Warmest congratulations and good wishes to the Class of 2016, and to their families and friends on Commencement Day 2016! Although one door is closing, innumerable others are opening before you, just waiting for you to step through them. Never before in our nation’s history have college graduates had more opportunities to contribute to the common good than now. Whether it be in the community, private industry, or public service, to name but a few, your UC education and experiences have provided you with the knowledge and abilities to make a difference in the lives of many others. As Robert F. Kennedy once noted, “The future will be shaped in the arena of human activity, by those willing to commit their minds and their bodies to the task.” On this triumphal day, I challenge you to commit your newly earned UCLA degree and all that you have learned to bring hope, compassion, and healing to a troubled world. You can shape the future and, from what I know of our graduates, if you put your mind to doing just that, the future will be a bright and hopeful one. Go Bruins—we know you’ll make us proud whatever door you choose!
Dear UCLA Graduate:

Congratulations! Today’s Commencement is a joyful day for each of you and your families, a celebration of all that you have accomplished in your time at UCLA. A UCLA degree is highly-respected and will serve you well in whatever you choose to do in the future.

As a graduate of UCLA, you are now counted among thousands of your fellow alumni who are exemplary leaders and tireless innovators dedicated to improving lives here at home and around the world. I encourage you to further the Bruin legacy of excellence and service with the spirit of optimism that makes UCLA a special place. We look forward to what your future holds and will take great pride in your accomplishments.

Thank you for the many contributions you have made to our campus that have advanced our mission of education, research and service to California and beyond. You and your fellow students have enriched me personally, providing fresh perspectives and insights.

Your relationship with UCLA will continue throughout your life. I hope that you will take full advantage of the many resources available to our alumni and that you will remain engaged with campus. Remember that you are one of UCLA’s best advocates and ambassadors. You are always welcome here.

Today is special, unlike any other day in your life. Enjoy this time with your family and friends in memorable ways. I am enormously proud of you, and I wish you a lifetime of fulfillment and happiness.

With Very Best Wishes,

Gene D. Block
Chancellor
Dear Graduates,

Since its beginnings in 1949, the UCLA School of Nursing has educated some of the most well-known and influential leaders in the nursing profession and in health care. We expect you to become one too! Our scholarship has redefined nursing practice and improved the quality of patient care — from health promotion to disease prevention and treatment to compassionate supportive care at the end of life.

The next generation of nurses will lead and transform nursing care in a rapidly changing, diverse and complex health care environment. As role models for exceptional nursing practice, you will be using evidence to support decisions and practice, and collaborate with other healthcare professionals to find innovative ways to improve care. Some of you will be creating that evidence that, in turn, will generate new knowledge and lead to better outcomes.

Be proud that you are now a graduate from one of the top schools of nursing in the country. The UCLA School of Nursing has provided each and every one of you with the foundation you will need to make a profound difference on the health of people, families, communities, and the nation. I hope we have instilled within each of you a commitment to excellence, a passion for your profession, empathy and caring for patients and a willingness to always learn.

Congratulations to the class of 2016. Welcome to the vast and wonderful family of the UCLA School of Nursing alumni.

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Dr. Burnes Bolton has held board and officer positions for several national organizations and is the recipient of numerous awards for her scholarly and world community service, including receiving the Lifetime Achievement Award from the American Organization of Nurse Executives in 2007 and the Distinguished Alumnae Award from Arizona State University in 2008. In 2009 she was appointed vice chair of the Institute of Medicine Commission on the Future of Nursing. She was elected to the AONE board of directors in 2010, representing region nine. In 2011 she was named one of the top twenty five women in health care by Modern Healthcare magazine and the Los Angeles Business Journal top ten healthcare executive. An endowed nursing leadership scholarship in her name was established in 2011 at the UCLA School of Nursing. She is a trustee at Case Western Reserve University and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. Dr. Burnes Bolton holds positions as Associate Clinical Professor at the UCSF School of Nursing and UCLA School of Nursing. Dr. Burnes Bolton is a past president of the American Academy of Nursing and the National Black Nurses Association.

Dr. Burnes Bolton received her Master of Science Degree in Nursing from the UCLA School of Nursing and her DrPH in Population Health & Behavioral Science from UCLA School of Public Health.
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Commencement pageantry is greatly enhanced by the wearing of academic attire or regalia. By wearing the festive colors and traditional dress of graduates from around the world, they join the ranks of those through history who have sought excellence through education and the fraternity of academic degree-holders.

As the faculty and students walk down the aisles, they will be wearing a variety of regalia—the faculty wearing the distinctive caps and gowns from their institutions of higher learning from around the world and the students wearing the attire of UCLA.

Gold braids (also known as fourragères) on the shoulders signify scholastic achievement. The purple cord draped around the neck designates membership in the International Nursing Honor Society—Sigma Theta Tau. Hoods are worn by Master’s and Doctoral Students.

The candidate for each degree wears a different tassel—Bachelor of Science candidates wear apricot, master’s degree candidates wear black and doctoral candidates wear gold.

Pictured is the University of California Doctoral Regalia. Courtesy of Wendie Robbins, Ph.D., RN, FAAN
INTERNATIONAL PLEDGE for NURSES

IN FULL KNOWLEDGE OF THE OBLIGATIONS I AM UNDERTAKING, I promise to care for the sick with all the skill and understanding I possess, without regard to race, creed, color, politics or social status, sparing no effort to conserve life, to alleviate suffering and to promote health.

I WILL RESPECT at all times the dignity and religious beliefs of the patients under my care, holding in confidence all personal information entrusted to me and refrain from any action which might endanger life or health.

I WILL ENDEAVOR to keep my professional knowledge at the highest level and to give loyal support and cooperation to all members of the health team.

I WILL DO MY UTMOST TO HONOR the international code of ethics applied to nursing and to uphold the integrity of the professional nurse.
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Bachelors students at Sigma Theta Tau induction

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