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2023

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*David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA
The Sixty-ninth Graduating Class*

Four o'clock in the Afternoon

Friday, June Second

Two Thousand and Twenty Three



THE OATH OF HIPPOCRATES

I swear by all that I hold most sacred that I will keep this enduring Oath:

To the best of my ability and judgment I will practice the Art only for the benefit of my patients.

Whatever houses I may visit, I will enter only to help the sick or to prevent illness, never to inflict harm, injustice or suffering.

I will lead my life and practice the Art conscientiously and with honor.

Whatever I may see or hear in the practice of the Art or even outside of it that should not be spread abroad I will keep in solemn confidence.

I will be just and generous to those who taught me the Art, to my colleagues in the Art, and to those who desire to learn it.

May happiness and the physician's good repute be granted me while I keep this sacred Oath inviolate.

*Adapted from the original by
SHERMAN M. MELLINKOFF, M.D.
Dean, 1962-1986
Professor of Medicine, 1962-2016
David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA*

PROGRAM

DEAN PRESIDING

Steven M. Dubinett, M.D.
Interim Dean, David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA

PRELUDE

GREETINGS

John C. Mazziotta, M.D., Ph.D.
Vice Chancellor, UCLA Health Sciences
CEO, UCLA Health

WELCOME

Steven M. Dubinett, M.D.
Interim Dean, David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA

STUDENT SPEAKERS

Introduction: Abhishek Sharma, President of the Class of 2023
Class Speaker: Russyan Mark Solis Mabeza, Class of 2023

PRESENTATION OF SHERMAN M. MELLINKOFF FACULTY AWARD

Steven M. Dubinett, M.D.
Interim Dean, David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA

PRESENTATION OF THE WILBUR S. SCHWARTZ M.D. PRIZE FOR KINDNESS, COMPASSION, AND HUMANITY

Steven M. Dubinett, M.D.
Interim Dean, David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Heather McGhee, J.D.

CONFERRAL OF DEGREES

Steven M. Dubinett, M.D.
Interim Dean, David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA

INTRODUCTION OF GRADUATES

Clarence H. Braddock III, M.D., MPH, MACP
Executive Vice Dean and Vice Dean for Education
David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA

ADMINISTRATION OF THE HIPPOCRATIC OATH

Steven M. Dubinett, M.D.
Interim Dean, David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA

CLASS PROMISE

Meghan Y. Reddy, Vice President of the Class of 2023

CONCLUSION

David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA
Class of 2023

As a land grant institution, the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA acknowledges the Gabrielino/Tongva peoples as the traditional land caretakers of Tovaangar (Los Angeles basin, So. Channel Islands).

CLASS OF 2023

CHARLES R. DREW/UCLA MEDICAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

Yasmine Abbey

Internal Medicine

Cedars-Sinai Medical Center-CA

Janet Oluwabukunmi Adeola

Internal Medicine

MedStar Georgetown University Hospital-DC

Aileen Arevalo

Preliminary Medicine

ISMMS Mount Sinai Beth Israel-NY

Ophthalmology

New York Eye & Ear Infirmary

Courtne Brown

Internal Medicine

UCLA Medical Center-CA

Kadarius M. Burgess

Orthopaedic Surgery

University of Missouri-KC Programs

Janae Lapree Chatmon

Also earned an MPH

Preliminary Medicine

Santa Clara Valley Medical Center-CA

Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation

Stanford Health Care-CA

Parris Antonio Diaz

Urology

UC San Francisco-CA

Natalia Garcia Penaloza

Also earned an MSCR

Urology

UC San Diego Medical Center-CA

Rocio Garcia Quinteros

Obstetrics and Gynecology

UC Irvine Medical Center-CA

Roberto Giovanni Gonzalez

Also earned an MPH

Internal Medicine

UC San Francisco-CA

Veronica Gonzalez

Emergency Medicine

Harbor-UCLA Medical Center-CA

Angelica Michelle Johnsen

Family Medicine

Institute for Family Health-NY

Kimberly Michelle Juarez

Obstetrics and Gynecology

University of Southern California

Allison Gabriella Leggett

Also earned an MSCR

Preliminary Medicine

Harbor-UCLA Medical Center-CA

Preventive Medicine

Loma Linda Medical Center-CA

Felipe Ocampo

*Also earned an MPH
Emergency Medicine
UC San Francisco-CA*

Kelechi Okpara

*Internal Medicine
UC San Francisco-CA*

Michael Xavier Panameno

*Psychiatry
Charles R. Drew University-CA*

Kevin Perez

*Preliminary Surgery
UCLA Medical Center-CA*

Melvin Rico

*Also earned an MPH
Psychiatry
UCLA Semel Institute for Neuroscience-CA*

Allen Enrique Dacayanan Siapno

*Urology
The Ohio State University*

Katherina Abra Senam Tanson

*Internal Medicine/Pediatrics
Brigham & Women's Hospital-MA*

Charnise Renee Taylor

*Also earned an MSCR
Anesthesiology
UCLA Medical Center-CA*

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*Also earned an MPH
Surgery-General
Massachusetts General Hospital*

Demelio Alejandro Urbano

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Preliminary Medicine
Harbor-UCLA Medical Center-CA
Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation
Sinai Hospital of Baltimore-MD*

Cristina Valdovinos

*Internal Medicine
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Dominic Tanyi Williams

*Preliminary Medicine
ISMMS Mount Sinai Beth Israel-NY
Ophthalmology
New York Eye & Ear Infirmary*

Calvin Yao

*Will pursue post-graduate training at a
later date*

CLASS OF 2023

UTILIS SOCIETY

Marie Rose Altendahl

Obstetrics and Gynecology
NYP Hospital-Columbia University
Medical Center-NY

Gita Bhattacharya

Internal Medicine/Pediatrics
Massachusetts General Hospital

Ameen Elahi Chaudry

Urology
UC Irvine Medical Center-CA

Megan Cheng

Neurology
UCLA Medical Center-CA

Theo Taeyang Chung

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Psychiatry

Sara Emami

Preliminary Medicine
Olive View-UCLA Medical Center-CA
Ophthalmology
UCLA Stein Institute-CA

Matthew J. Heinz

Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery
UCLA Medical Center - CA

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Dermatology
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Child Neurology

U Colorado SOM-Denver

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Internal Medicine

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UCLA Medical Center-CA

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UCLA Medical Center - CA

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U Washington Affiliated Hospitals

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Anesthesiology
UCLA Medical Center-CA

CLASS OF 2023

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Cedars-Sinai Medical Center-CA

Jason Strawbridge

Preliminary Medicine

Olive View-UCLA Medical Center-CA

Ophthalmology

UCLA Stein Institute-CA

Zoe de Nevers Trutner

Orthopaedic Surgery

University of Utah Health

Tyler Valdez

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Preliminary Medicine

Harbor-UCLA Medical Center-CA

Radiology-Diagnostic

Barnes-Jewish Hospital-MO

Emmanuel Genaro Villalpando

Preliminary Medicine

Adventist Health White Memorial-CA

Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation

Casa Colina Hospital-CA

Kirsten Chiyen Wong

Otolaryngology

UC Davis Medical Center-CA

ACADEMIC ATTIRE

Academic attire had its beginnings in the clerical garb of 12th century Europe. By the 14th century, academic dress had been standardized throughout medieval Europe and the styles have changed little over the last 600 years. Since the late 19th century, tradition in the United States has dictated the cap and gown are to be worn at commencement to signify that the student has attained the status of “scholar.” Hoods are bestowed to denote the earning of advanced degrees.

CAP

The mortarboard was first adopted by the University of Paris in the early 16th century and has become the most frequently seen academic cap. The tassel was added in the 18th century and is worn to the left upon attaining a baccalaureate degree.

GOWN

The doctoral gown for Medicine is distinct in that it has velvet trimming in green down the front of the gown and in three bars across the bell-shaped sleeves.

HOOD

The hood is added to academic regalia to denote an advanced degree. The velvet trimming on the hood shows in what field the wearer obtained his or her degree. In the late 19th century green was chosen as the color for Medicine as it represents the herbs used by traditional healers. The satin lining on the inside of the hood are the colors of the school from which the degree was earned. UCLA’s colors are blue and gold.

AIGUILLETTE

This loop of braid worn on the left shoulder was derived from military uniforms. Today, the aiguillettes are being worn by faculty members who have been designated as the Marshals of our ceremony.

STOLE

This band of satin worn around the neck by various faculty members is derived from medieval clerical garb. Today, the stoles are being worn by faculty members selected for awards.

CHANCELLOR'S MESSAGE





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Members of the Class of 2023, take a deep breath: You made it.

Graduation offers a special moment to reflect on the past — to look back on your years of diligence and hard work. I hope you are proud of all that you have accomplished, and that your time at UCLA has broadened your perspectives, deepened your relationships and strengthened your skills. I encourage you to honor the family members, friends, and mentors who have helped you on this journey.

Graduation also offers a chance to look ahead — with excitement, curiosity and optimism — to the future that is about to unfold. The world urgently needs your creativity and passion. UCLA values of integrity, compassion, open-mindedness and excellence will serve you well as you enter this next chapter.

As you stand at this crossroads, looking both backwards and forwards, remember that our university and the Bruin community will always be anchors for you. Even though you are graduating, you remain a part of UCLA — now as one of our distinguished alumni.

Congratulations once again. We can't wait to see all that you will accomplish. As John Wooden once said: "Become the best you are capable of becoming!"

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gene D. Block". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent "G" and "B".

Gene D. Block
Chancellor

*P*RESIDENT'S MESSAGE



2023 Message to UCLA Graduates

Congratulations, UCLA Class of 2023! It is my honor to join your family, friends, and the entire University of California community in celebrating you and your many accomplishments.

I hope you will always take great pride in what you have achieved at the University of California, and in being a part of the UC family for life. I wish you the best of luck in whatever comes next.

When NASA's Lucy mission launched two years ago, it was the first spacecraft sent to explore a population of asteroids orbiting in tandem with Jupiter. A plaque inside the craft bears the bilingual poem, "Sunriders," by former U.S. Poet Laureate Juan Felipe Herrera – an alumnus of UCLA. This poem captures the essence of the discovery and knowledge-creation you have been engaged in during your higher education. It reads:

Lucy carried us
tumbling through planetesimal trails
love saved us
who will we be?
compassion
science
humanity –
Light

Bruins, we are proud of you. I know you will make the world a better, brighter place. Fiat lux – let there be light!



Michael V. Drake, MD
President

AWARDS

FACULTY AWARDS

Kaiser-Permanente and Lucien B. Guze Golden Apple Awards for Excellence in Teaching

Rachel P. Brook, M.D., FACP
Edward Ha, M.D., MEHP, FACP
Misty Richards, M.D., MS
Jane Weinreb, M.D.

Kaiser-Permanente Award for Excellence in Education

Established in 1991 to recognize outstanding dedication, innovation and sustained excellence in education.

Rachel P. Brook, M.D., FACP
Amanda Kosack, M.D., FAAP
Tyler B. Larsen, M.D.
Ryan A. Pedigo, M.D., MHPE
Wendy M. Simon, M.D.
Justin P. Wagner, M.D.

Serge and Yvette Dadone Clinical Teaching Award in honor of Dr. Saleh Salehmoghaddam

Alan T. Chiem, M.D., MPH
Deborah Lehman, M.D.

Sherman M. Mellinkoff Faculty Award

The Sherman M. Mellinkoff Faculty Award carries the citation “whose teaching exemplifies his dedication to the art of medicine and to the finest in doctor-patient relationships.”

Arthur G. Gomez, M.D., FACP

The Wilbur S. Schwartz M.D. Prize for Kindness, Compassion, and Humanity

Awarded to a physician who has demonstrated to their patients and to fellow physicians the qualities of extraordinary kindness, compassion and humanity to patients in their delivery of medical service and treatment for which Dr. Wilbur Schwartz was known.

Rachel P. Brook, M.D., FACP

SCHOOL OF MEDICINE AWARDS

Gerald S. Levey Leadership Award

Presented to the graduating medical students who have significantly contributed to the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA through vision, dedication, and for going above and beyond as a leader. This award is named in honor of Gerald S. Levey, M.D., who served as Vice Chancellor, Medical Sciences and Dean [1994 - 2010], in recognition of a lifetime of servant leadership.

Allison Gabriella Leggett
Russyan Mark Solis Mabeza
Stephanie Pintas
Meghan Y. Reddy
Eric Zhang

Aesculapians Medical Student Award

Presented to a graduating medical student in recognition of dedicated service and outstanding leadership while in medical school.

Abhishek Sharma

Leadership and Engagement in Community Service Award

Presented to the outstanding graduating students who have demonstrated exceptional leadership and involvement in community service.

Vanessa Nunez

Charlotte Poplawski

Ransom J. Arthur Book Award

Presented to the graduating medical student who best combines the qualities of scholarship and compassionate humanism in the practice of medicine. The late Dr. Arthur was the Associate Dean for Curriculum of the School of Medicine, Professor of Psychiatry and Chief of Staff of the Brentwood Division of the West Los Angeles VA Medical Center.

Tanya Datta

The Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine Award presented by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation

Presented to the graduating medical student who consistently demonstrates compassion and empathy in the delivery of care to patients.

Melvin Rico

The UCLA Medical Alumni Association Edward A. Langdon Award

Presented to the graduating medical students who best demonstrate compassion and humanitarian qualities. Dr. Edward A. Langdon was Assistant Dean for Student Affairs 1963–1985, Vice Chair of the Department of Radiation Oncology 1970–1987, as well as Professor of Radiation Oncology 1974–1987. Dr. Langdon touched the lives of countless students with his endless devotion to them.

Janae Lapree Chatmon

Emil Bogen Research Prize

Presented to a graduating medical student for outstanding research achievement. The late Dr. Emil Bogen was a distinguished research pathologist whose contributions to the understanding of the pathogenesis and treatment of tuberculosis stand as pioneering landmarks.

Yonatan Cooper

Edith and Carl Lasky Memorial Award

Presented to a graduating medical student for outstanding research achievement.

Shannon Esswein

Catherine Grace Williamson

AWARDS

DEPARTMENTAL AWARDS

Bloom-Satcher Award for Excellence in Family Medicine

Presented annually to the graduating seniors entering the field of family medicine who best exemplify the qualities of an outstanding family physician: clinical excellence, community service, leadership, and a personal commitment to caring for patients and their families. The award is named after Drs. Sanford Bloom and David Satcher, both leaders in the field of family medicine.

Carly Genevieve Chiwiwi

William N. Valentine Award for Excellence in Internal Medicine

Presented annually to the graduating student who has achieved the highest distinction as a scholar in internal medicine. Dr. William N. Valentine, who served as the second chairman of the Department of Medicine from 1963–1971, has received international acclaim as an investigator of red cell physiology and enzymology.

Kevin Qian

Richard D. Walter Award for Excellence in Neurology

Presented annually to the graduating senior or seniors who have demonstrated excellence in the field of neurology in medical school.

Katherine May Sheu

William J. Dignam Award for Excellence in Obstetrics and Gynecology

Presented to a graduating medical student in recognition of outstanding achievement in obstetrics and gynecology. The late Dr. William J. Dignam, Vice-Chairman of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology and Chief of Gynecology for many years, was an outstanding teacher and clinician. As a member of the faculty from 1953 to 2006, he embodied medicine's highest ethic--that of placing the welfare of the patient above all else.

Alma Rosa Lopez

John M. Adams Award for Excellence in Pediatrics

Presented each year to the graduating medical student or students who have demonstrated outstanding scholarship in pediatrics. The award represents, in addition, a memorial to Dr. John M. Adams, the founding chairman (1951–1965) of the Department of Pediatrics of the School of Medicine.

Kyle John Roux

Louis Jolyon West Award for Excellence in Psychiatry

Presented to a graduating medical student in recognition of outstanding scholarship in psychiatry. The late Dr. West was Professor and Chair of the Department of Psychiatry and Biobehavioral Sciences, and Director of the former UCLA Neuropsychiatric Institute and Hospital (now known as the Semel Institute for Neuroscience and Human Behavior at UCLA) from 1969–1989.

Karthik Venkataraman Sarma

Nicole Rose Wong

Leo G. Rigler Award for Excellence in Radiological Sciences

Presented to an outstanding graduating medical student in radiological sciences. The late Dr. Rigler was warmly referred to as the father of modern radiology. The story of his life and accomplishments attests to the capacity of man for greatness and goodness in the same individual.

David Ly

W.P. Longmire, Jr. Medal for Excellence in Surgery

Awarded to the member of the graduating class in the School of Medicine who, on the basis of their performance, has made the most outstanding record in the Department of Surgery. The late Dr. W.P. Longmire was the founding chairman of the Department of Surgery, 1947–1976.

Catherine Grace Williamson

SOCIETY AWARDS

Gold Humanism Honor Society

Arya Rod Aliabadi
Angela Bi
Yadira Lizbeth Bribiesca Quiroz
Daniel Carrera
Janae Lapree Chatmon
Carly Genevieve Chiwiwi
Kate Corry-Saavedra
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