**INSTRUCTIONS SHEET**

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Here are the **steps for how to fill out the press release / announcement template**:

1. **NOTE:** Text that needs to be customized appears in red, highlighted font.
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3. Change the red, highlighted text to plain black text. This template uses Times New Roman font. You will want to use one consistent font if you plan to submit your announcement as a Word document attachment. This will depend on the requirements of the publication to which you submit.
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If you need any help, we are here! Please email alumni@achs.edu with any questions.

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JANE DOE GRADUATES FROM HOLISTIC HEALTH PROGRAM WITH COMMUNITY GOALS

Portland, Ore.: American College of Healthcare Sciences (ACHS) is pleased to announce that Jane Doe of Portland, Ore. recently graduated from ACHS with her Master of Science in Aromatherapy degree. Doe plans to sit for the Aromatherapy Registration Council Registered Aromatherapist™ exam and will partner with the hospitals in her community to plan and host aromatherapy trainings for nurses.

“[Insert quote about what your education and holistic health means to you. Include any personal connections to the community or any anecdotes readers will find interesting. Lastly, include anything else you want readers to know about your long-term goals. This should be 2-3 sentences,]”says Doe.

“Graduation is a mark of dedication to the field of holistic health and to the future health and wellness of our global community,” says Dorene Petersen, ACHS president and founder. “We believe in celebrating the accomplishments of our students and are incredibly proud of our [insert year] graduates!”

Americans’ interest in, and use of complementary alternative medicine (CAM) and holistic health strategies is on the rise. A [collaborative analysis between the National Center for Complementary and Integrative Health (NCCIH) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](https://nccih.nih.gov/news/press/cost-spending-06222016) released in 2016 reported Americans spent $30.2 billion ($28.3 billion for adults and $1.9 billion for children) on out-of-pocket CAM health approaches including chiropractors, acupuncturists, massage therapists, natural product supplements and self-care approaches like books and CDs.

Doe is owner of the natural products business, Good Scents ([www.goodscents.com](http://www.goodscents.com)). For more information or to speak with Doe, email goodscents@gmail.com.

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