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93RD ANNUAL POSTGRADUATE CONVENTION & HOMECOMING

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27 – MONDAY, MARCH 3

2025

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Message from the Alumni Association President



It is my pleasure to welcome you to the 2025 Alumni Postgraduate Convention (APC) and LLU Homecoming! The APC planning committee has curated an exceptional program of continuing education, featuring inspiring keynote speakers, expert panel discussions, and engaging plenary sessions across a range of specialties. Alongside the educational offerings, we are excited to provide an uplifting spiritual experience with daily devotions, mission vespers, and a special Sabbath worship service. APC also offers wonderful opportunities to reconnect with old friends and meet new ones through class reunions and at the APC Gala, where you will have the chance to celebrate with graduating senior medical students and honored alumni.

Marilene Beth Wang '86
President, Alumni Association, School of Medicine of Loma Linda University

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Announcements

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CME Schedule Key

— Session Break
— Lunch Break
— End of Day

PLENARY SESSIONS

All plenary sessions are meeting in the Small Amphitheatre.

LUNCH SCHEDULE

Friday: Lunch | Centennial Complex 1st Floor | 12:15 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Saturday: Haystack luncheon following church | Wong Kerlee & Loma Linda University Church Fellowship Hall
Sunday: Alumni luncheon | Centennial Complex 4th Floor | 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Monday: Alumni/Student lunch | Centennial Complex 4th floor | 11:15 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.

UPDATE YOUR INFORMATION

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APC GALA

The APC Gala will be at the Riverside Convention Center on Sunday night. Social hour is from 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. The formal program is from 7:00 p.m.– 9:00 p.m. **New Location - Raincross Ballroom**

SCHOOL OF MEDICINE POSTERS

We invite you to visit the School of Medicine Student Poster Exhibits on the 4th floor exhibit hall.
Sunday: 10:00 a.m.– 3:00 p.m. & Monday: 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

CME CERTIFICATES

Information on how to obtain certificates from attendance at APC 2025 is included on page 4 of this booklet. For additional questions regarding CME, please contact the CME office at: 909-558-8120

CLASS REUNIONS

Information on specific reunions can be found at www.llusmaa.org/page/2025-class-reunions

REUNIONS



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CME INFORMATION

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OR OVERALL OBJECTIVE

The Annual Postgraduate Convention (APC) is sponsored by the Alumni Association of the School of Medicine of Loma Linda University. This activity is designed to change and diminish the gap between evidence-based medicine and practice.

DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

This program has been planned and implemented in accordance with ACCME Standards for Integrity and Independence. The Loma Linda University School of Medicine Office of Continuing Medical Education relies on its CME faculty to provide program content that is free of commercial bias. Therefore, in accordance with ACCME standards, any faculty and/or provider industry relationships will be disclosed and resolved.

ACCREDITATION STATEMENT

This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the accreditation requirements and policies of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) through the joint providership of Loma Linda University School of Medicine and Alumni Association of the School of Medicine of Loma Linda University. The Loma Linda University School of Medicine is accredited by the ACCME to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

The Loma Linda University School of Medicine designates this Live Activity for a maximum of **19.75 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)TM**. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

CME LIVESTREAMING | www.llusmaa.org/plenary-livestream

INFORMATION

The following CME offerings are available via livestream:

- Plenary Sessions
- Medicine in Review Symposium (Sunday Plenary Sessions)
- Orthopaedic Surgery Symposium
- Surgery Symposium

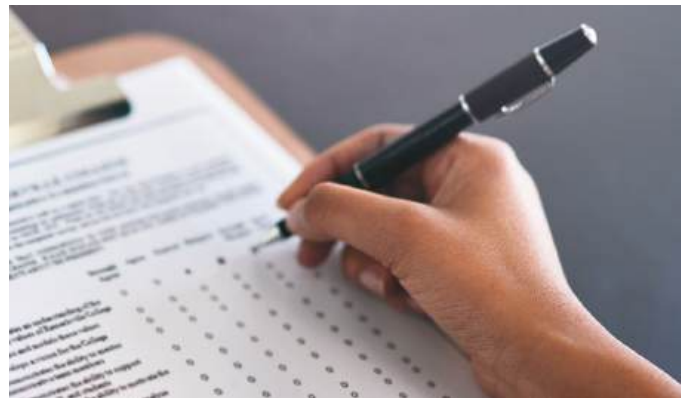
INSTRUCTIONS

To view online:

1. Register for the event at myllu.llu.edu/homecoming/login
2. Visit llusmaa.org/plenary-livestream
3. Log in using your registration credentials
4. Select the sessions you wish to watch
5. Follow the instructions on page 4 to obtain your CME certificate

EVALUATION FORMS

Please complete the APC Speaker Evaluation forms either on the Homecoming App or by using the paper copy provided in your folder. If using the paper form, kindly return it to an Alumni Association staff member at the check-in desk on the 1st floor.



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How to Obtain Your CME Certificate

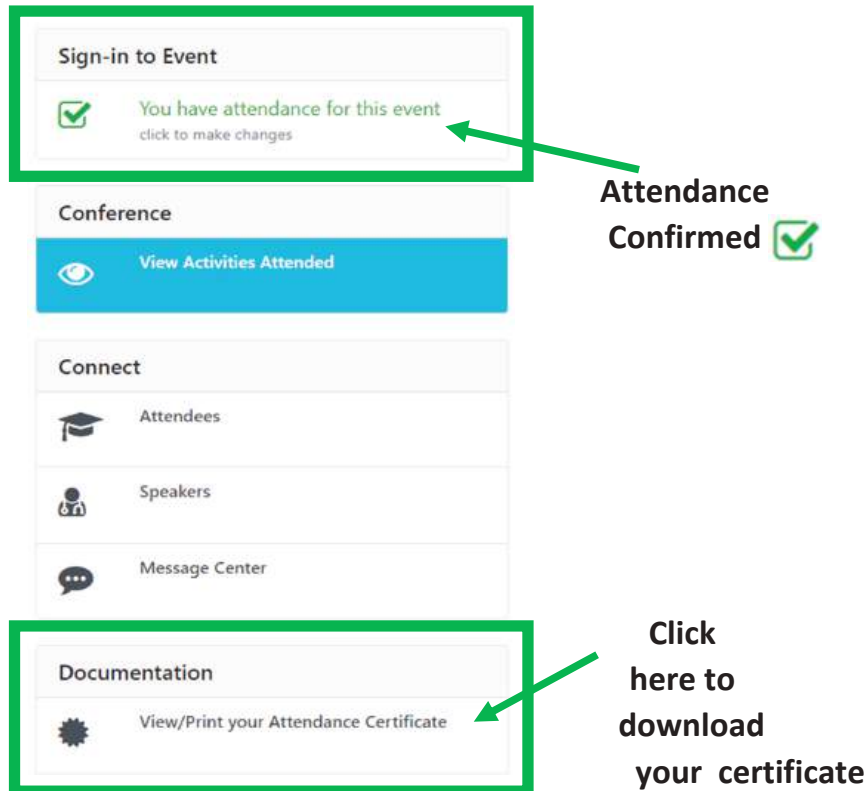
Instructions to confirm your attendance:



1. Please visit: www.eeds.com
2. Click 'Sign Into an Event' at the top
3. Enter the Sign-In Code: **00ZINC**
4. Enter your e-mail address and follow the prompts
5. **Select** the sessions you attended
6. Click 'Sign-In'

Instructions to download your Certificate:

Once you have confirmed your attendance you can download your Certificate, see the image below:



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For help or more information about your CME certificate email cme@llu.edu or call 909-558-4963

Featured Plenary Guest Speakers

Zeno L. Charles-Marcel, MD



Zeno L. Charles-Marcel, MD, is a versatile medical professional with expertise in internal medicine, geriatrics, and diabetology. His career spans clinical practice, health care administration, and academic leadership. Educated at McGill, Howard, and Loma Linda Universities, he co-founded the first U.S. Lifestyle Medicine Fellowship. Charles-Marcel has worked as a medical missionary globally and held key leadership positions in various public and private health systems and institutions. His contributions include peer-reviewed publications, book chapters, and medical and public lectures on diabetes care and chronic disease reversal. Formerly the dean of health sciences at Montemorelos University, he currently serves as director for Adventist Health Ministries. His diverse background reflects a commitment to improving health outcomes through lifestyle interventions and comprehensive, evidence-based medical approaches.

Karen Lebacqz, PhD



Rev. Karen Lebacqz, PhD, taught ethics at the Graduate Theological Union, UC Berkeley, for more than 30 years, with a specialty in bioethics. She served on the National Commission for the Protection of Human Subjects, which authored the Belmont Report, and she chaired the ethics advisory board of the Geron Corporation, which pioneered stem cell research. Her publications include "Justice in an Unjust World;" "Eight Theories of Justice;" "Ethics and Spiritual Care;" and "Sacred Cells? Why Christians Should Support Stem Cell Research." Ordained in the United Church of Christ, she is an active member of Parkside Community Church in Sacramento, California.

Wayne Dysinger, MD, MPH



Wayne Dysinger, MD, MPH, is a lifestyle, preventive, and family medicine physician, serving as chief medical officer of Blue Zones Health. He is a former president of the American College of Lifestyle Medicine, and was the founding chair of both the American and the International Boards of Lifestyle Medicine. A faculty member at Loma Linda University, he teaches, consults, and does research on lifestyle medicine globally. Dysinger is the former chair of Loma Linda University's department of preventive medicine. He also co-founded family and preventive medicine residencies at Dartmouth and in Atlanta, Georgia, and worked at the Guam Seventh-day Adventist Clinic. He is a fellow of multiple medical colleges.

Dawn Mussallem, DO, DipABLM



Dawn Mussallem, DO, DipABLM, is a consultant in hematology oncology at Mayo Clinic, an assistant professor of medicine, chair of Mayo Clinic Employee Wellbeing, and is medical director of Mayo Clinic Florida Humanities in Medicine. Double board-certified, including in lifestyle medicine, she founded the Integrative Medicine and Breast Health Program at Mayo Clinic Florida in 2015, which supports breast cancer patients through lifestyle optimization alongside conventional treatments. Mussallem directs the Lifestyle Medicine Residency Curriculum and leads the Regenerative Farm Project at Mayo Clinic. Additionally, she is on the advisory board for the department of exercise science at Jacksonville University and co-chairs the Blue Zones Jacksonville Steering Committee. She received the 2022 ACP Volunteerism in Medicine Award and the 2021 Marquis Who's Who in America Top Doctor Award.

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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2025

PLENARY SESSIONS



7:45 a.m.
Devotion
Melody-Joy Drummond, MS3



8:00 a.m.
Embracing Changes in our Understanding of Type 2 Diabetes
Zeno L. Charles-Marcel, MD
Adjunct Professor, Loma Linda University
Associate Director, Adventist Health Ministries



9:00 a.m. PROVONSHA LECTURESHIP
A Biblical Base for Bioethics
Karen Lebacqz, PhD
Professor Emerita, Graduate Theological Union
Advisory Council Chair, Loma Linda Center for Christian Bioethics



10:20 a.m.
Job: A Theological Exploration of Shame
Marina F. Garner, PhD
Professor, Loma Linda University



10:45 a.m.
Shame in the Practice of Medicine
Grace Oei, MD
Director, Center for Christian Bioethics
Professor, Loma Linda University



11:15 a.m.
The Cost of Neglect: Cultivating Emotional Health and Resilience in Healthcare Clinicians
Pierre Scott, DMFT
Professor, Loma Linda University



11:40 a.m.
Facilitating Hope Through Accompaniment: The Role of Community Health Workers in Empowering Vulnerable Patients
Yi-Shen Ma, PhD
Professor, Loma Linda University

12:05 p.m.
Emotions and Healthcare - Implications for Patient Care Panel



1:00 p.m.
Lifestyle Medicine, Blue Zones, and the Changing of Health Care
Wayne Dysinger, MD, MPH
Chief Medical Officer, Blue Zones Health



2:00 p.m.
Alumni Association and Holding Fund Inc. Reports



2:45 p.m.
From Soil to Soul: Revolutionizing Healthcare and Lifestyle Medicine and Regenerative Farming
Dawn Mussallem, DO, DipABLM
Professor, Mayo Clinic



3:45 p.m.
Leaders in Lifestyle Medicine: Our Journey
April Wilson, MD
Professor, Loma Linda University

SUNDAY, MARCH 2, 2025

PLENARY SESSIONS MEDICINE IN REVIEW

2024 Research and Advancements
PRESENTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF MEDICINE



7:45 a.m.
Devotion
D'Marfeivel McLean, MS2



7:55 a.m.
Introduction
H. Bryant Nguyen, MD, MS, MBA
Head, Division of Pulmonary and Critical Care
Executive Vice-Chair, Department of Medicine
Professor of Medicine, Emergency Medicine, and Basic Sciences
Loma Linda University



8:00 a.m.
Medical Education in Review
Lawrence K. Loo, MD
Professor Emeritus of Medicine and Medical Education
Loma Linda University



9:00 a.m.
Allergy and Immunology in Review
Luis F. Saca, MD
Chief, Internal Medicine-Allergy
Assistant Professor of Medicine
Loma Linda University



9:30 a.m.
Cardiology in Review
Aditya Bharadwaj, MD, FACC, FSCAI
Associate Professor of Medicine
Loma Linda University



10:15 a.m.
General Medicine in Review
Peter W. DeMuth, MD
Assistant Professor of Medicine
Loma Linda University



10:45 a.m.
Hematology and Medical Oncology in Review
Gayathri Nagaraj, MD
Director, Hematology and Oncology Fellowship Program
Associate Professor of Medicine
Loma Linda University



11:15 a.m.
School of Medicine Report and Walter E. MacPherson Awards

12:00 - 1:30 p.m. Lunch & Exhibitors - 4th Floor Conference Exhibit Hall

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MONDAY, MARCH 3, 2025

PLENARY SESSIONS



1:30 p.m.
Hospitalist Medicine in Review
 Jayaram Chandrasekar, DO
 Associate Chair, Medical Student Education
 Assistant Professor of Medicine
 Loma Linda University



2:00 p.m.
Nephrology in Review
 Lakshmi Ganesan, MD, MAS
 Assistant Professor of Medicine
 Loma Linda University



2:30 p.m.
Pulmonary & Critical Care in Review
 Niranjn Jeganathan, MD, MS
 Medical Director, Respiratory Care
 Associate Head, Division of Pulmonary and Critical Care
 Associate Professor of Medicine
 Loma Linda University



3:15 p.m.
Artificial Intelligence: What Every Clinician Should Know
 H. Bryant Nguyen, MD, MS, MBA
 Head, Division of Pulmonary and Critical Care
 Executive Vice-Chair, Department of Medicine
 Professor of Medicine, Emergency Medicine, and Basic Sciences
 Loma Linda University



7:45 a.m.
Devotion
 Joelle Schauer, MS3



8:00 a.m.
My Patient Has COVID-19, Now What Do I Do?
 Jennifer Veltman, MD
 Head, Infectious Disease
 Associate Professor of Medicine
 Loma Linda University



9:00 a.m.
Current Advances and Future Perspective of Car-T Cell and Gene Therapy
 Hisham Abdel-Azim, MD, MS
 Chief, Transplant/Cellular Therapy/Hematological Malignancies
 Professor of Pediatrics, Medicine and Basic Sciences
 Loma Linda University



10:15 a.m.
Fever: Turning up the Heat on Infectious Disease
 Roger Seheult, MD
 Assistant Clinical Professor of Medicine
 Loma Linda University

11:15 a.m. - 12:45 p.m. Lunch & Exhibitors - 4th Floor Conference Exhibit Hall



12:45 p.m.
Studying or Boards: The Science (and Illusion) of Learning for the Long Term
 Lawrence K. Loo, MD
 Professor Emeritus of Medicine and Medical Education
 Loma Linda University



1:45 p.m.
Light as Medicine
 Roger Seheult, MD
 Assistant Clinical Professor of Medicine
 Loma Linda University



3:00 p.m.
What I Need to Know When Eye Can't Wait
 Jay K. Mattheis, MD, MSPH, FACS
 Assistant Professor of Ophthalmology
 Loma Linda University

YOUR PLENARY PLANNING COMMITTEE



Takkin Lo '86

We would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to the APC Scientific Committee for their invaluable contributions to this program. Special thanks to **Takkin Lo '86** for leading the committee and moderating the meetings, and to **Roger Seheult '00**, **Barbara McKinney '88**, **Penelope Duerksen-Hughes**, and **H. Bryant Nguyen** for their dedication, expertise, and support in making this initiative possible. Your commitment to advancing science and education is deeply appreciated.

YOUR APC GOVERNING COUNCIL



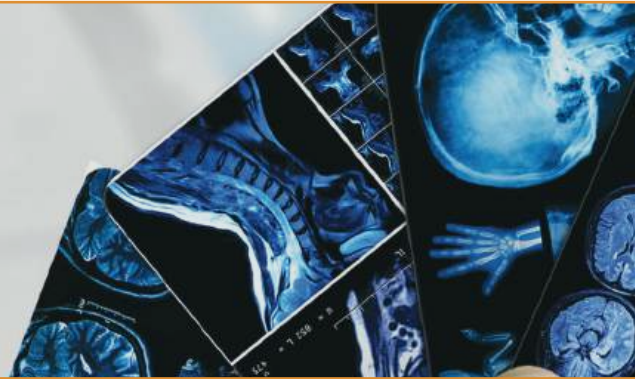
David Creamer '04

A big thank you to the APC Governing Council for organizing many of the events over the APC/Homecoming Weekend. Under the leadership of **David Creamer '04**, and with the support of council members **Marilene Wang '86**, **Barbara McKinney '88**, **Takkin Lo '86**, **Robert Hardesty '78**, **Jared Inman '04**, **Laren Tan '09**, **Jon Kattenhorn '74**, and **Hugh Watkins '62**, their hard work made this event possible. We are grateful for their dedication to strengthening our community.

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SUNDAY, MARCH 2, 2025 – LLU CENTENNIAL COMPLEX– ROOM 3208

NEUROSCIENCES



7:45 a.m.
Worship

8:00 a.m.
Opening Remarks



8:10 a.m.
The Transformation of the Treatment of Migraine

Thomas Bravo, MD
Associate Professor of Neurology
Loma Linda University



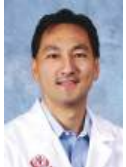
8:30 a.m.
Whole-person Approaches to Migraine Treatment

Chelsea Stone, DO
Assistant Professor of Clinical Neurology
Director, Neurology Wellness Program
Keck Medicine of USC



8:50 a.m.
Mechanism of Spine Pain

Kevin Loyola, MD
Assistant Professor of Neurology
Loma Linda University



9:10 a.m.
Overview of Lower Back Pain

Eugene Pak, MD
Assistant Professor of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation
Program Director, Pain Medicine Fellowship
Loma Linda University



9:30 a.m.
Advances in Neuromodulation for Pain

Namath Hussain, MD, MBA, FACS
Associate Professor of Neurosurgery
Loma Linda University



Featured

10:05 a.m.
Advances in Cancer Pain Management

David Copenhaver, MD, MPH
Professor of Anesthesia
Division Chief, Pain Medicine
UC Davis Health



11:05 a.m.
Advances in Trigeminal Neuralgia Treatment

Thomas Bravo, MD
Associate Professor of Neurology
Loma Linda University



11:15 a.m.
Epigenetic Mechanisms Linking Pain, Psychosocial Stress, and Cancer Survival

Chi T. Viet, DDS, MD, PhD, FACS
Associate Professor of Oral Maxillofacial Surgery
Loma Linda University



11:35 a.m.
An Overview of Intra-neural Facilitation Treatment for Peripheral Neuropathy

Mark Bussell, DPT, OS
Assistant Clinical Professor of Research, School of Allied Health
Loma Linda University



11:50 a.m.
Acute Pain Management

Baher Bector, MD
Assistant Professor of Anesthesia
Loma Linda University

12:10 p.m.
Closing Remarks



FEATURED SPEAKER

David Copenhaver, MD, MPH

Professor of Anesthesia & Division Chief, Pain Medicine at UC Davis Health

Dr. Copenhaver is a Professor, Division Chief, Vice Chair of the Department of Anesthesiology and Pain Medicine, and the founding member of the Cancer Pain and Supportive Care at UC Davis. He has been awarded with a Presidential Commendation for Cancer Pain Education by the American Academy of Pain Medicine (2024). He is the author of several book chapters, publications, and the editor of the Bonica's Pain Management textbook, the internationally accepted textbook for pain management. Dr. Copenhaver is an anesthesiologist and pain medicine specialist with unique expertise in diagnosing and managing complex pain management problems of various types. Dr. Copenhaver has expertise in cancer pain management, craniofacial pain, and complex regional pain syndrome. Dr. Copenhaver's practice utilizes numerous techniques, including but not limited to, the implantation of neuromodulatory devices and direct delivery of medications to the central nervous system via intrathecal delivery platforms.

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SUNDAY, MARCH 2, 2025 – LLU CENTENNIAL COMPLEX – ROOM 3111



ORTHOPAEDIC SURGERY

6:30 a.m.

Registration and Continental Breakfast

7:30 a.m.

Welcome and Opening Remarks

Thomas Donaldson, MD

7:40 a.m.

Adult Trauma Dynamic Interface with the Arthroplasty Team: A Needed Link

Rebecca Rajfer, MD

8:00 a.m.

Total Joints for Failed High Level Trauma Hip and Knee

Tyler Roberts, MD

8:20 a.m.

Hospital Physician Relationships and Efficiency

John Keggi, MD

8:40 a.m.

Arthroplasty in a High Volume Center: Lessons to be Learned

Travis Scudday, MD

9:00 a.m.

Lumbar Pelvic Effect on Total Hip Arthroplasty

Olumide Danisa, MD

10:00 a.m.

Anterior Approach with Hanna Table and Fluoroscopy

Parke Hudson, MD

10:20 a.m.

Anterior Approach Standard Table and No Imaging

Thomas Donaldson, MD

10:40 a.m.

Modern Technology Assisted Mini Posterior Approach

David Christian, MD

11:00 a.m.

Mini Posterior Approach Tips and Tricks

Ed McPherson, MD

11:20 a.m.

Case Presentation: Panel

Travis Junge, MD

11:30 a.m.

Dynamic Gap Balancing in Total Knee Arthroplasty

Kenny Jahng, MD

11:50 a.m.

Conventional and Kinematic Technique in Total Knee Arthroplasty

Tyler Roberts, MD

1:00 p.m. **HAROLD BOYD MEMORIAL LECTURE**

Infections in Total Joint Arthroplasty: Where is the Future

Ed McPherson, MD

1:40 p.m.

Limb Salvage for Orthopaedic Oncology

Andrew Kantzos, MD

2:00 p.m.

Tourniquet Use for Infected Total Knee Arthroplasty: Should it Always be Used

Grames, Colby, Travis Junge, Donaldson

2:20 p.m.

Limb Salvage for Complex Infections

Ed McPherson, MD

2:40 p.m.

Discussion

3:00 p.m.

Robotic Dynamic Total Knee Arthroplasty: A Novel Approach

John Keggi, MD

3:30 p.m.

Robotics in Arthroplasty: How it Helps

Wendy Wong, MD

4:00 p.m.

Use of Robotic Assisted Surgery: Review of the Literature

4:20 p.m.

30 Years Experience in Total Knees: Lessons Learned

Thomas Donaldson, MD

4:45 p.m.

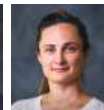
Discussion

5:00 p.m.

Concluding Remarks and Adjourn



Thomas Donaldson, MD
Chair,
Loma Linda
University



Rebecca Rajfer, MD
Vice Chair,
Loma Linda
University



Rebecca Rajfer, MD
Vice Chair,
Loma Linda
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John Keggi, MD
Orthopaedics
New England



Travis Scudday, MD
Orthopaedic
Specialty
Institute



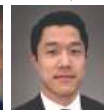
Olumide Danisa, MD
Duke University



Travis Junge, MD
Fellow,
Loma Linda
University



Tyler Roberts, MD
HCA Houston
Healthcare



Kenneth Jahng, MD
Arrowhead
Orthopedics



Andrew Kantzos, MD
Associate
Professor
Loma Linda



Edward McPherson, MD
Santa Monica
Orthopedic



Wendy Wong, MD
Golden State
Orthopedics



David Christian, MD
Northwestern
Fellowship

CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION

SUNDAY, MARCH 2, 2025 – LLU CENTENNIAL COMPLEX – ROOM 3232



8:00 a.m.

Welcome and Introductory Remarks

Subhas Gupta, MD, PhD
Chair of the Department of Plastic Surgery
Professor of the Reginald R. Sherill Endowed Chair
Loma Linda University



8:10 a.m.

State of the Union: Social Media, Marketing, and Plastic Surgery in 2025

Jerry Chidester, MD
CEO/Owner of The Plastics Clinic and Spa



8:50 a.m.

The Art of Social Media: How to Project Authenticity and Ethics on Social Media as a Plastic Surgeon

Kelly Killeen, MD, FACS
Bedford Breast Center



10:30 a.m.

Behind the Filter: Ethical Considerations in Social Media and Plastic Surgery

Anureet Bajaj, MD, MBA
Bajaj Plastic Surgery

11:30 a.m.

Panel and Questions



1:00 p.m.

Bringing the Mission into our Current Practice

Matthew Hiersche, MD
Medical Director of Plastic Surgery and Hand Surgery,
Director of Craniofacial Surgery, Valley Children's Healthcare



2:00 p.m.

Medical Missions: Why?

Cherrie Heinrich, MD
Assistant Professor, University of Minnesota



3:15 p.m.

Reconstruction and Hope in Ukraine

Nataliya Biskup, MD
Associate Professor, University of Kansas School of Medicine



4:15 p.m.

Closing Remarks

Subhas Gupta, MD, PhD
Chair of the Department of Plastic Surgery, Professor for the
Reginald R. Sherrill Endowed Chair, Loma Linda University.

ABOUT THE THOMAS ZIRKLE PLASTIC SURGERY SYMPOSIUM



The Thomas Zirkle Plastic Surgery Symposium honors the legacy of Dr. Thomas J. Zirkle '62, a renowned physician whose work spanned cleft palate surgery, hand surgery, cosmetic surgery, burn care, and emergency medicine. His career took him across the globe, impacting lives through medical missions and leadership roles at institutions like Loma Linda Medical Center and Pettis Veterans Hospital. Dr. Zirkle's dedication to education and medical advancement is also reflected in his service as senior vice president of Loma Linda University Medical Center and assistant dean of the School of Medicine.

This symposium celebrates Dr. Zirkle's groundbreaking contributions to plastic surgery and his global influence, particularly his work overseeing Sir Run Run Shaw Hospital in China and his missionary efforts on six continents. It honors his commitment to excellence in medical care, education, and humanitarian service, ensuring his lasting impact on both the field of plastic surgery and the many lives he touched.

CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION

SUNDAY, MARCH 2, 2025 – LLU CENTENNIAL COMPLEX – ROOM 3220



8:00 a.m.
State of the Department Update
Sharon Lum, MD, MBA, FACS
Chair and Professor
Department of Surgery
Loma Linda University



8:10 a.m.
Complex Endovascular Aortic Surgery
Ghaleb Darwazeh, MD, FACS, FSVS, RPVI
Division Chief and Assistant Professor
Division of Vascular Surgery
Loma Linda University



8:30 a.m.
Cytoreductive Surgery and HIPEC: Which Patients and Why
Rhami Khorfan, MD, MS
Assistant Professor
Division of Surgical Oncology
Loma Linda University



8:50 a.m.
Advances in Transplant Oncology
Jakub Woloszyn, MD
Assistant Professor
Division of Transplant Surgery
Loma Linda University



9:10 a.m.
Adolescent Bariatric Surgery
Sherif Aly, MD
Assistant Professor
Division of General and Minimally Invasive Surgery
Loma Linda University



10:00 a.m.
Total Neoadjuvant Therapy for Rectal Cancer: A Paradigm Shift Whose Time has Come
David Row, MD, FACS, FASCRS
Division Chief and Associate Professor
Division of Colon and Rectal Surgery
Loma Linda University



10:20 a.m.
Healing Before Birth: Advances in Fetal Surgery
Andrei Radulescu, MD, PhD, FACS
Associate Professor
Division of Pediatric Surgery
Loma Linda University



10:40 a.m.
Emergency General Surgery: A New Specialty
Kaushik Mukherjee, MD, MSCI, FACS
Division Chief and Associate Professor
Division of Acute Care Surgery
Loma Linda University



11:00 a.m.
**Global Surgery Session
Lecture and Panel Discussion
Systems Strengthening for Cancer Surgery
How to Create Sustainability**



Aaron Saunders, MD, MAS, FACS
Division Chief and Associate Professor
Division of Surgical Oncology
Loma Linda University



Mark Reeves, MD, PhD, FACS
Professor
Division of Surgical Oncology
Director, Cancer Center
VP, Institutes
Loma Linda University



Martin G. Rosenthal, MD, FACS
Assistant Professor
Division of Acute Care Surgery
Loma Linda University



Ryan Hayton, MD, FACS
Associate Professor, Surgery
Director, Center for Global Surgery
Loma Linda University

KEY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION EVENTS

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2025



ALUMNI ASSOCIATION AND HOLDING FUND REPORTS

New Date & Time

- 2:00 p.m., Friday, February 28, 2025
- Small Amphitheatre, Centennial Complex

This meeting provides an opportunity for attendees to learn more about the current activities and future plans of the Alumni Association and the Holding Fund Inc.

SATURDAY, MARCH 1, 2025



AIMS MISSION SYMPOSIUM

New Location

- 1:30 p.m., Saturday, March 1, 2025
- Loma Linda University Church – Room 1402
- Dessert Provided

The Alumni In Mission Service (AIMS) Symposium is directly after the church service. Attendees are welcome to bring their Homecoming haystack lunch, from the fellowship hall, to enjoy during the meeting. Table seating and desserts will be provided. Learn about mission projects, hear the latest mission news from General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, and discover medical mission opportunities. AIMS Awards will also be presented during the meeting.



CLASS REUNIONS

- Various Times
- Various Locations

Reignite the spirit of togetherness and reminisce about the good old days at class reunion events happening in different locations! To see all reunions, visit

www.llusmaa.org/page/2025-class-reunions



Scan QR Code to access class reunion listings

KEY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION EVENTS

SUNDAY, MARCH 2, 2025



POSTERS, EXHIBITS, & LUNCH

Posters & Exhibits

🕒 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Sunday, March 2, 2025

Lunch

🕒 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m., Sunday, March 2, 2025

📍 4th Floor Conference Hall, Centennial Complex



AUXILIARY LUNCHEON

🕒 11:00 a.m., Sunday, March 2, 2025

📍 Redlands Country Club

Featured Speaker: Melody Davis author of “Wear the Crown”

Featured Musicians: Jeremy Alvarez & Kyle Zimmerman



SCHOOL OF MEDICINE REPORT AND MACPHERSON AWARDS

🕒 11:15 a.m., Sunday, March 2, 2025

📍 Small Amphitheatre, Centennial Complex

This meeting provides an opportunity for attendees to learn more about the current activities and future plans of Loma Linda School of Medicine and the MacPherson Society.



APC GALA

📍 New Room

🕒 7:00 p.m. (6:00 p.m. for social hour), Sunday, March 2

📍 Riverside Convention Center - Raincross Ballroom

Join us at the APC Gala, where the Alumni Association will recognize its Honored Alumni and the Alum of the Year. Entertainment for the evening will include medical student musical talent and student video stories.

MONDAY, MARCH 3, 2025



POSTERS, EXHIBITS, & LUNCH

Posters & Exhibits

🕒 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., Monday, March 3, 2025

Lunch

🕒 11:15 p.m. – 12:45 p.m., Monday, March 3, 2025

📍 4th Floor Conference Hall, Centennial Complex

EXHIBITOR LIST

EXHIBITOR BOOTH NUMBER

| | |
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| Adventist Health | 306 |
| Adventist Health is a faith-based, non-profit, integrated healthcare system serving more than 80 communities on the West Coast and Hawaii with over 440 sites of care. Stop by our booth to learn about our physician job opportunities. | |
| Adventist World Radio | 205 |
| Don't miss thrilling stories of how Adventist World Radio is reaching behind closed borders and doors to share the Good News of the Gospel. Also, be sure to stop by to enter our giveaway. | |
| Alumni Association of the School of Medicine of LLU | 403 |
| Share your story, update your <i>ALUMNI DIRECTORY</i> information, and learn more about our upcoming trip to Japan. | |
| Changing People's Lives (CPL) International Ministries | 201-202 |
| Printed materials about missions, initiatives, and service opportunities related to missions in the communist countries of the world. | |
| FARM STEW International | 103 |
| FARM STEW International is a supporting ministry of the Seventh-day Adventist Church empowering vulnerable families to have an abundant life through wholistic training, effectively equipping and continually coaching them to a healthier, happier lifestyle using eight ingredients - Farming, Attitude, Rest, Meals, Sanitation, Temperance, Enterprise, and Water. | |
| Georgia-Cumberland Conference | 203 |
| Georgia-Cumberland Conference is seeking mission-minded professionals interested in serving communities in Georgia and eastern Tennessee. Between the southern plains and the Smokey Mountains, the urban cities, and the coastal beaches, there's a place where you are needed! | |
| Gospel Outreach | 106 |
| Raising awareness of the need for Bible workers in the 10/40 window. | |
| Guam SDA Clinic | 107 |
| Join us in making a difference! The Guam SDA Clinic is seeking dedicated medical professionals to serve in a mission-driven environment, providing compassionate care to the people of Micronesia. Come be part of a team where your skills and faith can thrive. | |
| Holbrook Indian School | 301 |
| A boarding school for American Indian children owned by the Pacific Union Conference of SDA. | |
| Impact Hope | 404 |
| Bringing hope and education to impoverished youth. | |
| It Is Written | 105 |
| NAD TV Ministry | |
| Kettering Health Physician Recruitment | 207-208 |
| Kettering Health is a not-for-profit network of 154 medical centers, 14 emergency departments, and more than 120 outpatient facilities serving southwest Ohio. We are Ohio's leading heart hospital, as well as a revolutionary brain and spine institute. We have over 14,000 employees and 1,800+ physicians. We are the official healthcare provider of the Cincinnati Bengals. We look forward to going over our opportunities with you at our booth. | |
| Kuda Vana Partnership International | 406 |
| Kuda Vana Partnership is a nonprofit transforming the lives of vulnerable in children in Zimbabwe through Christ-centered, daily-based care, education and empowerment, fostering brighter futures for orphaned and at-risk youth. | |
| Kyocera Medical Technologies, Inc | 101 |
| Offering a wide range of implant options for total hip and knee arthroplasty. | |
| Loma Linda Broadcasting Network (LLBN) | 402 |
| Christian television focused on taking the good news of the gospel to the ends of the earth. | |

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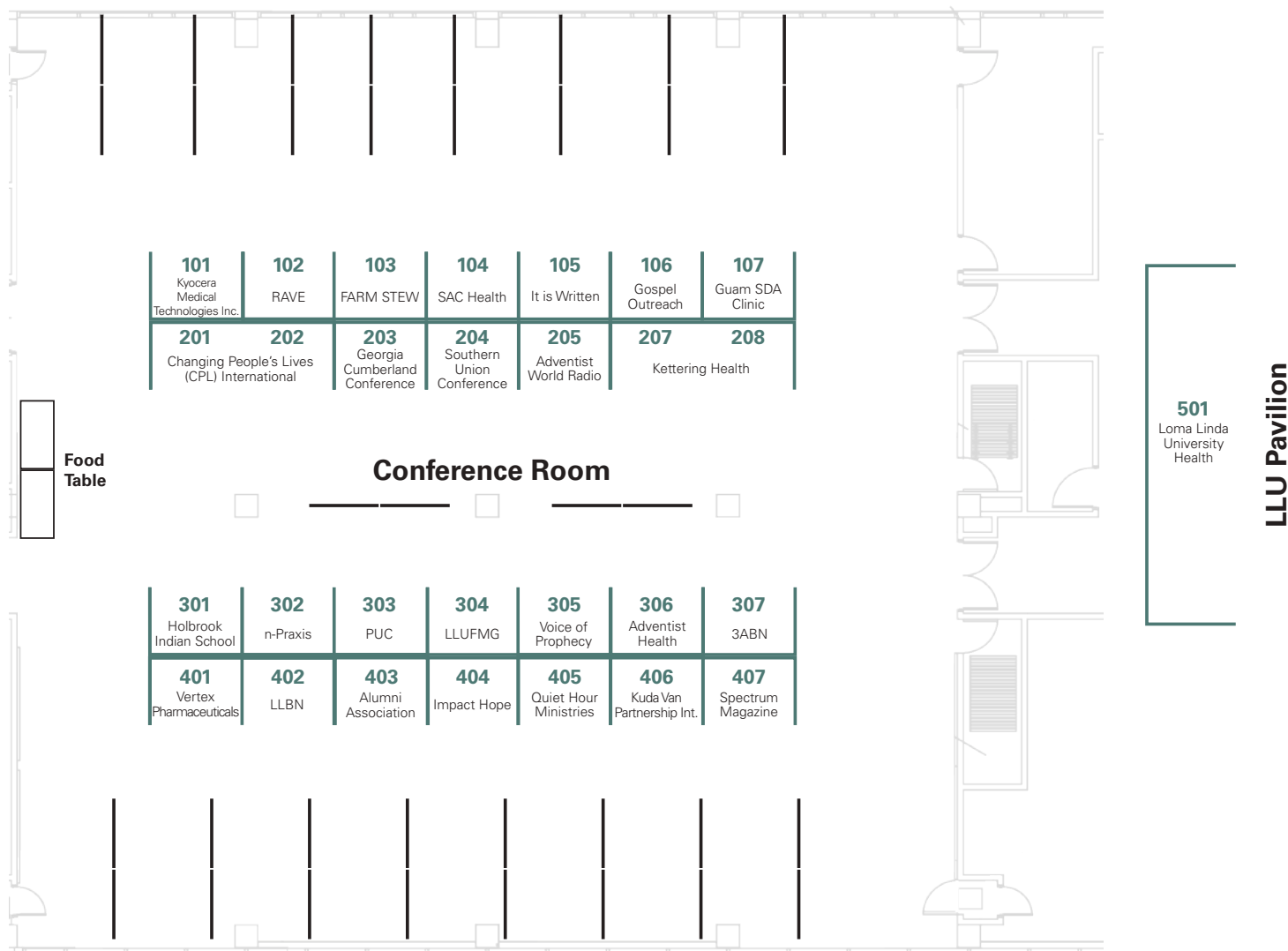
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| Loma Linda University Faculty Medical Group | 304 |
| An opportunity to speak with the LLUFMG Recruitment Team about CV reviews and mock interviews for current students/residents. Space for alumni to share your stories about your time at Loma Linda University. We will have a few special guests joining our booths and will have a few small giveaways. | |
| Loma Linda University Global Health Institute | 501 |
| Since its founding over 100 years ago, Loma Linda University Health's mission has been to "make man whole," not only locally but globally. In support of Loma Linda University Health's commitment to global outreach, the Global Health Institute (GHI) provides international service opportunities for staff, faculty, and students. | |
| Loma Linda University Graduate Medical Education | 501 |
| First-rate graduate medical education for over 850 residents and fellows in 70 accredited programs. We offer a highly supportive clinical learning environment. Our 70-plus accredited residencies and fellowships provide the opportunity to train in fast-paced environments across a wide range of specialties. We also offer a handful of non-accredited programs in pediatric ophthalmology, movement disorders, transplate surgery, and more. | |
| n-Praxis International | 302 |
| Introducing Jesus the Messiah in difficult places. | |
| Pacific Union College | 303 |
| PUC alumni representation. We will have promotional pamphlets, alumni magazines, giving opportunities, Homecoming 2025 details, giveaways, and swag. | |
| Quiet Hour Ministries | 405 |
| Leading people to share God's grace. | |
| RAVE | 102 |
| RAVE provides audio-visual solutions for hospitals, universities, businesses, and more, including PA systems, conference tech, digital signage, video production, and event streaming. | |
| SAC Health | 104 |
| Information about our Healthcare and Community Resource Center Services and Promotional Items. | |
| Southern Union Conference of SDA | 204 |
| We would like to share what the SUC provides for SDA graduates from Loma Linda University School of Medicine. Moving allowance provided by the Southern Union constituents. | |
| Spectrum Magazine | 407 |
| Hearing Genesis: A Trilogy by Fritz Guy and Brian Bull Complimentary issues of Spectrum's most recent issues. | |
| Three Angels Broadcasting Network | 307 |
| Christian Television, Radio, and Music. | |
| Vertex Pharmaceuticals | 401 |
| Vertex invests in scientific innovation to create transformative medicine for people with serious diseases. The company has approved medicines that treat multiple chronic, life-shortening genetic diseases. Vertex also has a robust clinical pipeline of investigational therapies including acute and neuropathic pain, type 1 diabetes, and many others. | |
| Voice of Prophecy | 305 |
| The Voice of Prophecy, a 95-year-old media ministry, is committed to empowering local churches, pastors, and members with the evangelistic training, tools, and resources they need to reach their communities for Christ. | |

EXHIBITOR MAP

CENTENNIAL COMPLEX, LEVEL 4, LOMA LINDA UNIVERSITY

Sunday, March 2: 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Monday, March 3: 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.



PHYSICIANS: WIN AN APPLE IPAD STUDENTS: WIN BOSE HEADPHONES

1. Collect an entry form at the entrance to the exhibit hall.
2. Visit each exhibit booth listed on the entry form and have it signed or stamped.
3. Return your completed entry form as you exit the 4th floor or to the APC registration area no later than 4:00 p.m. on Monday, March 3, 2025.
4. The winners of the iPad and Bose headphones will be drawn on March 4, 2025, and notified by phone and email.



ALUMNI AWARDS

Congratulations to our Alumni Awardees

Congratulations to our 2025 alumni awardees. The Alumni in Mission Service (AIMS) Global Service Awards will be presented during the AIMS Mission Symposium at 1:30 p.m., March 1, 2025 at the Loma Linda University Church – Room 1402 and the Honored Alumni, and Special Awards will be presented at the APC Gala at 7:00 p.m. on March 2, 2025 at the Riverside Convention Center.



HONORED ALUMNI



**Roger D.
Seheult '00**



**William J.
Sandborn '87**



**Monica
Reed '86**



**Gary E.
Gilbert '80-A**



**Douglas R.
Hegstad '80-A**



**Douglas D.
Deming '75**

AIMS GLOBAL SERVICE AWARDS



**Ingrid K.
Blomquist '81**



**Giglia A.
Parker '75**



**Fekede W.
Gemechu '70**



**Gary M .
Wernick '73-B**
Schumacher
Philanthropy Award



**James D.
Matiko '77-A**
Herber Loyalty Award

SPECIAL AWARDS



Vote for Your 2026 Honored Alumni!

Submissions for your 2026 Honored Alumni and Alum of the Year are now open. To see nomination criteria or to submit a nomination visit llusmaa.org/f/nominate-2026-awards or scan the QR code.

ALL IN CAMPAIGN



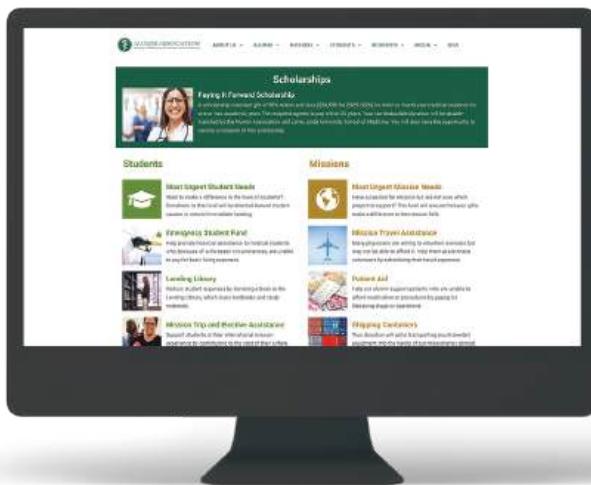
ALL IN CAMPAIGN

Class fundraising of 25k by the end of 2025

The Alumni Association is proud to announce the new All In Campaign that encourages each class to collectively raise \$25,000 by December 31, 2025*. Classes may donate to any fund on the donation site (except partner mission organizations) and have their donation counted toward the class total. This includes our *Paying It Forward* Scholarships. We thank each class for their support in this campaign.

How It Works

1. Visit our donation page at llusmaa.org/donate
2. Make a donation to **any of the projects** listed* on the page
(*Excludes donations to partner mission organization)



- 3) Your class's **giving total increases** by the amount you give toward the 25k goal

Current Class Leaders

Fundraising from March 1, 2024 to February 14, 2025

| | 1940-1960s | 1970s | 1980s | 1990s | 2000s | 2010-2020s |
|---|-----------------|--------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| 1 | 1962 - \$32,565 | 1975 - \$192,530 | 1986 - \$71,100 | 1999 - \$20,580 | 2000 - \$25,386 | 2014 - \$7,980 |
| 2 | 1964 - \$21,765 | 1976-B - \$112,580 | 1987 - \$70,910 | 1992 - \$16,725 | 2003 - \$15,705 | 2013 - \$4,960 |
| 3 | 1965 - \$19,650 | 1974 - \$60,135 | 1984 - \$41,640 | 1990 - \$16,325 | 2004 - \$10,090 | 2011 - \$4,030 |
| 4 | 1960 - \$16,380 | 1973-B - \$57,630 | 1980-A - \$25,095 | 1993 - \$16,180 | 2005 - \$3,880 | 2012 - \$2,150 |
| 5 | 1968 - \$12,855 | 1970 - \$40,395 | 1988 - \$21,270 | 1995 - \$9,550 | 2009 - \$1,550 | 2019 - \$590 |

To see the most up to date class giving totals and for more information visit our website at www.llusmaa.org/all-in



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JAPAN

FROM ONE LONGEVITY CITY TO ANOTHER

Friday, October 24 to Monday, November 3, 2025



Highlights:

- Visit Okinawa, one of the locations of the Netflix's Documentary series "Live to 100: Secrets of the Blue Zone."
- Witness the 'Maeda Escarpment' or Hacksaw Ridge (Desmond Doss Point)
- Wander through Kyoto Nijo Castle built in 1603 by Tokugawa Ieyasu
- Remember the history in Hiroshima
- Explore Tokyo's historic Geisha district.

Price:

Double Occupancy: \$6,750 per person
Single Traveler: \$8,450 per person
Includes: Flight from Okinawa to Osaka

Perpetual Members Discount:

\$300 off for each perpetual room
Optional Excursion:
Visit Mt Fuji

To book contact Shirley at shirley.travel88@gmail.com or 408-857-9435

www.llusmaa.org/e/japan



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Save the Date

94TH ANNUAL POSTGRADUATE CONVENTION & HOMECOMING

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26 – MONDAY, MARCH 2

2026

Looking forward to seeing you again!