

The Presidential inauguration of
Christopher Cassirer, Sc.D., M.P.H.
and the

135th Commencement Convocation
of the College of Chiropractic

November 21, 2014



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Health Sciences University

President's Message

On behalf of the entire Northwestern community, I wish to congratulate you on the achievement of your academic goals, as you embark on your professional life. You are joining a very prestigious community of alumni in the health professions who are practicing across the United States and in many different parts of the world.

As many of you know, we are in a time of great transformation in health care and there is no better time to be entering the health professions. I strongly believe that your educational experience and professional development at Northwestern Health Sciences University has prepared you to offer patients and families high quality, alternative, and more conservative healthcare options.

Commencement marks an important milestone on your professional journey and a special moment in your life and career. It is time for celebration, reflection and a chance to enjoy the results of your hard work, dedication, and a commitment to becoming a health care leader and professional in your chosen field.

As you walk across the stage today, I hope you will take a moment to reflect on your accomplishments, to think about the great faculty and staff at Northwestern who have been a part of your journey and to remember all of the family and friends who have helped you along the way. We are all one big family at Northwestern and are here to celebrate your success!

Please know that we will continue to stay in contact with you and will always be glad to provide you with counsel and guidance as you progress through your career. Please stay involved with Northwestern through your alumni association and let us know how we can support you.

Together we can share our passion to help people live healthier lives.

Best wishes for a long and prosperous professional life and career,



Chris Cassirer, Sc.D., M.P.H.
President and CEO



Commencement & Inauguration Program

PRELUDE

OPENING OF CEREMONY Emily J. Tweed, Ph.D.
*Vice President of Student Affairs and
Enrollment Management*

ORDER OF THE PROCESSION Processional March
The audience will stand for the procession.

Chiropractic Graduates

Faculty

Academic Institution Delegates

President's Cabinet

Board of Trustees

Platform Party

NATIONAL ANTHEM "The Star-Spangled Banner"
Robin Cain and Phil Kadidlo

INAUGURAL CEREMONY *Please see program insert.*

OPENING OF COMMENCEMENT Emily J. Tweed

DEAN'S GREETING Michael R. Wiles, D.C., M.Ed., M.S., F.C.C.S.(C)
*Acting Dean, College of Chiropractic
Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs*

STUDENT GREETING Joseph M. Cotton
The Graduating Class



Presidential Inauguration Ceremony

GREETING David E. Peterson, D.C.
Chair, Board of Trustees

**INVESTITURE OF
CHRISTOPHER CASSIRER** David E. Peterson

**PRESENTATION OF THE
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**INTRODUCTION OF
THE PRESIDENT** David E. Peterson

PRESIDENTIAL GREETING Christopher Cassirer, Sc.D., M.P.H.
President and CEO

KEYNOTE ADDRESS Bertice Berry, Ph.D.

**PRESENTATION OF
HONORARY DEGREE** Christopher Cassirer



Northwestern Health Sciences University welcomes

Delegates Representing Colleges and Universities

1857
UPPER IOWA UNIVERSITY
Kurt Wood, D.C.
Provost

1893
CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY - ST. PAUL
Eric LaMott, Ph.D.
Senior Vice President and
Chief Operating Officer

1904
UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN STATES
Patrick Bowne, Ed.D.
Vice President of Enrollment and
Student Services

1905
ST. CATHERINE UNIVERSITY
Penelope Moyers, Ed.D.
Dean of the Henrietta Schmoll School
of Health and Graduate College

1906
NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF HEALTH SCIENCES
Randy Swenson, D.C.
Vice President for Academic Services

1919
NEW YORK CHIROPRACTIC COLLEGE
Michael Mestan, D.C., Ed.D.
Executive Vice President and Provost

1935
LOGAN UNIVERSITY
Clay McDonald, D.C., M.B.A., J.D.
President

1968
NORMANDALE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Joyce Ester, Ph.D.
President

1974
LIFE UNIVERSITY
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Awarding of Academic Degrees

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CONFERRING OF DEGREES

Christopher Cassirer, Sc.D., M.P.H.
President and CEO

**DOCTOR OF CHIROPRACTIC
AWARDING OF ACADEMIC HONORS**

Christopher Cassirer

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES

Michael R. Wiles

CONFERRING OF DEGREES

Christopher Cassirer

PLACING OF HOODS

Mary M. Tuchscherer, Ph.D., D.C., M.S.
John B. Wolfe Jr., D.C., J.D.

**ADMINISTRATION OF
CHIROPRACTIC OATH**

Renée M. DeVries, D.C., D.A.C.B.R.
Faculty Senate President

Following the oath the audience will stand.

CLOSING OF COMMENCEMENT

Emily J. Tweed

RECESSIONAL MARCH

*Following the ceremony, a reception will be held
in the Kellogg Lobby at the St. Paul RiverCentre.*



Keynote Speaker



Bertice Berry, Ph.D.

Sociologist, and award winning lecturer Bertice Berry, Ph.D., is one of the most sought after lecturers in the country. She combines her skills as a sociologist and researcher with her ability to make her audiences think and laugh at the same time.

She is the best selling author of the inspirational memoir, *I'm On My Way, But Your Foot Is On My Head*. She has also published four best selling novels and two humor books. Her latest book,

A Year to Wellness and Other Weight Loss Secrets is a personal journey of healing and wellness that resulted in a weight loss of 150 lbs. "Those who care a lot, carry a lot," says Berry.

Berry is most proud of becoming an instant mother to her five adopted children. "They really are my blessing in disguise," Berry says, "I'm just waiting for them to take the costumes off."

You'll laugh, you'll feel, you'll be inspired, and one thing is for certain—you'll leave much differently than you came.



Dr. Christopher Cassirer Northwestern Health Sciences University

Northwestern Health Sciences University is pleased to introduce Dr. Christopher Cassirer, ScD, MPH as its seventh president and Chief Executive Officer. Dr. Cassirer joins the Northwestern family from National Louis University where he served as Dean of the College of Management and Business, and the College of Arts and Sciences. Dr. Cassirer's experience in higher education both as an educator and in executive leadership roles is deep and accomplished. He brings a unique perspective to our University, having previously served in both non-profit and for-profit environments.

Dr. Cassirer is the first in his family to attend and finish college as well as graduate school, and was a postdoctoral fellow in public health at The Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health at The Johns Hopkins University, where he also earned a doctor of science in public health. He received a master of public health degree from Yale University's School of Medicine and a bachelor of arts in psychology from Rutgers University. After teaching at Johns Hopkins, he was appointed associate professor and endowed chair of health care management at the University of Minnesota. Following this work, he was an associate professor and director of experiential learning in the master of health administration program at The George Washington University.

After gaining insight and experience within traditional higher education environments, Dr. Cassirer joined Capella University, initially as faculty director and Dean of the School of Human Services until his appointment in May of 2008 as President of Capella's \$500 million enterprise.

With experience throughout his career leading faculty and administration through strategic and operational planning processes, developing new academic and professional programs, working through program and university accreditation processes, and successfully leading higher education institutions to achieve significant financial and academic results during complex and challenging times, Dr. Cassirer is the ideal executive to join and lead Northwestern Health Sciences University to its next phase of growth.





135th Commencement Convocation

College of Chiropractic

College of Undergraduate Health Sciences

Class of November 21, 2014

Bachelor of Science in Human Biology Degree Recipients

College of Undergraduate Health Sciences

Trisha Lee Augustine	Jonathan James Frank McCune
Shanti Beard	Ryan Wade Nolte
Michael Daniel Branitski	Ashley Marie Parrington
Kolby Robert Condos	Sonny James Radenic
Kayla Beth Ellison	Tanae Alise Romportl
Mark Gjengdahl	Benjamin Josphe Sevlie
Tyler Paul Hanson	Christine Stettnichs
Robert Hennen	Sara R. Van Erem
Kevin R. Holman	Paige Anne Vierkandt
Nicholas Scott Johnson	Ryan William Waddell
Andrew B. Krueger	



Doctor of Chiropractic Degree Recipients

College of Chiropractic Graduating Class

Hilary Charlotte Alweis +	Mark Gjengdahl
Trent Michael Anderson +	Denise Marie Hall
Dana E. Asplund	Tyler Paul Hanson
Trisha Lee Augustine	Stephanie Patricia Kathleen Hardy
Shanti Beard +	Sandy Glenn Harrison
Carrie Joy Belleson	Daniel Stephen Hawkins
Alycean Maryrae Bergh +	Travis Michael Helmers
Thad Christopher Betzold	Matthew Hendricks
Lukas John Biermaier +	Robert Hennen
Nichole Lynn Block	Shelby Ann Henriksen
Carey Ann Bohman	Katherine Mary Hickey
Michael Daniel Branitski	Kevin R. Holman
Blake A. Bredeson	Stefanie Ann Husemann
Stephanie Lynn Brueggen +	Steven Thomas Huybrecht
Michael Thomas Carlson	Alexandra Lee Johnson
Dajana Vidovic Condos	Nicholas Scott Johnson
Kolby Robert Condos	Alex Jolly +
Joseph McLean Cotton	Andrea Lee Jurgensen +
Edward Anthony Cox IV	Jacob Thomas Jurgensen +
Parker Charles Dahlgren +	Sunjot Khinda
Kayla Beth Ellison +	Cody E. Kirkpatrick
Virginia Jean Faulkner	Timothy Scott Klesk
Alyssa Joy Fischbach +	Benjamin Adam Knight
Justin Reed Foell	Craig Donald Kohout +
Desiree Shelby Frasier	Julia Grace Konstant
Trent Matthew Frisch +	Cody Lee Kruckenberg
Madeline R.S. Gail	Andrew B. Krueger
Rebecca Mae Gervais-Larson +	Caitlin Gabrielle Landerholm +

+ Denotes recipients for the degree of Doctor of Chiropractic with Honors



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Amanda Kay Schmidt	

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College of Chiropractic Academic Honors

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Gregory Stanford Michals
Sonny James Radenic
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B. Med.	Bachelor Medicine (China)
B.S.	Bachelor of Science
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F.I.C.C.	Fellow of the International College of Chiropractic
J.D.	Juris Doctor
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LL.B.	Bachelor of Laws
L.P.N.	Licensed Practical Nurse
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M.A.E.	Master of Arts in Education
M.A.O.M.	Master of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine
M.A.S.S.	Master of Applied Social Science
M.Ac.	Master of Acupuncture
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M.Ed.	Master of Education
M.F.A.	Master of Fine Arts
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M.M.A.	Master of Management and Administration
M.Om.	Master of Oriental Medicine
M.P.H.	Master of Public Health
M.Phil.	Master of Philosophy
M.S.	Master of Science
M.S.Ac.	Master of Science in Acupuncture
M.S.O.M.	Master of Science in Oriental Medicine
M.S.T.O.M.	Master of Science in Traditional Oriental Medicine
N.C.T.M.B.	National Certification in Therapeutic Massage and Bodywork
N.D.	Doctor of Naturopathic Medicine
N.S.C.A.	National Strength and Conditioning Association
Pharm.D.	Doctor of Pharmacy
Ph.D.	Doctor of Philosophy
R.N.	Registered Nurse
Sc.D.	Doctor of Science
S.P.H.R.	Senior Professional in Human Resources
T.C.M.D.	Traditional Chinese Medicine Doctor (China)



Academic Regalia

The design and heraldry of academic attire date back to approximately the 12th century when universities were taking form. It's believed that the attire was the dress of a cleric because scholars had taken minor orders or vows. The dress may have also served another purpose—it provided warmth.

Our graduates display their academic achievements by wearing hoods at the commencement along with gowns and caps. The hood is lined with one or more chevrons. The colors of the hood represent the University and degree earned by the student. The College of Chiropractic colors are green and gold. Green symbolizes healing or medicine and golden yellow symbolizes science. Placing of the hood symbolizes entry of the candidate into the rights and responsibilities of the profession.

It's also customary for the University's leadership to wear academic attire. This is an outward sign of bringing together students as privileged persons under the same discipline.



Symbolism of the University Seal

The design of the Northwestern Health Sciences University seal is rooted in its traditions, history and mission since its founding in 1941.

- The circular shape expresses the unity and shared mission of the University's colleges and clinics.
- The shield represents the resilience and strength of the body, nurtured by natural healthcare providers.
- The crown symbolizes excellence in education, patient care, research and community involvement.
- The pine tree and North Star are natural symbols closely associated with Minnesota and derived from the state's Great Seal.
- The griffin symbolizes the academic virtues – wisdom and intelligence, represented by the eagle, and strength and bravery, signified by the lion.
- The Rod of Asclepius represents medicine and healing. It originated in Greek mythology and is associated with the god of healing.
- Scientia is Latin for “knowledge.”



Northwestern Health Sciences University

Established 1941

Northwestern Health Sciences University's roots of educational excellence trace back to 1941 with the founding of Northwestern College of Chiropractic by Dr. John B. Wolfe, a civil engineer turned doctor of chiropractic. Dr. Wolfe's vision and dedication ultimately gave rise to an institution of higher learning with a reputation for excellence in educating healthcare professionals, producing exceptional clinical research and providing outstanding patient care.

In 1964, expansion was needed to accommodate enrollment growth and the institution moved from its original location in downtown Minneapolis to a new campus on Park Avenue, and in 1974, to an even larger campus in St. Paul. In 1983, Northwestern moved to its current location on a 25-acre campus in Bloomington. The new facility provided students with all the amenities of a university, including laboratories, classrooms, a library, public clinics, and services to create a rich student life.

Growing consumer interest in natural therapies, including acupuncture and massage therapy, prompted leadership to actively explore adding new degree programs and clinical services. The college became a university in 1999, when it acquired the Minnesota Institute of Acupuncture and Herbal Studies, founded by Minnesota acupuncture pioneer Edith R. Davis. The School of Massage Therapy was established the following year, making Northwestern one of the first academic institutions to offer multiple natural healthcare programs.

Since 1991, the Wolfe-Harris Center for Clinical Studies has been the locus of research in the institution, and the Center for Healthcare Innovation and Policy was formed in 2010 to serve as the advocacy and public policy voice of the University. In 2013, Northwestern's role as a thought leader again expanded with the formation of the H.C. Sweere Center for Clinical Biomechanics and Applied Ergonomics, and in 2014, by establishing the Human Performance Center, which offers specialty clinical services in sports injury prevention and treatment, and advanced rehabilitation.

Now offering degrees in acupuncture and Oriental medicine, chiropractic, therapeutic massage, and human biology, Northwestern Health Sciences University serves nearly 900 graduate and undergraduate students, more than 5,600 continuing education students, and has an alumni community of more than 7,500 graduates. Our 280 dedicated faculty and staff provide an engaging and supportive learning environment that includes academic and career counseling, assistance for international students and military veterans, and nearly 50 student clubs and organizations.

As we approach our 75th anniversary in 2016, under the leadership of our seventh president, Dr. Christopher Cassirer, the University is poised for growth in academic programming and pursuit of a new healthcare innovation and research agenda that will contribute to the advancement of health and wellness through integrative care.



Chiropractic Oath

I, do hereby affirm
Before God and these assembled witnesses,
That I will keep this oath and stipulation:

To hold in esteem and respect
Those who taught me this chiropractic healing art;
To follow the methods of treatment
Which, according to my ability and judgment,
I consider for the benefits of my patients;
To abstain from whatever is harmful or unethical;
To stand ready at all times to serve humanity,
Without distinction of race, creed or color.

With purity I will pass my life and practice my art.
I will at all times consider the patients under my care
As of supreme importance.
I will not spare myself in rendering them the help
Which I have been taught to give by my alma mater.
I will keep in confidence
All things revealed to me as a physician.

While I continue to keep this oath unviolated,
May it be granted to me to enjoy life
And the practice of the chiropractic healing art,
Respected by all people at all times.





Thank You

President Christopher Cassirer,
the Board of Trustees, and the graduates
thank you for sharing in the celebration
of Northwestern Health Sciences University's
Seventh Presidential Inauguration
and the 135th commencement convocation
of the College of Chiropractic.



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