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CHSU to Celebrate Medical School Graduates at Inaugural Commencement and Hooding Ceremony this Sunday

CLOVIS, Calif. – California Health Sciences University (CHSU) is proud to announce its first class of medical students will graduate on Sunday, May 19th at 2:00 pm. The CHSU College of Osteopathic Medicine Inaugural Class of 2024 Commencement and Hooding Ceremony will be held at the Save Mart Center at Fresno State.

The newest medical school in the Central Valley, CHSU is making history by training and retaining physicians to serve our local community. The class of 2024 proudly boast a 100% match rate, with 34% staying local in a Central Valley residency program; and 65% are pursuing a career in primary care.

“We set out on a mission to improve access to healthcare by educating and training physicians to serve the Central Valley and beyond. Now, four years later, I’m filled with a sense of pride to see our first cohort of physicians graduate and serve as compassionate, knowledgeable and skilled health care providers,” stated John Graneto, DO, Dean of the CHSU-COM.

Sixty-six graduates will walk the stage to receive their diploma with their friends and family in attendance at the commencement and hooding ceremony. CHSU administration, faculty, staff, trustees, preceptors, dignitaries, and elected officials will also be in attendance. Media partners, reporters, and journalists are invited to attend.

Dr. Teresa Hubka, President-Elect of the American Osteopathic Association was recently announced to deliver the commencement address. She serves as a Clinical Professor, Department Chair of Ob/Gyn and Clerkship Director at Midwestern University - Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine.

In a statement provided by Dr. Teresa Hubka, she said, *“I am sincerely grateful for the honor of being the commencement speaker for California Health Sciences University's graduation ceremony. I am particularly honored to collaborate with California Health Sciences University, an institution renowned for its commitment to excellence in education and dedication to shaping the future leaders of healthcare. Together, we will celebrate the achievements of this year's osteopathic medicine graduating class and inspire them to continue pursuing excellence in their careers.”*

If you're planning to attend this event, please contact Kaysha Rajani at krajani@chsu.edu or (205) 267-2983 as media passes are required. Interview opportunities can be scheduled with Dr. John Graneto, Dean of the College of Osteopathic Medicine; Florence Dunn, CHSU Founding President; and graduates.

Photos and b-roll will be provided after the ceremony and the event will also be available for viewing via live stream at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=18JEasX8QOc>

About California Health Sciences University

California Health Sciences University (CHSU) is accredited by the WASC Senior College and University Commission (WSCUC). CHSU is the first university of its kind in the Central Valley and offers a local option for medical school and a master's in biomedical sciences to help remedy the shortage of health care services offered in the Valley.

The CHSU College of Osteopathic Medicine (CHSU-COM) is accredited by the American Osteopathic Association's Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation (COCA). CHSU-COM now has about 500 medical students in attendance and plans to grow to approximately 600 medical students in the next year.

The university also offers a one-year Master of Science in Biomedical Sciences (MSBS) program at its College of Biosciences and Health Professions. The first cohort of MSBS students will graduate in 2024, with many graduates already receiving acceptance into the CHSU College of Osteopathic Medicine and other medical and dental schools.

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