



Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences  
*“Learning to Care for Those in Harm’s Way”*

45<sup>th</sup> Commencement Exercises

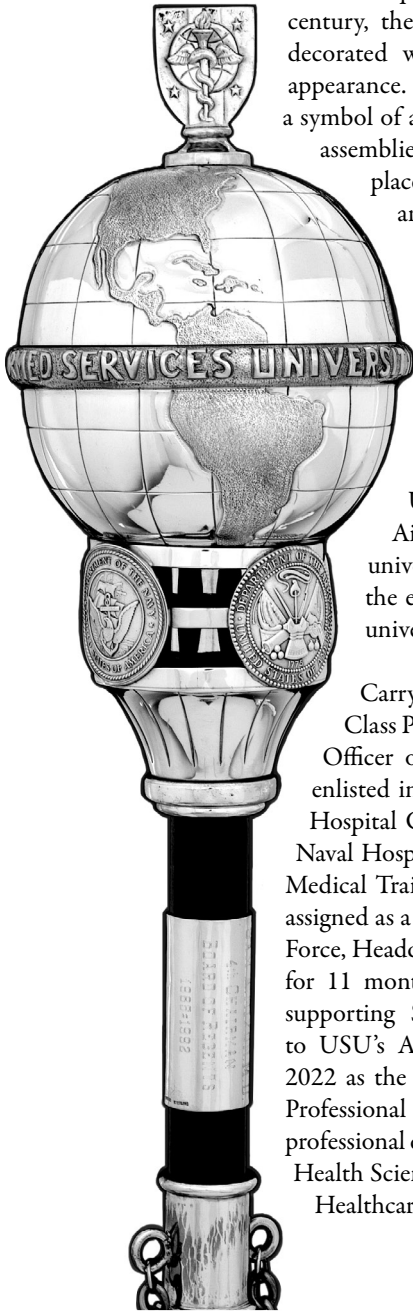
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Saturday, the Eighteenth of May, Two Thousand and Twenty Four



# The Mace

The mace was a weapon of war originating with the loaded club and stone hammer of primitive man. Although it continued to be used as a weapon through the Middle Ages, during this period it also became symbolic as an ornament representing power. Sergeants-at-Arms, who were guards of kings and other high officials, carried a mace to protect their monarch during processions. By the 14th century, the mace had become more ceremonial in use and was decorated with jewels and precious metals, losing its war-club appearance. Three hundred years later, the mace was used solely as a symbol of authority. The mace is used during sessions of legislative assemblies such as the U.S. House of Representatives, where it is placed to the right of the Speaker. More frequently, maces are seen at university commencements and convocations, exemplifying knowledge as power.



The USU mace was a glorious gift from the Honorable Sam Nixon, MD, past chairman of the Board of Regents, and his wife, Elizabeth. The mace was used for the first time at the 1995 commencement ceremony. It is handcrafted in sterling silver and carries the seal of the university, along with the emblems of the United States Army, United States Navy, United States Air Force, and United States Public Health Service. The university seal and service emblems are superimposed on the earth's globe to symbolize the worldwide mission of the university and its graduates.

Carrying the mace this year is Navy Hospital Corpsman First Class Petty Officer Ashley Person, the 2023 Non-commissioned Officer of the Year. Hailing from Phoenix, AZ, HM1 Person enlisted in the Navy in June 2007, completing basic training and Hospital Corpsman "A" School in Great Lakes, IL. She served at Naval Hospital Camp Lejeune EMF Detachment and later at Field Medical Training Battalion East, Camp Johnson, NC, before being assigned as a Field Medical Technician to the I Marine Expeditionary Force, Headquarters Group, Camp Pendleton, CA. She was deployed for 11 months to Afghanistan for Operation Enduring Freedom, supporting SEAL Team FIVE. HM1 Person later transitioned to USU's Armed Forces Radiobiology Research Institute in July 2022 as the Leading Petty Officer. She now serves in the Office of Professional Military Science, contributing to leader and military professional development. HM1 Person holds a Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences from Purdue University and is pursuing a Master of Healthcare Administration.

# DAR Constitution Hall

The Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), founded in 1890, is a volunteer women's service organization dedicated to keeping America strong by promoting patriotism, preserving U.S. history and supporting education programs. DAR has honored and aided veterans since the organization began.

Constitution Hall, owned by the DAR and originally built in 1929 to house its annual convention, is a registered National Historic Landmark.

Encompassing an entire downtown city block, DAR National Headquarters houses one of the nation's premier genealogical libraries, one of the foremost collections of pre-industrial American decorative arts, Washington's largest concert hall, and an extensive collection of early American manuscripts and imprints. With a seating capacity of 3,702, DAR Constitution Hall hosts a variety of events including concerts, speakers, films, graduations, corporate events, award ceremonies, television productions and gala dinners.

Each year, more than 600,000 people pass through the doors of DAR Constitution Hall, Washington, D.C.

## The History of Academic Regalia

Like most American universities, USU borrows academic regalia traditions from the earliest students at the oldest schools. Reaching back to the 12th century, medieval scholars wore cloaks with hoods because it was the simplest and most effective way to stay warm in the unheated stone buildings that functioned as the first scholarly venues. It is not certain if the ritual was a survival of ecclesiastical virtue or civilian fashion, but regular wearing of the gown, hood and cap persisted through the ages.

Moving into the 14th century, modest virtue forbade "excess in apparel" and universities like Oxford and Cambridge prescribed the wearing of long gowns as part of ordinary academic life. Though European universities wielded much control, even to the extent of minor details, there was great diversity among learning academies. In fact, American universities were the first to implement finite systems regulating cut, style, material and color assignment for academic regalia.

# Academic Regalia Today

## THE HOOD

Twenty-first century academic regalia have transcended their austere roots, particularly the hood, which is quite spectacular. At USU, the hood beautifully apposes school colors: purple and gold, lending color and vibrancy to commencement ceremonies. Velvet trim—lilac for dentistry, light blue for education, green for medicine, apricot for nursing, dark blue for philosophy, and salmon pink for public health—resides along the edge and varies according to individual fields of learning.

## THE GOWN

The master's gown is black and untrimmed with long, oblong sleeves that open at the wrist. The doctoral gown is black and has wide, bell-shaped sleeves. The front of the doctoral gown features a single panel of black velvet on either side of the gown opening, along with three black velvet bars on each sleeve. USU faculty members participating in commencement typically wear the academic regalia of their alma mater. USU's President, Dr. Jonathan Woodson, wears the University's gown.

## THE CAP

On the cap—in the shape of a square mortarboard (for master's, associate's and bachelor's graduates) or a soft tam (for doctoral graduates)—hang tassels. These threads are fashioned in gold to represent one of the University's school colors. As degrees are conferred, students often move the tassel from the right to the left side, symbolizing the accomplishment of one of life's great milestones.

# The Official Degree Colors

The proud traditions of academic regalia exist at universities across the United States. The color table below distinguishes academic regalia as codified by the American Council on Education as follows:

Agriculture . . . . .	Maize
Arts, Letters, Humanities . . . . .	White
Commerce, Accountancy, Business . . . . .	Drab
Dentistry . . . . .	Lilac
Economics . . . . .	Copper
Education . . . . .	Light Blue
Engineering . . . . .	Orange
Fine Arts, including Architecture . . . . .	Brown
Forestry . . . . .	Russet
Journalism . . . . .	Crimson
Law . . . . .	Purple
Library Science . . . . .	Lemon
Medicine . . . . .	Green
Music . . . . .	Pink
Nursing . . . . .	Apricot
Oratory (Speech) . . . . .	Silver Gray
Pharmacy . . . . .	Olive Green
Philosophy . . . . .	Dark Blue
Physical Education . . . . .	Sage Green
Public Administration, including Foreign Service . . . . .	Peacock Blue
Public Health . . . . .	Salmon Pink
Science . . . . .	Golden Yellow
Social Work . . . . .	Citron
Theology . . . . .	Scarlet
Veterinary Science . . . . .	Gray

# Abbreviations

## **United States Army Ranks**

LTG..... Lieutenant General  
MG..... Major General  
COL..... Colonel  
LTC..... Lieutenant Colonel  
MAJ..... Major  
CPT..... Captain  
1LT..... First Lieutenant  
2LT..... Second Lieutenant  
SFC..... Sergeant First Class  
SSG..... Staff Sergeant  
SPC..... Specialist

## **United States Navy/Coast Guard/ Public Health Service Ranks**

VADM... Vice Admiral  
RADM... Rear Admiral  
CAPT.... Captain  
CDR..... Commander  
LCDR.... Lieutenant Commander  
LT..... Lieutenant  
LTJG..... Lieutenant Junior Grade  
ENS..... Ensign  
MCPO... Master Chief Petty Officer

## **United States Air Force Ranks**

Gen..... General  
Lt Gen... Lieutenant General  
Col..... Colonel  
Lt Col.... Lieutenant Colonel  
Maj..... Major  
Capt..... Captain  
1st Lt..... First Lieutenant  
2d Lt..... Second Lieutenant

## **Canadian Armed Forces Rank**

Maj..... Major

## **Services and Corps Abbreviations**

USA..... United States Army  
USAR..... United States Army Reserve  
USN..... United States Navy  
USAF..... United States Air Force  
USPHS.... United States Public Health Service  
AN..... Army Nurse Corps  
BSC..... Biomedical Sciences Corps  
CHC..... Chaplain Corps  
DC..... Dental Corps  
JA..... Judge Advocate General Corps  
MC..... Medical Corps  
MS/MSC.. Medical Service Corps  
NC..... Nurse Corps  
SP..... Army Specialist Corps  
SC..... Army Supply Corps

# United States Marine Band

## “The President’s Own”

Founded in 1798 when President Adams signed an Act of Congress, the United States Marine Band is America’s oldest continuously active professional musical organization. Today, “The President’s Own” is celebrated for its role at the White House and its dynamic public performances, including the USU commencement.

The Marine Band performs a varied repertoire, including new works for wind ensemble, traditional concert band literature, challenging orchestral transcriptions, and the patriotic marches that made it famous. The band frequently features its members in solo performances that highlight their virtuosity and artistry at more than 500 public performances across the nation each year.

The Marine Band has regaled our graduation audiences since 1996. Their participation blends the military and academic traditions of the USU commencement ceremony.

Their selections presented for today’s event include the traditional Armed Forces Medley that honors all of our armed services (please note that the U.S. Public Health Service March will be played immediately prior to the Armed Forces Medley, since it is not considered part of the medley):

*United States Army*  
“The Army Goes Rolling Along”

*United States Marine Corps*  
“The Marines’ Hymn”

*United States Navy*  
“Anchors Aweigh”

*United States Air Force*  
“The U.S. Air Force”

*United States Space Force*  
“Semper Supra”

*United States Coast Guard*  
“Semper Paratus”

*United States Public Health Service*  
“U.S. Public Health Service March”



# Program of Events

## **I PRELUDE**

“The President’s Own” United States Marine Band

## **II ACADEMIC PROCESSIONAL**

Sergeant-at-Arms

HM1 Ashley Person, USN

### **FACULTY MARSHALS**

*F. Edward Hébert School of Medicine*

CAPT Arlene J. Hudson, MC, USN

and

Saibal Dey, PhD

*Daniel K. Inouye Graduate School of Nursing*

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and

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*Postgraduate Dental College*

CDR Brittany Turner, DC, USN

and

LCDR Dewitt Duong, DC, USN

*College of Allied Health Sciences*

Byron Bland, MAEd, BSMS

and

MAJ Allison Sternberg, SP, USA

## **III WELCOME AND PRESENTATION OF COLORS**

COL Albert Kinkead, MS, USA

Brigade Commander

## **IV NATIONAL ANTHEM**

“The President’s Own” United States Marine Band

## **V INVOCATION**

LCDR Antony Kaniaru, CHC, USN

Brigade Chaplain

## **VI COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS**

Bob Woodruff, JD

ABC News Correspondent

**VII PRESENTATION OF HONORARY DEGREE**

Jonathan Woodson, MD, MSS  
MG, MC, USAR (Ret)  
President

**VIII PRESENTATION OF BOARD OF REGENTS AWARDS**

Nancy Dickey, MD  
Chair, Board of Regents

College of Allied Health Sciences

FOUNDED 2016

**IX PRESENTATION OF GRADUATING CLASS**

Andrew L. Reimund, MA, BS, BSN  
Interim Dean

**X CONFERRING OF UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE**

President Woodson  
and  
Interim Dean Reimund

Daniel K. Inouye Graduate School of Nursing

FOUNDED 1993

**XI ESPRIT DE CORPS AWARD**

James Maiden, EdD, LPC, NCC  
Associate Professor and Assistant Dean for Student Affairs

**XII FACULTY AWARDS**

Carol Romano, PhD, RN  
RADM, USPHS (Ret)  
Dean

**XIII PRESENTATION OF THE GRADUATING CLASS**

Dean Romano

**XIV CONFERRING OF GRADUATE NURSING DEGREES**

President Woodson  
and  
Dean Romano

# F. Edward Hébert School of Medicine

FOUNDED 1972

- XV GRADUATE EDUCATION ESPRIT DE CORPS AWARD**  
Saibal Dey, PhD  
Associate Dean for Graduate Education
- XVI GRADUATE EDUCATION FACULTY AWARD**  
Dean Dey
- XVII PRESENTATION OF THE GRADUATE PROGRAMS  
GRADUATING CLASS**  
Dean Dey
- XVIII CONFERRING OF GRADUATE DEGREES**  
President Woodson  
and  
Eric Elster, MD  
CAPT, MC, USN (Ret)  
Dean
- XIX SCHOOL OF MEDICINE ESPRIT DE CORPS AWARD**  
COL Jay Dintaman, MC, USA  
Commandant
- XX SCHOOL OF MEDICINE FACULTY AWARDS**  
Dean Elster
- XXI PRESENTATION OF THE SCHOOL OF MEDICINE  
GRADUATING CLASS**  
Dean Elster
- XXII ADMINISTRATION OF THE HIPPOCRATIC OATH**  
Col Pamela Williams, USAF, MC  
Associate Dean for Student Affairs
- XXIII CONFERRING OF MEDICAL DEGREES**  
President Woodson  
and  
Dean Elster
- XXIV ARMED FORCES MEDLEY**  
“The President’s Own” United States Marine Band

**XXV PROMOTION CEREMONY AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE  
OATH OF OFFICE**

LTG Mary Izaguirre, MC, USA  
Surgeon General of the United States Army

RADM Rick Freedman, DC, USN  
Deputy Surgeon General of the United States Navy  
(Representing the Surgeon General of the United States Navy)

Lt Gen Robert Miller, USAF, MC  
Surgeon General of the United States Air Force and the United States  
Space Force

RADM Denise Hinton, USPHS  
Deputy Surgeon General of the United States  
(Representing the Surgeon General of the United States)

**XXVI BENEDICTION**  
LCDR Kaniaru

**XXVII ACADEMIC RECEPTIONAL**

COMMENCEMENT 2024  
GUEST SPEAKER

**Bob Woodruff, JD**

ABC News Correspondent



Bob Woodruff joined ABC News in 1996 and has covered major stories throughout the country and around the world for the network. He succeeded Peter Jennings as anchor of *ABC World News Tonight* in December 2005. On January 29, 2006, while reporting on U.S. and Iraqi security forces, Woodruff was seriously injured by a roadside bomb that struck his vehicle near Taji, Iraq.

In February 2007, just 13 months after being wounded, Woodruff returned to ABC News with his first on-air report, “To Iraq and Back: Bob Woodruff Reports.” The hour-long, prime-time documentary chronicled his traumatic brain injury (TBI), his painstaking recovery and the plight of thousands of service members returning from Iraq and Afghanistan with similar injuries.

Since returning to the air, Woodruff has reported from around the globe. He has traveled to North Korea eight times, investigating the growing nuclear threats in the hands of Kim Jong Il and then his son Kim Jong Un. Since 2015, Woodruff has been ABC’s primary correspondent throughout Asia, especially China, reporting on topics ranging from the controversial treatment of Muslims in the Xinjiang province to the United States’ presence in the South China Sea. In 2008, ABC News aired his critically acclaimed documentary “China Inside Out,” which examined how China’s global rise impacts what’s being called the “Chinese Century.” On the streets of Manila, he has seen the rising violence and murders following President Rodrigo Duterte’s drug policies. He traveled to Japan in the wake of the devastating natural disasters to report on the stabilization of nuclear reactors in the country.

During an August 2008 exclusive interview on *Nightline*, former senator and presidential candidate John Edwards admitted that he had repeatedly lied about an extramarital affair with Rielle Hunter, a campaign employee. In 2011, Woodruff covered the trial of John Edwards, who was accused and ultimately found not guilty of conspiring to violate campaign finance laws.

Previously, Woodruff was anchor of the weekend edition of *World News Tonight* and one of ABC News’ top correspondents. Before moving to New York in 2002, Woodruff worked out of ABC News’ London bureau, covering conflicts throughout Europe and

Africa; as well as adventures with the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge and Prince Harry, traveling extensively with the young members of the royal family.

After the Sept. 11 attacks, he was among the first Western reporters into Pakistan and was one of ABC's lead foreign correspondents during the war in Afghanistan, reporting from Kabul and Kandahar on the fall of the Taliban. His overseas reporting of the fallout from 9/11 was part of ABC News' coverage recognized with the Alfred I. duPont Award and the George Foster Peabody Award, the two highest honors in broadcast journalism. He was also a part of the ABC News team recognized with a duPont Award for live coverage of the death of Pope John Paul II and the election of Pope Benedict XVI. For his extensive coverage of traumatic brain injuries, he was honored with another George Foster Peabody Award. He has garnered six Emmy® Awards, his most recent resulting from his reports about the brutal treatment of the Rohingya ethnic group by the government of Myanmar.

Before becoming a journalist, Woodruff was an attorney. While teaching law in Beijing in 1989, he was hired by CBS News to work as a translator during the Tiananmen Square uprising. A short time later, he changed careers. As ABC's Justice Department correspondent in Washington in the late 1990s, he covered the office of Attorney General Janet Reno, the FBI and ATF.

In February 2007, Woodruff and his wife, Lee, co-wrote a bestselling memoir, *In an Instant*, chronicling his injuries in Iraq and how their family persevered through a time of intense trauma and uncertainty. The Woodruff family established the Bob Woodruff Foundation (BWF) to raise money to assist injured service members, veterans and their families.

Woodruff has a law degree from the University of Michigan Law School and a Bachelor of Arts from Colgate University. He and Lee have four children.

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Dissertation Chair: Joan Wasserman, PhD

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Dissertation: *“Major Adverse Coronary Events Status Post Percutaneous Coronary Intervention in Veterans Exposed to Agent Orange Versus Non-Exposed”*

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**\* Rosemary Selmer Payne**

Dissertation: *“Posttraumatic Stress Disorder and Serious Psychological Distress Among U.S. Active-Duty Women: Results from 2018 Health Related Behaviors Survey”*

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### **Esprit de Corps Award**

The Esprit de Corps Award recognizes the graduate nursing student who by thought, word, action, and deed, demonstrates sensitive humanistic qualities for the wellbeing of all.

*Recipient:* Announced at Commencement

**Federal Nursing Service Chiefs Award**

*Recipient:* MAJ Gina Eberhardt, AN, USA

**Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) Outstanding Student Award**

The Outstanding Student Award is sponsored by the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) and is the highest academic program honor graduating students can receive from their faculty.

**Family Nurse Practitioner Program**

*Recipient:* CPT Summer Roush, AN, USA

**Adult-Gerontology Clinical Nurse Specialist Program, MSN**

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**F. EDWARD HÉBERT SCHOOL OF MEDICINE  
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**Carol J. Johns Medal**

The Carol J. Johns Medal is presented to the professor who was chosen by the faculty as the faculty member whose accomplishments emulate Dr. Johns' spirit in furthering the welfare and excellence of the USU faculty, promoting outstanding educational programs for the students, and advancing the reputation of the University locally, nationally and internationally.

*Recipient:* Saibal Dey, PhD  
Associate Dean, Graduate Education  
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Department of Biochemistry

#### **William P. Clements, Jr. Award**

The William P. Clements, Jr. Award is presented to the professor who was chosen by the graduating medical students as the uniformed faculty educator who exemplifies the principles of excellence in education by personal example and performance. The award, donated privately, bears the name of a public servant, twice Governor of the State of Texas who, during his tenure as Deputy Secretary of Defense, had a keen interest in the education of those who serve our nation.

*Recipient:* LCDR Brian Ford, MC, USN  
Associate Professor  
Department of Family Medicine

#### **Outstanding Civilian Educator Award**

The outstanding Civilian Educator Award is chosen by the graduating medical students and presented to the civilian faculty member as the individual who displays the highest quality of a medical educator by personal example and performance.

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#### **Outstanding Biomedical Graduate Educator Award**

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#### **Graduate Education Esprit de Corps Award**

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*Recipient:* Announced at Commencement

**School of Medicine Esprit de Corps Award**

The School of Medicine Esprit de Corps Award recognizes the medical student who, by thought, word, action, and deed, demonstrates sensitive humanistic qualities for the well-being of all.

*Recipient:* Announced at Commencement

**Vice Admiral James A. Zimble Valedictorian Award**

The Vice Admiral James A. Zimble Valedictorian Award is presented each year to the medical student(s) who achieved the highest level of performance over all four years.

*Recipients:* ENS Lance Culjat, MC, USN  
2d Lt Josef Mang, USAF, MSC  
ENS Alexander Nardone, MC, USN  
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**AMSUS, The Society of Federal Health Professionals Award**

This award is presented to the medical student who best demonstrated exceptional leadership while simultaneously achieving an excellent academic performance. The recipient is recognized for their selflessness while exercising leadership talent that benefited the well-being of the class and the School of Medicine as a whole. The student also possesses the personal qualities of sensitivity, reflectiveness, commitment, trust and integrity. Their officership serves as a standard for all classmates and is truly reflective of the role of the military physician.

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**Association of the Army**

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**Surgeons General Awards**

The Surgeons General Awards are presented by the four surgeons general (Army, Navy, Air Force, and Public Health Service) to a graduating medical student from each of their respective Services whose university career has been characterized by academic achievement, military medical professionalism, and an exemplary commitment toward enhancing the mission and goals of their Service.

**U.S. Army Surgeon General's Award**  
*Recipient:* 2LT Sarah Walsh, MS, USA

**U.S. Navy Surgeon General's Award**  
*Recipient:* ENS Michaela Scanlon, MC, USN

**U.S. Air Force Surgeon General's Award**  
*Recipient:* 2d Lt Lily Swope, USAF, MSC

**U.S. Public Health Service Surgeon General's Award**  
*Recipient:* LT Rachel Burriss, USPHS, IHS

## ACADEMIC AND MILITARY RECOGNITION

### **Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society (ΑΩΑ) \***

Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society recognizes excellence in scholarship and the highest ideals in the profession of medicine. Alpha Omega Alpha is to medicine what Phi Beta Kappa is to the liberal arts and sciences. The top 25 percent of a medical school class is eligible for nomination and up to 16 percent may be elected based on leadership, character, community service, and professionalism.

### **Gold Humanism Honor Society ±**

The Gold Humanism Honor Society recognizes students who are exemplars of compassionate patient care. Members are peer-nominated and are the ones their fellow students say they would want taking care of their own family. Gold Humanism Honor Society members have a responsibility to model, support, and advocate for compassionate, patient-centered care throughout their careers.

### **Capstone Scholarly Project †**

The Capstone experience is a period of self-directed discovery and advanced scientific inquiry. Students undertaking Capstone projects work under the direction of a faculty mentor in one of four concentrations: basic or clinical scientific research; global and public health research experiences; education research; or military leadership and professional development.

### **Sigma Theta Tau (ΣΘΤ) \***

Sigma Theta Tau is the international honor society of nursing with the mission of advancing world health and celebrating nursing excellence in scholarship, leadership, and service. The society's name reflects its values, from the Greek words *Storge*, *Tharsos*, and *Time* meaning "love", "courage", and "honor." Membership is by invitation only to nursing students who achieve academic excellence and meet the expectation of academic integrity, and to nurse leaders who exhibit exceptional achievements in nursing. The Tau Theta Chapter at USU, founded in 2003, is the first federal chapter of Sigma Theta Tau.

**Military Badges φ**

During their time as students at USU, several students will electively take on the additional challenge of completing operational training opportunities, receiving badges for the Basic Parachutist (Army and Navy Airborne Schools), Army Air Assault School, Army Expert Field Medical Badge training, Army and Air Force Flight Medicine, German Armed Forces Badge for Military Proficiency, Army Pathfinder School, Army Jumpmaster School, Army Combat Divers School, Air Force Basic Survival School, or Army Free Fall Parachutist School.

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## The Oath of Hippocrates

“I do solemnly swear that I will be loyal to the profession of medicine  
and just and generous to its members,  
that I will lead my life and practice my art in uprightness and honor,  
that into whatsoever home I shall enter  
it shall be for the good of the sick and the well  
to the utmost of my power  
and that I will hold myself aloof from wrong and from corruption  
and from the tempting of others to vice.  
I will exercise my art solely for the cure of my patients  
and the prevention of disease  
and will give no drugs and perform no operation for a criminal purpose  
and far less suggest such thing.  
Whatsoever I shall see or hear of the lives of men  
which is not fitting to be spoken,  
I will keep secret.  
These I do promise and in proportion as I am faithful to this oath,  
may happiness and good repute be ever mine.  
The opposite if I shall be forsworn.”

