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FRIDAY

APRIL 30, 2021

1:30 P.M.

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Program

This commencement marks the 175th for the University at Buffalo. The original class, in 1847, had 17 graduates. They completed their first lecture term elsewhere and their second term, of 16 weeks, at the University at Buffalo.

Selections from Pomp and Circumstance

Sir Edward Elgar

Grand Marshal

Linda F. Pessar, MD

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Mulchand S. Patel, PhD

Thomas A. Russo, MD

Augustine John Ryan, MD

Pinaki Sarder, PhD

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Daniel W. Sheehan, MD, PhD

Nicholas J. Silvestri, MD

Jennifer Surtees, PhD

Andrew B. Symons, MD, MS

Julie Szrama, MS

Robert N. Taylor, MD, PhD

Satish K. Tripathi, PhD

Noreen Williams, PhD

Karen Zinnerstrom, PhD

Declaration by Grand Marshal

Linda F. Pessar, MD

National Anthem*

Anna Fernandez, BFA '21

Call to Order

Michael E. Cain, MD

Vice President for Health Sciences

Dean, Jacobs School of Medicine and

Biomedical Sciences

Greetings

Satish K. Tripathi, PhD

University President

SUNY Honorary Degree (in absentia)

William R. Kinkel, MD '54

Neurologist and Founder, Dent Neurologic Institute

Eunice A. Lewin

Member of the SUNY Board of Trustees

President Tripathi

Chancellor Charles P. Norton Medal

Thomas A. Russo, MD

SUNY Distinguished Professor, Department

of Medicine, Jacobs School of Medicine and

Biomedical Sciences

Jeremy M. Jacobs

Chairman of the University at Buffalo Council

Class Speaker

Jordan S. Levine

Presentation of Parent's Council Gift

Marlaine Hoffman

President of Parents Council

Presentation of Candidates Doctor of Medicine/Doctor of Philosophy

Robert N. Taylor, MD, PhD

Director, MD-PhD Program

Conferrer of Degrees

President Tripathi

Calling of Candidates

Dori R. Marshall, MD

Associate Dean and Director of Admissions

Hooding

Hooding Party/Major Professor

Presentation of Candidates Doctor of Medicine/Master of Business Administration

Philip L. Glick, MD, MBA

MBA Liaison for UB Health Sciences and the School of Management

Conferrer of Degrees

President Tripathi

Calling of Candidates

Dori R. Marshall, MD

Hooding

Hooding Party

Presentation of Candidates Doctor of Medicine

David A. Milling, MD

Senior Associate Dean for Student and Academic Affairs

Conferrer of Degrees

President Tripathi

Calling of Candidates

Dori R. Marshall, MD

Hooding

Alan J. Lesse, MD
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Andrew B. Symons, MD, MS
Robert N. Taylor, MD, PhD
Jonathan D. Daniels, MD

Signing Book of Physicians

David A. Milling, MD
Senior Associate Dean for Student and Academic Affairs

Charge of Maimonides

David A. Milling, MD
Senior Associate Dean for Student and Academic Affairs

The Oath

Michael E. Cain, MD
Vice President and Dean

Welcome to Alumni Association

Daniel W. Sheehan, MD, PhD
President of Alumni Association

Alma Mater

Anna Fernandez, BFA '21

Closing Declaration by Grand Marshal

Linda F. Pessar, MD

***Recessional**

Selections from Pomp and Circumstance
Sir Edward Elgar

**Guests will please rise and remain standing during the Recessional.*

Today's ceremony is being recorded and will be available for on-line viewing within ten days at the following site: www.buffalo.edu/commencement



SUNY Trustee and UB Officials

Eunice Ashman Lewin

Member of the State University of New York Board of Trustees



President and co-founder of Impacto Consulting Associates, Eunice Ashman Lewin joined the SUNY Board of Trustees in February 2010. She helped reinstate the Student Life Committee, on which she is co-chair. In that capacity,

she spearheaded the creation of the Food Insecurity and the Mental Health task forces. Lewin serves on the board's Executive Committee and the committees for academic affairs, communications and external affairs, community colleges, and academic medical centers and hospitals.

A former commissioner of the Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority, Lewin was a founding member of the Roswell Park Alliance and a board member of the Buffalo Urban League and Hispanics United of Buffalo. She is a member of the Hispanic Women's League and the Greater Buffalo Racial Equity Roundtable. Earlier this year, she was named to the Western New York Health Equity Task Force to coordinate vaccine distribution for the region's counties.

A retired bilingual social worker for the Buffalo Board of Education, Lewin is a champion for STEM education.

Born in Guantanamo, Cuba, Lewin immigrated to the U.S. with her family in 1967. She holds a bachelor's degree in sociology from Marymount Manhattan College and master's degrees in American and Puerto Rican studies, and in educational administration, from UB.

Jeremy M. Jacobs

Chairman of the University at Buffalo Council



Jeremy M. Jacobs was appointed to the UB Council in 1997; in 1998, then-Gov. George Pataki named him chairman. Jacobs is chairman of Delaware North, a global hospitality company with customers in the United

States, Australia, New Zealand and the United Kingdom. The company's operations include food and retail at airports and sports venues, sports facility ownership and management, operations of parks and major tourist attractions, hotel ownership and management, gaming operations and fine dining.

Jacobs owns the Boston Bruins and serves as chairman of the National Hockey League's Board of Governors. In 2018, he received the sport's highest honor when he was inducted into the Hockey Hall of Fame.

An alumnus of UB's School of Management and Harvard Business School's Advanced Management Program, Jacobs holds honorary doctorates in humane letters from UB, Canisius College, Niagara University and Johnson & Wales University. In 2015, his family donated \$30 million to advance UB's medical school, which was renamed the Jacobs School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences.

Jacobs has served Western New York for more than four decades with his business expertise and philanthropic leadership, and Delaware North has received multiple awards for social responsibility, community service and environmental stewardship.

A longtime friend and supporter of UB, Jacobs has served as chairman, trustee and director of the UB Foundation, chairman of the President's Board of Visitors and adviser to the School of Management.

Satish K. Tripathi

University President



An internationally distinguished researcher and higher education leader, Satish K. Tripathi, PhD, is the University at Buffalo's 15th president.

Tripathi, who served as UB's provost from 2004–2011, was dean of the Bourns College of Engineering at the University of California–Riverside from 1997–2004. Previously, he spent 19 years as professor of computer science at the University of Maryland, including seven years as department chair.

Tripathi graduated at the top of his class from Banaras Hindu University (BHU). He holds a master's degree and a doctorate in computer science from the University of Toronto, as well as master's degrees in statistics from the University of Alberta and BHU. A fellow of the IEEE and the American Association for the Advancement of Science, he holds honorary doctorates from the Indian Institute of Information Technology, Allahabad, and Brock University in Canada.

A leader in the national higher education community, Tripathi serves as chair of the Mid-American Conference Council of Presidents and on the boards of the NCAA Division I, NCAA Board of Governors and College Football Playoff Board of Managers. A member of Gov. Andrew Cuomo's Reimagine NY Commission, he has served on the boards of the Association of American Universities, the Association of Public and Land-Grant Universities and the Council for Higher Education Accreditation. In 2011, Gov. Cuomo appointed Tripathi inaugural co-chair of the Western New York Regional Economic Development Council, a position he held until 2017.

A. Scott Weber

*Provost and Executive Vice President
for Academic Affairs*



As provost and executive vice president for academic affairs, A. Scott Weber, PhD, serves as the university's chief academic officer, responsible for leading the development and implementation of the

university's academic vision. Weber provides leadership across the academic enterprise including research, scholarship and creative activities; undergraduate, graduate, professional and international education; faculty development; diversity and inclusion initiatives; and university libraries.

A member of UB's faculty since 1983, Weber is an innovative scholar and teacher and former chair of UB's Department of Civil, Structural and Environmental Engineering, where he helped establish UB's transportation engineering program and oversaw the department's significant rise in national rankings among U.S civil engineering programs. Weber has held progressively responsible administrative roles at UB, including senior vice provost and vice provost for academic affairs, where he was instrumental in the creation of the UB Curriculum and the nationally recognized Finish in 4 program; and vice president for student life, where he focused on enhancing the student experience on campus and promoting overall student wellness.

Weber's research focuses on biodegradation of chemicals in water and soil and the reclamation of environmentally impacted brownfield sites. He earned bachelor's and master's of science degrees in civil engineering from Virginia Polytechnical Institute and a PhD in civil engineering from the University of California, Davis.

Michael E. Cain

*Vice President for Health Sciences
Dean of the Jacobs School of Medicine
and Biomedical Sciences*



Michael E. Cain, MD, came to the University at Buffalo in 2006 from Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis, where he was director of the Cardiovascular Division and Tobias and Hortense Lewin Professor of Medicine.

Cain is a graduate of Gettysburg College and received his medical degree from George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Sciences. He completed training in internal medicine and cardiology at Barnes-Jewish Hospital/Washington University School of Medicine. He was a clinical/research fellow in clinical cardiac electrophysiology at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine.

An internationally recognized physician-scientist, Cain specializes in cardiac electrophysiology, the examination of the heart's electrical system. He is a translational researcher, clinician and educator. His research, funded by the National Institutes of Health, has been directed at the electrophysiological determinants of ventricular tachycardia and fibrillation in the setting of healed myocardial infarction.

Cain is a fellow of the American College of Cardiology, the American Heart Association and the Heart Rhythm Society. He is a past president of the Association of Professors of Cardiology and the Heart Rhythm Society, and past chair of the board of directors of The Sarnoff Endowment for Cardiovascular Science.

He has received the Hans-Peter Krayenbuehl Memorial Award for Research in Cardiac Function from the International Academy of Cardiology, the American Heart Association's Arthur E. Strauss Award, the 2012 Resident/Fellow Achievement Award from Washington University School of Medicine and the 2013 Leadership Buffalo Value Award for Inclusion.

SUNY Honorary Degree



William R. Kinkel, MD '54

Neurologist and Founder, Dent Neurologic Institute

William R. Kinkel, MD, the founder of the Dent Neurologic Institute, is a pioneer in the field of neuroimaging who is world renowned for his research and leadership in the treatment of neurologic diseases, particularly Parkinson's disease. His expertise and innovative teaching

have made UB and Dent world-class training facilities for neuroimaging.

A passionate educator, Kinkel established the first fellowship training programs dedicated to neuroimaging; today, these stand as two of only five neuroimaging fellowships in the nation. Kinkel is consistently sought out by medical professionals from around the world for his expert assessment and diagnosis, and he is credited with enhancing the outcomes of countless patients.

A UB alumnus and a longtime faculty member, Kinkel has been a leader in our university and Western New York communities as program director of UB's neurology residency program, member of the Neurosciences Task Force of the Western New York Health Sciences Consortium, chief of the Neuroimaging Center of Excellence and chairman of neurology at Millard Fillmore Hospital.

Over the last 50 years, Kinkel has profoundly shaped future generations of students and professionals in his field; in 2017, he was awarded the inaugural Lifetime Achievement Award by the American Society of Neuroimaging for his impactful contributions. In recognition of his enduring impact on the fields of neurology and neuroimaging, and in appreciation for the inspiring example he has set for our own university community as an alumnus and faculty member, the University at Buffalo is proud to confer upon Dr. William R. Kinkel a 2021 State University of New York Honorary Doctorate of Science.

SUNY Honorary Doctoral Degree Recipients—University at Buffalo

1981	David Harker	1997	William Christie James Holland Franklyn G. Knox Thomas Tomasi	2010	Mata Amritanandamayi Devi Barry Glick Steve Reich Robert Vince
1983	Alan E. Gottlieb	1998	James W. McLernon	2011	Ronald I. Dozoretz Arthur E. Levine
1984	William C. Baird Jacques Genest Wilson Greatbatch Seymour H. Knox Jr.	1999	Wolf Blitzler Lucille Clifton Clifton A. Poodry	2012	Paula Allen-Meares Ronald H. Coase
1985	Erich Bloch Pierre Dejours Edwin F. Jaeckle	2000	Thomas Buergenthal	2013	Calyampudi R. Rao Charles Wuorinen
1986	Willard A. Genrich Gregory B. Jarvis* Brian MacMahon John B. Slaughter	2001	Alison Des Forges Jane Goodall H. William Lichtenberger William H. Siemering Hatim A. Tyabji	2014	Ira Flatow Jack N. Lightstone Norman R. McCombs Christopher J. Scolese David L. Shire
1987	George Hatem Robert E. Rich Sr. Amos Tversky	2002	Ellen Shulman Baker Erma Hallett Jaeckle Tom Toles	2015	Leslie G. Ford Helene D. Gayle
1988	Louis J. Gerstman Claude Lenfant	2003	Joseph P. Allen Arthur O. Eve Brad Grey Elizabeth Pierce Olmsted Ross	2016	Marc A. Edwards Seong-Kon Kim Margaret Hempling McGlynn Bernard Rands
1989	John M. Coetzee Philip Glass	2004	John Walsh Robert G. Wilmers	2017	Gordon L. Amidon Robert Peter Gale Abbe Raven Margaret W. Wong
1990	Alonzo Church Ira Michael Heyman Wynton Marsalis	2005	Jack Dangermond Henry A. Panasci Jr.*	2018	Julio Fuentes Rebecca J. McCormick-Boyle Donald Pinkel Ashutosh Sharma
1991	James P. Comer John W. Gardner Theodoor C. van Boven	2006	His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama Steven B. Sample	2019	Ruth Bader Ginsburg
1992	Marisol Escobar	2007	Warren Bennis Terry Gross		
1994	Burt P. Flickinger Jr. Robert V. Pound Milton Rogovin	2008	Michael Batty Maxine Hayes Jean Malaurie		
1995	Sara Lawrence-Lightfoot Ishmael Scott Reed George Widmer Thorn	2009	J. Mason Davis Jr. Herbert A. Hauptman Irene Zubaida Khan Alan M. Zweibel		
1996	Max B. E. Clarkson Saxon Graham Jeremy M. Jacobs Florence S. Jacobson Gaynor I. Jacobson Northrup R. Knox Seymour H. Knox III* Helen M. Ranney				

** Awarded posthumously*

Chancellor Charles P. Norton Medal



Thomas A. Russo, MD

*SUNY Distinguished Professor of Medicine
Jacobs School of Medicine
and Biomedical Sciences*

Thomas A. Russo, MD, is a SUNY Distinguished Professor of Medicine and Chief of the Division of Infectious Diseases in the Jacobs School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences. His clinical and research focus is on infectious diseases. As a practicing physician, he cares for hospitalized patients at the Buffalo VA Medical Center (Buffalo VAMC).

Earning his undergraduate degree from Tufts University and his medical degree from McGill University, Russo completed a clinical and research fellowship in internal medicine and infectious diseases at Harvard Medical School and Tufts-New England Medical Center. Russo was a senior staff fellow at the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Disease's Laboratory of Clinical Investigation for five years before joining UB's faculty in 1994.

Russo's research focus is on pathogenesis, and drug and vaccine development against extraintestinal pathogenic *Escherichia coli*, *Acinetobacter baumannii* and a new pathotype of *Klebsiella pneumoniae*. His work has been funded by the National Institutes of Health and the Veterans Administration. Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, he has educated and informed the university, health care providers, the public and businesses about how best to manage this evolving crisis.

Russo teaches medical students in lecture settings and small-group sessions and teaches clinical patient care to medical students, residents and fellows at the VAMC. In addition, he mentors students, residents and fellows in his laboratory.

Russo has been honored with numerous awards. These include the SUNY Inventor Award, recognition as one of UB's Top 100 Principal Investigators, and the Stockton Kimball Award for consistent academic accomplishment, significant research discoveries and contributions to the progress of UB and the Jacobs School.

UB Chancellor Charles P. Norton Medal Recipients

1925	Charles Henry Brent	1977	Joseph Manch
1926	Walter P. Cooke	1978	William C. Baird
1927	Frank B. Baird	1979	Manly Fleischmann
1929	John J. Albright	1980	Daniel A. Roblin Jr.
1931	Chauncey J. Hamlin	1981	Hermann Rahn
1932	Frank A. Hartman	1982	Howard T. Saperston Sr.
1933	F. Park Lewis	1983	Robert I. Millonzi
1934	Daniel J. Kenefick	1984	James M. Demske
1935	Katharine Cornell	1985	Charles S. Desmond
1936	Alfred H. Schoellkopf	1986	Herbert A. Hauptman
1938	Edward B. Green	1987	Robert Guthrie
1939	David Lawrence	1988	Denise A. Roche
1940	John Lord O'Brian	1989	Leslie Fiedler
1941	Charles B. Sears	1990	Wilson Greatbatch
1942	Thomas B. Lockwood	1991	Barber B. Conable Jr.
1943	George W. Thorn	1992	M. Robert Koren*
1944	Charles E. Burchfield	1993	Terry Anderson
1945	Nelson G. Russell	1994	D. Bruce Johnstone
1946	William J. Donovan	1995	Eleanor V. Millonzi
1947	Lawrence D. Bell	1996	Robert E. Rich Sr.
1948	Louis L. Babcock	1997	John P. Naughton
1949	James McCormick Mitchell*	1998	Ruth Kahn Stovroff
1950	Ernest Witebsky	1999	Robert Creeley
1951	Samuel P. Capen		Eli Ruckenstein
1952	Edward H. Letchworth	2000	M. Dolores Denman*
1953	Edward H. Butler		Philip B. Wels
1954	Daniel W. Streeter	2001	Paul W. Kurtz
1955	A. Conger Goodyear	2002	Lawrence Jacobs
1956	E. Marguerite Gane	2003	William R. Greiner
1957	Melvin H. Baker	2004	Steven B. Sample
1958	Julius W. Pratt	2005	Luiz F. Kahl
1959	Josef Krips	2006	Reginald B. Newman II
1960	Alex F. Osborn	2008	Robert M. Bennett
1961	Charles H. Diefendorf	2009	1958 University at Buffalo Football Team
1962	Lewis G. Harriman Sr.		Thomas R. Beecher Jr.
1963	George E. Moore	2010	Esther S. Takeuchi
1964	Albert G. Butzer	2011	JoAnn Falletta
1965	Frank C. Moore	2013	John B. Simpson
1966	Edwin F. Jaeckle	2014	Ralph Wilson Jr.*
1967	Seymour H. Knox	2015	Robert G. Wilmers
1968	Clifford C. Furnas	2017	Mark J. Czarnecki*
1969	Gordon Bunshaft	2019	L. Nelson Hopkins
1970	Lauriston L. Scaife	2020	Mary Wilson
1971	Alfred H. Kirchhofer		
1972	Whitworth Ferguson		
1973	Charles R. Diebold		
1974	Gordon M. Smith		
1975	Ralph W. Loew		
1976	David J. Laub		

** Awarded posthumously*

PROGRAM NOTES

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Chair of Surgery

K. Kent Chevli, MD
Chair of Urology

DOCTOR OF MEDICINE / DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY DUAL DEGREE PROGRAM

Candidate	Department	Dissertation/Mentor
Eric Edward Irons	Roswell Park Cancer Genetics, Genomics and Development	ST6Gal-1 Sialyltransferase Influences Adaptive Immunity and the Gut Microbiome Mentor: Joseph Lau, PhD
Daniel Steven Jaremko	Microbiology and Immunology	Identifying Critical Interactions in the Unique Trypanosoma brucei 5S Ribonucleoprotein Complex and their Role in Ribosome Biogenesis Mentor: Noreen Williams, PhD
Chelsey Barton Reed	Neuroscience	The Schwann cell autonomous role of calcineurin in myelination and injury. Mentor: Lawrence Wrabetz, MD
George Techiryan	Pharmacology and Toxicology	Translating Post Conditioning Cardioprotective Strategies After Acute Myocardial Infarction Mentor: John Canty, MD
Nadav I. Weinstock	Neuroscience	Elucidating cellular autonomy in peripheral Globoid Cell Leukodystrophy Mentor: M. Laura Feltri, MD

DOCTOR OF MEDICINE / MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH DUAL DEGREE PROGRAM

Carlos Iván Martínez

DOCTOR OF MEDICINE / MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION DUAL DEGREE PROGRAM

Katherine Rose Mazurek
Matthew Munschauer

DOCTOR OF MEDICINE / ORAL AND MAXILLOFACIAL SURGERY/M.D. RESIDENCY PROGRAM

K. Trevor Paskett

DOCTOR OF MEDICINE

Candidates for Degrees:

Subject to the completion of all degree requirements, degrees will be conferred as indicated upon those individuals listed herein who were identified by April 30, 2021, and upon such others as may meet the requirements of their respective degrees. Degree recipients will come forward to be congratulated during the commencement ceremony.

The Alpha Omega Alpha Cords

The green and gold cord is being worn by graduating students who are members of the national Alpha Omega Alpha honor medical society.

The Latin Honor Cords

The solid gold cord is being worn by graduating students who have earned the academic distinction of Latin honors including cum laude, magna cum laude, or summa cum laude.

The Gold Humanism Honor Society Cords

The gold and burgundy cord is being worn by graduating students who are members of the national Gold Humanism Honor Society.

The Red, White and Blue Cord

The red, white and blue cord is being worn by graduating UB students who are reservists, newly commissioned officers or veterans of the United States armed forces.

Candidate

Mary Kathleen Kane Agarwala
Claudia Iyla Aghaie
Natalia Anna Alexandridi
Alexandra Christine Alfiero
Cynthia Alvarez
Muhammad Mowahid Anwar
Isabel Francesca Armendi
Steven J. Avino
Benjamin Simcha Falk Balderman
Korinne A. Barnett
Lester Ernesto Bayona Chuye
Andrew P. Beiter

Robert Michael Benjamin III
Christian John Binns
Jonathan Binns

Justin Bird
Jacob Blum

Joshua Reid Broden
Robert Bruce

Maria Elizabeth Brzozowski
Daniel Burton
David Joseph Byrwa
Casey L. Cabrinha

Training Program

Anesthesiology/Internal Medicine
Internal Medicine
Obstetrics-Gynecology
Obstetrics-Gynecology/Prelim
Pediatrics
Internal Medicine
Pediatrics
Internal Medicine
Pediatrics
Medicine-Pediatrics
Surgery Prelim
Transitional
Ophthalmology
General Surgery
Psychiatry
Medicine-Prelim
Radiology-Diagnostic
Orthopaedic Surgery
Medicine-Prelim
Anesthesiology
Internal Medicine
Transitional
Radiology-Diagnostic

Obstetrics-Gynecology
Emergency Medicine
Pediatrics
Obstetrics-Gynecology

Program Name

University of Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah
Ohio State University Hospital, Columbus, Ohio
Maimonides Medical Center, Brooklyn, N.Y.
University at Buffalo, Buffalo, N.Y.
Rush University Medical Center, Chicago, Ill.
State University of New York at Stony Brook, Stony Brook, N.Y.
Madigan Army Medical Center, Tacoma, Wash.
University of Rochester, Rochester, N.Y.
University at Buffalo, Buffalo, N.Y.
University at Buffalo, Buffalo, N.Y.
University at Buffalo, Buffalo, N.Y.
West Virginia University, Morgantown, W.V.
West Virginia University, Morgantown, W.V..
University of Massachusetts, Worcester, Mass.
University at Buffalo, Buffalo, N.Y.
University at Buffalo, Buffalo, N.Y.
University at Buffalo, Buffalo, N.Y.
University at Buffalo, Buffalo, N.Y.
Virginia Mason Medical Center, Seattle, Wash.
Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Md.
University of Rochester, Rochester, N.Y.
Zucker School of Medicine at Hofstra/Northwell at Plainview Hospital, Plainview, N.Y.
University of Vermont Medical Center, Burlington, Vt.
University at Buffalo, Buffalo, N.Y.
University at Buffalo, Buffalo, N.Y.
University at Buffalo, Buffalo, N.Y.
University at Buffalo, Buffalo, N.Y.

Candidate	Training Program	Program Name
Michael Darren Campbell	Emergency Medicine	New York Presbyterian Hospital, New York, N.Y.
Jacob Daniel Canavan	Emergency Medicine	Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai/St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital Center, New York, N.Y.
Christian Giancarlo Cavalieri	Internal Medicine	University at Buffalo, Buffalo, N.Y.
Esha Chebolu	Emergency Medicine	New York University School of Medicine, New York, N.Y.
Michael Joseph Cheung	Internal Medicine	Sidney Kimmel Medical College at Thomas Jefferson University/TJUH, Philadelphia, Pa.
Andrew John Claffey	Obstetrics-Gynecology	University of Texas Southwestern Medical School, Dallas, Texas
Chelsea Nicole Cleveland	Otolaryngology	Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio
Michael David Cobler-Lichter	General Surgery	Jackson Memorial Hospital/Jackson Health System, Miami, Fla.
Jacob R. Coene	Pediatrics-Prelim	San Antonio Uniformed Services Health Education Consortium, Fort Sam Houston, Texas
Jesse Cole	Family Medicine	Albert Einstein College of Medicine/Beth Israel Medical Center, New York, N.Y.
Karole T. Collier	General Surgery	University of Pennsylvania Health System, Philadelphia, Pa.
Maria Coluccio	Vascular Surgery	Montefiore Medical Center/Albert Einstein College of Medicine, Bronx, N.Y.
Victoria N. Cranwell	General Surgery	New York Medical College at Metropolitan Hospital Center, New York, N.Y.
Natalia A. Crenesse-Cozien	Medicine-Prelim	New York-Presbyterian Brooklyn Methodist Hospital, Brooklyn, N.Y.
Max F. Crinnin	Neurology	Jackson Memorial Hospital/Jackson Health System, Miami, Fla.
Zafardjan Dalimov	Surgery-Prelim	University at Buffalo, Buffalo, N.Y.
Narissa Felicity Davis	Radiology-Diagnostic	UPMC Medical Education, Pittsburgh, Pa.
Michael Turner Demmy	Urology	Albert Einstein Healthcare Network, Philadelphia, Pa.
Rongjia Deng	Pediatrics	New York Presbyterian Hospital (Cornell Campus), New York, N.Y.
Stephanie Rose Denzler	General Surgery	University at Buffalo, Buffalo, N.Y.
Richard DeStefano	Internal Medicine	New York Presbyterian Hospital (Columbia Campus), New York, N.Y.
Sara Diletti-Swenson	Neurology	University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston, Houston, Texas
Sneha Dilip	Pediatrics	Hofstra Northwell-LIJ School of Medicine, New Hyde Park, N.Y.
Gerald J. Doherty	Family Medicine	University of Rochester/Highland Hospital of Rochester, Rochester, N.Y.
Gabriela Drew	Family Medicine	Los Angeles County-Harbor-UCLA Medical Center, Torrance, Calif.
Robert James Duve	Internal Medicine	Greenwich Hospital Association, Greenwich, Conn.
Mitchell J. Eyerman	Internal Medicine	University at Buffalo, Buffalo, N.Y.
Timothy Felong	Medicine-Prelim	University at Buffalo, Buffalo, N.Y.
Andrew James Fink	Neurology	Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio
	Medicine-Prelim	Boston University Medical Center, Boston, Mass.
	Ophthalmology	Boston University Medical Center, Boston, Mass.
Isha A. Garg	Anesthesiology	University of Cincinnati Medical Center/College of Medicine, Cincinnati, Ohio
Jonathan Matthew Goc	Anesthesiology	University of Cincinnati Medical Center/College of Medicine, Cincinnati, Ohio
Andrew Douglas Gong	Neurological Surgery	New York Presbyterian Hospital (Columbia Campus), New York, N.Y.
Micha Gooden	Internal Medicine	National Capital Consortium, Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, Bethesda, Md.
Erin Gould	Internal Medicine	Inova Fairfax Medical Campus, Falls Church, Va.
Angela Rosanna Grassi	Internal Medicine	State University of New York Health Science Center, Brooklyn, N.Y.
Rachelle Erin Hancock	Pediatrics	University at Buffalo, Buffalo, N.Y.
		Mayo Clinic College of Medicine, Rochester, Minn.
		Kaiser Permanente Northern California, Oakland, Calif.

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 Rebecca J. Kish

Austin Kloc
 Max Kohlen
 Aleksandr Krichmar
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 Lan Thuy Le
 Katherine L. Lee
 Jordan S. Levine
 Lauren Kelly Lewis
 Clarice Pamela Lin
 Mackenzie Elizabeth Loesing
 John William Looney II

Samantha Jane Loria
 Christine Man Yen Loui
 Lauren N. Lucente
 Jenna Lynch
 John Dalton Madigan
 Courtney S. Mangum
 Alexandra Marrone
 Clare Hurley Martin
 Carlos Iván Martínez
 Maliyat Mouri Matin
 Katherine Rose Mazurek
 Abigail W. McLaughlin

Caitlin Meza
 Barbara Mian
 Austin E. Milbrand

Training Program

Surgery-Prelim
 Orthopaedic Surgery
 Internal Medicine
 Family Medicine
 Orthopaedic Surgery
 Obstetrics-Gynecology

Family Medicine
 Internal Medicine/PSTP
 Family Medicine
 Family Medicine
 Internal Medicine
 Pediatrics
 Anesthesiology
 Otolaryngology
 Internal Medicine

Pediatrics
 Medicine-Primary
 Medicine-Prelim
 Radiology-Diagnostic
 Orthopaedic Surgery
 Anesthesiology
 Surgery-Prelim/Combined
 Family Medicine
 General Surgery
 Internal Medicine
 Urology
 Obstetrics-Gynecology
 Internal Medicine
 Emergency Medicine
 Transitional Year

Internal Medicine
 Medicine-Pediatrics
 Psychiatry
 Emergency Medicine
 Anesthesiology
 Family Medicine
 Vascular Surgery
 Medicine-Pediatrics
 Family Medicine
 Internal Medicine
 Family Medicine
 Phys Medicine & Rehab

Anesthesiology
 Internal Medicine
 Combined Adult/Child Psychiatry

Program Name

Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, New Brunswick, N.J.
 University at Buffalo, Buffalo, N.Y.
 Boston University Medical Center, Boston, Mass.
 Nuvance Health, Rhinebeck, N.Y.
 University at Buffalo, Buffalo, N.Y.
 University of Southern California/LAC+USC Medical Center, Los Angeles, Calif.
 University at Buffalo, Buffalo, N.Y.
 University of Michigan Health System, Ann Arbor, Mich.
 University at Buffalo, Buffalo, N.Y.
 University at Buffalo, Buffalo, N.Y.
 University at Buffalo, Buffalo, N.Y.
 Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, Philadelphia, Pa.
 State University of New York Upstate Medical University, Syracuse, N.Y.
 University of Rochester, Rochester, N.Y.
 National Capital Consortium, Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, Bethesda, Md.
 Washington University/B-JH/SLCH Consortium, St Louis, Mo.
 Ohio State University Hospital, Columbus, Ohio
 University of Florida, Gainesville, Fla.
 Albany Medical Center, Albany, N.Y.
 Geisinger Health System, Danville, Pa.
 Lahey Clinic, Burlington, Mass.
 Stony Brook Medicine, Stony Brook, N.Y.
 University at Buffalo, Buffalo, N.Y.
 University at Buffalo, Buffalo, N.Y.
 University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, Pittsburgh, Pa.
 University of Maryland, Baltimore, Md.
 Rochester General Hospital, Rochester, N.Y.
 University at Buffalo, Buffalo, N.Y.
 University at Buffalo, Buffalo, N.Y.
 San Antonio Uniformed Services Health Education Consortium, Fort Sam Houston, Texas
 University of Rochester, Rochester, N.Y.
 Detroit Medical Center/Wayne State University, Detroit, Mich.
 University at Buffalo, Buffalo, N.Y.
 UPMC Medical Education (Pittsburgh), Pittsburgh, Pa.
 University of Tennessee Medical Center at Knoxville, Knoxville, Tenn.
 Halifax Medical Center, Daytona Beach, Fla.
 University of Minnesota Medical School, Minneapolis, Minn.
 University at Buffalo, Buffalo, N.Y.
 University of New Mexico School of Medicine (Santa Fe) Rural, Santa Fe, N.M.
 Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai (Elmhurst), Elmhurst, N.Y.
 Medical University of South Carolina College of Medicine, Charleston, S.C.
 University of Texas Health Science Center San Antonio Joe and Teresa Lozano Long School of Medicine, San Antonio, Texas
 University of Rochester/Strong Memorial, Rochester, N.Y.
 State University of New York at Stony Brook, Stony Brook, N.Y.
 University at Buffalo, Buffalo, N.Y.

Candidate	Training Program	Program Name
Aberlee J. Milliron	Medicine-Pediatrics	University at Buffalo, Buffalo, N.Y.
Anthony Mitchell	Orthopaedic Surgery	University at Buffalo, Buffalo, N.Y.
Sonam Mokha	Pediatrics	University of California Davis Health, Sacramento, Calif.
Pamela Khadijah Morris	Family Medicine	University at Buffalo, Buffalo, N.Y.
Matthew Munschauer	Pediatrics	Medical College of Wisconsin Affiliated Hospitals, Milwaukee, Wis.
Michael David Musteric	Research	University at Buffalo, Buffalo, N.Y.
Alexander Neary	Surgery-Prelim/Combined	Stony Brook Medicine, Stony Brook, N.Y.
Joshua J. Owczarczak	Medicine-Pediatrics	University at Buffalo, Buffalo, N.Y.
Michael Seth Owitz	Family Medicine	University at Buffalo, Buffalo, N.Y.
Ray J. Pak	Transitional	Zucker School of Medicine at Hofstra/Northwell at Mather Hospital, Port Jefferson, N.Y.
	Phys Medicine & Rehab	New York Medical College (Metropolitan), New York, N.Y.
K. Trevor Paskett	Oral Maxillofacial Surgery	University at Buffalo, Buffalo, N.Y.
Benjamin Lawrence Pastwik	Emergency Medicine	Virginia Commonwealth University Health System, Richmond, Va.
Rajan Patel	Internal Medicine	State University of New York at Stony Brook, Stony Brook, N.Y.
Kyle Matthew Patterson	General Surgery	National Capital Consortium, Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, Bethesda, Md.
Olivia Plante	Psychiatry	Zucker School of Medicine at Hofstra/Northwell at Mather Hospital, Port Jefferson, N.Y.
Brendan M. Plotke	Pediatrics	Hofstra Northwell-LIJ School of Medicine, New Hyde Park, N.Y.
Austin Miles Price	Medicine-Prelim	University at Buffalo, Buffalo, N.Y.
Mark Pryshlak	Family Medicine	Saint Joseph Hospital, Denver, Colo.
Sarah Quinn	Anesthesiology	University at Buffalo, Buffalo, N.Y.
Pramod Mohan Rao	Transitional	Geisinger Health System, Bloomsburg, Pa.
	Radiology-Diagnostic	UPMC Medical Education, Pittsburgh, Pa.
Maxwell B. Rapp	Transitional	UPMC Medical Education, Pittsburgh, Pa.
	Radiology-Diagnostic	UPMC Medical Education, Pittsburgh, Pa.
Chelsey Barton Reed	Medicine-Prelim-JHU	MedStar Health (Baltimore), Baltimore, Md.
	Neurology	Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Md.
Laura Tsai Reed	Plastic Surgery (Integrated)	Rutgers New Jersey Medical School, Newark, N.J.
Amber Marie Repasky	Anesthesiology	University at Buffalo, Buffalo, N.Y.
Kyungduk Rho	Neurological Surgery	University at Buffalo, Buffalo, N.Y.
Thomas J. Rush	Transitional	St Luke's Hospital, Bethlehem, Pa.
	Radiology-Diagnostic	University of Maryland, Baltimore, Md.
Brittany N. Russo	Neurology	Westchester Medical Center, Valhalla, N.Y.
Marc Daniel Ruszaj	Psychiatry	George Washington University, Washington, D.C.
James Jude Rutowski	Internal Medicine	University at Buffalo, Buffalo, N.Y.
Michele Said	Family Medicine	Montefiore Medical Center/Albert Einstein College of Medicine, Bronx, N.Y.
Ryan R. Salemme	Internal Medicine	George Washington University, Washington, D.C.
Lisa Ann Samuels	Pediatrics	University at Buffalo, Buffalo, N.Y.
Ashley Michelle Sarquiz	Internal Medicine	University at Buffalo, Buffalo, N.Y.
Ilana Selli	Neurology	University at Buffalo, Buffalo, N.Y.
Jordan Cook Serotte	Orthopaedic Surgery	University of Chicago, Chicago, Ill.
Lucas M. Serra	Transitional	Lehigh Valley Health Network/University of South Florida College of Medicine, Allentown, Pa.
	Radiation Oncology	University of Chicago/University of Illinois College of Medicine at Chicago, Chicago, Ill.
Chaman Kant Sharma	Psychiatry	Virginia Commonwealth University Health System, Richmond, Va.

Candidate

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Nabeel Fuad Sheriff
Adam Renard Siedlecki

Alexandra Claudia Sima
Matthew Dalton Simson
Saarang Pratap Singh

Emily Kathleen Slominski
Anjali Sood
Emma Steinmetz
Angelica E. Suarez-Ramirez
Phien Tang
Nazeela Sumer Tanweer
George Techiryan
Iain J. Thompson
Natalie Yuwono Tjota
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Connor Tumiel
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Lewis Alexander Wong

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Anthony J. Yan

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Julia S. Yu
Ying Tong Yu
Charles Yueh
Xiao Jing Zhang
Zachary J. Zimmer

Daniel A. Zinkovsky
Hafsa Zubairi
Jasmin Emin Zvornicanin

Training Program

Medicine-Prelim
Radiology-Diagnostic
Psychiatry
Graduate school
Medicine-Prelim/Ophthalmology
Ophthalmology
General Surgery
Internal Medicine
Medicine-Prelim
Phys Medicine & Rehab
Psychiatry/Child Psych
Family Medicine
Surgery-Prelim
Medicine Prelim
Radiology-Diagnostic
Pediatrics
Internal Medicine
Internal Medicine
Internal Medicine
Neurology
Family Medicine
Psychiatry/Child Psych
General Surgery
Transitional
Radiology-Diagnostic

Psychiatry
Child Neurology
Emergency Medicine
Pediatrics-Medical Genetics
Pediatrics
Emergency Medicine
Family Medicine

Anesthesiology
Psychiatry
Neurology

Internal Medicine
Urology
Emergency Medicine
Internal Medicine
Emergency Medicine
Medicine-Prelim/FAP
Radiology-Diagnostic
Internal Medicine
Family Medicine
Internal Medicine

Program Name

Loma Linda University Health Education Consortium, Loma Linda, Calif.
Los Angeles County-Harbor-UCLA Medical Center, Torrance, Calif.
Stony Brook Medicine/University Hospital, Stony Brook, N.Y.

University at Buffalo, Buffalo, N.Y.
University at Buffalo, Buffalo, N.Y.
University at Buffalo, Buffalo, N.Y.
University of Rochester, Rochester, N.Y.
University at Buffalo, Buffalo, N.Y.
Rutgers New Jersey Medical School, Newark, N.J.
University of Massachusetts, Worcester, Mass.
Eastern Virginia Medical School (Ghent), Norfolk, Va.
State University of New York Upstate Medical University, Syracuse, N.Y.
University at Buffalo, Buffalo, N.Y.
Kaiser Permanente Southern California (Los Angeles), Pasadena, Calif.
Eastern Virginia Medical School, Norfolk, Va.
University of Illinois College of Medicine, Chicago, Ill.
University of Florida, Gainesville, Fla.
University at Buffalo, Buffalo, N.Y.
New York Presbyterian Hospital (Columbia Campus), New York, N.Y.
University of Rochester/Highland Hospital of Rochester, Rochester, N.Y.
University of Rochester, Rochester, N.Y.
University at Buffalo, Buffalo, N.Y.
Campbell University/Harnett Health, Dunn, N.C.
Allegheny Health Network Medical Education Consortium (AGH), Pittsburgh, Pa.
Naval Medical Center (Portsmouth), Portsmouth, Va.
UPMC Medical Education, Pittsburgh, Pa.
University at Buffalo, Buffalo, N.Y.
Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Md.
University at Buffalo, Buffalo, N.Y.
Nuvance Health, Poughkeepsie, N.Y.
Zucker School of Medicine at Hofstra/Northwell at Glen Cove Hospital, Glen Cove, N.Y.
Lahey Clinic, Burlington, Mass.
University of Illinois College of Medicine at Peoria, Peoria, Ill.
Palmetto Health/University of South Carolina School of Medicine, Columbia, S.C.
University at Buffalo, Buffalo, N.Y.
University of Toledo, Toledo, Ohio
Maimonides Medical Center, Brooklyn, N.Y.
University at Buffalo, Buffalo, N.Y.
Hofstra Northwell-LIJ School of Medicine, Manhasset, N.Y.
University of Vermont Medical Center, Burlington, Vt.
University of Vermont Medical Center, Burlington, Vt.
ISMMS Mount Sinai South Nassau-NY, Oceanside, N.Y.
Mercy Health System, Janesville, Wis.
University of Massachusetts, Worcester, Mass.

The Richard Sarkin/Emeritus Faculty Chapter Of The Gold Humanism Honor Society

The Richard Sarkin/Emeritus Faculty Chapter of the Gold Humanism Honor Society (GHHS) stands as a visible expression of the School's commitment to the promotion of humanism in medicine and medical education. Inspired by the vision of Dr. Arnold P. Gold, the GHHS strives to place the patient in the heart of every healthcare interaction. To foster the "habit of humanism," the GHHS recognizes rising fourth year medical students who have demonstrated exemplary attitudes and behaviors in clinical and campus life, leadership, compassion and dedication to service. Members have been selected based on peer nominations and review by the Selection Committee.

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Nadav I. Weinstock
Zachary J. Zimmer

HONORS AND AWARDS

DEPARTMENT OF ANESTHESIOLOGY

Lieberman Award

interest and aptitude in the study of Anesthesiology

Jonathan Matthew Goc

Amber Marie Repasky

DEPARTMENT OF DERMATOLOGY

Ralph T. Behling Award

demonstrated outstanding diligence, integrity, and scholarly achievement in the field of dermatology

Casey L. Cabrinha

DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MEDICINE

Department of Emergency Medicine Scholastic Award

outstanding academic record in Emergency Medicine

Mackenzie Elizabeth Loesing

Society for Academic Emergency Medicine

excellence in Emergency Medicine

Jacob Daniel Canavan

DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY MEDICINE

American Academy of Family Physicians President's Award

outstanding academic record and a commitment to practice Family Medicine

Mark R. Lawler

Mark Pryshlak

Charles Bauda Award

academic excellence during third year

Sara Diletti-Swenson

Samantha Hassan

The Erie County Chapter of the New York State Academy of Family Physicians Family Medicine Scholarship Award

dedication to caring for the underserved

Carlos Iván Martínez

The Erie County Chapter of the New York State Academy of Family Physicians Family Medicine Scholarship Award

FMIG Leadership Award

Sneha Dilip

The Erie County Chapter of the New York State Academy of Family Physicians Family Medicine Scholarship Award

Erie County Chapter NYSAFP Leadership Award

Lewis Alexander Wong

G. Norris Miner Memorial Award

demonstration of outstanding clinical competence in Family Medicine

Jesse Cole

Anna Mathur Jacquinot

Mark A. Petrino Award

demonstrated interest and aptitude for the general practice of Medicine

Taylor Ann Jacobs

DEPARTMENT OF MEDICINE

Patrick Costello Award

achieved highest grade on the written exam for Internal Medicine

Kyle Matthew Patterson

Phien Tang

David K. Miller Prize in Medicine
competence, humility and humanity in caring for the sick

Stephen J. Paolini Award
dedication and compassion in patient care

Emilie Davis Rodenberg Memorial Award
unusual interest in the study of diabetes

Ryan R. Salemm

Iain J. Thompson

Clare Hurley Martin
Anjali Sood

DIVISION OF COMBINED INTERNAL MEDICINE AND PEDIATRICS

Dr. Beth J. Wutz Memorial Award
for demonstrating a dedication to both intelligent and empathic care of both children and adults

Korinne A. Barnett
Joshua J. Owczarczak

DEPARTMENT OF NEUROLOGY

American Academy of Neurology Student Prize for Excellence
sustained interest and excellence in Neurology

Geetha Vasudevan

Bernard H. Smith Memorial Award in Clinical Neurology
most outstanding performance in the Neurology clerkship

Stephanie Rose Denzler

DEPARTMENT OF OBSTETRICS AND GYNECOLOGY

Hans J. Lowenstein Award in Obstetrics
most outstanding clinical work

Maria Elizabeth Brzozowski
Alexandra Christine Alfiero
Natalia Anna Alexandridi

Clyde L. Randall Society Award in Gynecology-Obstetrics
diligence, integrity, scholarship and leadership

Jenna Heath

DEPARTMENT OF OPHTHALMOLOGY

Dr. Thomas J. Guttuso Award
academic excellence in Ophthalmology

Adam Renard Siedlecki

Harry E. and Loretta A. Jordan Award
proficiency in Ophthalmology

Andrew P. Beiter

E. J. Weisenheimer Award
excellence in scholarship and patient care in Ophthalmology

Andrew James Fink

DEPARTMENT OF ORTHOPAEDICS

Dr. Benjamin E. and Lila Oblatz Prize
academic achievement and interest in Orthopaedic Surgery

Bradley J. Hawayek

HONORS AND AWARDS

DEPARTMENT OF OTOLARYNGOLOGY

Department of Otolaryngology Chairman's Award
demonstrated outstanding achievement in Otolaryngology

Chelsea Nicole Cleveland

DEPARTMENT OF PATHOLOGY & ANATOMICAL SCIENCES

Association of Pathology Chairs Award
scholarship in Pathology

Max Kohen

Morris & Sadie Stein Award
excellence in Neuroscience

Andrew James Fink

DEPARTMENT OF PEDIATRICS

Children's Hospital Prize
excellence in understanding childhood diseases

Elizabeth Leigh Kaufman

Richard T. Sarkin, M.D. Award/Buffalo Pediatric Society Award
outstanding clinical skills and commitment to primary care Pediatrics

Jacob R. Coene

Frederick B. Wilkes Pediatric Award
dedication to patients and the field of Pediatrics

Richard DeStefano

DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHIATRY

Gilbert M. Beck Memorial Prize in Psychiatry
academic excellence in Psychiatry

Olivia Plante

S. Mouchly Small, M.D. Award
ability to relate well to patients, faculty, and staff

Lauren N. Lucente
Emily Kathleen Slominski

Farney R. Wurlitzer Prize
outstanding work in Psychiatry

Austin E. Milbrand

DEPARTMENT OF RADIOLOGY

Dr. George Alker Award
excellence in Radiology

Max F. Crinnin

DEPARTMENT OF SURGERY

Buffalo Surgical Society Prize in Surgery
academic excellence in the clinical years

Alexandra Claudia Sima

Department of Surgery Chair’s Award
superior clinical performance and the highest score on the Surgery exam

Kyle Matthew Patterson

Dr. Heinrich Leonhardt Prize in Surgery
academic excellence

Victoria N. Cranwell

RESEARCH AWARDS

Bacelli Award
most outstanding research by a medical student

Esha Chebolu

Robert M. Bannerman Memorial Research Award
most notable research in biomedical science initiated during the UB Jacobs School of Medicine’s Summer Research Fellowship Program

Lester Ernesto Bayona Chuye

Research Honors Awards
a commitment to excellence in research during medical school

Lester Ernesto Bayona Chuye
Robert Bruce
Esha Chebolu
Andrew John Claffey
Michael David Cobler-Lichter
Maria Coluccio
Victoria N. Cranwell
Timothy Felong
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Anthony Mitchell
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Pramod Mohan Rao
Kyungduk Rho
Jordan Cook Serotte
Lucas M. Serra
Saarang Pratap Singh
Kaity Han-Yung Tung
Aaron M. van Dyne

Thesis Honors Awards
outstanding research supported by a written thesis satisfying the School’s highest standard

Lauren M. Harte

HONORS AND AWARDS

ASSOCIATION AWARDS AND MEMORIALS

Dr. Avery Ellis Memorial Award

for work advancing the curriculum or implementing a new and lasting school initiative

Karole T. Collier

Dr. James Goldinger Curriculum Leadership Award

leadership, enthusiasm, and a dedication to teaching

Maria Coluccio

Mackenzie Elizabeth Loesing

National Medical Association Award

excellence in scholarship, leadership and commitment to community service

Karole T. Collier

John Paroski, M.D. Memorial Award

compassion and excellence in patient care

Timothy Felong

Philip P. Sang Memorial Award

ability to relate well to patients, faculty, and staff

Mackenzie Elizabeth Loesing

The Dr. Karen Schupak Memorial Medical Student Award

demonstrates a high degree of empathy when working with patients

Mark R. Lawler

MEDICAL SCHOOL AWARDS AND DEAN'S AWARDS

Elizabeth Award

unusual compassion and a noteworthy personal and professional sense of integrity and ethics

Mark R. Lawler

Bernhardt & Sophie Gottlieb Award

expertise in areas outside medicine

Sara Xu

Colonel and Mrs. Robert C. M. Liu Award

demonstrated commitment to the US military through family or personal service

Jonathan Matthew Goc

Medical Alumni Association Award

outstanding community service and commitment

Jacob Blum

Richard DeStefano

Medical Alumni Association Dean's Award

participation in extracurricular activities in the Medical School while maintaining a high standard of academic excellence

Christine Alexandra Toufexis

Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine Award

exemplary compassion and sensitivity in the delivery of care

Ryan R. Salemme

Merck Academic Excellence Award

outstanding academics coupled with noteworthy humanism and leadership

Claudia Iyla Aghaie

Natalia A. Crenesse-Cozien

Jenna Heath

Alexandra Marrone

James Platt White Society Award

intellectual vigor and moral courage

Angela Rosanna Grassi

Marc Daniel Ruszaj

Harold J. Levy Award in Psychophysiological Medicine

worked to make a positive difference on the well-being of fellow medical students

Ray Pak

Dean's Transformational Award

recognize any individual, group or organization that develops a policy, program, document, or research finding that has changed the Jacobs School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences community or world in a unique and impactful manner

Karole T. Collier

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R. Ross Welliver

Kevin Hua Xing Yang

Zachary J. Zimmer

MEDICAL STUDENTS WHO RECEIVED HONOR AWARDS IN YEARS 1, 2, 3

EDWARD L. CURVISH

Biochemistry Year 1

Angela Rosanna Grassi

Michael David Musteric

Zachary J. Zimmer

Ernest Witbesky Award

Proficiency in Microbiology Year 2

Michael David Cobler Lichter

Sarah Quinn

Nico Shary

Marek Zaleski Award

Academic achievement with outstanding community service Year 2

Alexandra Marrone

GIBSON ATWELL JONES AWARD

Anatomy Year 1

Eric Edward Irons

Zachary J. Zimmer

JOHN B. SHEFFER AWARD

Highest performance in the pathology laboratory Year 2

Jenna Heath

KORNEL TERPLAN AWARD

Most outstanding performance in pathology Year 2

Andrew James Fink

Carl R. Hashem

DOUGLAS S. RIGGS AWARD

Most outstanding performance in pharmacology Year 2

Aberlee J. Milliron

THE DONALD W. RENNIE PHYSIOLOGY AWARD

Physiology

Steven J. Avino

Medical Student Research Forum Honors

First Honors

Kaity Han-Yung Tung (2019)

Second Honors

Alexandra Claudia Sima (2019)

Third Honors

Abigail W. McLaughlin (2021)

Dean’s Letter of Commendation

Claudia Iyla Aghaie	1 2 3	Angela Rosanna Grassi	1 2 3	Kyle Matthew Patterson	1 2 3
Steven J. Avino	1 2 3	Tyler K. Harasta	1 2	Mark Andrew Pryshlak	1 2 3
Andrew P. Beiter	2 3	Carl R. Hashem	1 2 3	Sarah Quinn	1 2 3
Robert Michael Benjamin III	1 2 3	Samantha Hassan	1 2	Pramod Mohan Rao	1
Jonathan Binns	1 2 3	Bradley J. Hawayek	1 2 3	Maxwell B. Rapp	2 3
Jacob Blum	1 2 3	Jenna Heath	1 2 3	Laura Tsai Reed	2
Joshua Reid Broden	3	Eric Edward Irons	1 2 3	Amber Marie Repasky	2
Robert Bruce	1 2	Taylor Ann Jacobs	2	Kyungduk Rho	1 2 3
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Charge Of Maimonides

- “May the Almighty, source of Mercy, be with you in all your efforts to heal the sick.

“May you be filled with love for your art and for mankind.

“May the thirst for gain and desire for fame be far from your heart, for these are the enemies of pity and the ministers of hate.

“May your strength be preserved that you may be able to restore the strength of the rich and the poor, the good and the bad, the friend and the foe. May you see in the sufferer the human alone.
- “When those wiser teach you, may you be humble to learn, for the human mind is so limited, and the art of healing is so vast.

“May there never arise in you the notion that you know enough, but may you always have strength, leisure, and zeal to enlarge your knowledge. Your work is great and the mind of mankind presses forward forever.

“You have been chosen to watch over the life and death of the creatures of the Most High, and from the Most High will come the guidance and strength that shall make this immense work of avail.”

The Oath

I swear to fulfill, to the best of my ability, this covenant:

I will respect the scientific gains of those physicians and scientists in whose steps I walk, and gladly share such knowledge as is mine with those who are to follow.

I will remember that there is both art and science to medicine.

I will pursue the expansion of my knowledge throughout my life for the benefit of my patients.

I will practice medicine with conscience and dignity.

I will respect the privacy of my patients and not judge them.

I will prevent disease whenever I can; for prevention is preferable to cure.

Most especially I will tread with care in matters of life and death. If it be merely within my abilities to help ease suffering at the end of a life, may I face this awesome responsibility with humility and awareness of my own frailty.

I vow always to act to preserve the finest traditions of my calling and may I long experience the joy of healing those who seek my help.

Academic Costume

In 1971, to commemorate the 125th anniversary of the founding of the Jacobs School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences, the first division of the University, an official academic gown*, uniquely that of the Jacobs School, was adopted.

The gown and hood are of royal blue, one of the colors of both the University at Buffalo and the State University of New York. The panels and chevrons are of hunter green velvet, the traditional color of the discipline of medicine, and are outlined in silver. A silver Aesculapian staff, classical symbol of medicine, is embroidered on the left panel. The octagonal tam, which is hunter green with a silver tassel, replaces the traditional, “mortarboard” of the British universities and is a return to the hat styles employed in the Middle Ages in continental universities.

A Doctor of Philosophy academic gown, unique to the Jacobs School, was adopted in 1979. The gown and hood are also royal blue, but the panels and chevrons are “doctor of philosophy blue” with a silver outline. A blue velvet octagonal tam with a silver tassel complements the gown and hood.

The Aesculapian Staff

The Aesculapian staff, traditional symbol of medicine, has its origins in Greek mythology. According to legend, Apollo, the Greek god of health and pestilence, taught the Centaur Chiron the art of healing. Chiron, in turn, taught the art to Achilles and Aesculapius. The latter, many historians believe, actually lived and practiced medicine about 1250 B.C.

In Greek mythology, Aesculapius cured his patients by having his sacred serpents lick the ill person. His children, Panacea and Hygeia, were personifications of health. Fearing that Aesculapius might make humans immune to disease and, hence, immortal, Zeus slew Aesculapius.

The cult that developed about Aesculapius saw the construction of temples where the sick would go to be licked by sacred serpents or bathed in healing waters. The staff with one serpent coiled about it became the symbol of Aesculapius and eventually the symbol of medicine.

The winged staff with two serpents intertwined is the symbol of Mercury, the messenger of Greek gods, and has no relevance to healing or medicine, although it is mistakenly used by some to denote medicine.

A replica of the staff* is used in the School's commencement ceremonies and is carried by the Chief Marshal during the processional. Following the invocation, he presents the staff to the Dean. This symbolizes the presentation of the graduating class and opens the exercises. To close the ceremonies, the Dean returns the staff to the Chief Marshal. Upon receipt of the staff, the Marshal announces the conclusion of the exercises and then proceeds to lead the recession from the ceremonial stage.

**Designed by Dr Robert L. Brown*

The Mace

From its origin as a weapon of the Middle Ages, the mace has evolved into a symbol of authority associated with the formal ceremonial rituals of educational, religious, and governmental institutions with a western European heritage.

The traditional mace incorporates in its design elements of the history of the institution, its origin, its discipline, or its relationships. The School of Medicine's mace, which was designed and constructed by Dr. Robert L. Brown, follows this tradition.

Mounted on the drum-shaped head are six rectangular, faceted chips of red sandstone. They are fragments of a surviving block from the first School of Medicine built by the University in 1848 and occupied until 1893. These stones represent the original six departments of study at the School.

Surmounting the head is a crown of cast silver with six oval pieces of polished jade. The dark green color of jade is the academic color of medicine, and the stone has the additional folklore attribution of relieving the wearer's back pain.

Rising above the spikes of the crown, a forked silver staff of Aesculapius is surrounded by a single serpent—the authentic caduceus of medicine.

Implanted in the head of the mace is a seed from a Plane tree (which grows on the island of Cos in Asia Minor) under which Hippocrates is reputed to have taught the beginnings of scientific medicine, the origin of the practices of the western world.

Located at the end of the mace's shaft is a silver flame finial cast of a fragment of woodwork from the library of the School of Medicine located on High Street and occupied from 1892 to 1953. The flaming urns (a motif of the library) represented the eternal search for knowledge. The wooden form of the mace is covered with antiqued silver leaf.

The cradle holding the mace consists of two rests in the form of medieval alchemist symbols. The larger symbol is that of the element and Roman god Mercury, associated by the ancients with health. The smaller symbol represents the element silver and the Roman goddess Diana, helper of women in childbirth. The oak planking of the base is library shelving (now over ninety years old) from the School on High Street.

Mythology, folklore, ancient traditions of medicine, and elements of this University's history in the education of physicians are in the School of Medicine mace.

During the commencement ceremonies, the School's mace is carried by one of Marshals. Following the processional, the mace is placed in its cradle, which is located on the ceremonial stage. At the conclusion of the exercises, the Marshal removes the mace from the cradle and carries it in the recessional



UB Alma Mater

*Music by Walter S. Goodale, MD, 1903.
Lyrics adapted by UB students in 2006 for
contemporary use.*

Verse 1:

The pride of our spirit and tradition,
Our alma mater's truth and name declare.
Celebrate our history and wisdom,
O let us all prepare to sing her glory.

Refrain:

To Buffalo all hail to thee,
Noble and strong it's our university!
To blue and white pledge loyalty,
Singing, I will always remember thee!

Verse 2:

We'll ever keep our standards high,
And sing UB's praises to the sky.
Receiving the finest education,
Our knowledge we impart unto the nations.

(Repeat refrain)

Verse 3:

Our friends we've made with ties that bind,
A union of our spirit, heart, and mind.
Together we'll continue life's journey,
O may dear Buffalo forever be.

(Repeat refrain)

Medical Alumni Association Letter

Welcome to your Medical Alumni Association

Dear Class of 2021,

On behalf of the Medical Alumni Association, congratulations on your graduation from the Jacobs School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences! Be proud of this incredible accomplishment and take time to thank those that have supported you along the way as you celebrate this remarkable achievement.

As the Jacobs School celebrates our 175th anniversary, we are grateful for our experiences with your class and the opportunity to welcome you into our alumni network. Our tradition of supporting medical and biomedical alumni and students continues to flourish, thanks to our alumni and students who continue to pay it forward.

As you move on in your career, we encourage you to remember your time in Buffalo with fondness and pride in our great institution. The Medical Alumni Association will help keep you connected to the university, your medical school, other alumni and our current students. Please circle back and let us know all of the incredible things you will accomplish throughout the course of your career.

Please consider joining our UB regional network and HOST Program, which connects you with alums in your new location who are available to support you professionally and personally. We encourage you to do the same in the years ahead, especially when medical students while interviewing at residency programs across the country. Wherever you are, we look forward to you remaining ambassadors for the school and Buffalo.

We encourage you to update us along the way by submitting a "classnote" on our website: medicine.buffalo.edu/alumni; or by calling the Office of Alumni Engagement at (716) 829-2586. This will help you stay current by receiving UB Medicine magazine, announcements about alumni happenings, invitations to local and national events and other exciting news about UB. It will also allow us to alert you when students and faculty are visiting your area should you wish to connect with them.

Again, congratulations, and best wishes as you continue your medical training. We will plan to see you in 2026 for your five-year reunion. We are incredibly proud of your accomplishment and pleased to welcome you as the newest members of the Medical Alumni Association.

Sincerely,



Daniel W. Sheehan, PhD '89, MD
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In the words of President Satish K. Tripathi, “UB has always been defined by our community’s intellect, innovations and contributions to humanity. And it will continue to be for the next 175 years—and beyond.”

