



# Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences

*“Learning to Care for Those in Harm’s Way”*

## 43<sup>rd</sup> Commencement Exercises

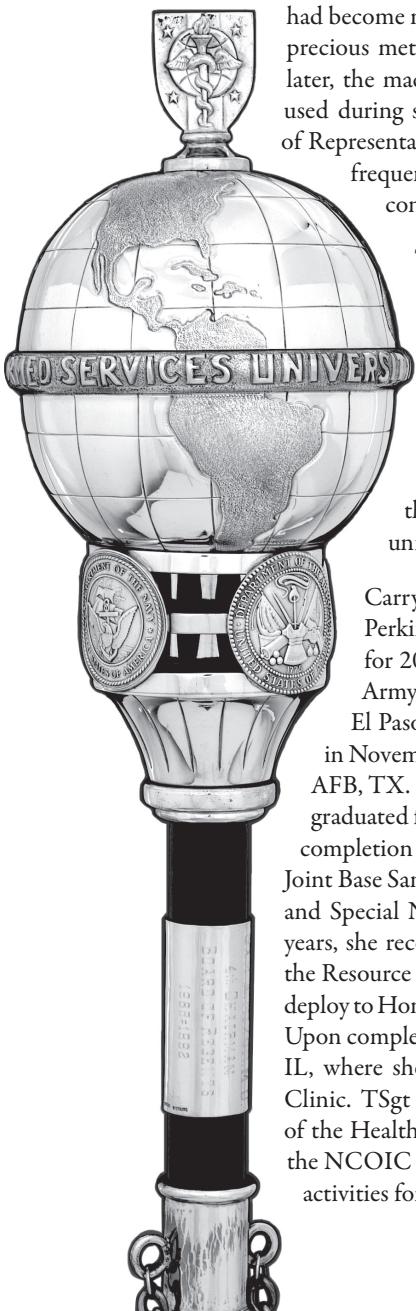
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Saturday, the Twenty-First of May, Two Thousand and Twenty Two



# 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 U.S. Army, Navy, Air Force and 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 Technical Sergeant Karlena M. Perkins. TSgt Perkins was selected as Servicemember of the year for 2021. She was born in Riverside, CA, and was raised as an Army dependent, living in several different locations but calling El Paso, TX, home. She enlisted in the United States Air Force in November 2008 and attended basic military training at Lackland AFB, TX. She then went to Sheppard Air Force Base, TX, where she graduated from technical school as a Health Services Manager. Upon completion of technical school, she received her first assignment to Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph, TX, and worked as a Patient Travel and Special Needs Identification Assignment Coordinator. After five years, she received orders to Kirtland AFB, NM, and was assigned to the Resource Management Office. During this time she was selected to deploy to Honduras as a Joint Operation Medical Planner for six months. Upon completion of her deployment, she received orders to Scott AFB, IL, where she worked as an office manager for the Flight Medicine Clinic. TSgt Perkins reported to the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences in November 2020 and is currently working as the NCOIC of Psychiatry Education, where she directs administrative activities for the School of Medicine Psychiatry Clerkship.

## 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—green, blue, apricot, salmon pink or lilac—resides along the edge and varies according to individual fields of learning.

## THE GOWN

The master's gown at USU is black and untrimmed with long, oblong sleeves, open at the wrist. The doctor's gown—black like the master's—has wide, bell-shaped sleeves and the front is faced with panels of velvet with three bars across each sleeve. The panels and crossbars are the colors agreeing with the binding or edging of the hood: green for medicine, apricot for nursing, lilac for dentistry, blue for doctorates of philosophy and salmon pink for graduates of public health. Faculty members participating in commencement exercises wear the university robe or the regalia of their alma mater. USU's Acting President, Dr. William Roberts, wears the university's gown.

## THE CAP

On the cap—in the shape of a square mortarboard or soft tam—hang tassels. These threads are fashioned to coordinate with the velvet trim of the hood and the paneling and crossbar of the doctor's gown. As degrees are conferred, students often move their tassels 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

GEN ..... General  
LTG..... Lieutenant General  
MG..... Major General  
BG..... Brigadier General  
COL..... Colonel  
LTC..... Lieutenant Colonel  
MAJ..... Major  
CPT..... Captain  
1LT..... First Lieutenant  
2LT..... Second Lieutenant  
SPC..... Specialist

## United States Air Force Ranks

Gen..... General  
Lt Gen.... Lieutenant General  
Maj Gen.. Major General  
Brig Gen . Brigadier General  
Col ..... Colonel  
Lt Col..... Lieutenant Colonel  
Maj..... Major  
Capt..... Captain  
1st Lt..... First Lieutenant  
2nd Lt .... Second Lieutenant  
TSgt..... Technical Sergeant

## United States Navy and/or United States Public Health Service and/or United States Coast Guard Ranks

ADM .....Admiral  
VADM ....Vice Admiral  
RADM....Rear Admiral  
RDML ....Rear Admiral (Lower half)  
CAPT ....Captain  
CDR.....Commander  
LCDR....Lieutenant Commander  
LT .....Lieutenant  
LTJG.....Lieutenant Junior Grade  
ENS .....Ensign  
HM1..... Hospital Corpsman First Class

## United States Marine Corps Ranks

Gen..... General  
LtGen..... Lieutenant General  
MGen..... Major General  
BGen..... Brigadier General  
Col ..... Colonel  
LtCol ..... Lieutenant Colonel  
Maj..... Major  
Capt..... Captain  
1 Lt..... First Lieutenant  
2d Lt ..... Second Lieutenant

## Services and Corps Abbreviations

USA..... United States Army  
USN ..... United States Navy  
USAF..... United States Air Force  
USMC ... United States Marine Corps  
USPHS... United States Public Health Service  
AN ..... Army Nurse Corps  
BSC ..... Biomedical Sciences Corps  
CHC..... Chaplain Corps  
JA/JAG... Judge Advocate General Corps  
MC..... Medical Corps

SP.....Medical Specialist Corps  
MS/MSC.. Medical Service Corps  
NC .....Nurse Corps  
VC..... Veterinary Corps  
DC .....Dental Corps

# Program of Events

## I PRELUDE

### II ACADEMIC PROCESSIONAL

Sergeant-at-Arms  
TSgt Karlena Perkins, USAF

#### 50TH ANNIVERSARY MARSHALS

Banner Bearers  
HM1 Jeffrey Thompson, USN  
and  
SPC Melissa Thompson, USA

The Honorable John H. Dressendorfer  
LTG (Ret) Ronald Blanck, MC, USA  
Edmund G. Howe, MD, JD  
Juanita J. Anders, PhD

#### FACULTY MARSHALS

*F. Edward Hébert School of Medicine*  
Maj Matthew Hawks, USAF, MC  
and  
Joseph Mattapallil, DVM, PhD

*Daniel K. Inouye Graduate School of Nursing*  
Laura Taylor, PhD, RN  
and  
CDR Kennett Radford, NC, USN

*Postgraduate Dental College*  
LCDR Sam Richards, DC, USN  
and  
LCDR Krystal Burns, DC, USN

*College of Allied Health Sciences*  
MSgt Richelle A. O'Brien, USAF  
and  
LT Brian J. Melin, MSC, USN

### III WELCOME AND PRESENTATION OF COLORS

COL Patrick Donahue, MC, USA  
Brigade Commander

### IV NATIONAL ANTHEM

United States Marine Band

**V INVOCATION**

CDR David Alexander, CHC, USN  
Brigade Chaplain

**VI COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS**

The Honorable Gilbert R. Cisneros, Jr.

**VII PRESENTATION OF HONORARY DEGREE**

RADM Susan Orsega, USPHS

**VIII PRESENTATION OF BOARD OF REGENTS AWARDS**

William M. Roberts, MD, MBA  
RADM, MC, USN (Ret)  
Acting President, USU

**Daniel K. Inouye Graduate School of Nursing**

FOUNDED 1993

**IX ESPRIT DE CORPS AWARD**

Carol A. Romano, PhD, RN  
RADM, USPHS (Ret)  
Dean, Daniel K. Inouye Graduate School of Nursing  
and  
COL Angela M. Simmons, AN, USA  
Commandant/Assistant Dean of Student Affairs

**X FACULTY AWARDS**

Dean Romano

**XI PRESENTATION OF THE GRADUATING CLASS**

Dean Romano

**XII CONFERRING OF GRADUATE NURSING DEGREES**

Acting President Roberts  
and  
Dean Romano

**F. Edward Hébert School of Medicine**

FOUNDED 1972

**XIII FACULTY AWARD**

Saibal Dey, PhD  
Associate Dean for Graduate Education

**XIV PRESENTATION OF THE GRADUATE PROGRAMS  
GRADUATING CLASS**

Dean Dey

**XV CONFERRING OF GRADUATE DEGREES**

Acting President Roberts  
and  
Eric Elster, MD  
CAPT, MC, USN (Ret)  
Dean, F. Edward Hébert School of Medicine

**XVI ESPRIT DE CORPS AWARD**

Col Pamela Williams, USAF, MC  
Associate Dean for Student Affairs

**XVII FACULTY AWARDS**

Dean Elster

**XVIII PRESENTATION OF THE DOCTOR OF MEDICINE  
GRADUATING CLASS**

Dean Elster

**XIX ADMINISTRATION OF THE HIPPOCRATIC OATH**

Col Williams

**XX SERVICE SONGS**

United States Marine Band

**XXI CONFERRING OF MEDICAL DEGREES**

Acting President Roberts and Dean Elster

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

MG Telita Crosland, MC, USA  
Deputy Surgeon General of the United States Army

RADM Gayle D. Shaffer, DC, USN  
Deputy Surgeon General of the United States Navy

Lt Gen Robert I. Miller, USAF, MC  
Surgeon General of the United States Air Force

RADM Susan Orsega  
Senior Advisor to the Assistant Secretary for Health and the United States  
Surgeon General

**XXIII BENEDICTION**

Chaplain Alexander

**XXIV ACADEMIC RECESSIONAL**

COMMENCEMENT 2022  
GUEST SPEAKER

**The Honorable Gilbert R. Cisneros Jr.**

Under Secretary of Defense  
for Personnel and Readiness



Mr. Gilbert Cisneros was sworn in as the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness on August 24, 2021. As the Under Secretary, Mr. Cisneros serves as the principal staff assistant and advisor to the Secretary of Defense for force readiness; force management; health affairs; National Guard and Reserve component affairs; education and training; and military and civilian personnel requirements and management, including equal opportunity, morale, welfare, recreation, and quality of life matters.

Mr. Cisneros is a former military officer, philanthropist, veterans advocate, and Member of Congress with national security experience. He was born and raised in Southern California.

Mr. Cisneros enlisted in the United States Navy in 1989 after graduating from high school. He was selected for the Broadened Opportunity for Officer Selection and Training Program and was commissioned as an Officer in the United States Navy in 1994. After 10 years of service, he left the Navy and went to work for Frito-Lay. In 2010, with his wife Jacki, he started The Gilbert & Jacki Cisneros Foundation, focused on helping students find a path to higher education with scholarships and college access programs. He also founded The Cisneros Hispanic Leadership Institute at his alma mater The George Washington University, which not only provides scholarships for Latino students, but is also becoming a leading institute for policy issues that affect the Latino community. Prior to serving in Congress, Mr. Cisneros was a member of the President's Advisory Council for the Arts and a member of the DNC Finance Committee.

A strong advocate for our service members and our veterans, Mr. Cisneros served on both the Armed Services and Veterans' Affairs Committees when he represented CA-39 in the House of Representatives. He championed language in the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) to foster greater diversity in our military officer corps. He fought to address the issue of mental health and suicide amongst both our veterans and service members. After the death of Spc. Vanessa Guillén, he was invited to participate in discussions about the status of Latinos in the Army and helped to introduce the I Am Vanessa Guillén Act to make sexual harassment a crime within the Uniform Code of Military Justice. He has been an advocate for military families on issues of housing, child abuse, and exceptional family members. He is also the co-founder of the Military Transition Assistance Pathway (MTAP) Caucus to support and advocate on behalf of military service members returning to civilian life.

Mr. Cisneros attended college on a Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps (NROTC) scholarship and received a B.A. in Political Science from George Washington University. While in the Navy, he received his M.B.A. from Regis University. At the age of 43, after starting his education foundation, he went back to school using his G.I. Bill and received an A.M. in Urban Education Policy from Brown University.

# DANIEL K. INOUYE GRADUATE SCHOOL OF NURSING

## DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE

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## DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

### φMAJ Tanisha Currie, AN, USA

Dissertation: *"The Effects of Berry Flavonoids on Oxidative Stress in Cultured Microglia and Cardiomyocyte Cells"*

Dissertation Chair: Marguerite E. Engler, PhD, RN, MS, FAHA

### Lisa Perla, PhD, MSN, RN, FNP, CCRN, CCM

Dissertation: *"Assessment of Veterans Affairs Case Management Leadership"*

Dissertation Chair: Neil Grunberg, PhD

### \*φCDR Tony Torres, NC, USN

Dissertation: *"The Effects of Stress on Navy Corpsmen's Performance of Tactical Combat Casualty Care Using Immersive High-Fidelity Simulation"*

Dissertation Chair: Mary B. Engler, PhD, RN, MS, FAHA

### \*φCDR Melissa Troncoso, NC, USN

Dissertation: *"Factors Influencing Eating Behaviors among Active Duty Sailors in Non-Deployed Settings"*

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# F. EDWARD HÉBERT SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

## GRADUATE DEGREES IN THE BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES AND PUBLIC HEALTH

*2021-2022 ACADEMIC YEAR*

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### **Outstanding APRN Uniformed Faculty Award**

*Recipient:* Natasha Best, Lt Col, USAF, NC

### **Outstanding APRN Civilian Faculty Award**

*Recipient:* Jouhayna Bajjani-Gebara, PhD

## Daniel K. Inouye Graduate School of Nursing Student Awards

### **Esprit de Corps Award**

*Recipient:* Announced at Commencement

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.

**Federal Nursing Service Chiefs Award**

*Recipients:* (APRN) CPT Ramesh Gautam, AN, USA  
(PhD) CDR Melissa Troncoso, NC, USN

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

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:* MAJ Mark Cenon, AN, USA

**Adult-Gerontology Clinical Nurse Specialist Program**

*Recipient:* Maj Christy-Ann Mitchell, USAF, NC

**Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Program**

*Recipient:* LCDR Carla Graham, NC, USN

**Registered Nurse Anesthesia Program**

*Recipient:* LT Jeffery Nunez, NC, USN

**Doctorate of Philosophy in Nursing Science Program**

*Recipient:* CDR Tony Torres, NC, USN

**The Henry M. Jackson Foundation Fellowship  
in Medical Sciences Award**

*Recipients:* Bradly M. Bauman  
Molecular and Cell Biology Graduate Program

Mariya A. Prokhorenko  
Neuroscience Graduate Program

## F. Edward Hébert School of Medicine Faculty Awards

### **Carol J. Johns Medal**

*Recipient:* Christopher C. Broder, PhD  
Professor and Chair, Department of Microbiology and Immunology

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.

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

*Recipient:* MAJ Laura Tilley, MC, USA  
Assistant Professor  
Department of Military and Emergency Medicine

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.

### **Outstanding Civilian Educator Award**

*Recipient:* Guinevere Granite, MS, MA, PhD  
Associate Professor  
Department of Surgery

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

*Recipient:* Andrew L. Snow, PhD  
Associate Professor  
Department of Pharmacology and Molecular Therapeutics

## F. Edward Hébert School of Medicine Student Awards

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### **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 Alex Dunaway, MC, USN  
ENS Molly Kuenstler, MC, USN  
2LT Alex Yang, MS, USA

### **AMSUS, The Society of Federal Health Professionals Award**

This award is presented to the 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.

*Recipient:* ENS Elan Bresslour-Rashap, MC, USN

### **Air and Space Forces Association**

*Recipient:* 2nd Lt Briana Pompa-Hogan, USAF, MSC

### **Association of the Army**

*Recipient:* 2LT Karissa Sealey, MS, USA

### **Navy League**

*Recipient:* ENS Brelahn Wyatt, MC, USN

## **Surgeons General Awards**

The Surgeons General Awards are presented by the four surgeons general (U.S. 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 Gabreille Falco, MS, USA

### **U.S. Navy Surgeon General's Award**

*Recipient:* ENS Karolina Serhan, MC, USN

### **U.S. Air Force Surgeon General's Award**

*Recipient:* 2nd Lt Hannah Brink, USAF, MSC

### **U.S. Public Health Service Surgeon General's Award**

*Recipient:* ENS Abigail Hawkins, USPHS

## Academic and Military Recognition

### **Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society \***

Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society recognizes excellence in scholarship and the highest ideals in the profession of medicine. AΩA 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 (GHHS) recognizes students who are exemplars of compassionate patient care. GHHS members are peer-nominated and are the ones their fellow students say they would want taking care of their own family. 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 \***

Sigma Theta Tau (STTI) 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 STTI.

### **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 Troop Proficiency Badge, 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 forsown.”

