



Western University
OF HEALTH SCIENCES



WesternU's

Annual Report on Giving

2022





Mission

To produce, in a humanistic tradition, health care professionals and biomedical knowledge that will enhance and extend the quality of life in our communities.

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- \$1.8M Scholarships
- 395 Total Scholarships Awarded
- 1,079 Students Graduated

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Thank you, WesternU alumni, friends, and donors!

What an incredible year we have had - all thanks to you!

Every year, we are touched by the support that comes from people like you. Your continued engagement with WesternU creates positive change that transforms lives within and outside of the boundaries of our campuses.

This year, however, was an especially eventful one. It marked the return of our students, faculty, and staff to campus, and the return of in-person commencement ceremonies. It also welcomed the next generation of leadership at WesternU with the arrival of our new President, Robin Farias-Eisner, and the well-deserved retirement of a few college deans who have contributed so much to the legacy of our beloved University.

Also in the past year, significant progress was made in our endeavor to transform WesternU into a bright beacon of hope for students and communities alike. Thanks to you:

- 395 scholarships totaling \$1.8 million were awarded to help more students fulfill their promise of becoming compassionate, caring health care providers
- 1,079 students celebrated their hard work and commitment as they walked the stage to receive the degrees they worked so hard for, bringing our total alumni count to over 20,000
- WesternU created the largest scholarship endowment in our history - \$6 million total - In an effort to help remove financial barriers for students from lower socio-economic backgrounds and increase student diversity in graduate health sciences and the health professions workforce

This, and so much more, has only been possible with your unwavering support. The report you are about to explore is a testament to the impact your generosity has had on WesternU. It includes stories and quotes that reflect what you make possible - which we sincerely hope you enjoy.

You may have noticed the name change as well to The Gratitude Report - and this is very intentional. We want to make sure that you are aware of just how grateful we are for you.

Thank you to those members of the UA team who contributed so much to our success but are no longer with the University, especially Diane Abraham, who led the University Advancement department to record-breaking heights in her final year at WesternU.

On behalf of the students and communities whose lives you continue to transform, thank you.

YOUR UNIVERSITY ADVANCEMENT TEAM.

Testimonials

WesternU students and alumni appreciate all who support their education. Read about the impact scholarships have made in their education and in their lives. Your contributions continue to leave a lasting impact on our current and future healers.

“I just want thank the gracious donors who have blessed me with this gift. While at WesternU, I was part of the Pomona Homeless Outreach Program, served as Public Health Director for the Get Up and Move Health Fair, and participated in programs to empower the surrounding youth who are involved in health care. I matched in Family Medicine at Ventura County Medical Center, ready to be a well-rounded physician who can care for patients in any setting.”

TUMI OLUDEMI, COLLEGE OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE OF THE PACIFIC, CLASS OF 2023

“This scholarship means a lot to me, as it has provided me with the validation of my hard work and dedication that I have put into these past few years. This is the first scholarship I have received, and I feel very honored and proud to represent WesternU. I am very grateful and appreciative of the scholarship, and I hope that you continue to recognize future students for their achievements.”

TRAN MY NGUYEN, COLLEGE OF PHARMACY CLASS OF 2024

“Promoting diversification and representation in the medical community is something I will continue as I begin my career, and I strive to help bridge the gap between mistrust of under-represented communities and the medical community. My hope and goals as I enter this new chapter in my career is to serve disadvantaged communities, a goal I will be able to attain thanks to the generosity of the WesternU community.”

HEATHER KNIGHT, COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES ALUMNA CLASS OF 2022

“My experiences within health care have all solidified my passion and determined aspirations set on aiding the underserved on a global scale. It is my hope to be an integral part of the community in which I reside. I plan to continuously challenge myself to learn and engage in higher management and leadership responsibilities. I believe that WesternU’s pillars and curriculum will instill in me the proper training and preparation to develop progress toward these long-term goals.”

BASIL MUBARKEH, COLLEGE OF OPTOMETRY CLASS OF 2024

“As a recipient of this scholarship, I will continue to uphold my strong commitment to service and working with communities in need. I aspire to increase access to excellent care and advocate for patients in underserved populations in hopes to bridge the disparities in our health care system. Thank you again for helping me achieve my goals!”

CHRISTOPHER NGUON, COLLEGE OF DENTAL MEDICINE ALUMNUS CLASS OF 2022

“Your generous scholarship is going to positively impact my life in so many ways. I am so grateful for your generosity and will be forever thankful to you and your family. I hope one day I am also able to bless a student’s life through a scholarship just like you have blessed my life. Thank you so much once again.”

ARJINA BOODAGHIAN, COLLEGE OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE OF THE PACIFIC CLASS OF 2025

Give the Gift of Hope. For our Students. For our Communities.

Our students’ education isn’t solely based on learning new skills. We teach them to see the person sitting across from them, the families affected, and the communities impacted. If you believe in bringing humanism back to health care, we’d love your support.

MAKE A GIFT (<https://alumnifriends.westernu.edu/giving/make-a-gift>)

LEGACY GIVING (<http://westernulegacy.org>)

GET INVOLVED (<https://alumnifriends.westernu.edu/get-involved>)

WESTERNYOU WEBINARS (<https://alumnifriends.westernu.edu/benefits-/benefits-westernyou-webinars>)

The Transformative Impact of Humanism

As you already know, the value of Humanism is what makes WesternU so unique. In health care practice, it's about connecting with the patient and treating them as a whole person (or animal) and not just their ailment. In education, it's about teaching students not only the knowledge and skills, but also compassion and caring. And at WesternU, it's about the support we receive from people like you—who make up our loyal community and give us hope for a better tomorrow. Below are just some stories of impact made possible thanks to your support.

HEALTH CARE FOR ALL

WesternU College of Optometry Graduate Returns to the Navajo Nation as a Health Care Provider

COLLEGE OF OPTOMETRY

Western University of Health Sciences College of Optometry graduate Kaydee McCray, OD '22, MSMS '15, a member of the Navajo (Diné, Naabeehó) people, began a residency in ocular disease/primary care at the Gallup Indian Medical Center in Gallup, New Mexico, on the border of the Navajo Nation.

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REMOVING BOUNDARIES AND EXPANDING OUR IMPACT

College of Podiatric Medicine Provides Foreign-Educated Doctors a Pathway to Practice in the U.S.

COLLEGE OF PODIATRIC MEDICINE

Western University of Health Sciences' College of Podiatric Medicine developed a program that is making dreams come true and fulfilling lifelong ambitions of helping others. The College of Podiatric Medicine developed the Doctor of Podiatric Medicine Advanced Standing program to provide graduates of foreign medical schools the opportunity to become Doctors of Podiatric Medicine, enter residencies, and practice in the U.S.

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The Transformative Impact of Humanism (Continued)

FRIENDS IMPROVING LIVES TOGETHER

WesternU CPM Alumnus and His Friends Create Foundation to Promote Limb Salvage, Function, and Patient Quality of Life

COLLEGE OF PODIATRIC MEDICINE

Western University of Health Sciences College of Podiatric Medicine (CPM) alumnus Aarron Flowers, DPM '15, and his UC Davis college friends founded the Limb Care Foundation (LCF) to address education, prevention, and treatment of limb care by maximizing the quality of life for individuals who have had or are at risk for limb amputation.

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PROMOTING HEALTH EQUITY

WesternU COMP Students Provide Health Screenings at Juneteenth Event

COLLEGE OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE

Western University of Health Sciences College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific (COMP) students provided free health screenings at the Pomona Valley Juneteenth Jazz and Art Festival at Ganesha Park in Pomona Saturday, June 18, 2022.

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Building Relationships, Inspiring Hope

BUILDING ON A LEGACY OVER FOUR DECADES IN THE MAKING

Relationships are a key component in spreading WesternU's impact. From the graduates who have gone out to make a difference locally and abroad, to the donors and supporters like you, who are steadfast believers in the power of humanistic health care, each of you have contributed to a legacy of compassionate care 40 years in the making. This year, with the return of in-person activities, we reconnected, reminisced, brought renewed hope, and came together to create a better, healthier, future for all.

In fact, a perfect example of this is our second annual WesternU Giving Day. Thanks to the overwhelming support, we far exceeded all expectations in raising money and engaging donors on our campuses and in the communities we serve. So much has happened in the course of one year, and the future has never been brighter!

FUNDRAISING

Second Annual WesternU Giving Day

Western University of Health Sciences raised more than \$300,000 during its Giving Day campaign Sept. 6, 2022. The donations will benefit student scholarships, investment in infrastructure and technology, and expanding services in WesternU's neighboring communities.

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COMMUNITY EDUCATION AND ENGAGEMENT

WesternU's Austin Lecture Examines Unintended Consequences of COVID-19 Mitigation Efforts

Oregon Health & Science University Professor of Pediatrics Judy A. Guzman-Cottrill, DO, served as the keynote speaker for WesternU's Austin Lecture.

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DONOR OUTREACH AND ENGAGEMENT

CHS-Northwest Holds Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony

CHS-Northwest held a Donor Dinner on July 7 and a ribbon cutting and open house on July 9. For both events, the main theme was the importance of community support in making CHS-Northwest a reality.

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Building Relationships, Inspiring Hope (Continued)

PRESERVING PODIATRIC MEDICINE'S BIOMECHANICS LEGACY

WesternU College of Podiatric Medicine to House Endowed Fellowship in Biomechanics

Western University of Health Sciences' College of Podiatric Medicine is developing an endowed fellowship that will provide recent graduates with mentorship and training directly linking them to the foundational pioneers in podiatric biomechanics.

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Student Support

CHARITABLE GIFTS AND GRANTS PROMOTE DIVERSITY AND SUPPORT STUDENTS

WesternU received multiple gifts and grants that will support students, attract a more diverse student body and equip faculty with high-tech learning tools.

FAMILYCARE DONATION

FamilyCare Inc. Will Donate \$22.5 Million to WesternU for a New Behavioral Health College

Western University of Health Sciences will receive a \$22.5 million donation from FamilyCare, Inc., the largest gift in the University's 45-year history. The donation will help WesternU expand the COMP-Northwest campus and launch a behavioral health college in Lebanon, Oregon. Dr. Jeff Heatherington, president of FamilyCare Health and president and CEO of The Heatherington Foundation for Innovation and Education in Health Care, said the Heatherington Foundation will donate 150 acres of land to WesternU to build the new campus.

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ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

WesternU Celebrates First Trustee Scholars

Five impressive and inspiring Western University of Health Sciences students are the first to receive "life-changing" WesternU Board of Trustees scholarships.

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GRANT FUNDING

WesternU CHS-Northwest Awarded M.J. Murdock Charitable Trust Pediatric and Rural Health Care Services Grant

WesternU's College of Health Sciences (CHS)-Northwest received a \$673,000 grant from the M.J. Murdock Charitable Trust of Vancouver, Washington, to support its physical therapy (PT) and occupational therapy (OT) programs in Lebanon, Oregon. The funding will help CHS-Northwest provide hands-on educational opportunities through authentic learning experiences and provide health care services to rural and underserved communities.

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Student Support (Continued)

STUDENT SUPPORT

WesternU College of Dental Medicine Receives \$25,000 Donation from DentaQuest

Western University of Health Sciences' College of Dental Medicine (CDM) received a \$25,000 donation from DentaQuest to support third- and fourth-year students completing externships focused on care for vulnerable populations.

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DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION

WesternU College of Graduate Nursing Receives \$1.64 Million Grant to Increase Nursing Diversity

Western University of Health Sciences' College of Graduate Nursing received a \$1.64 million Strategically Transforming and Advancing Nursing Diversity (STAND) grant from the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) to provide scholarships to underrepresented minority nursing students as well as supportive services to help them succeed.

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CGN AND CHS GRANT

WesternU Receives \$2.5 Million Grant for Nurse Practitioner, PA Training

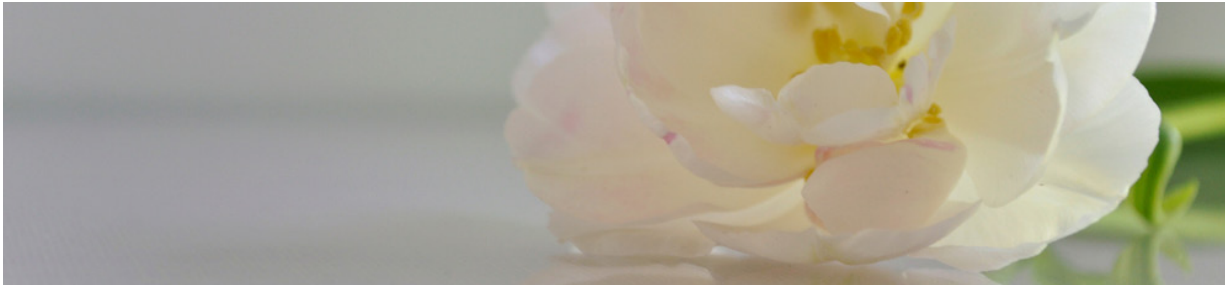
Western University of Health Sciences' College of Graduate Nursing and College of Health Sciences received a \$2.5 million grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) to create the WesternU Integrated Substance Abuse Training Program (WISTP).

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Establishment of Memorial Scholarships

IN MEMORIAM

Three memorial scholarships established in the last 12 months honor the lives and the legacies of faculty, alumni and friends of our University.



Dr. Jessica Pierog Emergency Medicine Endowment



Jessica Pierog, DO '05, (Feb. 22, 1979 - Sep. 20, 2020) was an Orange County native who worked as an attending Emergency Medicine physician at Stanford University Medical Center for nine years before a sudden, unexpected illness took her life. Donations from family and friends were received and used to establish the endowment; and Jessica's parents, James Pierog and Linda Pierog, DNP '12, are working to finalize the award criteria.

Sripriya Upadhyayula Patel Memorial Endowment Fund



Sripriya ("Priya") Upadhyayula Patel, PharmD '22, (Oct. 12, 1988 - Oct. 29, 2021) was a healer by trade and by instinct. Following an early calling to medicine, Priya attended the Sri Ramachandra Institute of Higher Education and Research in Chennai, India, where she earned her Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) degree.

Upon returning to the United States, Priya worked with her father, Ramesh Upadhyayula, to develop and support progressive outpatient initiatives in the independent pharmacy setting. Priya grew a powerful interest and appreciation for pharmacy practice and matriculated at the Western University of Health Sciences College of Pharmacy in 2019 with the goal of earning her Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD) degree and becoming a clinical pharmacist.

Priya was best known for her boundless professional and personal energy, her unique, pretense-busting humor, and her generous and inclusive spirit. She was undeniably memorable, leaving a lasting impression

on everyone who had the fortune of meeting her, and vivifying the lives of her family, friends, classmates, and colleagues.

During her time at WesternU, in addition to her own academic commitments, Priya was a frequent tutor and peer mentor. Priya was also highly involved in student organizations and outreach and was recognized for her tireless advocacy for the pharmacy profession. In addition, Priya was a dedicated and selfless community member who believed staunchly in equitable access to health care. Priya spent much of her free time volunteering on behalf of the underserved, including organizing and conducting vaccine drives for indigent patients. Priya was a leader, an advocate, a colleague, a friend, and—in every sense—a healer; a provider of care.

She is survived by her daughter, Raahi Patel, her husband, Mrunal Patel, her parents, Ramesh and Sujatha Upadhyayula, and the memories kept of her in the College of Pharmacy and the community she so deeply loved. The Sripriya (Priya) Upadhyayula Patel Memorial Endowed Scholarship has been established and will be presented annually to a College of Pharmacy student who, like Priya, has demonstrated exemplary service at the College, University and/or local and state levels, has participated in and displays a commitment to provide opportunities for underrepresented or disadvantaged populations, and has demonstrated a keen interest in the advocacy of the pharmacy profession. With the support of her family and friends, this scholarship will establish a permanent home for Priya's legacy at WesternU. The first \$1,000 scholarship was awarded in spring 2022.

Michael J. Hynds Memorial Endowment



Michael Joseph Hynds, DO '22, (May 17, 1994 - Dec. 16, 2021) originally of Indianapolis, Indiana, made Oregon his home in 2017 when he matriculated at WesternU COMP-Northwest. Extremely dedicated to his studies, Michael took pride in staying in the top 10% of his class and being on the Dean's list year after year. He was active in many club activities, through which his leadership skills emerged.

Michael made a lasting impact on many classmates, junior medical students, faculty and staff. His passing left a deep void in the hearts of his family in Indiana as well as his COMP-Northwest family in Oregon. Truly, Michael never knew a stranger. He dropped in on faculty during open office hours, sometimes to seek greater knowledge and advice and always to thank them for their service and contributions to his education and journey.

Michael was an extraordinarily talented photographer with a keen eye for beauty in the most ordinary places. He generously shared his photography with everyone to enjoy. Many of his photographs grace the hallways of COMP-Northwest.

In his second year, Michael was selected to serve as a Teaching Assistant of the Clinical Medicine and Reason-



ing course where he patiently facilitated the first-year students' learning. Michael frequently gave of his own time to help tutor students in need. He was invested in the success of others just as much as he was committed to his own.

Michael had a driving passion for medicine, developing a strong connection to surgery and had a bright future as a surgeon. Most of all, Michael wanted to serve his patients well. He dazzled his preceptors with impressive medical knowledge, great bedside manner and a natural ability to instantly make patients feel comfortable. Michael also demonstrated the attitude and professionalism that would have made him an exceptional osteopathic physician.

In his memory, and with the support of his family and friends, the Dr. Michael J. Hynds Memorial Scholarship has been established and will be presented annually to a graduating COMP-Northwest student who, like Michael, has high academic achievement and displays both a passion for medicine and leadership in and out of the classroom. Michael was awarded a posthumous degree at the College's Commencement ceremony in Lebanon, Oregon in May 2022.

Michael will forever live in the hearts of all those who were touched by his laughter, humor and kindness; and this scholarship will establish a permanent home for his legacy at COMP-Northwest. Helping other students realize their dreams of becoming a DO would have made him smile. The first \$1,000 scholarship was awarded in spring 2022.

Financial Insights

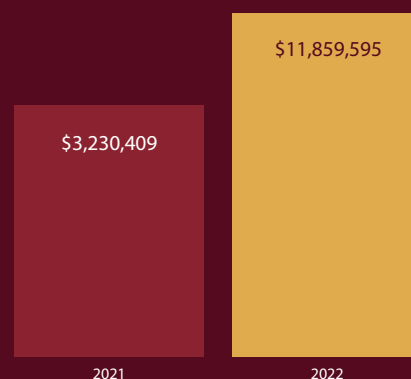
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Student Impact - Scholarships

- \$1.8 million in scholarships awarded
- 395 total scholarships
- 1,079 students graduated

University Advancement Fundraising Comparison

- A 267.12% increase from 2021
- \$2,058,189 for annual fund restricted
- \$3,148,765 for endowment restricted
- \$309,249 gift-in-kind
- \$48,221 for annual fund unrestricted
- \$6,295,171 for capital projects





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