

# 2023



# commencement

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# 2023 commencement

**WEDNESDAY · DECEMBER 6 · 2023**

## **PRESIDING**

**Brian Clocksin · PhD**

*Provost and Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs*

## **WELCOME**

**Emily Prieto-Tseregounis · PhD**

*Vice President of External Affairs and Chief of Staff to the President*

## **GREETINGS**

**Ching-Hua Wang · MD, PhD**

*President*

## **COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS**

**Leon Clark · MBA**

*Vice President, Chief Academic Affairs Officer  
and Designated Institutional Official | Sutter Health*

## **STUDENT ADDRESS**

**Oludayo Oladipo**

*ELMSN, Family Nurse Practitioner  
Class of 2023*

## **PRESENTATION of AWARDS**

## **PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES**

## **CONFERRING of DEGREES**

**Elizabeth Chaney · BA**

*Member, Board of Regents*

## **CLOSING**

# 2023 degrees

## Master Physician Assistant

The Master Physician Assistant degree is a 27-month-long program to prepare students for entry-level practice as physician assistants. The program is designed to provide the comprehensive clinical and didactic training necessary to develop highly skilled, well-educated physician assistants capable of providing quality health care.

## Master and Doctor of Occupational Therapy

The Master of Occupational Therapy degree is a seven semester program that prepares our students for entry-level practice. The Doctor of Occupational Therapy degree is an eight-semester program which includes a capstone project and implementation. This degree is also an entry-level clinical degree. The program prepares the students as evidence-based, highly competent, and skilled occupational therapists through their didactic and clinical training.

## Doctor of Nursing Practice

The Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) program has four tracks: Post-Masters professional program, post-baccalaureate Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) program, Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner program and Anesthesia program. All culminate with a Doctor of Nursing Practice, which is designed to prepare graduates to practice at the highest level of advanced nursing practice.

The DNP program prepares graduates to be culturally diverse leaders and change agents within their clinical specialty with a commitment to improve health care outcomes through practice, policy change, and leadership.

The DNP FNP program prepares patient-centered primary care providers to care for culturally diverse and underserved populations, emphasizing health promotion and disease prevention.

## Master of Science in Nursing

The Case Management program (entry-level or post-professional) prepares nurses with advanced theory and practice in a systematic approach to the delivery of health care to diverse populations. Graduates of the program will assume nursing case management roles in a variety

of healthcare settings. They will ensure coordination, continuity, and quality of care, while demonstrating a clinical nursing foundation in the application of case management principles.

The Family Nurse Practitioner program (entry-level or post-professional) prepares family-oriented primary care providers to care for culturally diverse and underserved populations, emphasizing health promotion and disease prevention. Graduates manage health problems and provide comprehensive care to individuals, families, and communities in a variety of settings. Students are eligible for national certification.

The Nurse Anesthesia program prepares critical care registered nurses to administer anesthesia care in the full spectrum of patient care settings: surgical suites (in hospitals and outpatient facilities), non-surgical interventional procedure areas, obstetric suites, and chronic pain clinics. Of the 30 million anesthetics administered in the US annually, 65 percent are directly administered by Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNAs); that percentage is 85 percent in rural America. Graduates are prepared to practice after passing a national certifying examination.

## Bachelor of Science in Nursing

The College of Nursing offers programs that award the Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree (BSN). One option is the accelerated baccalaureate program (ABSN) for candidates with degrees in other fields. Students admitted to the program demonstrate an array of professional experiences and academic achievements to succeed in the program. The program provides a mechanism for graduates with non-nursing degrees to change careers and become nurses efficiently and effectively. ABSN students can complete the program in twelve months.

The second option is through transfer from other colleges. This program allows students to obtain the liberal learning and science courses required as the foundation for professional nursing education from the institution of their choice. The third program is designed for registered nurses prepared at the associate degree level to obtain a BSN degree. The RN to BSN program enhances their current practice knowledge and prepares them for expanded clinical roles.



# *and* AWARDS HONORS

## **Outstanding Physician Assistant Student Award**

The Outstanding Student Award in the Master Physician Assistant program is given to the student who best exemplifies a combination of excellence in the classroom and in the clinical setting while demonstrating a commitment to service consistent with the mission of the Master Physician Assistant program and the University.

## **Outstanding Occupational Therapy Student Award**

This award is given to the student that has demonstrated a commitment to service, has a strong academic record and has demonstrated a high level of professionalism and outstanding teamwork.

## **Outstanding Doctor of Nursing Practice Student Award**

This award is presented to the Doctor of Nursing Practice student whose participation in the program is most consistent with the leadership, service, and academic expectations of the practice doctorate.

## **Outstanding Doctor of Nursing Practice Project Award**

The award is presented to an exemplary student from either the Doctor of Nursing Practice, Family Nurse Practitioner, or the Post-Master's Program. It honors a project that not only demonstrates wide dissemination, but also encapsulates the mission and vision of SMU. This award recognizes a project that has instigated exceptional changes in practice and has focused on reducing inequities in healthcare.

## **Outstanding Master of Science in Nursing Awards**

These awards are given each year to master's nursing students whose performances exemplify the highest level of achievement, have contributed to the advancement of the profession, and have performed service as outstanding representatives of Samuel Merritt University based on professional involvement, leadership, academic innovation, ingenuity, and performance.

## **Nursing Faculty of Tomorrow Fellow Program**

The Nursing Faculty of Tomorrow (NFT) teaching fellows program was developed in Fall 2017 at Samuel Merritt University (SMU) to help current SMU students explore their interest in teaching. It is specifically designed to inspire students to consider teaching as part of their nursing career, or transition to a full-time teaching role in nursing. The program provides opportunities for students to develop their teaching skills in ways that will have a significant impact on them, their peers, and their understanding of the role of a nurse educator. Through guided experiences with skilled faculty, students in the NFT program gain the knowledge and skills needed to envision, design, conduct, and evaluate innovative, evidence-based classroom, laboratory, and clinical pedagogies. The fellows who have successfully completed the minimum requirements in the NFT program are acknowledged with an apricot and teal blue honors cord to represent nursing and education.

# AWARDS *and* HONORS

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## 2023 Strommen Dillashaw Nominees

**THE STROMMEN DILLASHAW AWARD** is given to one member of the Samuel Merritt University community who has demonstrated outstanding and exemplary commitment to students' personal and professional development and community engagement. The awardee's exceptional dedication and character are hallmarks of their work. An awardee may be an employee or any individual making a significant impact on student success.

### Sam Alavi-Irvine · MA

Founding Director,  
Center for Community Engagement

Sam is committed to the success, growth, and development of SMU's students, especially underrepresented students. She initiated the current LGBTQIA+ Working Group to create a safer, more inclusive environment at SMU for students, staff, and faculty. She also dedicates much of her time designing engaging learning opportunities for students, including developing a new series of Lunch & Learns on topics such as, *What Every Healthcare Provider Needs To Know When Working with Sexual Assault Survivors*, and launching an innovative training series on trafficking with the College of Nursing.

### Elizabeth Ching · OTD, OTR/L

Associate Professor, College of Health Science

Dr. Ching is a past Strommen-Dillashaw awardee whose hallmark is her continual focus on wellbeing, reflection on intersection identities, and working toward a more inclusive society. Beth's engagement with the SMU community has been described as, "...simply, she shows up and participates fully." Beth creates a welcoming and encouraging classroom space for her students and exemplifies thoughtful and intentional contributions.

### Jeanie Lau

Administrative Coordinator,  
College of Podiatric Medicine

Ms. Lau has championed a remarkable transformation in the College of Podiatric Medicine over the past several years. While working on policies, Jeanie also independently improved our goal of being a student-centered program. Although she was hired as an administrative coordinator, we quickly realized that Jeanie had valuable insights and opinions about our program.

### Seanny Min · DNP, FNP-C

Instructor, College of Nursing

Dr. Seanny Min has dedicated her time, energy, and expertise to teach, enlighten, and enrich students in ABSN and FNP Programs. Students commend her teaching methods which encourage critical reasoning, dot connecting, and challenging their thinking. She encourages students to through the lens of a nurse's concerns. Seanny is passionate about her work—teaching nurses is a personal endeavor to her, and our students have benefitted greatly from her efforts.

### Rebecca Owen · DNP, FNP

Assistant Professor / Faculty Practice Manager,  
College of Nursing

Known as faculty who never says *no*, Rebecca is a full-time FNP faculty working across FNP and DNP-FNP programs. She teaches and leads both theory and clinical courses emphasizing competency-based education. Dedicated to our FNP students' education, she helped establish the Elica Faculty Practice site in the Sacramento community. As associate medical director for clinical education, she aids in community outreach, devotedly serving the unhoused and immigrant population, mirroring SMU's mission.

### Silvia Pardillo

Administrative Assistant, Facilities Department

Ms. Pardillo provides exceptional service to everyone on campus in the Heath Education Center—the crown jewel of SMU. Whether planning SMU-sponsored occasions like the the Holiday Dinner or the Winter and Spring Poster events, Silvia has a hand in making all these affairs run smoothly—if something needs attention, she is there to make it right. Silvia demonstrates remarkable behind-the-scenes dedication to SMU with extraordinary humility and grace.

# 2023 graduating class

## Master Physician Assistant

Mina Afnan	Alexander Escobar	Nuvleen K. Parhar
Camila Mercedes Aguilar	Chiana Allexas Evans	Cary Parrish
Hannah Allen Witt *	Delaney Rose Faggard	Jessica Janette Perez
Eddie Alberto Alvarado, Jr.	Karina Handal	Chloe Thuy-Vi Pham
Alexandria M. Amour	Julia Hay	Aakash D. Raghubansh
Stephanie Nasralla Ashqar	Leah Holloway	Melanie Rangel
Ruth Bakala	Kolette King	Miriam Saad
Katherine M. Beltre	Maxwell Kline	Kristina Bonue Shabaniani
Brittney Berkey	Jonathan M. Koe	Daniel Thai
Bradley James Borowski	Stephanny Ledezma-Garcia	Joel Thomas
Bryan Cerro	Ian Michael Lyon	Lillian Trang
Leila Chitayat Josef	Elizabeth Meiselman **	Rachel Valdez
Genevieve Copenhagen	Gina Marusha Morcillo	Sarah Yoo-min Yoon
Daisey Cruz	Emeri Philip Palacio	Reyna Vijay Zaver *

## Master of Occupational Therapy

Heather Marie Aiello	Zachary McKeehan Cooper	Kylah-Dawn Webster-Wadley
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## Doctor of Nursing Practice

Mary Lee Alvarez-Nutting *	Kimberly Humphrey	Uche Angie Ohabughiro
Zachary Conroy-Salmassy *	Norman Ivan Kier	Sarah McCall Proctor *
Giscela L. Delventhal-Wong	Haley Koning *	Brittney Alexandria Zine Staples
Jefferson Paul Dorman	Sandra Lightner	Macy Sun
Kavitha Elangovan *	Lan Thi Ngo	Michael Nsiah Yeboah **

## Doctor of Nursing Practice | Family Nurse Practitioner

Graciela Maria Arevalo Andaluz	Kristen Colleen Lee	Natasha Sablok
Lindsay Bloom *	Andrea Elisa Martin	Kristoffer Bern Arienza Soguilon *
Joanna Marie Corpuz Bolosan	Melissa Rumsey McGlinchey *	Olivia Faye Stout
Christina Ann Bomar	Karen Orbeta *	Sydney Nicole Thomson
Lenee Joy Bañaga Cayabyab	Iva Patel *	Kaylee Lin Wai Akemi Wada *
Farnaz Nosheen Chaudhary *	Natalie Anne Pennell	Stephanie Diane Wallace *
Jared Joseph Domaguing	Anna Polishchuk *	Melissa Z. Wong ** NFT
Sabreena Kaur Gadiok *	Yongli Qiu DNP	Gina Youn
Ewan Ho	Walena Marie Caridad Rochester	

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## Master of Science in Nursing | Case Management

Vanessa Tablada Aleman	Winnie Kong	Mitzi Hu Pierson *
Adaobi Chienyenwa Anyaso	David Lamb	Yasmeen Rashed
Trina Phuong Bui	Porshay Catrina LeDuff	Audri Nikol Smith
Gabriella Diaz	Perri J. Ling	Jennifer Thao
Yaritza B. Farias	Makrizia Luz Bernal Macasaddu	Jenny Phuong Tran
Claudia Linda Flores Gamboa	Lauren Mackenzie Maes *	Julie Merina Tupulua
Marisa Christina Fragoso	Chaena Mendoza-Vergara	Lisa Vu
Marcos Miguel Gomez Rosas **	Angela Nguyen	Emilie Williams *
Antonia Carol Hagelis	Tina Tuongvy Nguyen	Linda Xiong
Minhao Han	Maria Raquel Pandey	
Megan Catherine Ornum Jang	Jessica Kin Phun	

## Master of Science in Nursing | Family Nurse Practitioner

Fatima Aboukhalel	Monique Anjanue Jenkins	Jeenaben Suresh Patel
Koe Alvarez **	Kuljeet Kaberwal	Jigna Bharat Patel
Kathlyn C. Andrada	Luzviminda Selga Koutney	Mohini Pankaj Patel
Parveen Bajwa	Cherry LeCompte	Marisa Pegueros
Attiea Bassam	Angela Siying Li	Emma Rae Roots *
Marisol Bueno-Montero	Sandy Lin	Sarah Louise Rouse
Tatum Byrd	Vanessa Christina Maldonado	Armenui Sarkisian
Emily Rochelle Chamberlin	Mark Jayson E. Manuel	Maria Carmina E. Sarmiento
Stephanie Martha Chiu	Larissa Goncalves de Toledo Marques	Irene Laraya Sayson *
Wai Ki Chu	Adriana Martinez	Megan Eileen Sommer
Lindsay C. Cox	Caitlin Janeyre Mayo	Nancy Tang *
Reena Datt	Aileen McAllister	Elizabeth Tissier
Zsarra Marie David *	Colleen McCullough	Bahar Torabi
Jennifer M. Donaldson	Edith Meraz Carrasco	Tho Boi Trinh
Collet Ann-Marie Easy	Holli Meadow Miller	Navneet Virk
Starla Joy Ensslin	Kathryn Elaine Millsap	Courtney Tunhi Vu
Jo-Hannes Aquino Fernandez	Florencia Karina Miranda Chumpitaz	Brinley Shaw West
Chelsie Toni Buenviaje Gho	Megan Yuan Yuan Munnich	Gil Germain Morelos Wolfert
Talwinder Gill	Kayleigh Murphy	Karen Wong
Nabinta Gurung	Kathryn Elaine Millsap	Sarah Wu *
Cassandra Haberle		Ross Mery Zamora Rios
Andrea Marie Hsiao		Nerissa Zhan

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## Entry-Level Master of Science in Nursing | Family Nurse Practitioner

Desiree Agosto	Patrice Levena Hinds	Mirta D. Rojas
Claudia Aranda	Christine Lam	Floraine Kyla Sioson
Yumna Azizuddin	Alisha Renee McGriff	Jennivy Rapanut Tabbay
Leslie Chu	Gita Mehra *	Maria Carmina Clara P. Tongson *
Yan Fernandez-Carvajal	Oludayo Oladipo **	Jacqueline Minh Tran *
Jessica Flores-Campos *	Tina Otero *	Robin Maiquel Villatoro
Jose Alberto Dueñas *	Amy Marie Popplewell *	Keamayah Nieshelle Walker <b>NFT</b>
Michelle Marie Freed	Kanha Elizabeth Ram	Xuan Yue
Jessica Rosas Garcia	Carly Rick	Jade Zhang

## Master of Science in Nursing | Certified Registered Nurse Anesthesia

Meron Mekonen Admassu *	Gail Ann Harris *	Christopher Allan Pon *
Geet Athwal	Noelle Hennig	Adam Powell *
Perryn Ethan Baker	Derrick Hoo *	Athena Amponin Reyes *
Maleana Dawn Barnett **	Chelsea Faye Hubbard *	John Sun *
Natalie Cadavid	Johnal Miguel Manasan	Sylas Sun *
Alison Caprile *	Iman Mattox	
Franchesca Maria Cascone	Jessica Montes *	
Ana Karen Chavez *	Monika Neuweiler *	
Matthew Velarde Crisostomo *	Taramarie O'Connor *	
Anna Digilov	Kristopher Bryan Okialda *	
Martine Nicole Gould *	Tara Sekle Pettus *	

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


































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Roxanne Ashley Ajero	Raeanna Marie Castro 	Casey Jane Halkett 
Nikki Allen 	Natalie Sun Chang 	Mikaela Marie Hall
Alexandria Josephine Fernandez Alonga	Tiffany Chea 	Aaron Harbert 
Kristina Renee Alvarez	Jeffrey Cheng	Brandon Michael Boone Harris
Victoria Marie Ankele 	Ayreole Clamens	Katherine Ho 
Emerita Arceo 	Amanda Clay	Nghi Thu Ho 
Aimee Lyn E. Arcinas	Alexis Nicole Corini 	Dylan Hojnacki 
Raymond Ash 	John Michael Crotty	Serena Arielle Hunter
Kaynaz Bahraini	Brianna Marie Cuadra 	Mofeid Yunus Hussain
Diana Baiense 	Kimberly Nicole D'Costa 	Natalie Imboden 
Teru Eris Baker-Jones 	Shannon DeLong 	Lauren Natsumi Izumi 
Michael Robert Bare	Monsour Darius Contreras Denaga	Jennifer Jauregui
Ajay Singh Bassi	Simerpreet Kaur Dhillon	Kevin Jiang 
Ryan T. Behrens 	Svetha Rao Dojode 	Karissa Liana Johansen 
Jennifer Anne B. Belisario	Avneet Kaur Dosanjh 	Amilleion Renee Johnson
Ralph Gabriel Berumen	Amy R. Duggan	Christina Kalogerias
Caitlin Bishop 	Ariana Dominique Edwards	Maria Kalogerias 
Tristanie Kirsten Bjazevich Stieb 	Sarah Louise Elizabeth Edwards	Antonio Kanady 
Alisha Jean Blake 	Alexandra Emerson	Michelle Misun Kang 
Jennifer Hannah Bloome	Danielle B. Emge	Jimmy S. Kim 
Megan Michele Bolding	Haley England 	Jason Kinner 
Lisa Bonev 	Allisa Renae Santos Enriquez 	Rachel Klein 
Mason Boutain	Alyse Estioko-Gomez	Sabrina Nhan Tang Kong 
Justin M. Candelaria	Milen Fernandez	Tova Sapphire
Chutima Cao	Brandon Frederick	Yasmin Korman 
Mary Martin Carrion 	Cameron Frederickson	Adrian Kwan 
Ezonica Castellano	Kareen Rae Geraghty 	Holli Anice Lampkin
Hailey Brianna Castillo 	Glenn Shawn Gillen 	Karina Del Sol Landers
Fiona Castleton 	Carina Golovey-Gutierrez 	Nikko Alberto Lapresca
Jordan Suzanne Castleton	Gema Marina González-Muñoz	Amy Lee 
Crismar Calantog	Amanda Diane Graumann 	Lola LaJoy Levi
	Nicolette A. Hagan-Delaney 	Liqi Li 

### LATIN HONORS

Graduation with honors is awarded to undergraduate students who have achieved the following minimum cumulative grade point average in all university work (including transfer credit) completed toward the Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree as of April 1, 2023.

 Cum laude: 3.50  Magna cum laude: 3.70  Summa cum laude: 3.85

**PLEASE NOTE:** The preceding list of graduates is based on information supplied by the Registrar's Office. Although every effort was made to ensure that the information was correct at the time the program was printed, a student's status may change after that date. Graduation status, degree completion, and academic honors are subject to a final degree requirements evaluation by the Registrar's Office. The posting of the earned degree on the official transcript record in the Registrar's Office remains the official testimony of the possession of the degree.

**DEGREE CANDIDATES:** If your name has been misspelled, misplaced, or wrongly omitted, please advise the Registrar's Office.

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## Bachelor of Science in Nursing | Accelerated Program, *continued*

Jacqueline Liang <sup>S</sup>	Haowen Qu <sup>S</sup>	Sydney Thompson <sup>S</sup>
Alexandr Lilichenko <sup>C</sup>	Elaha Rahimi	Catherine Anne Tien <sup>S</sup>
Nancy Lin <sup>S</sup>	Ashley Delores Raman <sup>S</sup>	Elizabeth Trafton <sup>M</sup>
Holly Liu	Natalia Ramirez	Jennifer Trinh
Jacob Martinson	Natali Ramos	Loan Truong <sup>M</sup>
Anna Martynyuk <sup>S</sup>	Sevil Rao <sup>M</sup>	Tenzin Tsering
Kaylin Jean McClure <sup>S</sup>	Farrah A. Regalado <sup>M</sup>	Lillian Kay Unti
Randell Rubio Meneses	Julia Rey Regalado	Jose Isauro Valencia
Lauren Miyamoto <sup>S</sup>	Xiaotong Ren	Maria Ysabel Valenzuela <sup>M</sup>
Enrique Mojica <sup>S</sup>	Marielle de los Angeles Riesgo <sup>S</sup>	Chue Feng Anthony Vang
Katherine Morris <sup>S</sup>	Danna Juarez Rios <sup>S</sup>	Ka Lor Vang
Ashleigh Moss <sup>S</sup>	Gretchen Emily Roderick <sup>S</sup>	Maria D. Vazquez <sup>C</sup>
Marisa Mulkey <sup>S</sup>	Katherine Rodriguez	King Paul Deo Villegas <sup>C</sup>
Gabriel Nolan A. Nazareno <sup>M</sup>	Shannon Rohe <sup>M</sup>	Nataliya Vladov <sup>M</sup>
Christy Nghe <sup>M</sup>	Tina Marie Romero-Herrero	Alyssa White
Nhu Ngo <sup>S</sup>	Sou Saelee <sup>S</sup>	Richard Wilkinson
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# 2023 doctor of nursing practice projects

## Graciela Maria Arevalo Andaluz

Implementation of the Enhanced Recovery after Surgery (ERAS) Guideline for Cesarean Delivery at a County Hospital Birth Center

## Lindsay Bloom

Implementation of a Public Health, Nurse-led Training Course Increases Well Child and Dental Appointments for Foster Youth

## Joanna Marie Corpuz Bolosan

Educating Medical Assistants About Advance Care Planning Improves Their Self-Efficacy in Discussing POLST and AD Forms with Patients

## Christina Ann Bomar

Case Manager Helps with the Reduction of ED/IP Stays

## Lenee Joy Bañaga Cayabyab

Utilization of an Injection Safety Tool in Aesthetic Medicine

## Farnaz Nosheen Chaudhary

Standardized Total-Knee Orthopedic Workflow

## Jared Joseph Domaguino

Improving Vaccine Hesitancy and Overall Vaccine Rates

## Sabreena Kaur Gadiok

Nursing Burnout

## Ewan Ho

Testing the Reliability and Validity of Patient Classification Systems: Epic Acuity

## Kristen Colleen Lee

Cultural Competence Re-training Education To Enhance a Nurse's Self-Efficacy And Confidence To Initiate End of Life Care Conversations Involving Cultural Practices.

## Andrea Elisa Martin

Does Increasing the Number of Young Adults Receiving Healthcare Referrals at Places of Worship Reduce Stress?

## Melissa Rumsey McGlinchey

Body Dysmorphic Disorder Screening in Aesthetic Medicine

## Karen Orbeta

Educating Medical Assistants About How Advance-Care Planning Improves Their Self-Efficacy in Discussing POLST and AD Forms with Patients

## Iva Patel

Increasing the Rate of Pneumococcal Vaccinations in an Urgent Care Setting

## Anna Polishchuk

Enhancing Nurse Self-Efficacy in Assessing for Medication Adherence Barriers in Patients on Home Health Services: Quality Improvement Project

## Yongli Qiu

Implementing Milestones Communication Approach To Reduce Emergency Department Visits

## Walena Marie Caridad Rochester

Enhanced Simulation To Improve Self-Efficacy in Preeclampsia Management

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Implementation of Virtual Behavioral Training To Improve Sleep in Children with ADHD

## Kristoffer Bern Arienza Soguilon

Assessing Motivation and Job Satisfaction with the Implementation of Self-Care Activities: A Quality Improvement Project

## Olivia Faye Stout

The Implementation of a Post-Discharge Home Care Nurse Visit and its Effect on 30-Day Readmission Rates in the Older Adult Population

## Sydney Nicole Thomson

Fall Prevention: Intentional Rounding

## Kaylee Lin Wai Akemi Wada

Impact of a Nurse Peer Mentorship Program on Job Satisfaction and Intent To Stay in the Post Anesthesia Care Unit (PACU)

## Natalie Anne Pennell

Evidence-based education and training session regarding screening for urinary incontinence

## Stephanie Diane Wallace

Evaluating the Impact of Pediatric Massive Transfusion Protocol (MTP) Education on ER Nurses' Confidence, Competence, and Knowledge

## Melissa Z. Wong

IBT Weight Loss in the Obese Older Adult

## Gina Youn

Improving Vaccination Rates with the Four Pillars Immunization Toolkit in an Independent-Living Facility



# DR. SAMUEL MERRITT

## A BRIEF BIOGRAPHY

**SAMUEL MERRITT, MD** was born in 1822 in Harpswell, Maine, and graduated from the Medical School of Maine at Bowdoin College. After practicing medicine in Plymouth, Massachusetts for three years, Dr. Merritt joined the great migration of 1849 to California. Here he made his fortune as a businessman and his reputation as one of the leading founders of the Bay Area.

When Dr. Merritt died 40 years later in 1890, the Oakland Tribune called him the man most prominent in the establishment and building of the City of Oakland. He had touched every aspect of public life here, serving as the thirteenth Mayor of Oakland, and one of the original Regents of the University of California. Dr. Merritt played a significant role in the creation of Lake Merritt and the construction of the Oakland Public Library and City Hall. As the first president of the Mountain View Cemetery, he continued the establishment of Samuel Merritt Hospital and the training school for nurses that has now evolved into Samuel Merritt University.

Dr. Merritt died before Samuel Merritt Hospital and its school were built. However, his fortune and forward thinking made the founding of the institution possible. Today the women and men who carry on his mission — as students, faculty, and staff — are looking ahead to the next one hundred years. The transformation of Samuel Merritt University in the twenty-first century continues the tradition started long ago by this extraordinary individual who had a mighty vision for the quality and well-being of the East Bay community.



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The history of the academic dress worn by those participating in the graduation processional reaches far back into the early days of the oldest universities. The academic costume consists of the gown, hood, cap, and tassel. The hoods worn by the participants are lined with the official color or colors of the college or university from which they received the degree. The edging of the hood is in widths of two inches, three inches, and five inches for the bachelor's, master's, and doctor's degrees, respectively. The color of the hood edging is indicative of the subject to which the individual's degree pertains. For all academic ceremonies the colors associated with the different subject areas are as follows:

DEGREE	COLOR	DEGREE	COLOR
Agriculture	Maize	Music	Pink
Arts/Letters	White	<b>Nursing</b>	<b>Apricot</b>
Commerce/Business	Drab	<b>Occupational Therapy</b>	<b>Green</b>
Oratory	Silver Gray	Dentistry	Lilac
Pharmacy	Olive Green	Philosophy	Dark Blue
Economics	Copper	Physical Therapy	Teal
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