



VANDERBILT
SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

Recognition of the
Class of 2020 Graduates

Program

PROCESSIONAL

(Guests remain seated)

Trumpet Tune John Stanley

OPENING REMARKS

RECOGNITION OF FACULTY AND STUDENTS

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MESSAGE TO THE GRADUATES

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CHARGE AND CONFERRAL OF DEGREES

CONFERRAL OF ACADEMIC HOOD

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PRESENTATION OF GRADUATES

A. Scott Pearson, M.D.

Professor of Surgery

RECOGNITION OF THE DOCTOR OF MEDICINE OATH

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RECESSIONAL

(Guests please stand)

Hornpipe from *Water Music* George Frideric Handel

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Faculty Recognition

Each year as we say farewell to a class of graduates, we also recognize a number of faculty members from the twenty-four departments of Vanderbilt University School of Medicine and Vanderbilt University Medical Center. They represent more than 2,500 faculty members who work to educate students in all ten graduate programs of the School of Medicine. Faculty receiving special recognition include ceremony honorees, emeritus professors, program directors, and doctor of medicine program college mentors and portfolio coaches.

School Administration

Jeffrey R. Balsler, M.D., Ph.D., President and Chief Executive Officer of Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Dean of the School of Medicine

Donald W. Brady, M.D., Senior Associate Dean for Health Sciences Education, Executive Vice President for Educational Affairs, Vanderbilt University Medical Center

André L. Churchwell, M.D., Senior Associate Dean for Diversity Affairs, Chief Diversity Officer for Vanderbilt University Medical Center

William B. Cutrer, M.D., M.Ed., Associate Dean for Undergraduate Medical Education

Amy E. Fleming, M.D., M.H.P.E., Associate Dean for Medical Student Affairs

C. Wright Pinson, M.D., M.B.A., Deputy Chief Executive Officer of Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Chief Executive Officer of the Vanderbilt Health System

Ceremony Honorees

Faculty members are selected by the students or leadership of the program they represent to honor the contributions to the graduating seniors that these faculty have made. This year's honorees represent the Doctor of Medicine program, Hearing and Speech Sciences, the Master of Public Health program, Medical Physics, and the Master of Science in Clinical Investigation program. The honorees are:

André L. Churchwell, M.D., Senior Associate Dean for Diversity Affairs

Melissa Collins Duff, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Hearing and Speech Sciences

Steven J. Eskind, M.D., Assistant Professor of Surgery

Howard A. Fuchs, M.D. (posthumous), Professor of Medicine

Marie R. Griffin, M.D., M.P.H., Professor of Health Policy and Medicine

Talat Alp Ikizler, M.D., Professor of Medicine

Bonnie M. Miller, M.D., M.M.H.C., Professor of Medical Education and Administration

David R. Pickens III, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Radiology and Radiological Sciences

In addition, the Doctor of Medicine program selects meaningful faculty members to lead them in their Hippocratic Oath. Each graduating class at Vanderbilt School of Medicine writes its own version of the Hippocratic Oath, making this a truly personalized oath for the profession they join.

Amy E. Fleming, M.D., M.H.P.E., Associate Dean for Medical Student Affairs

Geoffrey M. Fleming, M.D., Professor of Pediatrics

Emeritus Professors

A faculty member who has served the university with distinction over a period of years, and who remains upon active status until retirement, may, upon recommendation of the appropriate dean and the chancellor, be awarded the title “emeritus” or “emerita” by the Vanderbilt University Board of Trust. The title may be awarded to officers of administration. Emeritus professors from the School of Medicine for the 2020 academic year are:

Daniel H. Ashmead, Ph.D., Professor of Hearing and Speech Sciences, *Emeritus*

Thomas F. Cleveland, Ph.D., Professor of Otolaryngology, Head and Neck Surgery, *Emeritus*

Jeffrey M. Davidson, Ph.D., Professor of Pathology, Microbiology, and Immunology, *Emeritus*

Mark E. Frisse, M.D., M.S., M.B.A., Professor of Biomedical Informatics, *Emeritus*

Marie R. Griffin, M.D., M.P.H., Professor of Health Policy, *Emerita*

Richard L. Hoover, M.S., Ph.D., Professor of Pathology, Microbiology, and Immunology, *Emeritus*

Patrick J. M. Lavin, M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O., Professor of Neurology, *Emeritus*

James E. Loyd, M.D., Professor of Medicine, *Emeritus*

James A. Patton, Ph.D., Professor of Radiology and Radiological Sciences, *Emeritus*

James W. Pichert, Ph.D., Professor of Medical Education and Administration, *Emeritus*

Donald H. Rubin, M.D., Professor of Medicine, *Emeritus*

Linda J. Sealy, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Molecular Physiology and Biophysics, *Emerita*

William J. Stone, M.D., Professor of Medicine, *Emeritus*

Program Directors

The School of Medicine awards nine academic degrees, in addition to the doctor of medicine. Each program is led by a specialist in the field related to the degree, as listed below.

Eric D. Austin, M.D., Associate Professor of Pediatrics, leads the master of science in clinical investigation program

Marie R. Griffin, M.D., M.P.H., Professor of Health Policy and Medicine, leads the master of public health program

Manual A. Morales-Paliza, Ph.D., M.S., Assistant Professor of Radiation Oncology, leads the master of science in medical physics and doctor of medical physics programs

Josh F. Peterson, M.D., M.P.H., Associate Professor of Biomedical Informatics, leads the master of science in applied clinical informatics program

Todd A. Ricketts, Ph.D., M.A., Professor of Hearing and Speech Sciences, leads the doctor of audiology, master of education of the deaf, and master of science in speech language pathology programs.

College Mentors

The doctor of medicine program has four advisory colleges, each led by two faculty mentors. These learning communities offer longitudinal teaching, career and personal advising, and support for medical students' professional development.

Ban Mishu Allos, M.D., Associate Professor of Medicine, Gabbe College

Walter K. Clair, M.D., M.P.H., Professor of Medicine, Chapman College

Matthew S. Miller, M.D., Assistant Professor of Medicine and Pediatrics, Gabbe College

Maya K. Neeley, M.D., Assistant Professor of Pediatrics, Batson College

Andrew N. Pfeffer, M.D., Assistant Professor of Emergency Medicine, Batson College

Michael A. Pilla, M.D., Professor of Clinical Anesthesiology, Robinson College

Charles B. Rush, M.D., Associate Professor of Clinical Obstetrics and Gynecology, Robinson College

Elizabeth Ann Yakes, M.D., Associate Professor of Medicine, Chapman College

Portfolio Coaches

The portfolio coaches for the doctor of medicine program work with students throughout their years of M.D. training to develop the skills for informed self-assessment and lifelong learning.

Kelly A. Birdwell, M.D., Assistant Professor of Medicine

Rebekah Flowers Brown, M.D., Assistant Professor of Pediatrics

P. David Charles, M.D., Professor of Neurology

Mark A. Clay, M.D., Assistant Professor of Pediatrics

Leslie C. Fowler, M.Ed., Assistant in Anesthesiology

Ashley Jo Karpinos, M.D., M.P.H., Assistant Professor of Medicine

Susan F. Kroop, M.D., Associate Professor of Medicine

Christopher D. Lee, M.D., M.P.H., Associate Professor of Neurology

Sanjay R. Mohan, M.D., Assistant Professor of Medicine

Sarah L. Rohde, M.D., Assistant Professor of Otolaryngology

C. Melanie Schuele, Ph.D., Professor of Hearing and Speech Sciences

Elizabeth K.B. Shultz, D.O., Assistant Professor of Clinical Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences

Yasas Chandra Tanguturi, M.B.B.S., M.P.H., Assistant Professor of Clinical Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences

Brian E. Wadzinski, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Pharmacology

William F. Walsh, M.D., Professor of Pediatrics

Alissa M. Weaver, Ph.D., M.D., Professor of Cell and Developmental Biology

Academic Regalia



In the twelfth century, gowns and hoods worn by students were also worn by people at every level of European society—for warmth. The first mention of a distinct academic garment is found in English ecclesiastical records of 1222: gowns worn by doctors of sacred theology at Oxford. In succeeding years, doctors of “physick” and doctors of civil law adopted similar robes. Distinguishing colors for various faculties probably appeared between 1458 and 1575.

When American colleges and universities recognized the need for suitable academic apparel, they agreed to adopt consistent standards. In May 1895, representatives of their governing bodies met at Columbia University, and decisions of this group resulted in a system of gowns, hoods, and caps to be worn by graduates of any institution of higher learning in this country. Known as the Academic Costume code, it was approved by more than 95 percent of American colleges and universities of that time. A review of the code in 1959 resulted in changes which took place in 1960. The academic costume as prescribed by the revised code remains unchanged since then.

In assigning colors, the committee retained traditions established by English and other European universities. The white border used for arts and letters is taken from the white fur trimming of the Oxford and Cambridge bachelor of arts hood. Law is signified by the royal purple of the king’s court. Blue, color of wisdom and truth, signifies philosophy. Golden yellow indicates science, because research has given untold wealth to the world. Green was selected for medicine because of its likeness to living things and to medicinal herbs. Scarlet, symbolizing the burning zeal of early Christian martyrs, proclaims religion. The following descriptions include detail particular to Vanderbilt University

Gowns

The bachelor’s gown has pointed sleeves and is designed to be worn closed. The master’s gown has oblong sleeves, open at the wrist like the others. The gown may be worn open or closed. The doctor’s gown has bell-shaped sleeves and may be worn open or closed. The recommended color is black. The doctor’s gown is adorned with three bars of black velvet on the sleeves and a facing of black velvet down the front. These facings and crossbars may also be of the color symbolizing the field of study, matching the binding or edging of the hood.

Hoods

The hood is the most distinctive item of academic regalia. The bachelor’s hood is three feet long; the master’s three and one-half; and the doctor’s, four. The hood is lined with the official color or colors of the institution. The binding or edging of the hood is of velvet or velveteen—two, three, or four inches wide for bachelor’s, master’s, and doctor’s hoods, respectively. The color corresponds to the field of study. At Vanderbilt, the velvet edging of doctoral hoods represents the kind of degree earned. D.Min. is scarlet for theology; J.D. is purple for law; M.D. is green for medicine; Ed.D. is light blue for education; and Ph.D. is dark blue for philosophy—the highest stage of learning in many subjects. Master’s hoods are edged with white for arts, golden yellow for science, lemon for library science, light blue for education, orange for engineering, apricot for nursing, and tan for business. All hoods are lined with silk in the colors of the institution. Vanderbilt hoods are lined in gold bearing a black chevron.

Caps

Authorities differ on the origin of the cap’s unusual shape. Some say it is square to represent scholarly books; others, to represent the master workman’s mortarboard, or even the quadrangular shape of the Oxford campus. A long tassel fastened to the middle of the cap’s top is either black or the color appropriate to the subject. Vanderbilt doctoral candidates wear eight-sided velvet tams with gold tassels.

Some of the information for this article is taken from “An Academic Costume Code and an Academic Ceremony Guide” Appendix II of American Colleges and Universities, 11th ed., edited by W. Todd Furniss (Washington, D.C.; American Council on Education, 1973), pp. 1756–58, and from Scholars on Parade, by David A. Lockmiller (New York: The Macmillan Company, 1969), pp.180–205.

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MAY 2020

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B.S., Duke	
Joshua Lee Anderson	Rogers, Ark.
B.S., Arkansas [Fayetteville]	
Victoria Marie Anderson	Cranford, N.J.
B.S., Duke	
Aaron Solomon Azose	Nashville, Tenn.
B.S., Washington [Seattle]	
Nicole Gamal Bakhom	New York, N.Y.
B.A., Cornell University	
Justin Keele Banerdt	Sugar Land, Texas
B.A., Harvard	
Lauren Elizabeth Barr	Jacksonville, Fla.
B.A., Auburn [Auburn]; B.S., Auburn [Auburn]	
Shawn Michael Barton	Jefferson, Md.
B.S., Maryland [Baltimore County]; Ph.D., Vanderbilt	
Joshua Morgan Bland	Portland, Tenn.
B.A., Vanderbilt	
Kendrick Marie Campbell	Nashville, Tenn.
B.A., Middlebury	
Rohini Chakravarthy	Nashville, Tenn.
B.A., Johns Hopkins	
Leah Philena Chisholm	Lithonia, Ga.
B.A., Vanderbilt	
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B.S.P.H., Tulane	
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B.S., Washington University in St. Louis	
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B.S., Loyola Marymount	
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B.A., Vanderbilt	
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B.S., Davidson	
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B.S., Birmingham-Southern	
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B.S., Harvard	
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B.S., Wisconsin [Madison]

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B.A., Harvard

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B.S., Pittsburgh [Pittsburgh]

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B.A., Pennsylvania

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B.S., Alabama [Tuscaloosa]; D.M.D., Alabama [Birmingham]

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B.A., Vanderbilt

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B.S., Washington [Seattle]

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B.S., Rice

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B.A., Northwestern

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B.S., Cornell University

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B.S., Connecticut [Storrs]; M.S., Connecticut [Storrs]; Ph.D., Vanderbilt

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B.S., Stanford

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B.S., Georgia

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B.A., Dayton; B.S., Dayton; Ph.D., Vanderbilt

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B.S., California [San Diego]

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B.S., Georgia Institute of Technology

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B.A., Berea

Vincent Anthony Riccelli North Huntingdon, Pa.
B.S., Notre Dame

Meredith Claire Rogers Glendale, Calif.
B.S., Tufts; Ph.D., Vanderbilt

Olivia Catherine Roman Western Springs, Ill.
B.A., Vanderbilt

Alexander Dean Sherry Ardmore, Okla.
B.S., North Carolina [Chapel Hill]

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B.A., Vanderbilt

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B.A., Washington University in St. Louis

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B.A., Baylor; Ph.D., Vanderbilt

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B.S., North Carolina [Chapel Hill]; Ph.D., Vanderbilt

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B.A., Washington University in St. Louis

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B.A., Vanderbilt

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B.S., Michigan State

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B.A., Ohio State [Columbus]

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B.S., Case Western Reserve

Nicholas Peter Zingas Clinton Township, Mich.
B.S., Michigan [Ann Arbor]

Doctor of Medical Physics

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AUGUST 2019

- Daniel Edward Dean Clovis, Calif.
B.S., Gonzaga; M.S.M.P., Vanderbilt
- Levi Stephen Johnson Augusta, Ga.
B.S., Augusta; M.S.M.P., Vanderbilt
- Jessica Goretty Salazar El Paso, Texas
B.S., Texas [El Paso]; M.S., Texas [El Paso]; M.S.M.P., Vanderbilt
- Eric Michael Welch Heiskell, Tenn.
B.S., Tennessee [Knoxville]; M.S.M.P., Vanderbilt

Doctor of Audiology

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MAY 2020

- Elizabeth Olayinka Agboola Bowie, Md.
B.S., Temple
- Megan Anne Bilodeau Gorham, Maine
B.Mus., Belmont
- Gabrielle Helene Buono Charleston, S.C.
B.S., Vanderbilt
- Arielle Sarah Darvin Melbourne, Fla.
B.H.S., Florida
- Caitlin Dorothy Dold White Plains, N.Y.
B.A., College of the Holy Cross
- David Michael Kessler Champaign, Ill.
B.A., Iowa
- Kathleen Elizabeth Quick Louisville, Ky.
B.A., Saint Mary's College [Indiana]
- Javier Santos Madrid, Spain
- Yini Sun Qingdao, China
B.A., Washington University in St. Louis
- Jeffrey W. Wise Greenwood, Ind.
B.A., Indiana [Bloomington]

Master of Education of the Deaf

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MAY 2020

- Krysten Leslie Robinson Baldwinsville, N.Y.
B.S., Hartwick

AUGUST 2019

- Trista N. Maurer Winston-Salem, N.C.
B.S., North Carolina [Greensboro]

Master of Science (Speech-Language Pathology)

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MAY 2020

- Taylor J. Block Upland, Calif.
B.A., Emory
- Madison Margaret Burnett Little Rock, Ark.
B.S., Texas Christian
- Emma Nicole Carlson Houston, Texas
B.S., Texas Christian
- Lauren De Vries Western Springs, Ill.
B.S., Illinois [Urbana-Champaign]
- Jessica Gail Dreger Sarasota, Fla.
B.S., Florida State [Tallahassee]
- Zoe Rachel Ezzes Redondo Beach, Calif.
B.S., California [San Diego]
- Allison McKenzie Gavin York, Pa.
B.A., Loyola [Maryland]
- Rebecca L. Goodridge Ellicott City, Md.
B.A., Maryland [College Park]
- Fiona Mairead Higgins Charlotte, Vt.
B.A., McGill [Canada]
- Shannon Michelle Hodgson Athens, Ga.
B.S., Florida State [Tallahassee]
- Lihanzhi Jiang Taizhou, China
B.S., Wisconsin [Madison]
- Andrea McCall Nickels Nashville, Tenn.
B.S., Tennessee Health Science Center
- Alyssa Stephanie Pitts Mission Viejo, Calif.
B.A., San Diego State
- AnnaMary H. Richmond Franklin, Tenn.
B.H.S., Kentucky
- Emily Christine Wolfram Lake Oswego, Oreg.
B.A., Pitzer

AUGUST 2019

- Kristen Leigh Baldo Mount Pleasant, S.C.
B.A., Clemson
- Zachary Thomas DeWall Nashville, Tenn.
B.B.A., Belmont
- Abish Shu-Yi Lai Singapore
B.S., Brigham Young [Utah]
- Rika Nel Victoria, Canada
B.A., Trinity Western; M.A., Trinity Western
- Taylor Garrett O'Bryan Nashville, Tenn.
B.A., DePaul

Allison Cecilia Walker Brevard, N.C.
B.A., Furman

Master of Science (Applied Clinical Informatics)

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MAY 2020

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B.S.C.S., Georgia Institute of Technology; M.S., Vanderbilt

John Christopher Richey. Colorado Springs, Colo.
B.S., Colorado State [Global Campus]

Master of Science in Clinical Investigation

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MAY 2020

Wade Iams Nashville, Tenn.
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B.S., Massachusetts Institute of Technology; M.D., Stanford

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B.A., William and Mary; M.D., Eastern Virginia Medical School

Courtney Elizabeth Zola Nashville, Tenn.
B.A., Appalachian State; M.D., Tennessee Health Science Center

DECEMBER 2019

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M.B.B.S., Dr. NTR University of Health Sciences [India]

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B.A., Johns Hopkins; M.S., Johns Hopkins; M.D., Baylor College of Medicine

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B.S., Tennessee [Chattanooga]; Ph.D., Vanderbilt

Patrick David Kelly Nashville, Tenn.
B.S., Washington University in St. Louis; M.D., Vanderbilt

Master of Science in Medical Physics

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MAY 2020

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B.S., Texas A&M [College Station]

AUGUST 2019

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B.A., Florida International

Ian Adam Hajizadeh Antioch, Tenn.
B.S., Middle Tennessee State

Adam Robert Harpley. Uniontown, Ohio
B.S., Akron

Master of Laboratory Investigation

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MAY 2020

Emma A. Schremp Appleton, Wis.
B.S., DePaul

DECEMBER 2019

Dorita Jones Spring Hill, Tenn.
B.B.A., Faulkner

Caroline Elizabeth Roe Nashville, Tenn.
B.S., Minnesota [Twin Cities]

Cassandra Warden Loranger, La.
B.S., Centenary College of Louisiana

AUGUST 2019

Jeremy Staub Nashville, Tenn.
B.A., Central Florida

Master of Public Health

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MAY 2020

Amanda Ann Abraham Parkville, Md.
B.S., George Washington

Justin Keele Banerdt Sugar Land, Texas
B.A., Harvard

Edson Luis Bernardo Maputo, Mozambique
M.D., Universidade Eduardo Mondlane Maputo [Mozambique]

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B.S., South Carolina [Columbia]

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B.S., Ohio State [Columbus]

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B.S., Florida State [Tallahassee]; M.D., Florida State [Tallahassee]

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B.S. Georgetown University; M.D., Vanderbilt

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B. Med., Liaoning University of Traditional Chinese Medicine [China];
M. Med., Liaoning University of Traditional Chinese Medicine [China];
M.D., Shanghai University of Traditional Medicine [China]

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B.A., Fisk

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B.S., Middle Tennessee State

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B.S., Xavier [Ohio]; M.D., West Virginia [Morgantown]

Diane Nabil Haddad Nashville, Tenn.
B.S., Ohio State [Columbus]; M.D., Boston University

Sarah Bourgeois Homann Nashville, Tenn.
B.S., Louisiana State [Baton Rouge]; M.D., Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center

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B.S., Middle Tennessee State; Pharm.D., Belmont

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B.S., California [San Diego]; M.S., California [San Diego];
M.D., Northeast Ohio Medical University

Tamee Eloise Livermont Martin, S.Dak.
B.S., South Dakota; B.A., South Dakota

Alexandria Luu Plano, Texas
B.S., Houston

Muna Maganow Muday Nashville, Tenn.
B.S., Tennessee State

Harriett Myers Blowing Rock, N.C.
B.S., North Carolina State

Madelynn Grace Myers Louisville, Ky.
B.A., Vanderbilt

Katelyn Marie Neely Nashville, Tenn.
B.S., Centre; M.D., Louisville

Varvara Probst Nashville, Tenn.
M.D., Novosibirsk State Medical [Russia]

Sarah Seneca Rachal Vienna, Va.
B.S., Washington and Lee

Sonya Alethea Moneque Reid Saint Andrew, Jamaica
B.A., Florida Atlantic; M.B.B.S., West Indies [West Indies]

Emmanuel Nii Saki Sackey Accra, Ghana
B.S., Ghana [Legon]; M.B.B.S., Ghana [Legon]

Emily Anne Sedillo Belen, N.Mex.
B.A., Pepperdine

Sadie Bo Sommer Indianapolis, Ind.
B.A., Belmont

Fatima Zahra Yadudu Kano, Nigeria
B.S., Georgia Institute of Technology

Dual Degrees

While pursuing the course of study for the School of Medicine degree conferred this year, the following students completed an additional professional degree from Vanderbilt University. Those additional degrees, as well as the Vanderbilt school, are listed below.

Justin Keele Banerdt
Master of Public Health, School of Medicine
Awarded: May 2020

Rohini Chakravarthy
Master of Business Administration, Owen Graduate School of Management
Awarded: May 2020

Daniel Edward Dean
Master of Science in Medical Physics, School of Medicine
Awarded: August 2017

Levi Stephen Johnson
Master of Science in Medical Physics, School of Medicine
Awarded: August 2017

Jessica Goretty Salazar
Master of Science in Medical Physics, School of Medicine
Awarded: August 2017

Eric Michael Welch
Master of Science in Medical Physics, School of Medicine
Awarded: August 2017

Medical Scientist Training Program

The following students completed an integrated curriculum that features a strong core in education in medicine and training in scientific inquiry, leading to both the doctor of medicine and the doctor of philosophy. Ph.D.'s are awarded by the Graduate School. The MSTP graduates are listed with their doctoral dissertation titles.

Shawn Michael Barton (Ph.D., Neuroscience)
Awarded: January 2019
Innovations in Delivery of Theranostic Agents Across Biological Barriers for Applications in Alzheimer's Disease

Kevin Whittle Graepel (Ph.D., Microbe-Host Interactions)
Awarded: May 2019
Tracing Adaptive Pathways in a Proofreading-Deficient Coronavirus

Rachana Haliyur (Ph.D., Molecular Physiology & Biophysics)
Awarded: August 2018
Determining the mechanisms underlying islet dysfunction and clinical heterogeneity in Type 1 Diabetes (T1D)

Nicholas Andrew Harris (Ph.D., Molecular Physiology & Biophysics)
Awarded: August 2018
Characterization of novel excitatory actions on alpha2a-adrenergic receptors in the bed nucleus of the stria terminalis

Merla Johanna Hubler (Ph.D., Molecular Physiology & Biophysics)
Awarded: August 2018
Elucidating the role of iron-handling macrophages in adipose tissue

Jonathan James Knowlton (Ph.D., Microbe-Host Interactions)

Awarded: August 2018

Molecular Mechanisms of Reovirus Capsid Assembly

Katherine Chanel Konvinse (Ph.D., Microbe-Host Interactions)

Awarded: May 2019

Genetic Risk Factors and Immunopathogenesis of Antimicrobial-Induced Severe Cutaneous Adverse Reactions

Shan Parikh (Ph.D., Pharmacology)

Awarded: June 2018

Maturation and Implementation of Human Induced Pluripotent Stem Cell Derived Cardiomyocytes for Modeling Cardiac Disease

Matthew Vincent Puccetti (Ph.D., Molecular Pathology & Immunology)

Awarded: August 2018

The Role of DNA Replication Fork Remodeling Proteins in Lymphomagenesis and Hematopoietic Cell Replication Stress

Meredith Claire Rogers (Ph.D., Microbe-Host Interactions)

Awarded: August 2018

Immune Regulation and Evasion of Acute Respiratory Virus Infection

Alexandra Clare Sundermann (Ph.D., Epidemiology)

Awarded: May 2019

Explaining Complex Relationships Between Alcohol Exposure and Miscarriage

Joshua James Thompson (Ph.D., Cancer Biology)

Awarded: September 2019

Blood Vessel Epicardial Substance (BVES) and BVES Binding Partners in Intestinal Homeostasis and Tumorigenesis

Doctor of Audiology Externship Positions

Elizabeth Olayinka Agboola

University of Maryland Medical Center, Baltimore, Md.

Megan Anne Bilodeau

Massachusetts Eye and Ear, Boston, Mass.

Gabrielle Helene Buono

Medical University of South Carolina, Charleston, S.C.

Arielle Sarah Darvin

Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, Philadelphia, Pa.

Caitlin Dorothy Dold

Audiology Associates of Westchester, White Plains, N.Y.

David Michael Kessler

Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Nashville, Tenn.

Kathleen Elizabeth Quick

Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Nashville, Tenn.

Javier Santos

Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Nashville, Tenn.

Yini Sun
Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Nashville, Tenn.

Jeffrey W. Wise
Phoenix VA Health Care System, Phoenix, Ariz.

*Doctor of Medicine
Residency Positions*

Shaunak Nishith Amin
University of Washington Affiliated Hospitals, Seattle, Wash. [Otolaryngology]

Joshua Lee Anderson
Emory University, Atlanta, Ga. [Radiation Oncology]

Victoria Marie Anderson
Emory University, Atlanta, Ga. [Family Medicine]

Aaron Solomon Azose
UCLA Medical Center Olive View, Sylmar, Calif. [Internal Medicine]

Nicole Gamal Bakhoun
University of Washington Affiliated Hospitals, Seattle, Wash. [Emergency Medicine]

Justin Keele Banerdt
Yale-New Haven Hospital, New Haven, Conn. [Internal Medicine/Physician Scientist]

Lauren Elizabeth Barr
Greater Lawrence Family Health Center, Lawrence, Mass. [Family Medicine]

Shawn Michael Barton
Emory University, Atlanta, Ga. [Transitional/Neurology]

Joshua Morgan Bland
University of Tennessee Chattanooga, Chattanooga, Tenn. [Pediatrics]

Kendrick Marie Campbell
Duke University Medical Center, Durham, N.C. [Urology]

Rohini Chakravarthy
Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, Md. [Internal Medicine/Urban Health]

Leah Philena Chisholm
Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Nashville, Tenn. [Urology]

Elise Marie Clemens
University of North Carolina Hospitals, Chapel Hill, N.C. [Anesthesiology]

Jonathan Christian Dallas
University of Southern California, Los Angeles, Calif. [Neurological Surgery]

Jeremiah Rangel Dallmer
Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, Los Angeles, Calif. [Urology]

Sabina Dang
Barnes-Jewish Hospital, Saint Louis, Mo. [Otolaryngology]

Joshua Rogers Daryoush
University of Utah Health, Salt Lake City, Utah [Orthopaedic Surgery]

Howard Russell Day, Jr.
Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Nashville, Tenn. [Surgery–Preliminary/Ophthalmology]

Rebekka Elizabeth-Marie DePew
West Suburban Medical Center, Oak Park, Ill. [Family Medicine]

Rachel Kye Do
University of North Carolina Hospitals, Chapel Hill, N.C. [Neurology]

Molly Coulter Eckman
University of Pittsburgh Medical Center Medical Education, Pittsburgh, Pa. [Obstetrics–Gynecology]

Shervin Alexander Etemad
University of Southern California, Los Angeles, Calif. [Plastic Surgery]

Benjamin David Facer
University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, Edinburg, Texas [Transitional]
Ohio State University Medical Center, Columbus, Ohio [Radiation Oncology]

Sarah Nicole Fitzlaff
Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Nashville, Tenn. [Pathology]

Kari Christine Fossum
Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Nashville, Tenn. [Surgery–Preliminary/Ophthalmology]

Kate Joaquin Frost
Brigham & Women’s Hospital, Boston, Mass. [Anesthesiology]

Christian Gerhart
Barnes-Jewish Hospital, Saint Louis, Mo. [Emergency Medicine]

Joseph Gibian
Barnes-Jewish Hospital, Saint Louis, Mo. [Orthopaedic Surgery]

Kevin Whittle Graepel
St. Louis Children’s Hospital, Saint Louis, Mo. [Pediatrics]

Stephanie Marie Hadley
Children’s Hospital of Boston, Boston, Mass. [Pediatrics]

Rachana Haliyur
University of Michigan Hospitals Ann Arbor, Ann Arbor, Mich.
[Medicine–Preliminary/Ophthalmology]

Eriny Samir Hanna
Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Nashville, Tenn. [Emergency Medicine]

Nicholas Andrew Harris
University of Pittsburgh Medical Center Medical Education, Pittsburgh, Pa.
[Pediatrics/Scientist Development]

Jennifer Marie Haydek
MedStar Georgetown University Hospital, Washington, D.C. [Internal Medicine]

Merla Johanna Hubler
University of Tennessee Chattanooga, Chattanooga, Tenn. [Pediatrics]

Kianna Roze Jackson
Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Nashville, Tenn. [Plastic Surgery]

Elishama Ngozichukwu Kanu
Duke University Medical Center, Durham, N.C. [General Surgery]

Suraj Kapoor
Brookwood Baptist Health, Birmingham, Ala. [Transitional]
Barnes-Jewish Hospital, Saint Louis, Mo. [Radiology–Diagnostic]

Ariel Seitz Kniss
Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Nashville, Tenn. [Surgery–Preliminary]
Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, Mass. [Radiology–Diagnostic]

Jonathan James Knowlton
Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia, Philadelphia, Pa. [Pediatrics]

Katherine Chanel Konvinse
Stanford University, Palo Alto, Calif. [Pediatrics/Research Track]

Danielle Marie Kubicki
Barnes-Jewish Hospital, Saint Louis, Mo. [Medicine–Primary]

Andrew Warren Kuhn
Barnes-Jewish Hospital, Saint Louis, Mo. [Orthopaedic Surgery]

Emily Allison Long
Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Boston, Mass. [Plastic Surgery]

Anne Sun Lowery
Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pa. [Otolaryngology]

Jennifer Marvin-Peek
Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Nashville, Tenn. [Internal Medicine]

Lauren E. Matevish
University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center, Dallas, Texas [General Surgery]

Varun Kumar Menon
Fort Belvoir Community Hospital, Fort Belvoir, Va. [Family Medicine]

Andrew Jackson Mills IV
Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Nashville, Tenn. [Oral Maxillofacial Surgery]

Margaret Billingsley Mitchell
Harvard Medical School, Boston, Mass. [Otolaryngology]

Emily Rebekah Moore
Brigham & Women’s Hospital, Boston, Mass. [Medicine–Primary/DGM]

Pritha Pavi Multani
University of California Davis Medical Center, Sacramento, Calif. [Pediatrics]

Kevin Edward Neuzil
University of North Carolina Hospitals, Chapel Hill, N.C. [Urology]

Nkechi Nicole Nwabueze
Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Nashville, Tenn. [Surgery–Preliminary/Ophthalmology]

Didi Stephanie Odinkemelu
Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pa. [Anesthesiology]

Kinsley Echezona Ojukwu
Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Nashville, Tenn. [Internal Medicine]

Shan Parikh
Yale-New Haven Hospital, New Haven, Conn. [Internal Medicine/Physician Scientist]

Sydney Lauren Payne
Presence Resurrection Medical Center, Chicago, Ill. [Transitional]
Stanford University, Stanford, Calif. [Radiology–Diagnostic]

Rand Pope
Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Nashville, Tenn. [Surgery–Preliminary]

Matthew Vincent Puccetti
Brigham & Women's Hospital, Boston, Mass. [Medicine–Preliminary/Neurology]

Christopher Alexander Puchi
Northwestern McGaw, Chicago, Ill. [Otolaryngology]

Henry Thien-Hoa Quach
Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Nashville, Tenn. [Medicine–Preliminary]
University of Cincinnati Medical Center, Cincinnati, Ohio [Dermatology]

Gautam Rangavajla
University of Pittsburgh Medical Center Medical Education, Pittsburgh, Pa. [Internal Medicine]

Kaitlyn Cecile Reasoner
Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Nashville, Tenn. [Internal Medicine]

Vincent Anthony Riccelli
University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center, Dallas, Texas [Plastic Surgery]

Meredith Claire Rogers
St. Thomas Hospitals, Nashville, Tenn. [Medicine–Preliminary]
University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center, Dallas, Texas [Dermatology]

Olivia Catherine Roman
Barnes-Jewish Hospital, Saint Louis, Mo. [Emergency Medicine]

Alexander Dean Sherry
WellStar Kennestone Regional Medical Center, Marietta, Ga. [Transitional]
University of Texas MD Anderson, Houston, Texas [Radiation Oncology]

Clark Stallings
University of Pittsburgh Medical Center Medical Education, Pittsburgh, Pa. [Internal Medicine]

David Young Suh
University of North Carolina Hospitals, Chapel Hill, N.C. [Psychiatry]

Alexandra Clare Sundermann
Duke University Medical Center, Durham, N.C. [Obstetrics-Gynecology]

Joshua James Thompson
Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Nashville, Tenn. [General Surgery]

Alex Martin Tinianow
Barnes-Jewish Hospital, Saint Louis, Mo. [Internal Medicine]

Samuel Walker Trump
University of Chicago Medical Center, Chicago, Ill. [Internal Medicine]

Matthew Tomas Villaume
Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Nashville, Tenn. [Internal Medicine/ABIM Research Path]

Jessica Tsai Wen
Stanford University, Stanford, Calif. [Surgery–Preliminary/Interventional Radiology]

Whittney Danielle Wiley
Cambridge Health Alliance, Cambridge, Mass. [Psychiatry]

Daniel Wolfson
Rush University Medical Center, Chicago, Ill. [Neurological Surgery]

Colby Clayton Wollenman
Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Nashville, Tenn. [Orthopaedic Surgery]

Nathaniel Theodros Yohannes
Kettering Health Network, Kettering, Ohio [Transitional]
Weill Cornell Medical Center, New York, N.Y. [Radiology-Diagnostic]

Yuxi Zheng
Duke University Medical Center, Durham, N.C. [Medicine-Preliminary/Ophthalmology]

Nicholas Peter Zingas
Wright State University, Dayton, Ohio [Internal Medicine]

*Master of Education of the Deaf
Maymester Positions*

Krysten Leslie Robinson
Hear2Learn, East Syracuse, N.Y.

*Master of Public Health
Thesis Titles*

Amanda Ann Abraham
The Impact of Food Insecurity on Engagement in HIV Care for Female vs. Male Heads of Household

Justin Keele Banerdt, M.D.
Delirium Prevalence and Outcomes at a Resourced-Limited Referral Hospital in Lusaka, Zambia

Edson Luis Bernardo, M.D.
Estimation of Levels and Patterns of Migration among People Living with HIV in the District of Manhiça, Southern Rural Mozambique

Sean Michael Bloos
Retrospective Multi-Center Cohort Study Comparing Timeliness of Emergency Department Care in Younger Versus Older Patients with ST-Elevation Myocardial Infarction

Evan Butler
The Impact of Rural Hospital Closures on Local Economies

Keerti Dantuluri, M.D.
Prevalence and Factors Associated with Inappropriate Antibiotic Prescription among Children Enrolled in Tennessee Medicaid

Gretchen Christine Edwards, M.D.
Assessing Quality of Colorectal Cancer Care in a National VA Cohort

Lei Fan, M.D.
Magnesium Intake and Opioid Use in the National Health and Nutrition Examination (NHANES) 2005-2016

Carleigh Victoria Frazier
Measuring Trust in Biomedical Research: Trust Survey Pilot Study and Validation

Hannah Griffith
Changes in Time to First Occurrence of Otitis Media in Young Children in Tennessee and Associated Antibiotic Prescriptions Following the Introduction of the 13-valent Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine

Heather Nicole Grome, M.D.
Association of STI Diagnosis with Incident HIV Diagnosis: A Target for PrEP Intervention

Diane Nabil Haddad, M.D.
Vertical Integration and Post Acute Care Use after Major Surgery

Sarah Bourgeois Homann, M.D.
Select Medication Exposure and Risk of Hip Fracture in Veterans with Rheumatoid Arthritis (RA)

Arlyn V. Horn, Pharm.D.
Initial Postpartum Opioid Exposure and Risk of Death Among TN Medicaid Opioid Naive Women: A Retrospective Cohort Study

Peter Hsu, M.D.
Provider Network Breadth under the Affordable Care Act Between Marketplace Insurance Plans Versus Medicaid Managed Care Plans

Tamee Eloise Livermont
Association of Substance Use and Postpartum Contraception

Alexandria Luu
Traditional Healers as a Treatment Partner for People Living with HIV in Rural Mozambique

Muna Maganow Muday
Community Development and Program Evaluation in Public Health

Harriett Myers
Improving Diet Quality through a Personalized, Family-based Behavior Change Intervention: a Secondary Analysis of a Randomized Controlled Trial

Madelynne Grace Myers
Disparities of Care in Tennessee Nursing Homes: The Role of Race

Katelyn Marie Neely, M.D.
CYP2C19 Genotype and Adverse Events During Citalopram, Escitalopram and Sertraline Treatment in Children and Adolescents

Varvara Probst, M.D.
AdV Detection Alone vs. AdV Co-detected with Other Respiratory Viruses in Children with Acute Respiratory Illnesses

Sarah Seneca Rachal
A Longitudinal Analysis of Relationships between Neighborhood Context and Underserved Children's Sedentary Behavior in a Rapidly Growing City

Sonya Alethea Moneque Reid
The Role of Tumor Biology in Bridging the Survival Disparity Gap in Young Black Women with Breast Cancer

Emmanuel Nii Saki Sackey
Cervical Cancer Screening History of Davidson County Women, 2008–2018

Emily Anne Sedillo
Contraception and Unplanned Pregnancies in Migori County, Kenya

Sadie Bo Sommer
A Comparative Review of Maternal Mortality

Fatima Zahra Yadudu
Prevalence of Febrile Seizures in Children Between 6 and 60 months from Northern Nigeria

*Master of Science in Clinical Investigation
Final Project Titles*

Prathima R. Anandi, M.B.B.S.

Combining Clinical and Candidate Gene Data into a Risk Score to Predict Azathioprine-Associated Leukopenia in Routine Clinical Practice

Robert Edward Freundlich, M.S., M.D.

Reducing Reintubation Risk in High-Risk Cardiac Surgery Patients with High-Flow Nasal Cannula—the “I-CAN” study

Mallory Hacker, Ph.D.

Feasibility of Objective Measures and Outpatient Washout in Disease-Modifying Trials for Parkinson’s Disease

Wade Iams, M.D.

Blood-based surveillance monitoring of circulating tumor DNA from patients with small cell lung cancer detects disease relapse and predicts death in patients with limited stage disease

Patrick David Kelly, M.D.

The Effect of Timing of Surgery in Pituitary Apoplexy on Continuously Valued Visual Acuity

Jennifer Jordan Young-Glazer, M.D.

Detection of Jo-1-specific B cell populations in patients with antisynthetase syndrome

Neil Charles Zaki, M.D.

Assessment of Gadolinium Deposition in the Brain Tissue of Pediatric and Adult Congenital Heart Disease Patients after Cardiac MRI

Courtney Elizabeth Zola, M.D.

HIV-and HCV-Specific Markers and Echocardiographic Pulmonary Artery Systolic Pressure

*Master of Science (Speech-Language Pathology)
Externship Positions*

Kristen Leigh Baldo
Medical University of South Carolina, Charleston, S.C.

Taylor J. Block
Rady's Children's Hospital, Oceanside, Calif.

Madison Margaret Burnett
The Lab School of Washington, Washington, D.C.

Emma Nicole Carlson
Children's Medical Center Dallas, Dallas, Texas

Lauren De Vries
Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt, Nashville, Tenn.

Zachary T. DeWall
Nashville VA Medical Center, Nashville, Tenn.

Jessica Gail Dreger
Johns Hopkins All Children's Hospital, Baltimore, Md.

Zoe Rachel Ezzes
Rusk Rehabilitation, New York, N.Y.

Allison McKenzie Gavin
The Vanderbilt Voice Center, Nashville, Tenn.

Rebecca L. Goodridge
Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Nashville, Tenn.

Fiona Mairead Higgins
Susan Gray School, Nashville, Tenn.

Shannon Michelle Hodgson
Currey Ingram Academy, Brentwood, Tenn.

Lihanzhi Jiang
Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Nashville, Tenn.

Abish Lai
Siskin Hospital for Physical Rehabilitation, Chattanooga, Tenn.

Trista Maurer
*Tucker Maxon School, Portland, Ore. Rika Nel
Vanderbilt Stallworth Rehabilitation Hospital, Nashville, Tenn.*

Andrea McCall Nickels
Children's Healthcare of Atlanta, Atlanta, Ga.

Taylor Garrett O'Bryan
Lumiere Children's Therapy, Chicago, Ill.

Alyssa Stephanie Pitts
Kids Therapy, San Diego, Calif.

AnnaMary H. Richmond
Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Nashville, Tenn.

Allison Cecilia Walker
Children's Healthcare of Atlanta, Atlanta, Ga.

Emily Christine Wolfram
Stallworth Rehabilitation Hospital, Nashville, Tenn.

Awards

THE ALBERT WEINSTEIN PRIZE IN MEDICINE

This award recognizes a graduating student who has demonstrated high academic achievement, superior clinical competence, and the qualities of dedication and professionalism that characterize a good physician.

Jennifer Marvin-Peek Farmington, Conn.

AMERICAN ACADEMY OF NEUROLOGY MEDICAL STUDENT PRIZE FOR EXCELLENCE IN NEUROLOGY

This award is to recognize medical students for excellence in clinical neurology.

Shawn Michael Barton Jefferson, Md.

AMOS CHRISTIE AWARD

This award recognizes the student in the graduating class who has demonstrated the outstanding qualities of scholarship and humanity embodied in the ideal pediatrician.

Nicholas Andrew Harris Big Bend, Wis.

THE AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN INFECTIOUS DISEASES

This award is presented annually by the Divisions of Infectious Diseases in the Department of Medicine and Pediatrics to the student who has demonstrated outstanding aptitude and performance in clinical and investigative efforts in infectious diseases or microbiology. Award shared by:

Pediatric Infectious Disease

Kevin Whittle Graepel Nashville, Tenn.

Katherine Chanel Konvinse Gainesville, N.Y.

Adult Infectious Disease

Emily Rebekah Moore Gaithersburg, Md.

Nathaniel Theodros Yohannes Dayton, Ohio

BEAUCHAMP SCHOLARSHIP

This award is endowed and awarded to the student showing the greatest progress in the field of psychiatry.

David Young Suh Seoul, Republic of Korea

CHAPMAN SOCIETY AWARD

With nominations generated from the fourth-year class, this award is presented to a member of the graduating class who possesses those intangible qualities of common sense, knowledge, thoughtfulness, personal warmth, gentleness, and confidence which combine to make the "ideal doctor"—the person fellow classmates would most like to have as their personal physician.

Lauren Elizabeth Barr Jacksonville, Fla.

DAVID L. ZEALEAR, PH.D. OTOLARYNGOLOGY SCHOLAR-INITIATIVE AWARD

This award is presented to a medical student who excels beyond clinical competence and who has become distinguished for outstanding effort towards the academic mission of otolaryngology—research, teaching, and/or outreach.

Anne Sun Lowery Richmond, Canada

DAVID N. ORTH AWARD IN ENDOCRINOLOGY

This award is presented by the Division of Diabetes, Endocrinology, and Metabolism and the Endocrine Society, the largest professional association devoted to all aspects of endocrinology, to a graduating medical student who has demonstrated outstanding performance in clinical or research endocrinology. The award honors Dr. David N. Orth for his contributions to and leadership in endocrinology. He served as director of Vanderbilt’s Endocrinology Division and as president of the Endocrine Society.

Lauren Elizabeth Barr Jacksonville, Fla.

DEAN’S AWARD

This award is presented to the medical student distinguished by outstanding service to the School of Medicine and the community. Award shared by:

Leah Philena Chisholm Lithonia, Ga.

Kianna Roze Jackson Evansville, Ind.

THE DEAN’S AWARD FOR RESEARCH

This award is presented to the graduating medical student who best exemplifies the attributes that lead to success, in basic science or clinical research, namely creativity, dedication, productivity, and careful diligence. Award shared by:

Kevin Whittle Graepel Nashville, Tenn.

Rachana Haliyur Chantilly, Va.

Jonathan James Knowlton North Salem, N.Y.

DIXON N. BURNS AWARD IN MEDICAL ETHICS

This is an award given by the Center for Biomedical Ethics and Society to the graduating medical student who has gained distinction in biomedical ethics through notable scholarship, excellence in clinical ethics consultation, and collegial engagement in the life of the center as a medical student.

Samuel Walker Trump Columbia, S.C.

EXCELLENCE IN EMERGENCY MEDICINE

This award is given on behalf of the Society for Academic Emergency Medicine. It recognizes a medical student who demonstrated outstanding ability in and commitment to the specialty of the Emergency Department at Vanderbilt University Medical Center.

Eriny Samir Hanna Nashville, Tenn.

EXCELLENCE IN PUBLIC HEALTH

The Excellence in Public Health Award is distributed by the Physicians Professional Advisory Committee of the United States Public Health Service. The purpose is to recognize medical students who conduct public health work in their community and exemplify the USPHS and its mission to protect, promote, and advance the health and safety of our nation.

Justin Keele Banerdt Sugar Land, Texas

THE GEOFFREY DAVID CHAZEN AWARD

This award for innovation in medical education was established to recognize a student, resident, fellow, or faculty member who has made special contributions to the educational programs of the Vanderbilt University School of Medicine through the development and implementation of effective innovation in educational approach. Award shared by:

Eriny Samir Hanna Nashville, Tenn.
Yuxi Zheng Beachwood, Ohio
Janice C. Law, M.D. Faculty

THE GEORGE AND BARBARA BURRUS MEDICAL MISSIONS AWARD

This award is presented to a student who has demonstrated exceptional interest and participation in providing medical care to the poor during medical school either locally or abroad. Award shared by:

Rohini Chakravarthy Nashville, Tenn.
Nathaniel Theodros Yohannes Dayton, Ohio

GERALD FENICHEL AWARD IN NEUROLOGY

Dr. Gerald Fenichel, professor of neurology and pediatrics, founded the Department of Neurology at Vanderbilt University Medical Center and served as chairman from 1969 to 2001. As one of the founders of the Child Neurology Society, he made immeasurable contributions to the fields of neurology and child neurology. This award is presented to a graduating medical student entering neurology or child neurology who has demonstrated outstanding aptitude for clinical neurology and a devotion to patient care.

Matthew Vincent Puccetti Oak Park, Ill.

GLASGOW-RUBIN CERTIFICATE OF COMMENDATION FOR ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

This certificate is presented in recognition of women medical students who graduate as honor graduates, with special recognition to any female who is the top graduate. It serves to reaffirm the American Medical Women’s Association’s commitment to encouraging their continuing achievement.

Kate Joaquin Frost Germantown, Md.
Stephanie Marie Hadley Hopkinton, Mass.
*Kianna Roze Jackson Evansville, Ind.
Katherine Chanel Konvinse Gainesville, N.Y.
Jennifer Marvin-Peek Farmington, Conn.
Sydney Lauren Payne Sarasota, Fla.
Yuxi Zheng Beachwood, Ohio

*Denotes top student

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN GLOBAL HEALTH

This certificate is awarded to students who complete a formalized global health education curriculum including course work and a global health practicum.

- Elise Marie Clemens Columbus, Ohio
- Emily Rebekah Moore Gaithersburg, Md.
- Didi Stephanie Odinkemelu Port Harcourt, Nigeria
- Yini Sun Qingdao, China
- Samuel Walker Trump Columbia, S.C.
- Nathaniel Theodros Yohannes Dayton, Ohio

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES

This certificate equips students with a broad, interdisciplinary view of Latin America, allowing students to document their specialization in Latin America and their language proficiency, and extend their studies beyond their disciplinary specialization.

- Harriett Myers Blowing Rock, N.C.

THE H. WILLIAM SCOTT, JR., PRIZE IN SURGERY

This award is presented to the graduating medical student who exemplifies the qualities of leadership, performance, and character reflecting the ideal surgeon.

- Lauren E. Matevish Solon, Ohio

HOSPITAL AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

This award recognizes the fourth-year medical student, chosen by the chief residents of the services, as having contributed most toward excellent patient care by demonstrating sensitivity, compassion, and concern in clinical responsibilities to patients of Vanderbilt University Medical Center.

- Samuel Walker Trump Columbia, S.C.

J. DONALD M. GASS AWARD IN OPHTHALMOLOGY

This award is established in honor of Dr. J. Donald M. Gass, a graduate of Vanderbilt University School of Medicine, Class of 1957, and a renowned retina specialist. This award is given to a student who demonstrates excellence in ophthalmic education and research. Award shared by:

- Howard Russell Day, Jr Birmingham, Ala.
- Yuxi Zheng Beachwood, Ohio

JAMES GWATHMEY PRIZE IN ANESTHESIOLOGY

This award is presented to the Vanderbilt medical student who most clearly demonstrates the potential for excellence in academic anesthesiology.

- Kate Joaquin Frost Germantown, Md.

JAY W. SANDERS HONORS IN AUDIOLOGY AWARD

This award is given by the faculty in the Department of Hearing and Speech Sciences for outstanding clinical and academic achievements in audiology.

David Michael Kessler Champaign, Ill.

JOHN L. SHAPIRO AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN PATHOLOGY

This award, given upon action of the Department of Pathology, recognizes outstanding student performance in pathology. It is given annually or otherwise depending upon action by the department and honors the memory of Dr. John L. Shapiro, who was a professor and the chairman of the Department of Pathology from 1956 to 1971. Dr. Shapiro remained an active participant in a variety of university and community activities until his death on July 15, 1983.

Sarah Nicole Fitzlaff Osceola, Mo.

THE KAUFMAN PRIZE IN MEDICINE

This award, honoring J. Kenneth Kaufman, M.D. ('39), is presented to a graduating medical student who has demonstrated qualities of humaneness, dedication, and unselfish service in the study of medicine and will apply these qualities in medical practice. Award shared by:

Samuel Walker Trump Columbia, S.C.

Kaitlyn Cecile Reasoner Falcon Heights, Minn.

THE LAURA KNOX HUMANITARIAN AWARD

This award recognizes a graduating student in the Department of Hearing and Speech Sciences who possesses and exemplifies compassion for others through service leadership.

AnnaMary H. Richmond Franklin, Tenn.

THE LEONARD TOW HUMANISM IN MEDICINE AWARD
PRESENTED BY THE ARNOLD P. GOLD FOUNDATION

This award is given to a graduating student and a faculty member who demonstrate compassion and empathy in the delivery of health care, and who engender trust and confidence in both their patients and colleagues while adhering to professional ethical standards. Award shared by:

Lauren Elizabeth Barr Jacksonville, Fla.

Bonnie M. Miller, M.D., M.M.H.C. Faculty

LONNIE S. BURNETT AWARD IN OBSTETRICS AND GYNECOLOGY

This award is given to the student demonstrating superior performance and who exemplifies the qualities of dedication, leadership, compassion, and integrity in the field of obstetrics and gynecology.

Alexandra Clare Sundermann Rochester, Mich.

MILDRED T. STAHLMAN AWARD

This award, honoring the achievements and pioneering spirit of Vanderbilt pediatrician Dr. Mildred Stahlman, is presented to the graduating student entering pediatrics whose performance exemplifies the highest standards of leadership, professionalism, and commitment to improving the lives of children.

Stephanie Marie Hadley Hopkinton, Mass.

THE ORTHOPAEDIC SURGERY CLERKSHIP AWARD

This award is presented by the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery to the student who has excelled in both the third- and fourth-year orthopaedic clerkships, and who has demonstrated outstanding potential in the field of orthopaedic surgery.

Colby Clayton Wollenman Sheridan, Wyo.

OSCAR B. CROFFORD AWARD FOR DIABETES RESEARCH

This award is presented by the Division of Diabetes, Endocrinology, and Metabolism and the Vanderbilt Diabetes Center to the graduating medical student who has performed outstanding research in the area of diabetes. This award honors Dr. Oscar B. Crofford for his contributions to diabetes research at Vanderbilt and throughout the world. He served as director of Vanderbilt's Diabetes Division and as president of the American Diabetes Association.

Rachana Haliyur Chantilly, Va.

PAULA C. HOOS AWARD

The Class of 2023 presents this award in recognition of excellence in student teaching in the basic sciences and to express our sincere appreciation for the assistance of members of the graduating class.

Gautam Rangavajla Dublin, Ohio

RICHARD B. JOHNSTON, JR., AWARD

This award is presented to a graduating student entering pediatrics who has demonstrated excellence in academic scholarship and an extraordinary commitment to clinical medicine exemplifying the highest professional standards of the physician scientist.

Katherine Chanel Konvinse Gainesville, N.Y.

ROENTGEN AWARD

This award is given to a graduating medical student who has made important contributions in one of the radiological sciences during four years of study. Named for Wilhelm Conrad Roentgen, a pioneer in diagnostic radiology, the award recognizes discoveries in either clinical or research areas.

Ariel Seitz Kniss Calhoun, Ga.

RUDOLPH KAMPMEIER PRIZE IN MEDICINE

This award is presented by the Department of Medicine to the graduate who, in the judgment of the faculty, best combines high academic achievement with clinical excellence, original scholarship or research, and demonstrated potential for an academic career.

Shan Parikh Nashville, Tenn.

RUSSELL J. LOVE HONORS IN SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY

This award is given by the faculty in the Department of Hearing and Speech Sciences for outstanding clinical and academic achievements in speech-language pathology.

Katelyn Mackenzie Barley Williamsburg, VA

THE SCHOOL OF MEDICINE AWARD OF DISTINCTION

This award is presented to the student who has demonstrated outstanding leadership abilities in service to the School of Medicine. Award shared by:

- Shervin Alexander Etemad Trumbull, Conn.
- Varun Kumar Menon Martinsburg, W.Va.

STEN H. VERMUND AWARD IN GLOBAL HEALTH

This award recognizes the graduating medical student who has most demonstrated a strong commitment to improving the health of the people of or from a low- or middle-income country through distinguished scholarship, education, and/or contributions to the improvement of clinical care. The award was established in 2017 to honor Dr. Sten H. Vermund, who was the founding director of the Vanderbilt Institute for Global Health.

- Didi Stephanie Odinkemelu Port Harcourt, Nigeria

THE TENNESSEE ACADEMY OF FAMILY PHYSICIANS AWARD

This award is presented by the Tennessee Academy of Family Physicians in recognition of an outstanding student in family medicine.

- Lauren Elizabeth Barr Jacksonville, Fla.

THE TOM NESBITT AWARD

This award is presented by the Nashville Academy of Medicine in recognition of the service and contribution of Tom Nesbitt, M.D., as a member of the academy and 133rd president of the American Medical Association. It also honors the quality of medical leadership in Nashville, as evidenced through the eight AMA presidents elected from the Nashville Academy of Medicine, the most of any country in the country. For achievement in educational, socio-economic, and legislative affairs, the Tom Nesbitt award is presented to the graduating medical student who has understanding and appreciation for such endeavors, and who demonstrates exemplary character and leadership.

- Varun Kumar Menon Martinsburg, W.Va.

ALPHA OMEGA ALPHA HONOR MEDICAL SOCIETY

Jonathan Christian Dallas	Waco, Texas
Howard Russell Day, Jr.	Birmingham, Ala.
Shervin Alexander Etemad	Trumbull, Conn.
Joseph Gibian	Nashville, Tenn.
Stephanie Marie Hadley	Hopkinton, Mass.
Kianna Roze Jackson	Evansville, Ind.
Katherine Chanel Konvinse	Gainesville, N.Y.
Anne Sun Lowery	Richmond, Canada
Margaret Billingsley Mitchell	Franklin, Tenn.
Matthew Vincent Puccetti	Oak Park, Ill.
Alexander Dean Sherry	Ardmore, Okla.
Alexandra Clare Sundermann	Rochester, Mich.
Matthew Tomas Villaume	Nashville, Tenn.
Yuxi Zheng	Beachwood, Ohio

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Lauren Elizabeth Barr	Jacksonville, Fla.
Rohini Chakravarthy	Nashville, Tenn.
Jonathan Christian Dallas	Waco, Texas
Rebekka Elizabeth-Marie DePew	Tampa, Fla.
Stephanie Marie Hadley	Hopkinton, Mass.
Eriny Samir Hanna	Nashville, Tenn.
Elishama Ngozichukwu Kanu	Yakima, Wash.
Varun Kumar Menon	Martinsburg, W.Va.
Nkechi Nicole Nwabueze	Saint Francisville, La.
Didi Stephanie Odinkemelu	Port Harcourt, Nigeria
Kaitlyn Cecile Reasoner	Falcon Heights, Minn.
Samuel Walker Trump	Columbia, S.C.

The Professional Oath of the Doctor of Medicine Graduates

In the tradition of Hippocrates, Maimonides, and the
physicians who came before us,

I do solemnly swear (or affirm):

To guard the well-being and trust of my patients,
protecting their dignity and privacy in life and in death;

To see in my patients a fellow human in need,
regardless of identity or circumstance;

To be ever mindful of my capacity to do harm
and of my duty to prevent it whenever possible;

To learn continuously, teach generously, and lead selflessly,
striving to advance the practice of medicine;

To heed the call of the community and to uphold justice,
acting decisively in times of crisis;

To care for myself and my colleagues,
with the same devotion accorded my patients;

To meet my successes with humility,
and my failures with resilience;

And to give those who taught me this art
the respect and gratitude that is their due.

With family, friends, teachers, and colleagues as my witness,
I make these promises firmly, freely, and upon my honor.