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North-West College and Glendale Career College Recognizes and Celebrates Graduates North-West College and Glendale Career College Come Together at Commencement to Celebrate Health Care Graduates

PASADENA, Calif.— On Sunday, May 7, 2017, North-West College and Glendale Career College, along with family and friends, recognized graduates at commencement as they received diplomas in health care professions such as Dental Assisting, Medical Assisting, Massage Therapy, Pharmacy Technician, Surgical Technologist and Vocational Nursing.

The ceremony was held at the Pasadena Civic Auditorium, in Pasadena, California. The new graduates join more than 45,000 who have come before them since the first North-West College ceremony in the 1960s.

Scott A. People began the ceremony with a rendition of the National Anthem, beautifully silencing and mesmerizing the crowd with the first note. Scott has featured his talents in such productions as "Jesus Christ Superstar," "The Wiz" and "Dreamgirls."

Mitchell Fuerst, the College's President, opened the ceremony, welcoming the graduates and their guests with swelling pride as he congratulated them for achieving their goals. He spoke about his mother, North-West College founder Marsha Fuerst, and how her tireless efforts and unwavering passion for career education allowed her to fulfill her own dream of creating a College where women and men have the opportunity to train for careers, enabling them to support themselves and their families.

Mr. Fuerst was followed by the ceremony's keynote speaker, Dr. Bill Dorfman. Recognized world-wide as a leading cosmetic dentist, Dr. Dorfman has been practicing dentistry for over 30 years and has been featured on numerous TV programs, including ABC's "Extreme Makeover," CBS's "The Doctors," "Larry King Live" and "Oprah." During his keynote address, Dr. Dorfman shared several pearls of wisdom for success and encouraged the new graduates to remain positive, to never fail, to learn from the challenges they will face and to never give up.

In a heartwarming moment during the ceremony, a Vocational Nursing grad, Nicole De La Rosa, was taken by surprise when her boyfriend and their two children met her on stage during the conferring of graduates. Jose Lopez dropped to his knee in the middle of the stage and lovingly asked for her hand in marriage. Crying with joy, she accepted his proposal, to the applause and admiration of her fellow classmates and everyone in the auditorium.



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The College has been training health professionals for more than 50 years and takes great pride in preparing students in short-term programs for gainful employment. To learn more about North-West College or to enroll in one of NWC's programs, please contact Nancy Aguillon at NancyA@success.edu.

About North-West College

Founded in 1966, North-West College has been committed to training individuals to enter and advance in the health care field for 50 years. A leader in allied health education, the College offers a dozen different health care programs at seven campus locations throughout Southern California. Accredited by the Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges (ACCSC) and approved by the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education (BPPE), North-West College offers a supportive educational environment for those ready to start a health care career. To date, the College has graduated more than 45,000 students—individuals who have gone on to raise the standard of excellence at health care organizations of all types.

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