vision in their leadership style. Their ability to inspire, create positive change, and chart a course for the future sets them apart as a true leader and role model for others.

### *Research Award*

In recognition of students who were passionate about research and discovery, and forged forward with independence and confidence to establish their research programs. This award goes to critical thinkers, great mentors, and leaders. Awardees were selected based on the number of peer-reviewed publications during their MD program in journals that are PubMed indexed.

### *Tutor Award*

In recognition of an individual who provided academic support and guidance to peers, with a dedication to helping others succeed in their academic success.

## DOCTOR OF MEDICINE DEGREE RECIPIENTS

Nia Abbas	Jesse Campbell	Alexandra Gacuya	Jane Kim
Rashed Abdelaal	Cameron Casillas	Devendra Gidvani	Nathalie Kirshman
Cesar Aguilar	Diana Castaneda- Cruz	Jasmine Gill	David Klein
Brandon Agundez	Dharshan Chandramohan <i>Equity and Inclusion Champion Award</i>	Elizabeth-Marie Go	Jacob Klein
Khwaja Ahmad	Neda Chavoshi	Judith Gonzalez	Vicky Lam
Jonathan Ahn	Angela Chen	Isabella Griffay	Madeleine Lancaster
Tanya Alam	Derrick Chien	Janet Gukasyan <i>Research Award</i> <i>Internal Medicine Clerkship Award</i>	Kareem Latif
Jacob Albritton	Ivan Cruse	Lauren Guthrie <i>Humanism in Medicine Award</i>	Anderson Lee
Rebekah Alexander	Sydney Cummings <i>Emergency Medicine Clerkship Award</i>	Mario Gutierrez	Elizabeth Lee
Joseph Amor	Keeyon Dabirian	Megan Haney	Lilly Lee
John-del Andaya	John Darcy	Asraful Hoque	Jeffrey Li <i>Research Award</i>
Noah Anderson <i>Psychiatry Clerkship Award</i>	Jordan Davidson	Jordan Hough <i>Internal Medicine Clerkship Award</i>	Michael Lonsway
Christian Avalos	Lauren De Sa	Audree Hsu	Nancy Luong
Jude Banihani <i>Community Engagement Award</i>	Ojas Deshpande	Andrew Humphries <i>Pediatrics Clerkship Award</i>	Joshua Mandap
Sabrina Banos	Nathan Do	Rachel Hunsucker	Noelle Manley
Taylor Baranski	Daphne Du	Shadman Hyder	Daisy Martin
Mudaser Basam	Mason Eghbali	Cynthia Janku <i>Neurology Clerkship Award</i> <i>Admissions Ambassador Award</i>	Daniel Na <i>Internal Medicine Clerkship Award</i>
Nicole Berry	Priya Engel <i>Research Award</i>	Kendall Johnson	Sable Neuendorf
Shanon Biagi	Kaylee Fitzgerald <i>OBGYN Clerkship Award</i> <i>CUSM Tutor Award</i>	Arshdeep Kaur	Tricia Nguyen
Kylee Borger	Michael Flanders	Brandon Kim	Anthony Ortiz
Jade Bowman			Jon Oules
Mei Cai <i>Collaborative Champion in Medicine Award</i>			Rachita Pandya <i>Research Award</i>
			Claire Park

## Doctor of Medicine Degrees

Deven Patel	Sarah Struble
Mark Pinteá	Michelle Tan
Jiantong Qin	Shirley Tan
Diana Quach	Ledia Tarabey
Brandon Rogers	Johny Tran
Mark Rose	Hanh Tranton Junior
Neda Salami <i>General Surgery Clerkship Award</i>	Sophie Van Trinity Van
Belen Salto	Miguel Rey Villanueva
Santhosi Samudrala	Triet Vo
Chloe Satriano	Andreea Vorobchevici <i>Family Medicine Clerkship Award</i>
Talha Shabbir	Matthew Wade
Drake Shafer	Claire Westermeyer <i>OBGYN Clerkship Award</i>
Daniela Shemirani <i>Community Engagement Award</i>	Michelle Wong
Christopher Skorka	Wilson Wong
Trevor Smith	Jake Wu
Julia Stone	

*PLEASE NOTE: The appearance or absence of any name in this program is not an official record of completion or denial of degree requirements. This program is issued as a ceremonial publication. We apologize for any errors or omissions.*

## THE PHYSICIAN'S PLEDGE

*AS A MEMBER OF THE MEDICAL PROFESSION:*

*I SOLEMNLY PLEDGE to dedicate my life to the service of humanity;*

*THE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF MY PATIENT will be my first consideration;*

*I WILL RESPECT the autonomy and dignity of my patient;*

*I WILL MAINTAIN the utmost respect for human life;*

*I WILL NOT PERMIT considerations of age, disease or disability, creed, ethnic origin, gender, nationality, political affiliation, race, sexual orientation, social standing or any other factor to intervene between my duty and my patient;*

*I WILL RESPECT the secrets that are confided in me, even after the patient has died;*

*I WILL PRACTISE my profession with conscience and dignity and in accordance with good medical practice;*

*I WILL FOSTER the honour and noble traditions of the medical profession;*

*I WILL GIVE to my teachers, colleagues, and students the respect and gratitude that is their due;*

*I WILL SHARE my medical knowledge for the benefit of the patient and the advancement of healthcare;*

*I WILL ATTEND TO my own health, well-being, and abilities in order to provide care of the highest standard;*

*I WILL NOT USE my medical knowledge to violate human rights and civil liberties, even under threat;*

*I MAKE THESE PROMISES solemnly, freely, and upon my honour.*

Revised Declaration of Geneva adopted by the World Medical Association (WMA) General Assembly on October 14, 2017



## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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