

COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM



122ND COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY AND ADDRESS OF
THE COLLEGE OF CHIROPRACTIC, THE COLLEGE OF HEALTH
SCIENCES, AND THE COLLEGE OF BUSINESS AND TECHNOLOGY



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I am honored to welcome each of you to Parker University's graduation ceremony. If you are here today, you have overcome any obstacles between you and a career impacting the lives of others. I applaud you for pursuing a healthcare-related path, and I couldn't be prouder of each of you!

Take a moment to look back over the past few years of your life. Reflect on what you have accomplished here at Parker University because it is no small feat! I encourage you always to continue learning and seeking wisdom for your classmates and peers ... many of whom surround you today! I hope you value the relationships you have made here with students and faculty and that these relationships continue to grow and evolve.

Not only have you gained the education required to succeed, but you have committed to your fellow man to advocate for their health, offer healing in times of pain, and to use your knowledge and specific skillset to make a difference in countless people's lives!

I commend you for your hard work ahead of this exciting graduation ... and for the years of your career to come! Today is the first day of the rest of your life. Make it count! You have the chance now to mold a future that brings you ultimate fulfillment and happiness. As you walk across this stage today, remember the commitment you, as a Parker University graduate, have made to serve others and help make our world a brighter place.

I can't wait to see what the future holds for each of you. Congratulations!



William E. Morgan, DC
President, Parker University and Parker Seminars



CHIROPRACTIC OATH

I do hereby affirm before God
and these assembled witnesses,
that I will keep
this oath and life commitment:

“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 for the highest benefit
of my patient;
to abstain from
whatever is deleterious and unethical,
and to stand ready at all times,
to serve my fellow man,
without distraction 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
to be of supreme importance;
I will not space myself
in providing my patients the care
I have been taught to give
by my Alma Mater;
I will keep inviolate all things
revealed to me as a physician.

While I continue
to faithfully keep this oath,
may it be granted to me
to enjoy life and
the practice of the chiropractic healing art,
respected be all people at all times.”

COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCE & COLLEGE OF BUSINESS AND TECHNOLOGY OATH OF INTEGRITY

I stand at the threshold of my profession with purpose and pride.

I commit to act with integrity in all that I do,
guided by honesty, accountability, and truth.

I will build my character through humility, discipline,
and respect for others.

I pledge to serve with compassion and fairness,
placing the well-being of people and communities above personal gain.

I will listen with empathy, act with courage,
and treat every individual with dignity and respect.

I will strive for excellence and uphold ethical principles.

I will remain a lifelong learner, open to new ideas
and responsible for the impact of my work.

In all my actions, I will honor the trust placed in me
and contribute to a better, more just, and equitable world.

COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

Parker University, built upon the legacy of its flagship Doctor of Chiropractic program, has established itself as a leading comprehensive institution. Parker University provides students, patients, and wellness professionals with the knowledge and health care experiences to realize their full potential through a dedicated focus on education, research, and service.

Empowering Education

Parker University equips its graduates in health sciences, technology, business, and education communities to establish trends in health and wellness through its certificate, associate, bachelor, master, and doctoral degrees. Parker University provides an innovative, learning-centered experience for students through a comprehensive curriculum, highly respected faculty, and family-oriented campus environment.

Research

Parker University seeks to build a culture of research aimed at generating new information and knowledge, enhancing student learning experiences, and improving institutional effectiveness. The institution supports campus and external research initiatives, promotes collaborative efforts, and communicates the results of discovery to those we serve.

Leadership Through Service

For knowledge beyond the degree, Parker University offers opportunities for continual education and peer networking, affording industry professionals exposure to renowned leaders in their fields and the latest developments and advancements in our professions. These opportunities provide our graduates with the knowledge, skills, and attitudes to serve their communities and flourish in their respective careers.

VISION + HISTORY

Parker University, formerly Parker College of Chiropractic, was founded in 1982 by Dr. James W. Parker with the goal of spreading chiropractic worldwide. For more than 40 years, Parker University has prepared thousands of expertly trained wellness professionals to make a positive impact on the lives of others.

In April 2011, Parker announced its transition to university status, marking an enormous achievement for the students, faculty, staff, and alumni who dutifully carried the vision of Dr. Parker into a new millennium.

Through this transition, new opportunities and immeasurable benefits have become available to current students and alumni.

Parker students not only have direct access to an expanded catalog of advanced degree programs such as multiple bachelor's and master's degrees in health and

wellness, as well as our prestigious doctor of chiropractic program, but also benefits from the elevated exposure, visibility, and value of the Parker University degree. The expansion of programs, opportunities, and services offered by Parker University also signals positive growth for our campus, further ensuring the vitality and success of a Parker education for years to come.

Parker graduates are poised to lead the way in the development of health care and wellness education. By providing our students with the tools they need to guide, influence, and integrate with wellness professionals across the health care spectrum, they are entrusted with the singular responsibility of being the vanguard for chiropractic in the 21st century and beyond.

On behalf of the entire Parker University community, we wish our new graduates the very best in all their professional endeavors and stand ready to support them every step of the way.

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WILLIAM E. MORGAN



William E. Morgan is the president of Parker University. Parker is the largest chiropractic campus in the world. Prior to coming to Parker, he practiced in Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, the President's Hospital. He has been credentialed at five hospitals and has served as a consultant to various government executive clinics in Washington, D.C., caring for government leaders. He has served as a consultant to the White House, the United States Congress, the Veterans Administration, the U.S. Navy, and the U.S. Army.

Dr. Morgan has held faculty adjunct appointments in several chiropractic colleges and one medical school. He has attained the rank of full adjunct professor and has completed a comprehensive hospital-based residency. Over the course of two decades, he supervised dozens of physicians, chiropractors, students, physical therapists, dentists, and other specialties in a hospital-based setting. Dr. Morgan has a passion for patient-centered learning and clinical residencies.

ORDER OF COMMENCEMENT

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COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS..... Dr. William E. Morgan
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SALUTATORIAN'S ADDRESS Landry May Gannon

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF PARKER UNIVERSITY

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THE CEREMONIAL MACE

The ceremonial mace is a symbol of university scholarship, tradition, and integrity. It has been used to lead the academic procession at commencement ceremonies since the Middle Ages. The Parker University ceremonial mace was designed and hand-crafted in 2015 by Bill Watson, the founding director of the Center for Teaching and Learning. The mace-bearer is the Faculty Executive Council President.

The three sections of the mace's handle represent the staff/administration, faculty, and students. The beads located along the middle and upper portions of the handle mark the degrees granted by the institution. The upper band, placed near the upper portion of the mace, represents the DC degree and its flagship program. The lower beads represent the Dallas and Irving campuses. The placement of these items along the handle is symbolic. Combined they are needed to support the upper portion of the mace, the pommel, which is representative of the institution's mission and goals. The two sections at the very top of the mace pay homage to the institution's past, present, and future. The lower section symbolizes Parker College (the past), while the upper section represents Parker University (the present and future). The flame at the top is symbolic in that it is "ignited" by the elements included on the mace working in unison to advance the institution's vision.

THE GONFALONS

Ceremonial banners represent Parker University and the colleges that make up the institution. These banners, called gonfalons, are used at commencement as a visible symbol of unity among all colleges. Adorned with the University seal and individual college colors, the college gonfalons mark the entrance of the graduating class during the academic processional. Faculty marshals carry their college's gonfalon to the front and place it in the stand, signifying the presence of that college. Gonfalons for colleges not in attendance remain in their stands, signifying support for the other colleges.

College of Chiropractic – Light Gray

College of Health Science – Kelly Green

College of Business and Technology – Drab Brown

THE CHALLENGE COIN

Everyone receives a Challenge Coin as they cross the stage at Parker University graduation. This token of accomplishment is designed as an item for graduates to represent unity. Originally a military tradition, the coin's meaning originates in Vietnam-era days, requiring the owner to have the coin with them all the time. The coin serves as a reminder of what you have gone through together, the people you have served, and even those who were left behind. Two principles are displayed on the coin – loving service and compassion to serve. At Parker University, the Challenge Coin reminds us that we choose to help others no matter what.

HONOR CORDS

Military Honors: Active duty, reserve, or veterans; Indicated with a red, white, and blue cord.

With Honors: GPA of 3.5-4.0; Indicated with a white cord.
(Undergraduate degrees only)

Research Honors: Successful submission of a research abstract to a conference or journal, and GPA of 3.0 or higher; Indicated with a green and white cord.
(Doctor of Chiropractic Only)

Cum Laude: "With Praise"- GPAs 3.5-3.74; Indicated with a blue cord.
(Doctor of Chiropractic Only)

Magna Cum Laude: "With Great Honor"- GPAs 3.75-3.89; Indicated with a silver cord.
(Doctor of Chiropractic Only)

Summa Cum Laude: "With Highest Praise"- GPAs 3.9-4.0; Indicated with a gold cord.
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Congratulations Graduates!

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Dr. James W. Parker

