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David Geffen School of Medicine



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

Three o'clock in the Afternoon

Friday, June Fourth

Two Thousand and Twenty One

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

DEAN PRESIDING

Kelsey C. Martin, M.D., Ph.D.
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

OPENING POEM

Safiya Iman Lahlaf, Class of 2021

WELCOME

Kelsey C. Martin, M.D., Ph.D.
Dean, David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA

STUDENT SPEAKERS

Introduction: Christos Spiros Haveles, President of the Class of 2021
Speaker: Gabriela Lopez, Class of 2021

PRESENTATION OF MELLINKOFF AWARD

Kelsey C. Martin, M.D., Ph.D.
Dean, David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

David M. Carlisle, M.D., Ph.D.
President and CEO
Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science

CONFERRAL OF DEGREES

Kelsey C. Martin, M.D., Ph.D.
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

Kelsey C. Martin, M.D., Ph.D.
Dean, David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA

CLASS PROMISE

Sarah Biedemariam Andebrhan, Vice President of the Class of 2021

CONCLUSION

David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA
Class of 2021

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).

Sebiha Abdullahi

Child Neurology

UCLA Medical Center-CA

Parinaz Abiri

Also earned a Ph.D.

Internal Medicine

Olive View-UCLA Medical Center-CA

Bethel Adefres

Preliminary Medicine

Sierra View Medical Center-CA

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Yale-New Haven Hospital-CT

Esteban Aguayo

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Harbor-UCLA Medical Center-CA

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Internal Medicine

NYU Grossman School of Medicine-NY

Sarah Biedemariam Andebrhan

Obstetrics and Gynecology

Northwestern McGaw/NMH/VA-IL

Tyler Kazuma Andersen

Internal Medicine

UCLA Medical Center-CA

Layal Antoury

Transitional Year

UCF COM/GME Consortium-FL

Dermatology

Orange Park Medical Center-FL

Chinmayi Aryasomayajula

Obstetrics and Gynecology

Kaiser Permanente-Santa Clara-CA

Amrita Shridar Ayer

Internal Medicine

UC San Francisco-CA

Whi Inh Shirley Bae

Emergency Medicine

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Jorge Ballon

Urology

U Southern California-CA

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Also earned an MPH

Family Medicine

UCLA Medical Center-CA

Nikhil Bellamkonda

Otolaryngology

University of Utah Health-UT

Hannah Sophie Berman

Dermatology

Mayo Clinic School of Graduate Medical

Education-FL

Emily Aidan Berthiaume

Orthopaedic Surgery

Thomas Jefferson University-PA

Jessica Lynne Bodden

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Psychiatry

UCLA Semel Institute for Neuroscience-CA

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Internal Medicine

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Moises Bravo

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Alameda Health System-Highland

Hospital-CA

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Obstetrics and Gynecology

U Washington Affiliated Hospitals-WA

Justin Bui

Family Medicine

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William Ray Capell

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Anesthesiology

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Dermatology

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Neurodevelopmental Disabilities

Children's National Medical Center-DC

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Methma Udawatta

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Neurology

Brigham & Women's Hospital-MA

Farnoosh Vahedi

Internal Medicine

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Cristina Villalpando

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Emergency Medicine

UCLA Medical Center-CA

Paulina Guadalupe Villanueva

Vascular Surgery

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Mark Wainwright

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Dyvon Terrell Walker

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U Colorado-Anschutz-CO

Maxwell Wang

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UC San Diego Medical Center-CA

Midori PaVielle Starks White

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Johns Hopkins Hospital-MD

Keenan Blake Withers

Psychiatry

UCLA Semel Institute for Neuroscience-CA

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Allison Woods

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Jessica Wu

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Dermatology

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Cleveland Clinic Foundation-OH

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UCLA Medical Center-CA



Congratulations, David Geffen School of Medicine Class of 2021!

Graduation is the culmination of many years of determination, diligence and hard work. I hope you are proud of all that you have accomplished, and that your time at UCLA has broadened your horizons, deepened your relationships, strengthened your skills and helped you grow both as people and as professionals.

I also encourage you to take time to honor those who have helped you on your journey and have been rooting for you from the start — your family, friends, mentors and colleagues.

As graduates in the field of medicine, you are entering an era that needs you like no other time in our memory. This pandemic has illustrated the immense importance of strong healthcare systems. It has also taught us vital lessons about vulnerability, inequality and access to care. As we recover from the pandemic, you are well-equipped to contribute to the creation of a more prepared, more resilient and more just society.

At UCLA we affirm values of compassion and inclusion, careful research and thoughtful analysis, innovation and collaboration. Those are the very virtues that will serve you as you make your way through this challenging moment and beyond.

This UCLA community you have been a part of, the community you helped create, and the broader alumni community you are now joining will be with you always. May they give you strength and inspiration.

Congratulations once again. We can't wait to see where you'll go from here.

Fiat lux,

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

Gene D. Block
Chancellor

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.

AWARDS

TEACHING AWARDS

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

The recipients for 2021 are:

Estebes A. Hernandez, M.D.
Misty Richards, M.D., MS
Inderpreet S. Saini, MD
Tara Vijayan, M.D., MPH

Kaiser-Permanente Award for Excellence in Education

Established in 1991 to recognize outstanding dedication, innovation and sustained excellence in education. The recipients for 2021 are:

Brandon Ito, M.D., MPH
James H. Lee, M.D.
Sha’Shonda Revels, M.D., MS
Misty Richards, M.D., MS
Elizabeth Tsai, M.D.

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

The recipients for 2021 are:

Carol Bennett, M.D.
Quinton S. Gopen, M.D.
Wayne W. Grody, M.D., Ph.D.
Edward W. Lee, M.D., Ph.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.”

The recipient for 2021 is:

Mark S. Litwin, M.D., MPH

Excellence in Teaching with Humanism Residents and Fellows Award

Achilles Aiken, M.D.
Femi Akinnagbe, M.D., MSc
Alexander Bridges, M.D.
Elizabeth Canales, M.D., MPP
Michael Connerney, M.D., MS
Amanda Dann, M.D.
Kristen Echanique, M.D.
Katherine Fu, M.D.
Efe Chantal Ghanney, M.D.
Catie Gliwa, M.D.
Kyle Hannabass, M.D.
Gavin Ho, M.D.
Erin Howell, M.D.
Eric Jung, M.D.
Wesley Kerr, M.D., Ph.D.
Jiwen Li, M.D.
Yang (Frank) Lu, M.D.
Joe Luis Pantoja, M.D.
Minerva Pineda, M.D., MPH
Ram Rao, M.D., Ph.D.
Desiree Sanchez, M.D.
Utpal Sandesara, M.D., Ph.D.
Rachel Sarnoff, M.D.
Lauren Schooner, M.D.
Trevor Shaddox, M.D., Ph.D.
Michelle Song, M.D.
Fatima Traore, M.D.
Madeline Treasure, M.D.
Megan Trieu, M.D.
Adam Truong, M.D., MS
James Weinberger, M.D., MBA

SCHOOL OF MEDICINE AWARDS

Stafford L. Warren Medal

Presented to the graduating medical student in recognition of outstanding academic achievement throughout the four years of medical school. The late Dr. Stafford L. Warren was the founding Dean of this medical school, 1947–1962.

Sarah Elizabeth Rudasill

American Medical Women's Association Glasgow-Rubin Certificate of Commendation

Presented to the woman who graduates number one in her class.

Sarah Elizabeth Rudasill

Presented to the medical student women who graduate in the top ten percent of their class.

Amrita Shridar Ayer

Whi Inh Shirley Bae

Emily Aidan Berthiaume

Hilary Bowman

Angela Chen

Emily Grace Coker

Cassandra Morgan DeWitt

Kara Lynn Faktor

Lyolya Hovhannisyan

Thu Nguyen

Karen Anne O'Laco

Iram Shafqat

Methma Udawatta

Midori PaVielles Starks White

Merck Manual Award for Academic Excellence

Hilary Bowman

Varun Gudapati

Simon Levinson

Methma Udawatta

David Weiss

Aesculapians Medical Student Award

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

Christos Spiros Haveles

Sarah Biedemariam Andebrhan

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.

Emmanuel Aguilar-Posada

Stephanie Clavijo

Diana Lopez

Richard Morgan

Mariela Nevárez

Leadership and Engagement in Community Service Award

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

Alexandra Lauren Mardock

Beatriz Catalina Marrón

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.

Cassandra Morgan DeWitt

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.

Amrita Shridar Ayer

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.

Amrita Shridar Ayer

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.

Rogelio Medina

Pradeep Rajendran

Edith and Carl Lasky Memorial Award

Presented to a graduating medical student for outstanding research achievement.

Varina René Clark

Katelyn Masiuk

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.

Orly Bell

Alexandria M. Thomas

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.

Pradeep Rajendran

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.

Sebiha Abdullahi

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.

Elaine Y L Chan

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.

Amanda Noel De La Cerda

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.

Lynn Yi

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.

Hannah Riskin-Jones

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.

Midori PaVielle Starks White

SOCIETY AWARDS

Alpha Omega Alpha-Delta Chapter Honor Medical Society Membership Recognized in the ceremony with a green cord.

Amrita Shridar Ayer

Angela Chen

Stephanie Clavijo

Kara Lynn Faktor

Mikaela Kelly

Simon Levinson

Pradeep Rajendran

Sarah Elizabeth Rudasill

Methma Udawatta

Maxwell Wang

Gold Humanism Honor Society Membership Recognized in the ceremony with a gold cord.

Sebiha Abdullahi

Esteban Aguayo

Marisela Aguilar

Emmanuel Aguilar-Posada

Usman Alam

Sarah Biedemariam Andebrhan

Amrita Shridar Ayer

Orly Bell

Nikhil Bellamkonda

Elaine Y L Chan

Angela Chen

Varina René Clark

Stephanie Clavijo

Elyse Lynnette Conley

Emmanuel Cordova

Mona Deng

Cassandra Morgan DeWitt

Kara Lynn Faktor

Gillian Marie Foley

Anthony Mena Gobran

Christos Spiros Haveles

Lyolya Hovhannisyan

Simon Levinson

Diana Lopez

Gabriela Lopez

Alexandra Lauren Mardock

Lydia Fekadu Messele

Mariela Nevárez

Roberta Palau Antillon

Sarah Elizabeth Rudasill

Mercedes Marlene Scott

AWARDS

American College of Physicians Award

Awarded annually to the graduating student entering the field of internal medicine with excellence in scholarship, leadership, teaching and humanistic qualities.

Emmanuel Aguilar-Posada

Society for Academic Emergency Medicine Medical Student Excellence Award

Awarded annually to the graduating senior who has demonstrated excellence in the field of emergency medicine in medical school and shows promise in the specialty.

Cassandra Morgan DeWitt

American College of Emergency Physicians Award

Awarded annually to the graduating senior who excels in compassionate care of patients, professional behavior, and service to the community and/or specialty.

Kenneth Taeyoung Kim

American Academy of Neurology Medical Student Prize for Excellence in Neurology

Awarded annually to a graduating medical student who exemplifies outstanding scientific achievement and clinical acumen in neurology or neuroscience, and outstanding personal qualities of integrity, compassion, and leadership.

Methma Udawatta

Award of Excellence of the Department of Medicine Clinical Faculty Association

Awarded to the student who has completed the third year clinical clerkship in medicine with the strongest all-around evaluations and test scores for clinical knowledge and skills, and who has also shown the highest degree of awareness and concern for the humanitarian needs of patients.

Amrita Shridar Ayer

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In 2012, entertainment executive and philanthropist David Geffen made a visionary gift of \$100 million, establishing The David Geffen Medical Scholarships. In 2019, UCLA celebrated an additional \$46 million gift from David Geffen in support of this fund. The merit-based scholarships allow the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA to recruit top candidates and offer them freedom from debt, which enables recipients to build careers motivated by passion rather than financial considerations.

The awards have provided full support for 314 students to date, including tuition, and living stipend towards housing, books and other supplies. The graduating Class of 2021 includes 38 David Geffen Medical Scholarships recipients. As the recipients continue on their journey in medicine and science, the life-long impact of this scholarship will stand as a testament to David Geffen and The David Geffen Foundation's extraordinary philanthropy.

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