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COMMENCEMENT



Jefferson College of Health Professions
of
Thomas Jefferson University

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

1824-2003

Wednesday, May Fourteenth
Two Thousand and Three
Half Past Ten O'clock

Kimmel Performing Arts Center

Verizon Hall

THE UNIVERSITY MACE

The Thomas Jefferson University mace, carried for the first time in the 1986 commencement ceremonies by Grand Marshal Robert Mandle, Ph.D., was designed and cast by Howard Serlick, member of the Guild of Mastercraftsmen, Winterthur Scholar, and Chief Conservator (Gilding) of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania. It was crafted by silversmith Eugene Zweigle and woodturner Michael Copeland.

The four-foot-long, fourteen-pound mace is made of ebony highlighted with lapis lazuli to reflect Jefferson's colors (black and blue). It features a miniature of Henry Mitchell's sculpture, The Winged Ox, symbol of Saint Luke the Physician, the original of which stands beside the Scott Building on Walnut Street. The miniature was cast in silver by Mister Zweigle, who also fabricated the University seal, the profile of Thomas Jefferson, mounted at the base of the staff. The J. E. Caldwell Company coordinated the project.

Mister Mitchell's original statue of The Winged Ox, adopted by the University in 1976 as its symbol of clinical excellence, is mounted on a column containing the names of fifty medical scientists who have most advanced the art of healing. It also reflects the historical evolution of Thomas Jefferson University from its beginnings as Jefferson Medical College in 1824 to its current status as an academic health center comprising the Medical College, the College of Health Professions, the College of Graduate Studies, and the Thomas Jefferson University Hospital, a part of the Jefferson Health System.

The mace, a grand emblem of the University's heritage, is carried at the head of all formal academic processions.

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In curricula such as the degree program in Occupational Therapy, candidates complete formal course work prior to Commencement and fulfill additional clinical requirements during the summer. Students in these programs participate in these Commencement Exercises but receive their diplomas only after all requirements have been satisfied.

Candidates in the combined B.S./M.S. degree program in Physical Therapy participated in a Closing Convocation on May 2, 2003. Upon successful completion of all requirements, these candidates will receive the Bachelor of Science and Master of Sciences Degrees in Physical Therapy.

DOCTOR OF MEDICAL SCIENCE - REVEREND CHARLES T. A. FLOOD

The Reverend Charles T. A. Flood has been Rector of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, located at the edge of the Jefferson campus, for 13 years. As Rector, he has devoted his efforts to expanding programs and intensifying the Church's mission. Additionally, Reverend Flood served on various commissions of the Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania, including the Diocesan Council, Committee to Combat Racism and as chair of the Liturgical Commission.

He is also currently Chaplain at the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner in New York. Soon after September 11, 2001, he served as a field chaplain at the site of the World Trade Center. Since that time, he continues to travel to New York providing support at first to the hundreds of field personnel at that site, and now to the family members and friends of the victims. He wrote and conducted a service at the site and wrote multi-faith prayers and meditations based on that disaster, which have been reproduced throughout the world.

Born in Windsor Ontario, Canada, Reverend Flood studied engineering and later education and fine arts at Detroit's Wayne State University. After teaching English and journalism at George School in Bucks County, Pennsylvania, he became assistant director of admissions at The Cooper Union in New York. Returning to George School in 1971, he accepted a position as director of religious life. A chance meeting with Dr. Elizabeth Kübler-Ross led him to teach high school level courses in death and dying with her guidance and advice.

In 1972, he volunteered for the American Red Cross in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania during the relief operation for Hurricane Agnes and eventually coordinated 13 service centers providing relief to victims. His work as a Red Cross volunteer continues to this day as one of the founders of the Spirit Team in Philadelphia, providing multi-faith chaplaincy to victims of fires and other tragedies in the city. In 1975 he was deployed by the Red Cross to Fort Indiantown Gap near Harrisburg, where he initiated a project translating and re-certifying the education and professional credentials of refugees from Vietnam and Cambodia. Through his efforts, over 60 medical doctors were placed in outlying communities throughout the United States. After the closing of the camps, he was sent as a speaker to various communities to gain support for local aid and encouragement to the new arrivals from Indochina.

Following his ordination as a priest in the Episcopal Church in 1978, he worked as chaplain at The Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania and initiated the chaplaincy department at the Graduate Hospital. He accepted a position at Albert Einstein Medical Center as director of one of the first acute care-based hospice programs in the United States. Early in his tenure at St. Stephen's Church, he served as a volunteer chaplain at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital. He was a founding board member of *The American Journal of Hospice Care* and remains on the board of The Michael Dunitz Crisis Foundation, funding training for healthcare providers.

Currently, Reverend Flood is working with Dr. Charles Hirsch, the Chief Medical Examiner in New York, on an article for the *Journal of Forensic Medicine*. He is also working on two other publications relating to the unique mission of multi-faith public religious leadership. He lives in Philadelphia's Society Hill section and enjoys work in calligraphy, writing and fine arts.

DOCTOR OF MEDICAL SCIENCE - T. FRANKLIN WILLIAMS, MD

A renowned expert and leader in the field of geriatric education and research, T. Franklin Williams, MD, is Emeritus Professor of Medicine at the University of Rochester in Rochester, N.Y. In August 1991, Dr. Williams returned to the University and to the Monroe County Hospital, after having served as the director of the National Institute on Aging, National Institutes of Health since 1983. In March of 1995, he was also appointed Distinguished Physician at the Canandaigua, New York Veterans Administration Medical Center by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs. From 1992 through 2002, he also served as Scientific Director of the American Federation for Aging Research.

From 1968 to 1983, as Professor of Medicine and Preventive and Rehabilitative Medicine and Medical Director of the Monroe Community Hospital, Dr. Williams led development of the University program in care, teaching and research in chronic illness and aging. He was also co-director of the University's Center on Aging. Dr. Williams was elected to the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences in 1976 and served three years as a member of the Institute Council. He is a fellow of the American College of Physicians, American Association for the Advancement of Science, Gerontological Society of America, American Public Health Association and a member of the Association of American Physicians, American Geriatrics Society and American Society on Aging. He has also served on the Board of Advisors to the Jefferson Health System Senior Health Institute.

Among his honors and awards are honorary Doctor of Science degrees from the Medical College of Ohio and the University of North Carolina, the Lifetime Achievement Award of the Los Angeles Jewish Home for the Aging, the Distinguished Service Award of the University of North Carolina, the Edward Henderson Award of the American Geriatrics Society, the Freeman and Kent Awards of the Gerontological Society of America, the Distinguished Service Medal of the US Public Health Service, the Civic Award of the Rochester Chamber of Commerce, Commendation from the US Department of Veterans Affairs, the Gustac Lienhard Award of the Institute of Medicine, National Academy of Sciences (along with Dr. Robert Butler) and together with his wife, Carter Catlett Williams, MSW, the Lifetime Achievement Award of the Gerontological Section of the American Public Health Association and the President's Award of the American Society of Aging.

A native of North Carolina, Dr. Williams received his Bachelor of Science degree from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, his Master of Arts degree from Columbia University and, after three years of active duty as a naval communications officer (1943-1946), his Doctor of Medicine degree, *cum laude*, from Harvard Medical School in 1950. He received residency training in internal medicine at the Osler Medical Service of the Johns Hopkins Hospital and at the Boston Veterans Administration Hospital. For 14 years, he was a research fellow and faculty member at the University of North Carolina.

Dr. Williams' research and more than 90 publications have focused on metabolic diseases, including hereditary rickets and diabetes and many aspects of the care of chronically ill and aging persons. He is a member of numerous local and national boards related to aging and long-term care. Dr. Williams is based at the Monroe Community Hospital and resides in Rochester, New York.

FACULTY AWARDS

Brenda M. Holtzer, MSN, RN

The Fred and Sadye Abrams Award for Excellence in Clinical or Laboratory Instruction

Established in memory of the late Fred and Sadye Abrams, parents of Lawrence Abrams, EdD, former JCHP Dean, this award is the only College-wide award devoted exclusively to the recognition of clinical or laboratory teaching excellence.

Brenda M. Holtzer, MSN, RN, nursing instructor at Jefferson College of Health Professions since 1992, received her BSN and MSN from the University of Pennsylvania and is nearing completion of her doctorate in nursing and health policy from the University of Maryland.

Ms. Holtzer's expertise is in the field of pediatric nursing and pediatric rehabilitation nursing and she works very diligently to infuse her students with the same regard and passion that she has for her profession. She has initiated creative placements for students in various clinical settings. She spearheaded an opportunity for students to analyze care situations in which delegation was a priority and encouraged students to develop recommendations for more effective and productive delegation relationships. This highly successful clinical rotation has been positively evaluated by students and will complement their repertoire of clinical skills, assisting in their transition to independent nursing practice. As a key member of the faculty teaching interdisciplinary clinical care planning, she has made significant contributions to the linkage of the course content to the realities of practice. Students from all college disciplines have commended her efforts in this arena.

Ms. Holtzer is a board member and faculty counselor for the Sigma Theta Tau International, Delta Rho Chapter and is a member of the academic affairs committee and co-chair of the research committee for the College. Her scholarly presentations include the topics, "Reflective Journaling in Promoting Professional Development Among Nursing Students" and "Children with Special Healthcare Needs."

Molly A. Rose, PhD, RN, FNP

Dean's Faculty Achievement Award

The Dean sponsors a Faculty Achievement Award to recognize outstanding performance in higher education and to honor the College's outstanding faculty members

Molly A. Rose, PhD, RN, FNP, associate professor in the department of nursing, came to Jefferson College of Health Professions in 1997. She received her BSN and PhD in health education from Temple University and her MSN in community health nursing from the University of Pennsylvania. At Jefferson, she designed, developed and implemented the first Internet course offered by the Department of Nursing and was also instrumental in developing community systems administration specialty courses for the College. She has also served as co-chair of the nursing academic affairs committee and is currently co-chair of the faculty affairs committee for the College.

Dr. Rose has demonstrated a unique ability to invigorate students, teaching courses in community health nursing, epidemiology and research. She has assisted a number of students to develop and refine work for publication and has co-authored several articles with students, served on thesis and dissertation committees and sponsored or co-authored presentations with students at local and national conferences.

Since 1991, Dr. Rose has been engaged in research associated with experiences and attitudes of women, children and older adults as related to HIV and AIDS. In 1998 she received the Outstanding Research Article of the Year Award from the *Journal of the Association of Nurses in AIDS Care*. In 2001 she was part of the Catholic Medical Mission Board's South African assessment team. Last year, Dr. Rose was co-recipient of the Betty Jane Olecky Minority Issues Research Award from the Gerontological Health Section of the American Public Health Association.

Kathleen Swenson Miller, PhD, OTR/L

Lindback Award for Distinguished Teaching

The Christian R. and Mary F. Lindback Award is given by the College in recognition of distinguished teaching.

Kathleen Swenson Miller, PhD, OTR/L, instructor and undergraduate program coordinator in JCHP's Department of Occupational Therapy, came to the College in 1993. She earned her bachelor's degree in occupational therapy from the University of Minnesota, her advanced master's degree in OT from Boston University and her doctorate in health studies (public health) from Temple University. She also holds a Web site designer certificate from Temple University.

Dr. Swenson Miller has been at the forefront of her profession, forging new paths in community-based settings for occupational therapists. Her previous work involved issues of children and families in their communities. Most recently, she has been instrumental in obtaining grants and working with the continuum of homelessness in Philadelphia. Dr. Swenson Miller is co-director of a new Bureau of Health Professions grant exploring the concept of interactive health communication with underserved populations.

Students have praised her interactive teaching style, her "open door policy of advising" and her interest in their personal and professional growth. She encourages them to expand on their clinical reasoning skills and challenges them to carve out new paths in their pursuit of occupational therapy careers.

SIGMA THETA TAU

Awarded at the Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing's Delta Rho Chapter Induction Ceremony at Thomas Jefferson University on May 7, 2003.

Sigma Theta Tau, International Honor Society of Nursing, was founded in 1922 by six nurses at the Indiana University School of Nursing in Indianapolis, Indiana. Currently, there are 406 chapters affiliated with 503 colleges and universities worldwide and more than 380,000 members. Delta Rho Chapter was founded at Jefferson in 1980 and is committed to nursing scholarship, leadership and clinical excellence. Individuals are selected for Sigma Theta Tau on the basis of excellence and faculty recommendations addressing scholarship, leadership, creativity, professional standards and commitment.

Undergraduate Pre-Licensure Students

Christine Hobbs	Cynthia Hensel
Colleen O'Brien	Lisa Smith
Jennifer Karpovich	Leah Homa
Stacey Hecker	Erin Gushe
Christa Varga	Amy Schoonover
Jeffrey Slocum	Gina Mazzuca
Sandra Jones	Lilu Thomas
Megan Lomas	Gonzales Peay
Melinda Jones	Sarah Thatcher
Thea Niedzwiedz	Julie Cohen-SanClemente
Tricia Haynie	Adisa Smajic

Undergraduate RN-BSN Students

Carole North-Fisher	Stephanie Thomas
Kristine Keyak	Lee Ann Dragovits
Margaret Otudero	Nancy R. Tomlin
Jennifer Major	Elizabeth Feika-Musa
Stephanie Rauch	Sandra Adirato
Theresa Fenton	Amy Weaver
Michael J. Heck	Yvette Rodriguez
Julie Bergman	Victorine Esaka

Graduate Students

Tamika Curry
Lynne Abramowitz
Michelle Nanoski

Community Members
Elizabeth Johnson
Linda Smigelski
Maria Mozzani
Dana Beverly
Barbara Shearin-Lott

ALPHA ETA SOCIETY

Awarded at the Thomas Jefferson University Chapter of the Alpha Eta Society Induction Ceremony on May 13, 2003.

The Alpha Eta Society is a nationally recognized honor society for allied health professionals established in 1975 under the auspices of the Association of Schools of Allied Health Professions. At present, the Society is comprised of approximately nine thousand members in 49 chapters in colleges and universities nationally. Thomas Jefferson University's Chapter of the Alpha Eta Society was established in October 1982. The purpose of the Alpha Eta Society is to recognize significant academic achievement, leadership, and contributions to the allied health professions.

Undergraduate Students

Diagnostic Imaging

Jennifer Amanda Cairns
Melissa M. Gary
Michelle Ann Leiby
Judy H. Roberts

Occupational Therapy

Julie Melissa Ramsey
Susan Lynn Spieker

Nursing

Myrleine Dinvil
Victorine M. Esaka
Kristine Marie Keyak
Jennifer Camille Major
Denise Renee Montgomery
Lilu P. Thomas
Stephanie Ann Thomas

Graduate Students

Physical Therapy

Lindsay B. Bateman
Timothy F. Duer
Amy Allison Gallagher
Sarah C. Haines
Erin Kathleen Leary
Stephanie J. Miller
Rebecca Lynn Mowery
Mohamed I. Nasser
Thao Tran
Deepa L. Varindani

Laboratory Sciences

Biotechnology
William Joseph Riches IV

Cytotechnology
Kelly Anne Bonn

LAMBDA NU

Awarded at the Pennsylvania Gamma Chapter of the Lambda Nu National Honor Society for the Radiologic and Imaging Sciences Induction Ceremony at Thomas Jefferson University on May 13, 2003.

Lambda Nu, the National Honor Society for Radiologic and Imaging Sciences, was founded during 2001 at Arkansas State University. Currently, there are 39 chapters of Lambda Nu in 26 states. Thomas Jefferson University received a charter to form the Pennsylvania Gamma Chapter of Lambda Nu during 2002. Individuals are selected for membership in Lambda Nu on the basis of promoting the Society's objectives: fostering scholarship at the highest academic levels, promoting research and investigation in the radiologic and imaging sciences, and recognizing exemplary scholarship.

Jennifer Amanda Cairns
Matthew Kyle Clarke
Michael J. Convery
Gregory Antonio Donaldson
Jessica Lyn Finger

Katie Elizabeth Flurschutz
Melissa Marie Gary
Kara Louise Happ
Diana Marie Jenkins
Melanie Marie Johnson

Michael E. Klinger
Michelle Ann Leiby
Lauren Lynn Lemons
Rachel A. Moss
Kathryn Muller

Judy H. Roberts
Gina M. Santarelli
Mindy L. Taylor
Jianhua Zhong

THE ACADEMIC COSTUME

The wearing of academic dress dates back to the early days of the oldest universities in the world. In the American Council on Education's book entitled *American Universities and Colleges*, it is suggested that "gowns may have been counted necessary for warmth in the unheated buildings frequented by medieval scholars. Hoods seem to have served to cover the tonsured head..."

Throughout the years European universities have continued to show great diversity in their academic dress. American universities on the other hand, when they decided to adopt academic dress in 1895, immediately established a code of regulations which today is followed by almost all American institutions. The establishment of this code has made it possible to distinguish the Associates, Bachelors, Masters and Doctors and at the same time recognize the university which has given them the degree. Revisions to the code have occurred from time to time.

The Associate in Arts and Bachelor's gowns have pointed sleeves and are worn closed. The Master's gown has oblong sleeves, open at the wrist. The rear part of its oblong shape is square cut and the front part has an arc cut away, and is worn open or closed. The Doctor's gown has bell-shaped sleeves. It is worn opened or closed. Cotton poplin or similar material is used for the Associate's, Bachelor's and Master's degrees, and rayon or silk ribbed material is used for the Doctor's degree. The majority of gowns are black but a number of institutions have adopted other colors to identify special programs or groups within the institution.

The hoods vary in length: 48 inches for the Doctor's degree, 42 inches for the Master's and 36 inches for the Bachelor's and Associate's. All hoods are lined in silk in the academic color or colors of the institution conferring the degree. If the institution has more than one color, the colors are shown in divisions using chevrons. The binding or edge of the Doctor's, Master's and Bachelor's hoods are usually made of velvet in the color designating the subject in which the degree was granted. The Associate of Arts hood has no velvet border. The outside is black.

Black mortarboards are most commonly worn; six-sided tams of various colors may be used.

Some of the colors in the bindings of the hoods are:

white	Arts and Letters	green	Medicine
tan	Business	apricot	Nursing
lilac	Dentistry	dark blue	Philosophy
light blue	Education	salmon pink	Public Health
purple	Law	golden yellow	Science

The colors of the linings of the hoods for some Philadelphia academic health institutions are:

black and blue	Thomas Jefferson University	red, white and blue	MCP ♦ Hahnemann School of Medicine
red and blue	University of Pennsylvania		
white and cherry . . .	Temple University		

THE JEFFERSON PROCESSIONAL

The Jefferson Processional was commissioned by the Alumni Association of Jefferson Medical College and played for the first time on November 15, 1974, at the Sesquicentennial Celebration of Jefferson Medical College of Thomas Jefferson University. This piece was presented to Thomas Jefferson University by the President of the Alumni Association of Jefferson Medical College, Doctor John J. Gartland. It was composed by Burle Marx.

THE PRESIDENTIAL BADGE OF THOMAS JEFFERSON UNIVERSITY

The President's Badge was created for the Inauguration of Lewis W. Bluemle, Jr., M.D., the third President of Thomas Jefferson University, on September 7, 1977. It consists of four official corporate seals of Thomas Jefferson University and the predecessor corporation, The Jefferson Medical College of Philadelphia. These seals were used to mark diplomas, certificates, and other official documents and have been gold-plated to form the Presidential Badge.

The medallion on the President's right is the corporate seal of Thomas Jefferson University today and was created in 1969 when Jefferson Medical College became Thomas Jefferson University. It carries a contemporary likeness of Thomas Jefferson.

The other three medallions are the various seals that were used in Jefferson Medical College for many years. The oldest marked every diploma that was issued by the College from 1839 to 1967. This seal carries a traditional likeness of a young Thomas Jefferson and the founding date of the College as 1826. Prior to 1839 the diploma of Jefferson Medical College carried the seal of the Jefferson College in Canonsburg, Pennsylvania — the parent institution.

Another seal was developed in 1967 as a result of research done by the late Edward L. Bauer, Emeritus Professor of Pediatrics, who determined that the founding year of Jefferson Medical College was 1824 rather than 1826. This seal is identical to the present corporate seal except the words "Thomas Jefferson University" replace "Jefferson Medical College." It was used for only two years — from 1967 to 1969.

The Presidential Badge is on permanent display in the Scott Library and is used at all convocations of the University.